



Griffintayle



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Activities

Baronial Council Meeting:

Last Wednesday of each month at 6pm: Haig Park Scout Hall, Turner (before A&S).

St Aldhelm College Meeting:

Monday 5:30 pm G029 Copland Building, ANU

Arts & Sciences

Arts and Sciences Main meeting:

Sundays 3:00 pm, Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner

Arts and Sciences Meeting:

Wednesday 7:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Baronial Dance Classes:

Sundays, 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Scriptorium:

2nd Sunday of each month, 2:00 pm, Haig Park Turner

Baronial Dance Classes:

Sundays, 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Choir Practice:

1st Sunday of the month 4:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Pot Luck Feast:

1st Sunday of the month 5:30 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Combat Activities

Armoured Combat Practice:

Main Practice: Sundays 3:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner

Alternative Practice: Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Park in Edwards St, Higgins.

Rapier Practice:

Sundays 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner

Archery Practice:

Sundays 10:00 am till 12:00 pm (1st Sunday of the month is an Inter Kingdom Archery Competition)

Hall Code Holders:

Please note that the following people are the only ones able to hold the Hall code (this is a part of the contract). The code cannot be passed on in any circumstances. If you need access please contact one of the following:

Baroness Isabel le Breton: 0414 340 024

Ysambart Courtain: 0407 962 774

Caera Sionnach: 0431 147 249

Joanna of the Beechwoods: 0409 578 680

Seneschals Note

Hi Team, Well I'm feeling better and trying to get more done. And what I did at this council meeting was step on toes! More consultation is need on a complex issue - Fee recovery on the hall. A&S at the hall is booming, and Sundays are our Baronies central, weekly gathering. It's great, and we don't want to change that or go anywhere else. But our hall is one of our major expenditures, and people are pretty relaxed about signing in and paying. Some people feel extremely strongly on this issue, so it's time for them to feed me ideas. How do you propose we recoup the hall costs?

Yours in Service, Bart.

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 28th October 2009

St Vitus 2010 - Joanne has contacted the hall in regards to hosting the event next year over the weekend of 27 Sept 2010 (working on Bal D'argent bid).

Dance—hall access problem on Sunday (25/10), please note that only authorise people can have the hall code (see page 1).

Herald's Report (Catherine) - (see page 4).

Reeve (Aeveril) — Account holds roughly ~\$4500, the kingdom hasn't cashed a \$750 levy cheque yet. The Quarterly report is done (reports are still need for St Vitus 2009 and Guild's day 2009). Request for hall donations to be banked more regularly (this will be done soon as some was used as a float for Royal event). This needs to be done as the new contract needs regular advanced payments. Also note that the Kingdom levy can no longer be paid in bulk and needs to be calculated per event (\$1 for members, \$3 non-members). Bart is submitted receipts for lamps etc for reimbursement.

Archery (Ulric) - ICAC from the Royal weekend was so well attended that it couldn't fit on one record sheet! Ended up recording two groups: period and standard archery. The King scored quite well, but the top 3 were Alessandro, Sigmund and Ulric. [Sorry this didn't get out in time to promote the 5th November Novelty Shoot! - Chronicler]

Future proposal is to have a day to make period

wooden arrows for the Barony for use on Sundays.

Rauf asked questions about using crossbows at the Tuggernong club, consensus was both membership and licence would be needed.

Field archery area currently unavailable due to dealing with a pest grass.

A&S (Caera) - Wednesday nights have been well attended (up to 25 people). Priority now is finishing the frieze shields and the last goldwork cushion. Have advertised ideas about Fencing heraldic project to the Polit list. Devices for both these projects do not need to be registered.

Chronicler (Zanobia) - Submissions are coming in, agreements to start publicising more events/information for surrounding groups of Torylon and Okewaite. See page 5 for information on Border War 2010, William Marshall and Festival price rise.

