

GRIFINTAYLE

Newsletter of the Barony of Politarchopolis



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
J A N U A R Y	1	2 ❖	3 ❖	4 ♣ ♠	5	6	7 BARONIAL DAY ♣ IKAC ♣ ♠ ❖ ♠
	8	9 ❖	10 ❖	11 ♠ ♣	12	13	14 ♣ ♠ ❖ ♠ (PLANNING DAY)
	15	16 ❖	17 ❖	18 ♣ ♠	19	20	21 ♣ ♠ ❖ ♠
	22	23 ❖	24 ❖	25 ♠ ♣	26	27	28 ♣ ♠ ❖ ♠
	29	30 ♥ ❖	31 ❖				

Lochac Kingdom Calendar

January XLI			
6	Rowany	Twelfth Night - a Coronation Fit for the Season!	Sydney, NSW
14	Aneala	Shooting on the Green	Innaloo, WA
19	Krae Glas	January Summer Twilight Tourney	Clayton (Melb), VIC
20	Aneala	Midsummer by Starlight	South Perth, WA
20	Agaricus	Rapier tourney and Feast	Campbelltown, NSW
26-29	Cairn Fell	Cairnfell Surveying Expedition	Fern Hill, VIC
February XLI			
1-6	Southron Gaard	Canterbury Faire	near Christchurch, NZ
10	Politarchopolis	Valentine's Day Massacre Feast and Tourney	Canberra, ACT
16	Krae Glas	February Summer Twilight Tourney	Clayton (Melb), VIC
23-25	Bordescros	Border War IX	Jundera, NSW

Regular Meetings

♣ 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.

As this is the first chance we have had to send a missive to the Barony since stepping up, we wish to start by thanking Their Excellencies Edmund and Leta, for the Barony is indeed healthy and prosperous, as was evident from the wealth displayed throughout the Baronial Changeover and the joyous and dedicated efforts of the good gentles of Politarchopolis who did so much to make the event such a success. We trust Their Excellencies will enjoy their new freedom.

We have had an incredibly busy few months since stepping up in September. With visits to Aneala, Mordenvale, and Ynys Fawr we were away for a number of the Baronial Days. However we have been pleased to attend many of the regular activities each week.

We were delighted to travel to the Barony of Aneala to attend the investiture of Lord Lachlahn Joseph of Dunbar and Lady Jane Grenville as Baron and Baroness of Aneala. Some may recall that Lady Jane Grenville (previously known as Sorcha of the Willows) once called Politarchopolis home. Indeed we were honoured to give Lady Jane as a "daughter of Politarchopolis" in her marriage to Lord Lachlan at the event.

We are pleased to have attended the Combined Guilds Event here in the Barony and to have met and learned from some of the great artisans and scientists of the Kingdom. Thank you to Mistress Leonie de Grey for her incredible and almost single-handed effort in providing an excellent feast as well as to all the guild members who shared their knowledge.

We also had a wonderful time at Spring War and we were proud to lead a small contingent from Politarchopolis on the warfield. Thanks particularly to Lady Gabrielle of the Marshes, Mathilde and Lord Gavin the Gruesome for their fine company throughout the event.

The Earl Marshal of Lochac raised the matter of changes to Society-wide combat rules that will impact on Lochac combat archery and also non-combatants such as banner bearers. We recommend reading the Kingdom Earl Marshal's missives, which can be found on the Kingdom Marshal's pages www.sca.org.au/marshal and the heartfelt contributions of gentles from all over the Knowne Worlde on this matter on the fiat lux site www.webcentre.co.nz/fiatlux. Sir Gregory's labours on behalf of Lochac have been extraordinary and he has achieved a fine result and no doubt discussions will continue in the lead up to Festival this year

Alas the best efforts of His Excellency Baron Edmund Ale-Conner and Lady Alexandra Hartshorn could not prevent the loss of the Spring Hunting Season this year, as a series of misfortunes prevented the hunt and feast from going ahead. We hope to see this wonderful event revived in the coming year.

