Griffintayle

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 Okewaites 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 egar to support the Canton with this event and welcome the rest of the Kingdom to what will be a wonderous 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
13	14 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	15	16	17	18 Scribes 2pm	19 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm - 2pm Rapier 1.30pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm 2.30pm Baronial Meeting at Hall and via Zoom
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 Caledar 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 Perigrynne Ceara Shionnach

Lochac Order of Grace
Gwen verch David

Mouse Guard
Astrid Hallasdottir Kjuklingabjorn Nialsdottir Felix Hunnerlippen
Alexander the Black

Pelican
Ragnhildr Freysteinndottir 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/

Politarchopolis, 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.

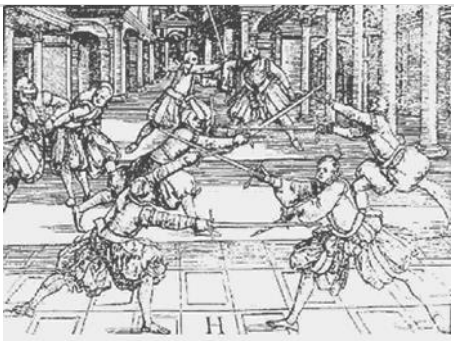
Price

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: [redacted]
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@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.

*** 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@politarchopolis.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)	Hrolleifr skrauti
Deputy Seneschal	Conciata Felice Delacita Di Lvcha
Chandler	Master Crispin Sexi
Cordon Rouge Heralt	Eilífr Lukasson
Arts and Sciences	Yrsa in Hárfagra
Reeve (Treasurer)	Master Cristoval
Deputy Reeve—Bookings	Mistress Ysabeau Chanteuse
Chronicler	Giovannino da Vidor
Constable	Giovannino da Vidor
Lists	Mistress Anne de Tournai
Hospitaller	Aminah bint Yusuf al-Zarqa.
Armoured Combat Marshal	Clifford Asheburner
Rapier Marshall	Gaspar Falch de Cantoria
Captain of Archers	Alot de la Bro
Webwright	Vígmárr Vífill

Kingdom Events

MAY CORONATION 2024 – SOUTHRON 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—Cracroft Guiding Centre, 151 Cashmere Road, Cashmere, Christchurch, New Zealand

STEWARD—

Adrienne Furet [redacted]

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





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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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