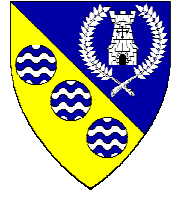




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March 2011, AS XLV

Upcoming Events

March

13 St Aldhelm Newcomer's Feast (Adam, p4)
27 Cornelius & Ysambart's Birthday Tourney (p4)

April

3 Baronial Sunday – Prose, Prowess & Pageantry (details p4)
21-25 Rowany Festival incl. May Crown (note p5)

June

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

August

20-21 St Vitus Dance and Music Weekend

November

4-6 November Crown (Radburne)

Activities

Baronial Council Meeting:

Last Wednesday of the Month, 7pm at A&S venue.

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, Masson St, Turner

Arts and Sciences Meeting:

Wednesday 7:00 pm, G029 Copland Building, ANU

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

Pot Luck Feast:

1st Sunday of the month 5:30 pm, Haig Park (p2)

What is the Baronial Sunday Pot luck meeting?

Basically, bring a plate of food and a gold coin donation.

Then put it on the buffet style bench. Have some and try some of the many other interesting, different dishes. Add in a little dancing, singing, storytelling and catching up with other Politarchopolins monthly and Voila, Pot luck meet!

Combat Activities

Armoured Combat Practice:

Main Practice: Sundays 3:00 pm, Haig Park.

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

Politarchopolis Equestrian Gathering:

First Saturday of the month from 9am - unless an event is scheduled. Generally Ciel Rocheux, Wamboin (Alesia & Kitan's place), but may vary.

Politarchopolis Baronial War Training:

Next training 5 February 1.30pm– 4.30pm (for location see equestrian above) See page 2 for details.





Greetings unto the populace of Politarchopolis,

The summer months have been a very busy time in our Barony. Thank you to Lady Alesia and Lord Kitane for generously letting us hold War Training and Equestrian on their lands. Thank you to members of Descartes for providing us all with water. We had about 16 heavy combatants and 6 light combatants participate as well as a number of others including marshals and surgeons. Equestrian also did well with 6 interested coming and training.

Baronial Sunday is going well with the next one coming up this Sunday.

St Valentines feast also went well, thank you to the steward, Adam the Renegade and his team including Lady Zanobia Adimari and Lord William de Perham. Thanks to the marshals and heralds, and a big thank you also to those who helped set up and pack down the event.

Congratulations to Lord Kitane Von Falconburg for his award of the Burly Griffin for martial arts. Congratulations also to the newest officer of the Barony, our herald Lord Alexander a la Fontayne. Don Alessandro di Firenze won the Fencing tourney whilst Lord Jonathon of Lochswan won the Heavy tournament. Special mention was made of Lady Mathilde Hastings for a very creative mask whilst thanks were given to Felicia of St Aldhelms for bringing ten newcomers to the event.

The Festival meeting was very productive. At this point in time we have roughly 24ish people plus 4 kids camping with us. Don't forget to book and put Politarchopolis down as your camping group if you are camping with us! Food fund details will be out shortly, as will details about the Baronial night in.

Border War was a fantastic event and many of the populace of our beautiful Barony were in attendance, it was lovely to see you all there and enjoy your company.

War Training is happening again on the 19th of March and more details are further in the newsletter.

We are looking forward to the beginners' combat course that Duke Cornelius Von Becke is running as well as Rowany Festival which is becoming two weeks away very quickly!

*Aonghus and Ginevra
Baron & Baroness of Politarchopolis*

Baronial War Practice: 19/3/11

Next War Practice will be as follows:

Where: Kitane and Alesia's house, same as last time. Ring 0420203331 for location/if you get lost

When: 1.30pm-4.30 pm 19th of March 2011

What: Continuation of War Training

3rd time is a tradition! War practice keeps getting bigger and better with about 16 heavies and 6 lights showing up at the last war training plus others including marshals and surgeon. Again, there will be loaner gear.

It was announced at the Feast of St Valentine that Politarchopolis and Rowany are at War.

