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From the Baron and Baroness

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

The Barony has been peaceful throughout December, and we trust that all our people have renewed acquaintance with friends and family over the break.

We were glad to see many of you at our last meeting before Christmas, and it was a merry party indeed! Some brave souls continued with fencing training despite the heat, while most people enjoyed the cool and company indoors. As usual, there was much delicious fare. Thank you all for making Politarchopolis a wonderful place to be.

There are several demo opportunities coming up, with O-week for the Colleges, the Bungendore show, and the Multicultural Festival. Demos are a fun way to meet the public and talk about what we love, so please lend a hand where you can.

There will be a Dewcomers' event early in the year, and the next Duarter Day will be held at the archery venue for the feast of St Ualentines. Keep an eye out for details!

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

Baron Crispin and Baroness Joan.



Waronial Awards

No Baronial events were held in December 2015, 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

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 Muirghein for the address.

WIednesdays

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 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 10th 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

SCA Demo / Sunday 31 January 2016 / Bungendore Showgrounds, Mathews Lane, Bungendore / NSW

Politarchopolis will be hosting an SCA Demo at the Bungendore Show, beginning at 9am. For more details, contact the Seneschal or the Baron and Baroness.

Baronial Meeting / Sunday 7 February 2016 / 3pm / 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.



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 to 2016! It's another exciting year for Politarchopolis and the reason it is so exciting is - YOU! Do you have an idea for an activity or an event? We want to hear about it. Good first steps are to check out the website and then to have a chat to relevant officers.

The Ainslie Hall reopens on Sunday 10 January - a&s, heavy, rapier are all scheduled. Please make sure you are making payment correctly - if you have not paid the annual hall fees, you should be contributing \$2 per session attended plus an additional \$5 if you are a non-member.

We will be attending the Bungendore Show on the 31st of January, with Valentine's on the 13th and the Multicultural Festival on the 14th of February plus O- week! Get involved where you can!

Yours in Service,

Anne

Seneschal, Politarchopolis



From the Chronicler

Successor wanted - I will be stepping down as Chronicler with the release of the March 2016 edition on the 29th of February 2016 and require a successor. The job involves:

- Writing, editing, and publishing an edition of Griffintayle once a month. Generally, this newsletter usually contains upcoming events, Baronial missives and announcements, and an officer's regnum however, you can redesign it however you like!
- Reporting once a quarter to the Kingdom Chronicler and Baronial Seneschal.

If you would like to apply for this role, <u>please email the current Chronicler</u> no later than Sunday the 31st of Sunday 2016 with your full SCA name and titles, experience/qualifications that might aid you in fulfilling this job, and a brief outline of your plan/vision for the role.

Thank you to those who have provided information for this, the January 2016 edition of Oriffintayle. 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 Oriffintayle.

Oriffintayle will be scheduled for release in the last week of each month. For any inclusions in the February edition, please email your content to the Chronicler, no later than the 23rd of January 2016.

THB Ceara Shionnach

Politarchopolis Chronicler



People of Politarchopolis

The Town Crier, Baroness Ginevra Lucia di Pamoraza, will be periodically interviewing members of the populace and publishing these interviews on the Baronial website, and in Griffintayle.

There were no interviews undertaken during the holidays - stay tuned for updates in the future.

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).

Chandler / 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, Griffmtayle.

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 Mac(oinnich

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

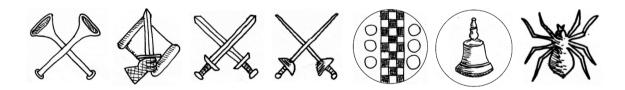
The Seneschal of the Canton of Torlyon is the group president for the Yass, NSW chapter of the Barony.

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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