Griffintayle

BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS MAY AS LX (60) 2025

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

Happy New Year



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
5	6 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	7	8	9	10 Quercus Field Activities	11 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Bookings Close for Age of the Griffon
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26	27 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	28	29	30	31 Scribes 2pm	

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to Politarchopolis and our Cantons Okewaite and Torlyon,

Rowany Festival has come and gone for another year, and we had another excellent showing from Politarchopolis. We had the largest campsite ably managed by Countess Beatrice who shepherded visitors from near and very, very far. Our cooks managed a peak of 70+ meals at one sitting when the potential collegians joined us. Our kitchen is a wonder of energy and harmony and we would like to thank Master Crispin for leading that effort and everyone else for pitching in behind him.

Our warriors did us proud on the war field, the tournament field, the fencing field and at the archery butts. Our artisans also displayed their prowess in multiple ways, meaning we had plenty of time in court to smile proudly as you, our Barony, received so many accolades for your skills and ongoing high level of service.

Speaking of archery and other ranged formats, recognising exemplary missile combatants is high in the minds of Lochac at the moment. We suggest you read the words of Their Royal Majesties and Highnesses regarding the new ranged peerage – the Order of the Mark, and send recommendations for the first three principles of the Order before 1st May to crown@lochac.sca.org as well as heirs@lochac.sca.org

As this will be our last missive as Baron and Baroness we want to say we have enjoyed our time leading you these past years, but we could not do it alone. There have been so many helping hands along the way joining in with our goal of growing the group and the number of events held. We have the largest population in the Kingdom and it's still growing! We also now find ourselves in a position where if there's not an event on every second week it feels like something's missing! So we feel our personal goals upon stepping up have been achieved. The cohesion of the barony, whether residing in the central areas or outer lying cantons, to come together as one larger group, and assist each other to run both large Crown events and smaller, more intimate ones, is a remarkable thing.

On that note, as the Society turns 60 years old this month, we would invite one and all to the **Age of the Griffin**, to be held on 17th May. It promises to be a wonderful event celebrating the 30th anniversary of this fine Barony, with more history being made on our very last day as your 8th Baronage, with the investiture of Lord Llewellyn de Guerre and his Lady Rosa Frye as your next, the 9th Baronage of Politarchopolis!

As ever, in Service to the Barony,

~ Baron Ysambart & Baroness Joie Tigre



Politarchopolis Officers

From the Seneschal

Greetings All,

Thank you to everyone who helped out over a massive couple of months in March and April. We have the Age of the Griffin coming up, which will be a royal visit and see the step-down of Ysambart and Tigre and the investiture of Llewellyn and Rosa. Please reach out to Isabella Mille do Fiori to help make this event rightly spectacular.

Speaking of events, I am still seeking stewards for St Johns Fair, Queanbeyan Medieval Fair, and Fields of Gold. Please contact me if you would like to be responsible for any of these. Or if you would like to run any other event in Polit.

A reminder for our officers: reports are due on the 1st of May to me and your kingdom officer. If you have not already reported, please do so as soon as possible.

Crispin Sexi



Upcoming events:

2025-05-17 Age of the Griffin (Isabella de Fiori)
2025-05-24 Autumn Coronation (Innilgard)
2025-06-21 Winter Solstice (Okewaite)
2025-08-09 Bal d'Argent (Helouys le Poer)

Politarchopolis Officers

From the Constable

'ello, 'ello, 'ello!

What's all this then? You should know that the office of Constable for Politarchopolis is shortly to be vacated and a new h'officer is being sought. Could that be you?

Key requirements:

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

Key elements of the job:

- Responsibility for security at events, site and event safety, and lost property
- Maintaining and updating indemnities/waivers (NB not required in New Zealand)

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 30 May 2025 to constable@lochac.sca.org, with a courtesy copies to seneschal@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org and constable@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



Greenhorn Hangouts

Hi, are you young and wanting to know more about the SCA and join in all the wonderous activities

Well look forward to new and fun activities at the Civic Library from June AS 60 (2025)

The Barony of Politarchopolis is looking for all those under the age of 35 to come along to meet others and learn more about the Society and what it has to offer in a comfortable, social and engaging environment.

Each session will have activities where you will be able to learn about a variety of topics from garb, food, entertainment and other fun past-times. Also you will be able to relax and socialise with others while working on any little or large projects you may be doing. There may also be the occasional special guest from the wider Barony.

More details and a program of proposed topics will be out next month. So please keep an eye out for posts on FaceBook and other social media outlets.

We look forward to seeing you there and at other Baronial Events and Activities



Age of the Griffin

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH6kCJAo0Kvg3JF8bwQLiMeLUTnmPSUViMcFly8c2Lwle28g/viewform

Politarchopolis, 17 May

Feast

30th Anniversary of the Barony of Politarchopolis and Baronial Succession
Tournament, Feast and Baronial Investiture.

It is the autumn of the Griffins discontent - turning 30.
Come celebrate the triumphs and gains of the Barony of Politarchopolis, I mean the barony has gained two cantons after all.

Show your love for martial activities with either the Rapier Tournament or heavy Tournament, or possibly both.
Enter our wonderful Arts and Sciences competition and marvel at the skills of others.
We will add to our history with a Baronial succession.
Tell stories, laugh and remember fondly the history of our proud barony.

