



Griffintayle:

Tayles and histories that have taken place in

Politarchopolis,

St Aldhelm, St Andronicus,

and

elsewhere in the Kingdom of Lochac

and the Knowne Worlde

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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings all,

After the summer break, it is wonderful to be meeting new people in the Colleges and the Barony. We have a busy year ahead - please volunteer to help run the many events and demos planned.

Thanks to Anne for running our very successful stall at the Multicultural Festival and to all who helped out - we won the Most Engaging Stall prize this year (the second time we've had that prize).

Thanks also to Countess Elizabeth Foxle for stewarding St Valentines, Merione French for stewarding Newcomers, and House of Castle Rookwell for cooking for both events. To that we add thanks to Niall and Liadan who ran a very successful war, catered by William. Huzzah!

Many of us are preparing for Festival - if you are going, don't forget to come along to the Polit Central campsite for pancakes on Sunday morning. Thanks to Don Owen for organising the Polit campsite this year.

As always, we are keen to hear of the good works of our populace. If you know of someone who deserves reward for their efforts, please let us know.

Lastly, by now you will no doubt have heard that the Bhan and Bhatun have conquered our lands, adding Politarchopolis to their ever growing Empire. We fought hard, but it appears that it was inevitable that Bhanggiyadi and Altani would rule over us too. Long may they reign.

Baron Crispin and Baroness Joan



Baronial Awards

At the War to Keep Politarchopolis Free, held on the 2st of March 2015 (AS 49), Their Excellencies presented three Baronial awards:

Baronial Huntsmen (archery) / Robin of Ambledune and Myfanwy of Ambledune

Order of the Burley Griffin (service) / Faruif Bernerson

Anyone can nominate someone for recognition. If you know of someone you wish to nominate for a Baronial award, each of which are listed and described on Memories of Lochac, please email Their Excellencies with an account of why you think they are deserving.

Weekly activities

Mondays

College of St Aldhelm meeting / 6pm / Copland Building room G029 / Australian National University

Tuesdays / excluding the third Tuesday of the month

Out-of-armour combat training and projects night / 6pm / Wamboin Community Hall / Bingley Way / Wamboin

Wednesdays

Armoured combat training and Arts and Sciences night / 6pm / Copland Building room G029 / Australian National University

Thursdays

College of St Andronicus meeting / 5pm / Building 2 Room 2B02 / University of Canberra

Dance Practice / 7.30pm / Kambah Scout Hall / Springbett Street / Kambah

Sundays

Archery / 10am / Tuggeranong

Archery Club / 299 Soward Way / Greenway

Rapier Training / 2pm / Scout Hall / Corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie

Armoured Combat Training / 3pm / Scout Hall / Corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie

Events to come

Rowany Festival / 2-7 April 2015 / Camp Wambaroo / 162 Black Spring Road / High Range / NSW

Rowany Festival AS 49 will be held over the Easter long weekend, with the Politarchopolis campsite boasting almost 40 attendees - the largest Baronial campsite this year.

Ultimate Fighter Tournament #5 / 19 April 2015 / 10am for 11am start / Ainslie Scout Hall / corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie / ACT

The fifth and final Politarchopolis Ultimate Fighter Tournament series will be fought with chosen weapons in any legal combination. No bookings required, cost is hall contribution (gold coin or annual fee) and \$5 insurance fee for non-members of the SCA.



The Good Food Feast / 18 July 2015 / St Margaret's Uniting Church / Antill Street / Hackett / ACT

In 1995, a small group of Politarchopolins banded together to bring the level and quality of food and entertainment in Lochac to a standard which is now considered the norm.

It has been 20 years since the Politarchopolin Assault Catering Corps hosted the Good Food Feast. The Corps would like to invite you to attend the anniversary of this fine event, which will be an evening of amazing, sumptuous food, and marvellous entertainment. The evening's menu, entertainment and decoration will be focused on the 16th century Low Countries - so get to work on your mid-winter German and Flemish frocks!!!

Because of the style of event we are providing, we are strictly limiting this event to 80 guests - there will not be any changes in numbers to cater for increased demand.

However, if you can't attend the event as a guest, you have the opportunity to attend the event as a server. In addition to indulging in some fantastic food provided just for the servers, you would undertake a role that is integral to the event's success, while experiencing the hubbub and backroom brawl that lies behind a great night.

This is not a child-friendly event - we request that you make alternative care arrangements for your children for the evening. Otherwise, the Corps will sell them and keep the profits.

