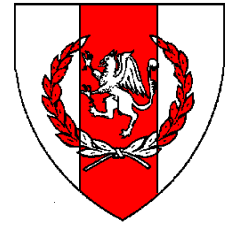


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REGULAR MEETINGS

Council Meetings: in room G008 of the Crisp Building at the ANU, on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Fighting and Marshal things

Baronial Heavy Fighter practice: Sunday mornings at ANU Oval from 10 am. except on weekends with fighting events.

Rapier practice: **Monday** Nights at the Armoury (28 Goessling Pl Flynn) from 7pm.

Wednesday nights at 14/67 Mcquoid St, Queanbeyan from 7.30 pm. Please ring first on 299 4638.

Archery practice: Sundays at ANU Oval from 10 am.

Town Archer: second Sunday of each month at the same time and place, but it is a costumed event.

Combat Archery first Saturday of the month at the Cross Roads Site (8 km from Yass towards Goulburn on the Hume Highway - look for the Crossroads sign on the left) and on the third Saturday at Southwell Park, Lyneham, both from 1 pm. Please ring the Captain of Archers Simon Price at the Yew, 291 6802, beforehand if you are going to turn up.

Barrow Downs Fighter practice: Wednesday night practice at Barrow Downs (51 Kingsmill St, Kambah) from 6 pm. Everybody welcome.

Toad Hall Training: Thursday nights at Toad Hall (108 Nemarang Cres, Waramanga) from 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Music Practice: Friday evenings at 8 pm at 7 Binya Place, Narrabundah. For more information, contact Rosamunde (Ellen Levingston) on 295 8350.

Heraldry: Thursday nights at the Southern Arts and Sciences (Dragon Portal) or by appointment for consultations on name and device submissions etc. Please ring the herald beforehand so that he can bring his books along.

Drama: Sunday evenings from 7.30 pm on at the Mummery.

Dancing: Wednesdays, from 6.30 pm, except on Council evenings at the Dancing Biscuit, 6 Meyrick Place, Florey..

Stitch and Bitch: Tuesday nights from 7.30 pm at The Mummery. The rule is "No stitch, no bitch" or "No sewing? You're going!".

Southern Arts & Sciences: Dragon Portal, 3 Kidgell Place Gilmore

Bake and Brew: Fourth Monday of the month 7.30pm at the INSANITORIUM (36 Blackham St Holt)

Arts and Sciences: Fourth week of the month at a variety of venues, contact A&S minister (Oonagh), at Dragon Portal.

Serious Stitching: Each Monday (except on Bake and Brew Nights), at the Insanitorium, from 7.30, for those who want to costume or research costuming. As the name implies it is a serious sewing session.

All events are 'official' SCA events unless specifically stated otherwise

REGULAR EVENT NEWS

Heraldry consulting time and location has changed. It can now be attended on Thursday evenings at the Southern Arts and Sciences meeting, or otherwise by appointment.

Court Report

Eastern Feast/Royal Progress Feast, 7 December

We held one loong court, which was run as a Baronial court with the floor given to the Prince & Princess and the King and Queen for their business. The following awards were made:

Baronial:

The Order of the Burly Griffin was awarded to Lord Hugh the Little, Lady Oriel of the Gypsies, and Lord Martin de Mont Blanc.

Principality:

Silver Tears were awarded to Lady Oriel of the Gypsies, Lord Raymond Landais of Politarchopolis, Lady Elena ate Weyhacche, Lord Philip One-ey, and Lord Bastien der Grosse. Roman Lilies were awarded to Lord Alexander the Potter and to Baron Stephen Aldred of Rockley.

The Silver Nock was awarded to Lord Mercurio d'Etranger.

The Order of the Rowan was awarded to Baron Artos Barefoot. Boris the Black was confirmed as a member of the Mouse Guard.

Kingdom:

Awards of Arms were made to Rhiannon of Silverthorn, Christopher Maclean, Brithael, Llewellyn de Guerre, Fulko, Wee Jamie Blackardt, and Sebastien Penn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Splash and Bash

- Open Weapons Tourney and Potluck picnic dinner.
- Lists open 5pm, close 5.30pm. Fighting starts at 6.
- Period Swimwear competition - **NOT BARE SKIN** - to be judged by Mistress Bess Haddon of York.
- Cost: Free
- Place: Carpark end of McDermott Pl (Lake Ginninderra Foreshores)
- Date: 21 Jan 96.

