

# GRIFINTAYLE

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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## Politarchopolis Diary

- ❖ MAY CROWN TOURNEY – 12-13 May
- ❖ St Vitus' Dance Weekend) – late June
- ❖ The Hunt & Feast (combat archery) – early Sept
- ❖ Casual War (war & tourneys) – 24-25 Nov

## Lochac Kingdom Calendar

May XLII		
12-13	May Crown Tourney	Politarchopolis
13	Low Key Tourney Circuit	Ynys Fawr
19	Tournament & Harvest Feast	Stowe on the Wowld
26	Flame Tree Ball	St Malachy/Colles Ardorum
June XLII		
1-4	Pencamwr gan Abertridwr Championship	Abertridwr, Perth WA
2-3	Ynys Fawr Baronial Investiture	Ynys Fawr
8-11	Great Northern War IX	River Haven
16	Rowany Baronial Succession	Rowany
16	Midwinter Venetian Masked Ball	Stormhold
23	Baroness' Birthday Pas d'Armes	St Florian de la Riviere
28-1	Knowne World Dance Symposium	Barony of Madrone, Kingdom of An Tir
30	Winter Feast	Torlyon

## Regular Meetings

- ☞ **St Aldhelm's College Meeting:**  
Tuesdays 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm Copland Building, Australian National University
- ♠ **Archery practice:**  
Sundays 10:00 am till 12 pm (1st Sunday of the month is an Inter Kingdom Archery Competition) Tuggeranong Archery Club, west end of Soward Way, Tuggeranong. Cost \$5 to non TAC members.  
Saturdays archery practice in the Shire of Torlyon  
Call Mercurio (6258 0348) for details
- ♥ **Armoured Fighter practice:**  
Sundays 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner  
Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Mawson Oval  
Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Park in Edwards St, Higgins
- ♠ **Rapier practice:**  
Sundays 1.30 pm, Haig Park, Turner
- ☞ **Arts and Sciences:**  
Sundays 3 pm, Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner  
Thursdays 7:30 pm, at The Yew.
- ♠ **Baronial Dance Classes:**  
Sundays, 2-4 pm, Haig Park, Turner.
- ♠ **Choir Practice:**  
1st Sunday of the month 1 pm, Haig Park, Turner
- ☞ **Baronial Council Meetings:**  
The last Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm.  
Copland Building, Australian National University  
All members of the populace are welcome to attend.

## Unto the Barony of Politarchopolis do Alessandro and Isobel, Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis send fond greetings.

April has of course been an incredibly busy month with Rowany Festival, Radburne's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Tourney & Feast and our own Archery Training weekend, as well as preparations for the May Crown Tournament.

### Rowany Festival

Politarchopolis showed our colours well in all fields of endeavour, a few moments of particular note were

- House Descartes allowed Baroness Isobel to join their Heraldic Melee team after the Baronial team was unable to compete due to various injuries & illnesses and then House Descartes won the Heraldic Melee Tourney. (Baroness Isobel was made a member of the Order of the Rowan on the field of the Heraldic Melee)
- Lord Adair MacDermid won his Journeyman prize in the Guild of Defence
- Politarchopolis proudly and successfully supported the True King Alfar (with Baroness Isobel leading the forces of Politarchopolis on the warfield)
- Lord Mercurio L'Estranger won the Open division of the Inter Kingdom Archery Competition, Lord Lorccan Ruadh won the period division and Lady Sabine d'Antan
- Lady Gabrielle of the Marshes awarded for both the quality and entertainment of her fencing in the Baroness' tourney
- Duke Cornelius's inspiring victory in the Fighter Auction Tourney.

Seeing what a good job Politarchopolis did of cleaning up after the event and of particular note Master Hrolfr Hreggvidharson, who spent an about two hours picking up small pieces of rubbish (and a goodly collection of tent pegs) on the Crossroads site.

### Radburne 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Tourney and Feast

The Incipient Shire of Radburne (Dubbo) was very pleased with the amount of support Politarchopolis was able to bring to this event. The four fine fencers from Politarchopolis were able to mount an entertaining and inspiring Tourney. Our two armoured combatants participated in the harness tourney, which was won by Count Stephen Aldred.

The Feast which was attended by Their Majesties was most excellent. There was entertainment in the form of a small period play about Robin Hood. At the behest of Count Stephen and Baron Alessandro (under threat of us singing) Politarchopolis did entertain with a sonnet to Radburne cunningly prepared earlier and presented by Lord Owain Cantor ap Hughe Lady Gabrielle, Lady Oriel & Baron Diccon Shorthand taught and lead dancing which did entice almost the whole hall to their feet.

On Behalf of Politachopolis, Baron Alessandro did present a Politarchopolis War Shield as a sign of our continued willingness to help and defend this new Shire. Baron Alessandro did suggest that they should paint the Shire's own arms upon the shield once their Shire is recognised. The Shire's Marshall did seek and receive leave from the King to display the device of Politachopolis in canton on the shield when it is painted with the Shire's arms.

### Archery Training Weekend

Although the weekend was marked by much needed rain at the Crossroads site, there was also enough clear sky for archery to happen. During the rainy patches some excellent sessions on arrow making and bow tuning and the various other esoteric arts of fine archery.

This was the first time an even of this kind has been held in Politarchopolis and the enthusiastic response from all those who attended suggests it is likely to become a regular feature of the Lochac calendar. Plans are already in train for a future event that includes combat archery as well.

May and June promise to be busy too, with the calendar full of events all over Lochac.

### May Crown

This should be a most entertaining and inspiring day. We encourage all in the Barony to attend and make a day of it, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the markets and games. For any who have never seen a Crown Tournament, we recommend attending. Crown lists have a special intensity and atmosphere of excitement, so come and watch the making of our next Crown Prince and Princess, the heirs to the Crown of Lochac.

The big day is almost upon us and the Feast looks likely to be booked out so if you want to attend you'll need to contact the steward and offer to serve. The day parts of the event, including the Crown Tournament & Markets have plenty of space

### Ynys Fawr Baronial Investiture & Brass Monkey War

We will be travelling to the green and lush Barony across the southern waters to watch our friend and previous citizen of Politarchopolis, Snorri Blóðdrekkr and Lady Stella de Ravenscar become the next Baron and Baroness of Ynys Fawr.

Our attendance at the Brass Monkey War does unfortunately mean we won't be able to attend next Baronial Day.

## Alessandro Isobel

### Recommendations Sought

Whether it is for one spectacular feat or quiet and constant small good works, please let us know if a member of the populace is deserving of recognition or reward.

### Deputies Sought

A number of our baronial officers need deputies and some are looking for replacements. Please think about taking up one of these roles and talk to others who would make good officers and encourage them to consider serving the Barony.