

Newsletter of the Barony of Politarchopolis

# GRIFFINTAYLE



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### Other Upcoming Events:

4<sup>th</sup> September - Guild Ascension Day Collegia, Ball and Feast.  
 19<sup>th</sup> September – Rapier & Heavy Tourney  
 18<sup>th</sup> September – Highland Games and Feast with Royal Visit  
 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October – Spring War X  
 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October – Camp Quack

October – Mooted Pirate Feast – no details yet confirmed  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October – Benevolence Crusade II (Albury-Wodonga)  
 30<sup>th</sup> October – St Aldhelm’s College Hunt  
 12<sup>th</sup> –14<sup>th</sup> November – Casual War

## Politar chopolis Regnum

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### 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.

**E 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Details vary – contact A&S Minister for details.

🎵 **Choir Practice:** 1st Sunday of each month, 1pm, Haig Park. Contact Crispin Sexi for details [jaysen@au1.ibm.com](mailto:jaysen@au1.ibm.com) or Ph: 6241 0919.

✂ **Stitch and Bitch:** on hold until further notice

✂ **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

✂ **Scriptoria:** Held by the College of Scribes every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Call Jon on 6259 5842 for more details.

✂ **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 September edition for 2004.

## Upcoming Events

### **H**ighland Games and Feast

When: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2004

Where: Haig Park

Times: Armour inspection at 12pm, Feast at 6pm.

Cost: Day event free, Feast \$15 (limited bookings)

Join with Their Majesties and the populace of Politarchopolis for an afternoon of fun and frivolity followed by an evening of fine food. Jonathon, with the aid of Sir Bran and Sir Gregory offers you an afternoon to test your strength and skill against all comers in Highland Games and a tourney. In the evening Sir Gregory will wow you with his culinary skills.

Contact: [laurie.flo@optusnet.com.au](mailto:laurie.flo@optusnet.com.au)

### **S**eptember Rapier and Heavy Tourney

When: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2004

Where: Glebe Park, Civic corner closest to The Holy Grail

Times: Rapier Lists & armour inspection-11am to 12pm

Rapier Tourney starts - 12 pm.

Heavy Lists & armour inspection-12.30pm to 1.30pm

Tourney starts - 1.30 pm.

Heavy combat: Single kill, double elimination.

Rapier combat: There will be two tourneys held simultaneously. One tourney is for Single Rapier and is self-explanatory. The second tourney is a Random Weapons Tourney where both contestants, subject to weapon authorisations and weapon inspections, roll randomly for weapon combinations. The weapon combinations are as follows:

1. Player choice
2. Case of Rapier
3. Rapier and dagger
4. Rapier and buckler
5. Rapier and cloak
6. Rapier and baton
7. Rapier and gauntlet
8. Case of dagger
9. Cloak and dagger (the spy option)
10. Buckler and dagger
11. Baton and dagger
12. Crowds choice or Baronesses choice (if in attendance)

Fencers with only single rapier authorisations are welcome to play in the Random Weapons Tourney though, in theory at least, they will find themselves at a disadvantage against those with weapon combinations.

There will be best of three kills to determine a bout, with mutual kills being counted. Hence two mutual kills means both fencers lose. At the end of the day the fencer with the least kills will win. The style of each of the tourneys will be determined by numbers. (eg round robin, double elimination).

There will be water and oranges on supply though fencers are encouraged to bring their own victuals. The winners for the rapier combat will receive prizes.

Autocrat: Heinrich Maximillian von Hesse

### **C**amp Quack

When: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2004

Where: Caloola Farm

Cost: Full weekend, \$50 per head, includes all food and activities.

Day rates: \$10 during day, or \$15 includes dinner for Bardic Circle evening.

Greetings unto the populace of Politarchopolis, particularly those gifted with the joys of children. House Anaticula will be holding their annual camp during the October Holidays out at Caloola Farm. We would like to extend the invitation to all younglings of the Barony to come and join in our mini-festival.

Please note, this event is catered towards 18 and under, and any adults that choose to join us will be roped into teaching, instructing, and supervising.

Please contact Lady Darby de Askote (Alinta Brown) via email - [alinta@hotmail.com](mailto:alinta@hotmail.com), or (M) 0421 045 472 for booking and further details.

### **T**he Hunt and Feast

When: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004

Where: Redwood Grove, Palligo

A hunting we will go.

