

GRIFFINTAYLE

November
1994

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Council Meetings: in the Dedman Building of the ANU, ground floor, on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Fighting and Marshal things

Heavy Fighter practice: * Sunday afternoons at Macquarie Park from 2 pm.

* Wednesday night practice at The Tinderbox from 6 pm.

Novice heavy training: Tuesday nights at Il Parco Cellini from 6.30 pm. Please phone first to make sure that it's on.

Fencing practice: * Monday nights at 24 Rogers St, Fraser (258 2279) from 7 pm.

* Thursday nights at the Tinderbox from 7 pm.

Archery practice: Sundays at ANU Oval from 10 am.

Town Archer: first 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 Golburn 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.

Marshals' training: Macquarie Oval on Sunday afternoons in conjunction with Heavy Fighter practice.

Armouring: at Il Parco Cellini, on Tuesday nights. Ring 251 6043 for details.

Music Practice: Friday evenings at 8 pm at Pocketfield. For more information, contact Rosamunde (Ellen Levingston) on 248 9889.

Heraldry: Monday nights from 7 pm until 9.30 pm at Schloss Unordentlich for consultations on name and device submissions etc. Commenting meetings are held on the Thursday after CAMEL is published, from 7.30 pm.

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!".

Arts and Sciences: Fourth Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm at the Mummery.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Arts & Sciences Minister Viviane de Burgh (Hazel Marchant) is looking for a successor. Please contact her at Barrow Downs, on 231 2465, if you are interested in the job.

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

Listkeeper also needs a deputy/replacement due to study commitments. Please contact Lucia de Carapazzi (Karen Vaughan) at Villa de Naiad, 255 2001.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bypass Festival - Torlyon. On Saturday and Sunday the 19th and 20th of November the Shire of Torlyon is participating in Yass's Bypass festival, and requests the assistance of any Politarchopolans who can turn up to help. On Saturday there is a lunch-time street parade. Please meet at Rhys and Penny's house, 56 McDonald St, Yass at 11 am, in or with garb. On Sunday there will be a demo at the Riverside Park all day - fighters and dancers are particularly welcome. Lunch is provided. Crossroads is having a craft stall and would appreciate donations. Please join Torlyon, to make the festival a success and to promote the SCA. **Details** from Rhys or Penny on (06) 226 3737.

Third Hobby-horse Crusade - Politarchopolis. On Saturday 3rd of December at Corroboree Park and (small) Hall, Paterson St, Ainslie at 12 midday. Potluck picnic, children's games, hobby-horse racing, list-shield, boffer tourney. **Competition:** a period toy or children's garment (children are encouraged to enter). Prince, Princess, Champion and Seneschal of the Crusade will be chosen. Adults may become children, but not win, if they display sufficiently winsome childish pleading, irritating winge or spectacular tantrum to the autocrat. **Cost:** for people over 15, \$1/\$2 members/non-members; real children free. **Autocrat:** Joanna of the Beechwoods (Joanna Keenan) 12 Shipard Place Kambah, ACT, 2902. 231 9962.

Torlyon Moorish Feast - Torlyon. On the evening of Saturday 3rd of December, at Memorial Hall, Comar St, Yass from 6 pm (food at 7 pm). **Cost:** to be announced. **Bookings** by 1st December to the autocrat. **Autocrat:** Cristoval (Rhys Howitt) 56 McDonald St, Yass NSW 2582 (06) 226 3737. Torlyon pleads for many wayfarers as they have huge numbers of newcomers to talk to.

Giralang Primary School Demo - Politarchopolis. On Friday 9th of December from 1.30 pm Myfanwy Macnicolle will be running a school demo at Giralang Primary School, Atalumba Close, Giralang ACT 2617. Fighters, dancers, armour and costumes are needed. Please assemble from 1 pm; the show will finish at 3 pm sharp. **Information:** Myfanwy Macnicolle (Bethany Leditschke) The Yew, 291 6802.

The Consorts' Pas d'Armes - Politarchopolis. A Pas d'Armes will be held on 10th of December to celebrate the consorts who inspire their fighters to victory, at Edison Park, Justinian Rd, Cemetery End, Woden from 12 noon. **Cost:** \$1. Bookings not required. A pot-luck lunch will be held before the tourney; fighters are requested to bring along something special for their consorts. The Pas will begin after lunch. At some time during

the Pas all fighters should express their undying love/friendship/gratitude to their consorts, in the form of a verse or a gift. **Autocrat:** Brennan Halfhand (Doug Aplin) 33 Cameron St, Farrer, 286 3319 (hm), 250 0364 (wk)

Shire Fencing Championship - Politarchopolis. This tourney was held over from the Poison Weapons Tourney and will be fought at the same time and place as the Pas d'Armes, on 10th of December. The same observances to the fighters consorts apply as in the Pas. See above for details of time and place.

Revel for Selection of the Baron and Baroness - Politarchopolis. A revel to select our new Baron and Baroness will be held on Sunday 11th of December at Commonwealth Park. Details will be mailed to members prior to the event. **Autocrat:** Lorenzo Erudito, 251 1572.

