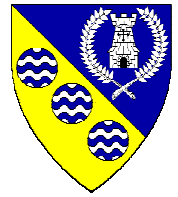




Griffintayle



September 2010, AS XLV

Upcoming Events

September

11 Saxon Feast (St Aldhelms, Adam, p3)
18-19 [Ilka Moor War](#) Okewaite (Goulbourn NSW)
24-26 [La Prova Dura](#) Innilgard (Adelaide SA)

October

1-4 Great Southern Gathering ([Innilgard](#))
1-4 Spring War ([Mordenvale](#))
16 Feast of St Malachy (Wollongong, p5)
30 Baronial Changeover Feast (Alex, p4)
31 Novelty Archery Shoot: Siege the Day!

November

5-7 November Crown [Aneala](#) (Perth WA)
13 Baronial Championship & Feast (Brooke, p5)

January 2011

15-16 Twelfth Night, Politarchopolis

April 2011

21-25 [Rowany](#) Festival incl. May Crown

Activities

Baronial Council Meeting:

Last Wednesday of each month at 7pm: Haig Park Scout Hall, Turner.

St Aldhelm College Meeting:

Monday 5:30 pm G029 Copland Building, ANU

Arts & Sciences

Arts and Sciences 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

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)

Novelty Shoot: 31st October "Siege the Day"!





Meeting Minutes 25th August 2010.

College Herald (Alexander) — 2 college submissions in progress, and 2 as Baronial deputy.

College Deputy Seneschal (Alexander) - all going well, classes on Monday nights are good. Have had beads with Sui, Embroidery with Brooke, some Calligraphy with Illumination in the near future.

College is open to a discussion about the possible move of Baronial A&S, however they are happy with their current meeting/A&S and don't want this to be swamped. Once a new B&B are up negotiations can start.

Jared (Ysambart) - To make people aware a small medieval movie is being made with intent to release on YouTube. Should prove good for recruiting—Polit is mentioned in the credits.

Changeover Feast (Alex) - planning will start as soon as leave from work does.

Marshal (Rauf) - trying to contact Earl Marshal with some questions (incl. Reauthorisation of target marshals). Looking for locations to host to the Twilight Tourney's, first one is likely to be held at Glebe Park in October.

12th Night (Honore) - new cook for 12th night will be Michelle Dean. New menu update is looking good. Setting up of website has started, will include form for bookings.

Constable (Francesco) - will be advertising for deputy (page 3).

Archery (Ulric) - Kings round at archery on Sunday [29th].

Reeve (Ulric for Aeveril) - \$2800 balance, actual balance will be ~\$1000 after current cheques for hall hire and events are cashed. This leaves us with 2 months hall hire in the account (float for St Vitus when it returns will become the float for 12th night).

B&B back from Pennsic! Isobel and Alessandro ended up being the representatives of our K&Q at Pennsic, as they were the ranking members there.

Lochac had 18 fighters—better than some local Kingdoms! Declared for the East who won decisively.

Zanobia— will be including an advertisement for a lists officer in the next Griffintayle as we are without a permanent one (page 3).

Ysambart—open question—fundraising ideas?

Honore—when hospit/chandler are sorted out maybe have a sale at 12th night of excess gear?

Sigmund—banner audit/sale?

Seneschal (Ysambart) - reminder, officers reports are due to the Seneschal and your Kingdom officer by the 15th of February, May, August, and November. This is to allow the Seneschal to have a complete report in by the 30th.

The Kingdom memberships site has also been updated. This has allowed us to see that we have 75 adult members (12 children). Bart will email some of the more recently lapsed members.

Politar chopolis Succession

Commentary is now closed, next will be the announcement of the candidates which it is currently planned to happen on the 11th of September at the Saxon feast (see page 3).

The 5th Baronial Changeover will be in the 30th -31st of October (see page 4).

Patronage Support Needed

There are two levels of patronage, to go towards the hall hire.:

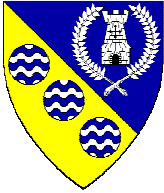
The first level is a Benefactor, with a fee of \$40.

Benefactors will receive a certificate.

The higher level of patronage is a Partisan, with a fee of \$100.

To register any payment for Patronage email ysambart@gmail.com to ensure you are noted. Patronage should be paid for by cheque or cash to SCA Politar chopolis, PO Box 6876, Charnwood ACT 2615 or receipted cash payment to the Reeve. Any queries or requests for clarification should be addressed to ysambart@gmail.com.

