



Summer Issue ~ A.S. XLIV



On the Cover

Altavia encampment at Estrella War.

The images and text are presented for educational purposes only, and as such do not violate the Fair Use Copyright laws. The low resolution (72 dpi) JPG image is entirely unsuitable for printed reproduction, and as such provides no competition for licensed, high resolution images of any copyrighted images.

Please respect copyrights. The use of this, or any image from the Fret Knot, for any publication for profit, or in any manner that violates federal and international copyright laws is expressly forbidden.

TABLE of CONTENTS

On the Cover	Page 2
Table of Contents	Page 3
A Note from the Chronicler	Page 4
Court Business- From the Desk of the Baron & Baroness	Page 5
Altavia Current Champions	Page 6
From the Desk of our Altavian Officers	Page 7-10
Bard of Altavia	Page 11
Upcoming Events	Page 12- 15
The Incipient College of St. Firmin	Page 16
Baronial Officers	Page 17
Copyright Information	Page 18



From the Chronicler



Greetings unto the Barony!

Summer is here and events are coming up. Come join in the fun. Thank you everyone for your submissions and please continue to submit items for the Fret Knot. Anyone can submit items to my email to be placed in the Fret Knot. If you have any questions regarding what to submit also feel free to email.

Have a great summer!

Lady Fara of Altavia

chronicler@sca-altavia.org

Upcoming events:

July:

9-11	Baronial Feast Tourney	Barony of Western Seas:Kauai, HI
10	CP Prize	Barony of CalafiaLa Jolla, Ca
17	Festival of the Rose	Barony of DreiburgenHemet , CA
23-25	Western Seas Summer Arts	Barony of Western Seas
24	Lyondemere	Lyondemere: Torrance, Ca
31	Darach Pirate Tourney	Darach Shire Ventura, Ca
31	King Arthur's Ball	Barony of Starkhafn Boulder City, NV

August

6-8	Water Festival	Barony of Naevehjem
13-15	St.Corrigan's Day	Canton of Galavally/Barony of Dreiburgen:Mountain Center, CA
14	Academia	Barony of Nordwache
21	Crown Tournament	Angels: Monrovia, Ca
22	Arts & Sciences Fundraiser	Angels, Monrovia, Ca
27-30	Baronial Coronet	Barony of Western Seas
28	Leodamus Tourney	Barony of Calafia: la Jolla, Ca

September

2-6	Highland War	Shire of Al-Sahid, Victorville, Ca
11	Angel's Anniversary	Angels, Monrovia Ca
17	Baronial Garb Tourney	Barony of Western Seas
25	Caid Open rapier	Shire of the Isles
25	Knewbie Knockabout	Shire of Wintermist, Bakersfield, Ca

This is the JUNE 2010, issue of the *Fret Knot*, a publication of the Barony of Altavia of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.). The *Fret Knot* is available from Sarah Del Castillo, 5602 McCulloch Ave, Temple City, Ca 91780 (chronicler@sca-altavia.org). It is not a corporate publication of SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA, Inc. policies.

Copyright © 2008 Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on reprinting photographs, articles, or artwork from this publication, please contact the Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.

The Fret Knot is provided free of charge; and can be downloaded from the *Altavia* Yahoo!© Group website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Altavia/>. Membership in the online *Altavia* group is free and open to the public, though initial posts are moderated.

Submission Guidelines: Just do it! (chronicler@sca-altavia.org.)



Court Business



From the Desk of Altavia's Baron and Baroness

Their Excellencies Altavia will attend:

July

10 CP Prize Califia
24 Lyondemere Anniversary

August

21 Crown Tournament Angels
22 Privy Council & Arts & Sciences
Breakfast (or: Day of Pancakes) Angels

September

2-6 Highland War
11 Angels Anniversary
25 Caid Rapier Open

Greetings Altavia!

