



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

From Baron Crispin and Baroness Joan unto the loyal Peoples of Politarchopolis greetings.

We thank heartily Lady Joanna of the Beechwoods for stewarding the St Vitus weekend wherein we danced, sang and played music. Too we are very grateful to the cooks of that event, our Canton of Torlyon, for some very fine food.

With the coming of Spring, the vigour of our land turns our thoughts to war and tournaments. Crispin is headed for Spring War to pay his respects to Their Majesties and also for sport and fun. Then later in October we have two great opportunities to enjoy the outdoors: firstly at the Durrumbateman Field Days on the 17th and 18th of October we will have tournaments and display tables and no doubt other fine things. This is an important chance for Torlyon to attract new members, so do come along and help. Lord Otto is overseeing this event.

Secondly, our next Baronial Quarter Day is on the 24th October 2015 at Tuggeranong Archery Club. Her Excellency Cinevra is the steward of this day of picnicking, archery and tournaments. It includes the baronial archery championship, this year featuring multiple trials on the one day.

As you are all no doubt aware, from the 27th to 29th of November we assemble at the Fields of Gold for a weekend of tournaments, arts, jousting and feasting. This is a Royal event, with the King and Queen and many other visitors from around the kingdom, so we look forward to seeing you there. The steward, Sir Psambart Courtin, will no doubt need help in staging this grand event, so speak with him if you may assist in any way.

Mistress Monique's tailoring course continues strong, with several new gowns underway which we look forward to seeing worn at coming events. On more mundane matters, we thank Anne our Seneschal for organising training for ten of our fine cooks to be certified as food safety officers. It is a requirement that our feast kitchens be inspected, so to ensure that our revels are healthy and safe.

Speaking of events, we note that our calendar from December onwards is in need of filling. If you've ever wanted to put on an event, now is the time to get planning for the end of this year and the beginning of the next. Speak to our Seneschal or to us to get the ball rolling.

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

Baron Crispin and Baroness Joan.



Baronial Awards

No Baronial awards were presented in September 2015.

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

Wednesdays

Armoured combat training and Arts and Sciences night has been 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

Baronial Quarter Day / 24 October 2015 / Tuggeranong Archery Club / 299 Soward Way / Greenway / ACT

Price

\$2 per member over 10yrs old, an additional \$5 per non-member to cover insurance.

Timetable

- 10am/ Opening Court
- 10.30am/ Baronial Archery Championships
Fill your quivers and ready your bows! The time has come for archers of Politarchopolis to gather and test their prowess and skill for the chance of becoming the next Baronial Archery Champion. Show off your crafting talents in an archery-inspired A&S competition, and complete in a series of challenges. There will be

a hunt of deadly creatures, including the Killer Rabbit of Caerbannog! Afterwards, teams of archers will face off against each other in Battle Clout. Finally, individual archers shall face off in a series of Duels.

- 11am/ Heavy Combat and Fencing Tournaments/ Arts and Sciences Class
The rounds of Heavy and Fencing will alternate. The Heavy Combat will be best of three, matched weapons.
- Midday/ BBQ lunch available for purchase
- 12.30pm/ Glima (Viking Wrestling) Demonstration
- 1.30pm/ Children's Story Time
- 2pm/ Closing Court

Steward

Ginevra Lucia Di Namoraza

Medieval Illumination / 30 October and 1 November 2015 / 3/17 Dundas Court / Phillip / ACT

Medieval Illumination: This workshop will cover all aspects of medieval illustration with practical application. Our starting point will be the Aberdeen Bestiary from the Bodleian Library Oxford. We will work on vellum or 300gsm hot-press paper using Kremer Pigments and recreate a delightful animal, bird or other from this magnificent medieval manuscript. The class is suitable for intermediate and beginner students alike.

For more information about Gemma's work please visit her website.

Cost: \$150

Bookings: Please email booking request to enquiries@endangeredheritage.com or phone 02 6282 8386 Information and payment details will be provided. Booking is finalised once payment has been received.