The College of St Aldhelms invites you to come and enjoy a day of hunting. Once again the Huntsmen's horn sounds to announce another hunt. Over winter the huntsmen have noticed that many of the creatures of Red Wood Grove have grown bolder and do now forage amongst the peasants farms. Many a tall tale has been told of a wolf which been seen stalking children as they work in the fields. And a great brown bear is running rampart through the woods, which the Baron has requested to be stuffed and mounted in the great hall.

Rumours spread like wildfire that the bandits are once again planning to make trouble for any who enter the woods. No doubt the Baron's Evil twin, Edmundo, has something to do with all this.

So come along and enjoy the atmosphere of Red Wood Grove and then relax as the Collage of St Aldhelms once again holds the feast of the hunt.

Armour inspections etc starts 10:30 am

Feast details to be announced soon.

Hunting Scenarios to be run by Baron Edmund.

### **C**asual War

When: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

Where: TBA

Autocrat : Not known at this point.

Heavy, rapier and light combat will be held at this event. More details to be provided when available.

## Events Elsewhere

### **G**uild Ascension Day Collegia, Feast and Ball.

Who: Barony of Rowany (Sydney)  
When: 4<sup>th</sup> 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), 5/22-24 Drydent St, Campsie NSW 2194, ph: 0407 917 497, email [rcull@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rcull@ozemail.com.au)

For more information, check the website – [www.ozemail.com.au/~rcull/guild\\_day.htm](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~rcull/guild_day.htm)

### **K**nown World Costume Symposium IV

Who: Sponsored by the Marche of Alderford (Ohio, USA)  
When: 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:lordnlady@neo.rr.com)  
THL Francesca de Onorati [tempest5@mail.cannet.com](mailto:tempest5@mail.cannet.com)

### **M**ountains Newcomers Feast

Who: The Shire of Dismal Fogs (Blue Mountains)  
When: 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Where: Warrimoo Citizens Hall, Warrimoo NSW

The hall is only one hour from Sydney and one hour and fifteen minutes on the train from central station. We may be able to organise a place to sleep for the night but we must be told well in advance.

Tournament lists open at 1pm. There will be prizes for the winner and the most theatrical fighter on the day.

There will also be prizes at the feast for best Newcomer's Costume and best Entertainer. Please notify us of any dietary requirements when booking.

Cost \$15/20 (member/non-member) booked  
\$20/25 (member/non-member) unbooked

Please remember we are a small shire and we need to have a solid idea of numbers so please have your bookings in by the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

For bookings or further information contact:  
[fergusandyriam@bigpond.com](mailto:fergusandyriam@bigpond.com) or 02 4751 2254

As an added bonus, the gracious Lady Tyrian, Shire Seneschal, has agreed to take us on a braids, buttons and brocades bargain-hunting tour of the big-city merchants on the Friday (many are shut on Sunday, unfortunately).

I will co-ordinate arrangements from this end, so if you're interested please let me know no later than 18 September either via e-mail ([oriel@webone.com.au](mailto:oriel@webone.com.au)) or speak to me at an event.

In service,

Oriel/Vicki

### **S**pring War X

Who: Barony of Mordenvale (Newcastle)  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Where: Staden Drive, Lower Belford NSW

Mordenvale once again invites the citizens of the Kingdom of Lochac and the Known World to participate in the annual fighting, feasting and general good fun that is Spring War.

Come along and enjoy the fun of mixed combat war scenarios. Delicious food, with the kitchen once again being run by Baron Bran Torc Dubh Mac Brude. See old friends and meet new ones.

Event website:  
[http://www.sca.org.au/mordenvale/event\\_spring\\_war\\_2004.html](http://www.sca.org.au/mordenvale/event_spring_war_2004.html)

If there is anything urgent that you need to know about Spring War, please direct your enquiries to the Mordenvale Seneschal - Gabrielle de Taillevant ([radford@networksmm.com.au](mailto:radford@networksmm.com.au))

Event Steward,  
Ysabella de Montrose (Fiona Cook)

### **B**enevolence Crusade II

Who: Shire of Bordescros (Albury-Wodonga)  
When: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Where: Noonameena Lodge, Porepunkah, VIC.

With the completion of last years Crusade, the Axeman left titled Champions of the Crusade and in possession of the Chalice. Now a second Crusade has been declared, to be launched from Noonameena in the Spring. But will the army hold together or again fall prey to infighting and jealousy over the holder of the chalice?

This year's event will again host the Crusade Team skirmish for the holder of the chalice along with heavy and light fighter auction tourneys, with all monies being raised

split between the Cancer Council of Australia and the Lochac College of Scribes. A and S Collegia will focus on the scribal arts, heraldry and pageantry.

