



Griffintayle



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Upcoming Events

October

10 Spanish Feast (Royal Visit) & Baronial Championship: Honore (page 4)

November

13 Kingdom – November Crown Southron Gaard (NZ)

January

9 KINGDOM – Coronation Goulburn

February

13 Date held for Valentines.

27 Proposed College Newcomers Feast (Adam)

May

7 –9 May Crown, Rowany.

29 Privateers Feast (Adam)

August

17–19 St Vitus' with Proposed Bal D'argent Bid (Joanna)

November

20-21 Proposed Valhalla War (Adam)

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

Scriptorium:

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

Baronial Dance Classes:

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

Hi Team,

See you at the royal event if you booked. If not, I'd love to say 'hi' during the heavy tournament on the Saturday, or at the extra special archery and fencing on the Sunday.

It's going to be BIG.
Ysambart



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 30th September 2009.

Proposed Events— Adam began by putting forward proposals for the following 3 events: February 27 for College Newcomers (just FYI, still going through College meeting). May 27 Privateers Feast, proposed venue Corroborree, Pirate theme with prize for best garb, letters of marque and a themed tourney. Approved by Bart, full event bid to be done. November 20-21 Valhalla War, Adam to prepare a proposal to support his bid to hold at Crossroads.

13 February left open for **Valentines! Who wants to put in a bid?**

Joanna has also proposed to hold St Vitus on the first weekend of September school holidays (2010) and to also put in a bid to also hold Bal D'argent at this time.

Bill advised that he may have access to a property for events, but further investigation was decided against due to lack of facilities. However future information of this nature is always welcome.

Bat advised that the SCA move to new servers went well. The official domain is now **Lochac.sca.org** He is also looking at some interesting in the deputy Heirophant position.

Andrew has also made contact with Lochac constab in regards to his warrant, and the guild event paperwork is in order. He will be present at the Spanish event to be constab.

Brooke reported that A&S is booming at the moment, the embroidery project is going well, so is the painting of list shields for tourneys and choir practice.

Owen is going to investigate opening Haig park earlier than usual for the Fencing Tourney on the 11th (during Royal visit).

Event Report—Guild Event— Leonie reports that 44 people attended and she had the funds and receipts to hand in at the meeting (given to Bart). She also thanked Kate L. for helping with the door.

Baron's report—looking forward to royal visit and the Spanish feast. Also would just like to

officially confirm that this year's Valhalla/ Casual War bid is officially cancelled.

Seneschal's report— Firstly the survey has been delayed at this time, also will organise a working bee with the B&B to go through Polit "stuff".

Note—there will not be one planning day this year, as people have already put in bids and after Royal event there are no more planned events for 2009. First in best dressed, please put proposals to the Seneschals, best at meetings, but otherwise contact direct.

Valentines needs a team, so would someone like to please step up?

Bart would also like to apologies if he is absent a bit as he has mangled his back.

Also two lamps with daylight globes, extensions cords and powerboards have been purchased to help with A&S/Illumination/embroidery at the Haig hall.

Idea is to make a box to keep these things in, Kate L. suggested we should ensure any boxes are stackable and make best use of the Haig hall storage area.

Regular meeting updates— A&S is getting 10-20 people, Dance and singing attendance is good, Sunday heavy has been quiet, partly due to nasty weather. Fencing attendance is better with 4-8 people. Archery is average more than 12 and up to 20 people!

Rumours— the idea of a Southern Principality are floating about again.

Awards update—Bart was asked by Portia about updating the awards held by Polit members on our website. This hasn't been done due to a lack of information being passed to him for a few years. Idea (Kate L.) is to look through old Griffintayle's to find this information. Bat would also like to propose adding a "rouge's gallery" to the website to include a small avatar like picture, bio and awards held. Bat can use something similar to Canon to hold the background information.

Also looking for help to update the blurb's about the awards on the website.

Last, Kate L. suggested we should start sending a reminder email about Baronial Sunday the Monday/Tuesday beforehand.

Baronial Tourney 10th October 2009

The Baronial Tourney is being held in the presence of not just our Baron and Baroness, but the King and Queen as well. Please feel very welcome to participate and watch!

Time: lists 12pm, Tourney 2pm.
Site: Corroboree Park, Ainslie.

Note: This feast has now reached capacity.
There will be NO spaces available at the door.



Begone Jack Frost

Shattering icicles with metal-tipped arrows on a cold Canberra morning: cracking good fun! Piercing piglets and bunny-busting later in the day were equally enjoyable.

The Field of Arrows is a cold place during a Canberra winter and on Sunday 30 August, after several months of finger-tingling weather, it was time to bid good riddance to Jack Frost and usher in the Spring.

Captain of Archers, Ulric of Ambledune, devised a novelty shoot to send Jack on his way. Fourteen-or-so archers braved the blustery and cold conditions to shoot sharps and blunts at a variety of targets synonymous with the winter/spring timeframe. Blocks of ice dangling from a horizontal rope shattered spectacularly when hit and two cardboard cylinders hanging vertically from the same line swung crazily in the wind, extracting wild cries of delight or dismay as arrows clipped the swinging targets. Suddenly, a number of gaudily painted football sized piglets emerged together with many life-sized rabbit silhouettes, a sure sign that spring was near. These targets caused much merriment



among the archers and proved

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difficult to hit, several shooters adopting the kneeling position to better hit their mark. During the shoot, many arrows were broken, points dislodged and fletching absolutely shredded, causing some wit to remark that the more fun you have, the greater the toll on equipment! Winter had been belted but was not gone and the final rounds were a free-for-all at life-sized targets of Jack and his winter wolf. Painted in the latest twelfth century colour known as "blue with cold" and sporting a strategically placed snowflake, Jack stood there in sheer defiance until absolutely riddled with arrows and pockmarked with dents from the blunts, his wolfish companion faring no better. Winter was gone. The shoot finished just after 1 pm and was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants who then dispersed to seek refreshment.



Thanks go to Ulric (Ian Crawford), Danni and Holly for devising the shoot, making the targets and controlling over exuberant archers. Further thanks go to Rob and Ashley for making the gaudily painted piglets which attracted so much attention and extracted such a toll on the arrows.

Will of Derwent



Your Chronicler's Musings...

Firstly I'm sorry I had a daft moment and did not thank Will for his lovely photo's from the Poisoner's Feast tourney! This month he has been so generous as to provide an event report on the novelty shoot and some more pictures, thank you! Looking forward to the Spanish feast this week, and the pretty pictures it will bring!

Lots of people need help, so please read the meeting minutes to find out who! (page 2).

Also sorry this got out a bit late...I got distracted by garb making...very very distracted...

Yours, *Zanobia*



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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.
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Sionnach (Brooke Perkins)

The Arts and Sciences Minister coordinates the study and practice of the medieval arts and sciences within the Barony.



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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: jennifer.mcinnnes@gmail.com



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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.



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**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.

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

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**<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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