

# Griffintaple



# September 2009, AS XLI V

# **Upcoming Events**

# September

19 Combined Guild Event: Greybeard & Leonie (page 4)

### October

3 Spring War – Mordenvale (NSW) (page 4) 10 Spanish Feast (Royal Visit) & Baronial Championship: Honore (page 4)

### November

13 Kingdom – November Crown Southron Gaard (NZ)
28 PROPOSED Casual War

# **January**

9 KINGDOM - Coronation Goulburn

# **Activities**

# **Baronial Council Meeting:**

Last Wednesday of each month at 6pm: Haig Park Scout Hall, Turner (before A&S).

# St Aldhelm College Meeting:

Monday 5:30 pm G029 Copland Building, ANU Arts & Sciences

# Arts and Sciences Main meeting:

Sundays 3:00 pm, Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner

# Arts and Sciences Meeting:

Wednesday 7:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

# **Baronial Dance Classes:**

Sundays, 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

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2nd Sunday of each month, 2:00 pm, Haig Park Turner

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Sundays, 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

# **Choir Practice:**

1st Sunday of the month 4:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

## Pot Luck Feast:

1st Sunday of the month 5:30 pm, Haig Park, Turner

# **Combat Activities**

# **Armoured Combat Practice:**

Main Practice: Sundays 3:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner

Alternative Practice: Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Park in Edwards St, Higgins.

# Rapier Practice:

Sundays 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner

# **Archery Practice:**

Sundays 10:00 am till 12:00 pm (1st Sunday of the month is an Inter Kingdom Archery Competition)



# Seneschals Note

There are times when you are on the top of your game, and everything flows as you wish. And there are times when something goes awry, and you see who it is that can support you when you need help.

Thanks to everyone who has offered help and support while I have been down with the flu.

On another note: Griffintayle needs support—if everyone could write an article on their household/s that would make an interesting read.

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# **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, 26th August 2009.

Event Report—Poisoner's Feast (Georgia). The report has been handed to B&B and Seneschal, receipts are going to the Reeve and the banking is done. The event went well, some disappointment with people who booked not coming but this will be followed up.

Event Update - Royal Event in October.

Corroborree Park books, costing will be down soon and full details will then be released.

Constable Report (Andrew). No incidents or problems to report. Warrant is still pending, Bart will help follow up. Paperwork for tavern feast has been provided, present to Poisoner's, St Vitas is organising their own constab.

Proposed Valhalla War Cancelled (Ralf)—a new proposal for a casual war replacement to be put forward for Nov 20/21/22, to be held at Kaloola Farm. This will be confirmed very shortly.

Event Report—Sleepy Ermine Tourney and Tavern (Chris)— paperwork completed (Reeve has receipts).

Event update—Guild Event (Leonie) - awaiting confirmation from hall about receiving booking cheque. Bookings are being taken (see event notice).

No board news reported.

Baron's report (Simon) —St Vitas flyers are here. Announcement about 24/25 Oct metals weapons "Jousting Weekend" in Hall. They have approached us about a) running a demo, b) running a feast for the metal weapons people (not general public) but for profit. Main consensus is that we are not interested in the feast, but may be interested in doing a demo at this event in the future (will check it out first).

Seneschal (Bart) - is glad that the barony can run itself, as the effects of swine flu are bad! Reminder that officers reports are due. Also please start thinking about event for 2010 so that a calendar can be planned. General updates given to help seneschal catch up:

Archery attendance is up (23/8 saw 18 people, including newcomers).

A&S attendance is also up (helped by arrow making class and embroidery project).

Fighter practices of both types well attended (weather permitting).

Baronial embroidery project is still going—volunteers are still welcome!

Attendance are dance and illumination is also good.

New A&S tables are getting a good workout.

Proposed—need to buy clamp on lamps to help with detailed work like embroidery and illumination (Kate L. and Leonie raised). Bart seconded and all in favour. Bart estimates will cost ~\$170 to buy two lamps, daylight globs, a power board, extension cable and a storage box.

The following pictures are a collection from the Novelty Archery Shoot—Thanks Sigmund.











