



Griffintayse

BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS

MAY AS LIX (59) 2024

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Third Sunday of the Month
2.30pm
Baronial Meeting
Ainslie Hall/Zoom
- Third Monday of the Third Month
7 pm
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

HAPPY NEW SCA YEAR AS LIX



Welcome to Anno Societatis LIX (59)

The year begins with the Coronation of their Royal Highnesses Baron Bain of Stornaway and Baroness Iglesia Delemere Crown Prince and Princess of Lochac.

Their Majesties Aonghus I and Genevra I King and Queen of Lochac will step down and have a well deserved rest after reigning over the Kingdom for the past six months. We congratulate them for leading and guiding us with such grace, honour and chivalry.

For the Barony and Cantons now is a great time to plan and run events and activities. Following on from the success of the Politarchopolis Royal Archery Tournament held at the Canton of Okewaitees Berrima Site we all look forward to more events and activities out there.

The Canton of Torylon has been chosen to hold the Spring Crown Tournament on the 7th and 8th of September. I am sure that the populace will be eager to support the Canton with this event and welcome the rest of the Kingdom to what will be a wondrous event.

There will be those within the Barony who will be busy planning and co-ordinating Fields of Gold XII from the 29th November to the 1st of December. But there are plenty of other opportunities to hold other events and activities throughout the year so please have a think and contact the Seneschal with your ideas.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm - 2pm Rapier 1.30pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
May Coronation 2024 – Southron Gaard						
6	7 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	8	9	10	11	12 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm - 2pm Rapier 1.30pm A&S Activities 2pm Polit Invitational Tournament
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20	21 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	22	23	24	25	26 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm - 2pm Rapier 1.30pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Market Day SCA Aus AGM
27 Public Holiday Reconciliation Day Canberra	28 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	29	30	31 Applications close for the Office of Baronial Chronicler		

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Politarchopolans,

Like many, we recently attended Rowany Festival. Our time was split to balance war, the arts, court and caring for the baronial hound. We were both excited to witness the recognition given to so many of the barony's populace. From elevation to peerage, to winning the lion's share of the archery competitions, volunteering in an extraordinary number of roles, teaching and leading in all areas, the Barony of Politarchopolis made us proud.

His Excellency attended many courts held by their Royal Majesties; led the Politarchopolis forces in the fencing and armoured wars; enjoyed the frivolity of joining 'The Bird Herd' team in the Heraldic Melee (griffins are big birds right?), and watched excitedly as Sir Kitan won the Firelight Tournament on behalf of Politarchopolis. Some moments he even got to eat and sleep. While he ate fine food prepared by Master Crispin and crew, he listened to tales of victory and enjoyment at the archery butts.

When fed by Red Gryphon he enjoyed using his studies of Lichtenauer with the novelty of brightly shining swords! Another highlight was being granted permission by the on-site blacksmith to hold, hammer and shape red hot iron in the creation of tongs for the period encampment Stella Dorata. Her Excellency, arriving later, did attend many meetings and classes and shared a great bounty of sweet treats with all at the Baronial Dessert night. Our canton of Okewaite did invite Tigre one evening to a sumptuous selection of fine middle eastern food and wonderful company, gifting her a beautiful hand painted fan made by their Seneschal, Lady Yrsa of Okewaite.

Now to the future! All and sundry are invited to our May Politarchopolis Invitational Tournament, the first in a series. Located in the central Barony, we hope you will partake in fencing, cut and thrust and/or armoured combat, or simply come along to bear witness, support your friends and enjoy the spectacle. You are reminded of ways to check on events: The Lochac Calendar <https://lochac.sca.org/calendar/> ; Baronial webpage <https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/events-calendar/> ; or scouring the Barony of Politarchopolis Facebook group.

By the time you read this our Seneschal will have indicated his wish to seek a successor. This is our most important office and requires dedication and a significant allotment of time to ensure the Barony runs smoothly. If you possess solid administrative skill and time to dedicate to this key role, please consider applying.

We are also searching for a steward to take advantage of free usage of St John's Hall at Reid, ACT. People worked hard to secure this with an excellent demonstration. Suggested events might be a one day Politarchopolis University, or St Vitus Performance Arts event. A feast steward has potentially been identified. Please write to the seneschal and ourselves to make yourselves known and ask questions. Plenty of guidance is available both from members of the Barony and the new guidelines on our website.