Steward: Gabriel Kalothetos, [dono@bigpond.net.au](mailto: dono@bigpond.net.au)

## **N**ovember Crown Tourney “Spring Crown”

Who: The Barony of Ildhafn (Auckland, NZ)

When: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2004

Times: Site opens 3pm Friday, closes 4pm Sunday.

Where: Camp Adair, Auckland, New Zealand.

The population of Gottmark find themselves in the grip of a fierce and dark winter. Floods and earthquakes in Ildhafn lands followed by Antarctic storms in Southron Gaard while in the middle of our winter-ravaged country the sturdy Dartonians battle winds and rain and the ever-present awareness of nature. A bleak time for the whole country in deed.

Yet through the darkness the anticipation of a great event spreads light on the cold and rain sodden population.

Spring Crown, Spring Crown, Spring Crown.

From all over the country the tireless work to prepare for the first Crown Tourney to be fought in Gottmark in the Kingdom of Lochac. New banners and clothes are made, food is created and tested. Indeed a good time to work indoors during the cold dark months. As the artists create their wonders the theme of High Medieval France is foremost in the workers mind as they prepare themselves and their land for this great event.

The fine Barony of Ildhafn would like to invite the populace of Lochac to attend this great event. There will be many and varied activities and entertainments apart from the tourney itself and the grand victory feast.

A market has been organised as well as Arts and Sciences tournaments and displays, rapier combat, a cook's guild competition and more opportunity to do battle that you can shake a stick at. During the event Ildhafn will farewell a Baron and Baroness and a new pair will be invested.

The event is held secluded in the hills of Hunua south of Auckland. The weather promises to be warm, even if there is a potentially a little warm rain. The grounds are looking good and the tourney field promises to be firm.

To book for this splendid event check our website for a booking form.

[www.ildhafn.sca.org/crowntourney](http://www.ildhafn.sca.org/crowntourney)

To contact the steward: [crown@ildhafn.sca.org](mailto: crown@ildhafn.sca.org) or 021-303-553 or post your completed booking form to Robyn Guy, PO Box 11-593, Manners Street, Wellington.

Yours In Service  
Lady Sancha da Sylva  
Darton

## Officers Reports

### **B**aron and Baroness

Greetings unto the populace of Politarchopolis,

It seems that Spring has arrived earlier than is usually expected and influenced us to journey near and far. In particular, We will be attending the Highland Games here before journeying to the Baronial changeover in Ynys Fawr and thence to Spring War where the Baron shall again be sieging everything in sight.

Indeed August was a busy month with the second Pub Feast of the year being hosted by the College of St Aldhelm and the Company of St James sponsoring a tournament in our fair lands. We would like to thank the wayfarers that journeyed to this tourney, including His Excellency Asbjorn, Baron of Ildhafn, for it is always enjoyable to engage in combat with unfamiliar opponents.

We also traveled the short distance to a feast held by the Shire of Torlyon. The Baron has declared war against another Shire, the Shire of Torlyon, when Griffin's wings were served as part of the exotic menu. Unfortunately, Torlyon is lacking any authorised fighters and therefore, as part of the treaty of war, Baron Edmund has been agreed to assist in the training of fighters from Torlyon so that a fair war may be fought and enjoyed by all.

Looking ahead to next year, We notice that no bids have yet been received for Valentines and would invite event bids for Politarchopolis' 10th baronial anniversary since being elevated to baronial status on 1 July 1995.

Yours in Service,

Edmund, Baron

Leta, Baroness.

### **S**eneschal

Greetings all

For yet another month I write to you with the millstone of vacant officers around my neck. The SCA is a volunteer organisation and we cannot run without those willing to sacrifice of their time and efforts. Please consider the roles of Hospitaller and Arts & Sciences minister. To be a hospitaller all you need is some knowledge of the SCA, a willingness to talk to new people, a smile and a friendly attitude. It's a great excuse to get to talk to everyone at an event. The Arts & Sciences minister is responsible for ensuring that A&S activities are happening in the Barony and establishing the local A&S competitions. Neither job is particularly difficult or onerous and from both you will have the regard of the group.

As I write this missive I am reminded of the company of St James tourney and P'as De Armes. It was a fun day of combat and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the combat, despite the trying nature of the day. I have it on good authority that none of the combatants were awake and active by 10 of the evening.

See you all at the Highland Games in mid month.