Spring was a busy time for the Barony. We celebrated our 27th Anniversary, determined several of our Champions, witnessed a new King and Queen being crowned and went off to War! For those of you not in attendance, our Equestrian Championship event was shared with Darach and we had a fabulous turn out of riders. Our Anniversary event was great fun and our theme was much appreciated. Our new Champions are: Erycha Orlon von Scotte and Storm (Equestrian), Duke Edric Aaron Hartwood (Armored), Don Alexander Kallidokos (Rapier), Griffin of Wintermist, Nicolai Stagghorn, Dane, and Megan (Youth Combat), Bjorn Zenthfeer (Chess), and Kiena le Blue (A&S).

King Conrad and Queen Eleanor stepped up at the beginning of June and they are very interested in the Bardic arts and largesse for Their reign. The King seems to love good show and pomp. For example, He seemed to very much appreciate Don Colwyn's wonderful announcement as Altavia processed into Court. King Conrad has stated on several occasions that He loves a good poem or song. Keep that in mind (and the fact that They are soliciting largesse for Pennsic, etc.) when you are looking for a new project!

Potrero War was a great time and our traditional Baronial dinner in the pavilion has become one of our favorite things about War. Sitting around the campfire with everyone, sharing stories, interesting mead and good company is what it's all about. For anyone wondering, we are planning on being back at our old spot next year in Camelot.

Our Baronial gifts for the year are break-down lanterns and we will be planning a workshop night very soon in order to complete them. It is our intention to, once again, complete all the Baronial gifts for the year in one (or two) nights so that we don't have to scramble before each Anniversary. We have given a set to Their Majesties and to the Baron and Baroness of Gyldenholt and they seemed to be a big hit!

We are very excited about our involvement in the following events: Great Western War (we are hosting an Altavia encampment so, please go to the GWW web site and allocate in order to camp with us). Also, there looks to be a Days of Principality Tourney held at GWW (hosted by Altavia) -- more details to come as they are available. Agincourt Archery Tournament (where we will determine our Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Unarmoured Combat champions.) And, of course, Altavia Yule. The theme for this year's Yule is hilarious but we'll let the Event Steward tell you about it! In the meantime, look for hints in the CP!!

CP Prize, Lyondemere Anniversary, Crown, Highland War, Angel's Anniversary, Caid Rapier Open, and Dun Or Anniversary are all events we will be attending over the next few months.

We hope you are having a wonderful Summer and we will see you in the Baronial pavilion at CP Prize!
YIS,

Baron Secca and Baroness Meliora

Altavia Current Champions

Armored Combat *Duke Edric Aaron Hartwood*

Rapier Combat *Don Alexander Kallidokos*

Archery *Roy MacLucas*

Equestrian *Erycha Orlon von Scotte riding Storm*

Thrown Weapons *Ihon MacLucas*

Arts & Sciences *Kiena le Blue*

Bardic *THL Mealla Caimbeul* for performances of *Band of Brothers* and *The Murder of Thomas a Beket aka Nunc Gaudet Ecclesia*

Chess *Bjorn Zenthffeer*

Youth Combat 11 years *Griffin of Wintermist*

Youth Combat 3 to 4 years *Nicolai Stagghorn, Dane, and Megan* – A three-way tie!

Youth Archery 10 and under *Sophia*

Youth Archery 11 and up *Anastasia Nightgale*

Youth Thrown Weapons *Anastasia Nightgale*

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ALTAVIAN OFFICERS

Chatelaine of Altavia

Attending SCA Events

Edited from the Newcomers Pages www.chatelaine.sca-caid.org/newcomers/index.php

The life blood of the Society consists of the various events we hold. The purpose of this article is to help you, the Newcomer, understand what we do so you can more easily participate in these events. First of all, in the Kingdom of Caid, there is almost always an event every weekend of the year, somewhere within easy driving distance. We will explain how you can find out about these events, and then take a little time to discuss them individually.

How To Find Out About Events

There are several sources that you can use to find out about events, but most of these are only known to members since the Society rarely does outside advertising.

