

Newsletter of the Barony of Politarchopolis

GRIFFINTAYLE



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Other Upcoming Events:

10th – 11th July – Tocal Token Tourney, Mordenvale (Newcastle)
 31st July – Inaugural Ulrich von Liechtenstein Heraldic Pas de Arms
 Tournament and Winter Feast, Stormhold (Melbourne)
 31st July – 1st August – Great Northern War (Chuwar, Qld)
 20th – 22nd August – Benevolence Crusade (Albury-Wodonga)

11th – 12th September – St Aldhelm's College Hunt
 18th September – Monthly Tourney
 18th September – Highland Games and Feast with Royal Visit
 October – Mooted Pirate Feast – no details yet confirmed
 12th – 14th November – Casual War

Politar chopolis Regnum

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Please see elsewhere on this website for Regnum details

Regular Meetings

- ☼ **Baronial Meetings:** the last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Check with the Seneschal for location.
- ❖ **Baronial heavy fighter practice:**
 - Sunday: from 2:00 pm at Haig Park, O'Connor near scout hall, Fencers and heavies welcome.
 - Wednesday evenings: from 6:30 pm, at Mawson Oval.
- ♣ **Rapier practice:** Sundays, starting at 1.30 pm at Haig Park O'Connor.
- ♣ **Archery practice:** Sundays, 10:00 till 12:00 at Tuggeranong Archery Club, Western end of Soward Way, Tuggeranong. Cost 5 gold to non TAC members Range fees to TAC members
- ⌘ **Arts and Sciences:** Sundays - after fighter practice, same location. Wednesday - between 12:30 and 3:00pm at the Mummery. Contact the Seneschal for location details and to confirm the session is on.
- ♠ **Guild Sunday** – every 3rd Sunday of the month. Details vary – contact A&S Minister for details.
- 🎵 **Choir Practice:** 1st Sunday of each month, 1pm, Haig Park.
- ✂ **Stitch and Bitch:** Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Contact the A&S Minister for location details
- ✂ **College A&S:** Thursdays, 6pm, Room G30 in the Copeland building, ANU.
- ⌘ **Baronial Dance Classes:** 2-4 pm Sundays at the Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner
- ♥ **Cordon Rouge Open Herald Nights:** Tuesdays from 8pm – call Paul on [0407 468 244] for location details
- ✂ **Scriptoria:** Held by the College of Scribes every 2nd Saturday of the month.
- ✂ **Mid week Boffer and A&S meeting:** Every Wednesday 3.30 - 5.00pm. Room 3 of the Tuggeranong Community Centre Cowlshaw Street, Greenway. Please check the notice board on entry as meeting may have been moved to a different room - will be under House Anaticula (SCA)

Please check all details are correct and contact the Chronicler to correct any errors. "Griffintayle" is published monthly, editions are printed the weekend following the Baronial Meeting. It is distributed in print and electronic forms. All submissions need to be received by the Chronicler by the last Monday of the month for general and event notices, Officers Reports by the Thursday evening of the Baronial Meeting. This is the July edition for 2004.

Upcoming Events

St Vitas' Dance Weekend

When: 10-11 July
Where: Bungendore Memorial Hall, Molonglo Street south of Malbon Street, Bungendore.

(Please note that Joanna of the Beechwoods' e-mail address has changed. The new one is as listed below.)

This year, St. Vitas dances off to the lovely little town of Bungendore (all of 30 min. by car from Canberra CBD, or use one of 2 trains daily from Sydney or Canberra).

.....But it's not just country dancing!

Come for two days of all kinds of dance and dance-related classes, plus music, food, games, fun, friends and more dancing! Sound too exhausting? Not a bit of it - we've booked an on-site masseur to refresh any achy muscles (for a mere pittance).

There's even an A&S competition: for it, bring a Beverage Suitable for a Ball.

Some Classes Proposed to be Taught:

Fidelta (16th C Italian "Fidelity" - NOT)

Beginner-friendly Dances

16th C Italian Dance Steps for Beginners

Sex on the Dance Floor

Dance Music with Master Sexi

Reconsidering some first edition Playford dances (English Country - done more simply and more accurately)

Original Period Dance (Things to think about when creating your own dance)

Ballo del Fiore for 4 or 5 (16th C Italian, with flowers and indecisiveness)

And while taking the weight off of our feet, a session of talking about Teaching the Hard-to-Teach and Learning the Hard-to-Learn.