Prices for this event are as follows:

Adult Member / \$120

Adult Non-member / \$125

Server Member / \$20

Server Non-member / \$25

Bookings are critical and will not be accepted without payment. If you aren't able to pay the event price all at once, payment plans can be arranged - but only in consultation with the Steward.

For more information and booking, please contact the Steward: Mistress Francesca Cellini

Politarchopolis Arts and Sciences Collegium / 15-16 August 2015 / Tuggeranong Sea Scout Hall / Mortimer Lewis Drive / Greenway / ACT

Join us in the Barony of Politarchopolis for a weekend full of A&S classes, demonstrations and workshops at the Tuggeranong Sea Scouts Hall on the 15th and 16th of August! Come along and learn from some of the most talented artisans and teachers in Lochac, with classes covering a multitude of topics, time periods, and interests!

The event costs \$45 for pre-booked members, \$50 for pre-booked non-members, and \$30 for children 8-15 years old.

For bookings contact the Steward, Asny inn draumspaki, with your SCA name, mundane name, member number and dietary requirements.

A booking includes lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and a place at the Feast on Saturday night, inspired by a documented feast hosted by the Count of Anjou in 1455, with fantastic food and entertainment!

Please be aware that the Feast is capped at 80, so book early to avoid disappointment! Bookings for the Feast only will be charged the concession price of \$30.

In addition there will be a fundraiser breakfast BBQ hosted by the College of St Andronicus on both Saturday and Sunday before the classes begin.

So come for the classes, the food, and the company - the Politarchopolis A&S Collegium!



Tayles from Events of Recent Past

Newcomer's and Baronial Championships AS 49

The College of St Aldhelm hosted the Newcomer's Event and Baronial Championships for both armoured combat and rapier on Saturday the 15th of March 2015 (AS 49). Lady Merione French was the event, and the event was held at the Scout Hall on the corner of Ebdon and Hassall Streets, Ainslie.

The Baronial Armoured Championships was fought as a round robin by the six entrants: Sir Ysambart Courtin, Lady Caitlin Dai, Lord Daniel (formerly Daeg of Andronicus), Lord Grimr inn Kyrri, Lord Otto Sexburger and Cossimo. Baron Crispin wanted to see more fighting and so, following the round robin, he tasked the outgoing Baronial Champion, Lord Otto, with holding the field and having all others challenge him to single combat with weapons of their choosing. At the end of the day, Their Excellencies named Lord Otto the victor of the tournament, and Sir Ysambart as the newest Baronial Armoured Champion.

The Baronial Rapier Championships was fought as a partial round robin, with odd rounds fought Curaiss style (metal armour impervious and leather armour cut resistant) and even rounds fought with offhand spoon and weapon specified by the outgoing Baronial Rapier Champion, Don Francois. There were ten entrants: Sir Ysambart Courtin, Don Owain Cantor ap Hughe, THL Ceara Shionnach, Lord Alexander a la Fontayne, Lord Francesco di Falco di Pietro Aviati Vinattiere, Lord Issarn e Tankard dzo Bordonnia, Lady Merione French, Lord Owen Fetherston, Lord Lorccan Ruadh and Ida.

Their Excellencies inducted Lord Daniel (formerly Daeg of Andronicus) into the Baronial Guard as an armoured combatant, and They awarded Ida with a cup for being undefeatable with offhand spoon.

The Feast involved plentiful food, much singing, storytelling and a fashion parade that showcased different clothing styles from various times and places. With the War against the Mongol Horde looming, His Excellency gave a rallying speech to encourage fighters to join the war book to pledge their allegiance in the coming war.

The War to Keep Politararchopolis Free

The War to Keep Politararchopolis Free (otherwise referred to as the Mongolian BBQ) was fought on the 21st of March 2015 (AS 49) at the Tuggeranong Archery Club, 299 Soward Way, Greenway. The autocrats were Jarl Niall inn Orkneyskii, Dux and Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig.

The Mongol Horde, led by Hinggiyadai Ba'atur Bhagan and Altani Bhaligu Beke Bhatun, descended from the North to strengthen Their new claim over the Barony of Politararchopolis.

Before the battles began and to spur on His army, Baron Crispin handed out six lots of griffin feathers to Helena the Innocent, Ulric of Ambeldune, Ginevra Lucia di Namoraza, Myfanwy of Ambeldune, Havelok Outlawe and Henry Raddlyfe.

Hinggiyadai Bhagan, King of the Empire of Lochac and leader of the Mongol Horde, addressed the Barony with: "I see the look of fear in your eyes. Or, maybe it's ridicule. They're pretty much the same thing."

