

Newsletter of the Barony of Politarchopolis

GRIFFINTAYLE



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REGULAR MEETINGS

- ♣ **Baronial Meetings:** the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Next Meeting will be at ANU, Copland G030. Minutes published on website.
- ♠ **Baronial heavy fighter practice:**
- Sunday: from 3:00pm at Haig Park, O'Connor near scout hall, Fencers and heavies welcome. - Wednesday evenings: from 6:30pm, at Mawson Oval.
- ♣ **Rapier practice:** Sundays, starting with Side Sword at 12.30pm at Haig Park O'Connor.
- ♠ **Archery practice:** Sundays, 10:00 till 12:00 at Tuggeranong Archery Club, Western end of Soward Way, Tuggeranong. Cost 5 gold to non TAC members Range fees to TAC members
- ♣ **Arts and Sciences:** Sundays after fighter practice, same location.
- ♠ **Baronial Dance Classes:** 2-4pm Sundays at the Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner
- ♠ **Cordon Rouge Open Herald Nights:** Tuesdays from 8pm at The Cave, 42 Montagu Place Evatt.

- ♠ **Scriptoria:** Held by the College of Scribes every 2nd Saturday of the month at 24 Rogers Street, Fraser from 1pm -4.30pm. For more details call Jon on 6259 5842
- ♠ **College Dance Classes:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, from 6.30pm at ANU Copland Building G030.
- ♠ **College A & S:** Every 1st, 3rd and 5th (if applicable) Wednesday of the month, from 6pm at ANU Copland Building G030
- ♠ **Slow work sessions:** Thursdays (except the second Thursday of the month) from 7pm at First Canberra Scout's Hall, Haig Park 5 Masson Street, TURNER (a.k.a Haig Park Hall)
- ♠ **College Armour Workshop:** 2nd Thursday of the month, from 6pm at ANU Copland Building G030
- ♠ **Mid week Boffer and A'n'S meeting:** Every Wednesday 3.30 - 5.00pm. Room 3 of the Tuggeranong Community Centre Cowlishaw Street, Greenway. Please check the notice board on entry as meeting may have been moved to a different room - will be under House Anaticula (SCA)

Other Upcoming Events:

- 1-2nd November – Aneala – November Crown Tourney
- 31st Jan-1st Feb – Politarchopolis Baronial Investiture.

Upcoming Events

Demo at Woden

Friday 10 October, corner of Callum & Hindmarsh St, Woden (opposite the Southern Cross Club.) The demo is part of a series of displays on "fun ways to be active" for the Men's Health Conference.

Gather/armour up 12.45pm, start 1.15pm SHARP. We need at least 2 rapier and at least 2 heavy fighters, others welcome for colour.

If you can help, please contact either Owain Cantor ap Hugh (Steve Pye) via thepyes@austarmetro.com.au or Oriel of the Gypsies (Vicki Whitehorn) at oriel@webone.com.au

Le Crapaud Tourney

18th October 2003, Eddison Park, Launceston Street, Phillip.

Lists open 11:30
Lists close 12:15
First toast 12:20
Tourney begins 12:30

Once again the time is upon us to be inspired by the memory of Sir Bertrand du Guesclin, renowned Constable of France, greatest General of his time and the man credited with reclaiming more of France from the English invaders than any other. Sir Bertrand was known for four things – his honour on the battlefield, his chivalric treatment of his opponents, his courtesy to all who served under him and his unswerving devotion to his King.

On this day I invite you all to come together so that we may honour the virtues that he upheld.

Yours in Service
Lord Daemon Morrison, esquire
Earl Marshal, Le Crapaud

Continuing Melee

9th of November, Haig Park, Turner

Time: Lists open 11:00, Armour Inspection 11:30, Lists & Armour Inspection close 12:00.

"The idea of the Continuing Melee comes from the Kingdom of the West. It is not a common type of Tourney these days, but is excellent in the combined skills of Tourney and War." Bran

Combatants please bring whatever legal fighting weapons you have.

Stewards: Bran of Lochiel and Daemon Morrison

Casual War

When: November 14 to 16

Where: Innabanya Girl Guides Camp.