Hospitallery Sewing & Potluck Cooks' Guild accreditation - Politarchopolis. On 15th of January at the Tinderbox, 10 Gunn St, Yarralumla from after lunch. **Autocrat:** Siné the Shameless (Cerridwyn Davis). This is not an official SCA event, since it clashes with 12th night Coronet.

Hills War 2 - Politarchopolis. On the 25th and 26th of February 1995 come to Ruatha for the Hills War. The Bandits, trounced last year, are back to take their revenge. Book early to ensure that Bambi and Thumper will be on the menu for the feast (otherwise it's mutton again). **Cost:** \$22/\$25 for those who book, \$26/\$30 at the gate. **Autocrat:** Llewellen of Strathclyde (Ian Leithhead) (06) 230 8258. Mixed combat, fortifications, ambushes (including fencing), archery, a quest, dancing, and page school. Camping available, but BYO water.

Cock - of - the - Fence Rapier Competition

Ranking as at November 2 1994:

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| 1. Hrolf the Dane | 7. Corvus |
| 2. Siné the Shameless | 8. Mercurio l'Estrangere |
| 3. François Henri Guyon | 9. Sabine d'Antan |
| 4. Damian Greybeard | 10. Diccon Shorthand |
| 5. Jon Dai | 11. Geoffrey the Quiet |
| 6. Raiel (Victor Connor) | |

Unfortunately Stephen Aldred of Rockley has withdrawn with a shoulder injury. Mercurio and Diccon have both won bouts. Two bouts are pending - Damian vs Siné and Jon Dai vs François.

Competitors may still enter the competition at any time by contacting Jon Dai (Stephen Davis) at the Tinderbox 285 2137.

Remember that the Competition ends on 7th of December.

OFFICERS' NOTICES, REPORTS etc

From The Seneschal:

Call for Nominations of Baron and Baroness

Unto the populace of Politarchopolis.

On the anticipation of the baronial petition being successful, I hereby call for nominations for the honour of being Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis. Please contact me by 25th of November if you wish to nominate. Selection will be at a revel at Commonwealth Park on Sunday 11th of December. Information about nominees and the Revel will be posted to members directly.

Lorenzo Erudito

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

The Baronial Advancement petition still needs signatures. **SIGN SIGN SIGN!**

The Seneschal received a letter from Their Majesties John and Gabrielle sending Their thanks to all Politarchopolans who helped at Purgatorio.

See the Situations Vacant column for details of all the people who need deputies/replacements in their offices.

From the Hospitallery

Unto the populace of Politarchopolis

I write this note with great sadness. It has come to my attention that we, the populace of Politarchopolis, are not paying sufficient attention to newcomers.

At a recent feast I placed a newcomer with some long-standing members, requesting that they attend to the newcomer's needs. In a later conversation with the newcomer I was sadly informed that they had not attended to their needs rather, from the sounds of things, almost ignored them.

In another conversation with a member of short standing this attitude was reinforced. The member said that they would not have remained in the Society if they had not been brought in through a relationship with an existing member. This person said they had found many of us tend to congregate in exclusive groups and were loath to talk with any but our friends.

These are not the only such instances that have been brought to my attention, merely the most quotable.

In a society based on honour, courtesy and chivalry I find the above situation worrying at best. At worst I find this type of behaviour rude and destructive. How are we to attract and retain new members if we do not make them welcome? Or don't we want them, being happy to stay within our cliques and ignore the horizons that new people may open for us?

The next time somebody you don't know comes and asks a question think back to your first few events. Just how perplexing and bewildering did you find the Society in your early days? How much easier could your introduction to the Society have been with a little sage advise and perhaps some introductions?

I'm not asking you to ignore your friends for the sake of someone you don't know. Just take some time out and show that courtesy, chivalry and honour are not just words and ideals we mouth in conversation.

Stephen Aldred

From the Shire Chirurgeon

At events there is a rostered Chirurgeon in charge. It means just that - "IN CHARGE". Any other chirurgeon, no matter who or what position they hold, who treats a patient without the permission of the Chirurgeon in Charge is answerable to me.

By-passing the officer in charge at the event is a breach of protocol, against Society rules and not in form with the Society's virtues.

Louisa Reynell

From the Herald

THOUSANDS OF NEW DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE

Laurel Sovereign of Arms has just changed the rules for checking SCA devices for conflict with mundane Arms. We used to check submissions against every standard and obscure heraldic reference available. Now, new submissions will only be checked against a

short list of protected devices. The protected devices are ones like France Ancient, England, William the Marshal, and so on.

So, if the device you want conflicts with some obscure central European noble, it doesn't matter any more. More importantly, your friendly herald can tell you in a few minutes whether or not your device has a mundane conflict. Previously, there was always a chance your device would conflict with something in an obscure reference your local herald couldn't check, or didn't know even existed.

This is probably the biggest change in the way the College of Arms does things since we started registering devices. There is sure to be some confusion initially, so please bear with us.