Starts 10am Saturday (Feast & Ball at 6pm) and 10am Sunday, all at Bungendore Memorial Hall, Molonglo Street south of Malbon Street, Bungendore, NSW.

Crash space is available at the hall Friday and Saturday nights. For other local accommodation see <http://www.bungendore.org.au/>. Flying wayfarers may contact Caterina (see below) about lifts from Canberra.

Lunches, very basic breakfasts, and a distinctly non-basic Feast and Ball on the Saturday night.

Full Weekend: \$31 Members & College Members / \$33 Non-Members / \$37 Not Booked.

One day plus F&B: \$21/\$23/\$27.

F&B only: \$11/\$13/\$17.

BOOKINGS BY 7 JULY, PLEASE!! (Before the cooks shop for the food!).

STEWARD: Joanna of the Beechwoods [Joanna Keenan] joannaandmurray@homemail.com.au

Deputy Steward: Caterina della Pieri [Beth Schoenberg] schoenb@webone.com.au

Please enquire of her regarding bookings, family discounts, short stay rates and special dietary requirements. Cheques -- payable to "SCA Politarchopolis".

Breaking the Siege Feast and **T**ourney

When: 31st July
Where: Haig Park Hall.

Come and enjoy a day of fighting, flinging and feasting. Winter is upon us and now is the time to break the siege. Fighters are to horn there skills at a tournament. The siege engineers are to develop machines of destruction, and the cook is to prepare what food is left for a victory feast. Have fun sieving the day!

Tournament lists open at 11:00, close at Midday, start 12:15pm

Table top competition begins at 3:30pm

Hall opens 5:30pm first remove 6:30pm

Cost: \$15 members \$18 non-members.

Numbers limited to 50, no booking no feast!

Bookings to Rodri (Rob Howard) rob.h@emailme.com.au

Table top siege competition guide lines from Baron Edmund Ale-conner or via Polit home page. **For competition and construction guidelines, please see this months "News from Politarchopolis".**

College Pub Feast

When: 14th August
Where: Hague Park Hall

Come join the College in rowdy revelry and much merrymaking. Once more, the Students of the College of St Aldhelm join together in an evening of feasting, drinking, carousing and any other fun thing that springs to mind, and they invite the non-Students of the Barony to join them.

Prices have not yet been set as there may be some funding from the ANU. Bookings to the College Seneschal (see the Regnum).

More details next month.

Events Elsewhere

Great Northern War VI

Who: Barony of River Haven (Brisbane)
When: 30th July – 1st August

Where – Allawah Scout Campsite, Allawah Road, Chuwar

Come and enjoy a weekend of fighting, arts and sciences and merriment with an English and Scottish theme. Once again the sides will be chosen on the day. A&S materials will be supplied for competitions. There will be a tournament held at 8.00pm on Friday night. Archery field course and static shoot from 8.00am Saturday and Sunday. War Saturday morning and afternoon. Rapier token challenge to be held all weekend until lunchtime Sunday. Melee tourney held Sunday morning. Everyone welcome.

Entry cost includes all meals and activities corresponding to that day. The Steward reserves the right to turn away those who have not booked. Book early for bunkhouse accommodation. Please advise Steward of any dietary requirements when booking.

Event starts 5.00pm 30th July and runs to 4.00pm 1st August

Costs:

Full weekend including camping \$35/\$40 M/NM,

Sat Only \$22/\$24 M/NM,

Sunday only \$10/\$12 M/NM.

Children 6-14 years half price, up to 5 years free.

Cheques payable to SCA River Haven Inc

Bookings required by 14th July 2004 to booking officer William Castille (Steven Maynard). Payment with booking please.

Inaugural Ulrich von Liechtenstein Heraldic Pas De Arms Tournament

Who: Barony of Stormhold (Melbourne)

When: 31st July

Where: Tournament – Darebin Parklands, end of Separation Street, Fairfield, VIC (Melways Map 31 D9)

A series of four competitions, each separated by two melees, will be fought to decide the champion of the day. The winner of each round will be recognised for their valour, as will the overall victor for the day. The most Heraldic display on the day and the best Heraldic Presentation (by a Herald) will each also be acclaimed.

Each competition will be fought as exchanged blows (10 blows each), single elimination. The four competitions to be run on the day will be in the disciplines of Sword & Shield, Great Sword, Mace & Shield and Halberds. Each fighter entering the tournament will have their own Herald (available on the day for a small fee) who will advise the lists of which competition the fighter will enter as well as introducing the fighter to the field and audience before each competition commences.

