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BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS DECEMBER 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—Postponed
  2pm
  Rapier Training
  2pm –5pm
  A&S Activities
  3pm
  Heavy Combat
  Ainslie Hall

Their Majesties

Kitan I and Alesia I

King and Queen of Lochac



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Their Majesties Photos







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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31					1 Fields of Gold—Politarchopolis
2	3 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	4	5	6	7	8 Archery 10am Glass Bead Making 1pm-3pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Rabbit Holes—Ingram - Neolithic Brochs in Scotland
9	10 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	11	12	13	14 Okewaite Berima Day 1pm	15 Archery 10am Glass Bead Making 1pm-3pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Guild Guests—Mistress Ragnihidr Fibre Guild Xmas Pot-Luck Party
16 Baronial Council Meeting Via Zoom 7.30pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to Politarchopolis and our fine cantons, Okewaite and Torlyon,

Now that Fields of Gold XII has come and gone, we wish to thank all those who helped in the lead up, set up, throughout the day of deluge, fed us handsomely, and with the final pack up. Indeed, there were many volunteers from near and far and you were noticed.

Most notably of course, Master Crispin Sexi and Mistress Anne de Tournais along with their amazing teams, deserve honourable mention.

For those interested in such things, there were over 200 attendees hailing from Aneala (Perth), Stormhold (Melbourne), Ynys Fawr (Tasmania), Rowany (Sydney), Adora (NSW coast), Strathcorbie (Wagga), Bordescros (Vic/NSW border), Mordenvale (Newcastle), River Haven (Qld) and of course our own, and possibly other groups. This is a wonderful tribute to our wayfaring attraction magnet.

During the event, many feats were performed, and good gentles recognised. Please join us in congratulating the following:

- Order of the Cordon Rouge, our highest honour, to Master Crispin Sexi
- The Fellowship of Grace, given annually by the Baroness, to Lady Genevieve des Champs
- Free Citizen of Politarchopolis, to Master Cristoval Gitano
- Griffin's Egg – Bjarki Dereksson
- Burly Griffin for martial endeavour – Lord Gaspar Falch de Cantoria
- Burly Griffin for service in many ways– Lady Everard
- Burly Griffin for the arts and sciences – Lady Yrsa of Okewaite (also known as Ursula)
- The Cook' Favour – Mistress Alys Dietsch
- Champion of Archers – Master Nicodemus Novello
- Champion of Arts & Sciences – TH Lady Conciata Felice de la Cita di Lucha

We also witnessed the changing of the Virtues of Politarchopolis who are chosen by their predecessor:

Courage – from Sir Elle to Noble Orm
Temperance – from Fru Ragnhildr to Dame Joan
Liberality – from TH Lady Conciata to Mistress Rowan
Magnificence – from Mistress Anne to Master Cristoval
Magnanimity – from Countess Mathilde to Don Diccon
Honour – from Lord Llewellyn to Lord Clifford
Good Temper – from Lady Isabel Claworth to Master Owen
Conviviality – Lord Septimus to Lord Vígmárr
Truthfulness – TH Lady Isabella to Master Crispin
Wit – TH Lady Amanda to Mistress Clara
Friendship – Lady Isabella Semeonova to Lady Igulfridr
Justice – Countess Elizabeth to Mistress Hróðný

Our thanks also to Their Majesties King Kitan and Queen Alesia for Their gracious presence, at an event that Her Majesty created 14 years ago. Their Majesties took the opportunity to recognise many more of our populace. Please look for the list elsewhere in these pages but we could not be prouder to see so many of our own receive the attention they deserve. Please congratulate them, when next you see them.

A final word, at closing court, Baron Ysambart and I announced, that our tenure is slowly drawing to a close. Our intention is to step down in the middle of next year, possibly at the 30th Anniversary of Politarchopolis in May. To that end, Their Majesties have appointed Mistress Miriam bat Shimeon as adjudicator for the changeover. You will hear words from Miriam shortly to introduce herself and the milestone dates. With nominations closing around the end of January, we urge you to think about how this important leadership role opens up the SCA world as a new and rewarding experience. Please reach out with any questions you may have.

For the Glory of Lochac and Politarchopolis!

We remain your servants,

~ Baron Ysambart & Baroness Tigre

Politarchopolis Baronial Succession

Greetings unto the Good Populace of the Barony of Politarchopolis!

I am TH Baroness Miriam bat Shimeon, and it is an honour to be the co-ordinator of your Baronial Succession process.

Some of you may know me (as I have travelled to your fine Barony and enjoyed its hospitality!) but let me introduce myself quickly. I have now been in the SCA for 30 years, having served many Baronial roles (including Stormhold Baroness), as the Kingdom Social Media Officer and I am a member of the Orders of the Laurel and Pelican.

