

GRIFFINTAYLE

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Council Meetings: in room G008 of the Crisp Building at the ANU, on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Fighting and Marshal things

Baronial Heavy Fighter practice: Sunday mornings at ANU Oval from 10 am. except on weekends with fighting events.

Rapier practice: Wednesday nights at 14/67 Mcquoid St, Queanbeyan from 7.30 pm. Please ring first on 299 4638.

Archery practice: Sundays at ANU Oval from 10 am.

Town Archer: second Sunday of each month at the same time and place, but it is a costumed event.

Combat Archery first Saturday of the month at the Cross Roads Site (8 km from Yass towards Goulburn on the Hume Highway - look for the Crossroads sign on the left) and on the third Saturday at Southwell Park, Lyneham, both from 1 pm. Please ring the Captain of Archers Simon Price at the Yew, 291 6802, beforehand if you are going to turn up.

Des Cartes Household Fighter practice: Wednesday night practice at Barrow Downs from 6 pm. Everybody welcome.

Toad Hall Training: Thursday nights at Toad Hall (108 Nemarang Cres, Waramanga) from 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Music Practice: Friday evenings at 8 pm at 7 Binya Place, Narrabundah. For more information, contact Rosamunde (Ellen Levingston) on 295 8350.

Heraldry: Monday nights from 7.30 pm at SCHLOSS UNORDENTLICH ETC AND the Insanitorium (36 Blackham St, Holt) for consultations on name and device submissions etc. Please ring the herald beforehand so that he can bring his books along.

Drama: Sunday evenings from 7.30 pm on at the Mummery.

Dancing: Wednesdays, from 6.30 pm, except on Council evenings at the Dancing Biscuit, 6 Meyrick Place, Florey..

Stitch and Bitch: Tuesday nights from 7.30 pm at The Mummery. The rule is "No stitch, no bitch" or "No sewing? You're going!".

South Side Sewing Circle: Dragon Portal, 3 Kidgell Place Gilmore

Bake and Brew: Third Monday of the month 7.30pm, except this month, when it is the 4th Monday. - at the INSANITORIUM (36 Blackham St Holt)

Arts and Sciences: Fourth week of the month at a variety of venues, contact A&S minister (Oonagh)

All events are 'official' SCA events unless specifically stated otherwise

SITUATIONS VACANT AND FILLED

Captain of Archers requires a deputy. Please contact Alessandro Firenzi (Simon Price) at the Yew 291 6802.

New Chronicler: Rolland Guillaume de Navarre (Rob Aked)

New Chronicler - Promises: The Baroness (Katrina Hunt)

Rapier Captain: François Henri Guyon (Shayne Lynch)

College of St Aldhelm requires a new Seneschal. Please contact Lady Armida (Miesje de Vogel) at Toad Hall 288 1305

Note: The choice of successor to an office must be ratified by the Politarchopolan Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness and the officer's principality superior.

REGULAR EVENT NEWS

Heraldry: Heraldic consultation has returned to Schloss Unordentlich (17 Forwood St, Monash) on Monday nights, 7-9.30pm, EXCEPT when Bake & Brew is on. On Bake & Brew nights, Heraldic consultation will be held at the Insanitorium.

Bake and Brew: Bake and Brew is now being held on the THIRD monday of every month (so everyone knows about it before it happens) EXCEPT for this month, when it will be on the 4th Monday of the month. This month's Bake and Brew is on the 25th September, 7.30pm at the Insanitorium (36 Blackham Street, Holt, 2545496). There has been great interest in doing a Mead Collegia, so I will be doing a basic Methleglyn recipe for any interested parties. I am also trying to arrange membership and accreditation for the brewer's guild. More on this later.

I am also interested in setting up a Brewing competition for Finnian and Lucrezia's visit in November/December as Lucrezia is a brewer of some repute. Would the Arts and Sciences officers and any other interested parties please contact me or show up at Bake and Brew to discuss the feasibility of this please.

Wassail!

