



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

Unto the Nobles, Citizens, and Peoples of Politarchopolis, greetings.

We offer thanks to Sir Psambart Courtin and Mistress Joie Tigre d'Argentona who have run a very successful Fields of Gold, despite serious ill-health. We would also thank each and every person who assisted with this grand event. Volunteers keep our Society going, and the more people chip in, the more fun we can have. It was heartening to see everyone pitching in at the end of the event, folding banners, lugging canvas, sweeping and scrubbing. We trust those dedicated workers went safely home for a well-earned rest.

Fields of Gold constituted a very busy few days, with visitors from across Lochac and beyond. There was a great deal of court, which though lengthy, enabled many people to be recognised for the effort, glamour and prowess they bring to enrich us. Congratulations to all who received awards, and to our new Lords and Ladies in particular.

Lady Delouys le Poer and Lady Marjorie of St Andronicus retired from the Baronial Retinue, receiving gifts in acknowledgement of the time and selfless dedication which is asked of our attendants. Lord Owen of Torlyon and Lady Helena the Innocent likewise retired from our guard, becoming Pensioners of the Barony. We look forward to doling out their peppercorns in due course.

Lord Gustav of Drachenschmiede and Lady Pda de Redvers were named guards, and we entrust our safety to them for the next year.

Mistress Monique de la Maison Rouge was named Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion for the coming year, replacing Lady Joanna of the Beechwoods. We thank Joanna for her service and wish her well.

Master Seger Boom and Master Alex the Potter received Burly Griffins for Service to the Barony. Lord Wintherus Alban received a Burly Griffin for his work in the Arts and Sciences.

We inducted The Honourable Lady Anne de Tournais into the Order of the Cordon Rouge, recognising her dedication to the Barony. Lord Gabriel, the previous recipient, gifted Anne with a pouch, filled with useful items which she will doubtless enjoy discovering.

We paid our taxes to the Crown, and offered gifts to our visiting cousins from Mordenvale, Aneala, Stormhold and Innilgard. We are grateful once more for the generosity of our populace, providing us with beautiful and useful items to give. In this way we increase the honour and renown of Politarchopolis throughout Lochac, and spread the fame of our artisans.

As the year draws to a close, we look forward to new joys and challenges. Please consider whether you have the time and energy to support one of our officers - they all need deputies, and eventually replacements! Also, consider what kind of events you would like to attend, and talk to us or to Anne our Seneschal about getting together event bids for next year's calendar.

Perhaps you could be the next steward for Fields of Gold? If that seems too ambitious, there are simpler, cosier events such as Quarter Days to run. Grab some friends and form a team; there are experienced people who can mentor you. We look forward to hearing your plans.

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

Baron Crispin and Baroness Joan.



Baronial Awards

The Baronial awards presented in November 2015 were:

Cordon Rouge / Baroness Anne de Tournais

Burley Griffin (Service) / Master Alex the Potter and Master Seger Boom

Burley Griffin (Arts) / Lord Wintherus Alban

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

On the third Tuesday of the month (as of 17 November 2015) / 6.30pm / Scribes / Contact Viscountess Muirghin for the address.

Wednesdays

Armoured combat training and Arts and Sciences night has been indefinitely cancelled.

Thursdays

College of St Andronicus meeting and heavy combat training / 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

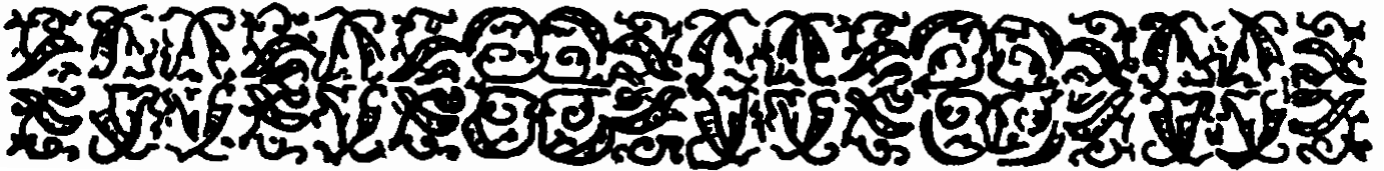


Events to come

End of Year Pot Luck / 19 December 2015 / Corner of Hassall and Ebdon Streets, Ainslie / ACT

Bring a plate to share for Politarchopolis' end of year Pot Luck gathering, to be held at the regular training Scout Hall in Ainslie on Saturday the 19th of December, 2015. Stay tuned to the Politarchopolis Facebook group and email lists for more details closer to the date.