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# **Geek Wanted: Deputy Hierophant**

Hi folks - I just realised the feast on the weekend never made it onto the website calendar because I've been so busy with mundane stuff that I didn't even know what day it was. Apologies to Sigmund and everyone involved! So to prevent this happening again, I'm looking for a deputy. Required skills:

- Ability to operate a computer and a web browser without fear or fatalities.
- Understanding of the basics of FTP, XML and HTML.
- Ready access to email.
- A couple of hours free each week to check things and do a bit of copy-editing here and there.
- Willingness to have an email address placed in plain view on the site (it's quicker and easier than using the contact form, and works even if the site goes down).

If you match those criteria, you're ready to go as Deputy Hierophant.

Long term (three to six months) I plan to migrate the site to a > content management system called Drupal, then retire. The new site will be easier to operate, and will no longer require all those acronyms. If you can post to a blog or Facebook without burning your fingers, you're overqualified.

Contact me on 0407-468-244 or <u>bat@flurf.net</u> if you're interested.

: Bat, Hierophant :

# A small selection of Poisoner's Feast Tourney pictures.









A view of the tourney participants and spectators at the before the Poisoner's Feast.

# Gathering of the Guilds 19th September 2009

Join the Guilds of Lochac at a day of classes and guild meetings followed by dinner. The Lochac Guild of Defence, the Worshipful Company of Broiderers and the Fibre Guild, among others, invite you to join them in exploring the Arts and Science, Marshal and otherwise.

Time: 10 am to 11 pm

Event Site Address: Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Hall, Mortimer Lewis Drive, Greenway,

ACT, 2900

Steward: Leonie de Grey (Annette Wilson)

Email: degrey@tpg.com.au

Cost (member/non-member): whole event \$20/

\$24; dinner only \$15/\$19

Booking required by 12 September 2009 Bookings to Ragnhildr (Helen Brimsmead): the\_brinsmeads@netspeed.com.au



# Worshipful Company of Broiderers

This guild of Lochac focuses on the study and practice of pre-1600 embroidery, mainly from Europe. While the guild does have a structure, anyone who has an interest in embroidery can join.

Recently Mistress Rowan updated the guild's website, putting up many more pictures of the wonderful work done by individual members, but also of the fantastic Guild projects, like the Guild banner and new Pelican investiture cloak.

Have a look at the new site at <a href="http://broiderers.sca.org.au">http://broiderers.sca.org.au</a>

Also if you look up the project page you will see information on the making of LOG pouches (for recipients of the Lochac Order of Grace) and Mouse Guard Pouches (a children's award). These include details notes on how to make one of these, which is a good way to try out a new technique and help out the Kingdom.

# Spring War, Mordenvale 2nd-5th October 2009

Spring War will be held once again this year in the Barony of Mordenvale From Friday 2nd of October until Monday 5th of October (gates open 1pm on Friday). The event is held in Lower Belford of Standen Drive which is North of Newcastle NSW Australia.

Spring war is a fully catered event. If there are any dietary requirements or particular needs please contact Baroness Lillian or Orric of Mordenvale. Please make cheques payable price SCA Inc. Please post booking forms and cheques to Post Office box 654 Charlestown 2290 NSW, Direct deposit options are available.

Cost: 1st July - 31 August \$80 members \$85 non members Children 0-5 free 5-10 \$40 10-15 \$55 (full details http:// www.sca.org.au/mordenvale/calendar.htm).

Autocrats Baroness Lillian D'Ath
- <u>lilliandath@optusnet.com.au</u> and
Orric of Mordenvale Andrew L price@yahoo.com.au

# Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition Baronial Tourney / Feast 10th October 2009

It's 1498. The Inquisition has passed through, and many of your friends and neighbours, have moved on, but left their influences behind. Join us for an evening of dining on period Castille Cuisine, enjoy the subtle flavours with Moorish influence.

Time: lists 12pm, Tourney 2pm. Hall opens 6pm Costs: \$30M/\$35NM, under 13 \$15, under 6 free Site: Corroboree Park, Ainslie.
Steward Honoré Corbaut (Georgia Winter)
Booking enquiries to Francesco Avanti (Andrew Winter) andrewfwinter@gmail.com by September 26th.

# Your Chronicler's Musings...

Thank you to those who have supplied pictures, corrections and information for this little newsletter. I do appreciate it.