Note: if you electronically transfer patronage, please include the word "patron" in the description!



Saxon Tournament and Feast - College of St Aldhelm. 11 September 2010.

Come and join the members of the College of St Aldhelm to help celebrate the great things of the Saxon way of life—fighting and feasting!

Heavy and Fencing Tourney's at Corroboree Park.
Feast at All Saints Anglican Church Hall at 11
Cowper Street in Ainslie.

Cost: Members - \$15
Non Members - \$18
Unbooked Surcharge -\$5

Lists open and Armour inspections for the
tournament at 1.30 fighting starting at 2.
Doors open for the feasting hall at 4 with the first
remove around 6.30.

For Bookings (with any dietary requirements)
contact Adam the Renegade via email:
tourist48@hotmail.com; After hours mobile
0400299760.



Picture found on the Ancient Web:
<http://www.theancientweb.com/>

Kingdom A&S Competitions:

November Crown XLV (2010) hosted by Aneala -
Lace making
Glass - an item of glassware or stained glass
Aprons for working people (i.e., craftspeople,
smiths, cooks)

Worshipful Company of Broderers Competition:
Couched and Laid work
Griffintayle

Baronial Officer Positions:



Constable Deputy Needed!

Have you ever wanted to travel to the far reaches
of the Barony, Meet interesting people, and have
them sign paperwork.

Then the Baronial Constabulary wants you.

There is a little bit more to it than that.
The Baronial Constable is looking for a deputy.
For those who wish please send a short email to
the Constable, Francesco di Falco di Pietro Avanti
Vinattiere, expressing there interest to
andrewfwinter@gmail.com



Lists Keeper Needed!

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
marital contests.

While the Keeper does not necessary have to
attend every tourney, it is helpful to contact the
stewards or marshal in charge, to ensure the
position of lists is being taken care of.

Information of how to keep lists is available at the
Kingdom site: [http://www.sca.org.au/lists/
info.htm](http://www.sca.org.au/lists/info.htm)

Zanobia will also be keeping lists at a few of our
upcoming events and is happy to have a helping
hand and someone willing to learn! Literacy is the
only prerequisite!

Deputy's are always welcome!

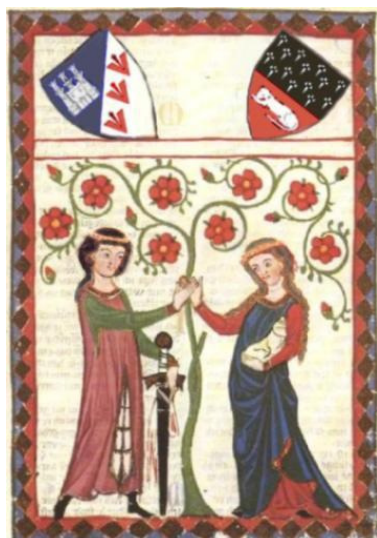
Have you ever thought of how you can help out
the Barony? Do you have a particular area of
interest in fighting, the arts, or admin?

Feel free to contact any of the officers in the
Regnum to ask them about their role and if you
would like to offer your services as a deputy.

There are also a few kinds of deputy. Drop dead
deputy's are there to fill the gap in an emergency
and are always welcome. Also some deputy's are
there to learn a role, such as surgeon.

Politarchopolis 5th Baronial Changeover

Saturday 30 October 2010



On the Hallowmas we dance with death, honouring the year past and celebrate the year to come.

This day also signifies the changeover of our Baron and Baroness to their chosen successors. So let us gather and honour their years of leadership of Alessandro and Isobel, and celebrate the start of the new reign of their successors.

Bookings to the Autocrat: Alexandra Hartshorne
the_menagerie@optusnet.com.au or 0423 658 386

A&S competitions on the night will be

- (1) a Memento Mori
- (2) Soul Cakes
- (3) Performance of a Prayer/Poem/Song to honour the dead.

