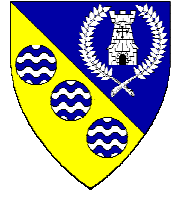




# Griffintayle



December 2010, AS XLV

## Upcoming Events

### December

4 William Marshall Tourney (Stormhold)  
4 Misrule (Okewaite)  
11 Yule Feast and Tourney (Rowany)  
16 Trivia Night, Civic p5

### January 2011

15-16 Twelfth Night, Politarchopolis p6  
21-24 Surveying Exhibition (Stormhold)

### February

15 Valentine's Ball (Adam, details TBC)  
Border's War (Bordercos, TBA).

### March

25-26 Cornelius and Ysambart's Birthday Tourney

### April

21-25 Rowany Festival incl. May Crown (note p8)

### June

Midwinter Coronation (Bacchus Woods)  
*Picnic Tourney (proposed—Ysambart and Helouys)*

### August

*St Vitus Dance and Music Weekend (no bids yet)*

### November

November Crown (Radburne)

## Activities

### Baronial Council Meeting:

None in December

### St Aldhelm College Meeting:

Monday 5:30 pm G029 Copland Building, ANU

## Arts & Sciences

### Arts and Sciences 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

### 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

## 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

*December 5th* - Field shoot : an IKAC wouldn't count, and our normal 3rd Sunday clashes.

*December 12th* - ordinary practice

*December 19th* - TAC Christmas shoot : join with all the Tuggeranong Archery Club members to celebrate. If you have any ideas for novelty events, please let me know : two armour-plated turtle-doves have been suggested, and we should still have 5 gold rings.

*The End is Nigh for 2010!*

*A&S ~ 15th of December.*

*Sunday training ~ 19th of December.*



## **Meeting Minutes** 24th November 2010.

*Brooke*—Championship's report submitted, profit ~\$280 (event wrap up p7).

*Chronicler (Zanobia)* - need to fix issue with FTP upload of Griffintayle. Will be looking for replacement early next year.

Ailis & Blethyn say hi! They have recently moved to our Barony.

*Reeve (Aeveril via Ulric)* - ~4800 in bank as changeover made ~\$1500 profit. Two cheques brought to be signed, one for Dec hall hire (only for 3 Sundays and 3 Wednesday, see page one for details of final days for 2010). Other cheque is for next quarterly levy, a little early, but better to sign now as the summer break will happen. Will be talking to Alessandro about blunt purchases and to Portia about funds for 12th night.

*Archery (Ulric)* - The IKAC season finished end of the November (tassels will be presented soon). Alex is scoring brilliantly in the childrens comp! His last shoot was 192! A reminder that twilight shoots are on Tuesday nights (see page 1 for Sunday calendar).

*Knight Marshal (Rauf)* - two events with tourneys have happened in Novemembr with no major incidents to report. Two target marshals have been reauthorised, just the paperwork needs to be completed now. Will be looking into training up some Marshals-in-Training early next year, probably after 12th night will have some Sunday training, for rapier and heavy. Rauf will also be storing some baronial gear as he now has a good sized garage. Two tourneys will happen at 12th Night, fencing on the Saturday and a Queen's Champion tourney for the heavy on Sunday.

*Chandler (Helouys)* - will be moving houses soon, but can take the chandler stuff along too, will have to reconfirm whether new house can host A&S if needed in the future. 12th night has already picked up some gear. Will also start bring an emergency garb kit to events, but it would be nice if possible to have some warning.

*Masonry* has told Ysambart that officers can have email addresses that redirect to them if they like, for example for our marshal or chandler.

*12th night—tents*— Ysambart is tent master for 12th night, if you have a tent or pavilion that you are happy to have used at 12th night please contact him directly, Portia would like to encourage people to do this quickly as number of tents/pegs etc needs to be recorded and checked with the National Capital Authority.

*Sunday Training*—now includes focus on training newcomers with Corny and Bart form 3 -4pm, followed by full armoured training.

*B&B (via Bart)* —at a family funeral, so apologies for not attending. Would like to suggest having an Archery Champion along the lines of the existing Heavy and Fencing ones, would like this to culminate in an event.

*Ulric*— thinking about running a points system so that competitors could compete in a range of shoots (IKAC, field course etc) and activities (like arrow making). Combat will be including if possible. Hopefully will plan last event in this series to coincide with a feast.

*Trivia Night (Alesia)*— planning a trivia fundraiser night in December (see p5).

