

GRIFINTAYLE

Newsletter of the Barony of Politarchopolis



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Politarchopolis Diary

- ♣ Valentine's (ball, fencing tourney) – 10 Feb
- ♣ O'Week, ANU (demo) – 14 Feb
- ♣ St Aldhelm's Newcomers' Feast – 24 Feb
- ♣ Guard's Tourney – 17 March
- ♣ MAY CROWN – 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

February XLI		
10	Valentine's Day Massacre Tourney, Feast and Ball	Politarchopolis Canberra, ACT
16	February Summer Twilight Tourney	Krae Glas Clayton VIC
23-25	Border War IX	Bordescros Jundera, NSW
March XLI		
3-5	Siege Engine Tourney	Radburne Wellington (near Dubbo), NSW
9-11	Stowe Faire – Return of the Mahout	Austral, NSW
16	March Summer Twilight Tourney	Krae Glas Clayton VIC

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)
Thursdays from 6 pm during daylight saving
Tuggeranong Archery Club, west end of Soward
Way, Tuggeranong. Cost \$5 to non TAC members,
range fees to TAC members.
- ♣ **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, venue alternate weeks -
Northside at The Yew & Southside at Raven's Nest.
Contact the A&S Minister for details.
- ♣ **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.
Check with the Seneschal for location.
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.

This month we look forward to the year ahead, after the plotting and scheming... err... planning day on Sunday 14 January. Thank you to all the people who turned up or contacted us about their ideas.

❖ **An Arts & Sciences Season**

To help sustain and encourage the Barony's post-festival energy for brave new projects and create an "A&S season". The season would begin with a weekend event in early Autumn, after Festival and continue through the Winter months and into Spring.

A weekend of classes

This event will be hosted by members of the Order of the Laurel in Politarchopolis, with classes and workshops giving "tasters" for particular topics. The aim is to get to know those in the Barony with a passion for various A&S pursuits and make contact between keen beginners and local experts.

Over the months following the weekend, gentles who gave the classes may offer get-togethers in their own time for people to continue with individual A&S projects.

Weekly A&S

Weekly Baronial A&S on Thurs & Sun will continue, with work on individual A&S projects and various baronial projects.

Casual Collegia

Everyone greatly enjoyed the session presented by Lady Orianna last year on how to wear garb well. This style of A&S mini-class will continue on Baronial Sundays presented by members of the Barony.

❖ **A Tourney Season**

The aim is to recreate the courtly romance and intrigue of the high Middle Ages tournament, with a season of events full of pageantry and atmosphere that everyone can become involved in, whether or not they engage in combat themselves.

Tourney events will offer games and entertainments for non-combatants including children, with pot-luck picnics or feasts alongside or following them. Combatants will compete for recognition from the gallery (such as through favours and tokens) as well as the honour and glory of proving their skill.

A season of tournaments will celebrate each of the fields of Fencing, Armoured Combat and Archery. The "seasons" for each may begin and end at different times, with accolades for skill and achievement in each field.

Fencing

A series of tourneys through the year. The Politarchopolis fencer who achieves the success through the season or possibly the victor in a final tourney, will be awarded the title of Baronial Fencing Champion.

The Baroness will continue to choose her Champion at the Saint Valentine's Day tourney.

Archery

Town Archery will continue on Baronial Days. Each month tassels are presented to the Politarchopolis archer with the highest score for the Inter-Kingdom Archer Competition (IKAC) in each of five categories. One outstanding Archer will be selected each year to hold the title of Baronial Archery Champion.

The Annual Hunt and Feast celebrates combat archery each Spring & showcases the role of the Baronial Huntsmen.

Heavy/Armoured Combat

A series of tourneys through the year, culminating in a tourney to choose the Baronial Armoured/Heavy Champion. The Baronial Guard will host a tourney in March and the Chivalry of Politarchopolis will host another. The proposed timing for a Championship Tourney is mid-October.

The Baroness will continue to choose a War champion, perhaps at Casual War.

❖ **Taking the Barony on tour**

It's wonderful to see a good turnout of wayfarers from Polit at events elsewhere. If you are going wayfaring, please let us know. This helps us because:

- We may be able to travel together or share things like space in trailers.
- When stewards ask "who else is coming from your Barony?" we know.
- Particularly for war, it helps us plan our forces.

❖ **Teams for events**

Stewarding teams always need assistance and support from the populace. Many people in the barony have run successful events and have good experience to offer.

There has been a call for bringing back pot-luck feasts and picnics. These are good, low-key events to learn to steward.

When you book for an event don't forget to ask "What can I help with?" There are many things to do before (pre-cooking, preparing decorations, setting up at the site), during (assisting with serving, entertaining etc) or after the event.

❖ **Council and Baronial Officers**

Baronial officers need deputies. A deputy offers support for the person in the job. They often serve as a kind of apprentice, intending to take on the role in future, but this doesn't have to be the case. The regnum lists all the baronial officers. Please consider taking on an office at some time and speak to the officers to learn more about what is involved.

