



Griffintayle

BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS JUNE AS LVII (57) 2022

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- **Third Monday of the Month**
8pm
Baronial Meeting
via Zoom
- **Tuesday Night**
6pm—8pm
Intermediate
Heavy Combat
Ainslie Hall
Scout Hall, 1
Hassall St, Ainslie
ACT 2602
- **Third Saturday of the Month**
2pm-5pm
Scribes
- **Sunday**
10am—12noon
Archery
Tuggeranong
Archery Club
299 Soward Way,
Greenway ACT
2900
- **Sunday**
12.30pm—2pm
Dancing
1.30pm
Rapier Training
2pm –5pm
A&S Activities
3pm
Heavy Combat
Ainslie Hall
- **Third Sunday of the Month**
2.30pm-4.30pm
Griffin's Nest
Ainslie Hall

From the Baroness

There is always a buzz after a good Rowany Festival and this year I feel that this has been even louder as we all took a sign of relief that events are starting to return to normal! This is only possible because of those people who in addition to running events take the time week after week to make sure that we can enjoy our weekly activities and build our skills, knowledge and community accordingly. A huge thank you to all those officers and members of the populace who continue to support our hobby in this way!

It seemed like anytime I talked to anyone at Rowany Festival a member of the greater or central Barony making a contribution came up! Whether it was the overall stalwart efforts of Master Crispin and his Festival team, the amazing efforts of the teachers supporting the workshop or simply 'it's my first Festival and Lord/Lady/Noble X has just helped me to do...' – everywhere I turned was someone from Politarchopolis, Okewaite or Torlyon making a difference! With such an amazing sense of community, it is no surprise to me that we continue to see our member recognised and I would echo the congratulations to all who have received acknowledgement of their efforts!

Striking while the fire was hot, the stewarding team from Polit Uni managed to pull together a wonderful event in what felt like a very short amount of time but based on the feedback we continue to receive, an amazing one! Congratulations to all those involved in the event whether organising, teaching or learning! I'm hearing that ideas are already being generated for a bigger and better University next year!

I'm also loving hearing about plans for upcoming events! If you have an idea for an event, please come and chat and we can work out who you need to connect with to make it happen! I know that our Reeve and Seneschal are working on creating some guidance to make the event admin process clearer and easier!

A final reminder – the Barony is here for all of us. If you're ever feeling unsure or a bit a lost at an activity, please say hello or come and find me for a chat or some quiet company – there is always a safe space for a member of Politarchopolis with me.

Take care and be well!

Anne

Order of the Iron Chain

There has been quite a bit of curiosity about the Iron Chain that was bestowed upon Jarl Niáll at Coronation... Please see the text below for the words that were shared at the time of presentation and the link in the comments regarding the history and intent of the award:

"Good populace, We beg your indulgence, for We have a tale that We would share with you all... a letter of Our Gratitude, an Unusual Quandry and an Extraordinary Request.

DEAR...? During this reign, We have found in Our midst, a singularly unusual Gentle who is a citizen of Our Fine Kingdom of Lochac. This Gentle is one We would see showered with accolades for His exceptional personal virtues of courtesy, grace and chivalry; His uncommon valour, exceptional bravery and Laudable sense of Honour - attributes which he exhibits in Our Society, as well as in His Mundane Life.

Sadly, We found Ourselves faced with an Unusual Quandry as there is no fitting Award that exists in Our Kingdom that would appropriately mark the deeds of this Extraordinary Gentle. The singularly honourable person of whom We speak is Niáll inn Orkneyski, Duke of the Kingdom of Lochac and mundanely a high-ranking Commander with the Australian Border Forces.

