Griffintayle

BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS AUGUST 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

From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to the populace

Winter has come and it has been heartening to see the number of people from across the Barony at Sunday activities despite the weather. Rowan's series of hand sewing workshops and the many rabbit holes explored during Jadwiga's talk on Dowries and Women's inheritance have been some of the highlights of June.

This month we gather to arm ourselves against the cold with companionship, food and song at Winter in July. Our armoured combatants will commence training for the upcoming war season at War Training at various Ovals around the Barony. All the details and more are available in this month's Griffintayle and on the Politarchopolis website.

We bring exciting news that Bal d'Argent is now a Royal Event. Come dance with Your Kings! Worried you won't know any dances for the Bal? Dance classes are on every Sunday at the Hall. Can't make that? Join the regular dancing zoom meeting.

Are you continuously amazed at how clever, committed, giving and talented your fellow politarchopolans are? We want to hear about it. Send a missive to bandb@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org, write us a letter or simply find us and pass your recommendation on.

In service to the Barony

Llewellyn and Rosa

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 Scribes 2pm	3 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
4	5 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	6 Greenhorns Hangout 5.45pm-7.45pm	7	8	9 Quercus Field Activities Bal d'Argent	10 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
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18 Baronial Council Meeting 7.30pm	19 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	20 Greenhorns Hangout 5.45pm-7.45pm	21	22	23 Polit War Training 9.30am—3.00pm	24 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Quercus Field Activities
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Politarchopolis Awards

Bestowed by Jocken I
Winter in July, Politarchopolis

Award of Arms

Silas of Politarchopolis

Court Barony

Cristoval Gitano

Golden Poyntel

Magdalena af Husum

Nock

Nicodemus Novello

Bestowed by Baron Llewellyn and Baroness Rosa,
Winter in July, Politarchopolis

Burley Griffin - Martial

Duncan MacAlpin Shieldsbane



Politarchopolis Officers

From the Seneschal

Greetings All,

First up I thank Yrsa of Okewaite, our outgoing Seneschal of Okewaite for her hard work running the canton over the past two years. Very much appreciated! And I am delighted to welcome into the position Lisette de Lyon as the new Okewaite Seneschal.

We're in need of a few different officer positions to be filled, so please contact me if you can help out. The current available positions are Constable, Social Media Officer, and Chandler. We're also after someone to be deputy Chirurgeon to help out Catherine, so if you have a first aid certificate please have a chat to her about that.

Equipment-wise, the barony has approved the purchase of some portable electric cooktops to help at events where the kitchen is limited, plus we're also looking to purchase a defibrillator to add to our first aid kit.

We've got an exciting set of events for the second half of 2025, with two demos, a ball and Fields of Gold all lined up. Plus Torlyon has their first Village Green happening in September. See you there!

Crispin Sexi
Seneschal of Politarchopolis



Upcoming events:

2025-07-26	Polit Local War Training 2
2025-08-09	Bal d'Argent
2025-08-23	Polit Local War Training 3
2025-09-13	Torlyon Village Green
2025-09-20	Polit Local War Training 4
2025-09-27/28	Queanbeyan Medieval Faire
2025-10-18	St John's Fair
2025-11-28/29/30	Fields of Gold

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, the sharing of knowledge around the Cantons, households and Barony continues to inspire me, as I hope it inspires you.

Congratulations to Lady Jadwiga on her well received and thought provoking Rabbit Hole talk on Dowries and Women's Inheritance. I understand it was a whole Warren. On an unrelated note, the Lochac A&S magazine Cockatrice is looking for articles (cockatrice@lochac.sca.org).

Polit Scribal has moved to the first Saturday of the month. Contact Mistress Rowan, the Warden, if you wish to learn or polish your calligraphy and illumination skills, with a focus on supporting the Kingdom in the production of Award Scrolls.

Fru Ragnhildr

Upcoming Calendar for the Arts & Sciences at Ainslie Hall

Every Sunday 12.30-2 Dance with THL Joanna
First Sunday - 3pm Choral singing with Master Crispin
Fourth Sunday - Glass flame working workshop with Master Francois and THL Conciata

Classes at 2.30pm

July date tbc - Arrow making: an Introduction Master Ulfric and Lady Alot

Guild Guests at 2.30pm

17 August - Mistress Gwen of the Performer's 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 2.30pm

10 August - Lady Alot - Archery

14 September - Fru Ragnhildr - Da Vinci's Flying Machines

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 Cont.