Baroness (Isobel) — attended Jousting event held in Hall. An sca-style demo was held under the auspices of Crossroads. 85 people attended on the Saturday with 120 on the Sunday. The event was good and have made some good contacts with the Jousters. 2010 event planned— need to think about having an official Polit presence.

There is a Kingdom wide membership drive on at the moment (prizes for 1000th new member and their group, also prize for the group with the best growth). Would like to see a rise in Polit number. 42 members at this time. **A copy of the adult membership can be found at: www.sca.org.au/committee/index.php/standard/61**

Chandler (Isobel reporting) - a working bee day is needed (not a Sunday night, will take over a Wednesday night instead). Will be held after the November meeting on the 25th.

A clean out of excess stuff can then be done at the following **Baronial Day (Midsummer, Sunday 6th December)**. Will try and make a catalogue as part of this process. Once the clean up is done advertising for a new Chandler will begin.

Seneschal (Ysambart) - Informally presented a gift to B&B Rowany at the Okewaite event. Gina is now helping with the PDF of our device to make the sign for Haig hall. This will also provide new stock images for future advertising.

Gina is also going to put together a list of registered Chirurgeon's in the Barony to help with event planning.

Haig Hall Contract—this is ready to be signed. Bart asked for comments on the "signet ring" idea to pre-pay hall donations. Consensus is that while some may like the idea and will be able to purchase a ring there were many concerns about policing this and the problems it might cause for book keeping/constables. This idea has been shelved for the time being. New idea is to instead do some fundraising for the hall cost (which will be more than \$3000/year). Currently the hall costs \$50/week for Sundays plus \$40/month for Baronial Sundays. In the future we may have to being paying for Wednesday nights as well.

A simple fundraising event was proposed, idea is to combine this with rings, baronial mugs etc that can be purchased as well to help with fundraising. Agreement is the current donation system isn't working well enough, Valentine's 2010 may end up being the first "fundraiser" event.

Event bid in—Privateer's 29th May 2010—Will be booking Corroborree Hall (also will be confirming paperwork needed to get not-for-profit group discount).

Catherine— Camp Cottermouth is ready to be used, self catering is allowed. Rauf wanted to note from when they looked into using the site there were strict rules between using the hall and having to then also use the bunk rooms. He will gather this information so it can be used in the future.

Information on the different local venues has been collected by Alex and will be published soon in Griffintayle.

*Group Photos—*Bill has offered to help organise group photo's, when this is done Bart will help with permissions.

Kingdom Masonry News

Greetings,

A Masonry project which William has been steadily working on for months is the adoption of the lochac.sca.org domain for all "in game" websites, mailing lists and email addresses.

That is, instead of using seneschal@sca.org.au or lko@sca.org.au, we can now use seneschal@lochac.sca.org and lko@lochac.sca.org . And instead of examples like these:

- * <http://www.sca.org.au/riverhaven>
- * <http://sg.sca.org.nz>
- * <http://www.sca.org.au/marshal>
- * <http://www.sca.org.nz/equestrian>

...we can now use:

- * <http://lochac.sca.org/riverhaven>
- * <http://sg.lochac.sca.org>
- * <http://lochac.sca.org/marshal>
- * <http://lochac.sca.org/equestrian>

These "lochac" domain names do not fully supplant the earlier ones, they parallel them, i.e. the old ones can still be used. And for "Inc"-specific addresses, e.g. registrar@sca.org.au or <http://sca.org.nz> , there is no reason to ever change.

But for published in-game domains, please use the lochac.sca.org forms in preference, once the public announcement has been made.

This pre-announcement gives you a chance to check any domains relevant to your activities. Most have been pre-checked by William, but please notify masonry@sca.org.nz if you find anything to be amiss. This is particularly true of automated web sites which might have internal dependencies on the domain name always being www.sca.org.au - if you operate one of these, please remove the dependency if you are able, otherwise get in touch.

Certain sites hosted on other servers, such as <http://rowany.lochac.sca.org> , are not yet supporting the new domain— the relevant system administrators have been asked to make that small addition.

