



# 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.

Since last month Joan has remained at home, overseeing our lands and pursuing greater skill with the bow. Crispin led a doughty band of warriors north to Hadburne, to make peace upon them, which was done with vigour, feasting and much fine shooting.

Some of our populace made pilgrimage to the distant Pennsic Wars this month, returning safely with many high tales to share. At home, we were most pleased to devote two days in August to the Arts and Sciences, the classes being divided by a fine feast of Viking fare.

At that event we did induct Lady Anushka Medvedchka into the Order of the Burly Griffin for her prowess in the Arts. We also awarded Lady Caitlin Dai with a Burly Griffin for her Service to the Barony, and made of Lord Havelok Outlawe our newest Huntsman. We were pleased to note some newcomers among the familiar faces, and several also of visitors from among our neighbours. We bid all these heartily welcome to Politarchopolis. For those who are still strangers, we look forward to getting to know you.

Soon it will be the Feast of St Vitus, when there will be dancing, music and singing aplenty. This is always a weekend of delightful diversions, and it behooves every gentleman and noble lady to know at least a little of these arts.

As Spring decks her head with blossom, it comes time to make a reckoning of what wealth we have. We bid all our folk - look to your storehouses, tally your beasts and count over your coinage, for the Crown would have its' taxes of us right soon. On the Fields of Gold this November, we must entertain the King, the Queen and all Their retinue in high style. To that end, we ask that your stewards, reeves and bailiffs collect up all that is owing, and deliver it into our hand that we may make good our debt to the Crown.

Training of all our warriors continues strong. We feel well protected in every field of combat. Mistress Monique has been shepherding a herd of chemise-makers into the fold with her sewing classes. Some are perfecting their skills, while for others this has been a new and exciting venture. The classes have been well attended and much appreciated.

We bid farewell to Lady Cyfura Cydisardottir and her family, who have joined Politarchopolis with such enthusiasm, but are called now to far-off Drachenwald. We wish them well, and wish it known that they travel under our seal. Let no one hinder their rightful comings and goings, for they are beloved of us and will be missed in our court.

Writ this day by Baron and Baroness Politarchopolis, in service to the Kingdom, the Barony and to our People.



## *Baronial Awards*

Order of the Burly Griffin

Lady Anushka Medvedchka (A&S)

Lady Caitlin Dai (Service)

Huntsman

Lord Havelok Outlawe

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

**Saint Vitas Dance and Music Weekend / 12-13 September 2015 / Tuggeranong Sea Scout Hall / Mortimer Lewis Drive / Greenway / ACT**

Two days of dance and dance related classes, as well as music classes, plus food and more music and dancing! A Feast and Ball on the Saturday night! Lunch will be served both days, of course. Classes start 10am both days, Feast and Ball 6pm Saturday.

### *Prices*

- \$50 Full Event (Children \$20)
- \$30 Feast and Ball (Children \$15)
- \$20 Classes Only (Includes Lunch/es)
- Non-member surcharge \$5
- Unbooked surcharge \$5

**STEWARD:** Joanna of the Beechwoods [Joanna Keenan] (02) 6296 2193 or 0409 578 680

joannaandmurray@homemail.com.au

Please feel free to ask the Steward about running a class!

Bookings to the Steward (direct deposit to Polit's bank account greatly preferred - details supplied upon booking).

### MUSIC CLASSES CONFIRMED SO FAR

Crispin Sexi (Jayson Ollerenshaw)/ Rounds/ Musical Instrument Show and Tell/ The Pace of Music/ Choral part singing of a selection of songs.

Isobel le Breton (Kate Price)/ Playing together and staying together - staying in time and in tune, sharing music & working out where you are when you lose track of repeats.

Leon Arundell/ Three Hole Pipe.

Paul of Abbotsford (Paul Harrison)/ Recorder technique and improvisation according to "Fontegara" by Silvestro Ganassi (Venice, 1535)/ Running through some dance music by Praetorius (These are tunes for double bransle, single bransle, gay bransle, coranto, etc, so maybe we can get dancers to dance to some of them on the night.)

### DANCE CLASSES CONFIRMED SO FAR

Alliette Delecourt (Irina Lubomirska)/ Something 15th C Italian.