Come to Politarchopolis for the warfare, stay for the "pyjama party".

There are rumblings of discontent and Politarchopolis is coming under siege from foreign forces. These armies must be repulsed by forces loyal to Politarchopolis. We

promise you a fun day of warfare on Saturday the 15th of November with fortress, field, bridge and woods battles.

The battles and their order will be decided on Friday night and during the lunch break on the Saturday. Encounters will be determined by the meeting of armies on a board game. The attackers win if they can take and hold the Baronial seat. (Siege engines are encouraged)

Site opens at 6pm November 14th, with a soup kitchen from 7pm. 8:30pm where the generals (and their advisers) meet to determine the morning's encounters.

Saturday, WAR DAY! The first set of scenarios will be fought pre lunch and a second set post lunch. The second set of battles will be determined during the lunch break.

Saturday night will feature a bread, soup and stew kitchen, followed by the pyjama party - casual SCA attire (e.g. tabards) and SCA themed DVD's/Videos into the early hours.

Sunday will involve Archery, Heavy and Rapier tournaments, followed by dance and A&S classes.

Costs: Weekend rate: \$25 All Weekend - not overnight
\$30 All Weekend - camping
\$40 All Weekend - Cabin Accommodation (Max 20 people in 6 bunk style rooms, preference given to wayfarers.)

Day rate: Saturday \$18, Sunday \$5

Children 10 and under free of charge, under 16 ½ price.

Bookings: Edmund Ale Conner (see Regnum for contact details)

Officers Reports

Baron & Baroness

To the people of Politarchopolis do the Baron and Baroness send greetings

We are now in the position to announce our successors. King Alaric and Queen Nerissa have decided that our successors will be Lord Edmund Ale-Conner and Mistress Leta von Goslar. We would like to thank all the candidates that volunteered. Thank you also to the people who took the time to send commentary. This helped not only ourselves, but the King and Queen, make an informed choice of what the people of the Barony wanted from their next Baron and Baroness. Further details will be announced when confirmed with their Majesties.

We were pleased to see so many people enjoy themselves at the Feast of the Butterflies. For those who were unable to attend, may we say goat, young girls, duck pate and yummy sweets (especially the rosewater ones!). Lord Tosti is officially forbidden to leave the Barony until he has passed his sweetie secrets on. As for the Quest the next day, not only was it fun for the monsters but it was also informative for the guide. He will, I am sure, think before he opens his mouth next time someone asks if it's all right to shoot if everyone has their helmets on.

By the time you read this, we expect that the forces of Politarchopolis will have taught the evil Northern Barons a lesson that they will not forget in a hurry. We are sure the

evil chuckle is on the other foot when they are staring down the combined ballista force of Politarchoyopolis and Rowany. The crimes of the Northern Barons, however, are so manifold that they cannot be forgiven after one small drubbing. It is our intent to continue this action until the manifest apologies of these aggressors are laid at our feet.

In this new age of marshal readiness, we do therefore request that all combatants keep themselves in constant readiness. What better way for the harnessed fighters to show this than to join us at the Le Crapaud Tourney on the 18th. We will see you all there.

François and Ælfthrythe

eneschal

Greetings to all,

What can I say but "it has been a very busy month" I would like to thank all who attend the Heavy Quest. Thank you for making it a great day. Though next year I plan on raising a force and removing those pesky bandits from the woods once and for all!

Thanks to Lord Tosti for running a excellent feast. There was lots of yummy food to be had by all.

As you may be aware Mistress Leta and I have been selected as successors for the Baroness and Baron. So I would like it to be known that the position of Seneschal will need to be filled in the next month or two. Could those who are interested in this position please send me a written statement of interest no latter than the 1st of November

Politarchoyopolis' third Baronial Investiture is to be held on 31 Jan/1 Feb 2004. Written bids are invited to be submitted by 1st November 2003, to the current Seneschal. The successful bid will be announced at November's Baronial Meeting. For specific requirements for the event, please contact Edmund or Leta.