Further information, costs and online booking information can be found on the event website.

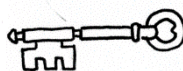


Tayles from Events of Recent Past

There have been no submissions this month for Tayles from Events of Recent Past.

If you have been to a Baronial event and are ready and willing to write about it, you're encouraged to submit it in plain text to the Chronicler.

Missives from the Officers



From the Seneschal

Well what a huge year we have had here in Politarchopolis? It being the December issue, I think it's a good time to reflect a bit on all we have achieved.

This year included:

- a regatta at Valentines
- a wonderful newcomer's and Baronial championship
- a very small war (all hail our former Mongol overlords)
- 6 ultimate fighter tournaments
- our first two quarter days which also included the archery championships
- Saturnalia/Bal D'argent where the borders of Torlyon and Politarchopolis were joined
- the 20th anniversary Good Food Feast

- the A&S Collegium
- St Vitus Music and Dance Weekend
- Fields of Gold

In addition to this, we did demos at the Multicultural Festival and Murrumbatemen Field Days and helped out Andronicus at Radford College.

There was our paid show - the simply staggering effort that was Magna Carta Medieval Fest, 60 odd volunteers, more than 10,000 attendees and one very grateful Museum of Australian Democracy.

We had games nights, classes, training sessions for all our martial disciplines and dance, welcomed new people through the armoured combat and fencing beginner's courses. Not to mention our new archers.

We saw the rebirth of Griffintale, the creation of our virtual Town Crier and a full officer corps throughout the year.

We made the national news, the front page of the Canberra Times and an amazing spread in the Food & Wine section including the cover - all of it praising our game and our work.

In short, we've had an amazingly full and varied year. One which we all should be very proud of so please take time to come and join us for a pot luck (bring a plate) celebration on the 19th of December at the Ainslie Hall.

Next year is looking exciting: we have demos for the Bungendore Show and the National Multicultural Festival. I'm aware of three proposals currently being drafted for events in February and March which is wonderful.

If you have ever thought of running an event but haven't known where to start, why not get in touch? We have people who are happy to help mentor you through the process. Not all events need to be huge. A tourney in a park is just as valued in our game as a feast for 200 and just as much fun.

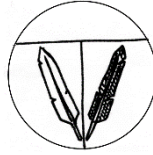
A huge thanks to the entire officer corps as well as all those who have assisted anywhere this year. Your service is what makes our game shine so brightly.

2016 (AS50-51) is going to be simply wonderful! Thank you for this year and I can't wait for the next!

Yours in Service,

Anne

Seneschal, Politarchopolis



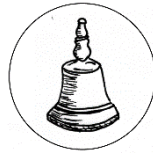
From the Chronicle

Thank you to those who have provided information for this, the December 2015 edition of Griffintayle. If you have an officer's missive, interesting SCA or historical story, some recent/interesting research or projects you'd like to share, a song, some poetry - anything that you think the Barony might like to read about, please feel encouraged to submit it for publication in a future edition of Griffintayle.

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

THB Ceara Shionnach

Politarchopolis Chronicle



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 the Lord Jonathon of Lochswan from House Descartes:

What is your SCA name and title?

Lord Jonathon of Lochswan

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

Argent, a swan displayed and facing sinister sable, overall a fess counter-compony Or and azure, in chief a label azure. This means a lot to me as it is my father's device passed down to me.

How long have you been playing?

Since birth....so around 30 years

What is your favourite thing to do in the SCA?

Heavy fighting, hanging with mates and service. Also, the people - what I love is that no matter who you are where you came from you can find something to enjoy in the SCA.

What's the best dish you have tasted?

I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE honey carrots!

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 / Alexandra Hartsborne

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 / Alex the Potter

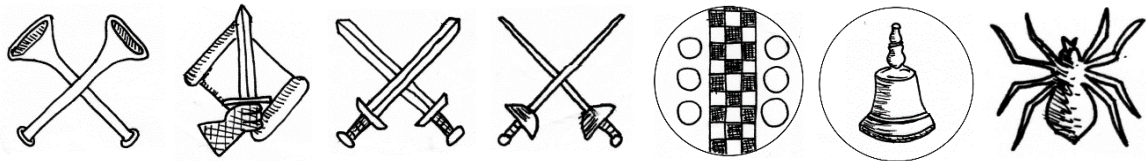
The Seneschal of the Canton of Torlyon is the group president for the Yass, NSW chapter of the Barony.

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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