

The Crown, unto Our Generals, Marshals, Officers and all other persons, bailiffs and justices of this our Kingdom of Lochac, Greetings.

Whereas we have received petition from our faithful and obedient subjects the skilled brewers and vintners of the Kingdom, we do hereby affirm and avouch, as granted by our forbears, the right to maintain a guild, which shall be named accordingly, The Lochac Brewers, Vintners and Imbibers Guild, for the purpose of: conjoining the practitioners of said crafts, ensuring good practice amongst said craftsmen, recognising and rewarding excellence in these crafts, and schooling those who shall succeed to said crafts, or otherwise avail by them. We also command that they amend and commit to record all such knowledge pertaining to said crafts as they may know or discover, that it may be lodged in safe keeping for the betterment of their children, their children's children, and the Kingdom as a whole.

Item the First: All subjects of the Crown who aspire to any and several of these crafts shall be accepted as Guildsmen upon petition to the Guild Clerk, namely Brewing, Vintning, Distilling, Infusing, Arranging and Concocting.

Those who are not subjects of the Crown may likewise be enrolled, but without right of franchise.

All shall abide by the Law of the land, the Kingdom and Crown, and also the rules here set down, and shall deal with one another courteously upon pain of expulsion.

Item the Second: The Guildsmen shall elect from themselves a Guild Clerk, for the term of one year, who may be re-elected saving that he shall not succeed to more than four concurrent terms.

At the feast of the Annunciation, the current Clerk shall call upon the Guildsmen to nominate his successor, whereupon ballots shall be cast and counted, and the new Clerk named at Easter Festival.

The Clerk ought to keep the rolls of the guild, the guild charter and all documents pertaining to the guild under the guild seal, in the common chest of the guild and the three keys of it shall be lodged with three discreet men, who shall enter and record the names of new members upon the roll should the Clerk be absent.

Further shall the Clerk see that such documents as necessary are posted upon the guild hall door and that access to said door by all subjects of the Crown is ensured.

Also the Clerk may appoint a scribe to make public any such matters as may be pertinent, and said scribe shall abide by any and all proper instruction given by the Guild Clerk or by the Crown.

Following the festival of Easter it shall fall upon the Guild Clerk to make annual report to the Minister of the Crown as to the state of the guild, its members and their dealings.

Item the Third: All proper tidings and announcements to the guild as a whole shall be posted upon the guild hall door, and no business of the guild shall be legitimate until such notification is made.

Item the Fourth: Every year at Easter Festival the guild shall sit, in order to affirm the election of the new Clerk by ballot, as afore mentioned, to review the guild charter and to discuss matters pertaining to the guild.

Additional sittings may be held at other times and places with the approval of the Guild Clerk and at the petition of five or more Guildsmen, however any business conducted must be ratified by the Easter sitting.

Matters to be raised at the Easter sitting shall be posted upon the guild hall door by 12<sup>th</sup> night so that Guildsmen have proper time for consideration.

If any Guildsmen can not be present at the Easter sitting, let him voice his opinion to his fellows where and when he may, that they might bring his views before the sitting in his stead.

Item the Fifth: Let the Clerk and Guildsmen consider and establish a means of recognising standing within the guild, such that the Crown and Kingdom might know the level of skill of which each Guildsman is possessed.

So say we, Alfar, King and Angharat, Queen of Lochac. In Witness whereof we have caused this Our letters to be made patent.

By Our hands at Rowan Festival, this twenty first day of April, in the year of the Society AS L&E VIII



Alfar, King of Lochac

Angharat, Queen of Lochac

