*Except in Lochac[1]

The Southern-most Kingdom where, if the fauna doesn't get you, the landscape will.
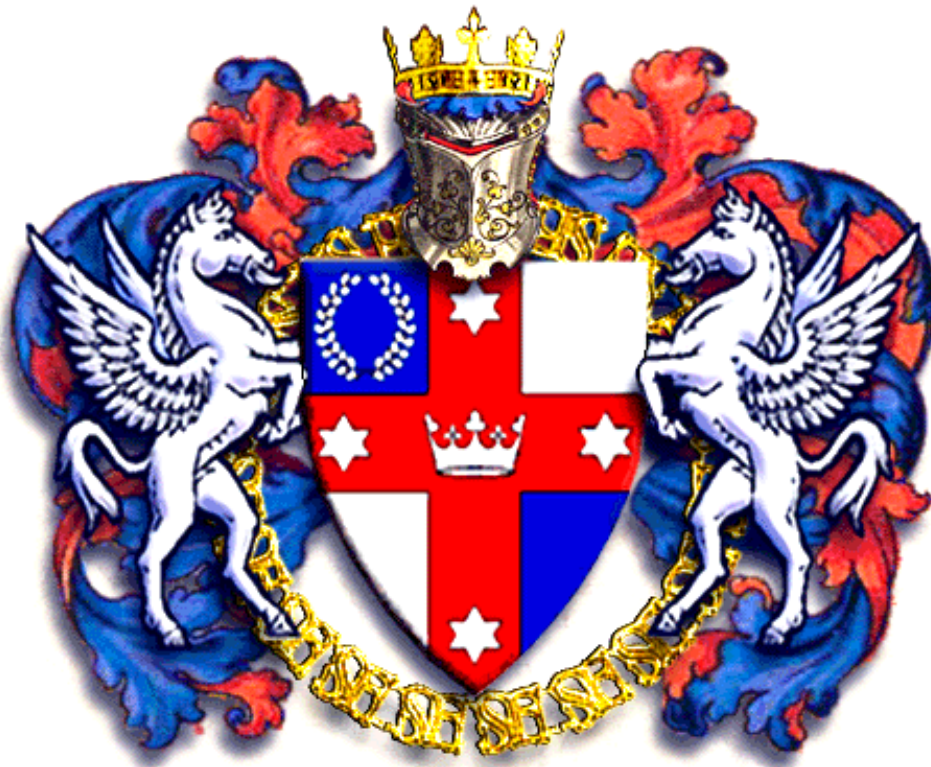
Lochac has always been an exceptional and unique branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). She is one of only two Kingdoms that rule the southern hemisphere, and currently comprises the entirety of Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica and the Bass Strait, making it the Kingdom governing the largest land/sea area in the SCA. She is also the only Kingdom in the Knowne Worlde that was born from two parent Kingdoms – The West Kingdom and the Kingdom of Caid.

This summary of Lochac's history and traditions has been written for the SCA's 50th anniversary celebrations drafted by the Kingdom Historian, The Honourable Baroness Ceara Shionnach, and edited by Countess Mistress Mathilde Adycote of Mynheniot, Count Sir Stephen Aldred, Baron Master Hrölf Herjölfssen, Viscountess Mistress Ingerith Ryzka, Lord Niccodemus Novello, and Duchess Liadan ingen Fheredaig. Unless otherwise specified, photos were taken by the Kingdom Historian and the Arms were rendered by Baron Master William Castille. Information has been summarised from various Kingdom webpages, interviews with members of Lochac, and with input from many of the populace. For more detailed information about Lochac's history, see the Memories of Lochac website.

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[1] Under governance of the West Kingdom, the Australian branch was frequently mentioned in asterisk clauses excluding them from law changes applicable to the United States.

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The Origins and Growth of the SCA in Australia

Members

Lochac began as a small number of enthusiastic gamers in 1980 growing to 95 members (excluding Aneala – Perth, Western Australia), by September 1985 and 1,489 members by December 2015.

Before the SCA: The Kingdom of Cumberland and the SCMA

Beginning in the Blue Room at the University of New South Wales (UNSW, Sydney Campus, the initial members were drawn from the Tolkein Society, the Science Fiction Foundation and War Gaming groups. Mistress Rowan Perigrynne (previously Robyn Breheny) recalls how she and other group members were initially inspired by tales of the SCA and by an SCA handbook dated to AS 4 was brought back from a WorldCon by Shayne McCormick. Mistress Rowan attempted to contact the SCA but, as the address in the handbook was 13 years out of date, she never received a response. Undeterred, the group did not hold back their enthusiasm for the idea and a great deal of research was undertaken on heraldry, costume, music and armour in medieval times. This lead to the formation of the Society for the Current Middle Ages (SCMA), and the Kingdom of Cumberland.

The initial armour used by the Kingdom of Cumberland's two heavy combatants (Brian Breheny and John Conner) involved broomsticks and fencing masks, which were quickly exchanged for thinly disguised motorbike helmets. The first crown tournament was held beside the Blue Room at UNSW between these two fighters with the addition of leather armour. John was victorious and became the first King - his wife, Catherine Conner, was named the first Queen. Bryan Breheny became the first Seneschal and Marshal, and Mistress Rowan wrote the first handbook for the SCMA.

As it grew, the group had two sets of shared armour made from 2-3mm leather with padding, some soft iron strips riveted on to cover the limbs, but no spine or kidney armour. The exception was Raymond of Annan, who wore chainmail so heavy that he could not get up without assistance. Sometimes combatants wore skateboard pads on their knees and elbows, and sand shoes, ugg boots, or general purpose boots (GP's) were the footwear of choice.

The first official event was held in October 1980, as part of the North Sydney Fair, at which six heavy fighters competed in the second Crown Tournament. The winner was James Noon of Lancaster (later known as Sir James the Sinister) and was crowned the victor by Alderman Ted Mack, who was wearing his full Mayoral regalia.

Mistress Rowan acquired a copy of the 1980 Known World Handbook, prompting her to again attempt to contact the SCA. From the information in the handbook the group realised that they were too low in numbers to call themselves a Kingdom and subsequently renamed themselves the Barony of Outrémer; the name, pronounced oo-tra-meer, was chosen because it meant 'other or far off land', which was appropriate given how far away the Australian group was from the rest of the SCA.

Another tournament was held and the gentle now known as Sir Torold of Hawkhurst won, this time becoming the first Baron of Outrémer.

Figure 2: The hand-drawn poster advertising the first proper event of the SCMA.
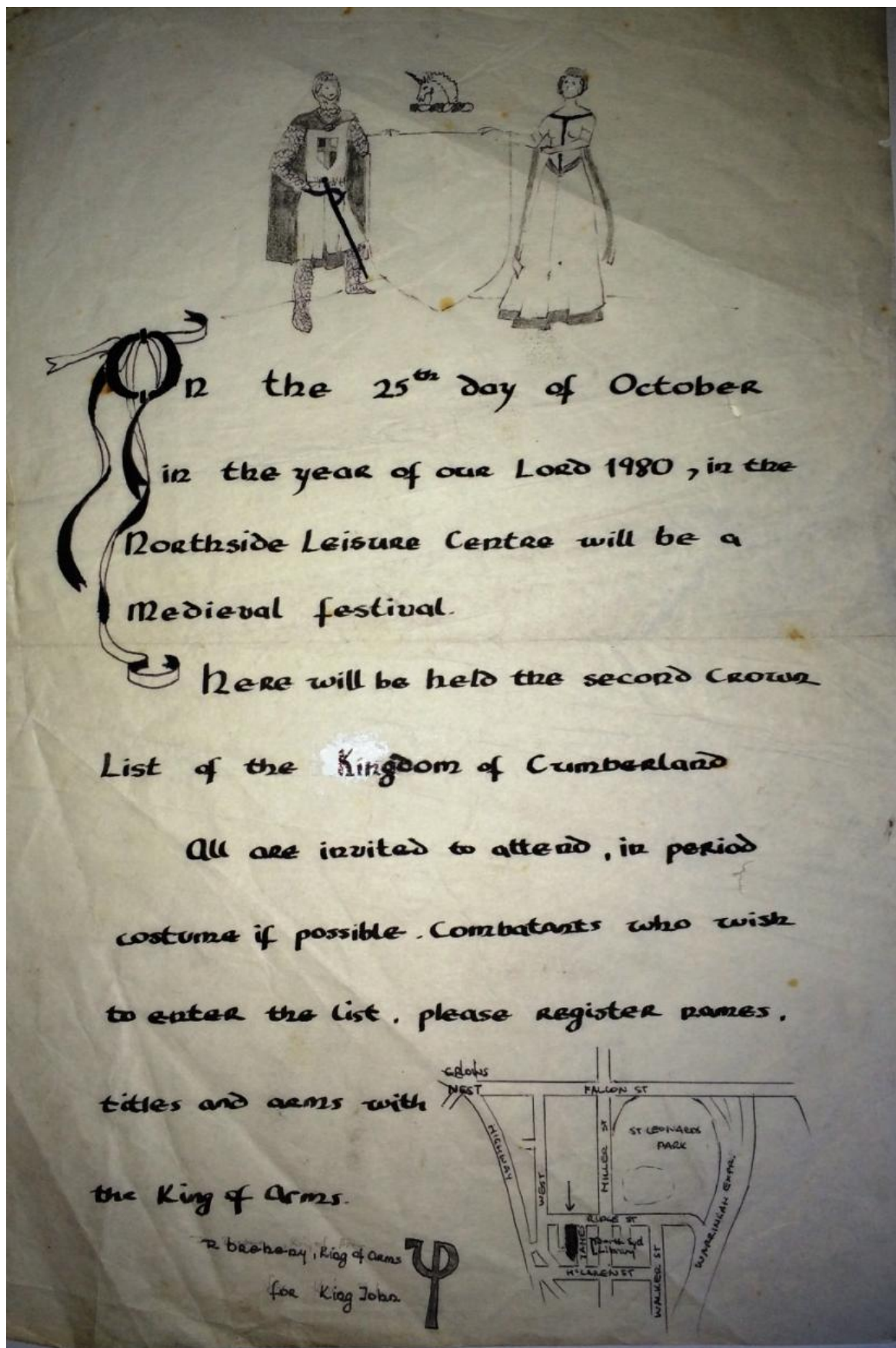
Heraldry, Regalia and Traditions

The name *Cumberland* was chosen because the group began in an area situated on the Cumberland Plateau in New South Wales, Australia. It was also chosen because Sydney is part of Cumberland County.

The arms of the Kingdom of Cumberland were emblazoned in the publication *A Handbook for the Society of the Current Middle Ages*, written in November 1980 by Mistress Rowan Perigrynne:

Quarterly 1 and 4 azure, 2 and 3 argent, a cross gules, the whole charged with the southern cross of the second, bordure of the same.

Figure 3: A labelled drawing of the Kingdom of Cumberland's device with supporters and crest, by Robyn Breheny and from *Runes 1*.

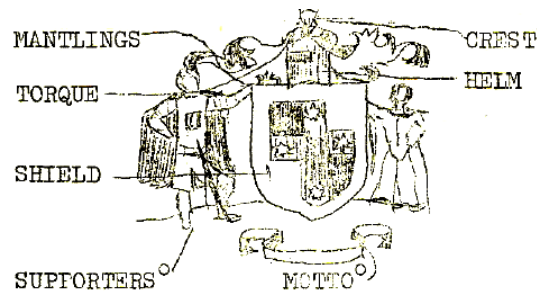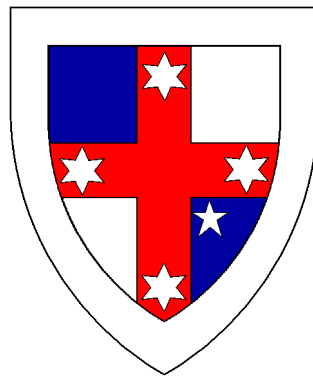**Figure 4: The original Kingdom of Cumberland device.**

The arms were based on the design of a previous group who had attempted and failed to start the SCA in Australia prior to 1980. The colours are the same as those on the Australian arms and the Southern Cross is also used as a symbol of Australia.

Figure 5: The first Kingdom of Cumberland banner. Note that the blue has faded to purple.

A crown for the King of Cumberland was also made by Mistress Rowan, comprised of brass fleur-de-lis lined with fur (See the photo under 'Crown of Cumberland' in 'Kingdom Regalia').

Tassels were used to as prizes and to denote status, with colours signifying different things;

— Gold – Crown list;
— White – Knighthood;
— Green – Order of the Laurel;
— Blue – Shield list;
— Red – Two handed list;
— Black – quarterstaff; and
— Purple – Open list.

The "Champion of Cumberland" was the best available fighter who was not the current King, and was in charge of fighter training. The Champion was chosen as the victor of a tournament, and was a position held for six months before it was re-contested. Only those who had previously won a tournament and Peers of the Realm were eligible to challenge the Champion for their title.

The Marche Barony of Outrémer

In 1981, still having heard no word back from the SCA, Outrémer held their first Twelfth Night event and 120 people attended. The group eventually contacted the SCA Steward via telephone and, by the end of the call, the group was declared a Marche Barony of the SCA under the Society Steward - they would remain a Marche Barony until a suitable parent Kingdom could be found. The College of Heralds in America informed the group that the name Outrémer had to be replaced because it was found to be an actual place in medieval times. The members were encouraged to put forward suggestions for the new name, and Rowany (in honour of Mistress Rowany) was decided upon unanimously. The Barony of Rowany continued to grow and members spread from Sydney in New South Wales to start groups in Perth (Western Australia) and Adelaide (South Australia).

Now that the SCMA was affiliated with the SCA, they were in search of a Kingdom and, in 1982, Mistress Rowan, Master Artos Barefoot, and Christia Barret travelled to America with the aim of visiting several Kingdoms to select one to reign over the Australian SCA group. The trip was referred to as the *Kingdom Shopping Expedition* and the three visited the West Kingdom, Caid, Atenveldt, and Ansteorra. Initially, Caid was the preferred parent Kingdom, however it was eventually decided that the West Kingdom was most alike in culture to the group in Australia and was chosen as their parent Kingdom. At the same time, Their Royal Majesties Paul and Rowena of the West declared Mistress Rowan the founding Baroness of the Barony of Rowany.

It was also during this stage that the first filk song was composed in the group – A Grazing Mace, by Baron Master Hrölf Herjölfssen.

Origins of the name Lochac

Eight historical, and six other, names were proposed for the region of Australia in a local referendum:

— Lochac/Luchach (1250, Marco Polo);
— Regio Patalis (1523, 'Nether Regions');
— Terra Australis (1531, 'Land of the South');
— Boeach (1532, mistranslation of Luchach);
— Java La Grande (1550);
— Notasia ('South of Asia');
— Maletur (mistranslation of Marco Polo's Malaya);
— Beach (1570, short form of Boeach);
— Continens Australis (1570);
— Terra Australis Incognita ('unknown South land');
— Terra Incognita ('unknown land');
— Australis Incognita ('unknown South');
— Southern Region;
— Southmost Region; and
— Region of Rowany.

Alexandro d'Argenteria discovered the name "Lochac" in a book of Marco Polo's travels. Apparently, it is based on one of the names that the Chinese used to call this region.

The Crown Principality of Lochac

The members of the Australian region did want to establish a national identity. It was decided by the Lochac Chancellor (the legal officer/adviser of the group - Hrölf Herjölfssen) that the Australian SCA membership was too small to become a Principality straight away, however, with the Barony of Rowany, Aneala Scir, and two incipient Shires of Innilgard and River Haven, the membership was too large and disperse to be a single Barony. As such, the Lochac Chancellor convinced the Board that Lochac should instead become the first Crown Principality of the SCA – a previously unheard of group type. A Crown Principality is essentially a Principality with training wheels on, with the Viceroy and Vicereine only able to give out Awards of Arms. Since Lochac created the first Crown Principality, there have been several others in the US at various times.

In conceding to the petition to proclaim Lochac a Crown Principality, King James and Queen Verena of the West Kingdom signed the Charter of Lochac in October 1984, at which time the Rods of State were presented to a representative of Lochac. Following this, King Thomas and Queen Trista of the West Kingdom proclaimed Lochac a Crown Principality of the West on 5 January 1985.

An extremely long scroll (several feet long) was written petitioning the West Kingdom for Lochac to become a Crown Principality. The scroll included signatures of as many of the Lochac populace as possible, hence its long length. When the West conceded to the petition, they declared that the long scroll (excluding signatures) had to be read aloud at each Viceregal Tournament. It took a long time to read out, and was intended to encourage Lochac to ditch the Crown Principality and become a full Principality. The Crown Principality was also gifted a Royal pavilion by the Kingdom of the West. It was the first of its kind in Lochac and was well received.

Figure 6: The Royal pavillion gifted to Lochac by the West Kingdom, photo by John of the Hills, Rowany Festival 1986.