When you become a paying member of the SCA, you will begin to receive your Kingdom's Newsmagazine. In Caid, this is called the Crown Prints (or "CP"). This newsletter will provide event and general information. It is laid-out in chronological order, listing events in the order in which they will take place. Generally, the "CP" lists events for a period of sixty days with the larger events being given a longer advance notice. As you read through the "CP" you can take notice of events that interest you. Most of the events will have a notice that takes up a quarter or a half page; and the listing will include the date, a description of what kind of event is going to take place (such as a "Baronial Anniversary"), a set of written directions so that you can easily locate the site, a "schedule" so that you can plan your arrival time, and the event "theme" (such as a "Celtic Tourney"). The listing will include the name and phone number of the "Autocrat" who will be running the event. This is provided so that readers can obtain additional information by phone.

Another source of information is online. Check the Caidan Home Page www.sca-caid.org and click on the Kingdom Calendar to find an event which interests you! To find out if other Altavians are going to the event, be sure to join the Altavia Yahooogroup email listing.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Altavia/> We will be discussing events we are going to. Let your Chatelaine Staff (Bridget or Catriona) know you are attending so we can watch out for you and ensure you enjoy the day!

Tournaments

"Tourneys" are probably the most common form of SCA event. This is what most newcomers have witnessed prior to joining us. Essentially, a Tourney offers a chance for the Society to portray the "Jousting Tournament" of yore, complete with armored fighters in one-on-one combat. Fighting takes place in the "Eric," an area bounded by ropes and stanchions (for safety). Around the "Eric," spectators and merchants erect pavilions in positions where the

combat can be seen in comfort. Members come in garb and add to the effect of a "period" encampment. Tourneys start with an Opening Court where Royalty address their subjects, make awards to deserving members, and explain the event (and any special rules or competitions). Tourneys can be held for many reasons: to select a Baronial or Shire Champion; to celebrate the Anniversary of a Barony, Shire or Canton; to select the Queen's Champion; or just to have an opportunity to get together and enjoy a sunny day.

These events are held outdoors in as picturesque a site as can be found, usually some form of community or county park. They end with a Closing Court (at which time the tourney winners are announced), and often a Revel (at a nearby home, hall, or church).

It is recommended you bring a chair to sit on. As a loyal Altavian you are welcome to sit with the other members of the Barony under the Baronial Pavilion. Check the event listing to see if a lunch is being offered for a modest fee, otherwise bring a picnic lunch for yourself. In Altavia, we usually set up a Potluck Sharing Lunch Table; bring food or drink to share and you are welcome to eat with us!

Wars

"Wars" are the major Social events within our Kingdom. These larger events take place three or four times a year. Major "Wars" include the "Estrella War" in February in Arizona, a war which pits the armed forces of Caid against Atenveldt, (the Kingdom located mostly in Arizona, the "Treasure Chest War" in June/July (which pits Caid against our neighbors to the north, the Kingdom of the West), the Great Western War held in Caid (in the Bakersfield Area) held in October, and the wars in the barony of Calafia (located in San Diego and Imperial Counties) held during the months of May and September (which brings together Caid, Atenveldt, Outlands, the West and other distant kingdoms). Wars generally last for three or more days, and feature battles and skirmishes with massed troops (instead of individual combat), partying ("Reveling") and Bardic Circles every night, etc. Merchants generally come to wars en masse, offering an entire spectrum of wares for your purchase.

If you are camping you will likely need to "Land Allocate" to ensure there is space for your tent within the Altavian Encampment. Here is the link to Land Allocate for Great Western War October 6-11. <http://caid-gww.org/landall.php> If you want to camp with us, please Land Allocate NOW, and send Baroness Meliora an email to let her know too! We can help you with that, as well as hints and tips for Camping in the SCA. We are here to assist you!

Seneschal of Altavia

Award Recommendations

Every thought that someone should get an award well recommend them.

First lets dispel the myth that you can only recommend someone for an a award if you your self hold that award. Wrong! Anyone can recommend anyone for any type of award.

For Kingdom

Here is how I suggest you do it;

Step one: look at the awards page on the Caid web site (<http://royals.sca-caid.org/awards/awards.php>), to best decide what type of award the person you want to recommend should have.

Step two: go to <http://royals.sca-caid.org/awards/recs.php> and check the OP link to make sure they don't already have it.

Step three on that same page is an on line form you simply fill out and hit send!

If you are recommending someone for a peerage, Knighthood, Pelican or Laurel you may also want to send a more detailed letter and if possible a picture to the Secretaries of the order.