*Let Jarl Niáll be bought before Us *

Within the Society, the valiant and selfless deeds of this Honourable man are but little known - with the exception of one occasion where he saved a woman from choking at a local feast. For those who never heard of this deed, Niáll noticed a commotion across a candlelit feasting hall and saw a Gentle in obvious distress. He strode across the room, took charge of the situation, lifted the afflicted gentle to her feet and performed a Heimlich manoeuvre to clear her airway, thus saving her life. We dread to think how an incident of this nature may have played out had He not been present and in possession of a particular level-headedness in a crisis. We relate this story as but one example to convey how Niáll is, and continues to be, an Asset to Our Society. However heroic this rescue may have been, it is actually His mundane deeds that We wish to draw Your attention towards...

Niáll has worked in law enforcement of diverse types over the years, where he has variously been responsible for coordinating border management across numerous multicultural stakeholders throughout the Australia/Pacific arena. Additionally, he has extensive experience in investigations, counter-proliferation and immigration. Indeed he has applied all these skills to Our Society's benefit as well, having acted for two years as Deputy Kingdom Seneschal, in charge of investigations.

In September 2021 (which now seems ever so long ago!) Niáll was called upon to be Forward Commander in a very particular response operation responsible for the evacuation of the Australian Cohort from Afghanistan, which included a large number of Australian civilians and refugees. As part of His execution of these duties, He unexpectedly found himself responsible for the extraction of a number of unaccompanied minors. His role in the rescuing of these children from an uncertain fate under a pernicious foreign power, is such that We cannot provide much detail - the exact nature of the work executed by Niáll is not widely known and We are not able to paint a clearer picture for the Wider Populace due to the nature of His work. The only reason We are privy to the personal cost that Niáll faced to secure these children - is because We recently have had the unusual Honour of assisting Him in updating His curriculum vitae.

Niáll's conduct during the Operation went far and above His remit in his role as Forward Commander. We are fortunate He and his team were returned safely to Us, and We are all surely grateful that through his service there are families and children living safely in Australia today because He is the sort of person who does not think twice about putting himself between Innocent Children and Dangerous Men. Niáll does not readily speak of this trial (nor should anyone press him to), but having known him for many years, We can say that for some time, this experience noticeably changed him.

Which brings Us to Our Unusual Request. We would from the depths of Our ever so humble heart, recommend unto Your Most Gracious Majesties King Sven and Queen Rauokinn of An-Tir, this extraordinary Gentle for Your Consideration. Though He be distant from Your Lands, We believe that this remarkable Soul is deserving of admission to An Tir's famed Order of the Iron Chain, for He is the very epitome of everything this Order stands for. We know it is not common to bestow awards to Gentles across Kingdoms in this manner, particularly during these Plague Years when Wayfaring is difficult to impossible, but it would be the singular

greatest Honour of Our Reign if We were able to see this award home to such a worthy recipient should You find Our petition agreeable.
Yours in Service to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac,
Queen Sabine"

For any who may be unaware, the Order of the Iron Chain is a polling order established in An Tir in AS 12 (mundanely 1978) it has been bestowed but 17 times in the 44 years since its inception, to recognise rare acts of selfless bravery in a mundane and/or Society setting.

"Niáll, it is therefore Our very great honour and privilege to announce that on the 23rd day of April, Anno Societatis 56, at Honor War held at the College of Lyons Marche, Their Most Gracious and Undoubted Majesties King Sven and Queen Rauokinn of An Tir, did admit Niall inn Orkneyski, Duke of Lochac, resident of Politarchopolis and Noble member of the Ravning, to An Tir's prestigious Order of the Iron Chain."

Assembled populace, Pray join Us in offering three of your heartiest cheers for the newest member and only the 18th Gentle in the last 44 years, to be admitted to the famed Order of the Iron Chain of An Tir!
For Niáll inn Orkneyski, Hip hip x 3

Niáll inn Orkneyski was admitted to the Order of the Iron Chain
By King Sverinn & Queen Rauokinn of Antir at Honor War,
Held in the College of Lyons Marche, (Clarkston, WA, USA)
23rd of April AS56.