The idea has been debated in heraldic circles for some time, under the ironic title of 'the Modest Proposal'. Senior Heralds of the SCA College of Arms have been talking with various mundane heraldic jurisdictions, such as the Court of Lord Lyon in Scotland, and the College of Arms in England. They discovered that the mundane heralds didn't really care whether or not SCA devices conflicted with arms they had awarded. What they were concerned about was that SCA devices only be used at SCA events. So bring your banner to feasts; paint your device on your shield, your chairs, your pavilion; fly your pennon at Rowany; but don't put your device on your car, your house or your mundane letterhead. If someone complains at an event that your device conflicts with their mundane arms, the heralds will take the heat; if it's not at an SCA event, you're on your own.

If you want advice on these or any other Heraldic matters, and especially if you want to submit a device, please see your local friendly heralds. We don't bite, honest.

Also - If you would like to use a title that is more appropriate to you persona's language or place of origin, I now have lists of alternate titles in 33 languages.

Wolfgang von Auerbach

From the Chronicler

Greetings, all.

Last month I wrote that Griffintayle would be produced a week late in December to allow me to publish the results of the Baron and Baroness selection Revel, and that it would not be published in January because I will be away and there is no Council meeting. Baldwyn the Wanderer (Ian McComb) have volunteered to produce Griffintayle in January, but he can't photocopy it except commercially. If any of you can help out with copying, please contact me or Baldwyn before December. Baldwyn's phone number (until mid-December) is 258 8401.

As I said last month, please sign the Baronial Petition. You will read in the Seneschal's piece that nominations for Baron and Baroness are sought from the populace. Please talk or write to him by 25th of November. There will be a special mail-out of information about the nominees for Baron and Baroness, and the Revel to select them.

Monthly excuse. This month it is probably the weather - it's vile and 'orrible and windy and it's making me feel depressed, so maybe instead of printing this on Sunday evening like a good little Chronicler I'll stay home and drink mulled wine in front of the fire. Maybe...

Leonie de Grey

HOUSE WANTED

Baldwyn the Wanderer (Ian McComb) is wandering out of his current accommodation in mid-December and is looking for options in North Canberra. Please call him on 258 8401 anytime.

Politarchopolis Regnum

Seneschal: Michael Warby (Lorenzo Erudito) 18 Cambridge Gdns, Catchpole St, Macquarie, 2617, 251 4491 *The Cloister*

Herald: Andrew Brisbane (Wolfgang von Auerbach) 17 Forwood St, Monash, 2905, 291 4260 *Schloss Unordentlich*

Marshal: Darren Huet (Hugh the Little) RMB 119a Cotter Rd, via Weston, 2611, 288 0396

Reeve: Diane Leithhead (Katrjn of the Forest) "Ruatha" RMB Tinderry Rd, Michelago, NSW, 2620 *Ruatha*

Arts & Sciences: Hazel Marchant (Viviane de Burgh) 51 Kingsmill St, Kambah, 2902, 231 2465 *Barrow Downs*

Constable: Michael Dowling (Sigfriede der Freudlich) 2/30 Gatton Rd, Farrer, 2607, 286 6397 *Sarcomand*

Lists: Karen Vaughan (Lucia de Carapazzi) 36 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615, 255 2001 *Villa de Naiad*

Hospitaller: Katrina Hunt (Mathilde Adycote of Mynheniot) 24 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615, 254 3059 *The Mummery*

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Captain of Fencing: Cerridwyn Davis (Siné the Shameless) 10 Gunn St, Yarralumla, 2600, 285 2137 *The Tinderbox*

Captain of Archers: Simon Price (Alessandro de Firenze) 97 Henry Melville Cres, Gilmore, 2905, 291 6802 *The Yew*

Northern Canton Regnum (Provisional)

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Marshal: David Hunt (Stephen Aldred of Rockley) 24 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615, 254 3059 *The Mummery*

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Hospitaller: Vicki Watson (Oriol of the Gypsies) 34 Ligerwood St, Evatt, 2617, 258 9587

Chronicler: Michelle Dean (Francesca Cellini) 77 Bennelong Cres, Macquarie, 2614, 251 6043. *Il Parco Cellini*

St Aldhelm Regnum

Seneschal: Meisje de Vogel (Meisje) 61 Belconnen Way, Weetangera ACT 2614, 254 3555 *Bedlam*

Herald: Emily Kidd (Emylye of Dunbar) 352 Southern Cross Dr, Macgregor, 2615, 254 7635

Reeve: Joanna Keenan (Joanna of the Beechwoods) 12 Shippard Pl, Kambah, 2902, 231 9962 *Marston Montaine*

Arts & Sciences: Miranda Sherley (Miranda of Middlemere) 58 Ebdon St, Ainslie, 2602, 249 1150 *Raven Glass*

Hospitaller: Kim Stanley (Michaelin of the Artes Gentill) Sutton Rd, Gundaroo, 2620, 236 8195 *Crock Cottage*

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