



Griffintayle:

Tayles and histories that have taken
place in

Politarchopolis, Torlyon
St Aldhelm, St Andronicus,

and
elsewhere in the Kingdom of Lochac
and the Knowne Worlde

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From the Baron and Baroness

From Baron Crispin and Baroness Joan unto the loyal Peoples of Politarchopolis and Torlyon, greetings.

We trust that you are well warmed with wine and good company in these wintry days. We spent the Midwinter festival in Cairn Fell, where we saw the rise of King Stefan and Queen Branwen to the throne of Lochac. Theirs is to be a reign of peace and merriment, a salve most welcome to all who have spent heavy months in battle. Long live the Crown!

We also witnessed the withdrawal of the Khan and Peke Bhatun back to their own lands in distant Mongolia. As they took with them great store of treasure, gathered in their time upon the thrones of Lochac, we will be collecting taxes in the Spring, in order to make good the royal coffers. Look to your lambs, your barns and storehouses, for there will be a reckoning of goods.

The Barony continues strong. This very week we indulge in the Good Food Feast, which promises to be both a magnificent spectacle and a culinary experience difficult to match.

In August we will enjoy teaching and learning at the Arts and Sciences Collegium. This is a fabulous opportunity to delve into subjects new and old, and there are bound to be slots still available if you would like to share your knowledge with others. No matter your level of experience in the Society, there will be something for all.

The Baronial 20th anniversary was celebrated this past month, with a casual get-together at Sexi Manor. There was cake, and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Likewise, the monthly Baronial Games Night was held at Ainslie with much merriment.

Despite the chilly weather, regular training sessions are continuing for all the arts of combat. There are also all sorts of personal projects underway, from sewing to metalwork. We rejoice to see so many people adding their enthusiasm to the mix.

In service to the Kingdom, the Barony and to our People,

Baronial Awards

No Baronial Awards were awarded this month.

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 has been cancelled.

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

Newcomer's Armoured Combat Training / 1pm / Scout Hall / Corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie

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

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!

Saint Vitas Dance and Music Weekend / 12-13 September 2015 / Tuggeranong Sea Scout Hall / Mortimer Lewis Drive / Greenway / ACT

Two days of dance and dance related classes, as well as music classes, plus food and more music and dancing!

A Feast and Ball on the Saturday night!

Lunch will be served both days, of course.

Classes start 10am both days, Feast and Ball 6pm Saturday.

Prices

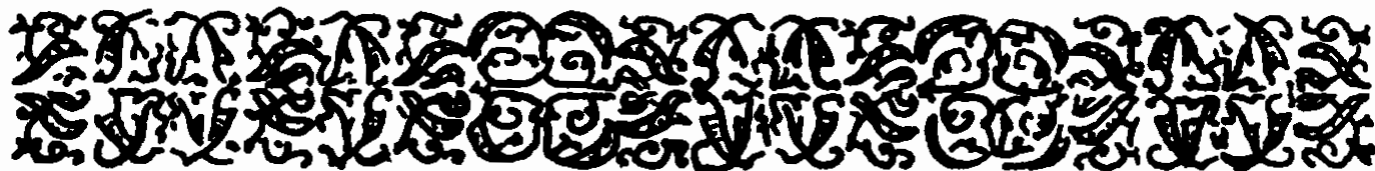
- \$50 Full Event (Children \$20)
- \$30 Feast and Ball (Children \$15)
- \$20 Classes Only (Includes Lunch/es)
- Non-member surcharge \$5
- Unbooked surcharge \$5

STEWARD: Joanna of the Beechwoods [Joanna Keenan] (02) 6296 2193 or 0409 578 680

joannaandmurray@homemail.com.au

Please feel free to ask the Steward about running a class!

Bookings to the Steward (direct deposit to Polit's bank account greatly preferred - details supplied upon booking).



Tayles from Events of Recent Past

Thanks to the Recent Event Stewards

Shout out to the people who have run events for Polit over the last few months!! Being an event steward is hard work, and without them, we wouldn't get to enjoy the excellent events that make the SCA so special:

- The Polit War event organised by Duchess Liadan and Duke Pjall at the request of the Crown was a lot of fun, and, although Polit lost, an excellent day was had by all.
- The Baronial Quarter Court run by Duchess Liadan was also a lot of fun, and provided a great opportunity for everyone in the Barony to come together to enjoy the display of archery, heavy fighting, fencing, a bit of Viking wrestling (Glima), and Court. A lot of excellent feedback was received, and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the next one, to be run by Baroness Ceara.
- The Spanish Workshop organised by Baroness Cinevra was excellent - a number of teachers travelled to Canberra to teach the participants and everyone walked away with a well-patterned bodice at a minimum, plus the knowledge to complete the garment.
- Saturnalia and Ball D'Argent run by Lady Delouys went very well and much dancing was done and good food eaten.