Tourney in the Park (early to mid March 1996)

The Canberra Festival people have asked us to do Tourney in the Park again. While details are not yet finalised, I intend to have the same venue and timing as last year i.e. the Sunday before the long weekend (I think it's the 10th) in Glebe Park. As with last year, I want to have a pot-luck picnic and static display as part of the event. I'd also like to have at least one event within a couple of weeks of Tourney in the Park - any volunteers? More details will be provided in future issues of

Griffintayle or contact the autocrat - Oriel of the Gypsies (Vicki Watson) on 258 9587.

Newcomers Feast

- Saturday March 2 at 6.30pm.
- MacGregor Hall, near ANU
- Cost: tba.
- Bookings: Lady Armida (Miesje de Vogel - 288 1305)

Privateers Feast

- Saturday March 16 at 6.30pm
- St Johns Church Hall, Reid
- Cost: tba.
- Autocrat: Rolland de Navarre
- Feastocrat: Drake Morgan
- Bookings to Autocrat on 276 1296bh.

Valentines Feast

Rumours abound that there will be a Valentines Feast this year. Details are still unknown, but hopefully the details will be available for the next issue...

OTHER NEWS

Project "Coeur Loyal"

Unto the Populace and Friends of the Barony of Politarchopolis

Some time ago, a process was commenced that should culminate in the government of the ACT granting the SCA in Canberra a land grant. The parcel of land should be about 10 hectares and would be developed over time to include a permanent tourney field, archery range, and various assorted buildings (maybe even a Feast Hall!). The government requires that in the event of getting the land grant we should become incorporated in the ACT. The details of how to incorporate within the context of the SCA as a whole is currently being investigated by the (appropriately enough) Incorporation Committee, details of which are given below. Responsibility for the progress of matters concerning the land grant application and coordination of the development of the project itself has been vested on Sarah Randles (Mistress Bess Hadden of York OL). If you wish to help define what we want/can put on the land, or help in any capacity please make yourself known to Sarah.

A project of this nature will, by its very existence, affect and maybe change the way we do things. What those changes will be cannot yet be defined as the whole process is still in the embryonic stage.

As was stated when this project was launched, its progress is subject to the consent of the populace of Politarchopolis. Should there be significant and overwhelming disapproval, the project will be terminated. If you have any concerns, or disapprove of Politarchopolis seeking a land grant and becoming incorporated in the ACT please put your concerns down in writing in the space provided below, and either mail them to me (at the address listed in the Regnum) or give them to me personally *no later than the 7 February 1996*

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact any of the members of the Incorporation Committee listed below.

In Service

Martin de Mont Blanc
Seneschal

Incorporation Committee:

Chair: Pam Gregson - ph: 254 7990
Secretary: Alex Tewes - ph: 257 8414 Treasurer: Jo Toohey -
ph: 241 2513 Katrina Hunt - ph: 254 3059
Richard Lesze - ph: 288 7938

From The Baron and Baroness

Unto the Populace of Politarchopolis do Stephen and Mathilde send warmest greetings.

We have been asked to convey the thanks of Their Majesties and Their Highnesses to the populace of Politarchopolis. Our visitors greatly enjoyed their sojourn here. Congratulations to all those that received recognition from Their Majesties and Their Highnesses. Unfortunately there are too many to name here, however especial congratulations to Sir Hugh the Little, Baroness Mistress Kiriell and Mistress Bess Haddon of York for her Queens order of Grace.

Congratulations to the autocratting team, in particular the Cuddly Sari's and their splendid food. It was great to see some home grown Belly dancing, congratulations to those that put in so much work.

At this time there are many things for members of the populace to consider.

It would appear rumours are running rife again. We have all at one time or another been the subject of rumours and remember the hurt and anguish they can cause. If a rumour comes your way remember this and stop the rumour there and then. If necessary, talk to the person involved. We are a society based on Honour and Chivalry, please treat everyone with respect.

You will have noticed that the Steering Committee is calling for objections to the Land Grant application and required Incorporation of the SCA in the ACT. If you have any objections, now is the time to air them. If you have any queries regarding the incorporation feel free to contact any of the committee members (they are listed on the insert). The Land Grant committee has not yet been formed, but will be headed by Mistress Bess Haddon of York (Sarah Randles). If you wish to volunteer your time or expertise please contact her.

The monthly Baronial meeting is the venue for our business decisions, it is there that most of our activities are decided. It is a concern that there is not a wider representation at Baronial meetings. What can we do to make them more accessible or attractive to the general populace?

Many of us will travel over the holiday period, please be careful and come back to us safely. We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Service

Stephen and Mathilde

OFFICERS' NOTICES, REPORTS etc From the Seneschal

Greetings All!