The weekend of 14/15 Feb is therefore still open to hold a St Valentine event. Written bids are to be submitted to the Seneschal and/or Baron & Baroness by Friday 1st November. Be aware that due to this being 2 weeks after the Baronial Investiture, there may not be as many attendees as in previous years.

I must leave now as I can hear the distance sounds of war approaching.

Yours In Service
Edmund Ale-conner

arshal

Greetings unto the populace,

Thankfully there were no injuries to report for the month of September at events or training.

Events held

War Training - Redwood Grove

Attending were 6 heavies, 2 lights and a ballista. Lots of fun was had with small skirmishes in open field, and a couple of archer gauntlets run by the heavy's. Edmund's ballista was successfully tested with at least one confirmed kill – Milord, you shall remain nameless but – No, you cannot block a ballista bolt with your shield...

Robert Young was authorised as a Marshal. No injuries were reported.

Quest – Redwood Grove

Eight heavies, 3-4 lights and a good number of spectators attended this well run event. Beginning with 5 challengers entering the quest, Sui (from Stormhold) was acknowledged as the fighter who showed the most cunning and Rhodri was awarded the prize of a surcoat in his choice of design and colour, (to be made by Edmund - and how busy is he going to be, surcoat, Invest, new siege toy....). Our thanks to all those who participated, and a special mention to the bandits who thought it was fun to shoot the guide.

Rhodri r Gweledydd was authorised as a heavy fighter.

Regards

Heinrich Maximillian von Hesse

aptain of Archers

Due to illness I have been unable to shoot and have not managed to attend most archery practices this past month.

However I did attend the monthly IKAC on the 7th of September. 8 Archers participated including two of the regular TAC (Tuggeranong Archery Club) members. The competition was won by Ysabella Vitale with a score of 153.

There was also Baronial mixed combat training held on the 13th which was marshalled by Lord Sigmund Spellman. Additionally there was a combat archery component of the Redwood Grove Fighting Quest held on the 21st.

Yours in service,
Alessandro di Falco
or Simply Simon (though it rarely feels that way.)

onstable

Greetings,

The office appears to be running reasonably smoothly, with the introduction of indemnities at fighter practices (Haig Park) having been implemented without too much trouble. Still need a representative from other combat practices to 'do the indemnity thing' there.

Again, I have a request for a person to take over the office of Baronial Constable, please submit expressions of interest to myself, in writing. I need to find a replacement for myself due to the up coming Baronial Investiture, in the meantime I will be calling upon the assistance of the constables-at-large within the barony to help with the constables duties at events.

Yours in Service,
Leta von Goslar

hronicler

Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to talk to me about "Griffintayle" over the last two months. I've been able to get lots of feedback as to what the populace wants "Griffintayle" to be and also resolve a few queries I had about distribution.

Starting this month, as well as being printed and distributed in "hardcopy" form, I'll be taking email subscriptions to receive "Griffintayle" as a pdf file via email. Rhodri will be trying to put up an electronic email subscription form on the web, but until that's done, you can email me directly. I still need all the details that are required in the normal subscription form. Obviously, electronic subscriptions will be free.

One concern that was voiced about email distribution was the Household contact lists. I will try to contact as many people on it as possible, but it would help if you can let me know whether or not you are happy to have your household details to stay in the email version of "Griffintayle".

Next, know any newcomers? Got a friend who says they're interested in the SCA but never quite makes it along to anything? I'm offering a free six-month postal subscription to all newcomers upon receipt of their name and postal address. If you do know a Newbie who isn't getting "Griffintayle" by post, please send me their postal details.

Finally, this is the last month where free copies will be distributed. However, in future I will be printing "Upcoming Event" fliers for free distribution (effectively the front cover and 2nd page). However, mundane time constraints make it difficult for me to get to the regular practices, so I am looking for people to help with distribution. This would involve stopping by Cloud Forest Hall (Watson) to collect the fliers to take with you, making sure they get distributed at the practices you attend and keeping a tab of how many are needed on average. It's not as tricky as it sounds. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Iechyd da,
Blodeuwedd y Gath

Web Minister

The photography afternoon went well; many thanks to Lady Oonagh. It is rumoured that this may be happening again, so if you missed out last time you will have the opportunity coming soon.

