

The Lochac Brewers, Vintner and Imbibers Guild

1. All persons signed up to the guilds official mailing list are voting members of the guild and may be referred to as Guildsmen or Guildswomen as they prefer. They need not undertake ranking unless they wish to do so.
2. There is currently no ranking for Imbibers but we will look into this if there is enough interest.
3. The rank of Apprentice shall be achieved by entering any drinkable beverage to a guild competition or tasting and submitting paperwork to the Guild Clerk to confirm this.
4. The rank of Journeyman shall be achieved by entering at least three different palatable beverages, to three different guild tastings or competitions, or A&S competitions, at least one of which is to a period recipe, and winning one, or placing second or third in two or more of the tastings/competitions and submitting paperwork to the Guild Clerk to confirm this.
5. The rank of Craftsman shall be achieved by winning three, or placing highly in five or more guild competitions AND showing service to the guild AND showing a knowledge of period vs. modern methods AND sharing of knowledge/teaching upon application of paperwork to the Guild Clerk to confirm this.
6. The rank of Guild Master is reserved to those who are Laureled in brewing, vintnering etc, or to those Laureled in other crafts who are invited to be Masters of the Guild by the currently active Guild Masters.

To become a ranked member candidates need to complete the requirements of the rank AND submit paperwork confirming this. Candidates are responsible for keeping their own copy of any such paperwork. All judging sheets from competitions entered should be kept as evidence for future rankings.

Rankings will be updated bi-annually and posted on the Guild Website.

Writs will be issued by the Guild Clerk to confirm the Rank achieved.

Any requirement for ranking with respect to a specific candidate may be waved at the discretion of a majority vote of the active Masters of the Guild in the case of exceptional circumstances, geographical challenges, or other reasons deemed significant.

The Rank of Apprentice shall be achieved by:

1. Submitting a beverage made by the candidate to any Guild tasting or competition. The candidate is not required to be present. And:
2. Submitting paperwork to the Guild Clerk signed by two ranked guild members affirming that a beverage was entered, tasted, and considered drinkable; and also signed by two witnesses (not necessarily guild members) to confirm that the candidate made the beverage in question.

The Rank of Journeyman shall be achieved by:

1. Submitting three different beverages, to three different Guild tastings or competitions OR any mixture of Guild tastings/competition and Lochac Arts and Sciences competitions totalling three. And:
2. Winning one, or placing second or third in two or more tastings/competitions. And:
3. Submitting paperwork to the Guild Clerk listing the competitions, the dates and beverages entered. Each Guild tasting/competition entered must be signed off by two guild members of Journeyman rank or higher, confirming that the beverage was entered, tasted and considered palatable. Each Arts and Sciences competition entered must be signed off by two Laurels, to affirm the same (unless this is impossible in which case, by prior arrangement, the Guild Clerk will nominate stand ins.) And:
4. At least one of the beverages produced must be to a period (or close to period) recipe (either redacted by the candidate or by someone else) A copy of said recipe must be viewed by the judges who sign it off and a copy submitted along with the candidates paperwork.

The Rank of Craftsman will be achieved by:

1. Demonstrating skill in brewing/vintning/distilling (NZ only) etc. by winning any three Guild competitions or tastings, or being placed second or third on more than five occasions. This must be signed off by two guild members of Craftsman rank or higher. And:
2. Demonstrating service to the guild by running a competition or tasting, contributing significant work to the guild website, supplying competition prizes or similar service. This must be signed off by two guild members of Craftsman rank or higher. And:
3. Demonstrating an understanding of medieval versus modern methods, either through teaching a class on the topic, writing documentation, writing a newsletter/web page article, holding a workshop, blogging, comparative brewing or similar. This must be signed off by two guild members of Craftsman rank or higher. And:
4. Sharing of their knowledge and skills on more than two occasion via classes, workshops, published articles or other teaching methods. Items considered in section 3 may also count towards these. This must be signed off by two guild members of Craftsman rank or higher.

The Rank of Guild Master will be granted to any individual elevated to the Order of the Laurel by the Kingdom of Lochac for their skill in brewing, vintning etc. Members of that Order who were not elevated for skill in brewing etc may attain the Rank of Guild Master at the invitation of the other Guild Masters.