Figure 7: The illuminated missive from King Thomas and Queen Trista of the West Kingdom that arrived with the Royal pavillion gifted to Lochac.
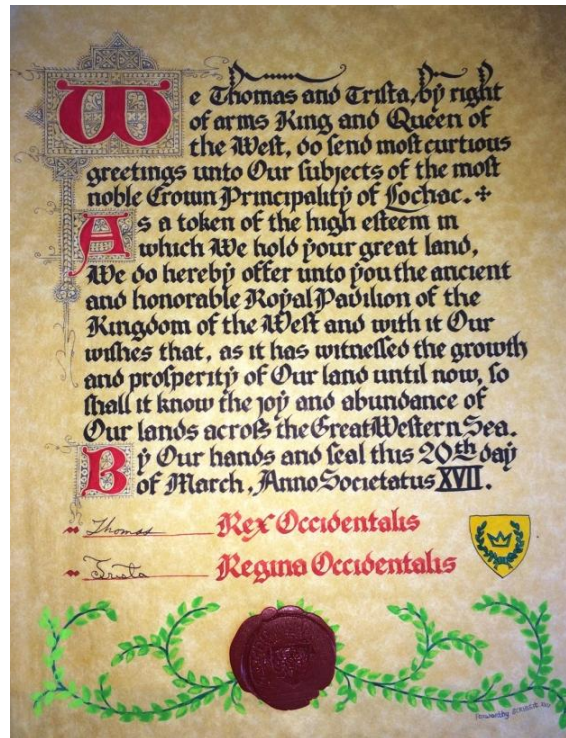
Viceroys and Vicereines

In the new Crown Principality, a Viceregal Tournament was held every six months with the victors invested as the next Viceroy and Vicereine of Lochac. Five sets of Viceroys and Vicereines governed Lochac on behalf of the Kings and Queens of the West Kingdom between 5 January 1985 and 11 July 1987, and the devices of each were painted on the Rods of State. In chronological order, Lochac's Viceroys and Vicereines were:

1. James the Sinister and Olwyn Gwallt Coch,
2. Hugh Louis and Merewyn degli Fiore,
3. Brusi Anderson of the Shetlands I and Alarice Beatrix von Tal,
4. Reynardine de Clifford and Marguerité de Rada y Silva, and
5. Brusi Anderson of the Shetlands II and Catherine Digby of Sherbourne.

By tradition, the Viceroys and Vicereines were awarded Court Baronies after they stepped down.

Figure 8: The Viceroy and Vicereine Rods of State, as held by Reynardine de Clifford and Marguerité de Rada y Silva at the Viceregal Tournament in River Haven 1986. Photo by Francesca Cellini.

The Principality of Lochac

King Jade and Queen Anastasia declared Lochac a full Principality of the West on 11 July 1987 (AS 22). Thirty-six Princes and Princesses governed the Principality before Lochac advanced to Kingdom status on 6 July 2002. Their Heirs were referred to as the Lord and Lady of Lochac until Their investiture. Princes and Princesses, in chronological order, were:

1. Reynardine de Clifford and Eleanor Lyttellhayles,
2. Elffin of Mona and Talietha of Bran-Innes,
3. Corin Anderson I and Gabriella della Santa Croce,
4. Valerian Zakharevitch Druzhinnik and Rowena of Loxton,
5. Styvyn Longshanks and Rhyllian of Starfire Retreat,
6. Elffin of Mona II and Rowan Perigrynne,
7. Haos Windchaser and Bryony Beehyrd,
8. Elffin of Mona III and Keridwen the Mouse I,
9. Reynardine de Clifford II and Elayne Montjoy,
10. Kane Greymane and Rhianwen ni Dhiarmada,
11. Elffin of Mona IV and Rowan Perigrynne II,
12. Gerald Swinford and Alisaundre de Kilmaron,
13. Aylwin Greymane and Ingerith Ryzka,
14. John of Skye and Gabriel of Greenwood,
15. Brusi Anderson of the Shetlands and Catherine Digby of Sherbourne,
16. Alfar of Attica and Susannah of Nottingham,
17. Corin Anderson II and Keridwen the Mouse II,
18. Cornelius von Becke I and Morwynna Branwynt I,
19. Bran of Lochiel and Cairistiona nic Bheathain,
20. Alfar of Attica II and Huguete de Saint Germain,
21. Peter du Gant Noir and Muirghein ni Ghrainne,
22. Finnian the Red and Lucrezia Lorenz,
23. Cornelius von Becke II and Morwynna Branwynt II,
24. Alfar of Attica III and Elspeth Turberville I,
25. Alaric of Bangor and Nerissa de Saye,
26. Corin Anderson III and Keridwen the Mouse III,
27. Ragnar Magnússon and Bliss of Teine,
28. Boris Altdorfer I and Constance von Rothenberg I,
29. Alfar of Attica IV and Gudrun Bodvarsdottir II,
30. Vladimir Ivanovich Kurgan and Huraiwa,
31. Ædward Stadefæste and Yolande Kesteven,
32. Cornelius von Becke III and Morwynna Branwynt III,
33. Boris Altdorfer II and Constance von Rothenberg II,
34. Gui von Oberhausen and Ælfled æt Otreburne,
35. Alfar of Attica V and Liadan ingen Murchada, and
36. Gawyne d'Ibelin and Yve d'Angely.

Figure 9: The Principality of Lochac Coat of Arms, as depicted on the Principality website in 1997.
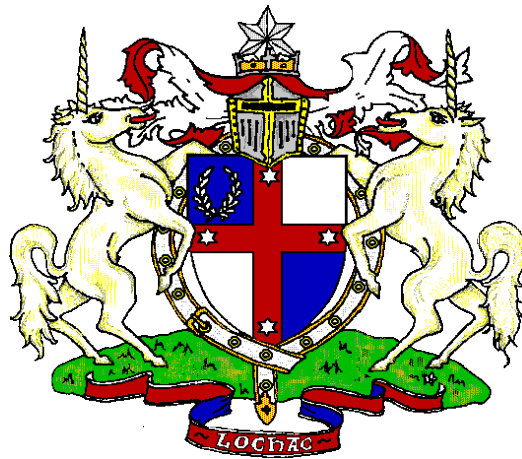
In the far west of the country, Aneala Scir and her Canton of Abertridwr initially opted not to join the Principality, instead becoming a Marche Barony of the West Kingdom. It returned to Lochac in 1989 as the Barony of Aneala.

Until 1990 there were two Coronet Tournaments per year and two separate Coronation events, however, with the investiture of Elffin of Mona III and Keridwen the Mouse I in January 1991, Lochac moved to three reigns per year. These large Coronation/Coronet events were held in January (12th Night), May (Autumn Coronet), and September (Spring Coronet), the Coronet Tournaments being held the day after Coronation of the previous victors. This remained the practice until the Coronation of Corin Anderson III and Keridwen the Mouse III in January 1997, at which time Lochac returned to a two Reign year with separate Coronation and Coronet Tournament events.

The Kingdom of Lochac

First Coronation

The Coronation of the first Crown of Lochac was held on Saturday 6 July 2002 (AS 36) during a weekend of celebrations and tournaments hosted by the Barony of Politarchopolis. The event was attended by more than 450 people, including visitors from other Kingdoms in the Known World.

It began with a ball to honour Prince Gawyne and Princess Yve on Friday, 5 July 2002. The following day, the last Court of the West in Lochac was held, in which every Principality Officer formally resigned their post, all landed Barons and Baronesses stepped aside and returned their coronets to the Crown, and every Peer of the Realm was released from fealty to the Kingdom of the West.

Before Lochac could officially become a kingdom and the first King and Queen could be crowned, all the laws of the new kingdom had to be read aloud. Following the conclusion of this, which took many heralds and much time, the Coronation Court began. Lochac became the 17th Kingdom of the Known World at the hands of King Jade and Queen Megan of the West Kingdom, and Viscount Sir Alfar of Attica and Viscountess Gudrun Bodvarsdottir were crowned as the first King and Queen of Lochac.

The Leaving of the West

This poem composed and read by Blodeuwedd y Gath for the coronation of the first King and Queen and reflects the personal grief felt by many at severing their ties with the West Kingdom:

Children grow and leave their home,
Birds fly from the nest,
Small groups into Kingdoms grow,
Thus Lochac leaves the West.

Our feet upon this path have trod
For many a change of moon;
For some the journey was too long,
For some it's far too soon.

Silken banners newly sewn,
Newly forged two crowns,
New thrones are carved, new courts are made,
And new ways must be found.

Our King and Queen sit on their throne,
In grace and glory they,
New words of Fealty to hear -
Yet these are hard to say

For Fealty is hard to move,
And some love lasts forever,
And Loyalty is hard to break,
And heart-strings tough to sever.

So when we toast our King and Queen,
The Stewards, and the rest,
Forgive me if, when "Lochac" we cry,
My heart still whispers "West".

One Kingdom forged from two

It was announced at May Crown 2003 that the Crescent Isles, the SCA groups in New Zealand formerly part of the Kingdom of Caid (see below), were to join the Kingdom of Lochac. At this event a soteltie made by Catherine of Arrowsreach was presented to celebrate the occasion: a gingerbread crown filled with gingerbreads in the shapes of the North and South islands of New Zealand (the Crescent Isles), Tasmania (Ynys Fawr) and mainland Australia (Terra Rosa) were all hidden under a blanket displaying the Lochac device. A kangaroo and a Kiwi were tucked under the blanket together, resting their heads on little pillows.

Lochac is the only Kingdom to date to have been forged from more than one parent Kingdom.

Figure 10: Side view of the soteltie celebrating the union of Terra Rosa with the Crescent Isles. Photo by Margie of Glen More.

The Origins and Growth of the SCA in New Zealand

Three geographically separate groups form the foundation of the SCA in New Zealand. In 1981, Elidan of Teonar and Sable John of the Franks from the Kingdom of Atlantia moved to Christchurch, New Zealand (South Island) and decided to start an SCA group there, with the first feast being held in 1982. With a growing group established, it was decided to petition Kingdoms for support. The Kingdom of Caid answered the call, becoming the parent Kingdom of the fledgling group in June 1983. Formal recognition came on 26 November, 1983 with the emergence of the Shire of Southron Gaard.

In 1994, Marienna Jensdatter called a meeting for anyone interested in forming an SCA group in Auckland, New Zealand (Northern North Island) and on 1 September, 1996 this group was elevated to the Shire of Ildhafn in the Kingdom of Caid. Then, around August 1999, a third SCA group formed in Wellington, in the south of the North Island, and was elevated to the Shire of Darton in the Kingdom of Caid in April 2002.

The collective SCA groups of New Zealand became known as the Crescent Isles due to the three crescents that appear as the primary charges on Caid's Kingdom arms.

From the mid-nineties Caidans from the Crescent Isles began attending Rowany Festival (the Principality's biggest event) and their attendance increased over time. Early Rowany Festival attendees included Baron Sigurd Hardrada and Baroness Eleonora van den Bogaerde, Sebastien Van Dem Schwarzkoff, Asbjorn Pedersen, and Marienna Jensdatta.

Initial approaches for the Crescent Isles to consider joining the Kingdom of Lochac were made during the time that the Principality was preparing for advancement. However, the timing was not right and it was not possible, or practical, for the Crescent Isles to change Kingdoms at the time of Lochac's advancement. Following a polling process, the Kingdom of Caid recognised and agreed with the desire of the Crescent Islanders to join with the Kingdom of Lochac. This was formalised in AS37 when the King and Queen of Caid (Guillaume and Felinah) formally ceded their Southern Reaches to the Kingdom of Lochac.

The Crescent Isles has since grown to 164 paying members as at December 2015 (AS 50).

The Kingdom Arms

One of the decisions to be made before Lochac could be elevated to Kingdom level was the choice of official Kingdom device. Eighteen devices were proposed for Lochac's Arms.
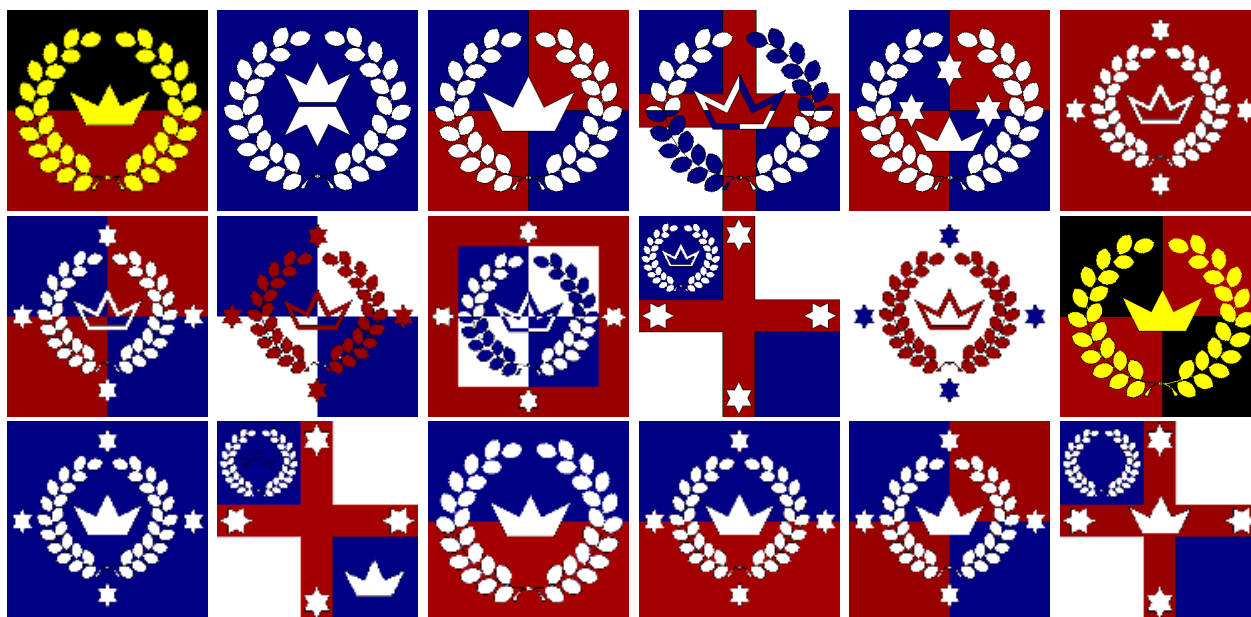
A referendum of the populace was held, and the device proposed by Reynardine de Clifford (bottom right, figure 12), was selected as the device for the new Kingdom; likely due to its close relationship to Lochac's original device.

Variations of the Kingdom Arms

Whilst the Kingdom arms are generally used to represent the Crown, the Queen often uses a variation that replaces the charges on the Kingdom device with roses.

In addition, the populace show their allegiance to the Kingdom by displaying the populace badge - the Kingdom arms with the laurel wreath and crown removed.
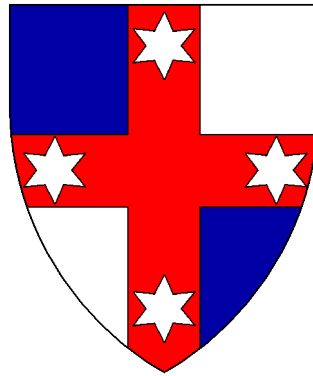
Communication

Publications

Runes was the original newsletter of the embryonic Kingdom. The first edition was published in January 1981 by Robyn Breheny and the final edition, *Runes* 18, was released in Winter 1984. *Pegasus*, originally edited by Robert Gordon of Ravensbrook and first published in December 1983, replaced *Runes* as the Australia-wide SCA publication. Robert Gordon of Ravensbrook was the first editor and it remains the official newsletter of the Kingdom. It is published once a month by the Kingdom Chronicler and is available to all Lochac members.

Figure 15: Cover of the first edition of Pegasus.
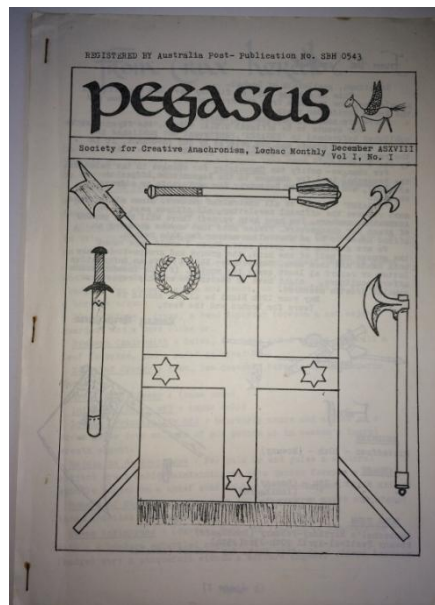
The name *Pegasus* was chosen because incipient group Innilgard suggested that the newsletter would need to travel a long way to cover the whole of Lochac and would need wings to do it in time. Pegasi are also the supporters of the Lochac arms.

Cockatrice is the Arts and Sciences journal for the Kingdom, having started out as the Baronial Arts and Sciences magazine for the Barony of Politarchopolis. The original publication was posted out as hardcopies. After becoming dormant for a while, the publication returned in the second half of 2010 in its new form – a free email publication*.*

Websites

— The official Kingdom of Lochac website includes information about current Royalty, the current annual calendar, Kingdom Officers, mailing lists, resource links, the governing bodies (SCA Australia and SCA New Zealand), peerage orders and much more.

— *Memories of Lochac* is the current website detailing the history of the Kingdom.

— Canon Lore is the Kingdom's searchable awards register and includes the order of precedence, the status of various groups and the landed gentry lists for Lochac and her Baronies.

— Lochac Roll of Arms is the Kingdom's searchable database of registered devices of the populace and groups of Lochac.

Email Lists

— *Lochac Announce* is the Kingdom-wide email list for official notices and event notifications.