They are:

Chivalry: chivalry@sca-caid.org

Pelican: pelican@sca-caid.org

Laurel: laurel@sca-caid.org

For Baronial level

You can write the Baron and or Baroness of the person's Barony to write a letter for awards in their own home area. Those email and Baronial links are listed in the CP and on the local groups' websites.

So if you think someone deserves acknowledgment write a note it won't take long :)

Viscountess Lorissa du Griffin, OP

Deputy Seneschal

Minister of Youth of Altavia

Children Corner

We have many activities for our youth of all ages to participate in. Please come out and join in the activities. We would like to hear what the children are interested in so we can have activities around what they want to learn please contact me and let me know.

Thank You ,
Lady Fara of Altavia
Minister of Youth of Altavia
children@sca-altavia.org

Marshal for Youth Combat of Altavia

Youth Combat

We have had a lot of Youth come out for practice and they are doing great. I have a few that are actually participating in tournaments and they are doing very well ending up in first and second place. As well as receiving the most chivalrist award. HUZZAH!!!

Lord Uilliam of Altavia
Marshal for Youth Combat
youthcombat@sca-altavia.org

Marshal for Thrown Weapons of Altavia

Thrown Weapons

We had a very busy last few months in Thrown Weapons. At Crown, we held a Thrown Weapons tournament where you threw 3 knives at a target of 3 different sized monkeys, the small one worth 5 points, the medium one worth 3 points and the small one worth 1 point. For axes you got 3 chances to hit a clover that was attached to a hat and score 1 point each time you hit it for a total of 3 possible points. We tried a spear clout for the first time with great success. You got 5 spears to throw approximately 35 to 45 feet for a point value of 5, 4, 3, and 2. Our

winner of the event, after a throw off from a tie, was Dominic of Altavia with a score of 20.

The following weekend was Calafia/Gyldenholt Friendship Tourney. We held a Thrown Weapons tournament where we had a TWIC which is where you throw 5 knives and axes from 10, 15 and 20 feet and then 5 spears from 15, 20, and 25 feet.

Nazir of Calafia won that tournament. We also held a novelty throw where you threw knives at a target of large and small trolls and I won that throw.

The next day was Angels Robin Hood tournament and we once again had a fabulous day of throwing. The tournament of that day consisted of pies. 3 knives were thrown at 3 sizes of pie slices for a point value of 4 points for the small slice, 3 points for the medium slice and 1 point for the large slice. You got 3 axes to throw at a slice of pie worth 1 point or hit the gloves on either side of the pie for 3 points or hit the cherry on the center of the one for 4 points. These were thrown from the 10 and 15 foot lines. Then we moved onto spears, where you got 3 spears where you could score 1 point for hitting the place mat, 3 points for hitting the pie and 4 points for hitting the cherry in the center of the pie. The spears were thrown from the 15 and 20 foot lines. 3rd place was Ethan Hall (no relation) 2nd place our very own James Everglad (aka Everclear) and 1st place was Paganus Grimlove

May was a busy month. We had 10 people at our May 2nd practice at Woodley Park and 1 person authorized. We had another practice joining our cousins in Lyndomere at El Dorado Park and had 8 people show up.

Of course we had Potrero in May as well. We started off with a cool night throw where we threw at florescent rings and tubes. Sat. I held a knife and spear competition where for knives you threw to score at the target without hitting/popping a balloon that was set up around the target. For spears we set up a suspended wreath that you had to throw through to hit the skull posted on the hay bales. Aengus won the tournament.

We also acquired some new weapons in May at the Cold Steel Sale. The Barony got 2 new large 14" knives and 2 trail hawk axes. Monique and Ish also got the jump on everyone and they got some medium size 12" knives from that sale as well. We held our June practice at El Dorado because there was an event at Woodley, but were forced to shut down early and told we could not practice there anymore.

I did not make it to QC TW in Nordwache. I heard it was a beautiful site and alot of fun. July 24th is Lynodomere's Anniversary and I will be holding there Thrown Weapons competition. I hope you all can come out and throw.