Costs:

| Day Only: | Evening inc Day: |
|---|---|
| Member – \$1 Non-Member - \$3 | Member - \$40 Non-Member - \$45 |
| Archery will cost \$5 on the day for temporary membership, equipment hire is extra. | U16 Half price, U5 free Family and Hardship cases on booking |

Times & Locations:

| Day | Evening |
|---|---|
| Canberra Archery Club, Mouatt St Lyneham | Majura Hall, Northside Community Centre, 2 Rosevear St Dickson |
| 12:00noon – Event Opens 12:30 – Lists open for rapier and heavy 13:00 – Archery & Tournaments start 17:00 – Day events close | 18:00 – Hall Opens 23:00 – Event Close |
| (market stalls available for interested parties at own cost, contact Steward) | |

Feast of St Malachy and Steel Rose Tourney, 16 October

Friends, Allies, Lochacians (Lochacs? Lochies?)
lend me your ears,

The time has come to once again celebrate the anniversary of our college at the Feast of St Malachy and their annual Steel Rose Tourney. Come help us choose our new Champion and celebrate their victory in a slightly different Feast of St Malachy. This year our anniversary shall be done in Ottoman style!

So join us for feasting and fun with an Ottoman theme. Themed garb is encouraged but not required (and no we aren't making you sit on cushions).

Date: Sat 16th October

Place: Bulli Masonic Hall, (286 Princes Hwy, Bulli)
Steel Rose Tourney: 1pm armour inspection, 2pm start

Feast: Doors open at 6pm with first remove served 7pm

Cost: \$15 member (SCA or college) / \$18 non-member (please state when booking)

To book: Contact Lady Elvira of St Malachy -
mountain_gal_4eva@hotmail.com
Please advise of any dietary requirements (vegetarian, vegan, lactose or gluten intolerant etc) and these will be passed on to Lucrezia.

Please book before 9th October. Especially if you have dietary requirements -they will not be guaranteed to be catered for if you book after this date so please book :)

Steel Rose Tourney:

This will be a heavy tourney and will not only decide the College champion from it's own members but also award the winner from the non-college members. This is also a rose tourney with ribbon roses to be given out throughout.

Arts and Sciences Competition:

A&S competition will like-wise be Ottoman themed, so anything will be accepted whether it be textile, jewellery or other! (Brief documentation to be submitted with the piece).

Hope to see you there!

Lady Elvira of St Malachy and Lucrezia Tuviani e
Cavazza of St Malachy

Baronial Championships - Heavy Tournament and Feast

Saturday 13th November 2010

First event of the new B&B after their coronation!

Tournament time and location TBA. More details on the format of the event to be announced soon.

Feast from 6pm at the All Saints Anglican Church Hall at 11 Cowper Street in Ainslie

Cost:

Tournament and Feast (or Feast only)

= \$25 members

= \$30 non-members

= \$14 Minors 6 to 16

= Free for children under 6

Tournament only

= \$4 for members

= \$5 for non-members

= \$2 for minors 6 to 15

= Free for children under 6

Bookings to Brooke Perkins at
u4122747@anu.edu.au. Bookings will be capped so book early to avoid disappointment. Payment for the feast will be via direct deposit and payment is required to hold your place (unless arrangements are made with the bookings officer well in advance).

Please email the full mundane name/s of all you are booking for, any special dietary needs and which part of the event you are booking for. You will then be emailed a booking reference, the total cost and the bank details for payment. Once the correct amount has been received your booking will be finalised.

As bookings determine the amount of food available you need to book and pay by the 31st October 2010. Any bookings made after this date may not be possible and will be required to pay an extra \$10 per person or if the cap is reached for the feast you will be turned away. Remember that this booking deadline and price rise is only relevant to those wanting to attend the feast.



Wot's in a Word? ~ Will of Derwent

On an English radio show recently, panellists were asked to give new meanings to selected words. When asked for a new meaning to "transcendental" the reply was "a cross-dressing dentist – sometimes known as the tooth fairy." Using this concept, imagine local yokel Rufus Foxxe at the Three Acorns pub in Saxon England doing a Saturday night gig. Some of the following medieval words he may have used have been given different meanings. (*The words and their meaning are from, Stretton, Sir Frank, Anglo-Saxon England, Third Edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford. (1971)*)

earldom – slow nobleman

"... the Anglo-Danish earldom was simply a district which the king had decided to commit for government to a particular nobleman." (p414)

furlong – long time

Measurement of distance (220 yards) commonly believed to be the length an ox could pull a plough without a rest.