Politararchopolis started strongly on the war field, taking the first victory. However, this did not last and the Bhagan led His forces to win the next ten battles in a row. Needless to say, Politararchopolis has now been assimilated into the Empire of Lochac. Their Excellencies Crispin and Joan have been appointed by Their Majesties as Noyan (i.e. commanders of a thousand warriors) under Pax Mongolian (the peace of Mongolia).

Ultimate Fighter Series

The Ultimate Fighter Series is a Lochac-wide series of tournaments, fought in specified weapons combinations and ranked using a Swiss seeded tournament format. Tournaments have been taking place in the following groups: Politarchopolis, Howany, Innilgard, Stormhold/Irae Glas, Aneala/Abertridwr, the Northern Heaches and Dordenvale. Fighters are given points for their ranking in each tournament they participate in, and the top ten ranked (non-belted) fighters across Lochac will be given entry to the final tournament to be held at Great Northern War in the Northern Heaches (Queensland) in June 2015 (AS 50).

The Ultimate Fighter Series in Politarchopolis are run by Count Sir Berenger of Nancy, who is also the steward of the Lochac-wide Series. In our Barony, there have been rapier tournaments held interspersed throughout the tournament at each Ultimate Fighter event. The rapier tournaments have been organised by Don Owain Cantor ap Hugh and Lord Lorccan Ruadh.

Four of the five tournaments to be held in Politarchopolis have been run to date, and are summarised below. They were each held at the Ainslie Scout Hall on the corner of Hassall and Ebdon Streets in Ainslie, ACT. Photos from the fourth tournament are available on the Baronial website: Ultimate Fighter March 22nd.

Tournament 1 / Sunday 26 October 2014 / Single Handed Weapon Format

Single-handed weapon format, in this context, meant a single sword, dagger, mace or axe – basically no shields or two-handed weapons permitted. Viscount Sir Brusi Anderson of the Shetlands came first in the tournament, with Sir Kitan von Falkenberg coming second. The points won for non-belts were as follows:

Lord Mark Ottignon / 12 points

Lord Wolff Hebenstreit / 10 points

Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig / 8 points

Lady Jadwiga / 6 points

Don Allesandro von Firenzi / 5 points

Baron Master Crispin Sexi / 4 points

Baron Andreas Reinhardt / 3 points

Lord Otto von Sexburger / 2 points

Mistress Isobel le Breton / 1 point

Tournament 2 / Sunday 18 January 2015 / Great Sword Weapon Format

A Great Sword is a large, two-handed sword. The points won for non-belts in the second tournament were as follows:

Lord Mark Ottignon / 12 points

Lord Wolff Hebenstreit / 10 points

Baron Andreas Reinhardt / 8 points

Baron Aonghus mac Griogair mhic Raghnaill / 6 points

Lord Otto von Sexburger / 5 points

Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig / 4 points

Lord Daniel (formerly Daeg of Andronicus) / 3 points

Lady Jadwiga / 2 points

Tournament 3 / Sunday 8 February 2015 / Sword and Shield Weapon Format

Entrants in the third tournament had to compete with sword and shield. The points won for non-belts in the third tournament were as follows:

Lord Jutai / 12 points

Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig / 10 points

Lord Otto von Sexburger / 8 points

Baron Aonghus mac Griogair mhic Raghnaill / 7 points

Lord Mark Ottignon / 6 points

Lord Daniel (formerly Daeg of Andronicus) / 4 points

Baron Andreas Reinhardt / 3 points

Baron Master Crispin Sexi / 2 points

Lady Amelot de Akeney / 1 point

Tournament 4 / Sunday 22 March 2015 / Glaive Weapon Format

Entrants in the third tournament had to compete with glaive, which is a type of two-handed weapon. There were twelve combatants who entered. The points won for non-belts in the fourth tournament were as follows:

Baron Aonghus mac Griogair mhic Raghnaill / 12 points

Lord Otto von Sexburger / 10 points

Baron Andreas Reinhardt / 8 points

Wulfric / 6 points

Cosimo / 5 points

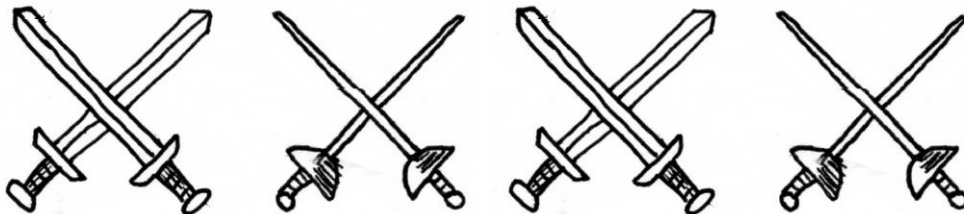
Lord Mark Ottignon / 4 points

Baron Master Crispin Sexi / 3 points

Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig / 2 points

Lord Jean-Christoph le Saucier / 1 point

In rapier, there were five combatants who fought a meat grinder with the person holding the field restricted by a standard in their off-hand that couldn't be lifted from the ground. They also fought a round robin of specified weapons formats. The ultimate victor was Lord Lorccan Ruadh, with Don Owain Cantor ap Hughe and Don Alessandro von Fiorenzi both placing second, THL Ceara Shionnach placed fourth and Wulfgang (in his first ever tournament) placed fifth.



Politarchopolis Ultimate Fighter Series Running Totals after Tournament 4 of 5

Lord Mark Ottignon / 34 points

Baron Aonghus mac Griogair mhic Raghnaill / 25 points

Lord Otto von Sexburger / 25 points

Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig / 24 points

Baron Andreas Reinhardt / 22 points

Lord Wolff Hebenstreit / 20 points

Lady Jadwiga / 13 points

Lord Jutai / 12 points

Baron Master Crispin Sexi / 9 points

Wulfric / 6 points

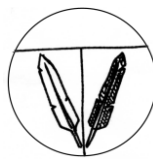
Cosimo / 5 points

Don Allesandro von Firenzi / 5 points

Lady Amelot de Akeney / 1 point

Mistress Isobel le Breton / 1 point

Missives from the Officers



From the Chronicler

This is the first edition of Griffintayle to be published since September 2011. I have attempted to style this latest release after the layouts of the world's oldest newspapers: *Relation aller Fürnemmen und gedenckwürdigen Historien* by Johann Carolus in *Straßburg* (border of France and Germany, 1609) and *Aviso Relation oder Zeitung* by Lucas Schulte in *Wolfenbüttel* (Germany, 1609). Both were made possible by the 15th century invention of printing presses, which led to mass production of publications by the end of the 16th century. Furthermore, both newspapers included woodcut illustrations, which involve an artist carving an image into a wooden surface and coating this in ink to stamp onto paper. The images used in the new Griffintayle have been traced from the two newspapers listed above, or drawn in the style of the images, by the Chronicler. Neither of these publications used colour, and so colour will be avoided. Hyperlinks will be underlined to make them easily identifiable without detracting too much from the intended style. The fonts used throughout are relatively consistent for this period - ISL Blackletter for certain capitalisations and ISL Ancient for the remaining text.

Griffintayle will be scheduled for release in the last week of each month. For any inclusions, please email your content to the Chronicler, no later than the 23rd day of the month.

THL Ceara Shionnach

Politarchopolis Chronicler



People of Politarchopolis

The Town Crier, Baroness Ginevra Lucia di Namoraza, will be periodically interviewing members of the populace and publishing these interviews on the Baronial website, and in Griffintayle.

This month, Baroness Ginevra interviewed Guildmaster Don François Henri Guyon – former Baronial Rapier Champion for AS 49 (2014-15):

What is your SCA name and title?

François Henri Guyon. For the rest, see Lochac's Canon Lore.

How long have you been fighting?

I started Heavy combat in 1983. I started Rapier in 1988. I gave up Heavy in 2004 following chronic injuries.

What training regime do you have?

I study twice a week. Exercise 5 days a week. Training once or twice a week.

Who inspires you to fight and why?

No-one 'inspires' me to fight – I fight because I enjoy it. Gurtrud von Ritzebuttel inspires me to do well in my endeavors.

Do you have a favourite training video or book? Which and why?

I have no favorites. I drag out four or five works and compare, no matter the subject. I quite like Mike Loadé's videos, and Tudor Monestry farm and Secrets of the Castle.

What fighting accolades do you have?

Order of the white scarf (OWL), Guildmaster of Defence in Lochac. Silver Rapier.

What are your other preferred activities in the SCA?

Spinning, narrow-work, woodwork (Joinery), dressmaking, cooking, Beadmaking (Lampwork). I have recently got into knitting and naalbinding.

How would you respond to a challenge from the champion of another Barony?

Work out what event to meet them at. Research the other champion (got to give them my best fight). Talk to the Polit B&B about any backstory or approach they wish. Last minute training to hone specific skills.

Do you have any ideas of what sort of championship event you'll hold next year?

I like cuirass tourneys, but spoons have always been special to the Baronesses of Politarchopolis...