Lady Cecilia dei Medici
Marshal for Thrown Weapons

Constable of Altavia

Lost Items

Hello Altavia!

As your new Constable I will be the person going around and collecting all the fun stuff that gets left behind at our local events and Fighter Practices.

So far I have, from Altavia Anniversary:

- 1- Straw hat
- 1- Green ceramic mug with a handle and a \$20 price tag stuck to it
- 1- Green ceramic cup with bumps on it
- 1- Motorola Blue Tooth
- 1- Chunk of plaid cloth
- 1- Chunk of green cloth

From FP

- 1- Hammer

If these sound familiar or you have items that need to come to me, please feel free to contact me at constable@sca-altavia.org

Lets all stay safe and have fun!

Viscountess Lorissa du Griffin, OP
Constable of Altavia

Bard of Altavia

Greetings to all and sundry within and without Altavia! The new year saw a new activity in Altavia, our College of St. Firmin was so kind to host a monthly English Country Dance (ECD) practice on the third Tuesday of the month.

There were seven of us in attendance, and we started with an overview of the common steps of the majority of English Country dances: sometimes called USA dances, after those steps. Namely, Up a double, Siding, and Arming. There is also the Set and Turn, used to occupy 8 beats, if the music calls for it. There was also much discussion about dancing, in history and in the SCA.

Then there was dancing. We learned three dances, “Jenny Plucked Pears” as a great example of listening to the music to get cues for what step to perform; “Black Nag” a simple dance that incorporates a Hay (weaving figure); and “Upon a Summers Day” M. Niccolo’s choice for proving not all ECD can be done at a more stately (relaxed) speed.

All of the dances we learned are from Playford’s “Dancing Master”, which is available from several online sources: <http://www.shipbrook.com/jeff/playford/>, <http://www.izaak.unh.edu/nhltmd/indexes/dancingmaster/>, <http://sca.uwaterloo.ca/~praetzel/playford/play.html>, etc. (Your Googling may vary.) And for those who are curious, my favorite online source for notes, music, etc is Stephen Fischer, aka Estienne: http://www.sca.org.au/del/ddb/sections/english_country_dance.html. but there are many sources for notes and much freely and cheaply-available music out in the world.

Our next session we will introduce the idea of dancing with your partner, and your contrary as we work through Hearts Ease and Rufty Tufty (Two dances that tradition dictates are always paired with one another.)

~Meala Caimbeul

Hello again Altavia from your cheerful, though belated, court dance wrangler. In June we had planned much, but were able to execute only some of what was planned. We did work on dancing with our partner and contrary with Rufty Tufty and Heart’s Ease – but then a shortage of music led us to practice, instead of casting, some beautiful weaving patterns with a review of Black Nag and then Upon a Summers Day. (I think there was a third, but I didn’t take notes. Bad Dancer, no biscuit.) We then moved to Italy for the Franc-named Le Petit Rien– little nothings – where Master Niccolo introduced the concept of Sprezzatura as we walked through the somewhat complex Italian steps used in the dance. Curious what all that means? Please attend our practices on the third Tuesday of the month and all will be revealed. For July we will stray from our closed forms, and from Playford as we work on dances done in lines. The main source for these is the Inns of Court manuscript from about 1570.

We will start with the following Pavanes:

- Quadran Pavane
- Earl of Salisbury Pavane

Then two “Measures”

- Caidan Measure
- The Earl of Essex Measure

And then the following Allemandes:

- Madam Sosilla Allemande
- The Black Allemande

One of these is *not* from Inns of the Court. Can you guess which?

My sources for these dances are as follows:

Dells Dance Book:

<http://ieee.uwaterloo.ca/~praetzel/Del/www.sca.org.au/del/ddb/sections/allemandes.html>

Greg Lindhal:

<http://www.pbm.com/~lindahl/dance/ioc/concord.html>

Upcoming Events

Altavia Agincourt Archery & Thrown Weapons Tournament

Sunday October 24, 2010

The Barony of Altavia invites you to join us at our lovely Woodley Park archery range as we celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt, where archers won the day for the English army!

Altavia's Archery and Thrown Weapons (adult and youth) will be chosen for the day's competitors!