Cheers  
Stephen

## **M**arshal

Greetings to you all good gentles,

Following my request for somebody to be my Deputy I have the pleasure of announcing that Rob Young (also known as Robert de Bauch) has agreed to fill this post. If for whatever reason I am not contactable please get in touch with Rob – his email address will be listed on the Barony's homepage. My thanks to the other people who also kindly volunteered for this position.

### **Call For Armour**

Again I would like to ask all fighters, active or not, if they would kindly lend (or donate) to the Barony any armour that you are not presently using so we can get our newbies involved in our beloved sport. I doesn't matter what condition it is in as long as it is legal. Gorgets, baskethilts, pot helms, a set of legs, etc, it can all be used. Please let me put it to use and help our eager newbies.

### **Authorisation Cards**

Could all fighters still waiting on authorization cards please contact me so I can follow up with the Lochac List Mistress their current status. With Spring War fast approaching I have no doubt you will want them very soon.

### **Held Events**

Company of St James Tournament – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2004

Autocrat : Baron Edmund Ale-Connor

Location : Eddison Park, Launceston Avenue, Phillip.

On the 21st of August a tourney was held in Politarchopolis. A total of 16 fighters attended. All had a great day. Only one injury to report that being a fighter has had his little finger broken while fighting with a poleaxe whilst wearing gumbies. Lord Wolf is not upset at any rate and both fighters involved discussed the matter and no hard feelings were felt. YiS Baron Edmund Ale Connor (Marshall on the day).

YiS  
Heinrich Maximillian von Hesse  
Politarchopolis Knight Marshal

## **C**aptain of Fence

Fencing training continues at Haig Park on Sundays from 1.30, weather permitting.

A tourney was held on 31 July for the Breaking the Siege Feast. Six fighters took part in the round robin:

Don Francois Henri Guyon  
Carlos Corvacho  
Ben of Politarchopolis  
Basil Faulke  
Noel le Bon  
And Myself.

After five rounds, Francois and Noel were even on four victories each. The tourney was decided in a final, best of three, bout with Don Francois emerging victorious.

A Random Weapons Tourney will be held in Glebe Park on Sunday 19 September to coincide with the weekends Highland Games. Lists open at 11am with fighting to commence at 12pm.

I have agreed to serve as Rapier Marshall for the 2005 Festival, following a request from Rowany to Polit for support in running this event.

No injuries were reported for the month.

Owain Cantor ap Hugh  
Captain of Fence

## **H**erald

Whew! I'm through my second month as Cordon Rouge and still sane (well, as sane as I ever was).

### **Events**

Only one event in August, the Company of St James Tournament at Eddison Park. Due to the relaxed format of the tournament, there was very little heralding required and that was largely (no pun intended) covered by Adair McDermid.

### **Device and Name Submissions**

I am still working with Alun of Jedburgh to finalise his name and device submission. Henri Guiscard l'Escot's name and device submission are nearly ready to send and Wolff Hebenstreit's device and name submission have been submitted to Crux.

### **Time to register your name – before Baroness Leta gives you one you won't like!!**

Baroness Leta has asked me to prepare a list of documentable names that she can keep on hand to 'give' to those people that haven't yet registered a name. Please contact me if you wish to talk about developing a name or device before you end up being known for ever more as 'Rainbow Gurle' (a man's name), 'Lavoratore Martini', 'Magot Wormes', 'Lovet Harder' or 'Probus Phokas'! This is no idle threat – you all know the Baroness is evil enough to do it!!

### **Voice Heraldry**

I will be raising the idea of a learning/practice session for folks interested in voice heraldry at the Baronial Meeting on 26 August. Keep your eyes on the website and the Politarchopolis list for further details!

YiS  
Lady Amelot de Akeney  
Cordon Rouge Herald

## **C**onstables Report

Greetings,

Two events again this month; St Aldhelm's Pub Cheese Feast and the Company of St James Tournament.

Gregory Shoenberg was Constable on duty for the Pub Feast and did a fantastic job. I would like to create a

position as College Constable that he has agreed to fill as soon as his membership is in order. We had 26 people at the Pub Feast, none were minors.

The Company of St James Tournament received a good turnout of 39 people. 29 were adults along with 10 minors. A decent amount of mundane spectators came over to watch the spectacle.

There was no lost property found.

I am currently seeking a new copy of the insurance policy from SCAA, who I have email today.

YiS

Lady Könusch von Eltz  
Polit Constable.

## List Report

Greetings good gentles of Politarchopolis,

Only one tournament was fought this fine August. The Company of St James welcomed all comers to display their fine arms and prowess on the field through the format of a ransom tourney; which means I didn't have to do much. Fifteen fighters took to the field, including eight Peers, three of them Counts, another two Landed Barons, and one Baron in training.