Fighters will score points for entering each competition, placing in the top 3 of each competition, winning a melee, heraldic display (including retainers, judged for each of the four competitions) and introduction by their Herald (also judged for each competition).

Each fighter on the day will also nominate a group, household or unit that they will be fighting for.

Costs (for Tourney only – see ‘Stormhold Winter Feast’ below):

members – Adults \$7, Children under 13 \$3

non members- Adults \$10, Children under 13 \$5.

Steward – Hannibal Reis al Barbary (Simon Hoed)
hanbal_reis@yahoo.com For more details, go to
www.ypotryll.tk

Stormhold Winter Feast

Who: Barony of Stormhold (Melbourne)

When: 31st July

Where: Brunswick Town Hall, Car Sydney Rd & Dawson St, Brunswick, VIC (Melways Map 29 G8)

A high night of court, dancing, fun and frivolity with soups and two removes served in a buffet style. In honour of Ulrich von Liechtenstein (a real medieval person) the event will have a Germanic theme. Stormhold A&S competitions will be judged at the feast as well as the best Fake Lance Blunt (all entries to be safely edible).

Costs:

booked before 25th July –

members Adults \$25, Children \$19

non-members Adults \$30, Children \$24

after 25th July –

members Adults \$30, children \$24

non-members Adults \$35, Children \$29

Children under five admitted free.

Steward and further details as for the Tournament.

Guild Ascension Day Collegia, Feast and Ball.

Who: Barony of Rowany (Sydney)

When: 4th September

Where: St Andrews Church Hall, Henson St, Summer Hill, NSW

With the coming of Spring it is time for the Guilds to come together and celebrate. The event shall include collegia held by the various guilds of Lochac, followed by a Tavern Feast and Ball.

Costs:

Before 28/8 - members \$15, non-members \$20

After that date – members \$20, non-members \$25, if places still available.

Please make cheques payable to SCA Rowany.

Steward and bookings – ibn Jelal (Richard Cull), email
rcull@ozemail.com.au

For more information, check the website –
www.ozemail.com.au/~rcull/guild_day.htm

Known World Costume Symposium IV

Who: Sponsored by the Marche of Alderford (Ohio, USA)

When: 24th –26th September

Where: 4 Points Sheraton

4375 Metro Cr. N.W.

North Canton, OH 44720

330-494-6494

888-565-7654

Fax 330-494-7129

www.fourpointscanton.com

Event Website:

<http://sca.4th.com/alderford/events/kwcs2004>

Registrations accepted until August 31, 2004.

For more information, contact autocrats:

Lady Genovefa de Terranova lordnlady@neo.rr.com

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Officers Reports

Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the populace of Politarchopolis.

We would like to thank the event stewards of the Fluffy Duck Tavern for a different style of event which was eminently delightful from all accounts. Unfortunately We were unable to attend due to having a previous appointment at War.

In June the latest of Le Crapaud tourney was held and was enjoyed by all, congratulations to the new Crapaud, Henri. Vive le Crapaud! We would also like to congratulate Wolf who was as astonished as the rest of us at his being bestowed with the Flower of Chivalry.

It seems that we must be continually on our guard against the Northern Alliance, as they can be the only ones who were responsible for the Baron's illness just prior to Cold War 2. Even in his weakened state the Baron journeyed to the fields of battle to support the Southern Alliance and share his knowledge of siege weaponry. Their Majesties noticed his wealth of knowledge (and rabid enthusiasm) and so supported his elevation to the office of Lochac Siege Marshal, Deputy to the Lochac Earl Marshal.

In early July, We travel to the Barony of Mordenvale to partake of their hospitality at the Tocal Heraldic Token Tourney and Feast. Consequently We will not be in attendance at St Vitus, however we look forward to hearing tales from the event.

And before we conclude this missive, it would be disastrous to neglect to mention the 'Breaking the Siege' event which will be occurring at the end of July. 'Make more siege toys'

Yours in Service,
Edmund, Baron Leta, Baroness.

Seneschal

To the populace of Politarchopolis.

Greetings and well met. This month we have three offices changing hands, these being Chronicler, Lists and Herald. I would like to thank each of the officers for their efforts throughout their tenures.

To Selivia and Ali for their efforts in lists over an extended period, thank you very much for your efforts. Fruitbat has also put in a serious effort as Cordon Rouge Herald and will be a hard act to follow. Finally to Blod thank you, chronicler is difficult enough, without having to chase persistent late reporters like myself.