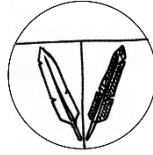
Good Food Feast

The 20th Anniversary Good Food Feast was held at St Margaret's Uniting Church Hall in Ainslie, ACT on Saturday the 18th of July, 2015. The high-end feast was run by the Politarchopolis Assault Catering Corp (PACC), and both the maitre d's script and the courses themselves were based around the Vulgate Latin Bible (Old Testament) chapters of Genesis (Creation). There was so much going on at the event, a quick summary being:

- Wait staff who treated all attendees like high nobility - taking their coats, carrying their baskets, washing their hands in fragrant water, serving the food and drinks, and washing the feasting gear between removes;
- Every inch of the hall walls were covered in red and white wall hangings, and the ceiling was covered in draped blue fabric with white stars painted on them;
- Period music (singing and instruments) was played throughout the feasting;
- Many sotelties were presented to the guests, including clam shells made of sugar paste with a milk jelly centre, a fondant/sugar paste plate painted like extant Renaissance plates for each guest;
- Mistress Kowan and Lord Piccodemus performed an amusing puppet show about Earl Leofric and Lady Godiva;
- Mistress Biriell, aided by several people who acted as visual aids, walked the guests through a Tableaux. This included scenes from the beheading of Jean the Baptiste, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden being tempted, and Youth with the security of Old Age; and
- Each of the guests got to keep a special Good Food Feast glass painted for them, a smaller glass, a pewter spoon, a metal plate, and a napkin.

More details of this event (including photos) will be added to Memories of Lochac, the Kingdom's official history website, in the near future so keep an eye out for that if you're interested.

Missives from the Officers



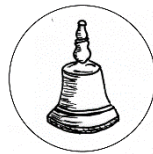
From the Chronicler

Thank you to those who have provided information for this, the July 2015 edition of Griffintayle.

Griffintayle will be scheduled for release in the last week of each month. For any inclusions in the September edition, please email your content to the Chronicler, no later than the 23rd of August 2015.

THB Ceara Shionnach

Politarchopolis Chronicler



People of Politarchopolis

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

This month, Baroness Cinevra interviewed Viscountess Muirghein Pi Chrainne:

What is your SCA name and title?

Viscountess Muirghein Pi Chrainne, OP, OL, GOA, BARONESS, OLM.

What is your heraldry and what does it mean to you?

Per pale or and azure issuant from a base engrailed a demi unicorn argent engorged of a coronet or. The birth of the Unicorn.

How long have you been playing?

20+ something too many years (28 yrs)

What is your favourite thing to do in the SCA?

What is your favourite thing to do in the SCA? Umm Stuff. Depends. I don't think I have a favourite as these things change. But I do keep going back to clothing, embroidery and illumination.

What's the best dish you have tasted?

I'm a simple lass. Lombardy Tart (Beet and Cheese tart).

What is the largest or scariest project you have undertaken?

Being Baroness of Aneala, the most Isolated Group in the Known world. It was a massive challenge for one who hid from the spotlight.

What would you like to see more of in the SCA?

Inclusiveness and support for all sides of this dice.

Share with us a funny or favourite SCA story...

My Favourite story is when the now Sir Rufus was Official food Taster for my reign as Princess because he complained to Sir Corin he was still hungry at the Polit Baronial investiture. So Corin brought him to us as then he would get ALLLLLLL of the food. Subsequently the following day he turned up to court to taste that fabulous cookies presented, completely covered in Mud.

What advice do you have for newcomers?

Lastly to any Newbie, relax enjoy explore and follow your passion.

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).

Chirurgion / Iseldis of Winchester

The Chirurgion 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 Næggerstein

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.

Canton of Torlyon Seneschal / Tosti Vikarovitch Bogolyubski

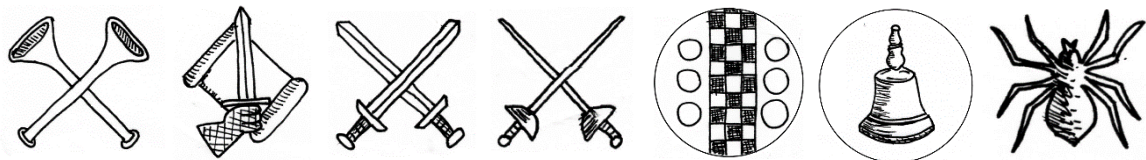
The Seneschal of the Canton of Torlyon is the group president for the Yass, NSW chapter of the Barony.

St Aldhelm Seneschal / Elena Versare

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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