— *The Shambles* is a Kingdom-wide email list that allows for a more informal discussion of various topics concerning Lochac. The Shambles, a place in York known as a meeting place for people from all over the world, inspired the name of this list.[2]

Social Media

— Lochac's Facebook group is a public, social media hub for official notices and discussions alike. It is often used to advertise events and vacant Kingdom Officer positions. It is used to inform the Kingdom of momentous occasions and regularly supplies live commentary of Crown Tournaments.

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[2] Source: Eric Faustauss, as published on Stefan's Florilegium: http://www.florilegium.org/

Maps

The first published map of Lochac was drawn around the time Lochac was proclaimed a Crown Principality and appeared in the 10th issue of *Runes*.

Figure 16: Map of the Known World (including Lochac) as published on the front cover of *Runes* issue 10, February 1983, by Rowan Perigrynne.

A map of the Principality was commissioned by Prince Cornelius von Becke as a gift for the King of the West. The map only includes areas of Australia because there were SCA groups at the time. New Zealand is included in the map with the words 'Conquered lands', which unsurprisingly caused a small uproar between the West Kingdom and the Kingdom of Caid.

Figure 17: A map of the Principality of Lochac, made by Nerissa de Saye.
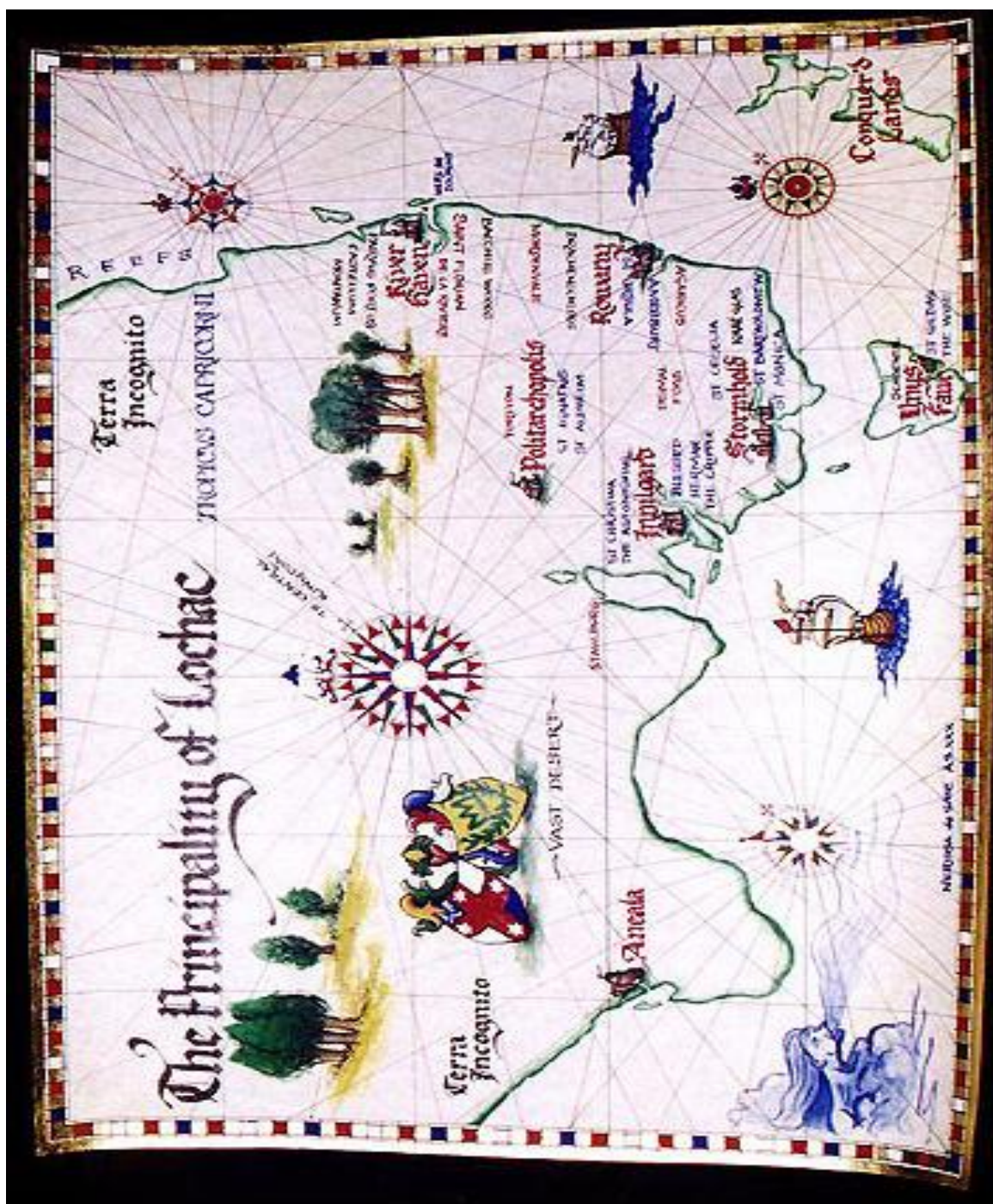
A more accurate map of the more recent structure of the Kingdom can be found on the Kingdom website: Mappe of the SCA Kingdom of Lochac (figure 18).
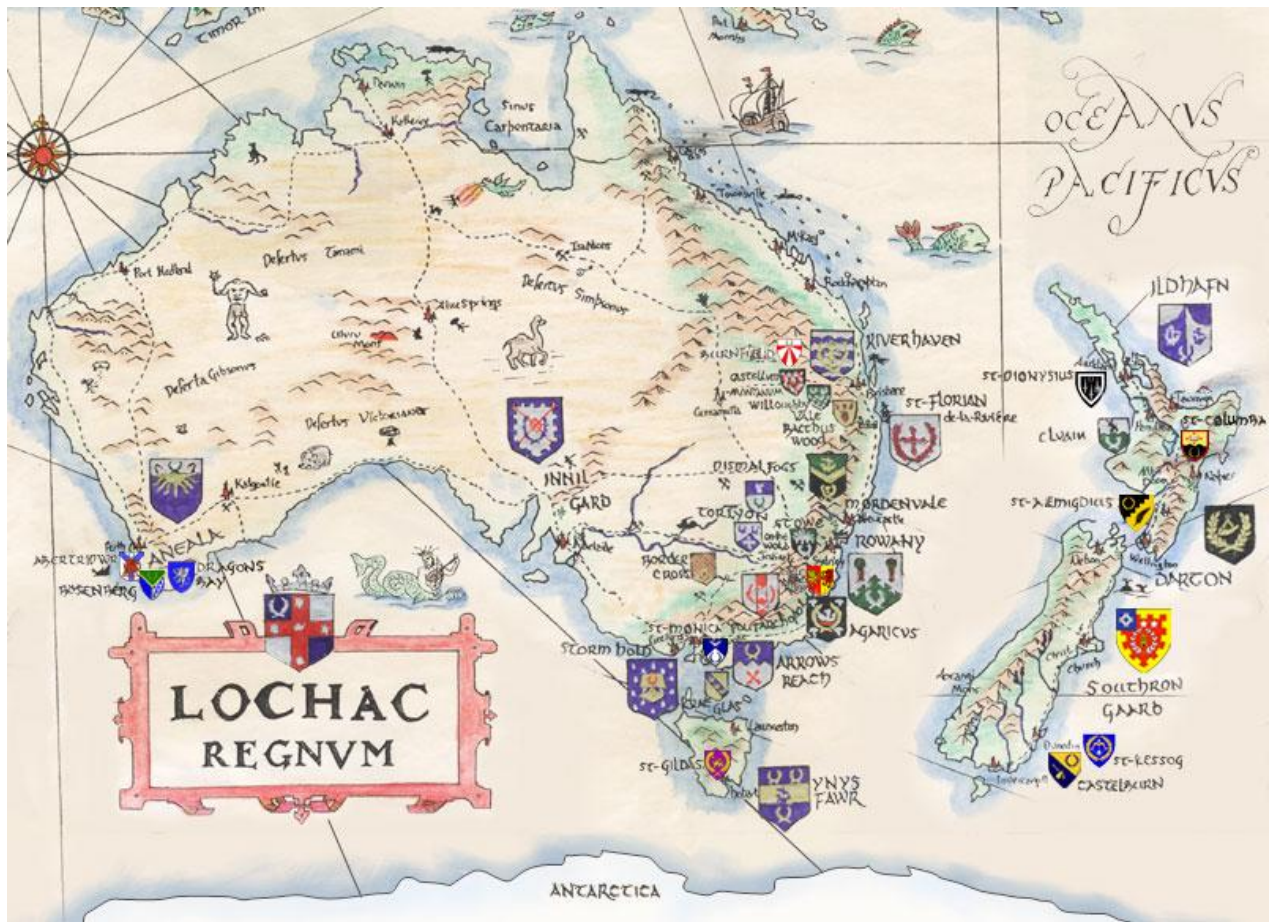
Kings and Queens

Lochac has two reigns per year, with Crown Tournaments occurring in May and November, and Coronations occurring at Twelfth Night (January) and Midwinter (July). There have been 28 reigns as at 1 May 2016 (AS 51), including:

1. Alfar of Attica I and Elspeth Turberville I,
2. Cornelius von Becke I and Morwynna Branwynt I,
3. Alaric of Bangor I and Nerissa de Saye I,
4. Ædward Stadefæste I and Yolande Kesteven I,
5. Draco of Jorvik I and Asa Beiskalda I,
6. Stephen Aldred I and Mathilde Adycote of Mynheniot I,
7. Cornelius von Becke II and Morwynna Branwynt II,
8. Ædward Stadefæste II and Yolande Kesteven II,
9. Draco of Jorvik II and Asa Beiskalda II,
10. Alfar of Attica II and Gudrun Bodvarsdottir II,
11. Hugh the Little I and Theresa Cummins I,
12. Berenger of Nancy I and Bethan Daniels of Brockwood I,
13. Siridean MacLoughlin I and Siban ingen Robartaig I,
14. Theuderic Batavii I and Engelin Teufel I,
15. Gabriel de Beaumont I and Constanzia Moralez y de Zamora I,
16. Bran na torcdubh mac Brude I and Lilya Bint Hizir I,
17. Edmund of Shotley I and Leonore de Scotia I,
18. Gabriel de Beaumont II and Constanzia Moralez y de Zamora II,
19. Cornelius von Becke III and Elizabeth de Foxle I,

20. Siridean MacLachlan II and Margie of Glen More I,
21. Henri de Montferrant I and Beatrice Maria Malatesta I,
22. Felix Arnett von Danzig I and Eva von Danzig I,
23. Niall inn Orkneyski I and Liadan ingen Fheradaig I,
24. Alfar of Attica III and Angharat Benbras I,
25. Niáll inn Orkneyski II and Liadan ingen Fheradaig II,
26. Kinggiyadai Ba'atur I and Altani Khaligu I,
27. Steffan Glaube I and Branwen verch Lewis ap Thomas I, and
28. Gilbert Purchase I and Bethony Gaitskell I.

Master Giles Leabrook has written, and continues to update, a poem that gives insight into each of the Kings and Queens of Lochac:

> *Alfar, the first of our Kings, raven feeder, and Elspeth first Queen, canny with games,*
>
> *Cornelius, who took possession of the lands ceded by Caid, won not by war but by counsel, and Morwynna, who was powerful and wise in that counsel,*
>
> *Alaric, whose groaning tables fill his well famed hall, and Nerissa, scribe-champion,*
>
> *Aedward, the just, and Yolande, whose whispers are as men's shouts,*
>
> *Draco, staunch-hearted, and Serena from the northern haven,*
>
> *Stephen, who hears the Huntsman's Horn, and Mathilde, for whom the Muses play,*
>
> *Cornelius, first Duke, and Morwynna, first Duchess,*
>
> *Aedward the second, who watches his words, and Yolande, who led the children against the knights,*
>
> *Draco the second, whose sword is truth, and Asa, patron of skalds,*
>
> *Alfar the second, who unites the Kingdom through War, and Gudrun the second, who unites the Kingdom through Peace,*
>
> *Hugh, full of majesty, and Terasa, who speaks gently and strikes hard,*
>
> *Berenger, the powerful, and Bethan, key-holder,*
>
> *Siridean, who came from afar with might, and Siban, who came just as far with grace,*
>
> *Theuderic, Jotunn, and Engelin, who made a turnip into a silk purse,*
>
> *Gabriel, who holds himself to account, and Constanzia, who seeks the best,*
>
> *Bran, the wild boar of the North, and Lilya, the phoenix of the East,*
>
> *Edmund, son of a Queen, Leonore, mother of a King,*
>
> *Gabriel II, who challenges you as you are, and Constanzia, who challenges you as you may be,*
>
> *Cornelius the Third, who ruled with Experience, and Elizabeth, who ruled with Enthusiasm,*
>
> *Siridean the second, majestic, and Margie, sublime,*
>
> *Henri I, dashing in action, and Beatrice I, delightful in ruling,*
>
> *Felix I, who showed his worth, and Eva I, who proved it no less,*
>
> *Niáll I, who returned, and Liadan I, who stayed,*
>
> *Alfar III, immediate, and Angharat I, immaculate,*
>
> *Niáll II who stood up for the land, and Liadan II who shouldered the sudden burden,*
>
> *Kinggiyadai I who stands on the neck of the world, and Altani I who gives the world mercy,*
>
> *Steffan, relentless, and Branwen, who the Crown magnified with joy.*

Names, images and accounts of the Reigns of the [Royalty of Lochac](#) are available online.

Kingdom Traditions, Awards and Peerages

Royal Regalia

Crowns and Coronets

Kingdom Crowns

Once Lochac was approved to advance to Kingdom level a competition was held to design new crowns for the King and Queen. The competition was judged by one representative from each of the peerages, the Keeper of the Regalia, and the reigning Prince and Princess.

Three entries were submitted, one each by Sir Loyola Juan Sanchez Mendoza, Mistress Rowan Perigrynne, and Mistress Francesca Cellini. Mistress Rowan's design won and a pair of Crowns were created by a professional jeweller in Queensland, Australia. In order to provide continuity of the royal lineage, spare pieces from the Principality coronets were melted down and incorporated into the Crowns.

Figure 19: King (left – photo by Lochac Regalia) and Queen (right) crowns

Travel Crowns

Lochac also uses a pair of travel Crowns. They are lighter and easier to transport than the official Crowns, and are sometimes used as the primary Crowns for reigns based in an early period.

Figure 20: Queen's travel crown.

Principality Coronets

The silver Principality coronets were created by Anna Margot of the Barony of River Haven and are still in use as regalia for the Crown Prince and Princess of the Kingdom.

Crown Principality Circlets

The Crown Principality circlets used by the Viceroys and Vicereines of the Crown Principality were made by Master Guilliame Arnaut. They consisted of a straight silver band adorned with gems.

Figure 22: The Viceroy and Vicereine circlets, as worn by Reynardine de Clifford and Marguerité de Rada y Silva at the Viceregal Tournament in River Haven 1986. Photo by Francesca Cellini.

Crown of Cumberland

The Crown of Cumberland was made by Mistress Rowan Perigrynne to denote the King of Cumberland. It was made from fur-lined brass and included fleur-de-lis in the design.

Figure 23: Crown of Cumberland, made by Mistress Rowan Perigrynne.

Fealty Chains

The Royal fealty chains are traditionally worn by the King and Queen until they find their heirs. After the victors of a Crown Tournament are announced, the Crown passes the fealty chains to the Crown Prince and Princess.

The original tokens on the fealty chains were gifted to Lochac by the Kingdom of the West. They depict the Arms of Lochac and originally came from the West Kingdom fealty chains.

Figure 24: One of Lochac's fealty chains gifted by the West Kingdom, photo by Lochac Regalia.

Signet Rings

The Crowns of Lochac each wear a silver signet ring.

Figure 25: Queen of Lochac's fealty ring.

Sword of State

Lochac's Sword of State is usually held in trust by the Earl Marshal, and provided to the Crown for courts as required. Lochac has used three different swords of state throughout its history.

Figure 26: Lochac's second Sword of State, held by Sean the Bastard. Photo by John of the Hills, 2002.

The second Sword of State was made by Owen von dem Noorden from Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière and presented to Prince Alfar of Attica on 14 November 1998 (AS 33) at Coronet Tournament hosted by the Barony of Innilgard. Unfortunately, this piece of regalia was stolen and had to be replaced.

Figure 27: Lochac's second Sword of State, made by Owen von dem Noorden. Photo by Owen von dem Noorden.

Lochac's current Sword of State has a leather belt attached to it, which was made by Count Bran na torcdubh mac Brude. The engravings on the belt tell the story of the first Crown of Lochac.

Figure 28: Lochac's third and current Sword of State.

Great Seal of Lochac

The Great Seal of Lochac is the property of the Crown and entrusted to the Crux Australis Herald, however, it often resides with the College of Scribes as they constantly use it in their work.

The seal itself is made of metal and was donated to Lochac from the West Kingdom College of Heralds on the occasion of Lochac's advancement to Kingdom.[3]

Figure 29: Lochac's Great Seal of State, as stamped into red wax. Photo by Lochac's College of Scribes.

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[3] Giles Leabrook, as published on Stefan's Florilegium: http://www.florilegium.org/

Ceremonial Mantles

The Ceremonial Mantles of Lochac were designed by Master Bartolemeo and made by the Worshipful Company of Broiderers in time for the Coronation of the first King and Queen. The design was based on two famous cloaks –The Mantle of Christ and the Syon Cope. More information about this project is available on The Royal Cloaks webpage of the Worshipful Company of Broiderers website.