The Barony will be well served if the successors can provide any where near the services of the aforementioned nobles. Once again THANK YOU.

By the time you read this the blunt mould purchase will have been finalised. Bear with us while we get the purchasing system up and running and the first batch cast. Soon, soon Politarchopolis will hold the keys to the armoury, and then my precious "nyah, nyah, nyah let none come against us..."

I understand the Fluffy Duck Tavern was enjoyed by all attendees. Unfortunately I was in Perth, otherwise... I look forward to the re-run of the tavern. This month we have St Vitas and the Siege feast. See you all there.

Cheers
Stephen

Marshal

Greetings to you all good gentles,

This has been a quiet month so thankfully I will not have much to report.

In June there was one event held that being Le Crapaud Tourney. Congratulations to the new Crapaud, Henri, and the recipient of the Flower of Chivalry, Wolfe.

War Training

War Training on the 3rd Sunday of each month has been replaced with a Tourney (type to be determined depending on what the Autocrat/MIC would like). If War Training is desired I would appreciate being contacted by anybody wishing to take on the task of organizing it..

Authorisation Forms and Trainee Cards

Please be aware that there are new authorisation forms available online and all Marshals are strongly encouraged to download/print the new ones for all future authorisations. Current authorizations will not be affected by this but all new authorisations and fighter renewals will be. Older versions of these forms will not be accepted.

Trainee cards are available for all new, un-authorised but training fighters. The Trainee cards are not an 'only if you want them' option but a requirement for all training un-authorised fighters.

Held Events

Le Crapaud Chivalric Tourney - 20th June 2004

Autocrat : Viscount Sir Cornelius von Becke

Host : Viscount Sir Cornelius von Becke

Location : Haig Park, Turner

NOTE - As this event had not been run at the time of this writing I have nothing to report.

Upcoming Events

Tourney and Tabletop Siege Engine Competition – July 31st 2004

Autocrat : Rhodri Ysoglaig

Location : Haig Park, Turner

Times : Tourney List opens – 11 am

Tourney commences – 12 noon

Siege competition begins – 3 pm

Feast begins - 6 pm

More information is available from the Politarchopolis homepage.

Monthly Tournes

August 21st, 2004

September 18th, 2004

YiS

Heinrich Maximillian von Hesse

Politarchopolis Knight Marshal

Captain of Fence

Our colder months are proving to be ideal fencing conditions, apart from the occasional precipitation. Sunday training continues to be run from 1.30pm at Haig Park, with some interest from newcomers and some former combatants seeking a return to form. In the absence of a regular sidesword instructor, training is focusing on standard rapier forms and we also have some rapier marshals in training.

The Gore Street School on Saturday afternoons will be in hiatus through July and August, while Diccon Shorthand sojourns outside the Kingdom. We look forward to his safe return (and perhaps some new toys!)

No injuries were reported during June.

A Rapier Tourney will be held on 31 July as part of the Siege Feast. Depending on the number of fighters, the tourney will be fought as a round robin, followed by a mini-melee fought over the siege barrier.

When: Saturday 31 July

Where: Haig Park

How: Lists will open at 12 midday for a 12.30 start.

Owain Cantor ap Hugh
Captain of Fence

Lists

Greetings to all in the Barony of Politarchopolis.

Well, it is done. My last tournament is passed in which I will be one of your List officers. My co-officer is also handing in her badge and we will become spectators after having served some four and half years. It has been interesting, but now it is time for the next generation to take up the call. Amid the celebrations to mark our going, please support the brave soul who has stepped forward to serve the needs of the Barony – Darby de Askote.

Across the sea, a pale moon rises,
The ships have come to carry me home.

And all will turn, to silver glass.

A light on the water, all souls pass.

Hope fades into a world of night

Through shadows falling,

out of memory and time.

Don't say, "We have come now to the end."

White shores are calling,

You and I will meet again.

