

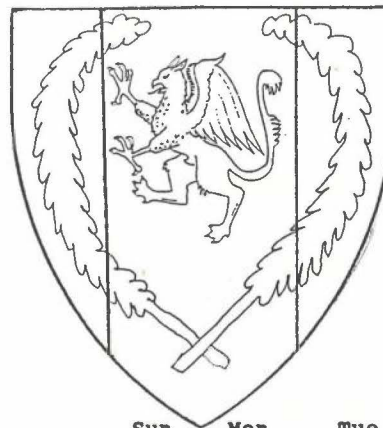
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# Griffintayle March ASxxv

## The Return of Not Politikopolis.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
MARCH	10 Monthly Bash 12:00pm CARRABORUE Park.	11	12	13 ◇	14 X	15	16 New-Comers ◇ Pot-Luck Feast ARMOUR
	17 AS + Sewing Workshop	18	19	20 AS ◇	21 X	22	23 ◇ (02) 569 3613 War
	24 AS Muster	25	26	27 ◇	28 X	29 Rowanry	30
APRIL	31 Festival	1	2	3 AS ◇	4 X	5	6 ◇
	7 AS	8 88	9	10 ◇	11 X	12	13 ◇
	14 Monthly Bash 12:00pm CARRABORUE Park.	15	16	17 AS ◇	18 X	19	20 ◇

U - Shire Meeting, 7.30pm, Wilde Wood, contact Seneschal

AS - Arts & Sciences, Sundays, 2.00pm, Dancetty, contact Arts & Sciences Mistress  
 Alternate Thursday, 7.00pm, The Tomb.

◇ - Archery, 10.00am Sat, 4.00pm Wed, ANU oval contact Captains of Archers.

- Armouring by arraignment, contact Charles at Dancetty.

X - Fighter Training, 5.30pm Tuesdays, Dancetty.  
 5.00pm Thursday, 1/4 speed/Novice training, see Marshal address  
 4.00pm Sundays, full speed training, see Marshal address

*The sherrif of Politikopolis invites  
the Gentlefolk of Lochac  
to*

*A NEW YEARS MYSTERY  
FEAST*

*on Saturday the Fourth of May*

*in honour of the visiting*

*Margrave of Blathersnarll*

Price: \$10.00 members      \$12.00 Non-Members

Autocrat: Dafydd ap Donal ap Gwilym  
(David Osborne)

Place: Hall Pavilion      Time: 6:30pm  
Victoria Street, Hall

Bookings: Autocrat (06) 254 1358  
24 O'Sullivan Street, Higgins ACT

Cheques Payable to SCA Politarchopolis



College of St Aldhelm



Hospitaller's augmented potluck

The College of St. Aldhelm invites one  
and all to a newcomers potluck feast.

It is to be held on the 16th day of March at  
St. John's Church Hall,  
Constitution Avenue Reid  
Opens 6 pm

Cost - members and newcomers, \$4.  
- non-members \$6.

Contacts - Alexandro de la Florenzo (Simon Price)  
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## SHIRE MEETING NOTES

**Date:** 4/3/91  
**Time:** 7.35pm

**Present:** Michelle, Charles, David, John, Shayne, Elizabeth, Simon, Russ, Jacinta, Norman, Craig, Graeme, Kat.

**Late:** Helen M, Megan, Robin, Helen W.

**Apologies:** Nick, Michael W.

**Seneschal Report:** This is my last meeting as seneschal. There were 2 applications for seneschal and Megan has been chosen. Other offices to change include marshal, herald, constable, and arts & sciences. Thank you to all the people who did lots of work over the last year. The SCA is like a sewer.. what you put in is what you get out. Three newcomers who are 15, 18 and 20+ and are all male. The sewing workshop went OK with one shire banner close to finish. Lots of costuming is going on. Yesterday the 3 newcomers and Ian (who has just moved from Parvus Portus) as well as Gunnric (Mordenvale seneschal) turned up at the arts and sciences workshop at Dancetty. Apparently another three newcomers will turn up at Rowany Festival. Charles Birthday party is on Saturday 9/3/91 at Corroboree park with the monthly bash the next day.

Newcomers Feast 16/3  
Rowany Festival, Easter  
New Year Feast, May, Daffyd as autocrat  
Elizabethan feast, July  
Feast of the Four Winds, Nov

**Chroniclers Report:** Griffintayle deadline is tonight. The chocolate drive is now very nearly finished.

**Old Marshal report:** Bang!!!

**New Marshal report:** There are 2 novices training and some spare armour is available for use. There is an armouring workshop on for the 16 March to construct generic armour. Charles wants carpet in order to create a revival of carpet armour.