Ainslie Hall Quarterly fees are now due again. For costs and concession information, please refer to: <https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/hall-fees/>

Yours in Service,
Baron Ysambart and Baroness Tigre



Politarchopolis Awards

Bestowed by Aonghus I and Ginevra I,

Rowany Festival, Rowany

Azure Tear*

Lucy of Okewaite

Catkin

Owain Cantor ap Hughe

Hand and Needle*

Muirghein ni Ghrainne

Rowan Perigryne

Ceara Shionnach

Lochac Order of Grace

Gwen verch David

Mouse Guard

Astrid Hallasdottir

Kjuklingabjorn Nialsdottir
Alexander the Black

Felix Hunnerlippen

Pelican

Ragnhildr Freysteindottir

Jon huslangr

Star and Lily

Asny in Freknotta

Royal Cypher

Gwen verch David

Aliette le Lievre

Lianor dos Cavalos

Engelin Teufel

Jotun Þjóðrekr

Dmitri of Bearshmiede

Janos Soldonar

Jon huslangr

Ulric of Ambledune

Crispin Sexi

Joan Sutton

Ceara Shionnach

Vidarr halftroll

Mathilde Adycote of Mynheniot

Bazzel

Stephen Aldred

Isabella Semeonova

Liadan ingen Fheradaig

Alis de la Bro

Sofia di Namoraza

Hunter Aonghusson

Niall inn Orkneyski

ThorolfR olfuss Brandsson

Yrsa in Harfagra

- Order of the Azure Tear: A non-armigerous award given to youth (aged 10-18) who have shown skill and dedication in service.
- Order of the Hand and Needle: An armigerous award for those who have generously and selflessly donated their skill in the needle arts for the benefit of the Crown and Kingdom (for example in the creation of livery or largesse.)

Polit Invitational Tournaments

<https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/events-calendar/>

Politar chopolis, 12 May

Tournament

All welcome! Be it known that all are invited to this tournament series. There will be held on each of these days three tournaments. Those authorised combatants who profess skill at arms may participate as they will in Fencing, Cut and Thrust, and Armoured combat.

Please arrive early to be inspected, and present yourselves to the list. Please ensure you have your authorisation cards.

The park is surrounded by ample parking, shops and close to public transport. The hall has restrooms, a kitchenette and a small playground.

The populace are encouraged to bring food, refreshments, and other comforts of pleasant repast in polite society.

This is a garbed event and loaner costumes available if needed. Please organise this beforehand with the steward.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the steward.

As usual, if feeling unwell on the day, please do not attend.

Tournament Series dates: May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, October 13, all in 2024.

Location

Where: Ainslie Scout Hall Park- Corner of Ebden & Hassall Streets, Ainslie, Canberra, ACT.

Timetable

Timetable: Sign in and Setup from 2.30 for the Fencing Tournament at 3pm, followed by C&T then armoured. Times depend on participants.

Price

Cost: Members \$5 hall fee for adults + \$10 insurance for non members

Non member under 18 \$5 for insurance. Card or EFT payments are required on the day.

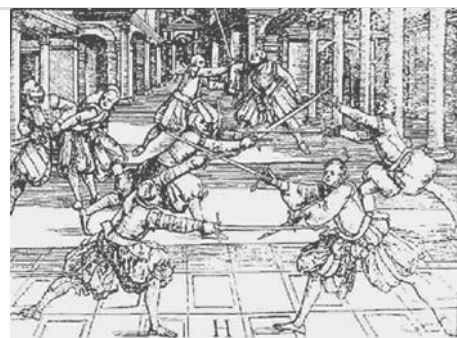
Free for current Hall fee subscribers.

Contact

Steward: [Baron Ysambart Courtain](#)

Bookings: Bookings are optional, to the steward. If you book, you will be emailed in case of cancellation due to weather, etc.

Bookings Close: 11 May



Fields of Gold

POLITARCHOPOLIS, 29 NOVEMBER - 1 DECEMBER

Come join in a wide range of combat and crafts, pomp and pageantry, feasting and frivolity at Politarchopolis's premier event.

LOCATION

Bungendore Showgrounds, 71 Matthews Lane Bungendore, NSW.