*Event Proposal—Cornelius and Ysambart's Birthday Tourney*— 25-26 March, details to be confirmed. No one objected, event is approved.

*St Vitus*— Joanne is thinking about running St Vitus is no one else looks to doing it. Also going over the logistics of bidding for Bal D'argent (as a separate event).

*Tavern night*— Rauf is thinking of running a tavern night, no date yet.

*Seneschal (Ysambart)*- Bart will be leaving in June/July of 2011 to move to Wodonga, is thinking of having a farewell picnic tourney in June. Is wanting this to be a good event for a new event autocrat to try their hand at, to show its really not that hard. Helouys has mentioned her interest in this.



In regards to Seneschal changeover, details will be advertised in about May for applications, deputy is current Portia.

*12th Night (Portia)*- the 12th night steward has been ill, so if you don't get an instant reply to any queries, please be patient, or check with Portia if you need too. More details will be advertised soon (see p6).

*Hall hire (Bart)* [ed—please be kind, the discussion was wide and varied and so hard to minute, if you have any queries/suggestions, please direct them to Bart] - New options are needed as the current contract is too expensive to maintain.

Current investigations are to keep the hall for ~3hours on a Sunday, Bart is investigating a quote for this, with this quote plus estimated patron payments, a day fee will need to be charged to cover costs for Sunday use. This fee will be significant enough to encourage regular users to pay as upfront Patrons.

No site for a Wed night A&S for 2011, though plans could be made to use one of the other hall rooms on a Sunday (if hall is retained). Extra hours for Baronial Day will not be kept at this activity was not recovering costs.

Discussions were also had about increasing the margin of member to non-members at events to increase revenue (as the current different mostly goes to covering the SCA levy). Also looking at developing a pro-forma event advertisement form including disclaimers about hardship, college members counting as SCA members etc.

*Constab*—reminder that a deputy is needed to help maintain good constab and waiver records.



### *Greetings unto the populace of Politarchopolis,*

We are looking forward to Baronial Sunday coming up this weekend, things have been going well.

We would like to thank the steward of the Baronial Championship event ( Lady Caera Sionnach) , the head cook ( Dame Joan) and all others that helped create such a fantastic event especially Master Sui and Count Stephen with the entertainment and theatre. Congratulations to our new champion, Lord Niall in Orkneyski under the inspiration of his wife Liadan of the Orkneys.

There were four awards given; Count Stephen Aldred, Master Sui Zo, Lady Mathilde Hastings and Lady Adelle le Verrier were admitted to the noble 'Order of the Burley Griffin' for their outstanding service to the Barony. Huzzah!!!

We think it would be appropriate to start looking at festival plans in the not to distant future. There has been talk of a food fund being arranged which is exciting.

We'd like to bring up one aspect of festival that we'd like to start organising now though, that being the Baronial War Unit.

First of all, who is interested? Send us a mail, text, talk to us in person, let us know if we can pop your name down for it.

We are looking at making patches/belt favours or shoulders with the baronial device for those interested who don't wish to wear colours or tabards and would also be keen to have our fencers, target archers and general populace wearing them too if they so wish.

We will be having a core baronial unit for those interested and optionally if you wish to get into the spirit of things we will be looking at a landsknecht-looking unit.

We're also interested in having a Politarchopolis Heraldic Melee team in the colours of our barony with banner bearers, water bearers etc.

All of these will have to be discussed in greater detail but if you are interested please do let us know as we'd like to set up war practice along the lines of every second Saturday/Sunday and start getting combat archery going as there is a lot of interest in that department.

We are looking forward to wayfaring to Misrule in Okewaite this Saturday and Yule in Rowany

the weekend after. Not long till Twelfth night after that!

Yours in service,

*Aonghus and Ginevra  
Baron & Baroness of Politarchopolis*

*From our Seneschal:*

Hello Team,

The last month of events has been wonderful, well done to everyone involved. My current quest is to secure a good hire for Arts and Sciences hall. Make sure you make your wishes known to me on Wednesday, Sunday or other! I wish everyone an excellent Christmas, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our Valentines Day event if not before.

Your friendly Neighbourhood Seneschal,

Ysambart



*Greetings—Award Recommendations welcomed!*

We are currently seeking recommendations for members of the populace for Baronial level awards. If you know of someone who contributes to the Barony in some significant way please email us with their name and their deeds so that they may be considered for reward.

