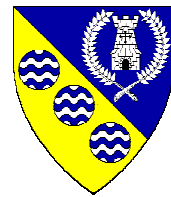




Griffintayle



January 2011, AS XLV

Upcoming Events

February

12 Valentine's Ball (Adam, details p3)
25-27 Border's War (Bordercos, see p5).

March

13 St Aldhelm Newcomer's Feast (Adam, p3)
27 Cornelius & Ysambart's Birthday Tourney (p3)

April

21-25 Rowany Festival incl. May Crown (note p6)

June

Midwinter Coronation (Bacchus Woods)
Picnic Tourney (proposed—Ysambart and Helouys)

August

St Vitus Dance and Music Weekend

November

4-6 November Crown (Radburne)

Activities

Baronial Council Meeting:

None in December

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,
Masson St, Turner

Arts and Sciences Meeting:

Wednesday 7:00 pm, TBA

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 (p2)

Combat Activities

Armoured Combat Practice:

Main Practice: Sundays 3:00 pm, Haig Park.

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

Politarchopolis Equestrian Gathering:

First Saturday of the month from 9am - unless an
event is scheduled. Generally Ciel Rocheux,
Wamboin (Alesia & Kitan's place), but may vary.

Politarchopolis Baronial War Training:

Next training 5 February 1.30pm– 4.30pm (for
location see equestrian above).





Baronial Sunday Potluck Feast 6th February 2011

Greetings all,

Baronial Sunday is coming up on the 6th of February as usual.

Not so usual will be a gold coin donation.

The hire of the hall is \$50 from 2-6pm. Every extra hour is \$10. Estimating that Pot luck will be from 6-8pm it will cost us \$20 extra, and hopefully gold coin donation will cover that. This will be on top of patronage/ \$5 for the day.

Cover for this extra time will not be coming from the baronial coffers so if not met nor successful we may have to re-think having Baronial pot luck meets.

After a discussion about how to make pot luck meets more interesting there was a suggestion of having them themed every two months or so. For example Ottoman, Roman, Renaissance etc. We would be interested in knowing peoples opinion on this.

Also as Pot Lucks are technically mini events, we need stewards. There is not much to be done just general over- seeing, collecting money, signing off etc. If anyone is extra keen on stewarding the first one of the year please let us know and we will give more details. Otherwise volunteers for future pot luck meets, if they happen would be great!

It was also brought to our attention that some people didn't attend Pot luck meets because they were intimidated by what they thought the format was. Basically, bring a plate of food and a gold coin donation. Then put it on the buffet style bench. Have some and try some of the many other interesting, different dishes. Add in a little dancing, singing, storytelling and catching up with other Politarchopolins monthly and Voila, Pot luck meet!

***Aonghus and Ginevra
Baron & Baroness of Politarchopolis***



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 martial 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>



Chronicler Needed!

A new Chronicler is wanted! I would like to step back from this position by Festival. The role is relatively simple and I am not attached to this format at all, all Chronicler's should make Griffintayle their own.

The role expects 11-12 issues a year (a double issue over Christmas is not a worry). It needs to be produced in an easily shareable format, at the moment this is a Publisher document that I print as a PDF to upload to the website. Quarterly reports need to be emailed to the Kingdom Chronicler and our own Seneschal.

The only other role that is currently taken by the Chronicler is attending meetings and taking minutes, this role can be delegated if you can find a volunteer!

A little liaising with event teams to ensure advertising is up to date is the last point.

Contact me for more information (details in Regnum.)



St Aldhelm Newcomer's Feast

When: 13th March 2011

Time: 2pm - 10pm

Venue: Haig Park Scout Hall.

Price:

Member -

Non Patron: \$17 (price after 5/03/2011 \$20)

Patron: \$13 (price after 5/03/2011 \$16)

Non Member: \$20 (price after 5/03/2011 \$23)

Child -

Non member: \$10 (price after 5/03/2011 \$11)

Member: \$8 (price after 5/03/2011 \$13)

More details TBA soon.

A SCA Armoured Combatant Tournament

When: 11 pm 27th March 2011

Where: Lennox Gardens, Flynn Drive, Canberra

Cost: \$3 Members, \$5 Non-Members

Autocrat: Bart Beswick

To Celebrate the fortieth birthdays of Duke Cornelius and Baron Ysambart, we shall hold a tournament. The Tournament shall adapted from the methods laid out by King Rene de Anjou. There shall be a informal helm show the evening before at a local tavern, with the tournament being a SCA event. The tournament can simply be attended on the day, but to be involved in the great events please contact ysambart@gmail.com, and watch the blog post located at <http://ysambartcourtin.blogspot.com/2011/01/birthday-tournament-for-duke-cornelius.html>



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16th Century Woodcut: Albrecht Duerer.

The Masquerade (Mummerei). Three women and three men in a round dance; outside the circle of dancers are masks; the mask on the left with hat and chain is Freydal. On the balcony is Mary of Burgundy with court ladies and the fool. Illustration of Freydal.



Valentines Feast, Tourney and Ball

To celebrate Valentines we are having a Feast, a Tourney and Ball. They will be held on Saturday the 12th of February.

A Rose Tourney will be held at Corroboree Park in Ainslie. Armour Inspection will start at 10 for a 10.30 start. A fencing tourney will be held after the heavy tourney, Armour Inspection at 12 for at 12.30 start.