Young archers and throwers of Caid are welcome. They may participate if they have passed the proper authorizations and met the following requirements:

Schedule of the Day:

- 8 am Site opens & Thrown Weapons Authorizations begin
- 10 am Opening Court
- 5 pm Closing Court
- 6 pm Site closes

- Persons 14 through 17 years of age must have a properly executed minor's waiver and medical authorization form on their person; and a parent or legal guardian must sign them into the thrown weapons competition.
- Persons under 14 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian in attendance at the event with them.

Our Youth champion categories are: Youth Archery 10 and under, Youth Archery 11 and up, and Youth Thrown Weapons (all ages).

Lunch: Altavia's incipient College of St. Firmin will be selling a Plowman's Lunch: cheese, sausage, and rolls; as well as snacks and drinks. If the weather is cold they will also be selling hot drinks.

Fiber Playday: The day's activities will also include a Fiber Playday hosted by Baroness Therese of the White Griffin. Come sit under the trees, watch the competitions, play with fibers, work on an unfinished project, and maybe learn a new hobby. We'll have informal classes, books, hands-on projects, and more. See Lynnette.HouseZacharia.com/Playday for more info.

Merchants: Are welcome within the confines of the archery range. Please contact the Event Steward for merchant information and reservations.

Site:

- Woodley Park is at 6331 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406 in the Sepulveda Dam Basin Recreation Area, between Burbank and Victory.
- Children are welcome at the site, but must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.
- Pets are allowed in the park area, but not within the confines of the archery range.
- THIS IS A DRY SITE. Seriously - this is a dry site.

Fees:

- \$3.00 for members (Proof of membership is required)
- A \$5 non-member surcharge will apply for non-members over the age of 3.
- Children 3 and under are guests of the Barony.
- Please make checks payable to SCA Inc/ Barony of Altavia.

Event Stewards:

- Archery Marshal: THL James Everglad -- Archery@sca-altavia.org
- Thrown Weapons Marsha: Lady Cecilia Medici -- TW@sca-altavia.org
- Event Steward: Baroness Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Uniconios: Agincourt@sca-altavia.org

• *December 11, 2010: Altavia Yule*

August Crown Tournament *Saturday, August 21, 2010*

With flash of steel and flutter of banner, the fighters of the realm journey forth to the ancient and venerable Barony of the Angels to win honor and glory for their consorts, respect and renown for themselves, and the ultimate prize: the Crown and Kingdom of Caid!

On Saturday, August 21, 2010, the Barony of the Angels is proud to host the August Crown Tournament at Recreation Park in Monrovia. Come witness history in the making, from the Invocation to the Lists to the acknowledgement of Caid's heirs.

Once again, we seek List field sponsorship. All groups (territories, households, warbands, etc.) who wish to sponsor a field will be given priority placement on the eric. Sponsorship includes supplying a herald and two marshals, and hospitality (water, shade, etc.) for fighters, consorts and volunteers at that field. Additionally, decoration of the field's ropes, gates and corners, and use of your group's livery (heraldic device and/or badge) for volunteers on the field are heavily encouraged. If interested, please contact the event steward, THL Cormac Mór.

SITE

Recreation Park, 620 S. Shamrock, Monrovia, CA 91016 (Park Office: 626-256-8246).

Note: This is a dry site. Leash law is in effect.

SITE FEE

\$5 (plus an additional \$5 for non-members)

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc./Barony of the Angels

Schedule:

8:00 am Site Opens

10:00 am Opening Court

~ Crown Tournament ~

5:00 pm Closing Court

6:00 pm Site Closes (everyone **MUST** be off the site by 6 pm)

EVENT STEWARD

THL Cormac Mór

DIRECTIONS

(East or Westbound) Exit 210 Fwy at Mountain Ave (Monrovia). Travel north on Mountain. Turn left onto East Huntington Dr. Turn right onto Shamrock. A loading/unloading area will be available at 620 S. Shamrock. Parking is available on the south side of the park off Olive and on other side streets.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON LEMON.

