Griffintayle

BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS SEPTEMBER AS LX (60)

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 Politarchopolis and to our Cantons Okewaite and Torlyon,

Another month has sped away and as the seasons turn we are delighted to see more of our populace rouse from hibernation. Attendance at the **hall on Sundays** is incredible. We're looking forward to the culmination of the **UFO challenge** and **market day**. It has been wonderful hearing about the range of projects being completed and how people are rising to the challenge.

Archery continues to attract new and old people. As we start pulling together armour so we can take the field with our armoured combatants we are pleased to advise that we have both improved on our previous **IKAC** performances (although Rosa is proving very hard on arrows).

Our rapier community is steadily growing with more than 20 people some weekends and we are loving the high energy of **Tuesday night combat training** and the social gathering afterwards at the **Old Canberra Inn**. Want more fighting and feasting in your life? Come along to Tuesday night, FIGHT NIGHT! Enjoy teamwork and camaraderie? Come along to **War! Training** 20 September.

The **Greenhorns** are working together to support each other in a range of new projects to prepare for Fields of Gold at the end of November (bookings now open!). If you've got time **every second Wednesday night**, head over to the Civic Library and join in the creativity.

Continued over

From the Baron & Baroness Cont

For those unable to attend **Bal d' Argent**, King Ariston recognised the following very deserving members of the populace:

- Alot de la Bro — Golden Tear,
- Clara Bone-Aventure — Star and Lily, and
- Heinrich Schreiber — being the final member inducted into the now closed Lochac Company of Archers.

Your recommendations noted the dull silence that we experience sometimes in the Hall and at feasts…wait…that's not right…the peaceful strumming of our ~~looters~~, um, luters. It was a joy to recognise Maestra Aliette le Lièvre for her accomplishments on the lute welcoming her to the Order of the Burly Griffin – Arts and Science.

Sometimes when we work closely with people we can take them for granted or miss the small things they do. Noble Lucrezia di Speranza Cafferelli is a Baronial officer, assists at events and has served as attendant for us, our predecessors and the Crown. Recognising Lucrezia for their ongoing service with the Order of the Burly Griffin – Service was our honour.

Our thanks to Dame Helouys and her Stewarding team for a wonderful Bal and a lovely choice of venue, to the feastocrats for a tasty well planned credenza buffet and to the dancers for delightful displays of skill, athleticism and emotion.

The **letters of recommendation** that we receive let us see members of our court through eyes other than our own – keep them coming – bandb@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org.

September will be a massive month. Border War may be cancelled but the pilgrimage south goes on. We will attend **Spring Crown** (6 Sept) to cheer on the members of our Barony that will be contesting. We are looking forward to relaxing and recovering from all that excitement at the **Picnic on Torlyon Village Green** (13 September). We will end the month on a high with the Barony's display at **Queanbeyan Medieval Faire** (27-28 September).

We are looking forward to seeing friends and meeting new folks.

In service to the Barony

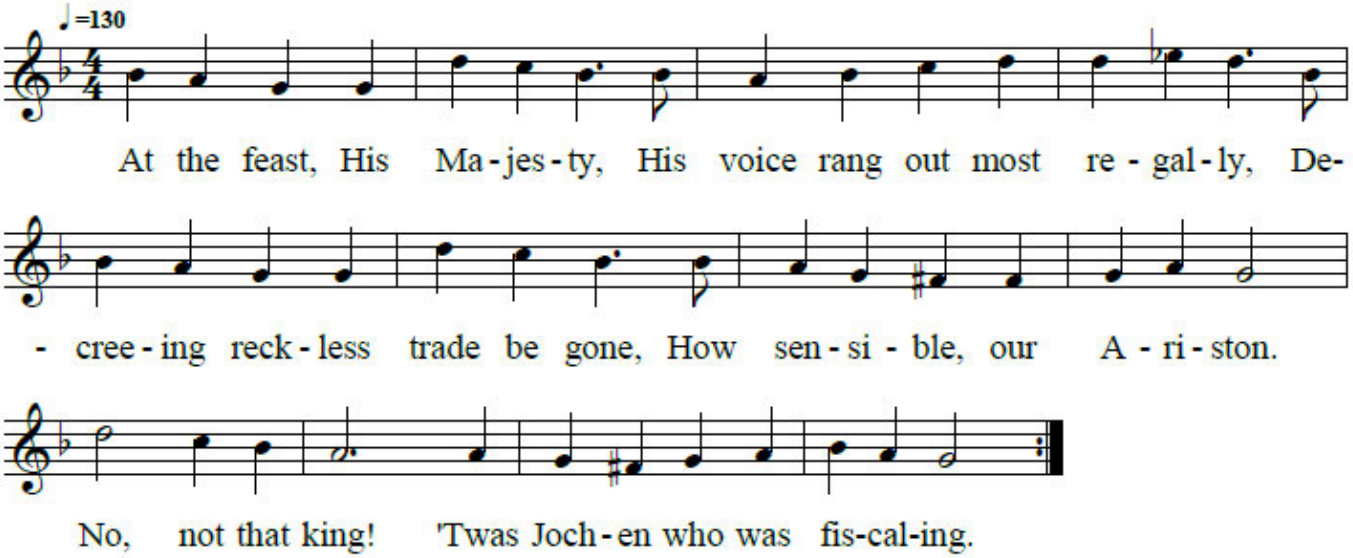
Llewellyn and Rosa

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	3 Greenhorns Hangout 5.45pm-7.45pm	4	5	6 Scribes 2pm	7 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
8	9 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	10 Greenhorns Hangout 5.45pm-7.45pm	11	12	13 Quercus Field Activities Torlyon Village Green	14 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
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29	30 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm					

