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From the Chronicler



Contessa Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos

Greetings,

I had hoped to have a replacement by Altavia Anniversary but like most things in life right now I think that is on hold. I would like to echo instead the sentiments of the Baron, Baroness and Seneschal of Altavia. I know we are all uncertain of what the future holds for us as individuals, the society and our family and friends, but if anyone is singularly prepared for an apocalypse it's the SCA!

Who can make candles from scratch, sew our own clothes, dye fabrics with flowers or make a meal out of things we find on the freeway medium, who has the best support system of like-minded people, who has a van big enough to carry all your possessions to a desert compound, who can fight off angry hordes with only a sword and a stick, we can, members of the SCA!

So, this too shall pass, and we will get through this together.

In Service

Battista



From Their Excellencies



THL Nikolaos Phaistos & THL Briana MacCabe

Greetings, Altavia!

We hope you and yours are all doing well.

Here are some updates on the latest information we have on SCA activities during the current Situation:

Event Updates

All in-person events, including fighter practices, archery/thrown weapons practices, arts and sciences gatherings, etc., are cancelled for the month of April. As Their Majesties said in their Live from Caid broadcast, no official call has been made on events for May. They are keeping abreast of all the mundane and Society news sources to help make that determination as May gets closer. On a lighter note, Their Majesties will be doing a weekly zoom broadcast on Facebook on Thursday nights. They are also trying to set up a virtual court on April 18. There will be more information and virtual get-togethers in the coming days, so stay informed by following Altavia's Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/baronyofaltavia/>.

At this time, Altavia Anniversary is still happening but we expect that this is very likely to be postponed/cancelled. We are already working on some ideas for an alternate virtual gathering on the day and will keep you posted on plans.

No decision has been made on Potrero War yet. The Seneschal of Califia has posted that a go/no-go decision will be made on May 1st. Again, we will post that news as soon as it is available on the barony's Facebook group.

Virtual Events and Hangouts

So, what can we do to keep in touch with our SCA family during "shelter-in-place"? A good start would be the Baroness' virtual fighter practice/hangouts on Zoom every Monday beginning at 7:30 pm. Check the baronial group for link/details on Monday mornings. Virtual Arts and Sciences evenings hosted by Lady Alessandra, our Arts and Sciences minister. More details will be posted in the Facebook baronial group. In addition, new episodes of "Live from Caid" will air on the [Kingdom of Caid's Facebook group](#) every Monday at 7 p.m.

Please share all of your online arts and sciences classes and at-home fighting drills. In addition, please feel free to share your faves on the group, and we will also work on putting together a resource page on FB and our website.

Stay Safe and Stay in Touch

Reach out to us if you need someone to talk to and please let us know privately via PM on Facebook (Account names: Briana MacCabe and Niko Phaistos), email (baronage@sca-altavia.org) or text (**Niko:** 818-667-7068 **Briana:** 818-720-7048) if there is someone you would like us to check in on. We are more than happy to help out in any way we can and we know that many of you share our commitment.

Please stay safe. Wash your hands as much as possible for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm/hot water. Stay at home as much as you can. If you have to leave home for necessities, please take precautions. Stay at least six feet from anyone. Don't touch your face. Sneeze and cough into your elbow and not your hand. Exercise when you can. Be nice to other people and still go outside and enjoy the it. Please stay informed and don't spread rumors or other information that is not well-supported. You are important to us.

Please know that we love you and are here for you during this unrepresented time. It's times like these when we truly see our SCA family shine. We are so proud of how everyone has stepped up and reached out. We will get through this, the way we get through every challenge, together.

Yours in Service and with Love,

Baron Nikolaos Phaistos

Baroness Briana MacCabe

February Notes:

Happy February, Altavia! This month has a bit of a slower pace in Caid but there is still plenty to love about our Kingdom :)

His Excellency and I want to thank everyone that came out and participated in events that took place since our last council meeting. Angel's Melee had perfect weather and even though it was a shorter day, plenty of fun and fighting was had by all. Gyldenholt Unbelted was also a beautiful day and we're very proud of our Altavians, Amabel and Griffith, who fought well and honorably in a very large field. The fighting that day was spectacular, even to someone like me who knows very little about armored combat. Finally, Festival of the Rose down in Calafia was a fun art-filled day and saw two Altavians honored by their Majesties. Our dual citizen of Altavia and Calafia, Bex of (sigh) Calafia, was awarded arms at closing court and His Excellency Niko was "honored" with the title "Royal Namer of Clouds" by His Majesty at opening court. We enjoyed talking with all of the artisans and viewing their art. It was a lovely, relaxing day and there was even some time for shenanigans with the Calafian trident ;)

We hope that anyone heading out to Estrella next week has a lovely time; according to sources, it looks like the weather is going to be a whole lot better this year! Closer to home, this weekend is Knewbie Knockabout up in Wintermist, Chiv in the Chest at the end of the month in Nordwache. His Excellency is looking to travel to Wintermist but neither of us will be attending the event in Nordwache.

The first weekend in March sees Caid's Crown Tournament in Naevhjem. We hope to see many of you out there to cheer on all the combatants and we would love to see Altavians on the Crown list!