Drake Morgan
M.k.a Craig Jones (email: drake.morgan@caa.gov.au)

Middle Eastern Dance Classes will be starting up on Thursday 5 October. If you would like to learn, please contact Romille de Mont Blanc on ph: 257 8414 ah. You could leave a message, and Romille will send you a flyer. The cost is \$36, or \$31 for concessions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DISPLAYS:

The Barony has been asked to put on two displays this month.

The first of these is at the Mount Rogers Community School (Badelley Cres, Spence) as part of their Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday 9th September. Setup is at 11am, with the display proper starting at 12 noon and continuing to late afternoon. (probably around 4pm). We need fighters (heavy and rapier), costumes, books, music, dance teachers, games and anything in the way of arts and sciences that can be displayed or demonstrated. Entry is free to those doing the display, with tea and coffee also provided free of charge.

The other display is at the AME school (Unwin Place, Weston) on Friday 22nd September, starting from 6pm. As they are holding a feast to celebrate the end of term, the school has asked if we can provide them with copies of period (or period style) 'finger food' recipes, so if you have anything suitable, please let me know as soon as possible. We also need several fighters, musicians and people to teach, do singing, dancing and games.

Stop press: The Early Music Fair will be held in Canberra over 18-19 November, with a ball to be held on the Saturday night. We have been asked to consider doing something in conjunction with the Fair eg. play, dance workshop, fighting demo. More details in next months' Griffintayle.

If you can help with either of these displays or want more information about the Early Music Fair, please call Oriol of the Gypsies (Vicki Watson) on 258 9587 (ah).

The Politarchopolan Red & White Allemagne Ball

To all good gentles do I extend an invitation to a night of fun, frivolity and dancing at The Politarchopolan Red & White Almain Ball. To be held on 7th October, at 7.30pm at Hughes Community Centre. A light supper will be provided. Cost: 7 gold for members, 9 gold for non-members. Autocrat: Katryn of the Forest. Phone (06) 230 8258.

Feast of Spring

Who: Ancient Arts Fellowship (ie this is not an SCA event)
When: 14 October, 7.30pm **Where:** Hall Pavillion, Hall ACT
What: Potluck Feast, however bread, cheese, punch and some staple foods will be provided. Cost: \$7.00.
What to bring: A dish of food, feasting gear and costume if possible. **Competitions:** There will be bardic, costuming and best dish competitions at the feast. Also we will be running a tug of war and an armouring competition. **Fighting:** There will be fighting run on the Saturday at the AAF training ground. This will start at 12pm. Contact the Autocrat for a map. **Autocrat:** Ben Cook (ph 295 0035)

Black Knights Tournament

Saturday 11 November from 11am - 4pm at Commonwealth Park near the Pedestrian Bridge will be the site for the Tourney. A feast will follow, which will be held at the Weston Creek Community Hall from 6pm to midnight.

Autocrat: Sir Brusi Anderson of the Shetlands (Bruce Tobin 288 1262). **Bookings Autocrat:** Christopher Maclean (Christopher Stephenson 281 0253, 12/43 Anderson St, Chifley, 2606) **Cost:** \$12 members, \$14 non-members. **Bookings are essential and are required by Monday 6 November.**

More information will be provided in upcoming Griffintayles.

WAR

Agents among the scattered ranks belonging to various, unnamed, colleges report the ongoing disputes between St Aldhelm and St Ursula on one side and various, lesser, institutions on the other. Intelligence suggests that matters will come to a head in the immediate December post-exam period. It is expected that their forces will march against the outnumbered but undaunted forces of the combined St Aldhelm/St Ursula (St Urshelm?) and attempt to confront our gallant host in the field hard by the village of Crossroads.

The valiant (but outnumbered) warriors of our host now call upon kin and kith, neighbour and friend, to come and aid us in this most noble and just of causes. Heavies, rapier combatants, and lights of all descriptions are desperately needed to hold the line against overwhelming odds. We guarantee nothing but a glorious death.

It is expected that the battle will take place on the 2nd and 3rd of December, on the fields of Crossroad (near Yass, NSW). More details will become available as our agents report.

Autocrat: Martin de Mont Blanc (Alex Tewes) 257 8414.