Casual War was a great success once again and many tales are being told in feasting halls of those days. We would thank House Burbage for their wonderful stewardship of the event. We were well pleased to have enough Politarchopolis defenders to stand arrayed against the rest of the field and test our readiness for war. His Highness the Crown Prince inspired many and made good use of his forces, most especially the swift and sure arrows of House Drakkar.

Lord Robert Aldred took the field for the first time as Banner bearer and has a tale to tell of the loss and subsequent ransom the ransom of our banner, taken by Miles de Colwell, Champion of Rowany.

Great reknown was won by the artisans of Politarchopolis as a consequence of Lord Robert's adventures with the war banner. A battle standard for the Barony of Rowany was constructed in payment of ransom for our own banner. This new standard was completed in less than a seven-day Lady Ysabelle Vitale, Mistress Ekaterina and the efforts of members of House Descartes and the Baronial Arts & Sciences evening. Lord Owain Cantor ap Hughe received great acclaim when he presented the banner to Their Excellencies the Baron & Baroness of Rowany at the Yule Celebrations just a week after Casual War.

The Hobby Horse Crusade and Feast was a delight, with a beautiful afternoon of tourneys and games followed by a sumptuous feast full of wondrous and delicious food. Karl Faustus and Mistress Joan led a fine stewarding team who worked wonders of organisation. We were all overjoyed by the attendance of Their Graces Yolande and AEdward. Many valiant young fighters took the field in the boffer tourney and we were pleased to present the winners of the boffer tourney with Hobby Horses.

In future we hope to send shorter letters more regularly. For now, we trust you have had a joyous festive season and wish you a happy New Year.

Alessandro Isobel

Politar chopolis Coming Events

Politar chopolis Plans for 2007

Over the last few months we have heard lots of people's hopes and ideas for activities and efforts for the Barony. So far we have mostly been listening. The next step is to turn the wonderful ideas into action. To that end, we invite you, the populace of Politar chopolis, to join us to plot and scheme... err, that is... to discuss and plan a calendar of activities and events for the year ahead.

Bring a picnic lunch chat informally from 1:00 pm and/or attend a more focused meeting at the end of the afternoon to out what, when and how things will take shape.

When: 5 pm - 6 pm on Sunday 14 January 2007

Where: Haig Park Hall, Turner
(after the usual Sunday activities)

Bring: Your diaries or calendars, your ideas and enthusiasm and your practical side.

If you can't be there on Sunday 14 January and you want to be involved, contact the Baron & Baroness directly and they will keep you in the loop.

May Crown Tournament

When: 12 & 13 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 SCA Politar chopolis
Booking required, booking deadline 3 May 2007

Steward: Duke Sir Cornelius von Becke (Rudolf Weber)
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St Valentine's Day Massacre

Tourney, Feast & Ball Honoring the day of St Valentine's. Come one, come all for a day of lounging by the list field watching the Rapier Tournament, seeing who will be chosen as the next Baroness' Rapier Champion, and a night of feasting, dancing, and killing people! Enjoy the fighting, enjoy the dancing and enjoy the killing of the St Valentine's Day Massacre (its murder on the dance floor). Full rules of engagement to be published separately when they are fully decided! 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...)

When: Saturday 10th February 2007
Tourney times TBA.
Feast hall opens at 5:30 for 6pm start
Feast finishes at 10:30, hall closes at 11:00pm.

Where: Tourney at Eddison Park, Woden ACT
Feast & Ball at Hughes Community Hall

Cost: Until 21 January (After summer "recession")
\$30
Until 3 February \$35,
After 3 February all bookings will be considered at-the-door. 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 "Politar chopolis SCA".

Steward: Lady Alexandra Hartshorne
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117 Carlile Street, Evatt
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Ball Coordinator: Joanna of the Beechwoods

Tourney Coordinator: Owain Cantor ap Hughe

For more details see the Politar chopolis events page:
<http://www.sca.org.au/politar chopolis/events.php>

Rumoured Events

Newcomers Feast (Proposed) Mid to late February, possibly Saturday 17th February. For further information contact Elizabeth Beaumont (College Seneschal)



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