The nomination time will open on the **15th of December**. Please read the requirements as found in Corpora- https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/govdocs.pdf and the Lochac Laws- https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/laws-of-lochac-2/ plus there are many documents and resources on this Lochac Baronage Page- https://baronage.lochac.sca.org/resources/. The legal requirements of applicants are that it can be an individual or couple that maintain their membership throughout their tenure. It is a privilege to represent the Royalty to your Barony and is a great honour to represent the populace of the Barony to the Royalty. It is a long term leadership role that is not without its rewards.

I will be announcing the opening of the nomination period soon, but I am happy to discuss any questions that will arise by email on [redacted] Their Excellencies Baron Ysambart Courtain and Baroness Joie Tigre d'Argentona are also making themselves available for interested parties to ask questions. Speak to your family, speak to your friends, speak to your Peers, consider what your Barony needs.

The time period will be extended a little, as it is a busy time of year and the Divest/Invest is planned to be at the 30th Anniversary event (mid 2025) of your gracious Barony. A timetable will be published when the nomination period opens on **December 15th**.

Yours in service,
Miriam bat Shimeon



Politarchopolis Awards

Bestowed by Bain I and Iglesia I, Spring Coronation, Burnfield

King

Kitan of Falkenberg

Queen

Alesia au Cheval Blanc

Bestowed by Kitan I and Alesia I, Fields of Gold XII, Politarchopolis

Award of Arms

Elisif Hfaraenor

Champion of Lochac

Eilifr Lukasson

Cockatrice

Conciata Felice Delacita Di Lvcha

Golden Tear

Igulfridr Magnusdottir Septimus Finito

Laurel

Ginevra Lucia di Namoraza

Rapier

Llewelyn se Guerre

Rowan

Catherine James of Glastonbury

Silver Pegasus

Joan Sutton

Star & Lilly

Salome de Florin Aymer de Mannvers Jadwiga ze Katowice

A&S at Fields of Gold XII

Good greeting all from your happy A & S competition organiser for this Past Fields of Gold .

It was fantastic to see those who took the time and showed us their skill and fun in the realms of our arts. A huge thank you to everyone both those who entered and those who noted their inspired preferences.

For those interested and who missed final Court the winners are as follows .

Something Gold: Jarl Thorolfr Olfus Brandtsson ; Norse Purse lid

Heraldic Display; Mistress Alexandra Hartshorne : compiled setting inc banners, bunting, chair backs.

Archery arts

Archers' choice: Master Nicodemus Novello: shoot for your supper

Populace choice: Astrid Bogstrider : quiver

The item that inspired joy on the most people; Mistress Alys Dietsch: beaded Pelican hat

Congratulations to all and Thankyou everyone who took the time to enter.

Visconte Muirghein















Photos courtesy of John T Stewart

Politarchopolis Officers

From the Seneschal

As we head towards the end of 2024, I take this opportunity to thank all of the current and former officers and the stewarding teams for their hard work in making this a stellar year of much activity.

Our last Sunday Practice for the year will be on the 15th of December at Ainslie, please come along and join in the pot-luck party and celebrate the year that was. And the final baronial council meeting will be on zoom at 7:30pm on Monday the 16th of December; all welcome!

We shall start up again in the new year on January the 12th and the first Baronial Council meeting will be in-person at the hall on the 19th.

Lastly, if you have events that you would like to see run in 2025, please come talk to me and also Their Excellencies and we will provide you with much encouragement!

Crispin Sexi



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

Sunday December 1st there will be no Hall activities.

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



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** **16th via Zoom at 7.30pm**



Politarchopolis Baronial Meetings 2025

The Baronial Meetings for 2025 will be both In-person and via Zoom on alternate months.

Please note the change to this schedule

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 19th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	February 17th via Zoom at 7.30pm	March 16th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	April 28th via Zoom at 7.30pm Due to Festival
May 18th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30 Zoom available	June 16th via Zoom at 7.30pm	July 20th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30 Zoom available	August 18th via Zoom at 7.30pm
September 21st at Ainslie Hall at 2.30 Zoom available	October 20th via Zoom at 7.30pm	November 16th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	December 15th via Zoom at 7.30pm



Mmmmm, in-person meetings. Maybe not the best idea. Kidding ours are much more civilised



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

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 - Saturday 24th—Sunday 25th May 2025



SPRING CROWN 2025
BARONY OF STORMHOLD

DATES - Friday 5th September - Sunday 7th September 2025

LOCATION - Stormhold



SPRING CORONATION 2025

DATES - NOVEMBER 2025

LOCATION -

Bids are now being sought for this event. If you would like to put in an event bid please contact the Crown Events Deputy or the Lochac Seneschal



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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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