Griffintayle

BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS NOVEMBER AS LIX (59)

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Third Sunday of the Month
  2.30pm
  Baronial Meeting
  Ainslie Hall/Zoom
- Third Monday of the Third Month
  7.30 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
  2pm
  Rapier Training
  2pm –5pm
  A&S Activities
  3pm
  Heavy Combat
  Ainslie Hall

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Politarchopolis, Okewaite and Torlyon!

Are you looking forward to walking the plank and facing other challenges coming our way at this Saturday's **Ahoy! event**? We certainly are! The weather is looking fine and there'll be plenty of entertainment on site too!

If you haven't already booked for our premier event, get your bookings in as soon as possible for **Fields of Gold XII** at the end of November, and please, let us know of those gentles you feel should be recognised for their good work by emailing us directly at bandb@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

Going back in recent time, if you were at the Spring Crown Tourney in Torlyon, you may have noticed we presented our annual taxes and report to Their Majesties in court. For your amusement, please read our efforts at reporting elsewhere in Griffintayle.

Letting the public know who we are and what we do, two demo events took place recently with our immense thanks to His Royal Highness, Prince Kitan and Master Johan, who both worked hard to steward and create wonderful spaces at their respective demo events - **Queanbeyan Medieval Fair**, and **St John's Fair**. Everyone worked hard together to set up, show off and pack up so professionally, it was a sight to behold. Our collective efforts have paid off with new faces appearing at our weekly gatherings. Please make them welcome!

Lastly, we deeply appreciate all those who have assisted throughout the year with the **Baron's Politarchopolis Invitational Tournament series.** There was a great turnout for the final with our newest Champions for Armoured Combat (Count Aonghus) and Fencing (Lady Villequin) being announced on the day.

In Service to Our Barony and the Crown,

~ Baron Ysambart & Baroness Joie Tigre

Photo courtesy of Evelyn Sampson

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 Ahoy Politarchopolis 4pm	3 Archery 10am Glass Bead Making 1pm-3pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
4	5 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	6	7	8	9 Okewaite Berima Day 1pm	10 Archery 10am Glass Bead Making 1pm-3pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Rabbit Holes—Vigmarr - Arrow Shafts
11	12 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	13	14	15	16 Spring Coronation—Burnfield	17 Archery 10am Glass Bead Making 1pm-3pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Guild Guests—Mistress Ceara—WCoB Baronial Council Meeting and via Zoom 2.30pm
18	19 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	20	21	22	23	24 Archery 10am Glass Bead Making 1pm-3pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Okewaite Berrima Day
25	26 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	27	28	29 Fields of Gold—Politarchopolis	30	

Politarchopolis
Baronial Report

September AS LIX 2024

Lochac's largest barony
Ninety gatherings annually
Board members supplied
Kingdom officers regularly

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Crown contenders constantly
Campsites sprawl splendiferously
Peerages awarded repeatedly
Archers gold intentionally

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Arts abound joyfully
Scrolls scribed stupendously
Fibre flourishes fervently
Lutes plucked musically

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Dancers dancing delightedly
Cantons explore opportunities
Building forges excitedly
Timber carved creatively

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Newcomers join abundantly
Children play gleefully
Mercantile and peacefully
Politarchopolis rests safely

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Your Faithful Stewards

Baron Ysambart & Baroness Tigre

Politarchopolis Awards

Bestowed by Bain I and Iglesia I, Spring War, Mordenvale

Golden Tear

Ragi Gamlason

Silver Pegasus

ThorolfR olfuss Brandsson

Bestowed by Bain I and Iglesia I, Royal Retreat of Art and Valour II, Innilgard

Cockatrice

Aliette Le Lievre

Glass Bead Making Classes

Lady Conciata, Noted Politarchopolan glass worker, is running a torch work class at the Hall on six Sundays from 3 November from 1pm- about 3pm.

This series of classes is full, however, they are run periodically, depending on the level of interest.

People can watch, but please be mindful others are learning.

Each workstation has naked flames and all should maintain their distance for safety reasons. The glass can "pop" in the flame, resulting in very hit shards of glass that can travel a distance and onto the floor.

Lady Conciata is happy to chat with people, when not instructing, and explain what's happening.







A&S Comps at Fields of Gold

Arts and Sciences Competitions and Politachopolis Baronial Championship at Fields of Gold.

Good greetings to the Great and Noble people of Politarchopolis, Okewaite, Torlyon and wider Lochac from Visconte Muirghein Politachopolis A&S Champion.

Further to Countess Beatrice' post regarding the competitions at FoG

As Noted there will be two (2) Competitions

Something Gold: have/are you creating something that shines and glitters with the most precious of metals, or defines with glorious golden tones

Heraldic: show us your use and display of that which defines Individuals, Households, Allegiances and Groups

Display of Joy: Additionally I Invite all and everyone to show us your Art, your Craft, your skill and display that thing you are working on, are proud of, have tried as a new skill, and place these items on display for all to marvel at.

From these three categories one who is local to Politachopolis and Her Cantons shall Be Our New Champion chosen .

Each attendee will be given Three Beads , 1 Gold, 1 White, and 1 Blue.
Gold for, something Gold: White, for Heraldic, these to place on the item in each of these categories that you find marvelous.

The Blue is for the item that inspires you most and can be from either of the two competitions or those items displayed. Note from this Our champion shall be named by their Excellencies.