**New Herald Report:** I had a whirlwind weekend. The heraldic resources of the shire are pathetic while the college resources are excellent. The shire needs to subscribe to the 'Camel' which costs \$20. The shire also needs an armorial and a heralds tabard. Shayne is donating a Fox-Davis for the shire use. The original Politarchopolis banner created by Allisan of Iron Hill was shown to the meeting. If you have any dates or information about the history of the Politarchopolis name and device please give it to the herald. Leaping into the college turf; Decion was disturbed by the lack of a herald for the college for such a long time. Groups can be put in abeyance if they have no herald. If you have attended or are attending either ANU or CU and have at least a sustaining membership you can become the college herald. As there is only one other shire with a sub group (Hobart) there

is a possibility that Shires with a college may be made into a single heraldic jurisdiction. There will be a heraldic questionnaire in Griffintayle shortly.

**Projects:** We have a name and device so we may as well go for a badge for the shire. This is very useful for shire members to put on to long war banners and also for putting onto hospitallery gear. Heraldic costs are \$8 per Successful transaction.

**Promises Chronicler Report:** Have two more articles and so now have three. Discussion about printing Promises with the Canberra Games Society photocopier being mentioned. It is always available for use by SCA if the CGS aren't using it. Discussion about how to distribute Promises as well. May be offering an SCA membership as a raffle prize.

**Arts and Sciences report:** The Table Runner is backed and was shown to the meeting. The next project is a shire banner which is well on its way to completion due to the sewing workshop. It is made out of cotton gaberdine and has a burly griffin on it. Only the laurel wreath has to be put on. It was now shown to the meeting with appropriate oohs and ahhs. A 6' by 4' tapestry frame will be used to bead the lines of definition on the banner. There is to be a two day armour/sewing workshop (15/16 March) at Dancetty. As yet there is no successor to the position as not all the applicants have been interviewed/talked too.

**Constable Report:** The box of lost property will be given to the hospitaller after one last attempt to find the owners in Griffintayle.

**Shire Capt. of Archers Report:** There is archery happening on Wednesdays at 4pm and Saturdays at 10am at the ANU oval on Barry Drive.

**College Capt. of Archers Report:** The Valentines Archery event was very Successful with the run away winner being Sarah Jane Amanda of Wenlock. There haven't had as gooder attendance as in the past. We are acquiring a spare bow for the college.

**College Seneschal Report:** See the flyer for the newcomers event. Linda is sort of becoming the College herald. Chris is remaining as the Arts and Sciences minister.

**CanCon Feast Autocrat Report:** CanCon did make a profit after all (They checked their books again.) so they gave us the controversial money to us anyway. The windfall profit for the feast was \$694.94.

**Port Report:** Its here. We need more brown wine bottles. There was a suggestion that Charles should contact licensed restaurants. It is a good tawny port with 10 litres allocated to spillage and the tap does not leak. The bottling will probably take place on a week night with very little forward notice. Sorry about that. The port will be available for a donation of \$6 per bottle.

**Shaynes Fencing Report:** The self-proclaimed Polipotamus Burgermister has just sent a catalogue of very cheap fencing gear from the America Fencing Supply Company. Also a catalogue of almost any type of blade weapon from 800-1800 as replicas. There is also a copy of the rules for The Rapier Game at the Estrella War. At the start of the war the participants receive several red ribbons to wear from their belt. Some obviously crowded public areas are out of bounds but otherwise the combats can occur anywhere during the war. When a combat occurs each dueller must have at least one second who will act as marshals for the bout. The winner takes a red ribbon and the one with the most at the end of the war wins. Of course duelling is totally illegal and punishable by death so the King has 3 guards whose duty is to ensure that there is no duelling and if there is any to stop it at once. Yielding to a guard loses you half a ribbon while if they kill you then a whole ribbon is lost. The guards also have ribbons to be gathered. Of course guards are possibly bribable etc etc. The possibilities in this game sound like lots of fun (Remember the Three Musketeers) and will probably occur at the next Rowany Festival. Please take fencing masks to the Rowany Festival and if you wish to make a blade remember that it takes at least 48 hrs for the process.

**Robin:** The AAF have the use of one of Politarchopolis ex-schools so let us try as well. This is being followed up. Cockatrice will be out for Rowany Festival but I am still seeking articles. The Elizabethan feast in July may have a quest at Commonwealth Park. Any Ideas?

**Micheal Warbys Phoned in Report:** Apologies. There might be a feast on the Sunday at the Rowany Festival but they need an autocrat. Rowany will buy the food and store it off-site till the Sunday and will provide the cooking facilities. If you are interested contact Craig Walker.