Night is falling, We've come to journey's end.

with apologies to Howard Shore, Fran

Walsh, Annie Lennox

Selivia de l'Estoile

Arts and Sciences Officer

I'm having a baby and I'm looking to find a replacement A&S officer by the end of September. If you are keen please send your application through to me by 31 August 2004 at nobble@bigpond.com.au or deliver it in person to either me on His Excellency Baron Stephen. Your application will be sent on to the Kingdom A&S Officer, Baronial Seneschal, Baron & Baroness. The Kingdom Arts and

Sciences officer (KMoAS) chooses the A&S Officer based on the applications and with consultation of the Seneschal, Baron & Baroness, and current A&S Officer. The KMoAS then will then advise the Baronial Seneschal of the successful applicant. Successful applicants are then advertised by the Baronial Seneschal at least 2 weeks before the Office is due to changeover. This is to allow for any objections to be made to the KMoAS.

If you would like to know more about being the A&S Officer or have any other questions, contact me or pop along to Stitch and Bitch.

Cheers
Sybille

Constables Report

Greetings,

There were two events held this month.

The Fluffy Duck Tavern - small but a lot of fun had by all. 24 people, 22 adults and 2 minors in attendance.

The Le Crapaud Tourney. I was not in attendance, Lady Oriel was constable in Charge. We had 39 people, 38 adults and 1 minor.

Lost property.

Found - one green cap, with a white jigsaw piece and writing quite faded, found at the Le Crapaud. When I can finally get a round tuit, I will go through all the lost property items I have, catalogue them, then advertise what I have. If not reclaimed by the end of the year, I will auction them next Newcomers feast to the newbies. Including a set of armour although that may be donated to the chandlery perhaps.

YiS

Lady Könusch von Eltz
Polit Constable.

Reeve

Money comes in, money goes out - at the present time, the account balance is a healthy nearly \$6900, however there is about \$3000 to come out yet, so we aren't that cushioned.

I just thought I'd raise an issue to do with personal cheques. A couple of the cheques presented recently bounced, not only generating a charge for the individuals concerned, but also a charge for the Barony. We don't want to get to the stage of having to stop accepting cheques, so could people writing cheques please ensure that there is sufficient funds in your accounts until you become aware that the cheque has been cleared. On the flip side, Stewards, please ensure you get your reconciliation (and thus your cheques) to me as soon as humanly possible after the event - the longer it takes, the more likely it is that the cheque will bounce. I'm not pointing fingers at anyone (as it was probably just an unfortunate series of events), but I am asking people to be more considerate.

Adair

Webwright

Early in the month the Politarchopolis website was subjected to a hacking attempt. Master Del noticed the hack and suspended all access to the Polit site until I was able to correct the problem. The attack came through the May Crown website which has now been removed. The entire site was then reloaded and checked before access was again granted to the site.

After many months of promising that I would be soon releasing the new website. I can now say that the new Politarchopolis website is online. What's new? A new Calendar, Better Site Navigation, The venue maps have been revamped and web based Email sender for contacting the Baronial Officers and Event Stewards has been installed. Please go and have a look. Comments are always welcome.

Starting the 25th June I will be away from home until the 11th July. For those of you using the Polit mailing list if you have any messages that are held for approval I will be checking the list on a regular basis and will release messages in the normal manner, it may take just a little longer (but no more than 24 hours).

Chronicler

It's here! The Festival Special Edition is done and on the website! 17 pages full of lots of colour photos, personal experiences and reminders of what we as a Barony did. The Baron and Baroness have a special colour printed edition and black and white copies will be available free at the St Vitus Dance weekend in limited numbers. Comments so far have been good.

Thus, I feel I am leaving on a high note. This is my last edition of Griffintayle; as of next month it will be issued by Alexandra. This isn't always the easiest thing to get out on time, so please help her out all you can by getting submissions in well ahead of time. Her contact details are the same as Owain, the Captain of Fence.

Drake and I will be leaving for Innigard in mid-August. We'll be at the Siege Feat and hope to see you all there. I've had fun doing Griffintayle, and hope you have enjoyed reading it. It's with great regret that I pass the mantle on, but I have no doubts in my successor's abilities to take on the task.

Once more I say in farewell,
Good health,
Iechyd da,
Blodeuwedd y Gath

News of the Realm

Important message from the Earl Marshal - All marshals please note that your authorisation as marshal - any marshal - is NOT valid without a current membership. ALL marshals, not just knight/group marshals, are rostered officers of the Kingdom of Lochac and as such MUST be members.

Stewards of events should check the membership of any marshal they wish to use the services of for an event. If the

membership is not current he/she may not assume any of the duties of the marshallate.

I suspect there are many of us who are ignorant of this rule - I know I was!

Yours in Service,
Mistress Margie of Glen More
Lochac Earl Marshal

As of 17/6/04, swords and crossbows are now prohibited weapons in Victoria.

