



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.

Recently another Baronial Quarter Day was held. It proved a day of pleasantly mild weather, whereon was held a tourney-by-turns for rapier and heavy combatants, and a series of competitions for archery. This included a hunt, battle clout, duelling and, to show the gentler side of our fearsome archers, an A&S competition. The variety of skills demanded allowed us to choose the most suitable Champion for the coming year, and Baroness Joan joined in the rounds for pleasure. Baron Crispin fought in the heavy section of the tourney, and gave much attention to the Arts and Sciences entries.

The heavy tourney was won by Earl Niall inn Orkneyski, and the fencing tourney by Lord Alexander de la Fontayne. Tokens, provided by Lord Wintherus, were given for the highest score in each section of the archery.

We are delighted to name our new Champion of Archery, Lord Havelock Outlawe. Lord Wintherus Alban has bravely protected our borders for a year, and we are certain that Havelock will continue to keep our foes at a bowshot from the walls. It falls also to Lord Havelock to provide for our entertainment and opportunity, in a year's time, in the choosing of his own successor.

At the Quarter Day, Lord Daniel de la Guerre was named Sergeant of the Baronial Guard, and Lady Safiyya Fiore da Rabatta made her oath as Lady in Waiting.

Two Orders of the Burly Griffin were awarded, to Lady Helena the Innocent and Lord Henry Radcliffe, for their service at all levels of the Barony.

The courts on Quarter Day were ably heralded by Baron Dallán ua Lorccáin, visiting from Mordenvale. We thank him for offering us this courtesy in the absence of our own heralds, and give thanks also to our cousins of Mordenvale for this boon.

The social side of the Barony is being nurtured by monthly board-gaming soirées. These are held at Ainslie on the fourth Friday. It is great to see everyone enjoying a casual evening, and hopefully forging stronger links among ourselves. Baroness Joan managed the evening for September, and Nicola stewarded the October meeting...who would like to take this on for November or January?

The Murrumbateman Field Days were a solid success, thanks to the many who were able to give their time and energy to looking after displays, demonstrating fighting, archery or talking to the public.

The College of Andronicus is holding a Tourney day and Tudor feast on November 14th. After that, we forge on towards Fields of Gold, which promises to be (again) an impressive and amazing weekend. The stewards encourage you to book as soon as may be, and if you are able to assist them in any capacity, that will doubtless be most welcome.

Fields of Gold forms part of the Royal Progress, and in addition to hosting the festivities, Politarchopolis will need to pay taxes to the Crown. Some of our populace have already made their reckoning, for which much thanks. The bailiffs will know which doors to pass by.

We ask also that each citizen, however noble, consider well those whom s/he meets or observes within our borders. Bring us news of their works, their grace and prowess, their great learning and all those who bring renown to Politarchopolis. We would reward our populace with honours where they are due. Think also of the Kingdom, and inform Their Majesties' clerks should there be those who merit Their attention.

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

Baron Crispin and Baroness Joan.



Baronial Awards

The Baronial awards presented in October 2015 were:

Order of the Burly Griffin (Service) / Lady Helena the Innocent and Lord Henry Radcliffe.

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Sunday

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



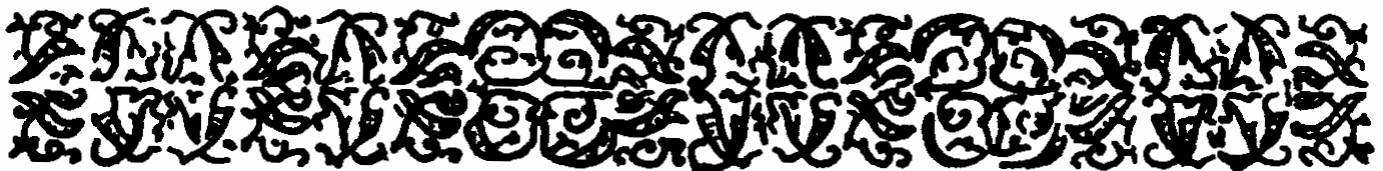
Events to come

Fields of Gold V / 27-29 November 2015 / Bungendore Showgrounds / NSW

From 27-29 November 2015 the Barony of Politarchopolis will host one of Lochac's premier fighting events with Fields of Gold V held at the Bungendore Showground in Bungendore, NSW.

Evoking the grandeur of the mighty Dukes of Burgundy, join us as we welcome their Majesties Steffan & Branwen to Politarchopolis' Fields of Gold.

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



Tayles from Events of Recent Past

October Baronial Quarter Day

Written by Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig and Lord Wintherus Alban.

Part 1 / Liadan

On Saturday the second Politarchopolis Baronial Quarter Day was held at the Tuggeranong Archery Club. The event was organised by Baroness Ginevra, and the steward on the day was myself, Duchess Liadan.