Words and image courtesy of Duchess Sabine du Bourbonnais



Autumn Coronation Awards

May AS LVII, Their Majesties, King Leofric I and Queen Sabine II did bestow these Cyphers to members of Politarchopolis

Queen's Cypher

Kjúklingabjörn Niallsdottir

Royal Cyphers

Gwen verch David

Their Majesties, King Alain I and Queen Safiya I did bestow these awards to members of Politarchopolis

Champion of Lochac

Aoinghus mac Griogair mhic Raghnaill

Lady of Lochac

Ginerva Lucia di Namoraza

Red Wyvern

Ailette Le Lievre

Congratulations to the members of the Barony who received Awards and Cyphers

Politarchopolis University—Back to Basics 2022

It was my pleasure to recognise some members of our populace who were greatly deserving of reward!

The newest members of the Order of the Burley Griffin are:

Eilifr Lukasson (Arts)

Clifford Ascheburner (Service)

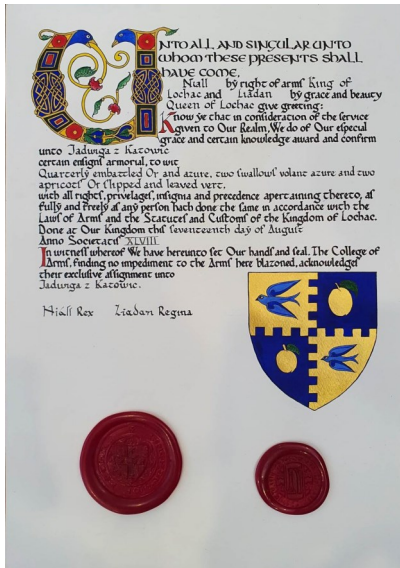
Rhianna verch y Koedwr (Martial)

Isabella di Millefiora (Arts/Service)

It was also my joy to present Gwen verch David with a cypher from TRM Leofric and Sabine.

Baronial Scrolls

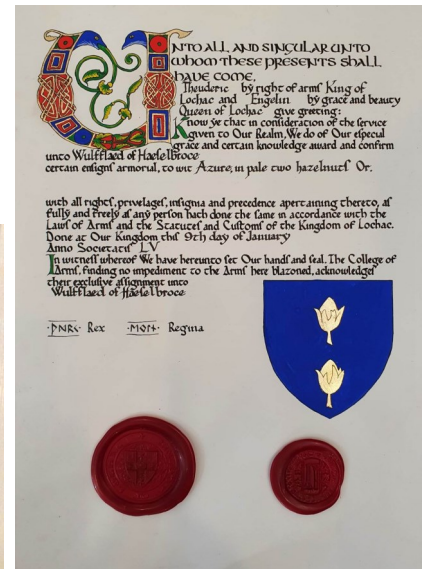
These Scrolls were given out during the
Politarchopolis University -
Back to Basics 2022



Calligraphy: Mistress Rowan
Illumination : Hraefna



One very happy recipient of his
Award of Arms Scroll



Calligraphy & Illumination :
Lady Catherine



Calligraphy: Mistress Rowan
Illumination : Lady Magdalena



Calligraphy: Mistress Rowan
Illumination : Lady Magdalena



The Griffin's Nest is a place for the young and young at heart to go to learn new skills and make things to enjoy the SCA. Each month there will be different activities planned for our younger members.

If you would like to help keep the Nest full and fun then please contact the Baronial Youth Officer for more details on how to.

Please join us on FaceBook for more information and copies of the activity sheets. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thegriffinsnest>

Baronial Awards and Scrolls

The receiving of awards and scrolls is a wonderful occasion. To help celebrate this we would like to include details of these awards and photos of those who have received them.

With more in-person events happening around the Kingdom and within the Barony these should be celebrated.

Please let us know who within the Barony has received any awards at events either locally or outside of our boundaries and we will let all know of their achievements.



Image from the College of Scribes Website

The Scribal Arts are one of the many crafts that are practiced within the Kingdom and Society.