From The Baron and Baroness

Unto the Populace of Politarchopolis do Stephen and Mathilde send greetings.

The two months since Politarchopolis became a Barony have been a fairly quiet time, with but one feast and one tourney. The upcoming month is once again fairly quiet, but with an increase in events through October to year's end. Events in the next couple of months include a Southern Canton Meeting and Tourney on the 23rd September, the Red and White Almain Ball 7th October, the Hobby Horse Crusade and the Black Knight Feast and Tourney in November.

Over the coming month the Seneschal will be attempting to put together a calendar scheduling up to a year in advance. As we are a large group and cater for large events we need to plan ahead to ensure the success and continued growth of Politarchopolis. If you are considering running an event please notify Martin of your intention with prospective dates and details of your event.

An adjunct to the calendar planning is an event checklist. When planning an event please obtain one of these from Martin or Katryn of the Forest. They are intended to make it easier to plan what you will require and how much of the Barony's funds you will need to draw upon.

Oriel of the Gypsy's is establishing a Politarchopolan public display group. If you are interested in doing public displays or have ideas that may improve the standard of public displays give Oriel a call. Over the past few weeks we have been flooded with requests for public displays and need to develop standard formats and information for those running them.

War season is fast descending upon us. At the end of this month Mordenvale host Total Waaugh, November is Defence of the Realm (Torlyon) and December has the College War (St Aldhelm). We urge fighters to support the coming battles and at this stage I plan to attend all three wars, although Total Waaugh depends upon transportation. With wars in mind the Marshallate are initiating bi-monthly war training at the Crossroads Site. The first of these mixed war trainings is planned for Sunday the 17th September from 11am. It should make for a fun day and weather allowing we will finish the day with a barbecue.

Finally a short term project. Arts & Sciences competitions for Twelfth Night at Stormhold include a section for Heraldic Beasts. Our Seneschal is keen to see a Griffin created as a Baronial project and presented at Twelfth night by such children of the Barony as are in attendance. This seems a fine and fitting project to undertake. All nobles interested in the construction of this please contact Martin de Mont Blanc who will co ordinate the making.

We are now connected to the NET, our address is thehunts@canberra.DIALix.oz.au

Yours in Service
Stephen and Mathilde

OFFICERS' NOTICES, REPORTS etc

From The Seneschal
Greetings All!

A long time ago, (in a land far, far away) I was living in another barony (then a Shire). One evening, whilst doing things heraldic, I was reading the Roll of Arms of Lochac, when I first saw this beautiful device in Gules and Argent, featuring a griffin. Looking at the name, I wondered why should Politarchopolis have a griffin in its device. As is usually the case, it struck me at 2 AM, seating bolt upright in bed, Of course! Burley Griffin! satisfied, I drifted back to sleep happy at finally making the connection. As a now resident of Politarchopolis, the connection is quite obvious and am proud to say that I dwell under the griffin's wings. Come January, we shall all have an opportunity to show Lochac how beautiful our griffins really are. You see, the "theme" for Twelfth Night Investiture is to be "heraldic beasts", and at Council Meeting it was decided that Politarchopolis would make a griffin (something like one of those chinese dragons) for display at the Investiture Event. The concept is to make a papier-mache head with painted cloth body and wings. Those youngsters in the barony too young to fight will be invited to become the "Griffin Keepers" and take the responsibility for bringing the griffin to life. Of course, such a ferocious and wily beast is apt to break away from its cage from time to time, and such members of the Chivalry as are around may be called upon to drive the beast back to its allotted place with plenty of opportunity for valiant deeds and good theatre.

Coming down from the realms of griffins and good theater, I would like to make some comments about baronial and canton events. In an effort to ensure that events are well attended and fun for all (even the autocrat doing the accounts) a new system has been put in place for those wishing to host events. First of all, tell me of your wish and book a space in the baronial calendar. Then complete an Event Information Sheet, a draft budget form (available from the reeve or myself) and make a flyer to advertise the event. Once the budget and the Event info forms are signed, go to see the Reeve. From her get the cash box, your advance, and the receipt books. Accounts for baronial events are due no later than one month after the event. This procedure may seem like a bit of an imposition, but it makes sure that the barony's money (YOUR money) is well looked after.