That's all the news for now. We hope that you have a lovely February and, if you celebrate, a great Valentine's day! We love you, Altavia!

Yours in Service to the Dream,

(Chroniclers Note: the above notes are as received nothing has been edited.)



A Note from the Seneschal

Mistress Meliora Deverel

Hello everyone!

We will soon receive guidelines regarding having our future Council meetings and Arts & Sciences classes online so we'll let you know about April's Council Meeting shortly! These will probably be via Zoom but we will provide all the information necessary so that you can participate.

Besides the virtual happenings that Their Excellencies mention, here are a few more fun things to look forward to:

~ There will be an online arts competition on April 25th and all the pertinent information will be published on the Arts and Sciences page of the Kingdom website - wp.as.sca-caid.org next week!

~ An amazing virtual classroom and artisan display Facebook Group was set up so you can go and take classes, see beautiful artwork and performances, or submit your own classes and art! You can find the Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/virtualsca/>.

~ People are using #SCAatHome on posts of their projects and photos so I encourage you to use it and search it to see what's going on here in Caid and beyond!

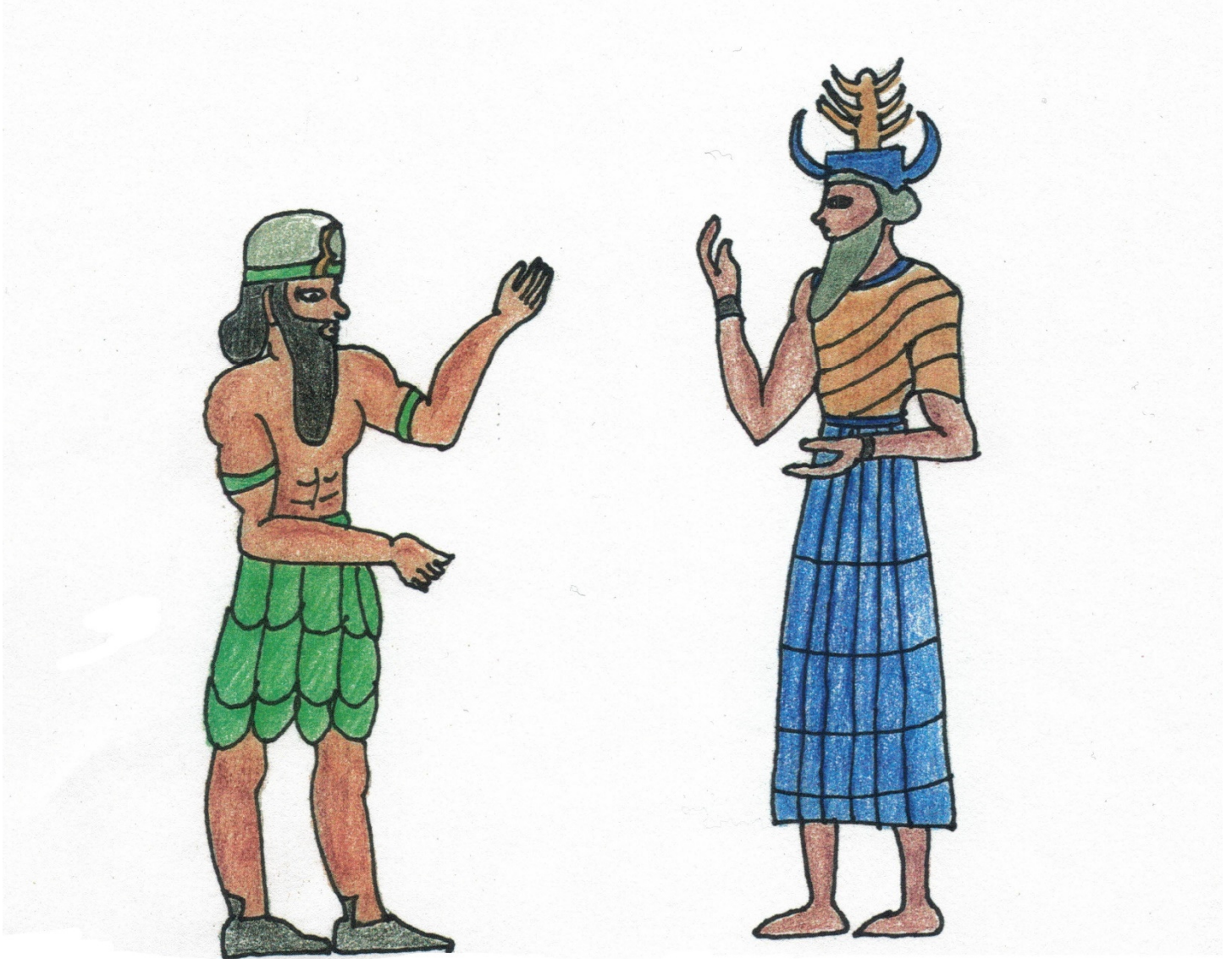
I have absolutely loved seeing everyone's creativity online and of course, the love that resides within the SCA and the sense of community that makes this group family has been essential during this crazy time. Please let me know if there is anything I can ever do to help and I can't wait to see you online and, more importantly, to give you all big hugs when we are all together again. Long live Altavia! Long live Caid!