NB: If you are responsible for maintaining web sites, please DEFEND "something@lochac.sca.org" email addresses on web pages from spam by instead using the form "something@lochac.sca.org". This variant works fine, and helps create a small but long-term advantage for us by reducing harvesting by spambots.

In service,
Bartholomew—Lochac Seneschal.

Knights of Olde

The battle lines had been formed on that hot August afternoon way back when. A Knight, sufficiently lubricated because of the heat, felt the call of Nature. Withdrawing from his place in the Line, he approached the King seeking permission to temporarily leave the field.

"Sire, permission to leave the field – call of Nature and all that."

"What?" replied the King, "have you no principals, man? We are about to do battle. Get ye back into the Line."

"But, Sire ..."

"Sir Knight. Back to the Line. Set an example to your men. Think of something to take your mind of the problem."

Chastened, the Knight returned to his position, pondering about what he could think of to take his mind off the problem. As he sat on his charger, grimacing, he started to hum a childhood nursery rhyme.

- the owl and the pussycat went to sea in a beautiful pea –

"Sire, I need to pee!"

~Will of Derwent

October Herald's Report:

On Saturday the 3rd of October member so Politarchopolis and Agaricus travelled to the incipient Canton of Okewaite to put on a demo for the local group. Field Heraldry was supplied by Catherine for both groups.

On Saturday the 10th of October Politarchopolis hosted a Royal Event. Their Majesties Gabriel and Constanzia attended the Baronial Campship, and the "Nobody Expects the Spanish Inquisition" Feast. The victor of the Tourney was Duke Sir Cornelius von Beck. Field Heraldry by Baron Ysambart Courtain.

At Court (mostly conducted by Baron Hrothgar). Her Excellency Isobel le Breton was elevated to the Order of the Pelican (Heralding Sigmund). Lord Owain Canto ap Hugh was elevated to the order of the White Scarf (Heralding Catherine of Glastonbury).

His Excellency Baron Allesandro von Florenz was awarded the Order of the Golden Tear. Order of the Golden Tear to Lady Caera Sionnach. Award of arms to Lady Jehane de Boniface.

The next day there was a fencing tourney with a mini court. The victor of the tourney was Duke Sir Cornelius von Beck. Field Heraldry by Lady Isabelle Vitale.

Award of Arms to Lord Karl of Saxony.

Award of Arms to Lord Don Anders.

Regards, Catherine.

A few facts about Medieval Knights:

During the Crusades of the 11th and 13th centuries knights were enlisted to fight for the Christian church to help conquer the Holy Lands. They encouraged knights to ban together in 'Orders', small group that would remain loyal to one another. One of the most famous groups was the Knights Templar. These Orders, with the church at the centre, established Codes of Chivalry and it was these simple rules of honour and loyalty that set the knight above the soldier. But, when the Crusaders lost the wars, the knights became disillusioned with the churches teachings. They turned instead to romantic tales to guide them. The Ancient Roman poem *The Art of Love* by Ovid (43BC–AD17) became fashionable, while the Arthurian poems became some of the most popular. They tell of the relationship between Lancelot and Queen Guinevere. One famous scene depicts a tournament when Guinevere requests that Lancelot wear only a shirt for protection instead of armour. Afterwards she wears only that shirt, now stained with his blood, to the feast as his 'reward'. (Something funny is going on there and it is not honour or loyalty.)

Submitted by Charlotte Gardner





William Marshal Tourney and Feast

5th December 2009 - 11:00am

This will be a Royal Event, with Their Majesties King Gabriel and Queen Constanzia attending

A chivalric weapons tourney will be held on at Circle of Trees, Edinburgh Gardens, Alfred Court, North Fitzroy, VIC, from 11 AM, followed by a catered feast at Bokscail Hall. StGeorges Road, North Fitzroy, from 5PM.

Entry by tickets at \$25 for members, \$30 for non-Members under 6 \$ 0 | 7-12 \$10 | 13-18 \$15

Please make cheques payable to S.C.A., Stormhold. Tickets will be on sale from the autocrat NOW to the 4th of December (or until sold out). Direct Deposit , by request (wayfarers by arrangement with the autocrat). Places for the feast are limited, please book soon to avoid disappointment.

