Griffintayle

BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS JUNE 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
- First 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
- First & Third Wednesday
  5.45pm-7.45pm
  Greenhorns Hangout
  Civic Library

Llewellyn and Rosa 9th Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis



Photo Courtesy of Mistress Rowan Perigrynne

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30						1 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
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Missive from the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to Politarchopolis and to our Cantons Oakewaite and Torlyon,

As we settle into our residences we appreciate more and more the incredible Barony we have inherited from our dear cousins Ysambart and Joie Tigre, your rest is well earned Congratulation to the Age of the Griffin stewarding team for a beautiful event that captured the 30 years of life, love and history that has made this Barony the Jewell in the Crown it is today.

The food was delicious and plentiful, the display of relics and the play provided humorous and heartwarming reminders of our Barony's past, the Arts and Sciences competitions showcased the talents of the Barony and the fighting demonstrated our Barony's prowess. We watched with joy as so many members of our populace were recognised on the day for their dedication to their art, service, skill at arms and teaching.

Thank you again to the incredibly talented people led by Mistress Rowan Perigrynne who donated materials, time and skill into the creation of our garb for the event. We are in awe of our talented populace and could not have felt more supported than we did at our Investiture.

On a more sorrowful note, this week Lord William de Perham was laid to rest. William's service to the Kingdom was recognised through multiple awards and Royal Cyphers. He is remembered for his love of quality food, crafting, cleverness and sense of humour. Our Barony is poorer for his loss. Vale Quartermaster.

At the beginning of the month members of our Barony will attend the Great Northern War and witness the elevation of Master Ulric of Ambledune as one of the principal members of the Order of the Mark.

This month we're looking forward to dance practice, archery and fighter training and capping it all off with a market day.

Yours in Service
Llewellyn and Rosa
Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis

Politarchopolis Newest Peer

Bestowed by Kitan I and Alesia I,
Age of the Griffin, Politarchopolis

Mistress Gwen verch David OL



Photo Courtesy of Lady Felicia ad Aquam

Politarchopolis Awards

Bestowed by Kitan I and Alesia I,
Rowany Fesitval, Rowany

Azure Tear

Sofia di Namoraza

Camera Obscura

Ginerva Lucia di Namoraza

Rapier

Rosa Frye

Silver Pegasus

Owen Van Norden

Bestowed by Kitan I and Alesia I,
Age of the Griffin, Politarchopolis

Due to issues beyond that of the editorial staff we are not able to show the awards presented at this event.
Awards will be included in the next Edition of the Griffintayle

Bestowed by Baron Ysambart and Baroness Joie Tigre,
Age of the Griffin, Politarchopolis

Pensioner

Llewellyn de Guerre

Baronial Cyphers - Ysambart & Joie Tigre

Anne de Tournai Crispin Sexi Genevieve des Champs
Íglufríðr Magnúsdóttir Isabella de Bordeaux Kiriel du Papillon
Llewellyn de Guerre Lucius Puddleduck Lucrezia di Speranza Cafferelli
Septimus Septimius Finitus Sigmund Spelmann

Politarchopolis Awards

Bestowed by Kitan I and Alesia I,
Autumn Coronation, Innilgard

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Bestowed by Ariston II and Jochen I,
Autumn Coronation, Innilgard

County

Kitan von Falkenberg Alesia au Cheval Blanc

Order of the Rose

Alesia au Cheval Blanc



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From the Seneschal

Greetings All,

As the dust settles after a wonderful baronial investiture and 30th anniversary, we turn our gaze towards the second half of the calendar year. I'm still looking for stewards interested in running the following events: Queanbeyan Medieval Fair in September, St Johns Fair Demo in October, and Fields of Gold at the end of November. Come talk to me if you are interested in making one of these happen, or indeed any other event ideas.

Another thing of note is that we have enough money available in the coffers to put towards new baronial projects. If you have an idea for a project for the betterment of Politarchopolis, please have a chat to Their Excellencies and bring your ideas to the baronial council meeting.

In other news, the Greenhorns meetup for under 35s is about to kick off - contact Gwen for more details. The first three months at least will be free for members (the usual non-member fees apply).

Also, we're looking for a new constable - this position organises things to do with the sign-in sheets, lost property and generally making sure people are safe at events. If you'd like to be our next constable, please contact Gio (constable@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org).

Crispin Sexi



Upcoming events:

2025-08-09	Bal d'Argent (Helouys le Poer)
2025-09-27/28	Queanbeyan Medieval Faire (TBC)
2025-10-18	St John's Fair (TBC)
2025-11-28/29/30	Fields of Gold (TBC)

A&S regular activities at Ainslie scout hall:

1st Sunday:	Choral singing.
2nd Sunday:	Rabbit holes.
3rd Sunday:	Guild guest.
4th Sunday:	Glass workshop.