Figure 31: Close up of the Queen's Ceremonial Mantle of Lochac.

The morses (clasps) used on the Ceremonial Mantles were a gift to the Kingdom for the first Coronation, made by Mistress Diane de Winchester and Master Mark von dem Falkensfenn.

Peerages

When the Crescent Isles joined Lochac, all members of the Order were integrated into the existing Lochac Order in precedence order according to the date of their elevation.

During the peerage ceremony for each's four peerage Orders, it is now common practice for a member of each Order (and the Royal Peerage) to speak on the qualities of the candidate being elevated. Upon their elevation the new peer is gifted a token of their new Order, which may have a lineage that is read out in Court.

Peerage meetings in Lochac are held at each of the Crown events – Twelfth Night Coronation, May Crown Tournament, Midwinter Coronation, and November Crown Tournament. They are also held at other large Kingdom events, such as Rowany Festival and Canterbury Faire.

Order of Chivalry

As at January 2016 (AS 50), there were 88 Companions of the Order of Chivalry in Lochac. Of these, forty-five were made after Lochac's advancement to Kingdom. Sir Yves le Chat Blanc was the last knight of Lochac made by the West Kingdom and Sir Leofric Willoughby de Broke (current Principal of the Order) was the first created in the new Kingdom.

This list is available on Lochac's Order of Chivalry webpage.

Upon their initiation into the Order, a member receives a number of items of regalia from other Peers in the Order, which often have extensive histories/lineages. The items of regalia for Companions of the Order of Chivalry are a silver, open linked fealty chain, a white belt, spurs, and a sword. It is a long-standing tradition of the Order that the newest member provides beer at their first peerage meeting.

Figure 33: A white belt with the motto of the Order of Chivalry: Prowess, Franchise, Largesse, and Courtesy. Image from Lochac's Order of Chivalry website.

At the time of publication, Lochac did not have any Masters/Mistresses at Arms.

Order of the Laurel

As of January 2016 (AS 50), there were 133 companions of the Order of the Laurel in the Kingdom. The names and corresponding specialities of members of the order can be found on Lochac's Order of the Laurel website. Companions of the Laurel wear a medallion depicting a laurel wreath and those in permanent fealty to the Crown also wear a chain of fealty; both of these are gifted by other Peers, not necessarily only from the Order of the Laurel.

During their elevation ceremony each Laurel is clothed in the cloak of the Order. The original cloak was made by Mistress Rowan Perigrynne many decades ago and is still held in very high regard by members of the order as an important part of Lochac's cultural history. At Midwinter Crown and Coronation in July AS 49 the Worshipful Company of Broiderers (WCOB) presented a new Laurel cloak with extensive goldwork embroidery. The new l cloak is in the process of being passed around all of the Laurels of the Kingdom, so that all members can be said to have worn the cloak. The new cloak also has a patch from the original laurel cloak appliquéd to the lining.

The design of the new cloak is based on the Sternenmantel (Star Mantle) of Heinrich II, the last Saxon king of Germany and later, the Holy Roman Emperor. More detailed information about the background and execution of this project is available on the WCOB's website.

Figure 34: Mistress Cairisitiona nic Bheathain wearing Lochac's partially completed, newest Laurel's Cloak. Photo by Mistress Rowan Perigrynne.

Some groups also have cloaks that are traditionally used at the elevation of members of the group. The Baronies of St-Florian-de-la-Riviere and Aneala are two examples of this. The dirty laurels (potters, blacksmiths, glassmakers and the like) share a leather apron during their ceremony.

Figure 35: Mistress Catherine de Arc wearing the Anealan Laurel's Cloak during her elevation ceremony.

It is the tradition for the newest-made Laurel to bring a supply of chocolate to their first peerage meeting.

As Lochac is very large geographically it has been difficult for all groups to have contact with members of the Order who may be able to help them. In order to minimise this isolation the *Laurel Freedom Bus* was born. Any group any group in the Kingdom can request a specific group of Laurels to visit and hold a weekend of classes in their specialities. In addition, very year during Rowany Festival (the Kingdom's largest event) the Order of the Laurel hosts a *Laurel Prize Tournament*. This is an arts and sciences exhibition where anyone can display their works, and receive feedback from members of the Order and also the general populace.

Order of the Pelican

As of December AS 50, Lochac had 173 companions of the Order of the Pelican. The names and home groups of Lochac's Pelicans are listed on Lochac's Order of the Pelican website.

Companions of this Order wear a medallion depicting a pelican in her piety and those Pelicans in permanent fealty to the Crown also wear a chain of fealty. The original Pelican cloak, worn by each candidate during their peerage ceremony upon elevation into the Order, was made by Mistress Selivia de l'Estoile (the large patch on the back) and Breheny of the Bees (petit point patches). In AS 44, WCOB began constructing a new Pelican cloak based on period examples of copes. Constructed of fine, dense wool, and lined with silk, the cloak has the devices of each member of the Order, in the form of silk, tent stitched badges, which are attached to the cloak generally just prior to their elevation More information about the background and creation of this Pelican's cloak can be found on the WCOB website.

Figure 36: Lochac's newest Pelican Cloak, as made by the Worshipful Company of Broiderers. Photo by Rowan Perigrynne.

Embroidered patches from the original Pelican cloak were cut off and appliquéd into the lining of the new cloak. Furthermore, the woollen fabric from the old Pelican cloak was cut up and used to make a Royal gift from the Worshipful Company of Broiderers to Duchess Asa Beiskalda.

Order of Defence

On the 1st of May AS L (2015), the Peerage of the Order of Defence was created and, as of January 2016 (AS 50), Lochac had 5 members in the Order. On Saturday the 2nd of May AS L at May Crown in the Barony of Ildhafn, the Crown elevated the first three members of the peerage in Lochac: Master Caleb Adolphus, Master Damian Greybeard and Master William de Cameron.

Figure 37: Master Caleb's Order of Defence badge, cast by Sir Leofric Willoughby de Broke.

During the creation of this Peerage in Lochac, members of other Peerages and Polling Orders were invited to speak. Sir Steffan Glaube spoke on behalf of the Chivalry, proclaiming that this was a good day for the Kingdom, and for the SCA. Master Tariq ibn Jelal spoke proudly on behalf of the Laurels, reduced to tears of joy at the occasion. Master Bernard Stirling spoke on behalf of the Pelicans and The Honourable Baron Emrys Tudor spoke on behalf of Lochac's Company of Archers. Finally and poetically, the newest Don Ludwig von Regensberg spoke on behalf of the Order of the White Scarf of Lochac.

Polling Orders

There are two non-peerage polling orders in Lochac; the Lochac Company of Archers and the recently closed Order of the White Scarf of Lochac.

Company of Archers

The Lochac Company of Archers, which began with the formation of the Kingdom in 2002 (AS 37), are a Companionship of archers who have been recognised by their peers as being Archers with high levels of chivalry, service, courtesy, courtly behaviour and accomplishment in Archery. The Award of the Lochac Company of Archers is a Grant Level Award and ranks equal in precedence to the Order of the White Scarf, and higher in precedence than other varieties of Grants of Arms.

Figure 38: Lochac Company of Archers badge from the Company website.

As of January 2016 (AS 50), Lochac had 21 companions to the Order, with The Honourable Lord Hrothgar Breaksword acting as Principal. A list of companions is available on the Lochac Company of Archer's website.

Archery, particularly combat archery, is rather unique in this Kingdom and the archery rules differ from the rest of the Known World in two fundamental aspects:

1. Non-contact participants are allowed to enter a war wearing a large, obvious plume atop their helmet to signify that they must not be struck by a rattan combat weapon.
2. Wooden arrow shafts are used, with the addition rubber stoppers (called *blunts*) on the end are used. The arrows maintain a reasonable facsimile of the aerodynamics of a normal arrow, at least in comparison to other types of safely precautions. As a result, all combatants in this mixed combat must wear mesh on their visors to protect them from arrows.

Figure 39: The evolution of archery blunts used in Lochac. Photo by Kilic ibn Sungur ibn al-Kazganci al-Turhani.

Figure 40: Lochac combat arrows are made of wooden shafts, feather fletchers, and rubber blunts. Photo by Ciaran Shiranui, 2015.

Order of the White Scarf of Lochac

Lochac became a signatory to the White Scarf Treaty at the first Coronation in July AS 37. The Order of the White Scarf of Lochac was awarded to those who excelled in the art, teaching and promotion of the art of fence within Lochac. The first members of the Order were Don Tariq ibn Jelal ibn Ziyadatallah al-Naysaburi and Don Dameon Greybeard. With the opening of the Order of Defence, the Order was closed in May 2015 (AS 50) with 26 members. The full list is available on the Order's website.

Companions of this Order style themselves as Don or Doña and wear a white scarf on their left shoulder to indicate their status. A tradition of this Order in Lochac was that every new member was given a scarf by a current member. The owl is a badge used by the Order due to O-W-L being an abbreviation of the full Order name. Another tradition in Lochac is for the members of the Order to give out WOL's (a Winnie the Pooh reference to how the character Owl spells his name). A WOL is a token with an owl motif, given by a member of the Order to encourage good fencing and it's considered the highest form of praise a member of the Order can give another.

Awards

All Lochac award recipients are recorded in Canon Lore online – a searchable database that also contains the roll of arms and order of precedence for the individuals and groups of Lochac. Lochac's College of Heralds published a quick-reference guide to the awards of the Kingdom of Lochac, accurate as of August AS49. This visually depicts the order of precedence and theme for many of Lochac's Kingdom-level awards.

Figure 41: Quick-reference guide to the awards of the Kingdom of Lochac, compiled by Alexander a la Fontayne (Coffyn Herald) and updated by Ceara Shionnach.

		Arts and Sciences	Service	Heavy Combat	Rapier	Archery	Equestrian
Patent of Arms	Royal Peerages	Duchy / County / Viscounty					
	Bestowed Peerages	Laurel	Pelican	Chivalry	Defense		
Grant of Arms	Polling Orders of Distinction				White Scarf (closed)	Comp. of Archers	
	Orders of Distinction	Cockatrice	Silver Pegasus	Red Wyvern			
	Grant of Arms						
Award of Arms	Court Barony (unique contribution)						
	Orders of Achievement	Star and Lily	Golden Tear	Golden Sword	Rapier	Nock	Hector
		Prometheus (teaching)	Courtesy / L. Order of Grace	Miles Regni (war service)	Golden Poyntel (scribal arts)		
	Award of Arms						
	Non-Armigerous Orders	Taillefer (entertainment)	Rowan	Silver Helm (field appearance)	Royal Cypher (Crown's personal)	Rose (Crown consort)	
		Cross of Lochac (foreign service)	Mouse Guard (service, age 4-13)	Pride of Lochac (household)	Augmentation (exceptional service)	Coronaria (Principality Consort)	

Individuals and groups of Lochac, in particular the Fibre Guild, weave cords in Kingdom colours (red, white, and blue) using a variety of techniques including fingerloop braiding, lucet cord, and kumihimo cord. These are donated to the Crown for attachment to award tokens.

Award Ceremonies

Lochac's College of Heralds is responsible for maintaining the Kingdom Award Ceremonies.

It has been common for strongly-themed Royal personas to have the Kingdom Award Ceremonies re-written to reflect the culture they are portraying. Some of these ceremonies are available on Memories of Lochac:

— Norse Award Ceremonies from the Reigns of Niall II and Liadan II (AS 48-49) and Gilbert I and Bethony I (AS 50-51),
— Hellenic Award Ceremonies from the Reign of Alfar III and Angharat I (AS 49), and
— Mongol Award Ceremonies from the Reign of Kinggiyadai I and Altani I (AS 49-50).

Kingdom Awards

This section presents names, descriptions, and photos of the various Kingdom Awards of Lochac, listed in alphabetical order, not Order of Precedence (which is summarised in figure 41).

Augmentation of Arms

The Augmentation of Arms is a special and very rare honour. This award entitles the recipient to register an addition or alteration to their Arms in consultation with the awarding Crown. An Augmentation of Arms may be granted to a group or individual at the discretion of the Crown. In the case of an individual, it would normally be for exceptional and/or prolonged service to the Kingdom of Lochac. There is no official token for this award, however, sometimes a token bearing the arms of Lochac is presented to the recipient.

Figure 42: An unofficial token for Lochac's Augmentation of Arms award.

Award of Arms

The Award of Arms is given for service or other significant contribution to the well-being of the Kingdom, usually at the local level. Gentles granted an Award of Arms are entitled to be addressed as Lord or Lady.

In Lochac, recipients of this award either receive a scroll or a promissory for a scroll in the future. The scrolls are usually illuminated and calligraphed by Lochac's Guild of Scribes and may be styled in a Reign-specific or individual manner, or could be from a pre-printed template.

From July 2010, the writ system was implemented by the College of Scribes to replace the instant scroll process that was previously in place. The writs have a seal of green wax fastening them, stamped with the Great Seal of State.

There are many examples of the stunning Award of Arms scrolls completed by Lochac's College of Scribes in an online photo gallery.

Figure 43: Examples of Lochac's writs for Award of Arms recipients, sealed with green wax stamped with the Great Seal of State, photo by Cairistiona nic Bheathain.

Champion and Lord/Lady of Lochac

The title of Champion and Lady/Lord of Lochac is given to the runners up in the Crown Tournament for the duration of the reign.

If both King and Queen are unable or unwilling to complete a reign, the Champion and their consort, will reign as Regents. During their regency they may not change the laws or give out award, but will crown the next King and Queen.

The Order of the Cockatrice

This may be given to those who have distinguished by showing outstanding skill in the Arts and Sciences. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy and courtly behaviour. Elevation to this Order shall confer upon the holders a Grant of Arms, if that person is not already a holder of a Grant of Arms. All bearers of Grants of Arms are entitled to be addressed as The Honourable Lord/Lady.

Figure 44: The silver token for the Order of the Cockatrice depicts a rooster.

County

The County is granted to those persons who have successfully reigned over a kingdom, and is granted at the end of the first complete reign. The token is an embattled coronet. A County entitles recipients to be known as Count or Countess, and to be addressed as Your Excellency.

Figure 45: Example of an embattled coronet – a symbol of the County. Photo by Lochac Regalia.

Court Barony

The title of Court Baron or Baroness may be offered to those the Crown wishes to honour, generally for those whose contributions have enriched the Kingdom in unique ways. It is also traditionally given to Landed Barons and Baronesses at the conclusion of their tenure. The symbol of the award is a low coronet of 6 points.

In Lochac, this title carries with it an Award of Arms. Court Barons and Baronesses are entitled to be addressed as Your Excellency.

Figure 46: Example of a coronet with 6 low points – a symbol of the Court Barony. Photo by Lochac Regalia.

Cross of Lochac

The Order of the Cross of Lochac may be given to those who have performed service to the Kingdom, but who are not citizens of Lochac. A representation of the Southern Cross is used in association with this award, though there is no official token.

Cyphers

The Crown may award a King's, Queen's, Royal, or Lochac Cypher to those who have been thoughtful and helpful personally to the King, Queen, or Crown. The token varies and is unique to each reign. A person might receive several Cyphers from different reigns. Some examples of past cyphers include rose bushes, badges, pendants, coins, brass arm bands, and spears.

Figure 47: Pewter badge cypher from the reign of Gabriel II and Constanzia II.

Figure 48: Bone pendant cypher from the reign of Henri I and Beatrice I.

Figure 49: Coin cypher from the reign of Felix I and Eva I.

Figure 50: The members of Alfar III and Angharat I's Royal Guard were each given a spear as a cypher. Photo by Holmkel of Attica.

Duchy

The Duchy is granted to those persons who have successfully reigned over a Kingdom twice, at the conclusion of their second complete reign. The token is a coronet adorned with strawberry leaves. A Duchy entitles recipients to be known as Duke or Duchess, and to be addressed as Your Grace.

Golden Poyntel

The Golden Poyntel is Lochac's newest award, given to those who consistently produce remarkable scribal work, teach of the scribal arts, and otherwise serve the College of Scribes.

A poyntel is a multi-purpose wooden or metal scribal implement, used both to score lines for writing, and to mark under-drawings for illumination.

The token of the award is a golden medallion, made by Mistress Joie Tigre d'Argentona.

Golden Sword

In the days of the Principality, this award was known as the Silver Sword and was renamed the Golden Sword upon advancement to Kingdom. It is given for achievement in the field of heavy fighting. The token is a pendant displaying an eagle grasping a sheaf of arrows in its claws, though sometime the token awarded is simply a sword. The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous.

Figure 54: A token depicting a sword may be given to the recipient of the Golden Sword.

Golden Tear

In the days of the Principality, this award was known as the Silver Tear and was renamed to the Golden Tear upon advancement to Kingdom. It is given for substantial and unobtrusive service to the Kingdom. The token is a pendant in the form of a golden drop. The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous.

Figure 55: The tear-drop shaped pendant given to recipients of the Golden Tear.

Hector

The Order of Hector may be bestowed upon those the Crown of Lochac finds deserving of honour for excellence in equestrian activities. The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous. The registered badge for this company is: *Gules, a horse's head couped within a bordure wavy Or*.

Figure 56: A token that may be given to the recipient of the Order of the Hector.

Herald Extraordinary

Those who have been of great assistance for sustained duration to the college of Heralds may be given the status of 'Herald Extraordinary' and given a personal heraldic title - their choice of a registerable heraldic name.