First the good news: The SCA has been granted a blanket exemption for swords, but you must be able to show a membership card/trainee card or authorisation card to prove you are entitled to the exemption. There are rules about storage and transportation of weapons, but they are basically common sense - no lock boxes needed, just keep it out of sight and not easily accessible.

And the bad news:

At this point the SCA does not have an exemption for the use of crossbows, but we will not give in yet. We have until 31st Aug to convince the justice dept that we should be eligible for exemption.

Although this does not directly affect Polit, these laws will affect those wayfaring to or through Victoria.

If further details are required the Victorian Government Gazette is available as a pdf on the web. It is the one dated 17/6/2004.

A new Equine Guild has been formed for those of the Kingdom interested in Medieval Horse work. Our own Catulla (Rachael Greaves) of St Aldhelm's is the main organising person. For those who are interested, you can contact her via email catullacinaeda@hotmail.com for more details.

From the Kingdom Canon Herald:

"There will be a delay of a few days to the next update of the Canon Lore website <http://www.sca.org.au/herald/canon/> I've had to send my laptop in for repairs, and although I have all the necessary files and software on a portable hard disk drive, my poor old desktop computer has incompatible connectors, so it'll be sitting there doing nothing until the laptop comes home. Apologies for the delay (extended especially to the scribes, who were hoping to finally get some data that bears a resemblance to reality). I'll keep y'all posted.

In the mean time, please keep clicking those Fix Me icons and sending me your corrections. I haven't applied any of them to the public database, but they're all there in the queue. You have not been forgotten!"

There have been updates on the A&S officers website, and A&S Handbook, following many discussions recently. The website address is www.sca.org.au/artsandsciences

Lady Finn of Stowe wishes to advise those musicians amongst us of a shop in Sydney that sells and imports musical instruments, who give discounts to members of the SCA. The details are: Kurt Jacob & Co. Pty Ltd., Quality Musical Instruments, 7/2 Stoddart Rd, Prospect, NSW. Phone: (02) 9636-7111 or phone Hans on his

mobile on 0418-967-412. Email them at sales@kurtjacob.com.au

You can place orders with them so that when they go to Europe they will find what you want and pick it up or you can arrange to go to the warehouse and look at what they've got. They have a huge range, from tambourines and ocharinas to Moeck recorders, lutes and other period instruments.

Jamie and Michele (Yvonne Yvette de Plumetot) are pleased to announce the latest addition to the Krae Glas Breed-A-Fighter plan. Despite the delightful suggestions by big sister Eleanor that he could be called Blobby Sunflower or Spiderman, they chose something inspired more by the 19th century: Orlando Linden.

A new inter-Kingdom publication for those in the Society with young children is being started. THLady Gwennlian Pengrych ferch Rhys says: "I reside in Caid, The Barony of the Western Seas (Hawaii), and am the Youth Minister here. I have been working with children since becoming involved with the SCA over a decade ago, and I've decided to take my experiences and put them to paper in a quarterly periodical that I've named "Libellus" (Latin: "Little Book"). Originally I had planned to do this on a local level but it would be so much neater if all of us across the SCA could benefit from each other's knowledge and ideas.

The booklet is approximately 25-30 pages long and will be published every 3 months; the first will be completed for an August mailing and then subsequent issues will be mailed in November, February, and May of each year. The articles centre around all time periods involved within the SCA and include history, trivia, games, A&S activities and of course, are written with children in mind. It is my hope that the Libellus will be fun and interesting to SCA youth, and also useful to parents or other adults involved with youth activities within their local groups.

I'm looking for those already involved with kids (local level Ministers and Chancellors, folks who have written articles previously for kids, Page Academy leaders, etc) to share their own works with others by submitting them to the Libellus.

Authors will always get credit for their work and will also receive the copy of the Libellus that their article is in if they don't already subscribe to it. Kingdom and Baronial Ministers will receive a free subscription that they can use for ideas for their local events. Subscriptions for all others will only be \$5.00 a year (4 issues) to cover shipping. I am not planning to make any income off of this endeavour whatsoever.

As mentioned, the Libellus needs articles on history, A&S how-to's with the basic "how what when where why" questions answered in the article portion, titbits of history for "fillers", riddles, poetry, songs, and even your kingdom calendar of kids events (for the kids from your area who subscribe). There are only two rules: all articles need to be documented with at least one source and be historically accurate, and all articles are written in a kid-friendly manner.