In conclusion I would ask all of you to keep the early part of the year 2000 free ...

Yours in Service

Martin de Mont Blanc

From The Constable

Greetings from Mistress Kiriell du Papillon, Baronial Constable.

I have no desire to sound like a policewoman, but I want to establish a few clear rules that all people attending events should know:

- Indemnities need to be filled in at **all official** fighter and rapier practices, and at combat archery practices;
 - these need to be filled in by **all** participants - whether fighters, marshalls or spectators. The basic rule of thumb when it comes to spectators is this: if a spectator is sitting close enough that if this were an event they should be in garb, they should sign an indemnity. So spectators far away in a stand would

not have to sign, but people on the side of the field must. IF IN DOUBT GET THEM TO SIGN.

- As a matter of preference, the Lochac constable would like to have indemnities collected at archery events also.
- Technically anyone can sign these forms as long as they actually see the person filling it out sign it, so if it is your event, and there are no constables in town, find some nice volunteer to do the forms.
- **IMPORTANT:** Minors must have an indemnity signed by their legal parent or guardian. Siblings or friends who are taking the child out for the day ARE NOT GUARDIANS. If you intend to take a child that is not yours to an event, you need to get the parents to fill in an indemnity which you should bring with you. I strongly advise parents to obtain copies of the minors indemnity forms from me, so that you have some at home.
- indemnity forms should not be changed, adjusted or rewritten in any way, shape or form. These are legal documents. I know the non-members/minors forms are cumbersome, but it is necessary that participants read the form before signing it, and a petition style form leaves us open to all sorts of problems. I have all the up-to-date forms, please contact me if you need some.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please contact me:

hm: 254 5051, wk: 272 4542 and email:
rhodgkin@mailpost.dpie.gov.au. You are more likely to get me at work, but I prefer emails if you can manage them.

Last but not least, if you are interested in becoming a warranted constable, please contact me for the appropriate form.

*Yours in service
Kiriell du Papillon*

From The Chronicler

Greetings to you all from your new Chronicler.

I would like to thank Leonie de Grey on behalf of the populace of Politarchopolis for her work and efforts on Griffintayle.

If you have any items, information or snippets that you would like to see in this publication, please let me know. My contact details are in the regnum attached.

Amongst the late breaking news that some of you may not have heard, the new Lord of Lochac is Sir Cornelius von Becke, and his consort is Morwynna of Branwynt, gained at September Coronet. Second place in the Coronet went to Eric Allard according to various sources amongst the populous.

Finally, much apologies for the lateness of this month's Griffintayle, I will make sure that future issues are out much earlier.

*Yours in service
Rolland Guillaume de Navarre*

From the Hospitaller

Included in this month's Griffintayle is a proposal on how we, as a group, should deal with displays. It was discussed by those present at the September Council meeting and no objections were raised. I request those not present to please

take the time to read through it as, provided no major objections are raised, it will become Baronial policy as of the October Council meeting. If you do have major objections, please discuss them with either the Seneschal or myself (we're both in the Regnum

*In service
Oriell*

From The Arts and Sciences Minister

Greetings once again from Oonagh.

Many thanks to Mistress Morag Ameridith for running the Calligraphy and Illumination at the last A&S meet. The Calligraphy & Illumination A&S comp will be judged at the Black Knights Tourney, second weekend in November.

The next A&S meeting will be on 21 Sep 95 at House Ego, 55 Wilkins St Mawson, starting at 1900hrs. The topic : **Fortress & Fortifications**. This is also a comp to be judged at Hills War. Entries may be practical, models or a paper, ie an essay. (Contact: Bastian on 2900079).

The October A&S will be on 19 Oct 95 at Dragon Portal, 3 Kidgell Place Gilmore. (YES, THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS, AND THE FUTURE SOUTHSIDE SEWING CIRCLE VENUE). A&S starts at 1900hrs & the topic is Eastern Dress, Customs, Lifestyle. This is also the subject of an A&S comp to be judged early 1996.