As such we will be meeting on the field of battle at Rowany Festival. The Missive that was read out is below. Come and join us at war training and then come and join us on the field of battle at Rowany festival to protect and uphold the fair and beautiful lands of Politarchopolis.

After this next war training, pending clashes we are looking at a last War training before festival on the 9th of April which will literally be two weeks before festival.

The Barony of Politarchopolis has recently suffered attacks from across it's borders by vicious "bandits" intent on plundering our Fair Barony. In response to these savage attacks we have started to train our local forces to deal with unwanted incursions.

Our need and preparations to defend ourselves, and our good populace, has been taken as aggression and expansionism by the warlike Barony of Rowany. A slighting message was sent to us via missives demanding, nay commanding, us to stand our forces down. To concede to this ungracious command would leave our populace open to the predations of these foul and villainous "bandits"

As Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis, we swore fealty to the crown to defend the people and lands of Politarchopolis and see to their safety. We cannot, in good conscience, stand our forces down. If this draws the wrath of the warmongering Rowanites, then so be it.

We since received a missive from Rowany declaring War.

*Aonghus and Ginevra
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Meeting Minutes 23 February 2011

Hospitaller: Handover next court, from Jonathon to Louise. Adelle is Louise's deputy. Handover in next Baronial court.

A&S: quiet time over the break, new venue is operational

B&B: Rowany Festival camping: Approximately 25 people, making an Google group for communication. Border War and Baronial War practice (8th March) are coming up.

College: 12 newcomers, running classes for fencing and heavies. Lights for combat practice? Needed an interested officer, or storage. Adelle to investigate storage.

Herald: Changeover complete, several submissions are in the works, please register interest or submit paperwork. Free registration has been extended indefinitely. Herald request a \$50 float for postage costs. PASSED.

Advertisement: please come and learn voice Heraldry, more Voice Heralds needed.

General Business: Cornelius has requested a float of \$380 so the Barony can hold a stock of rattan sticks and basket hilts, so that people interested in armoured combat can easily acquire the parts for an SCA sword. PASSED

There was also a request for an expenditure planning group. Seneschal advised that each council meeting exactly was that meeting. A request for a more formalised structure was made. Seneschal advised that he would not be doing this so close to the end of his tenure. An Advertisement in Griffintayle for proposed future expenditure was promised.

Hospitaller was given carte blanche to revitalise the Hospitaller gear. This includes selling the older equipment and organising working bees to create new equipment to newer designs.

Future Planning Announcement:

To facilitate planning, please think of any expenditure that your office or group endeavour may need. Greatest consideration is given to requests for floats, some consideration is given to things that need straight donations. Please outline the request, and the one person who will oversee the funds dispersal, to the Seneschal.



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Seneschal of Politarchopolis Handover

I will be handing over my office at Baronial court 1st May 2011. Please send applications to ysambart@gmail.com & politarchopolis@sca.org.au by 20th April 2011.



From the Seneschal

Hi team, It has been a fun two years as Seneschal, but it is time for something else. Please put in an application if you are interested in taking over the office. You have a great crew of officers, and get to help shape Politarchopolis. Any questions, ask away! Polit is in good shape, now with money in the bank, good facilities, a great crew and a rosy future. Help keep the ball rolling!

Bart



Chronicler Needed!

A new Chronicler is wanted! I would like to step back from this position by Festival. The role is relatively simple and I am not attached to the current format at all, all Chronicler's should make Griffintayle their own.

The role expects 11-12 issues a year (a double issue over Christmas is not a worry). It needs to be produced in an easily shareable format, at the moment this is a Publisher document that I print as a PDF to upload to the website. Quarterly reports need to be emailed to the Kingdom Chronicler and our own Seneschal.

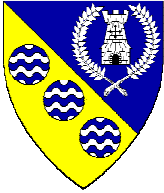
The only other role that is currently taken by the Chronicler is attending meetings and taking minutes (taking these is not a mandatory part of the role, but it does make it easier), this role can be delegated if you can find a volunteer!