The photos from recent events will be put online in the near future (as I now have a bit of free tie coming up)

Apart from that there is nothing else to report.

Rhodri

Herald

Cordon Rouge Herald Open Nights: Tuesdays from 8pm at The Cave, 42 Montagu Place Evatt. Come and discuss your name and device, and get advice on both. Remember: all heraldic submissions from Politarchopolis are supposed to go via the Baronial Herald, and now that I have my life more in order this may start happening again!

Karl Faustus

Arts and Sciences

Hi there all from your friendly A & S team,
Over the last few years an enormous amount of Baronial regalia has been made by people in the Barony.

This has included banners, table runners, list ropes, tabards - you name it, we've made it. As the years have passed by these have quietly vanished.

Now (she hikes up her sleeves,) we are going to have a Baronial Divestiture/Investiture somewhere in the not so distant future. So now is a good time to find out just what we have floating around, get it all back in one place, do whatever repairs are necessary and replace what needs to be replaced.

Thus, the time has come to dig out all of those bits and pieces that have been hiding away in the back of the cupboard, because the feast you picked them up at was six years ago, and deliver them to either The Mummery or to Haig Park Hall during A&S, Dance or Fighter training.

Anything with a Griffin on it probably falls into this category - with the exception of the skirts and pants that were made for a Twelfth Night years ago and were paid for by individuals. Mind you, if you have any of these and don't want them anymore you can bring them along.

Thank-you very much
Mathilde & Sybille

News of the Realm

William Marshall – Stormhold.
Memorial Tourney and Feast, Royal visit and Baronial Investiture.

A chivalric weapons tourney will be held on Saturday, December 6th, at Pridmore Park, Mason Street, Hawthorn, VIC (Melways 2H-H5) from 11am, followed by a catered feast at St. Brigids Hall, Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy, VIC (Melways 2C-A4) from 5PM. Entry by tickets at \$25 for members, \$35 for non-Members. Please make cheques payable to *S.C.A., Inc., Stormhold*.

Tickets will be on sale from the steward from the 1st of October to the 4th of December. (wayfarers by arrangement with the steward).

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 11am, tourney from Noon sharp (NO SCA TIME).

During the feast, Gwynfor and Gwir will be stepping down as Baron and Baroness of Stormhold, and Hugh and Therasa will be invested as the New Baron and Baroness. At the feast there will be a Best Angevin Garb competition and the Baronial Arts and Sciences Championship. Anyone with special dietary requirements please advise the steward.

Steward: Þorfinn Hrólfsson (Steve Roylance) 1592
Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria, 3146, (03) 9 885 6348,
roylance@corplink.com.au

Mail-makers needed.

Good gentles,
I have been approached by a film company to potentially make 40+ suits (well the mail parts anyway) of

"Persian" armour. I am looking for expressions of interest from people interested in doing piecework. The material will be aluminium (anodised to a bronze colour), the pattern will be one of the Japanese variants (don't ask, we are talking movies, not historical re-creation). both easy.

Contact me at karlmad@bigfoot.com if you are interested. Some indication of your minimum hourly rate would be useful. This does not mean that I am going to rip you off, I just need to know who is playing in the same ball park as I am, and if you are too cheap by my standards I will pay you more, so there! I supply the rings, you supply the labour.

Karel (Karl Masden)

News From Polifarchopolis

Rohanna (Sandi Drosdeck) shared the news that she is getting married on the 8th of November. Congratulations!

House Lochiel continues its plan to hold a Mongolian Invasion at next Festival. Things are moving well, and they intend to create a Mongolian Website based on their research.

Submissions for Baronial Investiture and St Valentine's Day Feast are being called for. Proposals for Invest must be received by the Seneschal in written form by the 1st of November.

The Scribes Guild is hosting regular Scriptoriums on the 2nd Saturday at each month. They are being run by Morag Frayser and Giovanni Basilio di Castronovo, so if you've ever wanted to share your illuminating personality and wit with the world, drop by. Going from 1pm to 4.30pm, they are currently being held at Magpie Hacienda 24 Rogers Street, Fraser. For further details, call Giovanni (Jon Price) on 6259 5842.