In light of the Royal visit for Twelfth Night in January 2011 we would also ask that the populace consider those who may be deserving of a Kingdom level award. Kingdom awards are aimed at rewarding those who significantly enrich the Kingdom in some way and the full list of Lochac awards can be viewed here: <http://www.sca.org.au/canon/award.php?show=index&init=Lochac>

*Aonghus and Ginevra  
Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis*

## *Herald Needed!*

To the Populace of Politarchopolis I have had a wonderful time bumbling my way through the role of Herald for this great Barony of Politarchopolis. However, I am looking forward to spending more time in my garden, so I need someone new to step into the job.

Applications should be sent to Crux Herald, and a copy to myself, Their Excellencies, and our noble Seneschal, Baron Ysambart Courtain.

I plan to step down at 12th Night, so applications need to be in by 7th December.

The job is a lot of fun, a steep learning curve, and sometimes so busy you don't get to sit down at a feast! However, you also get to meet lovely people, and see the underside of court.

Yours in Service

Catherine of Glastonbury

## *Constable Deputy Needed!*

Have you ever wanted to travel to the far reaches of the Barony, Meet interesting people, and have them sign paperwork. Then the Baronial Constabulary wants you!

There is a little bit more to it than that. The Baronial Constable is looking for a deputy. For those who wish please send a short email to the Constable, Francesco di Falco di Pietro Avanti Vinattiere, expressing there interest to [andrewfwinter@gmail.com](mailto:andrewfwinter@gmail.com)

## *Lists Keeper Needed!*

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.

While the Keeper does not necessary have to attend every tourney, it is helpful to contact the stewards or marshal in charge, to ensure the position of lists is being taken care of.

Information of how to keep lists is available at the Kingdom site: <http://www.sca.org.au/lists/info.htm>



# Blast from the Past

A trivia night with a historical bent

16 December 2010

Where: Castle Room  
King O 'Malley 's  
irish pub, civic

When: from 6pm

How much: \$15

book your spot - [blastfromthepastrivia@gmail.com](mailto:blastfromthepastrivia@gmail.com)

# *Twelfth Night 2011—A Celebration of a Coronation*

A picnic in grand style as we Receive Our new King, Crown Prince Gabriel and Queen, Crown Princess Constanzia on the most auspicious date of 15 January 2011 being the remembrance of the Coronation of Elizabeth 1 of England in 1559, which can only bring prosperity and harmony to Lochac.

Join us for a picnic on the shores of beautiful Aspen Island in Canberra, partake of Merchants Row and Sideshow Alley, —and be awed by the procession of Coronation.



On Sunday, attend brunch, watch or take part in a Rose Tourney, check out the Merchants you missed on Saturday—and again enjoy the beautiful sight of Lake Burley Griffin.

Date: 15 / 16 January 2011

Site: 15 January, Aspen Island, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra (island has footbridge)

16 January, Nara Peace Park, Lennox Gardens, Canberra.

Saturday: Site opens 2pm. Coronation, Merchant's Row, Sideshow Alley and a Twilight Fencing Tourney with the breezes off the lake.

Sunday: Peerage Meetings, Brunch, a Rose Tourney. Event closes 2pm.



Costs: Full event, Saturday and Sunday, \$50. Saturday only, \$40. Non-members prices add \$5. The Full Ticket Price will rise three weeks prior to the event. Bookings will close one week prior and there will be no tickets sold at the site. Children under 5, free. Family rates available. Hardship cases negotiable with Steward.

Queries to Steward: Honoré Corbaut (Georgia Winter)  
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Timetables, menu, etc will be updated when available,

## Baronial Heavy Championships ASXLV

The Politarchopolin Baronial Heavy Championships were held at the Anglican All Saints Church Hall (11 Cowper Street, Ainslie) on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2010. It began with the main event – the Championship tournament. In the beautifully green and rose-filled gardens of the church grounds the Championships was determined by three criteria: endurance on the field, inspiration by their consorts and pageantry.

The tournament style was the 'Meatgrinder of Doom' in which all combatants had to take a turn at holding the field against all comers with a win whilst holding the field earning them a point. This meant fighting 10 consecutive bouts in the sweltering heat and definitely proved the endurance of the combatants.

The consorts played a game of croquet under the enthusiastic watch of Count Stephen (who generously made two croquet mallets and balls for the games). This earned points for their fighter in the championships.



