



Partisan of the Bodyguard of Paris, Count Lodron, Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg (r. 1619-53)

Date

dated 1620

Primary Maker

German

Medium

steel, wood and brass

Description

Tall broad double edge thrusting blade of hollow ground octagonal section, edges tapering to triangular point. Pair of large pointed lugs at base of blade cusped above and below. Octagonal section closed socket with banded knop at base of head & turned molding below. Base of socket with pair of keyed-in langets fastened to original wooden staff of octagonal section tapering slightly to butt. Nailed to staff at base of head is gold coin. Above and below this are carved "X"s and below lower is "4". Both faces of head etched with symmetrical decoration including Arms of Cardinal Lodron at center above which is foliation and strapwork. Lugs are covered with foliation and have date "16/20". All ground is stippled and blackened.

Dimensions

214.6 x 24.1 cm (84 1/2 x 9 1/2 in.), 5 lb, 13 oz (weight)