<http://www.sca-angels.org/fallcrown2010.php>

*Day of Meetings ~ Arts & Sciences Breakfast
(or: Day of Pancakes)
Sunday, August 22, 2010*

After a long day of fighting at Crown, who wouldn't want a carefree day of crafts, camaraderie, and comestibles?

On Sunday, August 22, 2010, in conjunction with Privy Council/Day of Meetings, the Barony of the Angels will host an informal Arts & Sciences fundraiser breakfast that we are affectionately calling "Day of Pancakes." At the Foothill Masonic Lodge just blocks away from the Crown site, pancakes, eggs, and sausage will be served starting at 8 a.m. and will feature a majestic assortment of syrups from Caid's own artisans. Guilds are encouraged to hold their meetings here, and everyone is invited to bring arts and sciences projects in any state of completion.

At 1 p.m., attendees are invited to reconvene at Recreation Park (Crown site) for the Barony's weekly "Picnic in the Park" fighter practice. In keeping with the informal spirit of this practice, SCA garb is not required for either the breakfast or the practice.

SITE

Foothill Lodge #305 F&AM, 204 West Foothill Boulevard, Monrovia, CA, 91016

SITE FEE

There is no site fee for this event.

EVENT STEWARD

THL Cormac Mór

DIRECTIONS

(East or Westbound) Take the 210 Fwy to Myrtle Ave (Monrovia). Go north on Myrtle. Turn left onto Foothill Blvd. At the next light (Primrose), turn left, then immediately right into the parking lot. There will be signs for additional parking.

<http://www.sca-angels.org/fallpc2010.php>

***ANGELS 40th ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT:
RUBY AND GOLD
Saturday, September 11th, 2010***

Baron John ap Griffin and Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani invite one and all to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Barony of Angels. Not only are rubies the traditional 40th anniversary gift, but red and gold are the Barony's colors. We will be seeking new champions for armored combat, rapier, and youth combat, as well Arts & Sciences Champion and Hester Spoon (culinary) champion. More information will be forthcoming so please save the date! The Barony of the Angels is seeking a new Arts and Sciences champion! Enter your finest work in the Barony of the Angels People's Choice Arts and Sciences competition. An extra token will be given to any entry with documentation. Include a bibliography and get a second token. Any Laurel wishing to participate will be given an additional token worth five points to bestow upon their favorite entry. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. The Baronial Champion will be chosen from among those who have entered the People's Choice A&S competition. Documentation is required to be considered for the baronial championship.

Baroness Flavia invites everyone, of every rank and age, to enter their works. She also encourages children to enter and offers a prize for this division--unless the young entrant wins the whole championship, of course, and then he or she can collect the grown-up prize!

In addition to the Rapier Champion, there will be a Baroness' Challenge (details to follow). The Barony also seeks a new Armored Combat and Youth Combat champion. The Inn of the Crimson Spade will host the competitions for Backgammon and Chess Champions. The annual Hester Spoon competition will be held (theme to be announced.)

There will be a raffle of all sorts of wonderful goodies. All are welcome to contribute to it.

SITE

Recreation Park, 620 S. Shamrock, Monrovia, CA 91016 (Park Office: 626-256-8246).

Note: This is a dry site. Leash law is in effect.

SITE FEE

\$5.00 (plus an additional \$5.00 for non-members)

Please make checks payable to: SCA Inc./Barony of the Angels

Schedule:

8:00 am Site Opens

6:00 pm Site Closes (everyone **MUST** be off the site by 6 pm)

EVENT STEWARD

Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain

DIRECTIONS

(East or Westbound) Exit 210 Fwy at Mountain Ave (Monrovia). Travel north on Mountain. Turn left onto East Huntington Dr. Turn right onto Shamrock. A loading/unloading area will be available at 620 S. Shamrock. Parking is available on the south side of the park off Olive and on other side streets.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON LEMON.

<http://www.sca-angels.org/Anniversary2010.php>

St. Firmin

Until further notice the Thursday St. Firmin fighter practice at Northridge Park will begin at 7pm and end at 9pm.

