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#### From the Baron and Baroness

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

We congratulate their Majesties Dilbert and Bethony on their ascension to the thrones of this great kingdom and look forward to their reign. As always, they will be listening for news of their populace - please look about you, make note of those who support us all in every field, and send word to Their Majesties, or to us as Their representatives.

We offer hanks to everyone who helped out at the Bungendore Show demo. Demos are an important way to let people know about our fantastic hobby, and good fun as well. The next opportunity to help promote our Society will be at the Multicultural Festival on February 14. This was a great day last year and will be so again - if you are able to help for part of the day, please contact Lord Aymer to get yourself onto the roster.

There are a number of events and activities on our schedule. Keep an eye out for details from the organisers, and let them know you are coming:

- Both colleges would appreciate assistance with their open days. Please volunteer to help out if you can. St Andronicus will be running their stall on Wednesday 10th February.
- "Revenge on Cupid" on the 13th of February at Tuggeranong Archery Club will be our next Quarter Day event, comprising a late afternoon/early evening get-together, where all can try their hands at different activities such as archery and fencing.
- Okewaite are holding a sewing day in preparation for Rowany Festival, on the 6th of February.
- Speaking of Festival, a working bee is running at the Wombaroo site on the 6th and 7th of February. If you can assist, let Jarl Alfar know many hands make light work, and lunch is being provided for volunteers.
- Still on the subject of Festival, the Politarchopolis campsite will be happening again this year and all are welcome to camp with us. This campsite includes a few smaller households plus anyone else who wants to join us. Put "Politarchopolis" on your Festival booking form to ensure we will have plenty of space.
- Another event happening nearby is Border War, in Wagga Wagga on the 26th to 28th February. This is a fun war, with choice of bunk houses or camping, and fully catered with excellent food. A Politarchopolis contingent is attending and there is doubtless room for anyone who wishes to join in.

Lastly we would mention that there will be opportunities this year to learn how to steward or cook for feasts and other events. If you've never done either but would like to give it a try, here will be a perfect chance! Come speak to us or to our Seneschal, Anne, to find out more.

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

Waron Crispin and Waroness Joan.



Baronial Awards

No Baronial events were held in January 2016, thus no awards were given last month.

Anyone can nominate someone for recognition. If you know of someone you wish to nominate for a Baronial award, each of which are listed and described on Memories of Lochac, please email Their Excellencies with an account of why you think they are deserving.

## Weekly activities

## **Pondays**

College of St Aldhelm meeting / 6pm / Copland Building room G029 / Australian National University

## **T**uesdays

Tuesday combat/A&S at Wamboin has been cancelled for the immediate future.

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

## Thursdays

College of St Andronicus meeting and heavy combat training / 5pm / Building 2 Room 2Bo2 / University of Canberra

## Fridays

Dance Practice will restart on 22 January 2016 / 7.30pm / Kambah Scout Hall / Springbett Street / Kambah

## **Sundays**

Sunday activities recommence in 2016 from 10 January, 2016.

Archery / 10am / Tuggeranong Archery Club / 299 Soward Way / Greenway

Raqs Sharqi (traditional Egyptian dance) / 12.30pm to 1.30pm / Scout Hall / Corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie

Run by Viscountess Ilina Lyubasha Zivanovicha, weekly dance classes will be beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016. Cost \$12 members and \$15 non-members. Student concession \$8. Pay a month in advance and receive 10% discount. Wear comfortable clothing for moving around in (e.g. yoga or gym gear) and a scarf for your hips. Plus a bottle of water.

Rapier Training / 2pm / Scout Hall / Corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie

Newcomer's Armoured Combat Training / 3pm / Scout Hall / Corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie

Duke Sir Cornelius von Becke will be hosting a weekly training session aimed at those who are authorised or have done the beginners course. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Armoured Combat / 3pm / Scout Hall / Corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie



#### Events to come

Baronial Meeting / Sunday 7 February 2016 / 4.30pm / Scout Hall / Corner of Ebden and Hassall Streets / Ainslie

Revenge on Cupid / Saturday 13 February 2016 / Tuggeranong Archery Club / Soward Way, Tuggeranong / ACT

Where: The venue is amazing, sometimes green, and leafy venue including 50 plus Kangaroos (not to be shot), indoor toilets and outdoor lighting!

What: Fun archery to try!! (Mostly) B.Y.O picnic to eat! Quarter day thrown in!

There will be: Games! Archery games! Team Games! How much do YOU trust your partner? Satisfied with your relationship status? Get Cupid before HE gets you!!!

Stabbing things with rapiers!

Get the feel of Heavy Fighting! (Outsourced)

Bring a dish to share!

Cost: \$5 Adult members, \$2 under 16, plus \$5 surcharge to non-members

Provided: Shelter, archery equipment, rapiers, entertainment, spectators (aka kangaroos), bread, fruit and cordial.

Contact: Lady Aeveril of Ambledune

Bookings appreciated. Pay on the day.

Multicultural Festival Information Booth Demo / Sunday 14 February, 2016 / Garema Place, Civic / ACT

For more details, contact the Seneschal or the Baron and Baroness.

Twelfth Night 2017 / Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 January, 2017 / Canberra / ACT

This is a place holder for the upcoming Twelfth Night Coronation event, to be hosted by Politarchopolis. Details will be updated as they become available.



#### 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

Welcome back!

I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday break and are rested and energised for 2016! The year is in that lovely "full of promise" stage. However to fulfil that promise, we need YOU! We need people to run events, lead baronial projects, teach classes, manage the Politarchopolis campsite and generally continue being awesome!

Don't have a lot of experience? No problem! There are lots of people ready to assist and mentor. The calendar is looking very lean at present.

On that note, have you booked for Walentine's yet? It's a come and try event and a good time to try your hand at something new!

We're also putting on an information stall at the Dulticultural Festival so feel free to come along!

I can't wait to hear about your ideas!

Yours in Service,

Anne

Seneschal, Politarchopolis



From the Chronicler

Thank you to those who have provided information for this, the February 2016 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, or 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.

Oriffintayle will be scheduled for release at the turn of each month. For any inclusions in the March edition, please email your content to the Chronicler, no later than the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2016.

THB Ceara Shionnach

Politarchopolis Chronicler

# 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.



## <u> Maron / Crispin Sexi / Maroness / Foan Sutton</u>

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 Hartshorne

The Arts and Sciences officer is responsible for encouraging the crafts of the Barony.

## Captain of Archers / Olric of Ambeldune

The Captain of Archers manages the Baronial archery activities (both target and combat).

#### (handler / vacant

The Chandler is responsible for inventory of Baronial items, including regalia and hospit (i.e. garb to be borrowed by newcomers).

## Chirurgeon / Isabella de Bordeaux

The Chirurgeon 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, *Wriffintayle*.

#### 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 / Otto Sex Burger

The Marshal is responsible for martial activities in the Barony.

# Rapier Marshal / Lorccan Ruadh

The Captain of Archers manages the Baronial rapier activities.

## Reeve / Francesca Cellini

The Reeve is responsible for managing the financial reporting of the Barony (i.e. the group treasurer).

# Virtual Town (rier / 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

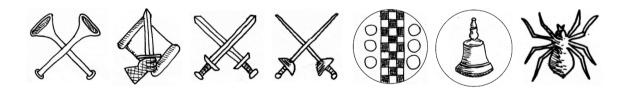
The Seneschal of the Canton of Torlyon is the group president for the Yass, NSW chapter of the Barony.

### 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 / Mathildis de Heriz

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 Bingdom 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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