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all those whose efforts went into making this a very good year for Politarchopolis. The highlight was, of course, the move to baronial status with its attendant Investiture of our premiere Baron and Baroness. Yet that Event was but one among many that helped us all to find respite from the exigencies of mundane life. Looking back over the Event calendar I see it was pretty full, but not as full as next year promises to be. I would ask (beg, plead, implore) all those aspiring autocrats with ideas for events to come and see me to book space in the Baronial Event Calendar for 1996, otherwise some could be disappointed as some of the more popular months are filled up.

Whilst Events provide much of the continuity for baronial life, they are not its totality. Special projects also have a role to play. If anybody has ideas about building, or buying something that will contribute to the progress of the barony, please talk to Their Excellencies, to myself, or bring them up at the Council Meeting.

Elsewhere you will find news regarding the progress of the land grant application (Project "Coeur Loyal") I would very much encourage anybody with concerns, ideas, or questions to approach any of the people involved at this stage to ensure that all voices are heard on this matter.

In Service

Martin de Mont Blanc
Seneschal of the Barony of Politarchopolis

From the Herald

I intend to step down in April this year. It would be a really good idea if I had a successor by then. If you are interested, please contact me at Schloss Unordentlich on 291 4260. The Baronial Herald's Office is supposed to be filled by a full Pursuivant, but a Pursuivant Extraordinary can act in the job. Someone who is not rostered (a Cornet) cannot be Baronial Herald. But fear not! If you are not rostered but would like to do the job, we still have time to get you trained up and rostered before April.

I remind everyone that anything said to a herald in the course of his or her duties is strictly confidential. The only exception is if the herald needs to ask another herald for guidance or if the Baron or Baroness or visiting Royalty needs to know about it. Even then, the herald should be circumspect in what he or

she says. Anyone assisting a herald (as a runner, candle-holder, water-bearer, or whatever) is a de facto herald, and is expected to maintain the same standard.

Monday night consulting sessions are cancelled as of now. I will be taking the books to South Side Arts and Sciences on Thursdays, and to most events. Ring me if you want to make an appointment for some other time.

Speaking of books, my copy of the Pictorial Dictionary (2nd Edition) has strayed. If you have seen it, please return it to me. It is marked with "WvA" in pencil on the top right corner of the cover.

Autocrats of forthcoming events please note that I am under no obligation to provide heralds if I do not receive advance notice. The event info appearing in Griffintayle or Pegasus doesn't count. If I do not receive a formal (written preferred but not essential) request from you to provide heralds, I will assume that you have made your own arrangements. This hasn't mattered over the past year or so because I've managed to get to just about every event. With the increasing number of smaller events being held around the Barony, I don't think that will be possible for much longer. Even if I can do it, my successor won't be able to, so start getting in the habit of notifying the Herald's Office. The bottom line is that if you don't ask me to provide heralds, you have to find your own. Don't assume I'll show up to do it for you.

Wolfgang von Auerback
Acting Cordon Rouge Pursuivant

From The Chronicler

Greetings.

I hope that everyone had a safe Christmas and New Year period.

The proposal that Griffintayle will have a charge, which will cover photocopying and also postage was discussed at the December Council meeting and it was agreed that there will be a charge. The Council decided to set the price of Griffintayle at \$10 for a year, which will cover the photocopying and postage of our newsletter.

Further, I am stepping down from the position of Chronicler, and my deputies, Nicodemus Novello and Emily of Dover will be the new Chroniclers. Please send future correspondence regarding Griffintayle to them.

Finally, news as to the results of Twelfth Night. Well to all those out there not fortunate enough to be at coronet, Viscount Sir Alfar of Attica won coronet Tourney, and the new Lady of Lochac is Elspeth of Turberville. He beat Alaric (from St Florian).

Phillip de lac bleu won the wreath of Valour and Alwyn Greymane won they wreath of Chivalry. Dafydd of the Glens won the knotted sword for his tourney stopping death. Sing (in tune) all the way down as he died! Apparently it was very spectacular - even bouts on different list fields were delayed whilst he died.

Yours in service

Rolland Guillaume de Navarre.
Politar chopolis Chronicler.

From the College Chronicler

Greetings!

This year I am taking over as the chronicler of The Riddle from Geoffrey the Quiet. As such, I hereby cordially invite anyone who wishes to contribute to this fabulous publication (the college officers especially).

The first edition will be the February one, which will be used as a newcomers edition. I would like to see reports from officers and any other interested gentles, introducing themselves and/or what they have to offer (Societally speaking).