Of those who fought, the team named "The Hounds of War" proved victorious after claiming the massive ransom of 50 gold francs from the others who did battle against them.

Due to the melee format of this ransom tourney, these bouts could not be recorded for the Scroll of Honour.

Yours in Service,  
Darby de Askote

## Chronicler

Greetings and Salutations!

Firstly I need to apologise to the tardiness of this months GT. As always Life seems to happen at the most inconvenient of times. This months edition will look a little skeletal, but I hope to be feeling fine and dandy again in time for the next edition and with that get a bit more into GT for you all.

You may notice something called The Griffinsear floating around at various events with various people sometime in the next few weeks. Upon request of the Baroness I've created Griffinsear to help with getting word of events and activities within the barony to as many people as possible. With the aide of our Webwright it will go onto the website alongside GT itself.

I will remind people to please, please let me know what I can include in GT for you information wise. Otherwise it is ferrets, archery and siege for the rest of the year!

Yours in Service  
Alexandra

# News and Notices of the Realm

## The next Baron and Baroness of Rowany

The next Baron and Baroness of Rowany will be:

Hrothgar aet Gytingbroce and Helene du Puy

The populace vote showed a clear majority in their favour. The decision was confirmed by Their Majesties last night.

The changeover will happen at Rowany Yule Feast in December. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Keridwen the Mouse,  
Baroness of Rowany

# News and Notices From Politarchopolis

## Demos: summary from comments

A total of 14 comments were received. Although all discussed one or more issues, not all issues were commented on by each.

➤ **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 that we adequately meet them? Are these valid reasons to donate our time and efforts?**

- Public Relations/Recruitment: 10 yes, 1 no
- School demos/educational: 7 yes, 2 no
- Entertainment/fundraising: 2 yes

➤ **What displays or activities should we do at demos?**

- A number of suggestions were given

➤ **Do we need to have different programs for different types of demos? Should we have a set of standard demo plans?**

- 8 yes, need different demo plans
- 4 suggested that the person requesting the demo be quizzed as to what they were expecting us to do, eg living history, specific era, SCA recreation: so that appropriate displays could be provided
- 3 suggested that our demo people be trained as to what to do/is expected of them at demos

- **What do we charge for doing a demo? Should we charge for them? Under what circumstances?**
  - Public Relations/Recruitment: 4 no
  - School demos/educational: 6 yes, nominal fee
  - Entertainment/fundraising: 5 yes, a couple with a comment of similar pricing as to other entertainers, e.g. DJ, band
  
- **What is the minimum notice that the Barony needs beforehand?**
  - 1-3 weeks: 3
  - 4-6 weeks: 6

A couple of comments relating to our 'educational requirements' and tax status.

From corpora: (required for a group to be elevated to Kingdom) "A record of well-attended events together with regular study or guild meetings, demonstrations & other educational activities for the benefit of the members and the community at large."

My response: Whilst we as the SCA research and recreate to enjoy the Current Middle Ages, a large amount of the educational activities we provide are in the form of collegia to financial members as well as to the numerous non-members who regularly attend.

Tax status (From SCAA Finance Policy): income tax exempt.

To keep this status: In summary, use the money for the stated purposes & do not use any of the earnings to benefit of private individuals or organisations.

So, what's next....

Demos: get the different demo plans organised, min 4-6 weeks notice when requested, check with the person requesting a demo as to what they are expecting/desiring for the demo.

Another common comment was that we need up-to-date handouts and newcomer packs so that we can effectively follow up when members of the general public show interest. I am co-ordinating this and if anyone is willing to help out please contact me.

Currently Polit is without a Hospitaller, but when the next Hospitaller is appointed, the organisation of demos is not automatically part of the position.

Yours in Service

Leta, Baroness

## **New Officers are needed!**

Both Hospitaller and Arts and Sciences Minister positions need filling. Please contact the appropriate officer (or the Seneschal) if you are interested in the position.

## **Voice Heraldry**

There will be a learning/practice session for folks interested in voice heraldry at Haig Park on Sunday 26 September at 3pm. If you would like the opportunity to learn about voice heraldry and have a go in a safe, fun environment please turn up!! We always need more voice heralds!!!

## **Anniversary**

Politarchopolis will soon be celebrating 10 years as a Barony as of 1st of July 2005. So bids are called for a event to help celebrate this mile stone. Bids can be submitted through the Seneschal or the Baron and Baroness.



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