The time and dedication that is put into each and every scroll is often a wonder to behold. Help us to celebrate the works of these artists and those who

receive these magnificent scrolls.

Send us pictures of scrolls that you have received and we will proudly display them for all to see.

Please send these to chronicler@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org, include your name, what the scroll was for and when received. Also please include who the illuminator and calligrapher were. This way we can ensure all those whose work has gone into your scroll are recognized for their labours.

Baronial Hall Fees

The Ainslie Hall is an important part of life in Politarchopolis. Our weekly activities are where we can teach, practice, learn and show off our skills to all those within the Kingdom. It is a place for all to come together and enjoy the game we play. It is also where the Barony stores much of the equipment and Garb that we use to make our events something to remember.

To be able to continue using this space we have to ensure that we can afford to make the best of our time there. To do this the Barony put together a fee structure that allows all members and non-members access to the hall.

This year there is a small change to the payment of the Hall fees to line it up with the payments that we make to the Les Explorateurs Scouts who manage the Hall. This means that Hall fees are now from;

- January—March
- April—June
- July—September
- October—December

Adult Members and Non-Members can pay fees in the following ways;

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| • Weekly | \$ 5.00 |
| • Monthly | \$ 13.50 |
| • Quarterly | \$ 40.00 |
| • Annually | \$160.00 |

Please remember that Non-Members must also pay an insurance cost of \$5 (Minors) and \$10 (Adults) per session.

For more information please contact the Reeve at reeve@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org



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FaceBook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Politarchopolis/>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/scapolit>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/scapolit/>

Meetup

[https://www.meetup.com/Canberra-Medieval-](https://www.meetup.com/Canberra-Medieval-Renaissance-Activities-with-the-SCA/)

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The Barony of Politarchopolis

is a community group in Canberra and the surrounding region devoted to learning medieval skills and enjoying medieval pastimes. We don't just read about history, we live it!

Fighting, feasting, costuming, crafting, music, dance... if it was done in pre-17th century Europe, we know someone interested in recreating it.

And not just in the ACT! We're part of a global organisation called the [Society for Creative Anachronism](#) (the SCA), and we're one of 42 local groups in the Australia/New Zealand chapter: the [Kingdom of Lochac](#).



Events around the Kingdom

Lochac 20th Anniversary

Token Tourney and Feast Hosted by the Barony of Mordenvale On the sixth day of July, anno societatis 36, Lochac became the 17th Kingdom of the Known World. Come celebrate with us to honour Lochac.

Where: Tocal Agricultural College, 815 Tocal Rd, Paterson NSW 2421

When: Saturday 9th-10th July 2022 (July school holidays)

Steward: Aia

Email: lochac20thcake-day@gmail.com

EVENT CAPPED AT 150
ATTENDEES

Spring Crown Tournament AS 57

The time has come for all noble combatants who would contest for the throne to prepare!

All those who would bear witness to the spectacle of honourable combat that will determine the Heirs to the Crown of Lochac shall make arrangements to visit the beautiful Barony of Innilgard for this Spring Crown Tournament!

There are few moments more heart-stopping than the final blow, striking true, that culminates in the transformative moment when a virtuous fighter may crown their worthy consort as Crown Prince or Princess!

Saturday September 24th – Sunday
September 25th 2022

Hosted by the Barony of Innilgard
SATURDAY CAPPED AT 150
ATTENDEES

<https://forms.gle/gPHf2ufknR3xiD288>

Spring Coronation 2022

Come join the Canton of Cluain for Lochac Spring coronation 2022 Join the festivities in the tranquil Braythwayte Manor beside the shores of lake Rotorua

Camping amongst trees we will be celebrating the coronation of the heirs of Lochac

The only onsite accommodation is camping, there are numerous alternative types of accommodation in the surrounding area

Where: 579B Hamurana Road, Hamurana, Rotorua

When: 28 – 30 Oct 2022

Steward: Edward Braythwayte

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