Thanks in advance for any help you can offer. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns as well.

Yours in service,
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Sad News – two Gentle Lords of our Society have died in the last month.

Lord Cillian of Riverhaven died after a long battle with cancer. Many remember him for his 'live fun and play hard' attitude and love of life.

Across the sea, Sir Kylson Skyfire, founding member of Oertha and its first Viscount, died suddenly after winning a bear pit tourney in his home Barony. It is believed he suffered from a sudden aneurysm and died almost instantly. A writer of filk, his works spread around the known world.

Both men will be sadly missed.

News From Politarchopolis

Demos – it is felt that the time has come for the Barony to discuss the issue of Demos. Her Excellency Baroness Leta is trying to collate views, opinions and ideas about the demos that do. Several issues have been raised for which she needs a broader understanding of how the Barony feels. Please read the following issues and contact the Baroness to give you views and opinions.

- ❖ Why do we do demos? Some reasons given are for education, for recruitment or to entertain. How do you feel about these reasons, and do you feel we adequately meet them? Are these reasons valid?
- ❖ What do we charge for doing a demo? Should we charge for them? Under what circumstances?
- ❖ What is the minimum notice that the Barony needs beforehand? Please remember to account for organisational time, and that if it is a mid-week demo, people need to arrange time off.
- ❖ What displays or activities should we do at demos? Do we need to have different programs for different types of demos? Should we have a set of standard demo plans?
- ❖ Who is available to do the demos and when are they available?

Please discuss the issues & send comments to Baroness Leta.

From the Baron:

"I have had a couple enquires (some from another Barony) asking about the format for the table top siege competition. If your machine fails, you will be allowed 1 attempt to repair, if it fails again it will be redrawn from the competition. The table top engine will be fired from a table (funny that) roughly 1mtr of the ground. The competition will be judge on the following.

One: range

Two: accuracy (target shoot)

Three: best period appearance.

Four: How well the engine can be scaled up and built for the SCA battlefield.

Range -

you get three shots to obtain the furthest range. 3 points for first, 2 points for second

Accuracy -

Direct fire, an upright A3 size target will be placed at 70% of your achieved range at the same height as the table, three shots, 1pt per hit. If you would like a picture of what will be on the target please email me.

Indirect fire will have a 1mtr diameter circle placed on the ground range of target will be 90% of your achieved range 2pts per hit, three shots

Best period appearance, explains itself really, 2pt. To be judge at the feast.

Most buildable, takes into account function, scalability to a SCA battlefield ready machine, safety, sprit of the siege rules etc, 2pts. to be judge by a couple of Barons after they have had a beer or two.

Remember the aim of this competition is to promote siege engines, please use the following guide lines and follow the sprit of competition, not what holes you find in the rules!

Read the competition guide lines carefully.

All engines must be of period design. Documentation is not required.

All ammunition will be a standard sized 27mm High bounce ball. If you need test ammunition you can either obtain a ball or two from Edmund (ok no more puns please!) or you can buy a bag of them from Clints.

The fully **assembled** engine must be able to fit inside a 1 foot cube box. The engine just needs to fit inside the 12 inch cube. That is to say that at some point in the normal operation of the engine it must fit inside the 12" cube. For example you could build a ballista that is 12 inches long and 16 inches wide when its arms are at rest, so long as when the string is drawn back to the trigger point the arms are now less then 12" across. Or you could build a trebuchet that the arm is 11" long (remember some of the counter weight will normally be in front of the arm) and the axle is 9" off the table, as when the arm is horizontal the engine will fit in the 12" box. **HOWEVER**, bringing a pile of pieces that fit inside the cube, that are then assembled to build a siege engine that at no time in its' normal operation fits inside the 12" box is NOT allowed.

Engines must be equipped with a safety device such as a winch to prevent accidental firing, also the machine must be fitted with a appropriate mechanical trigger that will be used for every shot.

Ammunition may not be tampered with in anyway prior to shooting and will be provided by me.

Enjoy sieving the day."

Thursday the 15th of July, ANU has its Market Day.

The College of St Aldhelm's will have a booth set up to try to recruit new members. They would appreciate help from volunteers to look decorative on the day, or loans of visual stuff that highlights the mix of activities we do. Please contact the College Seneschale (see the Regnum) if you are able to help.

New Officers are needed! Both Hospitaller and Arts and Sciences Minister positions need filling. Please contact the appropriate officer if you are interested in the position.