Starting on the 5th October 1995 at 1930hrs to 2130hrs for six weeks will be Belly Dancing lessons at the Griffin Centre in Civic. The cost is \$36 and \$31 concessions. Lady Romille de Mont Blanc is organising & running these classes and can be contacted on 257 8414 (ah). Please give her your support.

There are two timetables below. The first is cancelled Southside Sewing Circles (because of the change of address and the Belly Dance nights). The second is Belly Dance nights.

Cancelled Southside Sewing Circles

14 Sep 95, 21 Sep 95, 5 Oct 95, 12 Oct 95, 26 Oct 95.

Belly Dancing Nights

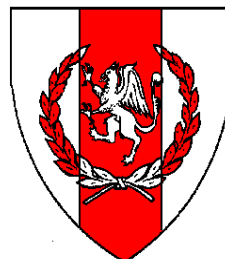
5 Oct 95, 12 Oct 95, 20 Oct 95, 26 Oct 95, 3 Nov 95, 10 Nov 95.

Also anybody interested in being part of a bladesmiths guild please contact me.

*Yours in service
Oonagh*

Lost

The College of St Aldhelm Tent. Could anyone having information on said item PLEASE contact Simon Price on 291 6802



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St Aldhelm Regnum

Seneschal: Miesje de Vogel (Armida Ximanez de Salamanca) 108 Nemarang Cres, Waramanga, 2611, 288 1305 *Toad Hall*

POLITARCHOPOLAN HOUSEHOLDS

The Armory	28 Goessling Pl, Flynn, 2615	258 8086
Ars Musica	16 Jenkinson St, Monash, 2904	291 0491
Barrow Downs	51 Kingsmill St, Kambah, 2902	231 2465
Bedlam	61 Belconnen Way, Weetangera, 2614	254 3555
The Belfry	2/30 Gatton St, Farrer, 2607	286 6397
Castle Saburac	RMB 119A Cotter Rd, via Weston, 2611	288 0396
The Cloisters	18 Cambridge Gdns, Catchpole St, Macquarie, 2614	251 4491
Crock Cottage	Sutton Rd, Gundaroo, 2620	236 8195
Dancetty	24 O'Sullivan St, Higgins, 2615	254 1358
Dancing Biscuit	6 Meyrick Pl, Florey, 2615	258 9978
Decadence Tower	36 Karri Cres, Queanbeyan, 2620	299 4962
Des Cartes	48 Burrunjuck Cres, Duffy, 2611	288 1262
The Garret	68, Block B, Currong Flats, Braddon, 2602	257 1240
Dragon Portal	3 Kidgell Pl, Gilmore, 2905	291 5446
House Ego	55 Wilkins St, Mawson, 2607	290 0079
Il Parco Cellini	77 Bennelong Cres, Macquarie, 2614	251 6043
The Independent Duchy	59 Barnard Circuit, Florey, 2615	258 3470
The Insanitorium	36 Blackham St, Holt, 2615	254 5496
The Mummery	24 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615	254 3059
Pocketfield	7 Binya Place, Narrabundah, 2602	295 8350
The Punning Clan	24 Rogers St, Fraser, 2615	258 2279
Ruatha	"Ruatha" RMB Tinderry Rd, Michelago, NSW, 2620	230 8258
Sarcomand	2/30 Gatton St, Farrer, 2607	286 6397
Schloss Unordentlich	17 Forwood Rd, Monash, 2904	291 4260
Smithfield	14 Hannam Pl, Mawson, 2607	286 1887
The Tinderbox	10 Gunn St, Yarralumla, 2600	285 2137
Toad Hall	108 Nemarang Cres, Waramanga, 2611	288 1305
Villa de Naiad	36 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615	255 2001
Weyhacche	34 Trumble St, Pearce, 2607	286 1280
The Wilde Woode	15 Sturgeon St, Conder, 2905	294 1572
The Yew	97 Henry Melville Dr, Gilmore, 2905	291 6802
Wyvernsridge	78 Maitland St, Hackett, 2602	257 8414