Chivalric weapons are two-handed sword or shield with either sword, mace or axe. This will be followed by the usual Challenge Resurrection Ransom meleé (ransoms will be supplied by the event, commensurate with the status of the fighter) in the style of the twelfth century. Lists open 11 AM, tourney from Noon sharp (NO SCA TIME).

Tourney \$5 tickets, on the day only

At the feast will also be a Best Angevin Garb competition and the the Baronial Arts and Sciences Championship. Anyone with special dietary requirements please advise the autocrat.

Steward: Thorfinn Hrolfsson
Steve Roylance, PO Box 1289 Hawksburn, 3142, Victoria, e-mail roylance.s[at]gmail.com
Subject=WMarshall

Rowany festival 1st—6th of April, 2010

Full details, printable booking forms and online booking facilities online at www.rowany.sca.org.au/festival/

Site Address: Glenworth Valley, Cooks Road, Peats Ridge, NSW

Prices until 12th Night (January 8th)

SCA Member \$85; Non Member \$90; Child \$43; Family (Member) \$213; Family (Non Member) \$223.

Twelfth Night Investiture

"Lochac excels in chivalry, in service and the arts. Lochac lacks for nothing, unless it be enough PURPLE."

8-10 January 2010, Canton of Okewaite (Goulburn NSW)

FRIDAY – INFORMAL GATHERING

Come for a chinwag at the Old Goulburn Brewery, from 6pm. This fine venue is known to the SCA, having once been used for West Kingdom Purgatorio, the only kingdom event to be held in Lochac's borders prior to our becoming a kingdom.

SATURDAY – THE SERIOUS STUFF

The St Saviour's Anglican Cathedral is a beautiful setting for an event, with a fine feasting hall.

There will be a tournament on the Cathedral lawns, a buffet lunch and then the main feast on the Saturday evening.

SUNDAY – HAVE A GO DAY

Sunday's activities will be held at Cockatrice Farm, a small property growing organic herbs and vegetables, and old breeds of animals.

Sunday is "have a go day". The concept is that you can spend 30 minutes trying anything out:

archery, horse riding, fighter training and a whole range of arts and sciences. (Yes, we would be grateful for offers to lead activities, and being a new group there will be plenty of Okewaite newcomers looking for new experiences.)

BOOKED AND PAID up to ROWANY YULE FEAST (12 Dec) SCA Members \$45; Event Members \$50; Concession \$30; 15-17 \$15; Under 15yo free.

AT THE GATE Adults \$72; Day Pass: \$10, U15 free (no food, off site by 6.30 pm)

Event Steward: Master Cristoval (Rhys Howitt); Feast Steward: Lady Alys Dietsch (Allison Kirby)
okewaite@sca.org.au or rhysh@webone.com.au

On ILKLA Moor

21-22 November 2009

**"Cockatrice Farm",
76 Barkers Lane, Yarra (Goulburn)**



This legendary place has been located at Cockatrice Farm in Okewaite.

It's a notoriously bad place to go courting, at least without a hat. A cloak is helpful too.

This is a camping event, with all cooking being done by the participants, using very old cooking techniques. Food will be served for Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch.

An informal heavy combat tournament will be held, and we'd greatly appreciate fighters taking some time to train our interested newcomers. An armouring workshop is available.

Camping is free, some crash space available for long distance visitors.

SCA members \$25

Non-members -- \$30

Concessions and student \$15

Children under 14 free

Bookings to aes@webone.com.au
please, or phone 4829 7205

Presented by

The Goulburn Medievalists

www.sca.org.au/okewaite

Your Chronicler's Musings...

Well, this has been a most frustrating few days but finally Griffintayle is ready and sent! But now at least my system should be a little more robust.

I hope to see lots of friendly faces at the last Baronial day of this calendar year—Midsummer on the 6th of January.