The pageantry involved displaying a banner, displaying a painted shield (if the fighters fought with shields), wearing any heraldic tabards or surcoats they had available and wearing a torse and mantle on their helms. Bonus points were awarded through the wearing of a crest on top of their torse and mantle.

In the end, and keeping the aforementioned criteria in mind Her Excellency Baroness Ginevra named Lord Niall in Orneyski as Baronial Champion under the inspiration of his wife Liadan of the Orkneys. He succeeded his knight, Duke Sir Cornelius von Beck, as Baronial Champion.

The feast began with court where Master Sui Zo was hauled before Their Excellencies for the crime of stealing Griffin eggs from the Baronial Eyrie. When Master Sui explained that he had 'borrowed' the eggs to make glass replicas His Excellency pardoned him, however, only if he sold the eggs for 8 gold pieces. Her Excellency added in that a tithe of 1 gold piece would be taken to upkeep the Baronial Eyrie as punishment. With everyone in the room wanting to purchase one of the Griffin eggs – which were made of beautiful

blown glass (by Master Sui himself, of course!) and held by a solid pewter Griffin's claw – the quest for 8 gold pieces began. The quest had participants performing mimes of the Spanish Armada, racy sock-puppet shows, joining of belts to run the length of the hall and human pyramids three people high. Succeeding in such tasks, and at the whim of Count Stephen (the first quest beast), gained the questers some Griffin's feathers. These feathers were required to cure the pirate, played by Lord Issarn, of his blindness. Once the pirate was cured he rewarded questers with a single, gold (chocolate) coin. But one gold coin was not enough to buy a Griffin's egg from the Baroness! And that was where Lord Sveinn, the final quest beast, came in to play. If a quester chose someone to flip their coin with him, and they got a head, he would flip his coin. If Sveinn then got a tail the quester would receive one gold coin. Every time the quester had a coin flipped they would have to choose another, different person in the room to challenge Sveinn on their behalf. Eventually the questers won themselves 8 gold coins with which to buy their very own Griffin's egg. The final task, once their egg was bought from the Baroness, was to make a public toast to the heart of the Barony. This was interpreted many ways with notable toasts to Xanthe (the Baronial baby) and the Politarchopolin archers.



The delicious feast food (in an English 16<sup>th</sup> Century style) was run by Dame Joan (and assisted on the night by Lady Adelle and Lady Quatarina) consisted of a meat, then pie, then desert course with the notable favourites being the orange chicken, the citrus chicken pasties, the aniseed meringues and the biskit bread dipped in orange cream.



A beautiful subtlety – a fruit cake turned illuminated prayer book – was presented by Mistress Muirghein (the maker and illuminator) and it wowed the onlookers with its beauty and detail.

Entertainment was not lacking with the Politarchopolin singers performing two songs – 'L'homme Arme' and 'We be Soldiers Three'. This was followed by an entertaining and somewhat scandalous play – 'The Jigg' - by Count Stephen, Joanna, Elizabeth, Burghardt, and Sigmund. The talented musical group known as Conchordia (Mistress Mathilde, Mistress Rowan, Lady Joanna and Mistress Isobel) played a set on their recorders and accompanied the dancing that Lady Joanna led.

During second court many awards were presented including tokens of thanks to Mistress Mathilde, Mistress Rowan, Douglas of the

## Your Chronicler's Musings...

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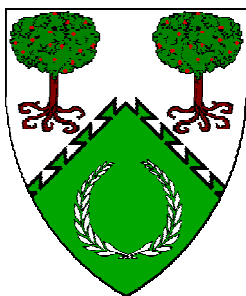
Thanks this issue to Brooke for event wrap up with lovely pictures!

Yours, *Zanobia*

## *Festival 21- 25 April 2010*

Please note the first price rise is at the end of December (\$98/\$103 member/non-member). Full details and bookings forms will be available in the December Pegasus or online at:

<http://www.rowany.sca.org.au/festival/>



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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:** Aonghus Mac Greigor and Ginevra Luciana Di Namoraza (Nathan Merritt and Carina Merritt)

The Baron and Baroness oversee the general activities and operations of the Barony and act as the regional representatives of the Crown.

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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:** Issarn e Tankard dzo Bordonia (Jason Tankard)

The Rapier Marshal coordinates the group's fencing activities and maintains their safety standards. [Jason.tankard@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.tankard@gmail.com)



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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:** Helouys le Poer

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

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<http://lochac.sca.org/politarchopolis>

**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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