~ Mistress Meliora Deverel

Seneschal, Barony of Altavia

(Chroniclers Note: Nothing has been removed or modified.)

Cartoon Page



“At least you had SOAP, when I was a kid, we had to wash our hands with rocks!”

Concept & Art by Battista aka Kie Spring

Don't forget to
wash your hands

In the Blood
of my Enemies!?

You're SO weird.



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Meetings & Practices in the Barony

Meetings: Virtual for Now

- *Council Meeting*
 - 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
 - Location: Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 5329 Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91411
 - This meeting involves officer reports, Baronial discussions, event reports, and announcements, everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to come.
 - <http://www.sca-altavia.org/meetings/>
- *Newcomers Meeting*
 - As needed 7:00pm
 - Location: Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, Ca 91505, right hand side of the park at the stone tables near the tennis courts.
 - Everyone is welcome and given an overview of the SCA.
 - Contact the Chatelaine for details.

Combat Practices: Cancelled for Now

- *Archery* - archery@sca-altavia.org
 - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 11:30am-3:00pm
 - Location: Woodley park archery range (woodleyparkarchers.org/direction)
 - Additional times most Tuesday and Friday nights. Contact the Captain of Archers to verify dates and times. Contact ahead for loaner gear.
- *Equestrian* - equestrian@sca-altavia.org
 - Various days of every month 6:30pm-8:30pm
 - Location: Conejo Creek Equestrian Park, 1350 Avenida de las Flores, Thousand Oaks, Ca 91360
 - Open to all regardless of Baronial affiliation
 - Riders must bring own mounts. Authorizations available, jousting, mounted combat, crest combat, mounted games, marshalette and general riding.
 - Minors must have a parent or guardian present at all times.
 - www.sca-altavia.org/meetings/equestrian/index.html
- *Armored & Rapier Combat* - rapier@sca-altavia.org / heavy@sca-altavia.org
 - Every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - Location: Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, Ca 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.

- *Unarmored Combat*
 - 2nd & 4th Monday 7:30pm–9:30pm
 - Location: Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, Ca 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.
- *Youth Combat*
 - 2nd & 4th Monday 7:30pm–9:30pm
 - Location: Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, Ca 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.
- *Thrown Weapons* - tw@sca-altavia.org
 - 1st & 3rd Sunday 11:00am-2:30pm
 - Location: Woodley park archery range (woodleyparkarchers.org/direction)

Arts & Sciences: Virtual for Now- arts@sca-altavia.org

- *Arts & Science Workshops (aka Craft Nights)*
 - 4th Tuesday of the Month 7:00pm-9:00pm
 - Location: Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 5329 Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91411
 - Take part in the advertised class or bring sewing or craft projects.
 - Meeting themes are published on facebook and the Altavia Website
- *Bardic Circle* - bardic@sca-altavia.org
 - Host Baron Sir Charles of Dublin at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois.
 - Contact A&S Officer for directions & dates all can perform or watch
- *Children's Activities* - children@sca-altavia.org
 - Children's events are held at every event that Altavia sponsors
- *Culinary Guild*
 - Special interest group for all things delicious to eat and drink.
 - All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
 - Meetings once a month www.facebook.com/groups/242868192471271
- *Dance Practice*
 - Every Monday 7:30 (**CURRENTLY ON HIATUS**)
 - Location: Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, Ca 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.

Scheduled Arts and Science Classes

- See Arts@sca-altavia.org for a current Schedule of Classes



Altavia Current Champions



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- ❖ **Archery:** Baron Bjorn Zenthffeer as of 10/29/18
 - ❖ **Armored Combat:** Duke Sven Orfhendur as of 5/11/19
 - ❖ **Arts & Sciences:** Rycharde the Bowemon as of 5/11/19
 - ❖ **Special Baroness Bardic Prize:** Dame Gorandookht Mamigionian as of 5/11/19
 - ❖ **Bardic:** Mistress Cecilia Medicias of 12/14/19
 - ❖ **Chess:** Baroness Illuminada Eugenia de Guadalupe y Godoy as of 12/16/18
 - ❖ **Equestrian:** Milady Inara of Darach as of 05/20/18
 - ❖ **Fretted Fork Non Period:** Mistress Cecilia Medici as of 10/29/18
 - ❖ **Fretted Fork Period:** Lucrezia of Isles as of 10/29/18
 - ❖ **Games Champion:** Baroness Tezar of Aeolis 12/14/19
 - ❖ **Rapier Combat:** Master Eógan Ua Confraích as of 5/11/19
 - ❖ **Thrown Weapons:** Paganus Grimlove as of 10/29/18
 - ❖ **Unarmored Combat:** THL Tierrynna Caer Narvon as of 5/12/18
 - ❖ **Youth Archery:** Loki of the Dell as of 10/23/16
 - ❖ **Youth Arts and Sciences:** Natallya of Altavia as of 5/13/17
 - ❖ **Youth Combat:** Zakarja Von Bremen as of 5/11/19