Location

St John's Hall
45 Constitution Ave
Reid ACT 2612

Timetable

09:30 - Set up - list fields, gate, hall decorations, pavilion & sunshades (ongoing)
10:00 - Gate opens
11:00 - Opening court
11:30 - Rapier tourney - Inspections - A&S comp & display start (display of historical relics & a comp celebrating the Griffin, a second comp for largesse to help incoming B&B which has been done for previous baronial successions and it was really helpful)
13:00 - Rapier tourney ends
13:30 - Lunch [14:30 - play could be here or during feast]
15:00 - Last B&B court
15:30 - Armoured combat - Inspections - Children's activities - A&S judging starts
17:00 - Tourney finishes
17:30 - Break for finding seats
18:00 - Feast starts
19:00 - Devest/ Investiture court [20:00 - play: history of Politarchopolis]
21:00 - Dessert
22:30 - Lights on & pack down

Price

Adults (full event): $40
Adults (Day only) $15
Adults (Feast Only): $30
Adults (off-board) $20
Adults (changeover court only) $10
Children <18: Free
Non-SCA-members pay +$10 adults or +$5
minors
Concession prices - please contact the event steward
Bookings close 11 May 2025. Any bookings made after this date will attract a $9 late fee.

Contact

Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: Politarchopolis Bookings Officer: bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org
Bookings Close: 11 May



Bal d Argent
https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org
Politarchopolis, 9 August
Ball

Join the Guild of the Silver Rondel for Bal d'Argent,
Lochac's annual social Ball Event in the Barony of Politarchopolis.
During the day, take part in medieval and renaissance dance classes, music practice, or talk to the Guild about joining! In the evening, come to the Grand Ball, where you can enjoy an elegant Italian Credenza style buffet. Dance the night away with some of Lochac's best and join in the competitions: Non-Rondels – Anello; Group (all) – Whirligig; Rondels - Burgundian basse Dane, Gratia d'Amore and Prenes en gre; Musicians – Lys Bens Distonys.
Also a prize for the best "Argent" (white) outfit, with blue and red accents!

Location
20-22 National Circuit, Forrest Canberra, ACT

Timetable
Hall opens 10am with sign in and warm-ups from 1030
First class 11am
Lunch 1230 to 1pm
Classes to resume until 4.30pm
Afternoon tea and Guild meeting 3pm
Bal 6pm to 10pm

Price
Adult Members: $55 full event,
$45 for the Ball only (catered),
Children <18: Free;
Offboard (BYO food): discuss with Steward;
Non-SCA-members pay +$10 adults or +$5 minors;
Additional $5 to book after 31 July 2025.

Contact
Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: Mistress Ysabeau Chanteuse bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org
Bookings Form: https://forms.gle/6afUMvDr51DUpmNJ7
Bookings Close: 31 July

Politarchopolis Scribes for May

There will be no Scribes on the 3rd Saturday this month.
Moved to 31st May
Check the Polit Scribes FB Page for further details.
Scribes may move to the 1st Saturday in July

Sunday Activities

Notes about Sunday Activities for 2025

All Sunday Hall Activities are back for May

Note: The in-person Baronial Council Meeting on the 18th May has been moved to Monday 19th May via Zoom at 7.30pm

Politarchopolis Demos

Queanbeyan Medieval Fair Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of September

St John's Community Fair October TBC

Do you like telling others about the SCA and all things medieval?
Would you like to show off your armour and skills on the field for all to see and marvel at?
These are just a few of the things that happen at demos along with interacting with the public and also participating in fun and full days.
There will be more details forth-coming about these activities.
If you would like to coordinate or help participate in either of these days then please contact the Seneschal at seneschal@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

Okewaite Activities at Quercus Field

Please check the Okewaite FaceBook Page for details and location of Quercus Field, Berrima.

Second Saturday and Fourth Sunday of each month or as notified.

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

Hi all, if you attend the Polit hall days at Ainslie, it's time to pay fees for the first quarter or the year, or for the full year if paying yearly.
It costs $200 per year, or $50 for each quarter, or $30 per quarter if you are a pensioner or unemployed (incl students). Pay by direct deposit (BSB 032778, Account 469607, SCA Polit, put "hall [your name]" as the reference).
Make your life and my life easier by paying for the rest of the year now!
If you come rarely, you can pay per time, or consider paying the quarterly fees anyway to support your group.
The daily payment is $6 to help cover our hall costs. If you come on Tuesdays and Sundays, you need to pay each time, or pay the quarterly fee.
If you're not an SCA member, there is an extra $10 adults or $5 kids each visit which is an insurance charge.

Master Cristoval (Polit Reeve)

- 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 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 **19th via Zoom at 7.30pm**	June 16th via Zoom at 7.30pm	July 20th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm 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 CORONATION
AS LX 2025
BARONY OF INNILGARD,
ADELAIDE SA

DATES - Saturday 24th—Sunday 25th May 2025

LOCATION - Saturday 24th - Klemzig Community Hall, 242 Main North Road, Klemzig
Sunday 25th - Gurners Reserve, Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor

STEWARD - Lady Kaczna of Bohemia

https://autumncoronation.lochac.sca.org/autumn-coronation/autumn-coronation-innilgard-2025/

SPRING CROWN 2025
BARONY OF STORMHOLD
MELBOURNE VIC

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

LOCATION - Clifford Park Activity Centre, 5-7 Clifford Drive Wonga Park Victoria

STEWARD - THL Nicolette de Coulours

https://springcrown.lochac.sca.org/

SPRING CORONATION 2025
BARONY OF RIVER HAVEN
BRISBANE QLD

DATES - Saturday 1st November - Sunday 2nd November 2025

LOCATION - Saturday Kallangur Community Hall 1480 Anzac Avenue Kallangur QLD 4503
Sunday – River Haven Hall, 35 Wesley Street,

STEWARD - Lady Batista di Bardi

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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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