And just for note, if you would like a print copy, or know someone who does, I'm happy to do so if you can provide self addressed stamped envelopes. Work appears to be happy to allow me to print a few colour copies, so as long as there isn't a great rush on print subscriptions that might be a way to go.

You can also ask for me to bring an extra print copy to A&S for you, but that relies on me going to A&S, which is not a guarantee.

Yours, Zanobia

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Seneschal: Bartholomew Baskin

seneschal@sca.org.au

Politarchopolis
Politarchopolis is the branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism based on the Australian Capital Territory and surrounds

Baron and Baroness: Alessandro von Florenz and Isobel le Bretoun (Simon and Kate Price) The Baron and Baroness oversee the general activities and operations of the Barony and act as the regional representatives of the Crown. Email: politarchopolis@sca.org.au

Seneschal: Ysambart Courtin (Bart Beswick)

The Seneschal is the representative for the Barony in the outside world and acts as the chief administrator, similar to a group president. Email ysambart@gmail.com

**Deputy Seneschal:** Honore de Corbeau (Georgia Winter)

Reeve: Aeveril of Ambledune (Danni Crawford)

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Arts and Sciences Minister: Caera Sionnach (Brooke Perkins)

The Arts and Sciences Minister coordinates the study

and practice of the medieval arts and sciences within the Barony.

Herald: Catherine of Glastonbury
The Herald is responsible for all forms of
announcement within the Barony and is assumed
to be speaking on behalf of the Crown. Heralds
are also responsible for assisting the populace
with submissions, such as when devising names
or heraldic devices such as coats - of - arms.

Marshal: Cornelius von Becke (Cornelius Weber)

The Marshal maintains the safety of the populace during Society combat activities, both those who are actively involved in addition to those who are spectators. The marshal is also responsible for ensuring that each combatant is authorized to participate and will adhere to the Society conventions of combat.

Rapier Marshal: Gabrielle of the Marshes (Jenni McInnes)

The Rapier Marshal coordinates the group's fencing activities and maintains their safety standards. Email: <a href="mailto:jennifer.mcinnes@gmail.com">jennifer.mcinnes@gmail.com</a>

Captain of Archers: Ulric of Ambledune (Ian Crawford)

In conjunction with the Marshal, the Captain of Archers coordinates the group's archery activities and maintains their safety standards.

Email: danianha@bigpond.net.au

Keeper of the Lists: Elizabeth de Foxel
The Keeper of the Lists records all the
authorised combatants within the Barony as well
as those who enter fighting events and the
outcomes of martial contests.

Chirurgeon: Catherine de Boniface (Gina Casey)

The Chirurgeon is the Baronial first aid officer. Email: <a href="mailto:gkcasey@ginacasey.com.au">gkcasey@ginacasey.com.au</a>

Hospitaller: Jonathon of Loch Swan
The Hospitaller is the initial point of contact
for most newcomers and helps them feel
welcome in the Society. The Hospitallery also
coordinates requests for public displays.

Chandler: Vacant
The Chandler loans out garb and feasting utensils to newcomers. She also stores the Barony's banners, tablecloths, cooking and serving equipment for the Barony to use at our events.

Constable: Valentine der Spieler
The Constable is responsible for the
maintenance of Society law. The constabulary is
also responsible for lost property.

Chronicler: Zanobia Adimari (Clare Rix)
The Chronicler is responsible for the publication of Griffintayle, the Baronial newsletter. To subscribe, please see the endnote.

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Hierophant: Karl Faustus von Aachen (Paul Sleigh)

The Hierophant is responsible for the Barony's internet publications, the electronic copy of the Griffintayle newsletter and the baronial email list.

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# Saint Aldhelm

The College of St Aldhelm is the branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism based at the Australian National University.

College Seneschal: Alice verch Owain (Fiona) Club president equivalent. Official contact. Email: fifiwoofwoof@gmail.com



# http://www.facebook.com

Polit can now be found on the popular social network site. Search "Barony of Politarchopolis" and join the group or type in http://www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20169734823

# http://the.lochac.net

The Lochac Network is a new independent initiative to take the work out of networking in Lochac.

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