TIMETABLE

Friday the 29th day of November

12:00pm Site Opens, Cars allowed for setup

3:00pm Equestrian Practice

6:30pm Soup Kitchen

7:00pm Games

8:00pm Glowstick Archery

Saturday the 30th day of November

7:00am Breakfast

10:00am Opening Court

10:30am A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

12:30pm Lunch / Market

1:30pm A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

7:00pm Feast

9:00pm Tavern Bransles & Luting / Traditional Bird Impression Comp

Sunday the 1st day of December

7:30am Breakfast

9:30am Morning Court

10:00am A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

1:00pm Lunch

2:00pm Closing Court

3:00pm Event close

PRICE

Full Event = \$100.00

All Saturday = \$85.00

Saturday Night = \$60.00

Saturday Daytime = \$60.00

Sunday Daytime = \$45.00

Child = \$0

Adult Non-member + \$10.00 per adult

Child Non-member + \$5.00 per child

After cutoff + \$10 per person

Powered camping = \$30 per van or tent

Unpowered camping = \$20 per van or tent

CONTACT

Steward: [Crispin Sexi](#)

Bookings: Bookings form on the website <https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/>

Bookings Close: 24 November

Politarchopolis Chronicler



Greetings!

Start spreading the news! We need a new Chronicler for Politarchopolis.

Could that be a worthy position for your skills and interests?

This is a required office within the Barony.

Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older.
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet connection
- Familiarity with and access to design/editing software,
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks.

You may not think that you are the right person for this job, but if your friends forward you a copy of this notice, pay attention to them! And if you know someone who you think would be good in the job, do them (and all of us) a favour - ask them to apply.

Key elements of the job:

- collating and conveying important and relevant information to the people of Politarchopolis via the group's publication channels.
- liaising with the Kingdom Chronicler in relation to relevant Kingdom or Society-level information and updates

You'll find more detailed information about this role in the Officer Job Descriptions Document at <https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/resources#officer>

Please send your applications by 31 May 2024 to chronicler@lochac.sca.org, with a courtesy copy to chronicler@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org. Do please include your membership number, mundane and SCA names, and any relevant experience, along with any important plans or great ideas you would seek to enact if successful in winning the role.

If you would like to know more about the job, or to discuss how you see yourself taking it forward, I would love to hear from you!

Yours in Service,
Giovannino da Vidor

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@politar chopolis.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 Politar chopolis. 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.

*** Please Note Price Rise for 2024—the Reeve will send out information when payments can commence.**

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

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

- Weekly \$ 5.00
- Quarterly \$ 50.00
- Quarterly Concession \$ 30.00
- Annually \$200.00
- Annual Concession \$120.00

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@politar chopolis.lochac.sca.org

Politarchopolis Baronial Meetings 2024

At the January Baronoal Meeting it was discussed and decided that there will be more in-person meetings trialled during 2024.

Zoom will still be available for those not able to attend in-person

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 15th via Zoom at 7pm	February 18th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	March 17th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	April 29th via Zoom at 7pm Due to Festival
May 19th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	June 16th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	July 22nd via Zoom at 7pm	August 18th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available
September 15th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30 Zoom available	October 21st via Zoom at 7pm	November 17th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	December 15th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available





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.

Seneschal (President)

Deputy Seneschal

Chandler

Cordon Rouge Heralt

Arts and Sciences

Reeve (Treasurer)

Deputy Reeve—Bookings

Chronicler

Constable

Lists

Hospitaller

Armoured Combat Marshal

Rapier Marshall

Captain of Archers

Webwright

Hrolleifr skrauti

Conciata Felice Delacita Di Lvcha

Master Crispin Sexi

Eilífr Lukasson

Yrsa in Hárfagra

Master Cristoval

Mistress Ysabeau Chanteuse

Giovannino da Vidor

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Mistress Anne de Tournai

Aminah bint Yusuf al-Zarqa.

Clifford Asheburner

Gaspar Falch de Cantoria

Alot de la Bro

Vigmárr Vífill

Kingdom Events

MAY CORONATION 2024 – SOUTHTRON GAARD, CRESCENT ISLES

On behalf of the Barony of Southron Gaard, I am delighted to announce that we will be hosting May Coronation 2024. Please read on for some initial details.

DATES - Friday 3rd May—Sunday 5th May 2024

LOCATION—Cracraft Guiding Centre,
151 Cashmere Road, Cashmere, Christchurch,
New Zealand

STEWARD—

Adrienne Furet (ladyadriennefuret@gmail.com)

Southron Gaard Seneschal and May Coronation 2024
Event Steward

SPRING CROWN 2024 – CANTON OF TORYLON, YASS NSW

DATES - Saturday 7th Sept—Sunday 8th Sept
2024

SPRING CORONATION 2024 – CANTON OF BURNFIELD, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

DATES - Saturday 16th Nov—Sunday 17th Nov
2024





Seneschal

Hrolleifr skrauti

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Website

<https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org>

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](#).



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