So, if you feel you could contribute to the St Aldhelms publication, please send your literary masterpieces to me at 3 McCabe Cres, Holt 2615, or over the wires at u933360@student.canberra.edu.au

Remember, this invitation is a standing one to all who feel they, or someone they know, can contribute to The Riddle.

Kathryn.

From The Arts and Sciences Mistress

Greetings to all once again.

Thus ends one year and begins another, and so it is with the Arts and Sciences schedule.

The first competition in 1996 will be Eastern Dress, to be judged at the Northern African Feast late February, Autocratted by Lord Martin de Mont Blanc.

Don't forget from now on is the run up to Rowany Festival, so start thinking about your garb, banners, pavilions, chair covers, eating arrangements, etc. etc.

There will be more Arts and Sciences meetings and competitions in the new year, so I look forward to seeing you all then.

Yours in service

Oonagh O'Neill of the Blue Mist

From the Chandler

Greetings

November was an interesting month. Started very quietly then got rather hectic. But the result was a couple of fun events including the Eastern Feast which was great.

Monthly Whinge

My monthly whinge is DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE!!! PLEASE!!!. Coming to get stuff from me the day before an event is not likely to inspire me, leaves me very grumpy, and I hate rearranging things at the last minute. I am not the most well organised person in the world, so bear with

me please. I would like Chandlery to be picked up with heaps of time to spare.

Deputy Needed Urgently

Next and most important!! I am away from Canberra for the 19th of Feb to late March due to work commitments. I NEED A DEPUTY URGENTLY. I can be contacted at home on 241 2513 or at work on 265 2721.

KATHLEEN O'DUBHGHAILL (Jo Toohey)

SITUATIONS VACANT AND FILLED

Captain of Archers requires a deputy. Please contact Alessandro Firenzi (Simon Price) at the Yew 291 6802.

Note: The choice of successor to an office must be ratified by the Politarchopolan Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness and the officer's principality superior.

POLITARCHOPOLAN HOUSEHOLDS

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| The Armory | 28 Goessling Pl, Flynn, 2615 | 258 8086 |
| Ars Musica | 16 Jenkinson St, Monash, 2904 | 291 0491 |
| Barrow Downs | 51 Kingsmill St, Kambah, 2902 | 231 2465 |
| Bedlam | 61 Belconnen Way, Weetangera, 2614 | 254 3555 |
| Castle Saburac | RMB 119A Cotter Rd, via Weston, 2611 | 288 0396 |
| The Cloisters | 18 Cambridge Gdns, Catchpole St, Macquarie, 2614 | 251 4491 |
| Crock Cottage | Sutton Rd, Gundaroo, 2620 | 236 8195 |
| Dancing Biscuit | 6 Meyrick Pl, Florey, 2615 | 258 9978 |
| Decadence Tower | 36 Karri Cres, Queanbeyan, 2620 | 299 4962 |
| Des Cartes | 12 Mullagine St, Fisher, 2611. | 288 1262 |
| The Garret | 68, Block B, Currong Flats, Braddon, 2602 | 257 1240 |
| Dragon Portal | 3 Kidgell Pl, Gilmore, 2905 | 291 5446 |
| Hanger 18 | 34 Waramanga Pl, Waramanga, 2611 | 288 5271 |
| Harpy's Wing | 15 Prescott St, Farrer, 2607 | 286 3581 |
| House Ego | 55 Wilkins St, Mawson, 2607 | 290 0079 |
| Il Parco Cellini | 77 Bennelong Cres, Macquarie, 2614 | 251 6043 |
| The Independent Duchy | 59 Barnard Circuit, Florey, 2615 | 258 3470 |
| The Insanitorium | 36 Blackham St, Holt, 2615 | 254 5496 |
| The Mummery | 24 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615 | 254 3059 |
| Pocketfield | 7 Binya Place, Narrabundah, 2602 | 295 8350 |
| The Punning Clan | 24 Rogers St, Fraser, 2615 | 258 2279 |
| Ruatha | "Ruatha" RMB Tinderry Rd, Michelago, NSW, 2620 | 230 8258 |
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| Smithfield | 14 Hannam Pl, Mawson, 2607 | 286 1887 |
| Toad Hall | 108 Nemarang Cres, Waramanga, 2611 | 288 1305 |
| Villa de Naiad | 36 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615 | 255 2001 |
| Weyhacche | 34 Trumble St, Pearce, 2607 | 286 1280 |
| The Wilde Woode | 15 Sturgeon St, Conder, 2905 | 294 1572 |
| The Yew | 97 Henry Melville Dr, Gilmore, 2905 | 291 6802 |
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