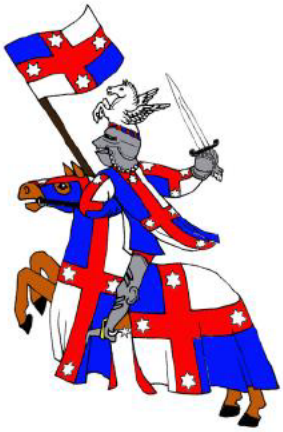
Timing details will be provided closer to the Event.











Politarchopolis Officers

From the Seneschal

Greetings All,

We welcome two new baronial officers: Catherine James of Glastonbury as Chirurgeon (first aid) and Ellisif as Social Media Officer. Thank you both for volunteering and it's great to see you leap into action in your new roles!

We're actively looking for a new baronial Herald as Eilifr Lukasson is coming to the end of his warrant. It's a fun job with lots of colour, so contact him or me if you would like to volunteer.

As we come towards the end of the year, planning starts for events and activities for 2025 - if you've got something you would like to make happen please speak to the B&B or myself.

Crispin Sexi



Politarchopolis Officers

A&S Minister's musings

Thanks to those who provided their precious handmade objects for the displays at the Queanbeyan Medieval Faire and the St John's Church Fete. They inspired the crowds, me included.
I've also been inspired by the classes and informal teaching covering bookbinding, braiding, aiglets, choosing a style, how to sew and make arming hoods, clay working and felting.
There will be opportunities to learn pavilion maintenance, banner painting and maintenance, leatherwork and turnsole shoes and more across this year and early next year.
Thanks to Countess Bea for taking on A&S at Fields of Gold, please contact her if you wish to run a class, discussion or workshop.
I will be intermittent at the hall and cantons for the next four months or so, but participating in our virtual Barony, coordinating our Rabbit Hole Researchers, Guild Guests, Class presenters and liaising with Baronial Projects that will be getting underway.
I love seeing your research finds, finished items and project plans on the Polit A&S FB and across the different fora, including Cockatrice. What will I see next?

Fru Ragnhildr

Upcoming Calendar for the Arts & Sciences

Classes

3 Nov	Glass Bead Making Classes — 6 weeks

Rabbit Holes

10 Nov	Vigmarr - Arrow Shafts
8 Dec	Kiwi - Neolithic Brochs in Scotland
9 Feb 2025	Concietta - Coppergate glass beads
9 Mar 2025	Igulfridr - Sprang

Research Rabbit Holes chats are short introductions and overviews to a topic. They're not expected to be more than four to five minutes. You're not expected to have pictures, handouts or anything formal. You may if you wish, that's up to you.
What are you excited about? Care to see if others could be? Chat/dm with me for a Rabbit Hole slot, open every second Sunday of the month.

Guild Guests

17 Nov	Ceara - Worshipful Company of Broderers - an introduction
15 Dec	Ragnhildr - Fibre Guild - an introduction
16 Feb 2025	perhaps you?

My Guild Guest is a member of one of the Guilds found in Lochac who will chat about the Craft, Art or Science interest they are currently or have been working on. The session could also be a Guild Gathering of local members. It's open to however the Guest wishes to use the corner of the hall.

Competitions

Kingdom

November Coronation Burnfield - Protective Clothing, Flowers, Trading Textiles
Autumn Crown Radburne - Music for the Choir, Mythical, the Mahgreb

Baronial

Baronial Archery Championship - Design an Archery Tournament
Fields of Gold - Something Gold, Heraldic Display

WCoB

November Coronation Burnfield - Pattern Darning

Brewers

Rowany Festival - The Favourite I keep making

Politarchopolis 30th Anniversary

AS LX (60) 2025
Politarchopolis turns 30
If you have ideas or would like to run an event please contact the Seneschal at seneschal@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org



Sunday Activities

Notes about Sunday Activities for 2024

There will be no Dance Practice from the 3rd of November till the end of January.

There will be NO Hall activities on the 1st of December due to Fields of Gold

December 15th will be the last Hall activity for the year - there will be a party to celebrate the year that has been





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

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.

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

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

• Weekly	$ 6.00
• 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 Baronial 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 27th via Zoom at 7pm	June 16th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	July 22nd via Zoom at 7.30pm	August 19th via 7.30pm Zoom
September 15th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30 Zoom available	October 21st via Zoom at 7.30pm	**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.

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Kingdom Events

SPRING CORONATION 2024
CANTON OF BURNFIELD,
CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

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

LOCATION -Tiaro Memorial Hall
19 Mayne St, Tiaro Queensland 4650
Archery Competition @ Tiaro Primary State School
1 Forgan Terrance Tiaro Queensland 4650

STEWARD - Mistress AElfgifu of Burnfield

https://burnfield.lochac.sca.org/spring-coronation-as-lix/



AUTUMN CROWN 2025
HAMLET OF RADBURNE
DUBBO NSW

DATES - Friday 21st March - Sunday 23rd March 2025

LOCATION - 'Dragon Hill' 29L Gidgee Road, Dubbo NSW 2820

STEWARD - Hofbarones Katrijn van Delden

https://radburne.lochac.sca.org/?page_id=399

Bookings close 1st March 2025



AUTUMN CORONATION 2025
BARONY OF INNILGARD,
ADELAIDE SA

DATES - May 2025





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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.

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