❖ **Communication**

Griffintayle

Griffintayle will return to a basic newsletter for now, with the calendar and regnum being the constant features.

Paper copies will also be brought to Sundays for newcomers or those who don't have access otherwise.

Web site, e-list & all things geeky

We have very competent web architects as web ministers. However they don't have time to manage content, so we are seeking someone with web authoring skills to write or seek out good content. The articles, officer's reports and things from griffintayle will be put on the web.

A Baronial Directory

There was general support for the idea of a directory of the populace, to be circulated only in paper copy and including the contact details of as many people in Politarchopolis as wish to be included. Gina offered to assist with setting up a way for people to submit and update their details for the directory.

Alessandro Isobel

Politarchopolis Coming Events

St Valentine's Day Massacre

Honouring the day of St Valentine's come one, come all to
Come one, come all for a day of lounging by the list field watching the Rapier Tournament, seeing who will become the next Baronial Rapier Champion, or just wandering through the markets enjoying a day in the sun. (Why not bring a picnic lunch?) Finish the day with a night of feasting, dancing and killing people! Join in the Assassins Game at the Ball and kill your friends, your enemies, or even random walkers-by. Then join in the fun and practice Cupid's Art in a novelty archery shoot.

A&S competitions will be best performance of a death scene or poem, or an assassin's weapon (yes candlesticks do qualify, particularly in the library...)

For more details, see the Politarchopolis events page:
<http://www.sca.org.au/politarchopolis/events.php>

St Valentines Baroness' Championship Fencing Tourney and Markets!

When: Saturday 10th February 2007
Tourney lists open at 10:30, tourney from 11 am

Where: Tourney at Eddison Park, Justinian Street, Phillip (the cemetery end of the Park)

Tourney Coordinator: Owain Cantor ap Hughe

St Valentines Ball, Feast and Massacre

When: Saturday 10th February 2007
Hall opens at 5:30 for 6 pm start
Ball finishes at 10:30, hall closes at 11 pm sharp.

Where: Hughes Community Hall, Hughes Shops

Ball Coordinator: Joanna of the Beechwoods

Steward: Lady Alexandra Hartshorne (Alex Rapp)
alex_rapp@optusnet.com.au
Ph: 6259 7095 / 0423 658 386

Cost: At-The-Door \$40

Non-members add \$5 to all prices. Children under 5yo free, children under 16yo half price. Contact the Steward for hardship cases or family rates. All bookings to the Steward. Cheques payable to "Politarchopolis SCA".

St Valentines Archery Shoot!

Come and practice Cupids Art, dust off your bows or if you don't have a bow come down and have a go anyway. Events will be beginners and novelty shoots, using both blunts and sharps. To ensure comfort please bring rugs, chairs and sun hats.

When: Sunday the 11th February at 10 am

Where: Tuggeranong Archery Club at the end of Soward way in Tuggeranong

Cost: Cost \$5 to non TAC members, range fees to TAC members. Spectators most welcome, at no cost.

Archery Coordinator: Lorccan Ruadh - Captain of Archers

Newcomers Feast

When: Saturday 24th February 2007
Hall opens at 5:30 for 6 pm start

Where: Haig Park Hall, Masson St, Turner

Steward: Elizabeth Beaumont (College Seneschal)

Further details yet to be confirmed, contact the Steward for more information.

Rowany Festival

Don't forget to book for Rowany Festival! We also ask that anyone planning to camp with Politarchopolis contact us as soon as possible. We are seeking a volunteer to be steward for the Politarchopolis encampment this year.

Target Archery Weekend

When: 28th - 29th April 2007
10.30 am Saturday until 2.30 pm Sunday

Where: Crossroads Medieval Village Co-operative

Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members, Day rate \$10

This is an event to improve the skills and knowledge of archery in Lochac. Participants will shoot a half-IKAC at the beginning. The higher-ranking archers tutor the lower-ranking archers. There will be various workshops and discussion sessions interspersed with practical archery sessions. A second half-IKAC will be held on Sunday afternoon to see how the archers have improved.

Steward: Sabine d'Antan (Eileen Procter)
15 Arrietta Close, Charnwood ACT 2615
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May Crown Tournament

Planning is well underway for Barony's hosting of May Crown Tournament. There are people all over the Barony working on various aspects of the event preparations, so please contact the steward to offer to assist in some way if you are not already involved.

When: 12 & 13th May 2007
Field opens 10:00 am Feast Hall opens 6:00 pm

Where: Tourney, Eddison Park, Yamba Dr, Woden
Feast, Weston Community Centre, Parkinson St
Weston Creek

Cost: Entry by pre-paid tickets \$45.00
Cheques payable to Politarchopolis SCA
Booking required, booking deadline 3 May 2007

Steward: Duke Sir Cornelius von Becke (Rudolf Weber)
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