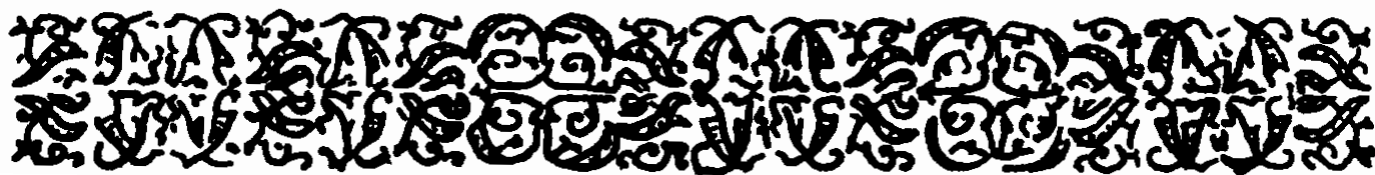
Bookings close on the 15th of October.

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.

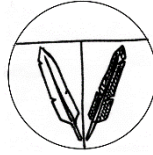
Further information, costs and online booking information can be found on the event website.



Tayles from Events of Recent Past

No Tayles from Events of Recent Past were submitted for this issue. 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



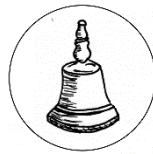
From the Chronicler

Thank you to those who have provided information for this, the October 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 November edition, please email your content to the Chronicler, no later than the 23rd of October 2015.

THB Ceara Shionnach

Politarchopolis Chronicler



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 Jarl Þjáll inn Drkneyski:

What is your SCA name and title?

Þjáll inn Drkneyski. I have a Duchy and Knighthood, but I use the Norse title of Jarl. I sometimes add Dux to the end of my name which is the origin of the title Duke and is a Roman title for a leader who held no rank in the Roman legions.... Julius Caesar used the term to refer to Celtic Generals.

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

Sable, 3 serpents involved in annulo Or, within a bordure Or.

Essentially 3 gold ouroboros on a black field.

The ouroboros is an ancient symbol found in almost all cultures in some way or another. The universality and mysticism associated with it has fascinated me for a long time. I have one tattooed on my arm.

How long have you been playing?

In total 8 years. I played for a year or so in Agaricus and Howany in 2001/2, then started playing again in Polit in 2008.

What inspires you in the SCA?

My consort of course.

Also seeing good people acknowledged and rewarded for their hard work and skill in the game.

What is your favourite thing to do in the SCA?

Fight! Armored combat. Tourney, melee and recently I have come to love war fighting and leading from the front.

What's the best dish you have tasted?

There has been many great dishes over the years, too many to choose from, but I like dishes that have mundane equivalents and suit mundane tastes such as roast meats with gravy.

What is the largest or scariest project you have undertaken?

My current project as Earl Marshal, trying to re-write the fighters handbook.

What would you like to see more of in the SCA?

People embracing the creative anachronism aspects.... It's a game, stop judging each other and have fun doing what YOU want to do.

Share with us a funny or favourite SCA story...

My favourite SCA story has to be when Liadan and I surprise Knighted Sir Bleddyn.

His Knight, Duke Siridean snuck into Lochac from Drachenwald just to be there for the moment.... He snuck onsite for the event, and when the moment was right in our Court he emerged from the back of the event site and asked that we Knight Bleddyn...

What advice do you have for newcomers?

Take advice from those you like and want to be like, but see people for who they are to you and how they treat others, don't take someone else's word about a person, talk to that person and form your own opinions.

Always remember, the SCA is a game, it is not life, don't let SCA interfere with your family and your mundane aspirations and goals... If you are stressed or upset by the game, then it's time to take stock and remember it's just a game.

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

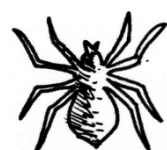
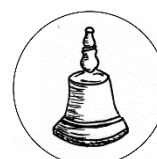
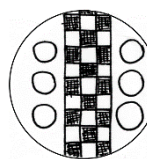
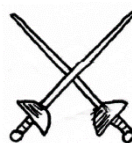
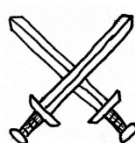
The Seneschal of the Canton of Torlyon is the group president for the Yass, NSW chapter of the Barony.

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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