Lochac Order of Grace

The Lochac Order of Grace is given once per reign to that person the Queen (or the Princess, when Lochac was a principality) regards as having displayed exceptional courtesy. The token is a purse bearing the Order's badge: *Gules, a hind courant Or between three mullets of six points argent*. The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous.

There is no set style for the pouch and, as such, recipients are often gifted a pouch bearing the Order's badge in a style relatively consistent with their persona. The initial tradition was the most recent recipient would make a pouch in their preferred style and this would be given to the next member of the order.

Figure 57: One example of a pouch that may be given to the recipient of Lochac's Order of Grace, 16th century style bag by Ceara Shionnach, photo by Rowan Perigrynne.

Miles Regni

The Miles Regni (Soldier of the Kingdom) is given to those who have supported the army of Lochac in any significant manner, including siege weapons and non-contact participants. The token is a silver sword, worn as a pendant. The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous.

Mouse Guard

The Mouse Guard is given in recognition of the contribution given to our Kingdom by children between the ages of 4 and 13 years. This award does not preclude our young people from gaining any other Lochac award that they may fittingly receive. The Mouse Guard was started by Princess Keridwen the Mouse to recognise children of the Principality as her personal guard.

Figure 58: One example of a pouch that may be given to the recipient of the Mouse Guard, photo by Rowan Perigrynne.

Nock

The Nock is given for achievement in the field of missile combat. The token is a gold nock, worn as a pendant. The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous.

Figure 59: The token for the Order of the Nock is a golden nock.

Pride of Lochac

Membership to the Company of the Pride of Lochac is given to groups, such as households, who have as a group made a noteworthy contribution to the Kingdom. The registered badge for this company is: *Quarterly azure and argent, a cross gules between four lion's faces counterchanged*.

Figure 60: A silk banner depicting the badge of the Pride of Lochac. Photo and banner by Elizabet Hunter.

Prometheus

The Order of Prometheus is given for excellence in teaching. The token is a pendant showing a flaming branch of fennel (promethean flame). The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous.

Figure 61: The token of the Order of Prometheus is a silver pendant depicting a flaming branch of fennel.

Rapier

The Order of the Rapier is given for achievement in the field of Rapier fighting. The token is a gold rapier, worn as a pendant. The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous.

Red Wyvern

The Order of the Red Wyvern may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by performing outstanding service and great prowess in the Martial Arts. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy, and courtly behaviour both on and off the field of combat. Such prowess can include skills in Armoured Combat, Archery, Rapier, the Equestrian Arts, Siege Warfare, or Leadership on the war-field. Elevation to this Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms, if that person does not already have one. All bearers of a Grant of Arms are entitled to be addressed as The Honourable Lord/Lady.

Figure 63: The token for the Red Wyvern is a silver pendant depicting a basilisk.

Rowan

The Rowan is given to those who have displayed exceptional and consistent grace and courtesy to all. The award was named in honour of one of the founding members of Lochac – Rowan Perigrynne. The Order's badge is: *A cinquefoil per pale vert and argent*.

Figure 64: The token for the Order of the Rowan is a pendant in the shape of a cinquefoil, half green and half silver.

Silver Helm

The Silver Helm (formerly the Shining Helm) is given to those combatants who consistently present a good looking and period appearance on the field.

Silver Pegasus

The Order of the Silver Pegasus may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by performing outstanding service. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy and courtly behaviour. Elevation to this Order shall confer upon the holders a Grant of Arms, if that person does not already hold one. All bearers of a Grant of Arms are entitled to be addressed as The Honourable Lord/Lady.

Figure 66: The token for the Order of the Silver Pegasus is a silver pendant depicting a winged horse.

Star and Lily

The Order of the Star and Lily (formerly known as the Golden Lily and, in the Principality, the Lily) is given for achievement in the Arts and Sciences. The token is a black/blue pendant bearing the order's badge: *Three lily blossoms in triquetra, Or*. The Order confers an Award of Arms to the bearer, if they are not already armigerous.

Figure 67: The token for the Order of the Star and Lily is a silver pendant that depicts four lilies with a blue enamelled background.

The Taillefer is given to those who, by way of performance, consistently entertain the populace of the Kingdom. The token is two conjoined silver masks of Tragedy and Comedy.

Figure 68: The token for the Taillefer is a silver pendant depicting the dual silver masks of Tragedy and Comedy.

Principality Awards

Most of the current Kingdom Awards (described and depicted above) had an analogy during the days of the Principality. Descriptions of Lochac's Principality awards can be found online.

Traditions

Knotted Sword

The Knotted Sword is presented to the fighter who is judged to have died most gallantly and spectacularly in each Crown tournament. The trophy is a plain sword with the blade tied in a knot, mounted on a wooden plaque, to which each recipient adds their name.

Figure 69: The Knotted Sword is a trophy presented to the best death in a Crown Tournament as chosen by the Crown.

Nail

The Kingdom of Lochac was gifted a hand forged, iron nail, along with the following letter:

> *The Nail.*
>
> *The references to horses, riders, kingdoms and battles in 'For want of a Nail' indicate the English origins of the rhyme. The earliest known written version of the rhyme is in John Gower's* Confesio Amantis *dated approximately 1390.*
>
> *For want of a nail – rhyme*
>
> *For want of a nail the shoe was lost.*
> *For want of a shoe the horse was lost.*
> *For want of a horse the rider was lost.*
> *For want of a rider the battle was lost.*
> *For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.*
> *And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.*
>
> *Thus, I donate my first smithed nail to the Crown of Lochac, to be handed down from one ruler to the next so that our glorious Kingdom shall not be lost 'for want of a nail'.*
>
> *Baxton du Glonn*

After each Coronation, it is tradition for the Crown who stepped down to read the poem in Court and present the nail to the Crown who was invested.

Figure 70: The nail traditionally passed from Crown to Crown in Lochac.

During the Reign of Felix Arnett von Danzig and Eva von Danzig in AS 47-48, King Felix presented Duke Sir Siridean MacLachlan with a nail that Felix himself had forged to take with Siridean as he left Lochac's shores for Drachenwald to present to their Kingdom on Lochac's behalf. King Felix also named Siridean the 'Nail of Lochac'.

Queen's Glove of Courtesy

The Queen's Glove of Courtesy is presented to the winner of the rapier tourney of the same name, held annually at the Rowany Festival.

Figure 71: The Queen's Glove of Courtesy.

Provost of Lochac

The Provost of Lochac rapier tournament is held in conjunction with most Lochac Crown Tournaments. The perpetual prize, passed from victor to victor, is a ceramic pot.

Figure 72: The prize presented to the victor of the Provost of Lochac is a ceramic jug.

Wreath of Chivalry

Wreaths of Chivalry may be offered to that combatant and their consort whose behaviour most exemplifies the high ideals of courtesy and chivalry in the Crown Tournament of Lochac. The token is a wreath of rosemary, wrapped with a white ribbon.

Figure 73: The Wreaths of Chivalry from November Crown 2014.

Wreath of Valour

Wreaths of Valour may be offered to that combatant and their consort whose behaviour most exemplifies the high ideals bravery and daring in the Crown Tournament of Lochac. The token is a wreath of rosemary, wrapped with a red ribbon.

Figure 74: The Wreaths of Valour from November Crown 2014.

Champions Wreath

The Champions Wreath may be offered to the combatant and their consort who is victorious in a Crown Tournament before they are bestowed with the Prince and Princess coronets.

The token is a wreath of rosemary, wrapped with ribbons in the Kingdom colours - red, white, and blue.

Figure 75: The Champions Wreaths from November Crown 2014.

Inter-Kingdom Associations

Though Lochac is one of the most geographically isolated Kingdoms in the Known Worlde, she has a rich history of interacting and knowledge sharing with other Kingdoms.

Formed from two great Kingdoms (the West and Caid), Lochacians have frequently visited events and groups overseas, and have attracted a range of visitors to her shores to teach and join in the fun. Accounts of such occasions are documented on the Inter-Kingdom Associations page on Memories of Lochac.

Lochac at Pennsic

The first Lochacians to visit the Pennsic War were Sir Elfinn of Mona and his squire, Gregory of Loch Swan for Pennsic 19. This was during the time when Pennsic War spanned one week instead of the current two weeks.

Lochac has boasted a steadily increasing presence at Pennsic War since then, with 70 people camping there in 2015 (AS 50). More about Lochac at Pennsic can be read online.

Pen Gwynne War

The Pen Gwynne War was the SCA's first inter-Kingdom battle of the Southern Hemisphere. It was fought between the Barony of Ynys Fawr (West Kingdom) and the Barony of Southron Gaard (Kingdom of Caid) over the ownership of Antarctica. See the chapter on the region known as Ynys Rhew/ (Antarctica) for more details of this war.

Regions

Crescent Isles

The Crescent Isles is the name given to the collective groups of Lochac situated in New Zealand, including the Baronies of Southron Gaard and Ildhafn, as well as the Shire of Darton.

Northern Reaches

The Northern Reaches is the name given to the collective groups of Lochac located in Queensland, including the Baronies of River Haven and Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière, and the Shire of Willoughby Vale.

Terra Rosa

Mainland Australia is sometimes referred to as Terra Rosa.

Ynys Rhew/Great White Southern Lands

Historically, Antarctica has been divided into two separate regions in the SCA: Ynys Rhew and the Great White Southern Lands.

Ynys Rhew means *the Ice Isle*. It is the name given to the parts of Antarctica claimed by the Barony of Ynys Fawr (Tasmania owns the Australian parts of the continent). The Great White Southern Land is the name given to the remaining parts of Antarctica, claimed by the Barony of Southron Gaard. There have been several disputes over the ownership of Ynys Rhew. However, as Lochac was the first group in the SCA to register their claim it remains a part of Lochac.

The Pen Gwynne War (5-6 December, AS27), was the first southern hemisphere war to be fought between two Kingdoms - the Kingdom of the West, represented by the Principality of Lochac, and the Kingdom of Caid, represented by the Southern Reaches (the informal name used to cover the various groups and incipient groups within New Zealand). The ostensible reason for the war was the alleged mistreatment of the peaceful fish-eating inhabitants of the Great White Southern Land -- and claims of sovereignty -- on the part of the Principality.

War had been fomented in a very good-humoured way between Baron Thomas Buttesthorn, representing the legendary Uther Pen Gwynne, and Robare the Rhos, in a series of letters addressed to Their Highnesses Gerald and Alisaundre of Lochac and their Puissant Majesties Timothy and Trista of Caid. Their Majesties provided a Queen's Guard, Lord Duncan, to assist the Southern Reaches, who took all six battle honours.

In later years, when Their Excellencies of Southron Gaard were commanded by King Stephen to find a pretext to make war on a Continental barony (to announce their entrance to the Kingdom, as it were), the question of ownership of the Great White Southern Land arose again. This time the Festival war was based on the claims by the Baron of Ynys Fawr to hold the lands; he lost. The founding Baron of Ynys Fawr, who had actually been involved in early BOD-level claims to the land, was ceded to Southron Gaard as a citizen of the victorious Barony.

Southron Gaard was founded by individuals associated with Operation DeepFreeze, the US Antarctic program; the group was centred in the city which services Antarctic operations for a number of countries, including New Zealand, the US and Italy. Hence the country's Antarctic claims were considered to be included within the group's territories. Ynys Fawr made their claims to Ynys Rhew based on shared postal codes. Members of both groups -- and people from many other groups around the Known World -- have had people visit south, but as far as is known, Southron Gaard is the only Barony to have had a territorial Baron and Baroness both make inspection visits. A [monograph outlining the details of the first Pen Gwynne War](#) is available on Mistress Katherine Kerr of the Hermitage's website.

There have been many attempted invasions of Antarctica from Kingdoms such as Atlantia, Caid, and West Kingdom; more details and photos of some of these inter-Kingdom disputes can be read on the [Memories of Lochac: Antarctic Wars](#).

Events

Lochac hosts a diverse assortment of recurring and once-off [events](#) throughout her lands, with many of these described online. Five of the larger signature events across different regions of Lochac are summarised below.

Rowany Festival

[Rowany Festival](#) is the largest event in the Kingdom. [The first festival](#) was stewarded by Artos Barefoot in the car park of Fairholme Park in Wilton (a little south of Sydney, New South Wales) in April 1982. The event attracts around 1,000 attendees from all across Lochac and it is common for international visitors to attend.

Historically, the event ran for 5 days from the Thursday evening prior to Easter Friday until the evening of Easter Monday. However, from AS 48 (2014) the event was extended to a full 6 days.

Over the years, a saying became popular in reference to Rowany Festival. No matter what time of year, it is said often said that *Festival is only two weeks away!* This is a reference to the idea that events, particularly big events have a tendency to sneak up on people and that the wise would be preparing as though the event were only a fortnight away.

In the style and spirit of pilgrim's badges, each Rowany Festival provides metal event tokens that record the year of the event. The motifs on the tokens vary from year to year in period and shape. Many people collect these tokens. Also at each Festival, a unique t-shirt (most have been designed by Mistress Eloise Darnell) are available for sale, which have become collectibles for many Lochacians. Photos of various [Festival event tokens](#) and [t-shirt designs](#) are available online.

Canterbury Faire

Held since 1993, Canterbury Faire (colloquially referred to as 'CF' by locals and 'Canty Faire' by Australians) is the largest event in the Crescent Isles, and is hosted by the Barony of Southron Gaard every year in January. The event officially runs for 6 days with Opening Court occurring on the Monday and Closing Court on the following Saturday. There are 2 days allowed for setup and one day for pack down.

The event attracts approximately 250 attendees, including regular visitors from all across Lochac. Sometimes international visitors (e.g. Crowns of Caid). The official Canterbury Faire website is hosted by the Barony of Southron Gaard's website and is updated each year.

The notable mini-events that occur each year at Canterbury Faire include:

— The Gypsy Market and two other full Markets throughout the event.
— Half Circle Theatre, a night of performance pieces (e.g. singing, poetry, puppet plays, etc), and which also inspired the creation of the Boars Head Theatre at Rowany Festival.
— The Friday Night Ball, where people put on their finest garb and dance to live music. There is a finger-food supper provided at this ball on top of dinner for the meal plan people.
— Saturday Night Wrestling, where there is a children's division and an adults division. Anyone can enter.

Great Northern War

Great Northern War (GNW) began in Lochac in AS34 (1999), and is the premier event of the Northern Reaches. The Baronies of River Haven and Saint-Florian-de-la-riviere alternate stewardship of the event each year. The event is held annually over the Queen's Birthday long weekend (second weekend in June). Over the years this event has evolved into one of the premier events in the Kingdom, attracting 250+ attendees from many Baronies across Lochac.

The ring of fire, which surrounds the heavy combat list field at the centre of the venue, is one of the highlights of the event. The Flame Tourney is usually held on the Friday night at sun down, and consists of eight grand melees. The victor from each grand melee gains entry into a single kill, single elimination semi-final.

A fighter auction is usually held on the Sunday night of the event, with a fighter auction tournament (FAT) being held on the Monday. In recent years, the FAT has been renamed the Powerful Owl Tournament with the victor being crowned the Powerful Owl for a year. This name is an homage to the most recent site of the event, BP Park in Samson Valley, which has a sign near the entrance welcoming visitors to the home of the Powerful Owl. In the past, funds raised from this auction have been used to improve the event – for example, some funds from GNW X (2008) were used to add 60% more fire to the ring of fire in GNW XI (2009).

Flaming trebuchets are another drawcard of this event.

Pencampwr

Pencampwr is the largest event held in the Western Shores of Lochac and hosted by the Shire of Abertridwr over the Foundation Day long weekend (first weekend in June) each year. It is a four day camping event with fighting, feasting, archery, wars, rapier, arts and sciences, and a tavern night with a variety of games and entertainment. The event began in 2005, with a range of approximately 90 to 200 attendees per year. The Shire Champions for heavy combat, rapier, archery, and arts and sciences are chosen at this event.

Great Southern Gathering

Great Southern Gathering (GSG) is one of the signature events of the Southern Marches of Lochac, hosted in rotation between Innilgard, Kraé Glas, and Ynys Fawr. It has been held annually in the first weekend of October since 2009 and attracts up to around 100 participants. GSG's focus is primarily on classes and learning new skills from individuals who have travelled from outside of their home groups, to share their knowledge. To that end, it encompasses primarily arts and sciences, armoured combat and fencing classes.

GSG has two halves to the event: up until the Saturday night feast, the wearing of garb is optional, but from the feast onwards it is a more typical costumed event. This was done primarily for two reasons: luggage weight restrictions for attendees flying in, and the observation that "the absence of period garb removed certain artificial barriers between attendees, allowing for greater social interaction between new and long term players. This provided an improved learning environment and also allowed participants to dress appropriately for the activities

The Groups of Lochac

This section provides an overview of the history, traditions, awards, and regalia of the groups of Lochac.

Baronies

The Kingdom currently has twelve Baronies – ten in Australia and two in New Zealand – presented below in Order of Precedence. As at January 2016 (AS 50), the Baronies of Lochac have been overseen, on behalf of the Regents (see Royalty), by 75 tenures by 68 Barons, 70 Baronesses, and 5 Vicars. The average length of Baronial tenures in Lochac is approximately 4 years. Territorial Barons and Baroness of Lochac (i.e. Landed Gentry) wear a 6 pointed coronet, often incorporating elements of the Baronial devices. Images of the various Landed Gentry of Lochac can be viewed online.