What advice do you have to beginners?

Do your homework. Keep your nose clean. The first of anything you try will usually be poor, but repeated attempts bring mastery. Plus, you will never see how good your item is – the creator only ever sees the faults.

New Authorisations in the Barony

Congratulations to all those who have recently worked hard and authorised in the Barony.

Fencing / Wolfgang

Combat archery / Eyfura / Havelok the Outlawe

Heavy combat / Cosimo

Baroness Ginevra Lucia di Namoraza

Politarchopolis Town Crier

Officers Regnum

The officers' regnum of Politarchopolis presents the various Baronial positions for Canberra, a brief description of their roles and their contact emails (hyperlinked in their names).

To apply for any of the various vacant positions, please contact the Seneschal - Anne de Tournai.



Baron / Crispin Sexi / Baroness / Joan Sutton

The Baron and Baroness are the leaders of the Barony, representing the Crown.

Seneschal / Anne de Tournai

The Seneschal is the principal legal representative of the Barony (i.e. group president).

Arts and Sciences / Rosamund Laiborn

The Arts and Sciences officer is responsible for encouraging the crafts of the Barony.

Captain of Archers / Ulric of Ambeldune

The Captain of Archers manages the Baronial archery activities (both target and combat).

Chandler / vacant

The Chandler is responsible for inventory of Baronial items, including regalia and hospit (i.e. garb to be borrowed by newcomers).

Chirurgeon / Iseldis of Winchester

The Chirurgeon is responsible for first aid and safety at events.

Chronicler / Ceara Shionnach

The Chronicler is responsible for the production and publication of the Baronial newsletter, *Griffintayle*.

Constable / see Reeve

The Constable is the primary safety officer at an event, the collector of indemnities, and to administer lost property.

Hospitaller / Gabriel van Dorne

The Hospitaller works on the recruitment and retention of new members to the Barony.

Herald / Antonia Rucellai

The Herald is responsible for acting as the voice of the Baron and Baroness, and for assisting in registering names and devices with the College of Arms.

Keeper of the Lists / Fionghuine MacCoinnich

The Keeper of the Lists organises, and keeps track of the results of the various martial competitions in the Barony.

Marshal / Blethyn ap Gryffid

The Marshal is responsible for martial activities in the Barony.

Rapier Marshal / Lorccan Ruadh

The Captain of Archers manages the Baronial rapier activities.

Reeve / Eberhard Neggerstein

The Reeve is responsible for managing the financial reporting of the Barony (i.e. the group treasurer).

Virtual Town Crier / Ginevra Lucia di Namoraza

This Virtual Town Crier is responsible for drafting and updating Baronial website content.

Webwright / Nicodemus Novello

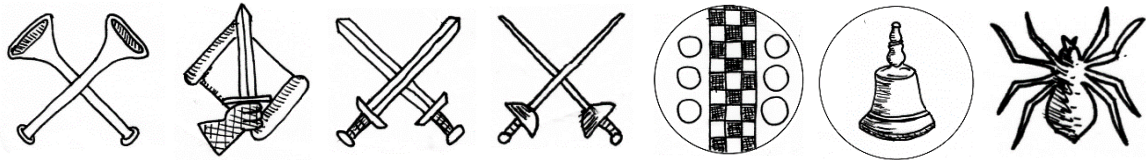
The Webwright maintains the Baronial website.

St Aldhelm Seneschal / Change-over Pending

The Seneschal of the College of St Aldhelm is the group president for the Australian National University chapter of the Barony.

St Andronicus Seneschal / Caitlin Dai

The Seneschal of the College of St Andronicus is the group president for the University of Canberra chapter of the Barony.



About the Barony

The Barony of Politarchopolis is based in Canberra, Australia, and is part of the Kingdom of Lochac. Part of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), we are an educational, non-profit organisation dedicated to the study and re-creation of all aspects of life in pre-17th-century medieval and renaissance society.

The primary communication point for the Barony is the [Politarchopolis email list](#), which you may wish to subscribe to if you'd like to receive official announcements and information on upcoming events and activities.

For more information about the Barony of Politarchopolis, see the [group website](#). You may also wish to read more about [the SCA in general](#).

The Barony is quite active on social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You may wish to join the [Barony of Politarchopolis Facebook group](#), [@SCAPolit Twitter page](#), [@SCAPolit Instagram page](#), [Politarchopolis Archers Facebook Group](#), [Politarchopolis Fencers Facebook group](#) and/or [Politarchopolis Combat Training Facebook group](#).



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