Brian le faucheur (Brian Pinch)/ La Castellana, a cascarda (Caroso 1581)/ One or two of the following - The Picking of Sticks, Millsons Jig, Newcastle or Wherligig (Playford 1st Edition)

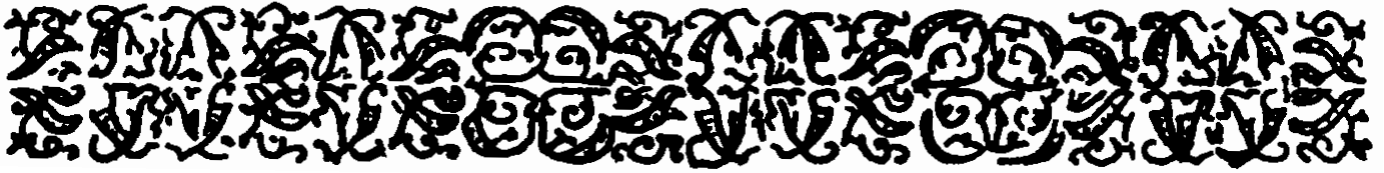
Estelle Canning/ Something yet to be determined from Arbeau

Gilligan O Tomelty (Stephen Drane)/ Introduction to 16th C Italian Dance with Ballo del Fiore for 2, Ill Conto del Orco and Villanella (Caroso 1581)

Helouys le Poer (Louise Armstrong)/ The Maltese Branle (Arbeau)

Joanna of the Beechwoods (Joanna Keenan)/ Gentilezza d'Amore, a less regular cascarda (Caroso 1581)

John Gardiner-Garden/ Links between the c.1500 English Gresley ms dances and contemporary Italian dances



**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](mailto: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**

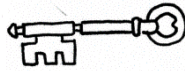
#### *Good Food Feast*

For those interested, a detailed account of the Good Food Feast 2015 was [published on Memories of Lochac](#) in late July 2015.

#### *Pennsic War 44*

In July-August 2015, 78 Lochacians undertook a pilgrimage to Pennsic War 44, hosted in the Kingdom of Aethelmearc near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. Included in this pilgrimage were fourteen from Politarchopolis. [A detailed account of this event is now available on Memories of Lochac.](#)

## Missives from the Officers



*From the Seneschal*

Unto the awesome inhabitants of the lands of Politarchopolis does Anne, your seneschal, send greetings!

The Barony continues to be busy and it is great to see so many different activities going on. Our Barony is highly diverse and it takes many different people to make things happen.

If you have ever thought about running an event, helping out with an office or if you just have a great idea - why not get involved? Our Baronial officers are lovely and are ready to help.

We are looking for a number of roles at present - marshal, chandler, deputy seneschal and the calendar could still use more events so have a think and get in touch!

From little ideas, big things grow.

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Anne



*From the Arts and Sciences Minister*

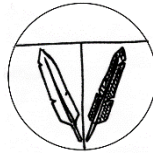
Greetings, All!

Just a quick note from your new A&S Officer. Shortly I will begin to call for comments on what the Barony would like to do regarding a mid-week A&S gathering so please have your thinking caps on the ready. The discussion will be do we want one or not, if we do, how often when and where.

Otherwise, things seem to be tracking along nicely. There was interest expressed at a class on cuttlefish pewter casting which I will look to organise when the beginners sewing classes finish. And I also have some plans for running some cheese making workshops (shock horror) on the lead up to Fields of Gold (have you booked yet? It is going to be awesome!).

If you have any questions or want to run a class or have one run on a subject please contact me or my deputy, Mistress Tigre!

YiS THLady Alexandra Hartshorne



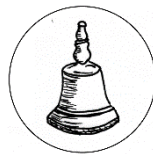
### *From the Chronicler*

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

THB Ceara Shionnach

Politarchopolis Chronicler



### People of Politarchopolis

The Town Crier, Baroness Civeira 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 submissions this month, however, past interviews can be found on the Politarchopolis website under the category Towncrier.

### 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 Neggerstein

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 / Tosti Vikarovitch Bogolyubski

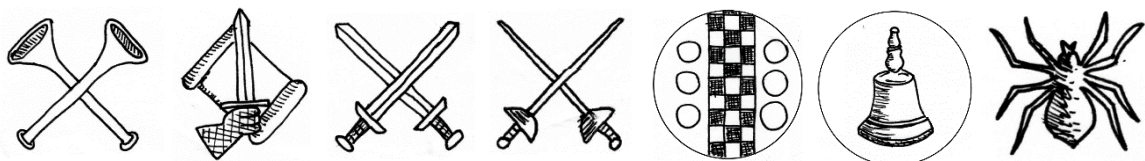
The Seneschal of the Canton of Torlyon is the group president for the Yass, NSW chapter of the Barony.

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.



**Ende.**