Angles – Negro dancer, first name and initial Bo J

"the Angles formed part of the great confederation of peoples bearing the common name of Suevi. As Tacitus is known to apply the name Mare Suebicum to the Baltic, his Ocean should probably be identified with the North Sea. In any case, his language suggests that the Angli were a maritime people ...but a succession of scholars has placed the Angli in north central Germany." (pp12-13)

Bayeux (Tapestry) – Caribbean song (Bayeux, bayayayeux, here I come and I want to go home)

Tapestry woven in the French town of Bayeux and depicting the Battle of Hastings in 1066 between William Duke of Normandy and King Harold.

bretwalda – broken down Australian cricketer

"King Egbert conquered the kingdom of the Mercians and all that was south of the Humber, and he was the eighth king who was Bretwalda – (probably sole ruler)." (p34)

burgenses – Macdonald's latest offering

"In 1066 many royal manors, especially in the south-western shires, contained in addition to members of the ordinary peasant classes a number of persons described as burgenses, whose presence illustrates still more clearly the development of economic life on the king's demesnes." (p482)

butsecarles – glutinous maximum weighing apparatus

"... 'butsecarles', seamen of Hastings." (p566)

ceorl – brand of surfwear

free peasants. (p278)

Clofeshoh – menswear outlet

A place where a synod was held each year on 1st August. (p133)

Cnut – Fcuk, a brand of clothing

"Name of a king who invaded England with a Danish army in 1015." (p389)

cniht – knight

"The position of the Old English knight is a difficult question, and it must be left uncertain whether the ninth-century knightas of Canterbury were young members of landed families maintaining themselves by trade, or resident servants of lords with property in, or adjacent to, the civitas." (p526)

curia Regis – King and Co, couriers

"The fluctuating body of advisers which helped the duke of Normandy in his government resembled neither the Old English witan, nor the Great Council which continued its functions and traditions under the Norman kings, but the informal Curia Regis of the Anglo-Norman state." (p556)

drengs – low-lives of society

"Landowning population of little worth but more than peasant status, described in Domesday Book as thegns and 'drengs'." (p503)

folcrist – type of hard surface

Folcrist – common law (p310)

festerman – doctor

"Festerman is an anglicized equivalent of the Icelandic festumaðr, 'surety'." pp(512-13)

fyrd service – third sitting in the dining car

"...it is clear that in Offa's reign work on bridges and fortresses and service in the fyrd were regarded as standing apart from all other forms of common obligation." (p290)

geburas – flowers

"A free but economically dependent peasant." (pp261-2)

haga – Maori wardance

"Canterbury and Rochester were divided, more or less completely, into a number of enclosed holdings ... The individual holding was known from the fence which surrounded it either as a haga – that is, a hedged plot ..." (pp526-27)

housecarles – domestic weighing apparatus

"A highly organised military guild, united, not only by loyalty to the king, but by a code of behaviour intended to secure that each man respected the interests and, above all, the honour of his fellows... Corresponded very closely to the thegns of Old English society ..." (p412)

infangenetheof – child killing

"... the right of doing justice on a thief taken within the estate in the possession of stolen property." (p498)

nothing – New Zealand speak

"A man without honour." (p429)

sake and soke – drinking rice wine in the bathtub

"... by cause and suit." (p495)

sacrabar – trendy drinking hole

"Public prosecutor." (p512)

thegn – river in Paris

"... the word 'thegn' which originally meant 'one who serves another', like the word gesith, which originally meant 'companion', marked a personal relationship rather than a social distinction, and the standing of the individual thegn was largely determined by the rank of the man to whom his service was done." (p488)

wapentake – big kickback

"In the Scandinavian north the word vápnatak, from which the Old English wapentac is derived, denoted the symbolical flourishing of weapons by which a public assembly confirmed its decisions. The extension of the word to cover both the assembly itself and the district from which its suitors came is a development peculiar to the Danish colonies in England." (p504-5)

Your Chronicler's Musings...

Greetings,

Many more busy months of wonderful events are before us, and I would wish you all to book, and book early!

Bookings help the stewards ensure that the event is fully catered, to both your consumption and entertainment!

Thanks again go to Will of Derwent for giving us some more interesting thoughts.

Yours, *Zanobia*

*Argent a cross bottony sable
and on a chief azure three
mulletts argent.*



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Politarchopolis



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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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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. They also stores the Barony's banners, tablecloths, cooking and serving equipment for the Barony to use at our events.

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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: Adelle (Adelle Verrier)

Club president equivalent. Official contact.

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<http://lochac.sca.org/politarchopolis>

<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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