In terms of membership, Lochac currently has three distinctive sizes of Barony. The first is the 'Super Barony', defined as having between 150 and 250 members. There are four Super Baronies in Lochac: Rowany, River Haven, Stormhold and Politarchopolis. The second is the 'Large Barony', defined as having between 100-150 members. Lochac has three Large Baronies: Aneala, Innilgard, and Saint-Florian-de-la-Rivière. The third is referred to as the 'Standard Barony' and is defined by having 50-100 members. There are five Baronies in Lochac that fit in this category: Southron Gaard, Ynys Fawr, Mordenvale, Kraé Glas, and Ildhafn. See membership and authorisation levels for more detailed information.

Rowany
Baronial Motto: *One true Barony*

The group has a variety of communication mediums, including their website, email list, the Baronial newsletter *Foali Roani*, and a Facebook group.

The Barony of Rowany was created by the founding members of the SCA in Australian. Originally named the Barony of Outrémer, Rowany is based in Sydney, Australia and includes three subgroups: the Cantons of Stowe-on-the-Wowld and Okewaite, and the College of St Ursula. Locals are referred to as Rowanites.

When registration of the original name was rejected for registration, a referendum was held to choose a new name, with ten suggestions put forward:

- Rowan Hills,
- Rowany,
- Mont D'Azure ('blue mountain'),
- Rowansfield/Rowanfield,
- Rowanland,
- Futha Theor,
- Perigrynne,
- Lochac,
- Rowanham, and
- Rowansford

Most names referenced the founder, Rowan Perigrynne, and the iconic Blue Mountains. The two concepts worked well together because the Rowan is also a mountain ash tree, and the vote for the name Rowany was carried unanimously. The name took effect from June 1982.
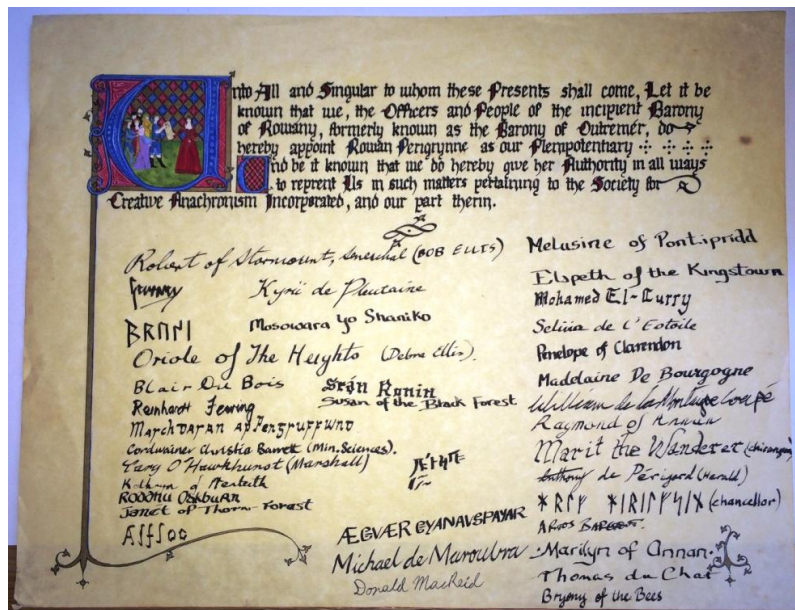
Mistress Rowan Perigrynne was the first Baroness of Rowany. She originally wore a circlet she made herself to denote her title, however, whilst in America *Kingdom Shopping* she was gifted a new coronet. Rowany is the only Barony in Lochac that does not own its own coronets. Instead, each Baron and Baroness sources their own before their investiture.

Figure 77: Mistress Rowan's circlet – the first coronet of the Barony of Rowany.

Figure 78: The coronet gifted to Mistress Rowan by American SCAdians – the second coronet of the Barony of Rowany.

Since 1981 and May 2016, Rowany has had eight reigning Baronesses, seven reigning Barons, and one Vicar (when Baroness Rowan was Princess of Lochac) – see Landed Gentry. The average Rowany Baronial tenure lasts 4 years.

The baronial device for Rowany, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per chevron dovetailed argent and vert, two rowan trees fructed and eradicated proper and a laurel wreath argent.
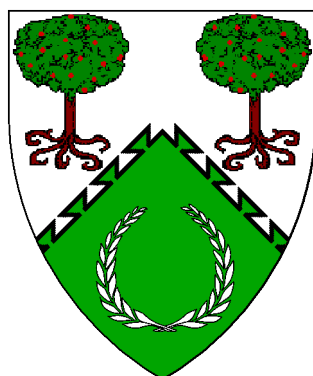
Rowany's signature events include:

- *Rowany Festival* - the largest event of the year in the Kingdom of Lochac. It is held over the Easter Long Weekend and currently runs for a week.
- *Rowany Yule* – a large event held each year in December that has drawn attendance from all over Lochac. Usually a royal event, it is a preferred event for peerage ceremonies.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Rowany page.

Canton of Stowe-on-the-Wowld

Stowe-on-the-Wowld, colloquially referred to as Stowe, is based in Western Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Locals are referred to as Stowegians.

Stowe has various communication mediums, including their website, yahoo group, the Canton newsletter *Writing on the Wowld*, and a Facebook group.

The Canton device, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per fess embattled vert and sable, a demi-sun issuant from the line of division and a laurel wreath argent.

Canton of Okewaite

Okewaite is a Canton of the Barony of Rowany encompasses the Southern Highlands from Mittagong to Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia. Locals are referred to as Okewaitians. The name is derived from placenames in Nottinghamshire.

Okewaite was established on 18 October 2009 by Alys Dietsch and Cristoval Gitano (also founding members of both the Barony of Politarchopolis and the Canton of Torlyon), and their first official event was St Crispin's Day, held on 24 October 2014.

Okewaite has various communication mediums, including their website, email list, and a facebook group.

The mascot of the Canton is the camelopard (i.e. the giraffe), and the Canton device, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per saltire purpure and argent, in cross three acorns and a laurel wreath counterchanged.

Figure 81: Arms of Okewaite.
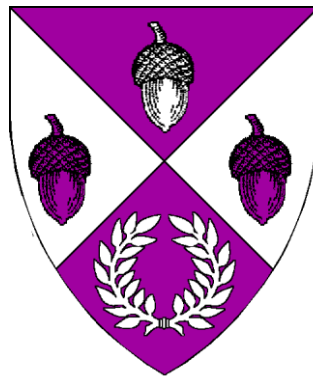
College of St Ursula
College Motto: *Sola Vera Schola* (One True School)

The College of St Ursula is based at the University of Sydney in New South Wales, Australia. Local Collegians are referred to as Ursulans. The College was established in August 1986 (AS 21), becoming the third College of Lochac, with Istvan Pannnonius as the first Seneschal. The College war cry is Ursula Invictus – a call for Ursulan victory. Due to a mistake by a herald who accidentally read 11,000 instead of 11 Martyrs and Virgins whilst referring to the College in court, the College is now often referred to as 'the College of St Ursula and Her Eleven Thousand Virgins and Martyrs'.

St Ursula has various communication mediums, including their website, email list, and a facebook group.

The College has two mascots, a bear (reflecting the charges on their College arms), and the One True Carrot. The latter is derived from a series of events that occurred at a Rowany Festival many years ago, best told by Master Padraig Lowther - *One True Carrot*.

The College device for St Ursula, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Argent, two she-bears combattant gules, maintaining between them two arrows inverted in saltire, in base an open book tergiant sable within a laurel wreath proper.
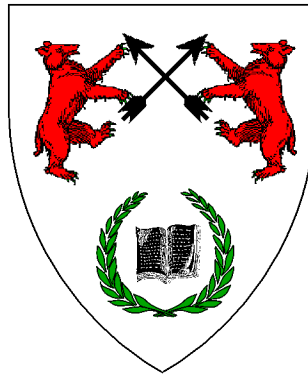
St Ursula's signature event is the *Martyr Auction: To raise funds for the College, Ursulan's auction themselves as martyrs at* Rowany Festival. The martyr is required to complete 2 hours of work for the winning bidder.

Innilgard

Baronial Mottos: *Iggilnard, Hic!* and, in more recent years, *Noli Minimis Dolere* (don't fret the small stuff)

Innilgard is Lochac's second Barony and is based in Adelaide, South Australia. It includes land in the Northern Territory, Australia. The College of Blessed Herman the Cripple is situated in Innilgard. The Shire of Innilgard was formed in January 1983 (AS 17) with Bryony of the Bees as the first Seneschal. On 21 June 1986 (AS 21), after petitioning the Crown of the West, the group was granted Baronial status.

Figure 83: The scroll petitioning for the Shire of Innilgard to become a Barony. Photo by Ingerith Ryzka, January 2016.
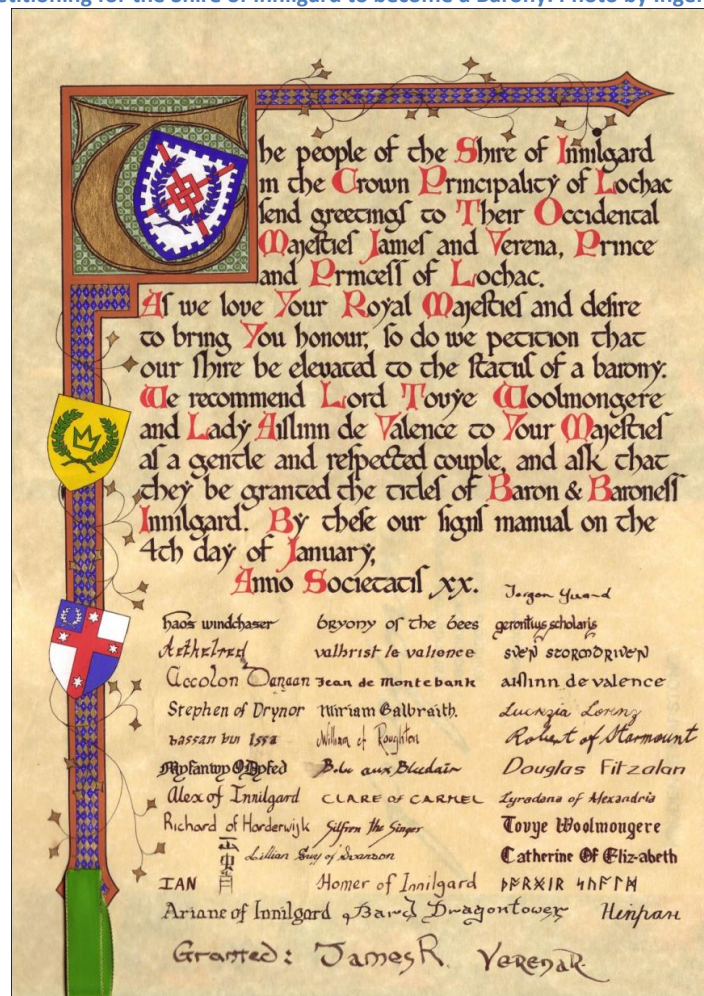
Other groups that have been a part of the Barony include: the College of St Christina the Astonishing at Flinders University (1989-1996 and 1999-2003) whose newsletters included *The Might Oak* and *The Sinking Ship; and* a canton variously called Armandie and Foxwood canton to the north of Adelaide (1996-1999), which produced the newsletters *Armandie Annals* and *Fox Tales*.

The Barony of Innilgard has various communication mediums, including their [website,](#) [facebook group,](#) and the A&S newsletter known as *Cornerstone*. The Baronial newsletter, when in production, is known as the *Innilgard Irregular*.

Innilgard has had six reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1986 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – the first being Tovye Woolmongere and Aislinn de Valence (the longest reigning Baron and Baroness in Lochac). The average Baronial tenure in Innilgard is 5 years.

The device for Innilgard, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Argent, a fret gules, surmounted by a laurel wreath, all within a bordure embattled azure.

Figure 84: Arms of Innilgard.
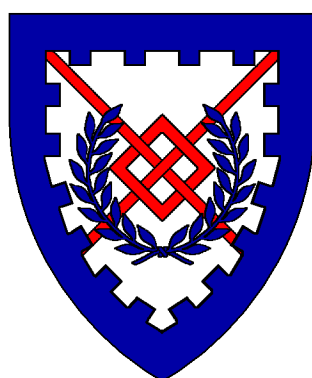
Innilgard's signature events include:

── [*La Prova Dura*](#) – a Heavy Combatants 'proof of endurance' weekend event run every two years. It is one of the largest and one of the most prestigious heavy combat tournaments in Lochac.
── [*Great Southern Gathering*](#) – a weekend event alternately shared by a trio of Southern Baronies of Lochac (including Innilgard, Ynys Fawr, and Kraé Glas). This event usually focuses on Arts and Sciences and Rapier activities.

More information, links, and photos are available on the [Memories of Lochac: Innilgard page](#).

College of Blessed Herman the Cripple

The College of Blessed Herman the Cripple (Adelaide University). Local Collegians are referred to as Hermanites, and the College name is often shortened to simply Blessed Herman. It was established in April 1986 (AS 20) and was the first College of Lochac; Tako Ich'Yama was the first Seneschal.

Blessed Herman has various communication mediums, including their [website](#), [email list](#), and a [facebook group](#).
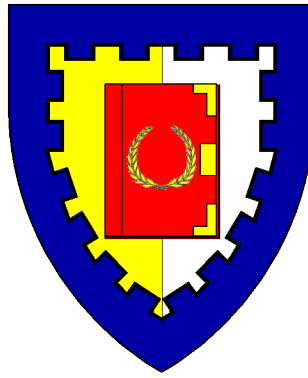
The supporters of the College arms are Ausca the Ram and Fred the Fire-breathing Goat of Doom. Consequently, Rams and Goats are often used as College Mascots. The College device, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per pale Or and argent, a closed book palewise, spine to dexter, gules, clasped and charged with a laurel wreath Or, all within a bordure embattled azure.

Blessed Herman's signature event is an annual event celebrating of the colleges Patron Saint. This event is best summarised by Blodeuwedd y Gath - *Feast of Blessed Herman the Cripple.*

River Haven

River Haven is Lochac's third Barony, and is based in North Brisbane. Originally formed on the group was elevated to Baronial status on 16 August 1986. It presently has one subgroup: the Canton of Stegby. Along with Barony of Saint-Florian-de-la-Rivière and the Shire of Willoughby Vale (all originally part of the Barony), River Haven is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Northern Reaches.

The Barony of River Haven has various communication mediums, including their website, the Baronial newsletter *River Haven Rag* a facebook group, a yahoo group, and a Flickr group.

There have been seven reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1986 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry – the founding couple being Everard de Brieuse and Johanna Wendover. The average Baronial tenure in River Haven lasts 4.5 years.

The baronial device for River Haven, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Barry wavy argent and azure, a seahorse erect to sinister within a laurel wreath Or.

Figure 86: Arms of River Haven.

River Haven's signature event is *Great Northern War* – a large event that includes the Flame Tournament for heavy combatants, war, archery, fencing, arts and sciences and feasts over the Queens' Birthday weekend in June of each year. This event is alternately hosted by the Baronies of River Haven and Saint-Florian-de-la-Rivière.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: River Haven page.

<u>Canton of Stegby</u>

Stegby is based in Warwick and Toowoomba and was established in 2009. Gabriella Borromei was the first Seneschal.

Stegby has various communication mediums, including their website, the Canton newsletter *Stegby Scrolls*, and a facebook page.

The Canton's device, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Sable, a cross formy fitchy within a laurel wreath and on a chief Or three mullets of six points sable.

Figure 87: Arms of Stegby.

Stegby's signature event is *The Feast of Friendship*.

Stormhold

Stormhold is Lochac's fourth Barony and is based in central, northern and western Melbourne. It also oversees one subgroup: the College of St Bartholomew.

The Incipient Shire, then known as Stormgard, was first established in April 1983 (AS 17) with Sean the Wayfarer as the first Seneschal. Stormhold became a full Shire on 7 April 1984 and, on 2 July 1987, was elevated to Baronial status. However, the investiture of the first Baron and Baroness (Styvyn Longshanks and Rhyllian of Starfire Retreat) was delayed until 1 September 1988.

According to Domhnall na Moicheirghe, the name Stormhold "refers to the extremely variable weather that Melbourne is renowned for." The heraldry was similarly influenced by Melbourne's fickle weather, which can sometimes seem like four seasons in a single day.

The Barony of Stormhold has various communication mediums, including their website, the Baronial newsletter *Stormscroll*, a facebook group, and an email list.

Stormhold has seen nine reigning Barons, ten reigning Baronesses, and three Vicars between 1988 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry. The various tenures of the Barons, Baronesses and Vicars of Stormhold have been described by Lady Elizabet Hunter in a piece called *A Story of Stormhold*.

The baronial device for Stormhold, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Azure goutty d'eau, a drakkar affronty Or, the sail charged with a laurel wreath gules.
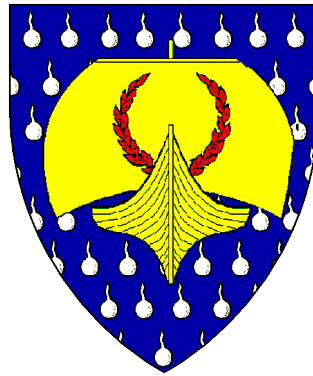
Stormhold's signature event is the *William Marshall Memorial Tournament and Feast,* held on the first Saturday in December each year. There is usually a chivalric weapons tournament, a ransom melee, and an elaborate feast with a 12th century theme.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Stormhold page.