The Bat is Back! Our Baronial Herald, Karl Faustus aka Eric the Fruitbat, is once more opening his doors weekly to give friendly advice and help with Heraldic submissions. The Herald will be "At Home" every Tuesday, from 8pm at The Cave, 42 Montagu Place Evatt. For more details, call 0407-468-244

Rattan is no longer able to be imported from Indonesia. Although rattan is still being grown and imported from Fiji, it's of inferior quality. Baron Stephen has details of a supplier in Sydney that still has some in stock – contact him if you are interested in joining him in buying them out!

Webpage of the Month

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/History/index.htm>

MIT have release notes and syllabi and so on for many courses, and amongst them are some history courses, including "The Renaissance", "Medieval Economic History" and "History of Western Thought 500-1300". This provides a study guide framework rather than direct information, but is useful for a starter for research none-the-less.

Goldfish Stomach Soup – facts you might wish you didn't know

St Lucy became the patron saint of bell ringers due to a strange series of misunderstandings. In iconography, she is shown holding the eyes she had put out on a plate. However, as her legend moved across Europe, a mistranslation stated that rather than her eyes being put out for her adherence to Christianity, her breasts were cut off. And so, artists in various areas depicted her holding two stylised breasts on a plate. As time went on, people who didn't know this variant of the legend assumed she held bells on her platter and hence she became the patron saint of Bellringers.

Recipe of the Month

Wanton in Broth by Baron Drake Morgan, OL.

Recipe Source:

Wang, T & Anderson, E. N. (1999) *Cloud Forest Hall Collection of Rules for Drinking and Eating*, featured in *Petit Propos Culinare 60*.

Sabban, Françoise *Some Remarks about the Translation of Yun Lintang Yinshi Zhidu Ji published in PPC 60 (1999) featured in Petit Propos Culinare 61*

Original Translated Recipe:

Chop the meat finely. Add riced bamboo shoots or wild-rice shoots, chives, or Basella rubra tips. Use Szechuan pepper and a bit of apricot kernel paste. Wrap. The skins should start out thick and small when cut out. Then flour them and roll them out. (When stuffed) put into fully boiling water. Stir; do not cover. When they float up, take them out, stirring no longer. Do not use Chinese cardamom in the filling, except to warm the ch'i.

Redacted Recipe:

Wonton Wrappers:

500 Grams Pasta Flour or Durum Flour
2 Whole Eggs
4 Egg Yolks

Filling:

100Grams Minced (Breast or Thigh Fillet) Chicken
50 Grams Finely Diced Pickled Bamboo Shoots
10 Grams Apricot Kernel Paste,
½ Teaspoon Freshly ground Szechwan Pepper (very finely ground)
½ Spring Onion, finely sliced.

2 Litres Chicken Stock with more Spring Onion and some Sliced Ginger (if serving in Broth) OR Water (if poaching wontons and then serving on their own).

Feeds 8-10 for an entree.

Method:

Mix Eggs and Pasta flour into a stiff dough. Let rest for half an hour. Use pasta machine to make dough into thin wonton pastry (use finest setting), or a marble with rolling pin and plenty of elbow grease. Cut wrappers into two inch squares. Gently cook chicken mince until it is just done. Mix in Bamboo shoots, salt, shallots, and pepper. Take off the heat and allow to cool. Place a small amount of mixture into the wrapper, and fold four corners in. Bring corners up and give a 180 degrees twist to seal the wonton. Raise a pot of salted water to the boil and poach the wontons for 3 minutes or until they rise to the serve (and thus are cooked). An alternate for this recipe is to poach the wontons in stock instead then arrange in wantons in a tureen and then pour the heated chicken stock to cover the wontons. Garnish with sliced spring onions and sliced ginger.

Notes and Assumptions:

I have used smoked rather than fresh chicken at a camping festival to good effect. You can also serve these wontons in a simple broth rather than just on their own.

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