Recipe of the Month

Torta d'agli (Garlic Tart)

"Toy li agli e mondali e lessali; quando sono cocti metili a moglio in aqua freda e poy pistali e metili zafarone e formazo assay che sia fresco e lardo batuto e specie dolze e forte e distempere con ova e mitili ova passe e poy fa la torta."

"Take the garlic cloves and peel them and them boil them; when they are cooked, put them to soak in cold water, and then pound them and add saffron and plenty of cheese, which should be fresh, and chopped pork fat, and sweet and strong spices, and moisten with eggs, and add raisins, and then make the *torta*."

Taken from 'The Medieval Kitchen – Recipes from France and Italy', Odile Redon, Françoise Sabban & Silvano Serventi, translated by Edward Schneider, 1998, published by the University of Chicago Press.

Pastry:

250g flour

125g butter

1/3 cup water, approx

1 tsp salt

OR

Use commercial short pastry.

Filling

5 heads garlic

200g fresh or salt pork belly

165g whole milk cottage cheese

135g cream cheese

3 eggs

80g raisins

12 threads of saffron

salt to taste (omit if using salt pork belly)

Spice mixture

1/3 tsp each ground cloves, freshly grated nutmeg and ground ginger.

1 tsp each ground cinnamon and freshly ground black pepper.

To make the pastry – cut the butter into small pieces and rub into the flour until the mixture resembles sawdust. Dissolve the salt into half of the cold water and add to the flour mixture. Combine quickly with your fingertips, without overworking, just until the dough comes together. If necessary add more water as required. Wrap in plastic or waxed paper and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

For the filling – Bring two pots of water to the boil. Break the garlic into cloves and scald them in one pot of water for 2-5 minutes. Drain and peel the garlic(scalding them makes them easier peel) and add to the second pot of boiling water. Reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Drain and transfer to a boil of cold water to cool. Leaving the fat on, mince the pork belly finely.

Drain and puree the cooked garlic with the saffron strands. Transfer to a mixing bowl and add the cheeses, the minced

pork, the eggs and the raisins. If you have used fresh pork, add a little salt to taste. Beat the mixture until it is smooth. Roll out the pastry and line a deep, 22cm pie tin. Add the filling, then bake at 400°F/200°C for 45 minutes to one hour.

Tips:

- ❖ Put a tray under the torte as it may bubble over.
- ❖ Rub olive oil liberally over your hands before peeling the garlic to stop the smell lingering on your skin.
- ❖ Open all the windows! The garlic aroma while you are boiling it will be overpowering. One description of it was “a wave of garlic gas rolling down the hall, choking everyone in its wake.” You may wish to advise others to leave the house.

This is an unusual combination of sweet and savoury, with a creamy consistency and a decided but not overpowering garlic flavour. An unusual but surprisingly popular dish.



‘A Griffin in Wreath’
from the
British
Museum
Collection

Siege Engines – Part Three

Baron Edmund continues his series of articles on Siege Engines.

Torque it up.

As with modern firearms, where each is designed for the calibre of the projectile, so each siege engine is designed to fire a specific type, size and weight of projectile.

Ancient engineers had developed formulae to use when determining the size of a siege engine. For bolt throwers, the diameter of the cord bundle should be 1/9 the length of the projectile you wish to fire. For engines that shoot stone balls, the ratio is a little more complex. The diameter of cord bundle is to be equal to the cube root of [100 times the weight of the projectile]; however the ‘simplicity’ of this formula is for lengths measured in dactyls (approx. 19.8 millimetres) and weight expressed in minas (approx. 437 grams).

Both of the above formulae will give you the optimal volume for the cord bundle, or as it is sometimes know, the rope spring. By using multiples of the dimension of the cord bundle, the rest of the machine can be scaled up.

To make the engine perform at its maximum potential, the cord bundle needs to store its maximum potential energy (to produce maximum kinetic energy) without stressing the structural integrity of the frame. Obvious really.

If the length of the cord bundle is too short the result will be too much internal friction within the cord bundle, which will cause excess stress to be generated and transferred to the throwing arms, possibly breaking them. Or if the bundle is too long the complete opposite problem will occur, with the cord bundle unable to produce enough stored energy, resulting in having no power with which to throw your projectile.

When building and playing with stored energy and moving parts always be aware of where your body parts are, otherwise you will find yourself trying explain to a nurse the fundamentals of torsion power.

Baron Edmund
Still with all major bits intact.