College of St Bartholomew

St Bartholomew is based at Melbourne University, Victoria, Australia. The College was established in May 1986 (AS 21) and was Lochac's second College. Kattrin die Wiessbegierige Reisender von Tuebingen was the first Seneschal. The College name is often shortened to St Bart's.

The College has various communication mediums, including their website, email list, the College newsletters *The Beawperel Shryffe and The Beehive*, and a facebook group.

The device for the College, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per saltire sable and azure, a laurel wreath between four open books in cross argent, each book charged with a bee tergiant sable, marked Or.

Figure 89: Arms of St Bartholomew.
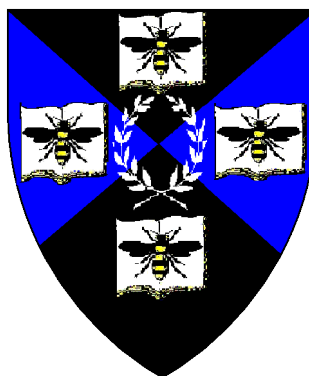
Aneala

Lochac's fifth Barony, Aneala is based in Perth, Western Australia. This Barony has three subgroups: the Canton of Dragon's Bay, the incipient Canton of Vallon d'Or, and the College of Saint Basil the Great.

Aneala was a part of the group that became Lochac when the group went Kingdom shopping in America in 1982. At Twelfth Night AS 17 (1983), Aneala was proclaimed a Shire (referred to as Aneala Scir) after successfully petitioning the Baroness of Rowany with the proposed officers and signatures of the populace. However, in AS 21 (1987) Aneala became a Marche Barony of the Kingdom of the West whilst the rest of Australia became the Principality of Lochac. Aneala re-joined the Lochac on 1 May 1989, as declared at the West Kingdom's Beltane Coronation event (29-30 April, 1989).

Figure 90: The petition signed by the populace of Aneala endorsing the Kingdom shopping expedition.
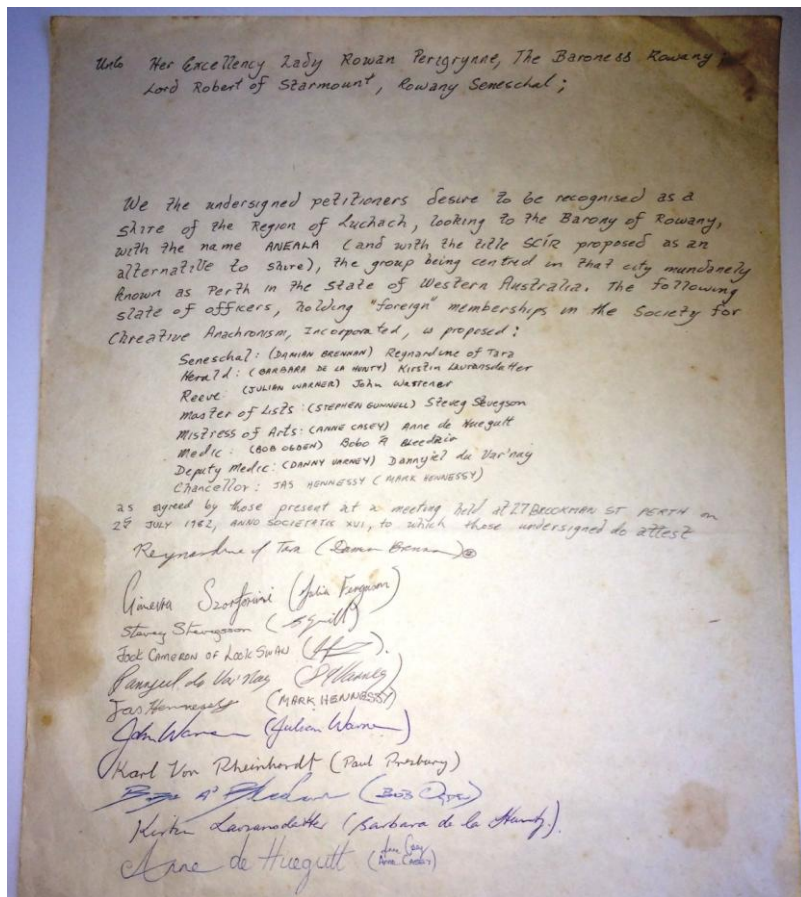
The Barony of Aneala has various communication mediums, including their website, the Baronial newsletter The *Vine*, an email list, and a facebook group.

Aneala has had nine reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1987 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry – the first being Steveg Stevegsson and Rhianwen ni Dhiarmada. Aneala remains the only Barony in Lochac to have had restricted lengths on Baronial tenures; the first three Barons and Baronesses were limited to 2 year tenures until the restriction was lifted under the tenure of Hector MacDougall and Crisiant Dreigben. The average Baronial tenure in Aneala lasts around 3 years.

The Baronial device for Aneala, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

> *Azure, issuant from chief a demi-sun Or, on a chief argent a laurel wreath vert between two swans heads and necks erased respectant sable.*

Figure 92: Arms of Aneala.
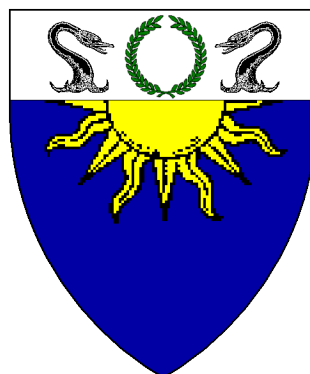
The demi-sun on a blue background is representative of the fact that the sun sets over the ocean in Western Australia (as opposed to over land like it does on the East Coast). The black swan was chosen because it is the official state bird emblem for Western Australia.

A tradition unique to Aneala, and reflective of their heritage, is that when a person is called into Court they are always accompanied by either their consort or by an escort.

Aneala's signature events include:

— *Twelfth Night* – As the group is so far away from most other groups in Lochac, Aneala was granted special dispensation to celebrate Twelfth Night (in conflict with the Kingdom Twelfth Night Coronation event).
— *Bal d'Aneala* – a dancing event held annually in Aneala, with entrants encouraged to wear the colours or the Barony (blue, white, and yellow).

More information, links, and photos are available on the [Memories of Lochac: Aneala page](#).

Canton of Dragon's Bay

Dragon's Bay based in the Rockingham Region. The Canton was initially established as a Shire from 26 March 2011, however, on 1 November 2013 the group transitioned to a Canton of Aneala.

Dragon's Bay has various communication mediums, including their [website](#), the Canton newsletter *[Norek's Taels](#)*, and a [facebook page](#).

The Canton device for Dragon's Bay, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Argent, a sword within a laurel wreath and a point pointed vert.

Figure 93: Arms of Dragon's Bay.
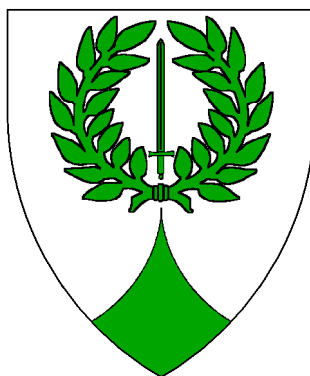
Incipient Canton of Vallon d'Or

Vallon d'Or is based in the Balingup, Green Bushes and Bridgetown in Western Australia. The group was initially established in 18 January 2011, and was originally called Dark Wood Valley.

The Canton has various communication mediums, including their [website](#), and a [facebook page](#).

Vallon d'Or does not currently have any arms registered.

College of Saint Basil the Great

College Motto: *Boom boom!*

Saint Basil the Great is based at the University of Western Australia. The College mascot is a fox, which is a play on the patron saint's name linking to the television personality Basil Brush (also the inspiration for their College motto).

The College has various communication mediums, including their website, an email list, and a facebook page.

The College does not currently have any arms registered, however, their unregistered arms are sable and argent with two sable castles.

Figure 94: Unregistered arms of the College of Saint Basil the Great. Image from the College's website.

Ynys Fawr

Baronial Motto: *Long may she float.*

Based in Tasmania, Australia, Ynys Fawr is Lochac's sixth Barony. It also includes the Australian regions of Antarctica known as Ynys Rhew (*the Ice Isle*). This Barony also oversees two subgroups: the Canton of Lightwood and the College of Saint Gildas the Wise.

Ynys Fawr initially formed under the name Ultima Australis in August 1988 (AS 23) with Hrölf Herjölfssen as the first Seneschal. The group was established as a Shire on 22 July 1989 and was elevated to Baronial status on 10 July 1993.

The name Ynys Fawr means 'the great isle', which is an apt name for the island state of Tasmania.

When Lochac first became a Kingdom, Baron Ynys Fawr (Hrölf Herjölfssen) was proclaimed Strategos tous notious okeanous (Admiral of the Southern Oceans) for defending the claims over Ynys Rhew/The Great White Southern Lands against the Kingdom of Trimaris. See the chapter on the Pen Gwynne War for more history on Antarctica and Ynys Fawr.

The Barony of Ynys Fawr has various communication mediums, including their website, the Baronial newsletter *Islander*, and a facebook group.

Ynys Fawr has had six reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1993 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry – the first (and sixth) being Hrölf Herjölfssen and Madelaine de Bourgogne. The average Baronial tenure for Ynys Fawr lasts around 4 years.

The baronial device for Ynys Fawr, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

> *Azure, on a fess between three laurel wreaths Or, a lymphad azure.*
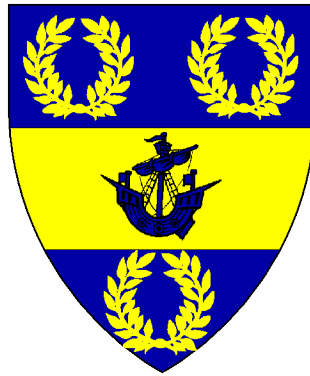
Ynys Fawr's signature events include *Great Southern Gathering* – a weekend event alternately shared by a trio of Southern Baronies of Lochac (including Innilgard, Ynys Fawr, and Kraé Glas). This event usually focuses on Arts and Sciences and Rapier activities. In the past, the Brass Monkey War was a big event for this group.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Ynys Fawr page.

<u>Canton of Lightwood</u>

Lightwood is a Canton of the Barony of Ynys Fawr, based in Huon Valley, Tasmania, Australia. The group was formed by Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen and Lady Adelindis filia Gotefridi in 2009 after they moved from the Barony of Politarchopolis.

The Canton has various communication mediums, including their website, email list, and a facebook group.

The Canton's name is a link to the region's previous name, which changed from Lightwood to Geeveston in the 19th century. It was also documented as a place name in the 15th-16th centuries.

The device for Lightwood, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Quarterly gules and argent, an apple tree Or fructed gules within a laurel wreath counterchanged.

Figure 96: Arms of Lightwood.
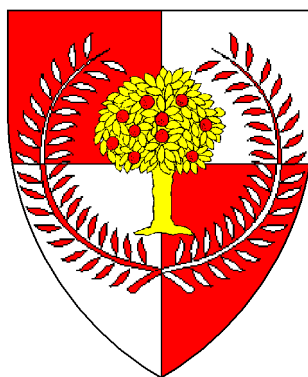
This device was designed by Mistress Madelaine de Bourgogne in consultation with the Canton populace. The apple tree was chosen to represent the outsiders' view of the area and the azure colour of the tree is in reference to the lighter, golden wood of the Huon Pine that is found throughout the area.
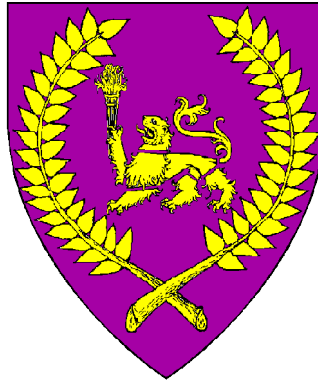
Saint Gildas, based at the University of Tasmania, was founded in March 1990 (AS 24) with Leif Gregson as the first Seneschal.

The device for Saint Gildas, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Purpure, a lion passant dismembered, maintaining a torch, within a laurel wreath Or.

Figure 97: Arms of Saint Gildas.

Politarchopolis

Baronial Motto: *Eat, eat, you're all too thin!*

Politarchopolis is Lochac's seventh Barony, and is based in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia. This Barony oversees three subgroups: the Canton of Torlyon, and the Colleges of St Aldhelm and St Andronicus.

The group was initially formed as a Shire in January 1984 (AS 18) under the name Politikopolis with Agvar Guyvanaspar as the first Seneschal. Despite being a large group for a long time, Politarchopolis resisted becoming a Barony for several years as they wanted to become a Chartered Town instead. The Shire was eventually elevated to Baronial status on 1 July 1995.

The name of this Barony reflects the fact that Canberra is the capital city of Australia, and the home of Australia's Parliament House. The device has two elements distinctive of the region – the griffin (Walter Burley Griffin was the architect who designed Canberra) and the red stripe represents the red tape of the public service.

The Barony has various communication mediums, including their website, an email list, the Baronial newsletter *Griffintayle*, and a facebook group.

Politarchopolis has had six reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1995 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry – with the first being Stephen Aldred and Mathilde Adycote of Mynheniot. The average Politarchopolis Baronial tenure lasts around 4 years.

The baronial device for Politarchopolis, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Argent, on a pale gules a griffin segreant argent, overall a laurel wreath counterchanged.

Politarchopolis' signature events include:

⸺ *St Vitus Dance and Music Weekend* – a weekend long event held each year comprising of music (instruments, composition, singing, etc) and dance lessons in mundane clothes in the day with a garbed feast on the Saturday night.

⸺ *Politarchopolis' Fields of Gold* – an event held over a weekend around the end of November or start of December that hosts activities for equestrian, heavy combat, rapier, archery and the arts and sciences. The event is typically fully catered and includes an opulent feast on the Saturday night.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Politarchopolis page.

Canton of Torlyon

Torlyon is based in Yass, New South Wales, Australia. The group was a Shire until 20 June 2015 (AS 50), when they successfully petitioned the Crown to become a Canton of Politarchopolis. The Canton has various communication mediums, including their website (which is currently undergoing maintenance), and a facebook page.

The device for Torlyon, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per chevron argent and azure, two laurel wreathes and a cross floretty counterchanged.

Figure 99: Arms of Torlyon.
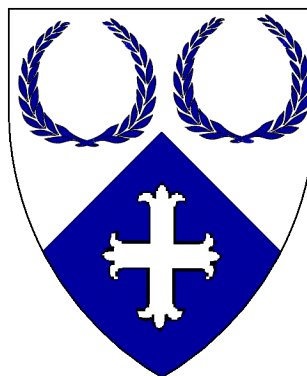
College of St Aldhelm

St Aldhelm is based at the Australian National University in the Australian Capital Territory. The College was founded in September 1987 (AS 22) under the name St Cassian with Michael Dunn as the first Seneschal. The Collegians are referred to as Aldhelmites.

The College has various communication mediums, including their website, an email list, and a facebook group. When in production, the College's newsletter is called *The Riddle*, named so because St Aldhelm wrote a collection of riddles in his lifetime.

The device for St Aldhelm, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per fess azure and Or, in bend sinister a tower within a laurel wreath argent and three fountains in bend.

Figure 100: Arms of St Aldhelm.
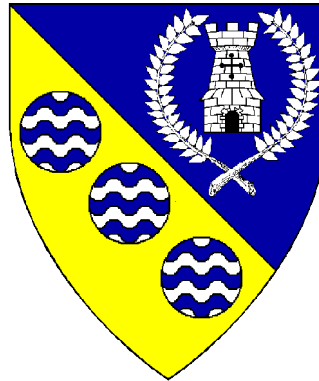
St Aldhelm's signature event is the Tower *and Tavern Feast.* Named after the tower charge in the College device, this is an annual event that usually includes a rapier tournament and feast, although a heavy tournament may also be run. Sometimes the format of the rapier tournament is inspired by tavern brawling.

College of St Andronicus

St Andronicus is based at the University of Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory. The petition for the formation of the Incipient College of St Andronicus was signed on 21 March 2012 with Paidin MacLorkan as the first Seneschal. The College was officially established on 21 April 2014 after an announcement in Court that they were no longer classified as Incipient.

The Collegians of St Andronicus are referred to as Andronicans and their mascot is the grapefruit.

The College has various communication mediums, including their website, an email list, and a facebook page.

The device for St Andronicus, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Gules, two lions combattant sustaining between them a sword inverted, in base a laurel wreath Or.

Figure 101: Arms of St Andronicus.
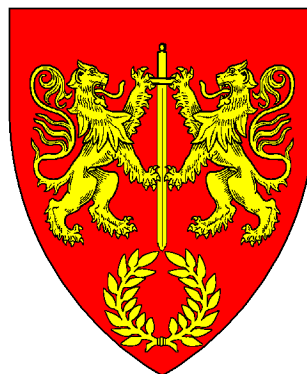
St Andronicus' signature event is *The Feast of St Andronicus*.

Saint-Florian-de-la-Rivière

Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière is Lochac's eighth Barony, and is based in South Brisbane, Queensland. Along with the Barony of River Haven and the Shire of Willoughby Vale, Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Northern Reaches.

The Barony of Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière, colloquially referred to as Saint Florian or St Floz, has various communication mediums, including their website, various email lists, and a facebook group.

The group was initially a Canton of the Barony of River Haven, however, after a visit from King Fabian of the West Kingdom, it was agreed that Saint Florian would benefit from her own independence and become a Shire. On 28 July 2001, Saint Florian was elevated to Baronial status.