Another Royal Song

Ode To Two Kings

Crispin Sexi



At the ball, His Majesty,
Was holding court quite cheekily,
Awarding archers at their best,
But Jochen, poorly, needed rest.
No, not that king!
'Twas Ariston in finest bling.

On the field, His Majesty,
Was ordering the milit'ry,
Went out the call: we can't lay on,
So listen up to Ariston.
No, not that king!
'Twas Jochen who was marshalling.

By the fire, His Majesty,
Relaxing, most reclined was he,
He sighed, then CRACK, he hit the dirt,
Oh Jochen, was he badly hurt?
No, not that king!
'Twas Ariston there suffering.

(Rúna)
At the court, His Majesty,
Was slipped a twenty none could see,
The duck was stuffed, the game was on,
How unaware, our Ariston.
No, not that King!
'Twas Jochen who was profiting.

All the reign, His Majesty,
Had cause to say "That was not me!
The populace mistake us two,
With all the things we ever do,
So: No, not that King!
'Twas both of us did everything!"

Politarchopolis Awards

Bestowed by Ariston II
Bal d' Argent, Politarchopolis

Golden Tear

Alot de la Bro

Lochac Company of Archers

Heinrich Schreiber

Star & Lily

Clara Bone-Aventure

Bestowed by Baron Llewellyn and Baroness Rosa,
Bal d' Argent, Politarchopolis

Burley Griffin - Arts

Aliette le Lievre

Burley Griffin - Service

Lucrezia di Speranza Cafferelli

Bestowed by Ariston II & Jochen I
Radbourne War, Dismal Fogs

Red Wyvern

Clifford Ashburner

Politarchopolis Officers

From the Seneschal

Greetings All,

First up: thank you to our event stewards for getting in their post-event reports, it's very much appreciated.

For people who like statistics, our membership has been slowly rising. It stands at 177 currently for central Polit, or 227 including the cantons.

I am excited to announce Lisette de Lyon (Laura Young) as the new Okewaite Seneschal! Huzzah! And many thank-yous to Yrsa of Okewaite for all her hard work in the role over the past couple of years.

As ever, my thanks to our diligent officers! However, we need more help: Constable, Social Media Officer, and Chandler officers are needed, and a Youth Officer would also be nice. Also, we're looking for a deputy Chirurgeon for first aid (barony can cover the first aid cert if you don't have one already). Please consider volunteering to help our fine group run smoothly.

Crispin Sexi
Seneschal of Politarchopolis



Upcoming events:

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
2025-11-08	Slash and Sash (Bordescros)
2025-11-28/29/30	Fields of Gold
2025-12-14	End of Year Sunday Party

A&S regular activities at Ainslie scout hall:

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

Politarchopolis Officers

Arts & Sciences Musings

Upcoming Calendar for the Arts & Sciences at Ainslie Hall

First Saturday Scribes - Contact Mistress Rowan for address - None in September
Every Sunday 12.30-2 Dance with THL Joanna - check September Grffintayle and the Polit FB for changes
First Sunday - Choral singing with Master Crispin
Fourth Sunday - Glass flame working workshop with Master Francois and THL Conciata

Classes at 2.30pm
17 & 31 August and 7 Sept An introduction to Sprang Lady Igulfridr - limited numbers

Guild Guests at 2.30pm
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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
14 September - Frau Ragnhildr - da Vinci 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.

Competitions

Kingdom
Spring Crown Stormhold - on Squares and Commons, Food Storage, Linen
Due date for locally judged entries is 17 August-email me to arrange
November Coronation River Haven - Hairstyles, Medical, Celtic

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

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 3rd and 17th of September 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.



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.



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]



4th Training Saturday 20th September

9.30am - 3pm

MacquarieOval, Birch Place, Belconnen

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]
Bookings Close 25 September.

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.






Fields of Gold the XIII
http://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/
Politarchopolis, 28-30 November
Other

The gilded gryphon beckons all to join in and celebrate the gold of the ages! Test your skills at combat and crafts, join in the pageantry, feasting and frivolity at Politarchopolis's premier event.

For more information, see http://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/

Location

Bungendore Showgrounds, 71 Matthews Lane Bungendore, NSW.