The event started with opening Court, where Baron Crispin gave a rousing speech, before Baroness Joan reminded him it was the wrong day for that speech and today was actually the Quarter Day. After Court the Baronial Archery Championship began. There were a good number of participants and there was much excitement over the first of the three shoots for the day, thought up and prepared by Lord Wintherus, and involving the slaying of many stuffed animals. While the Baronial Archery Championship was progressing, a Heavy Tourney run for the glory of the King, and a Fencing Tourney, commenced, primarily marshalled by Baron Aonghus and Don Francois. There were four heavy fighters in the Heavy Tourney, including Baron Dalan who had come down from Mordenvale to check out the event, and there were 5 in the fencing tourney. The Heavy Tourney started with a warm up melee and then was a round robin, with some 2 v 2 at the end. The Fencing Tourney was a round robin, and participants had to hold a cane and keep it in contact with the ground throughout the fight or else risk forfeiting that bout. Much fun was had by all of the participants of both tournies, with Duke Niall victor of the Heavy and Lord Alexander victor of the Fencing. The Baronial Archery Championship continued with a clout shoot for the second shoot of the day, and then an elimination dual shoot for the third shoot of the day, which was hotly contested. During the day an arts and sciences competition was also run as part of the Baronial Archery Championship, and there were some excellent entries including a shield, painted targets, a game, an arrow, and a decorated leather arm

guard. In addition to the other activities, Lady Elizabeth ran a class on upscaling patterns which looked very interesting, and the College of Saint Andronicus ran a BBQ which is good fundraising for them, and good sustenance for us.

In closing Court a variety of business took place, including presenting tassels to the victors of the tourney. As Baron Dallen had indicated that he thought the concept of the event was excellent and had plans to run a similar event in Mordenvale, Duke Niall gave him his tassel so that it could be used for the first Mordenvale Baronial Quarter Day. At the very end of the Court, the outgoing Baronial Archery Champion, Lord Wintherus, was stood down and received an arrow from the Baron as is the tradition in this Barony, and then the new Baronial Archery Champion was announced as Lord Havelok.

Overall the second Baronial Quarter Day was a great success and much fun was had by all. Congratulations to those people who recieved awards in Court and were inducted into Baronial Household positions, to the victors of the tournaments, and to the new Baronial Archery Champion! Baroness Ginevra and I would like to thank Baron Aonghus who did the logistics and marshalling, Don Francois who organised the Fencing Tourney, Duke Niall and Baron Dalan who helped with set up and pack down, Lord Eberhard for doing lists and heralding, and Lady Emelyn Ffayrhome for doing Troll, and the College of Saint Andronicus for running the BBQ. These events are an excellent opportunity for members of the Barony to come together to participate in an array of SCA activities in a relaxed setting and to generally have an enjoyable day together, and I look forward to the next one.

Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig

Captain of the King's Guard.

Part 2 / Wintherus

The Polit Baronial Archery Championship went very well. All up we had 3 archery contests along with an archery themed arts and sciences competition.

ARTS AND SCIENCES

The winner of the arts and sciences competition was by popular decree, and was won my Lord Wintherus Alban for a flu flu arrow he crafted for the Archery Champion's baronial quiver.

THE HUNT

The Hunt was a time trial featuring a dozen cute, cuddly and force forest creatures. The winner was THL Sigmund Spelmann.

BATTLE CLOUT

Battle Clout was a fun team event consisting of 3 archers per side with opposing targets 75 yards away. Any team whose target takes 3 arrow is eliminated.

The battle lasted two rounds, with the team of Lord Robin of Ambledune, Letitia Gardner and THL Sigmund Spelmann victorious.

THE DUEL

For the Duel contest, it was a double elimination contest with archers having 3 arrows at 20 yards. The most accurate shot wins.

14 archers stepped forward and introduced themselves to the crowd.

In all, 7 rounds were fought - the first round pairings determined by challenges issued by half the archers.

Round 1:

Court Baron Sorle Maknicoll v Burghardt (win)

Lord Robin of Ambledune (win) v Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig

Gustav (win) v Letitia

THL Sigmund Spelmann v Lord Henry Raddlyf (win)

Tormod (win) v Lady Myfanwy of Ambledune

Lady Averil of Ambledune v THL Ulric of Ambledune (win)

Baroness Joan Sutton vs Lord Wintherus Alban (win)

Round 2:

Court Baron Sorle Maknicoll (win) v Letitia

Lord Robin of Ambledune (win) v Gustav

Burghardt v Lord Henry Raddlyf (win)

Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig v THL Sigmund Spelmann (win)

Tormod (win) v THL Ulric of Ambledune

Lady Averil of Ambledune v Lord Wintherus Alban (win)

Lady Myfanwy of Ambledune vs Baroness Joan Sutton (win)

Fallen at the end of Round 2: Lady Myfanwy of Ambledune, Letitia, Duchess Liadan ingen Fheradaig, and Lady Averil of Ambledune.

