



Griffintayle

BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS AUGUST AS LVIII (58)

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 Has-
sall St, Ainslie ACT
2602
- **Third Saturday of the Month**
2pm-5pm
Scribes
- **Sunday**
10am—12noon
Archery
Tuggeranong Ar-
chery 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

Good Gentles of the Barony,

July was a month of adjusting to unfortunate events. Personal illness meant not attending Cold War and relying on reports. By all accounts Politarchopolis gave a great showing, with our appointed general Sir Aonghus guiding the forces, our champion Mistress Alesia giving a rousing report, and four new armoured combatants authorised. Well done.

For those who are interested in repeating their performances, or making up for lost time, next week is Radburne War, which we will be attending. The Baroness is particularly fond of this event having attended whenever possible for 15 years or so. The group is very welcoming. Let us know if you need anything, and how many tabards to bring!

Emergencies happen, and our officers respond. To know how to respond, we hope that each officer knows how to contact their up-line officer, how to contact our s eneschal, and how to contact us as a backup. Unfortunately, the person swept up in a crisis is our Seneschal Hrolleifr! Please don't hesitate to learn on us when you need guidance. Looking after you is what we do. We can be contacted at Politarchopolis@lochac.sca.org

We have new officers this month. Welcome to Deputy Seneschal Conciata who jumped into the deep end taking the minutes at the baronial meeting; Gio as Constable while still Chronicler; Yrsa of Okewaite as incoming Seneschal and outgoing Arts and Sciences officer for Okewaite, and Nicola of Okewaite as incoming Arts and Sciences officer. Thanks to Lianor for her years of wonderful service as Okewaite Seneschal and being instrumental in find the Canton a new place to call home for their events. We're excited watching the progress taking place!

This is an appropriate time to remember what our officers do. They open halls, process payments, move gear, read legislation, write reports, etc as their direct tasks. However, they also do the soft skill work like give advice, train replacements, remind people of the importance of their office, and fill in for each other when times are tough. These people are amazing and deeply appreciated by us all for their, often, hidden service.

Your Servants,
Baron Ysambart and Baroness Tigre

Politarchopolis Baronial Meetings 2023

During the December Baronial Meeting there was a discussion about whether to continue with Zoom Meetings or go back to Face to Face meetings at the Hall on a Sunday Afternoon

The meeting decided that a combination of the two would be trialled .

The meetings both in person and Zoom are open to all. You don't have to be an officer or member to participate and see how the Barony is run.

January 16th via Zoom at 8pm	February 12th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm	March 20th via Zoom at 8pm	April 24th via Zoom at 8pm Due to Festival
May 21st at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm	June 19th via Zoom at 8pm	July 17th via Zoom at 8pm	August 20th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm
September 18th via Zoom at 8pm	October 16th via Zoom at 8pm	November 20th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm	December 11th via Zoom at 8pm



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>



'Spring is coming' Armoured Baronial Champion

"Come one and all to witness the prowess on the field as the brave fighters of the Barony compete for the honour to serve the noble Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis as their armoured combat champion. After the trial of combat has passed we will turn to repast with a gentle pot-luck picnic on the lawns of the peninsula accompanied by some light entertainments."

Sunday 27 August 2023 9:00am to 2pm
Black Mountain Peninsula



Spring Hunt

October 21st

159 Millynn Road Bungendore NSW 2621

The Barony of Politarchopolis invites you to a day of archery and combat activities at the Spring Hunt!

Fully catered! Bring gear for target archery, blunt archery, rapier, heavy and light war combat. 9am site opens, 10am activities kick off, 12:30pm lunch, 5pm baronial court, 6pm feast, 10pm close.

Cost:

Adult member \$30

Child members free.

Non-member adult add \$10.

Child non-member \$5.

Booking details are available on the Polit website: <https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/>

Fields of Gold XI

Politarchopolis, 24-26 November

Join the Barony of Politarchopolis for a weekend of fighting, feasting, learning and more! Fields of Gold is back for the 11th year and we can't wait for you to join us!

Bookings will open later in the year.

LOCATION

Camp Cottermouth, 1435 Cotter Rd, Stromlo ACT 2611

PRICE

Prices will be consistent with 2022 (website update in progress)

CONTACT

Steward: [Semeon Dragon](#)

Steward contact: polit.fieldsofgold@gmail.com

Bookings: bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

Bookings Close: 13 November



Have you ever wondered what the officers do?

Have you ever wanted to take on an office, but not sure how to go about it?

There are many ways that one can contribute to the running of a group, be it Kingdom, Barony, Shire, Canton or College.

Feel free to contact the office you are interested in to find out more about what is involved. You may feel that you are not ready or confident enough to take on an officer role, but you could consider becoming a Deputy (it is not always that a Deputy is expected to step up to the Officer role at the end of the incumbent's tenure) and learning more. Deputies also make the officer's role easier, as they can delegate tasks. You will see that many of the Kingdom Offices have Deputies that perform certain roles within the office, allowing others to concentrate on their roles and responsibilities.

Remember we are all here to have fun and make this game enjoyable.

Please reach out to your local Officers or Seneschal for more information.

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;

- 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



Seneschal

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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-Renaissance-Activities-with-the-SCA/>

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](#).



Kingdom Events

Spring Crown Tournament AS 58

The event details are:
Event: Lochac Spring Crown
2023

Hosted by the Shire of
Adora

Dates: Friday 1st September
2023 to Sunday 3rd September
2023

Where: Robertson Showground,
2315 Kangaloon Road,
Robertson, NSW 2577

Further event and pricing
information [https://
adora.lochac.sca.org/crown/](https://adora.lochac.sca.org/crown/)

Spring Coronation AS 58

The event details are:
Event: Lochac Spring Coronation
2023

Hosted by the Barony of Rowany

Further event and pricing information
will be provided by the Barony of
Rowany shortly.