Timetable

Proposed Timetable:

Friday 28th November

12:00pm Site Opens, Cars allowed for setup

3:00pm Equestrian Practice

7:00pm Games

6:30pm Soup Kitchen

8:00pm Glowstick Archery

Saturday 29th November

7:00am Breakfast

10:00am Opening Court

12:30pm Lunch / Market

7:00pm Feast

10:30am A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

1:30pm A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

9:00pm Tavern Bransles & Luting / Traditional Bird Impression Comp

Sunday 30th November

7:30am Breakfast

9:30am Morning Court

1:00pm Lunch

3:00pm Event close

10:00am A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

2:00pm Closing Court

Price

Cost PP:

Full Event $110.00

Friday night only $15.00

Saturday daytime $65.00

Sunday $35.00

Saturday/Sunday $95.00

Price after 16 November and at Gate add $10.

Non members (Adults) add $10 (Children) add $5.

Camping $15 per tent, $25 powered site.

Contact

Steward: Countess Beatrice

Bookings: bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

Bookings Close: 16 November

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

Politarchopolis Scribes for September

Check the Polit Scribes FB Page for further details.

Please note there will be no Scribes in September

Sunday Activities

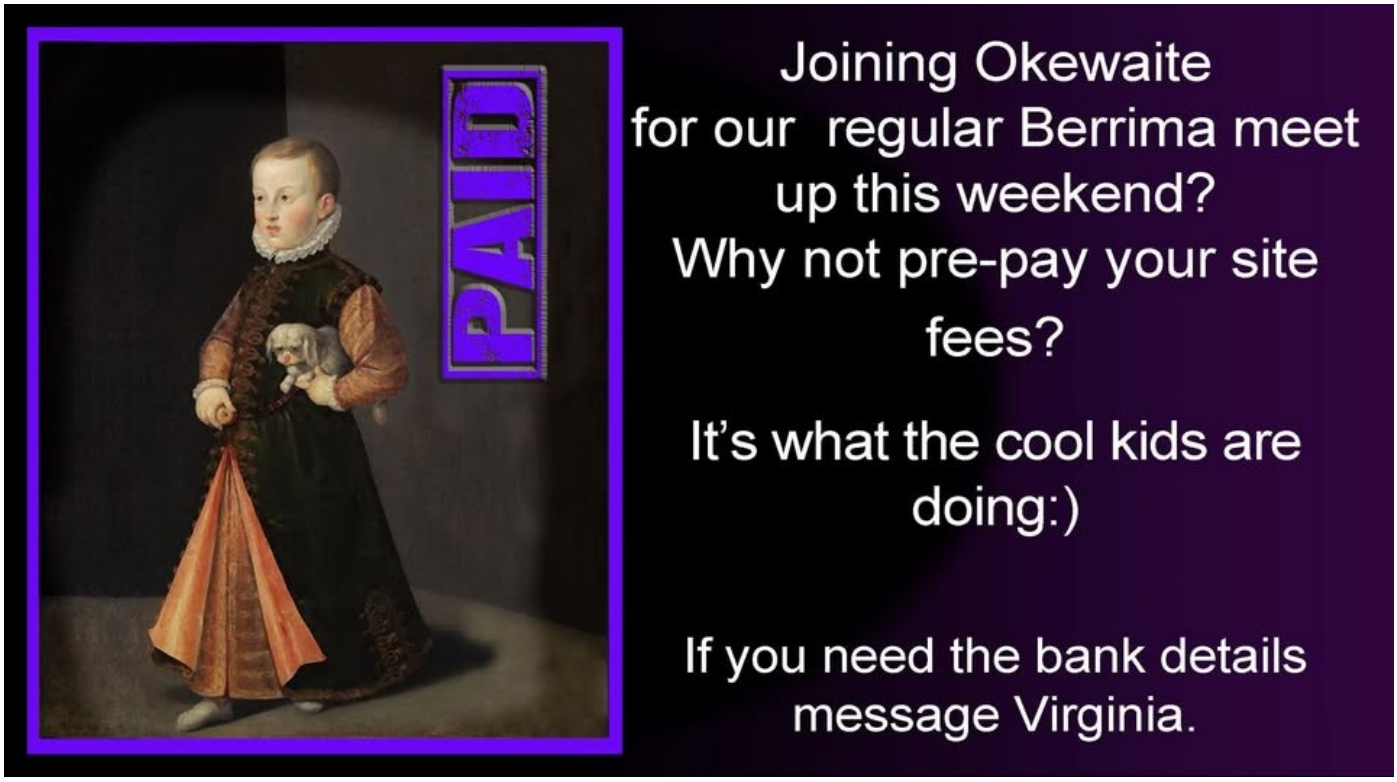
Notes about Sunday Activities for 2025

All Sunday Hall Activities are back 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.

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
BARONY OF MORDENVALE
NEWCASTLE, NSW - TBC

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.

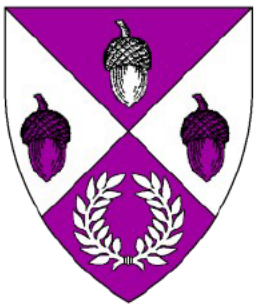
And not just in the ACT! We're part of a global organisation called the Society for Creative Anachronism (the SCA), and we're one of 42 local groups in the Australia/New Zealand chapter: the Kingdom of Lochac.

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