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Arts & Sciences Musings

Greetings all, thank you for continuing to inspire me and others, the sharing of knowledge around the Barony and Cantons is so very pleasing to see.

Congratulations to all at Festival who taught classes, exhibited at the Open A&S, shared knowledge or learned new things at Festival and recent events.

Many thanks to Maestra Ginevra and Mistress Gwen for stepping in at The Celebration of the Griffin to ensure the A&S comps, entertainment and Relics were able to be run.

Three cheers for the highly acclaimed THL Conciata delaCita Di Luca (a set of Baronial Birthday beads) and Mistress Clara Bone-Aventure (a set of wrapped wire rings in two styles) for their generous Largesse, who tied in the public acclaim. Huzzah to Lady Isabel Claworth with her embroidered fabric griffin pouch and to Lord Douglas of the Coast with his block printed leather pouch, for their gold and silver belled tassel respectively as they Celebrated the Griffin. Thankyou to all who entered, with eight entries overall. I'm told over seventy members of the populace placed a token to show appreciation of the submitted works. That shows a wonderful level of acknowledgement of skills and efforts. May I be slightly greedy and ask for any photos of the entries to be shared for those of us who couldn't attend the event?

Upcoming Calendar for the Arts & Sciences at Ainslie Hall

Every Sunday 12.30-2 Dance with THL Joanna
First Sunday - Choral singing with Master Crispin
Fourth Sunday - Glass flame working workshop with Master Francois and THL Conciata

Classes at 2.30pm

15 and 22 June - Handsewing - stitches, materials, techniques. Complete a sampler with Mistress Rowan. Max 8 people, please see her to sign up. This class can run again in the future.
29 June The Art and Science of designing a Menu Mistress Anne de Tournai
July date tbc Arrow making: an Introduction Master Ulfric and Lady Alot

Guild Guests at 2.30pm

22 June - Mistress Natali'a from the Cooks Guild
20 July at 3.30pm or after Baronial Council - Master Cristoval from the Herb and Garden Guild

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.

Rabbit Holes at 2.30

8 June - Lady Jadwiga - Women's dowries and Inheritance
13 July - Maestra Alliette - Destreza Spanish School of Fencing
10 August - Lady Alot - Archery

Research Rabbit Holes chats are short introductions and overviews to a topic that has dragged you down a rabbit hole. 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.

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Arts & Sciences Musings Continued

Competitions
Baronial
UFO Challenge until 31 August

Kingdom
Spring Crown Stormhold - on Squares and Commons, Food Storage, Linen
November Coronation River Haven - Hairstyles, Medical, Celtic

WCoB
Spring Crown Tourney Stormhold - weird and wonderful grotesques
November Coronation River Haven - Knots

Baronial Winter UFO Challenge
I am issuing a gentle challenge to the Barony over the winter months for you to find, assess and finalise your UnFinished Objects (UFOs) from 1 June to 31 August.

It's post-Festival and we've Celebrated the Griffin and our Baronage and are ready for making in the dark evenings and cocooning in our workshops on weekends. It's time to excavate that pile in the corner, re-organise that messy end of the workshop bench and look on the not quite forgotten, the pushed aside for Festival and the re-found with new eyes.

It's up to you how many UFOs you identify, and how you choose to finalise each one. If you want, post photos of projects, progress or finished to Polit A&S on FB, bring to the Ainslie Hall or Quercus Field or at household gatherings. You can finalise a project in a variety of ways:

- finish the item as intended when started
- finish the project in another way
- pull it apart and repurpose the components
- give it away unfinished
- put it in the rubbish or recycling.

I'll chat more about the philosophy of finishing and of why we may not have progressed, throughout the months of the Challenge. If you feel it was a case of missing skillsets, chat with me, perhaps a class could be organised.
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Fru Ragnhildr Freysteinndottir

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News from the Bookings Office

From Mestrez Ysabeau Chanteuse to the populace of Politarchopolis, Salud!

Since this Office was created two and a half years ago, it has been my great delight to serve the Barony by managing the bookings for our events. The popularity of our events across Lochac has brought me (and the event stewards) much joy. But all good things must come to an end, and the time has come for me to pass this office across to my successor.

Lord Robert Mortimer has been working with me over the last few months, learning all things bookings. He has great plans for the role, and spreadsheet skills that vastly exceed my own. I am confident that Lord Robert will be an asset to the Barony as its Bookings Officer. I hope that you will all provide him with the same levels of support that I have been privileged to receive. Lord Robert has taken custody of the Bookings email, and thus you can contact him at bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

I look forward to being the one receiving rather than sending the emails.
Book early! Book often!

En servij,

Ysabeau Chanteuse



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)
Wednesday 4th and 18th of June 5.45pm - 7.45pm **T.B.C.** look out for FB notifications

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.