Huzzah for spring! Since last Fret Knot the Incipient College of St. Firmin has started a Thursday evening fighter practice. Practice has been running smoothly with an average of six people in attendance weekly. Most of our fighters are new comers, some have yet to attend an event, and getting into armor has made them so excited about fighting and our society. Two of our new fighters have happily written about their first time in armor and I hope you enjoy reading about their experiences.



Hopefully in the future more fighters, both armored and rapier, from the Barony will be able to attend our practices and share their knowledge to our new and excited fighters.

-Lady Leonor de Sevilla


Seneschal, Incipient College of St. Firmin

Attending my first fighter practice was a huge event for me as a beginning SCA member. I had grown up fighting with toy swords and lightsabers, but once I had the full armor on, it felt like an entirely new experience. I was surprised at how heavy everything was, especially the shield! After about two hours of instruction and sparring we called it a night, and though I could barely lift the sword, I was ready to keep going. I have gone every week since, and I can't wait to continue next week.


-Jeremy of St. Firmin

The first time I got into armor was a bit strange simply because I was not used to the way it felt, but it was still a fun experience. I should have expected the armor to be heavy, but it's hard to understand just how heavy it is without being in it, but it was not excessively heavy. It was so exciting to work through the basic steps, learning how to swing the sword and the blocks were fun, and a wonderful release of tension. I left that practice feeling happy, excited for the next practice, and with a sense of satisfaction. I know I'll be getting into armor as often as I can, and I could not be any happier about that.

-Christina of St. Firmin



Baronial Officers



Baron is THL Secca of Kent	(Baron@sca-altavia.org)
Baroness is Lady Meliora Deverel	(Baroness@sca-altavia.org)
Chief Lady-in-Waiting: Lady Sorcha dubh	(court@sca-altavia.org)
Captain of the Guard: THL Thorin O'Seaghda	(guard@sca-altavia.org)
Seneschal: Lord Francisco Rojas de Gomez Y Sandoval	(seneschal@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy Seneschal Viscountess Lorissa du Griffin Lady Iseabail nee Bhatar	
Captain of Archers: Lord James Everglad	
Arts and Sciences Officer: Lady Aethelwyn of Ashgrove	(arts@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy A&S: THL Madelena Hidalgo de Valencia	
Chateline: Mistress Bridget Lucia Mackenzie	(chatelaine@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy: Lady Catriona inghean Sullivan	
Children's Minister is Lady Fara Of Altavia	(children@sca-altavia.org)
Chiurgeon: Lord Caine Dorcha	
Deputy Chiurgeon: Lady Cecillia Medici	
Chronicler: Lady Fara of Altavia	(chronicler@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy: Lady Catriona inghean Sullivan	
Constable: Viscountess Lorissa du Griffin	(constable@sca-altavia.org)
Exchequer: Eirikr Mjoksiglandi	(exchequer@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy: Master Timotheus Zacharia	
Herald (Sable Fret Cornet): Lord Damien von Baden	(herald@sca-altavia.org)
Court Herald: THL Tezar of Aeolis	
Lists Officer: THL Matlens Litovka	(lists@sca-altavia.org)
Marshal: Sir Eronric of Devon	(marshal@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy Marshal: Lord Cian Dorcha	
Deputy Marshal - Equestrian is Dona Lady Virginia Read	(equestrian@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy Marshal for Armored Combat is Sir Eronric of Devon	
Deputy Marshal - Rapier is Don Colwyn Stagghorn	(rapier@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy Marshal for Thrown Weapons is Lady Cecilia dei Medici	
Thrown Weapons Deputy is Einarr blodox	
Deputy Marshall For Youth Combat is Lord Uilliam of Altavia	(youthcombat@sca-altavia.org)
Scribe is Ysabel d'Outremer	(scribe@sca-altavia.org)
Webwright: Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios	(webwright@sca-altavia.org)
Deputy Webwright: THL James Everglad	

Copyright Information

Fret Knot logo – Marcus Mulcahy
Cover picture –Lady Meliora Deverel
Photo on page 16 – Courtesy of Lady Leonor de Sevilla
Background Provided by Lady Fara of Altavia

All articles, poems, interviews and other items published in this newsletter are copyrighted to the respective authors. Please feel free to contact the Chronicler to obtain permission to use such materials.