Please also take note of the information about the hall in front page note and the minutes.

Also a big thank you to Will and Charlotte for providing interesting little pieces, and to Sigmund for some wonderful pictures from the Royal Visit weekend!

Regards, *Zanobia*



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Politarchopolis

Politarchopolis is the branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism based on the Australian Capital Territory and surrounds

Baron and Baroness: Alessandro von Florenz and Isobel le Bretoun (Simon and Kate Price)
The Baron and Baroness oversee the general activities and operations of the Barony and act as the regional representatives of the Crown.
Email: politarchopolis@sca.org.au



Seneschal: Ysambart Courtin (Bart Beswick)

The Seneschal is the representative for the Barony in the outside world and acts as the chief administrator, similar to a group president.
Email ysambart@gmail.com

Deputy Seneschal: Honore de Corbeau (Georgia Winter)



Reeve: Aeeveril of Ambledune (Danni Crawford)

The Reeve is responsible for the financial affairs of the Barony. Email: danianha@hotmail.com



Arts and Sciences Minister: Caera

Sionnach (Brooke Perkins)

The Arts and Sciences Minister coordinates the study and practice of the medieval arts and sciences within the Barony.



Herald: Catherine of Glastonbury

The Herald is responsible for all forms of announcement within the Barony and is assumed to be speaking on behalf of the Crown. Heralds are also responsible for assisting the populace with submissions, such as when devising names or heraldic devices such as coats - of - arms.



Marshal: Cornelius von Becke (Cornelius Weber)

The Marshal maintains the safety of the populace during Society combat activities, both those who are actively involved in addition to those who are spectators. The marshal is also responsible for ensuring that each combatant is authorized to participate and will adhere to the Society conventions of combat.



Rapier Marshal: Gabrielle of the Marshes (Jenni McInnes)

The Rapier Marshal coordinates the group's fencing activities and maintains their safety standards. Email: jennifer.mcinnnes@gmail.com



Captain of Archers: Ulric of Ambledune (Ian Crawford)

In conjunction with the Marshal, the Captain of Archers coordinates the group's archery activities and maintains their safety standards.
Email: danianha@hotmail.com



Keeper of the Lists: Elizabeth de Foxel

The Keeper of the Lists records all the authorised combatants within the Barony as well as those who enter fighting events and the outcomes of martial contests.



Chirurgeon: Catherine de Boniface (Gina Casey)

The Chirurgeon is the Baronial first aid officer.
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Hospitaller: Jonathon of Loch Swan

The Hospitaller is the initial point of contact for most newcomers and helps them feel welcome in the Society. The Hospitallery also

coordinates requests for public displays.



Chandler: Vacant

The Chandler loans out garb and feasting utensils to newcomers. She also stores the Barony's banners, tablecloths, cooking and serving equipment for the Barony to use at our events.



Constable: Valentine der Spieler

The Constable is responsible for the maintenance of Society law. The constabulary is also responsible for lost property.



Chronicler: Zanobia Adimari (Clare Rix)

The Chronicler is responsible for the publication of Griffintayle, the Baronial newsletter. To subscribe, please see the endnote.

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The Hierophant is responsible for the Barony's internet publications, the electronic copy of the Griffintayle newsletter and the baronial email list.

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Saint Aldhelm

The College of St Aldhelm is the branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism based at the Australian National University.

College Seneschal: Alice verch Owain (Fiona)

Club president equivalent. Official contact.

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Shire of Torlyon

<http://www.sca.org.au/torlyon/>

This is the group based in Yass, NSW.



Incipient Canton of Okewaite

<http://www.sca.org.au/okewaite/>

This is a new group based in Goulbourn, NSW, under the sponsorship of the Barony of Rowany (Sydney).



<http://www.facebook.com>

Polit can now be found on the popular social network site. Search "Barony of Politarchopolis" and join the group or type in <http://www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20169734823>

<http://the.lochac.net>

The Lochac Network is a new independent initiative to take the work out of networking in Lochac.

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