The Barony of Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière has had four reigning Barons and Baronesses between 2001 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry –the first being Gabriel de Beaumont and Constanzia Moralez y de Zamora. The average Saint Florian Baronial tenure lasts around 4 years.

The device for Saint Florian, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Argent, a cross bottony within a laurel wreath purpure.

Figure 102: Arms of Saint Florian.

Saint Florian's signature events include:

⸺ *Knights of the North Pas d'Armes* - a heraldic heavy tournament held annually.
⸺ *Battle for Bottony Cross* - a heavy team melee tournament held annually.
⸺ *Great Northern War* – a large event that includes the Flame Tournament for heavy combatants, war, archery, fencing, arts and sciences and feasts over the June long weekend each year. This event is alternately hosted by River Haven and Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Saint Florian's page.

Southron Gaard

Baronial Motto: *Long may she stand.*

Southron Gaard was initially established in 1981 by some visitors from the Kingdom of Atlantia, with the first event being held in 1982. In 1983 it became a Shire in the Kingdom of Caid and was elevated to baronial status in 1996. In 2003, after polling the populace, the Barony decided to become part of the newly formed Kingdom of Lochac.

Southron Gaard is Lochac's ninth Barony and is based in Christchurch on New Zealand's South Island. Along with the Barony of Ildhafn and the Shire of Darton, Southron Gaard is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Crescent Isles.

The Barony of Southron Gaard has various communication mediums, including their website, the Baronial newsletter *From the Tower*, and various email lists.

The Barony of Southron Gaard has had five reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1996 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry –the first being Sigurd Hardrada and Eleanora van den Bogaerde. The average Southron Gaard Baronial tenure lasts around 4 years.

The device for Southron Gaard, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Gules, a tower Or within a laurel wreath, in chief three mullets argent, all within a bordure embattled Or, as an augmentation on a canton azure, four crescents conjoined in saltire horns outward argent.

Figure 103: Arms of Southron Gaard.
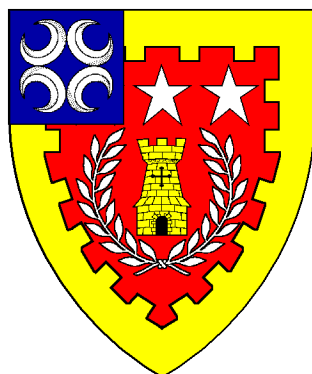
In AS38, the Kingdom of Caid granted Southron Gaard an augmentation of arms in recognition of their long ties with said Kingdom. In AS42, the College of Heralds approved the newly augmented arms (as above).

Southron Gaard's signature events include:

⸺ *Canterbury Faire* -Southron Gaard's best-known event, which is a 5-6 day camp held around February 6th each year. When compared with Australian events, locals describe Canterbury Faire with the following motto: "no mudde, no duste, no venymous fauna, WARMER!"
⸺ *Baronial Anniversary* – Each March, Southron Gaard runs an event to celebrate her anniversary.
⸺ *Yule* – Traditionally run as a feast around Midwinter.
⸺ *Golden Flight* – an archery event run each November.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Southron Gaard page.

Ildhafn

Ildhafn is Lochac's tenth Barony and is based in Auckland on New Zealand's North Island. Ildhafn was initially formed in 1994 and was made a Shire of the Kingdom of Caid in September 1996. The group joined the Kingdom of Lochac on 21 June 2003 and was elevated to Baronial status. Along with the Barony of Southron Gaard and the Shire of Darton, Ildhafn is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Crescent Isles.

This Barony also oversees one subgroup: the Canton of Cluain.

The Barony of Ildhafn has various communication mediums, including their website, various email lists and a facebook group.

The Barony of Ildhafn has had four reigning Barons and Baronesses between 2003 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry – with the first being Asbjørn Pedersen Marsvin and Marienna Jensdatter. The average Ildhafn Baronial tenure lasts around 2.5 years.

The device for Ildhafn, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per pale azure and argent, chapé ployé, two lymphads and a laurel wreath counterchanged.

Figure 104: Arms of Ildhafn.
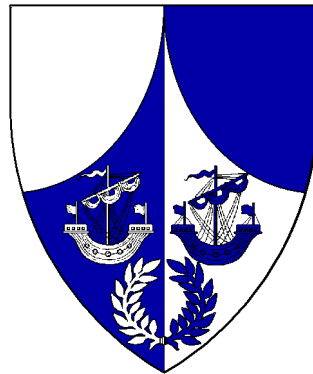
In AS 38, the Kingdom of Caid granted Ildhafn an Augmentation of Arms in recognition of their long ties with said Kingdom, however, the arms have not yet been revised and registered to include it.

Ildhafn's signature events include:

- *St Sebastians* – an archery and campfire cooking weekend event held in February or March each year.
- *Bloth* – Ildhafn's traditional midwinter feast.
- *St Catherine's Faire* – a weekend camping event of tournaments, wars, feasting, arts and sciences, markets, and entertainments. It's usually run in November or December of each year.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Ildhafn page.

Canton of Cluain

Cluain is based in Waikato, New Zealand and was established on 1 January 2005.

The Canton has various communication mediums, including their website, the Canton newsletter *The Inquisition*, and a facebook group.

The device for Cluain, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per fess wavy argent and vert, a bull salient guardant sable and a laurel wreath argent.

Figure 105: Arms of Cluain.

Cluain's signature event is *The Feast of St John of Jerusalem* – the Canton's flagship event, held in September each year.

Mordenvale

Mordenvale is Lochac's eleventh Barony and is based in Newcastle, New South Wales. This Barony has one subgroup: the College of St Crispin.

The Shire of Mordenvale was initially formed in May 1984 with Wulfwine Grimwald as the first Seneschal. In July 2003, Mordenvale was elevated to Baronial status. One of the most well-known social groups in Mordenvale is known as The Grogs, which is described on Memories of Lochac.

The Barony of Mordenvale has various communication mediums, including their website, the Baronial email list, and a facebook group. When in production, the Baronial newsletter is called *Mordenvale Magazine*.

The Barony of Mordenvale has had three reigning Barons and Baronesses between 2003 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry – the first being Ragnar Magnússon and Lucrezia de Milano. The average Mordenvale Baronial tenure lasts around 4.5 years.

The device for Mordenvale, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per chevron inverted vert and gules, a chevron inverted between a lymphad and a laurel wreath Or.

Figure 106: Arms of Mordenvale.
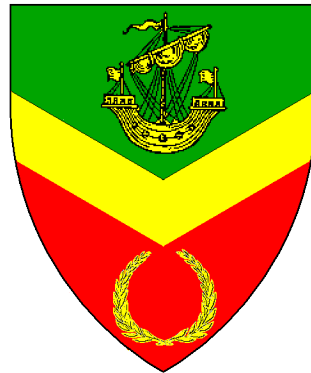
Mordenvale's signature events include:

⎯ *Tocal Token Tourney*– Mordenvale's annual Midwinter weekend event that includes feasting and a grand melee token tournament for heavy combatants.
⎯ *Spring War* – Mordenvale's annual heavy combat war weekend that involves camping, lots of war and enormous quantities of bacon.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Mordenvale page.

College of St Crispin

St Crispin is based at the University of Newcastle, New South Wales.

Kraé Glas

Baronial Motto: *A sense of porpoise.*

Kraé Glas is Lochac's twelfth, and youngest, Barony and is based in South Eastern Melbourne, Victoria. The Barony oversees one subgroup: the College of St Monica.

Kraé Glas became a Canton of the Barony of Stormhold in 1994. The group eventually grew and advanced to Shire in 2004 before being elevated to Baronial status in 2011.

The Barony of Kraé Glas has various communication mediums, including their website, the Baronial newsletter *The Blue Strand*, the Baronial email list, and a facebook group.

The Barony of Kraé Glas has had one reigning Baron and Baroness between 2011 and 2015 – see Landed Gentry – Cormac Lenihan and Elspeth Caerwent.

The device for Kraé Glas, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Or, on a bend azure, three laurel wreaths palewise Or.

Figure 107: Arms of Kraé Glas.
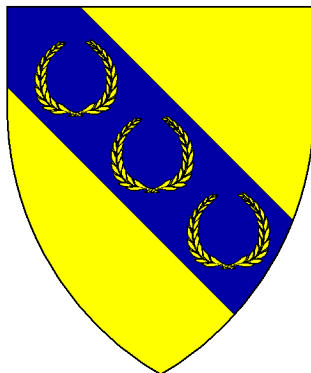
The Baronial device is supported by dolphins – a common motif of the Barony of Kraé Glas.

Kraé Glas' signature events include:

— *Suth Moot* – Suth Moot is a low-key, family friendly, relaxed event that runs over the Easter holidays.
— *Giornata D'Onore* – meaning 'a day of honour', is Kraé Glas' annual birthday event.
— *Great Southern Gathering* – a weekend event alternately shared by a trio of Southern Baronies of Lochac (including Innilgard, Ynys Fawr, and Kraé Glas). This event usually focuses on Arts and Sciences and Rapier activities.

More information, links, and photos are available on the Memories of Lochac: Kraé Glas page

College of St Monica

St Monica is based at Monash University in Melbourne and her members are referred to as Monicans.
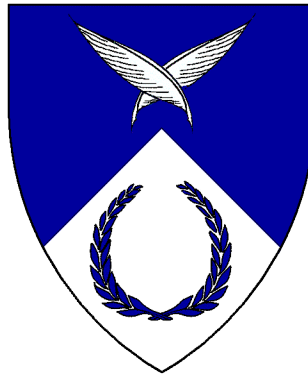
The College was formed in May 1988 (AS 23) with Chris die Katze as the first Seneschal.

The College has various communication mediums, including their website, a yahoo group, and a facebook group.

The device for St Monica, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per chevron azure and argent, two quills in saltire and a laurel wreath counterchanged.

Shires

The Kingdom currently has five Shires, listed here alphabetically.
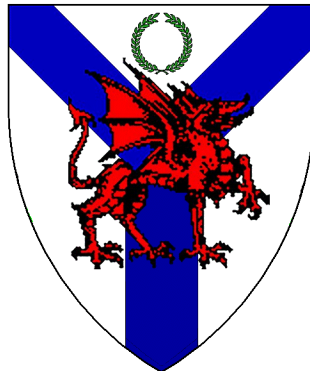
Abertridwr

Abertridwr is a Shire of Lochac, based in the South of Perth, Western Australia. The group began as a Canton of the Barony of Aneala in July 1987 (AS 22) with Harek Ulfhednar as the first Seneschal. The group attained Shire status on 7 September, 2013. The name means 'the meeting of three waters', and it was chosen because the initial geographic borders of the group were three rivers: the Swan, Canning, and Murray.

The Shire has various communication mediums, including their website, a yahoo group, the Shire's newsletter *The Rhol*, and a facebook group.

The device for Abertridwr, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Argent, a pall azure, overall a dragon passant to sinister gules, in chief a laurel wreath vert.

Figure 109: Arms of Abertridwr.

Abertridwr's signature event is *Pencampwr.* A camping event traditionally held over the long weekend that occurs in the first weekend June each year. It is the Shire's flagship event, and the largest event on the West Coast of Australia. It has been run each year since Pencampwr I in 2005 (AS 40).
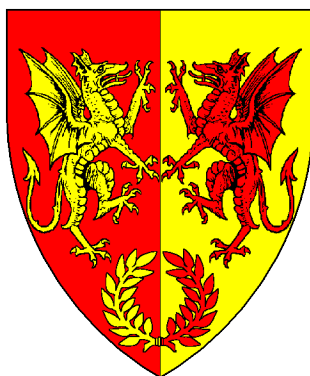
Adora

Adora is a Shire of Lochac, based in Illawarra and the South Coast of New South Wales. The original name of the group was Colles Ardorum (Latin for 'hills of flame' or 'hills of passion', inspired by the Illawarra escarpment and the Illawarra Flame Tree). Adora was created in 2004 by the split of the existing Shire of Agaricus into its northern and southern halves and was established as a full shire on 24 May 2008. This group oversees one subgroup: the College of St Malachy.

The Shire has various communication mediums, including their website and an email list.

The device for Adora, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per pale gules and Or, two dragons combatant and in base a laurel wreath counterchanged.

Figure 110: Arms of Adora.

Adora's signature events include:

— *Feast of the Four Winds* – this feast has been run by the group each year since November 2004 (AS 39) except in 2012 (AS 47) when they instead hosted Lochac's November Crown Tournament.
— *Flametree Ball* – this dancing event has been held every May since 1999 (AS 34).

College of St Malachy

St Malachy is based at the University of Wollongong, New South Wales. It was first proposed at Rowany Festival in 1997 (AS 31) by Lysander and Diederic. The group ran its first event on 7 August 1997 (AS 32) with approximately 30 members at the time. The College has been dormant since mid-2011 due to a lack of active members attending the University to maintain required membership. When active, the College communicates through their website, the College newsletter *Fyshe*, and an email list.

The device for St Malachy, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Argent, a tower sable within a laurel wreath, on a chief wavy vert an open book argent bound Or.

**Figure 111: Arms of St Malachy from the Lochac Roll of Arms.**
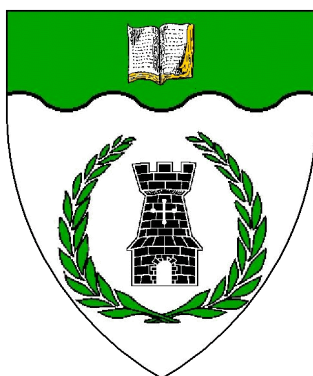
Bordescros

Bordescros is a Shire of Lochac, based in Albury, New South Wales. Loch Alba, the name given to Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, is another active place within the Shire. The Incipient Shire of Border's Crossing was the original name of the group, first forming around November 1998 (AS 33).

The Shire has various communication mediums, including their website, email list, and a facebook group.

The device for Bordescros, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per chevron purpure fretty and Or, a laurel wreath vert.

Figure 112: Arms of Bordescros.
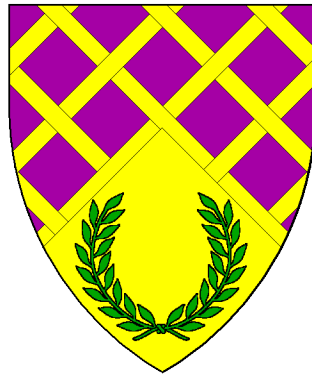
Bordescros' signature event is *Border War* – an annual war fought in February. The initial war was fought between the Baronies of Politarchopolis (3.5 hours north of Bordescros) and Stormhold (3.5 hours south of Bordescros) in February 1999 (AS 33), with Politarchopolis victorious.

Darton

Darton is based in Wellington, New Zealand, and formed in August 1999. The original name for the group was the Shire of Darchester and became a shire of Caid in April 2002 (AS 36) before joining Lochac on 10 May 2003. Along with the Baronies of Southron Gaard and Ildhafn, Darton is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Crescent Isles.

Darton is located on the northern border of the Barony of Southron Gaard, with the two groups separated by the Strait of Winds. The Crown of Lochac has granted the shire the right to take two deer from the Royal Preserves each year for the general feasting and merriment of the populace.

The Shire has various communication mediums, including their website, the occasional newsletter *The Clarion*, and a facebook group.

The device for Darton, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Sable, a hunting horn within a laurel wreath Or.

In AS 38, the Kingdom of Caid granted Darton an Augmentation of Arms in recognition of their long ties with said Kingdom, however, no revision has yet been registered to include it.

Darton's signature event is *The Darton Anniversary,* which takes place each year in August.
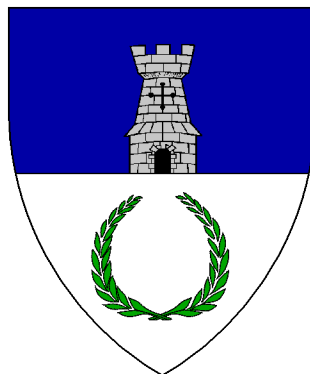
Dismal Fogs

Dismal Fogs is based in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales. The group was founded in 1982 and became a Shire in October 1984 (AS 19) with Leontine de L'Abre as the first Seneschal.

The Shire has various communication mediums, including their website, the newsletter *Quid Novi in Strato*, and a facebook group.

The device for Dismal Fogs, as emblazoned on the Lochac Roll of Arms, is:

Per fess azure and argent, issuant from the line of division a tower proper and in base a laurel wreath vert.

Figure 114: Arms of Dismal Fogs.

Dismal Fogs' signature event is *The Panther Hunt,* which is based on local tales of an escaped panther roaming the bushland.

Hamlets

During Canterbury Faire AS 50 (January 2016), Their Majesties Gilbert I and Bethony I along with the Kingdom Seneschal Niccodemus Novello announced the proposal of a new group status – the Hamlet. A Hamlet is a group of at least 5 members that requires no officers to run, and that nominates a Hamlet Leader as a point of contact. The concept of a Hamlet is to foster smaller groups to grow in Lochac. The first two Hamlets were named as Nelson and Wildmoor.

Nelson

The Hamlet of Nelson (name pending) is located in Nelson, New Zealand. The first Hamlet Leader – the designated point of contact for the group, is Lady Fiora Vespucci.

Wildmoor

The Hamlet of Wildmoor is located in Dunedin, New Zealand. The new group has yet to nominate their first Hamlet Leader.