A little liaising with event teams to ensure advertising is up to date is the last point. Currently the majority of local stewards are very good at sharing information, so this is easy! I really do want to step down from this role by festival, which is just two issues away (there will be an issue this week, then end of March), so you could take on Griffintayle in all the positive rush that is post-festival with its hoards of pictures!

To any new candidate for this role, I'm not running away totally and will be happy to support you in the changeover process.

So please apply, which is, send me an email saying that you want the role, a little bit of why and any ideas you have!

Ciao, Zanobia



St Aldhelm Newcomer's Feast

The event will be held in Haig Park in Turner on Sunday the 13th of March.

There will be a heavy tourney in the round robin style. Armour inspection will be at 2 for a 2.30 start.

There will be a fencing tourney afterwards. Armour inspection at 4 for a 4.30 start,

The feast will open after the fencing tourney with food served from 6.30

Cost will be:

- \$10 patrons and collage newcomers
- \$15 non-patron members
- \$18 Non-patron non-members

Plus \$5 at the door for non-newcomers who haven't booked

For bookings email tourist48@hotmail.com or call or txt after hours on 0400299760

Thanks, Adam the Renegade

A SCA Armoured Combatant Tournament

When: 11 pm
27th March 2011
Where: Lennox Gardens, Flynn Dr, Canberra

Cost: \$3 Members, \$5 Non-Members
Autocrat: Bart Beswick



To Celebrate the fortieth birthdays of Duke Cornelius and Baron Ysambart, we shall hold a tournament. The Tournament shall adapted from the methods laid out by King Rene de Anjou. There shall be a informal helm show the evening before at a local tavern, with the tournament being a SCA event. The tournament can simply be attended on the day, but to be involved in the great events please contact ysambart@gmail.com, and watch the blog post located at <http://ysambartcourtin.blogspot.com/2011/01/birthday-tournament-for-duke-cornelius.html>

Baronial Sunday - Prose, Prowess & Pageantry

As we Prepare for our Pilgrimage to Festival, the Populace of Politarchopolis (Peers, Patrons, Proteges, Pensioners, Peons and other Paragons of Piety), is invited to Practice their Pageantry, Prowess and Prose in Praise of our Queen Constanzia II .

Prize for best Pomegranate in any medium.

Sunday 3 April, 2011 (yes, Baronial Sunday)

Popinjays and Playford (i.e. Town Archery & Small Ball) and other usual Baronial Day activities are expected to continue as per normal.

Armoured Tournament: 11am (lists open 10:30)

Fencing Tournament: 1pm (lists open 12:30)
Markets (All welcome 2nd Hand Sunday): 2-5 pm

Pot-luck or Pay Feast: 6pm (Contact the Steward about pot luck/pay).

Place: Haig Park Scout Hall, Masson St, Turner
Stewards: Lady Helouys le Poer and Mistress Isobel le Bretoun (Tourney)

Booking cost: Hall entry \$5 (Patrons free):

Feast: Provide a plate or pay \$10

Booking deadline: 23/3/2011 (please advise day only / pot-luck / pay).

Cheques payable to: The Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd

Booking contact: Helouys le Poer, Mobile: 0409 154 615; helouys@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.

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Chandler: Helouys le Poer
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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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Saint Aldhelm

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

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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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Your Chronicler's Musings...

Greetings,

Please see my earlier missive about searching for a replacement!

I really do need to step down so if you are interested, please contact me. If you're not interested in publishing, perhaps Seneschal is for you? (see page 3 for more details).

Baronial day photo from Baroness Ginevra.

Yours, *Zanobia*

Festival 21- 25 April 2010

Next price rise 31 March (currently \$108/\$113 member/non). Details and bookings forms online at: <http://www.rowany.sca.org.au/festival/>

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
Politarchopolis



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Rapier Marshal: Issarn e Tankard dzo Bordonia (Jason Tankard)

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