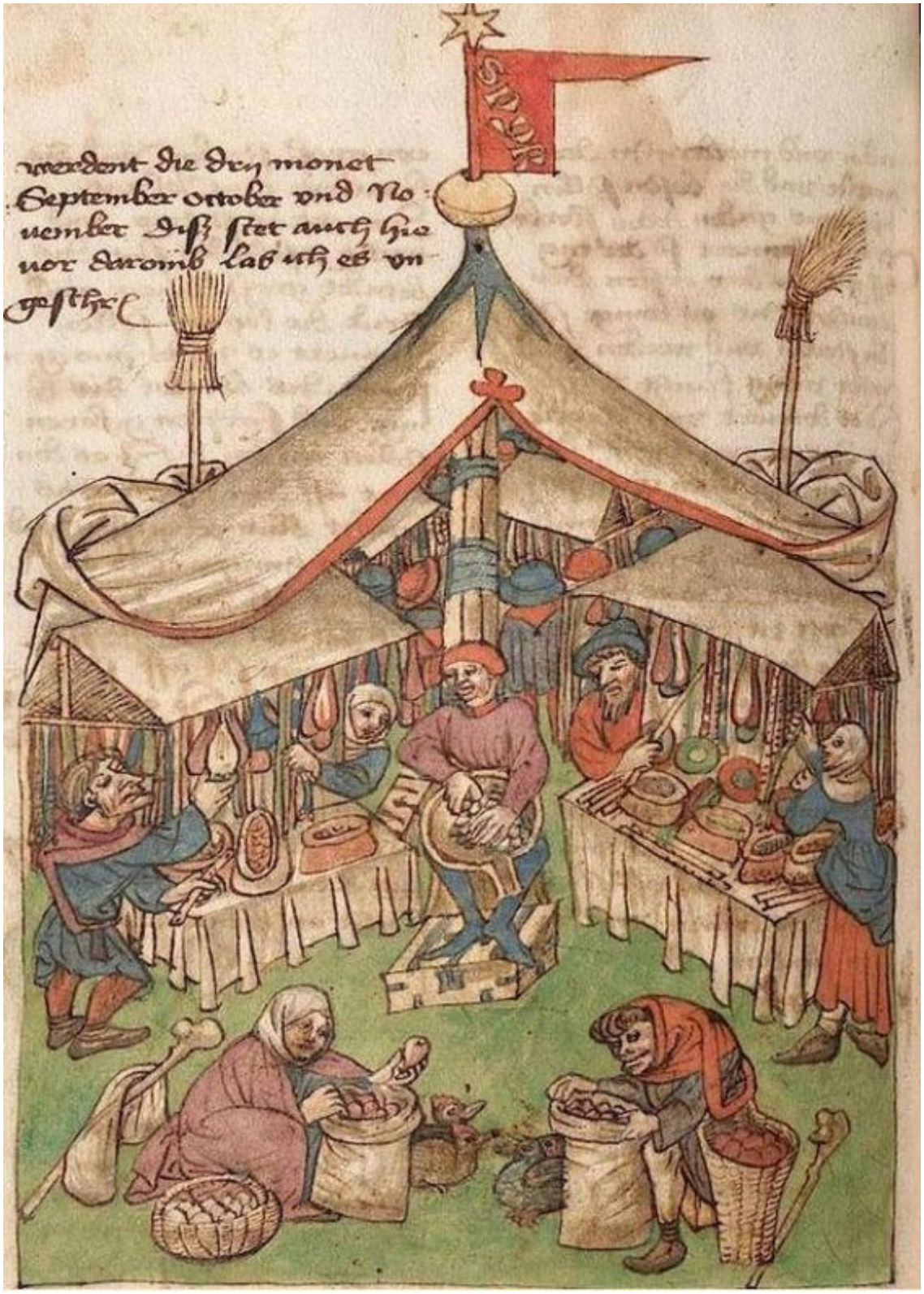
Each session will have activities where you will be able to learn about a variety of topics from garb, food, entertainment and other fun past-times. Also you will be able to relax and socialise with others while working on any little or large projects you may be doing. There may also be the occasional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



Baronial Market Day



Sunday 29th June - 2.30pm

Set up from 2.00pm - do not access Hall before



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: Robert Mortimer bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org
Bookings Form: https://forms.gle/6afUMvDr51DUpmNJ7
Bookings Close: 31 July

Politarchopolis Scribes for June

There will be no Scribes this month.
Check the Polit Scribes FB Page for further details.
Scribes will move to the 1st Saturday in July

Sunday Activities

Notes about Sunday Activities for 2025

All Sunday Hall Activities are back for June with Choral, A&S Workshops and Glasswork.

Sunday 29th will be the Baronial Market Day

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.

NOTE No Sunday 22nd it will now be on Saturday 21st with a Bon-fire

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

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

https://springcoronation.lochac.sca.org/

AUTUMN CROWN 2026

DATES - March 2026

LOCATION -

STEWARD -

AUTUMN CORONATION 2026

DATES - May 2026

LOCATION -

STEWARD -



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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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