At 2 we will have a mask making workshop at All Saints Church in Ainslie, followed by a feast and ball starting at 6.

Pre-booked

Members \$15

Non-members \$18

Non-booked

Members \$20

Non-members \$23

To book email Adam the Renegade

tourist48@hotmail.com

or call *after hours* on 0400299760

Ten Green Bottles . . . do a garment make.

Just over a year ago I joined the SCA and practised archery at the Tuggeranong Field of Arrows. To get into the spirit of things I had some garb made up. Because it was winter-time my agēd bones demanded warmth, and as I was only peripherally involved with the SCA, opted for polar-fleece. The choice of material caused much merriment amongst fellow archers and others in the broader SCA community. That is fine: it would be a sad world if we could not laugh at ourselves occasionally. My usual reply to such jibes is to say that I am ahead of my time. However, in truth, the material was purchased in good faith from bespoke haberdasher, Robert the Spruced, at the annual Yondercott Fayre. Let me tell you the story...

Despite prediction of a warm and sunny August day for the fayre, local weatherman John Ffrost got it wrong – again – and squally rain and cold north winds chilled the body as I wandered along the lines of stalls listening to the spruikers offering their wares.

"Look 'ere, Squire," beckoned a voice, "finest cloth from strange, far-away lands. Warm, light of weight and in the new seasonal colour of bottle green. Just feel the softness, my Lord."

I did as beckoned and mentally agreed that the cloth did have a warm and soft feel.

Robert the Spruced continued. "My suppliers in Holland say it comes from a strange and wondrous land far away in the great southern oceans, a which 'abounds in Nature's gifts, of beauty, rich and rare'. My Lord, I kid thee not, 'tis a

'sunburnt country, a land of sweeping plains, of ragged mountain ranges, of droughts and drenching rains'. Aye, my Lord, the Hollanders tell me that a tree grows in this land called 'ironbark'. In times of drought, the sheep eat the leaves and in consequence produce steel wool. Meldrum the Metaller's wife, Surfis, knits the wool into chain maile. Markets the stuff under the label – Surfis Maile de Livery'. There is also another strange tree in this far-off land. It is called a 'bottle tree' and like 'ironbark' in times of drought goats feed upon its leaves. It is from these same goats that this 'ere woollen cloth is made. I calls it 'polar-fleece' because while crossing the North Sea from Holland, a cold north wind did blow. Wrapping myself in this wondrously warm wool a fellow traveller suggested calling it 'polar-fleece'. Catchy name, eh, Squire? But never mind the quality, feel the width."

And so, good gentles, that's how I came to buy this new-fangled cloth made from bottles, a wool ahead of its time. However, if anyone is deeply offended by me wearing garb made from this material, I will do a deal with you. I will cease to wear the garment if you throw away your mobile 'phones, *which are definitely not medieval!*

Will of Derwent





BORDER WAR XIII



*“Cheerfully drinking wine, they expressed
their contempt for the English”.*
Border Fury

Bordescros send out the challenge to join us in Fighting, Feasting and Friendship

“The Borders of any land are a dangerous place.”

25, 26, and 27 February 2011

Venue

Kurrajong Scout Camp
Oura Rd
Wagga Wagga, N.S.W
(same as last year)

Cost

Pre 12th Night (booked and paid pre 15 January 2011)
Dorm \$75 members \$80 non members
Camping: \$55 members \$60 non members
Children (5yrs to 14yrs) \$15 discount on all prices
After 12th Night
Dorm \$80 members \$85 non members
Camping \$60 members \$65 non members
Children (5yrs to 14yrs) \$15 discount on all prices
Electronic deposit / transfer available

Contact

James Douglas (Paul Willis) or Julie de Lilburne (Julie Willis)
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Web- <http://borderwar13.wordpress.com/>
Phone: 02 69331424 or 0400739932



*“Each man made haste to mend his gear, some made their battle axes
bright, some their bills did rub the rust, some made long pikes and
lances light”.*
- Border Fury



Your Chronicler's Musings...

Greetings,

Please see my earlier missive about searching for a replacement!

Two wonderful pictures from 12th Night have been included: Page 1 photo care of Catherine Connor, page 3 photo is care of Lady Nicole d'Ricellieu. On page 2 there is one from the Baronial Championships care of William de Perham.

Yours, *Zanobia*

Festival 21- 25 April 2010

Next price rise 31 March (currently \$108/\$113 member/non). Details and bookings forms online at: <http://www.rowany.sca.org.au/festival/>

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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: Aonghus Mac Greigor and Ginevra Luciana Di Namoraza (Nathan Merritt and Carina Merritt)

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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Seneschal: Ysambart Courtin (Bart Beswick)

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Marshal: Rauf le Brewer (Matthew Sutton)

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: Issarn e Tankard dzo Bordonnia (Jason Tankard)

The Rapier Marshal coordinates the group's fencing activities and maintains their safety standards. Jason.tankard@gmail.com



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Chirurgeon: Catherine of Glastonbury (Catherine Conner)

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**Hospitaller:** Jonathon of Loch Swan

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**Chandler:** Helouys le Poer

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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**Constable:** Francesco di Falco di Pietro

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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://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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