**Land Report:** We may as well wait until someone buys some land and throw some money into the deposit in return for permanent use of some part of the land and part of the property maintenance costs. Talk to Russ, Shayne, or Charles later.

8.55pm The meeting closed.

#### Remember

The next council meeting is at 7.30pm on the 8 April 1990 at 26 Ferret Circuit Kambah. After that they may occur on the first Wednesday of the month.

#### ARTS AND SCIENCES NEWS:

Many thanks to all of those who attended the sewing workshop on March 2nd. A good time was had by all, and much information changed hands. There was even a great deal of sewing done! Best of all, construction of a Shire banner has begun. We have a griffin on a field, now all we have to do is attach a laurel wreath.

On March 16-17, there will be an armouring workshop at Dancetty. During this workshop, we will attempt to introduce those newcomers interested to the joys of armouring, and will begin construction of a set of Shire armour. Any who wish to attend the workshop, or who are happy to supervise others at work, or who wish to learn for themselves, or wish for advice on the armour they are currently working on are all most welcome to attend. If you do not wish to armour, but want some company, please come along. There will be sewing going on inside, with further work being done on the banner.

If you intend to come along to the workshop, please bring something for a pot-luck lunch, and let us know that you're coming. If you have any questions, please contact Ysabeau (Megan) on 2962423, or Gareth (Graeme) on 2312465.

**Arts and Sciences Competitions:** May Coronet Investiture and Tourney; Armouring- An articulated gauntlet (metal/leather)  
Period Hat- Open  
Entertainment- A story written in a period style.

**Birthday Party:** Charles of the Park is having a 30th (yes that is thirty years old) Birthday Party at Corrobooree Park Hall, Reid on Saturday the 9th March starting at 7.00pm. This is NOT a SCA event. Everybody is welcome.

### To all fighters attending the Rowany Festival.

Lord John of the Hills is providing another prize for the best looking fighters unit at the field battle on Sunday 31st of March AS XXV. The units will be judged on the eric prior to the battle and as they march off to the battle. Unit sizes start at three people and must contain at least one fighter (light or heavy) and may contain non-combatants like banner bearers, musicians etc. First prize is a case of cider and 4 bottles of mead with a runner up prize of 6 bottles of cider.

Written this 25th day of December ASXXV at the ex-shire of Dark Skies.

### EXCHANGE

Baldwin the Wanderer is going to Rowany. He has a car but not a tent. Will exchange a lift to Rowany for the use of, or a place in, a tent.  
Call Ian Mc Comb on 285 1126 AH

### PROMISES

Have you ever wondered which king came when? How to serve a medieval breakfast? What is a pomander and how do you make one?

Promises knows how, when, and which.

So can you.

Promises will be available at Rowany from Charles of the Park or after Rowany from Betoney of the Green Swathes.

(Back issues available on request)

### Lost Property

Greetings,

My name is Isodora de Este and I have become the new constable. With this job has come a box of gear and garb that has been past through the generations. Below is a list of the items and if no-one claims them, in one month, it shall go to various charities and the hospitalier.

Green shirt	Red torch	Yellow cloth bag
Sunglasses	Black tights	Pair of Stockings
Yellow Hat	Army balaclava	Red trousers
Ceramic goblet	Black pullover	Ceramic coffee mug
Metal goblet	Wooden plate	2 cane plates
Metal goblet and 2 wooden bowls with an	"R" inscribed on them.	
Wooden bowl with a "J" inscribed on it.		

### Films:

Do yourselves a favour and see Cyrano de Bergerac. It is a very very good Cavalier film.  
Also see Hamlet.

### SMITHFIELD HASN'T CHANGED MUCH.

This is an extract from 'Medieval London' by Urban Tignet Holmes Jr. from the book 'Everyman in Europe.. Vol. 1 The Preindustrial Millennia'. The essay is about Alexander Neckham who is a young clerk teaching in the grammar schools at Dunstable, Bedfords and his journey to Paris to continue his studies. This occurs in 1178 or thereabout.

Alexander was not expecting to enter the city that night. He went up the road toward Newgate, but he took the lane to the left and skirted the wall to the open ground of Smithfield, the market site and jousting ground. Here, close to the wall, were the buildings of the Augustinian priory of St. Bartholomew's, built by the minstrel Rahere, on the spot where a gallows had stood some fifty years before. Rahere had caused the whole of Smithfield to be drained, leaving only one large pond, which was named the "Horsepool" as it served to water the horses at the fair and during the games. The priory served as a hostelry for travellers, and an auxiliary building was employed as a nursing home for the sick. The four canonesses and eight cannons who were engaged in this work served under a master. The canonesses followed the rule of St. Benedict, and the cannons obeyed that of St. Augustine. Men and women were kept strictly separate. Alexander was undoubtedly known personally to the Prior from previous visits. Much advice, solicited and unsolicited, would be given him to help him make speed on his journey across the water.