Round 3:

Court Baron Sorle Maknicoll v Gustav (win)

Lord Robin of Ambledune (win) v Lord Henry Raddlyf

Burghardt v THL Sigmund Spelmann (win)

Tormod v Lord Wintherus Alban (win)

Baroness Joan Sutton v THL Ulric of Ambledune (win)

Fallen at the end of Round 3: Court Baron Sorle Maknicoll, Burghardt and Baroness Joan Sutton.

Round 4:

Lord Robin of Ambledune v Lord Wintherus Alban (win)

Gustav v THL Sigmund Spelmann (win)

Lord Henry Radclyf v Tormod (win)

Bye: THL Ulric of Ambledune (win)

Fallen at the end of Round 4: Gustav, Lord Henry Radclyf

Round 5:

Lord Robin of Ambledune vs THL Ulric of Ambledune (win)

THL Sigmund Spelmann vs Lord Wintherus Alban (win) *

Bye: Tormod (win)

Fallen at the end of Round 5; Lord Robin of Ambledune and THL Sigmund Spelmann

* The round was initially a draw, and not even a tape measure could separate the best arrows of both archers. A fourth and final arrow was shot, much to the delight of the crowd, with Wintherus edging slightly closer.

Round 6:

Tormod vs THL Ulric of Ambledune (win)

Bye: Lord Wintherus Alban (win)

Fallen at the end of Round 6: Tormod

Round 7:

THL Ulric of Ambledune vs Lord Wintherus Alban (win) **

** The final arrow of both archers hit gold, greatly entertaining the crowd. Wintherus' was closer by a margin of only 4mm.

First place: Lord Wintherus Alban

Second: THL Ulric of Ambledune

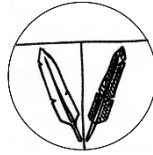
Third: Tormod, who I must now call Giant Slayer for an impressive performance!

At court, their Excellencies declared that next Baronial Archery Champion would be Lord Havelok Outlawe, who came 2nd in The Hunt and 2nd in Battle Clout.

Congratulations to all who took part or enjoyed the event.

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



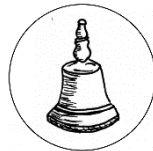
From the Chronicler

Thank you to those who have provided information for this, the November 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 Chronicler, no later than the 23rd of November 2015.

THB Ceara Shionnach

Politar chopolis Chronicler



People of Politar chopolis

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 newest Baronial Archery Champion, Lord Havelok Outlawe:

What is your SCA name and title?

I am Lord Havelok Outlawe, resident of Politar chopolis.

How long have you been doing archery?

I have only been doing archery for just over a year, but I have had an interest in it for a very long time. Unfortunately my last residence in Drachenwald wasn't really convenient for me to take it up.

What is your training regime?

Currently I go to the Tuggeranong Archery Club on the Sunday mornings. I should really start going twice weekly. Unfortunately "Street Target Archery" is somewhat frowned upon. As is shooting in your own yard, what is the world coming too!

What inspires you to do archery, and why?

I have no real Archery inspirations, I approach Archery as a Martial Art, and as a way to get on the War field. Although I thank the House of Ambledune for all the work they put into archery.

Do you have a favourite training video or book? Which and why?

My current textbook is Precision Archery by Steve Ruis and Toxophilus The fchole of fhootinghe conteyned in tvvo bookes By Roger Ascham, 1545

What fighting accolades do you have?

I was recently made a Baronial Huntsman of Politarchopolis. I have not been part of the SCA for very long.

What are your other preferred activities in the SCA?

The SCA has given me a place for me to be creative. I have been doing some leatherwork, woodwork, arrow making, and I have started a collection of table top siege engines. If we get Siege sorted out, I'm going to need a bigger table.

How would you respond to a challenge from the champion of another Barony?

It depends on the format of the Challenge. A 1 on 1 archery duel while carrying bucklers seems to be traditional. On the other hand, I'm not sure how I should make a challenge to other Champions, do I send them a broken arrow? Throw an archery glove at them? Tell them my Bodkin is bigger than their Bodkin?

Do you have any ideas of what sort of championship event you'll hold next year?

I have started having a few ideas, I'm hoping to get a few more if/when I talk to archers from other Baronies. There may be Dragons.....

What advice do you have to beginners?

When on the target field, aim for the gold bits, when on the war field, aim for the shiny bits.

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 Negerstein

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

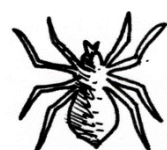
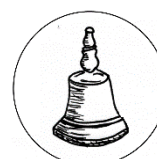
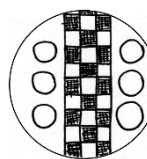
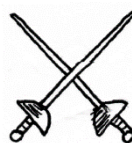
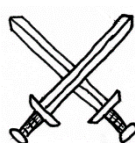
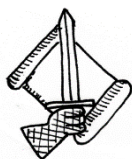
The Seneschal of the Canton of Torlyon is the group president for the Yass, NSW chapter of the Barony.

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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