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

There is a gentle challenge to the Barony underway over the winter months for you to find, assess and finalise your UnFinished Objects (UFOs) from 1 June to 31 August.

Remember, It's up to you how many UFOs you identify, and how you choose to finalise each one. 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.

On 31 August, there will be a Swap and Sell at Ainslie Hall, where unwanted materials, tools and projects (even half finished) can be swapped, sold or gifted. Please note, donation to the Barony is NOT an option.

You can find more information on the Challenge, and my Challenge Chats on the ways to approach UFOs and your creative practice, on the Politarchopolis Arts & Sciences FB group and I post to the Polit email list.

Enjoy your Creating.

Ragnhildr







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 in July AS 60 (2025)
Wednesday 6th and 20th of August 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





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

Polit War Training

WAR! Training has been solved. In consultation with the ACT Government, we have been approved to conduct war training on any of the ACT's many dryland ovals.

This even is the first in a series of trainings leading up to both Radburne War and Spring War throughout July, August and September.

War training is an opportunity to ensure your gear is in working order including gauntlets and mesh, to get to know your fellow war combatants, practice tactics and working as a coordinated unit (with archers) and refresh war actions such as killing from behind and killing plumed combatants.

War is also more fun with more people. Bring your friends!

Price
Members: Free
Non-SCA-members pay +$10 adults or +$5 minors;

Contact
Steward: [redacted]



Polit War Training 3: 23 August, Holt Oval, Pickworth Street, Holt.
Polit War Training 4: 20 September, Macquarie Oval, Birch Place, Belconnen

3rd Training Saturday 23rd August

- 9.30am—3pm

Holt Oval, Pickworth Street, Holt

Torlyon Village Green - Spring

Torlyon, 13 September

Other

Please come and join us for Torlyon's first seasonal picnic gathering. These Picnics are to bring us all together and to celebrate our wonderful community.

Please enter our Heavy and Rapier tournaments if authorised, and make something with a Spring vibe for this seasons A&S competition. All things medieval and Spring welcome!

Location
Banjo Paterson Park, 78 Meehan St, Yass NSW 2582

Timetable
10.00 - Site opens / armour inspections
10:30 - Opening court if applicable
11.00 - Heavy Tournament
12:30 - BYO picnic lunch / games
13: 30 - Rapier tournament
15.00 - A&S competition judging / entries close
15:30 - closing court / awards
16.00 - event close

Price
Members - $5
Non members $10 child, $15 adult

Contact
Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: Please fill out this form to book
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekxVvLUAYw5PUSv0CM43yhcz8KtiVpGjN2mjmF7jt7o4XNSg/viewform?usp=header
Bookings Close 12 September.

Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.



Queanbeyan Medieval Faire

https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/

Politarchopolis, 26-28 September

Other

Demo at Queanbeyan Medieval Faire.
Displays and demonstrations in campsite.
Combat Shows

Location
The Queanbeyan Showgrounds
22–28 Glebe Ave, Queanbeyan NSW 2620, Australia

Timetable
Setup Friday afternoon
8:30-5pm Saturday and Sunday.
Packdown Sunday afternoon/evening.

Price
Members - free
Non members $5 child, $10 adult

Contact
Steward: [redacted]
Bookings [redacted]

Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.





St John's Fair Display

https://www.facebook.com/events/1076685487703633

Politarchopolis, 18 October
Other

Does the thought of recruiting newcomers to the Society make you happy? Do you love talking about your current research rabbit hole? Do you have something eye catching to contribute to a static display? Maybe combat is your thing?

The community of St John's Anglican Church in Reid have once again invited the Barony of Politarchopolis to participate in their annual Fair. Apart from being a great recruitment opportunity, our participation here also helps us obtain a free hire of the St John's Church Hall.

Whether you can give an hour or the whole day, we would love to see you at the St John's Fair on 18 October.

Location
St John's Anglican Church, 45 Constitution Avenue Reid ACT

Timetable
Site open to the public from 9am - 2pm

Price
Members - free
Non members $5 child, $10 adult

Contact
Steward: [redacted]
Bookings not required.

Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.






Politarchopolis Scribes for July

Check the Polit Scribes FB Page for further details.
Scribes will be on the 1st Saturday in August
Please note there will be no Scribes in September

Sunday Activities

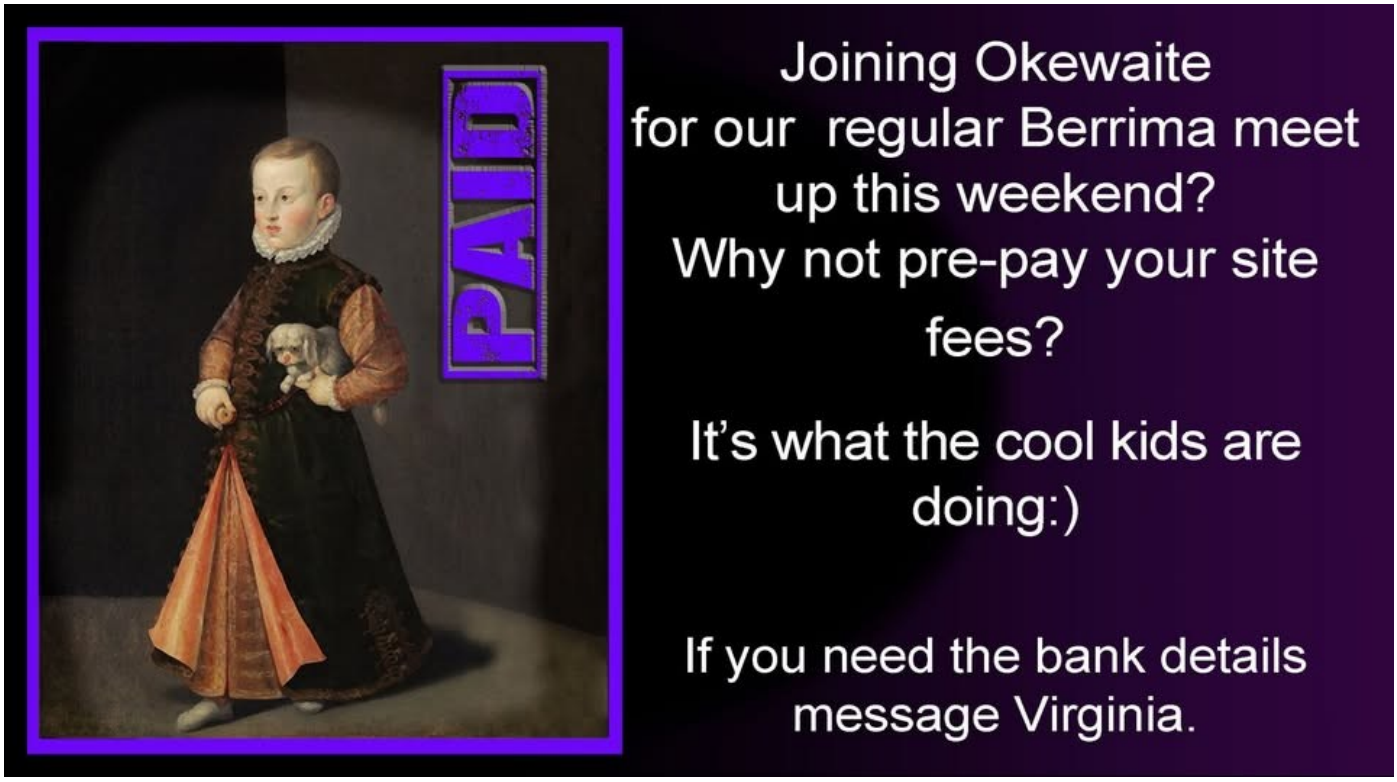
Notes about Sunday Activities for 2025

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

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

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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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.

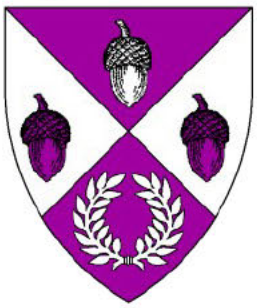
And not just in the ACT! We're part of a global organisation called the Society for Creative Anachronism (the SCA), and we're one of 42 local groups in the Australia/New Zealand chapter: the Kingdom of Lochac.

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