The open area of Smithfield stretched wide, away from the buildings of St. Bartholomew's. The smooth field, no longer marshy, supported a horse fair every Friday, except on special feast days. Crowds from the city, including many barons, flocked there to see the display of horseflesh. At one end were tethered the colts, elsewhere the palfreys, in another spot the destriers (war horses), and, in a place not so well favoured, the pack animals, or somiers. Various races were run on these occasions. Stable boys did the riding, needing no saddle or any other harness except a headstall. Horses were raced in threes or in pairs. Farm animals and farm supplies were also on sale at this market: plows, harrows, pigs, and cows. Oxen were on sale and so were mares intended for the carts and plows, often with foals trotting at their heels. Another class of merchants were offering furs, spices, swords, lances, and wines- all from distant climes. On afternoons, many of the clerics and young tradesmen would go out on this field to play ball. Each of the three schools flourishing in London would have its own ball, and the same was true of each guild of tradesmen. During Lent, on Sunday afternoons, the young men of the baronial class, and presumably some of the serjant class, would practice with lances and shields on that same area. The smaller boys had no iron heads on their lances. When the king was at Westminster or Bermondsey, the youths of the upper class went there, and Smithfield was left to the serjantry. All this sham fighting was done on horseback while relatives, also mounted, would stand by and watch. There was much prancing about and going in pursuit. During the summer, on the afternoon of holy days, there were field sports: jumping, stone throwing, javelin hurling, wrestling, and archery. On moonlight nights, groups of girls would hold caroles, or dancing, on this same smooth field. One might say there was never a dull moment there after dinner. The Friday market was a very important place for gathering and exchanging news of the day.

## NOT POLITIKOPOLIS

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune descended upon Politikopolis last month, leaving many battered, bruised and dying officers at the Seneschals monthly shindig. Indeed your faithful correspondent has not seen such a turn over in offices since Daffy ol' Dobby the Giggling sacked every person in the Shire on grounds of suspected death.

The Marshallate has been turned over from Gnarlled in the Dark to Goresch of Greymuck, a stupendous tactical move which should see fighters of the shire even more confused than normal. Isabit Obtuse has surrendered her office to nobody, an outstanding move which has shire members amazed. It is hoped that someone will eventually notice the vacant office and fill it with a vacant person.

Herald has changed hands from Wobbly Ropeburn to Snivilling Obsuracating Condolances, formally of the College of Santa Claus. Snivilling announced that he was proud and pleased to be leaving the college becoming the Herald, and your correspondent hopes he will provide every bit as much service as we have come to expect from the office.

And finally Blandish the Midlewd announced she was stepping down from the seneschals pedestal to take up target practice upon the new encomburant. Admits chortles of glee and general giggling Blandish tearfully revealed she was leaving the job for the more popular public executioners position.

Not Politikopolis supports Blod-letting of this scale in the hope it will bring back other spectator favourites such as cock fights, dagger duels and public readings of coronet pronouncements.

Meanwhile the Ruinous festival creeps up on the unsuspecting people of Lock-up, a week long mud ridden celebration of the carnival Viking bath. Various members of Politikopolis are looking forward to a right royal economic rout of those attending - these include ...

Egglump the Lank who intends to sell huge amounts of goods that nobody in their right minds would buy, in spite of the fact that at the time he will be near abouts the Kingdom of Kid celebrating our wondrous society's longevity and ...

Gnarlled in the Dark and Born in the Bilge who intend running an emporium called "T'Zow ZumrZayt Backerye" at lat reports a pastry making Business with plans to corner the market on betting on the war, tourney drunken brawl and what ever other fighting may occur.

More on this wondrous event at a latter date.

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:(Mundane)

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE CONTACTS:

AGE (If 14 or under):

S.C.A MEMBER YES NO

S.C.A NAME:

S.C.A GROUP:

GROUP CAMPING WITH:

("Self" or Group Name)

WILL YOU/YOUR GROUP NEED A SPECIFIC AREA? YES NO  
(If so, contact the Octocrat ASAP)

WILL YOU/YOUR GROUP REQUIRE TENT/EQUIPMENT HIRE? Y / N  
(If so, contact the Octocrat by 12th Night)

WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO TEACH A COLLEGIUM? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, Please give details

(If so, Please contact Lady Magdalena, Rowany A&S)

*Please send this form with cheque or money order (NO CASH) to:*

THE OCTOCRAT  
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