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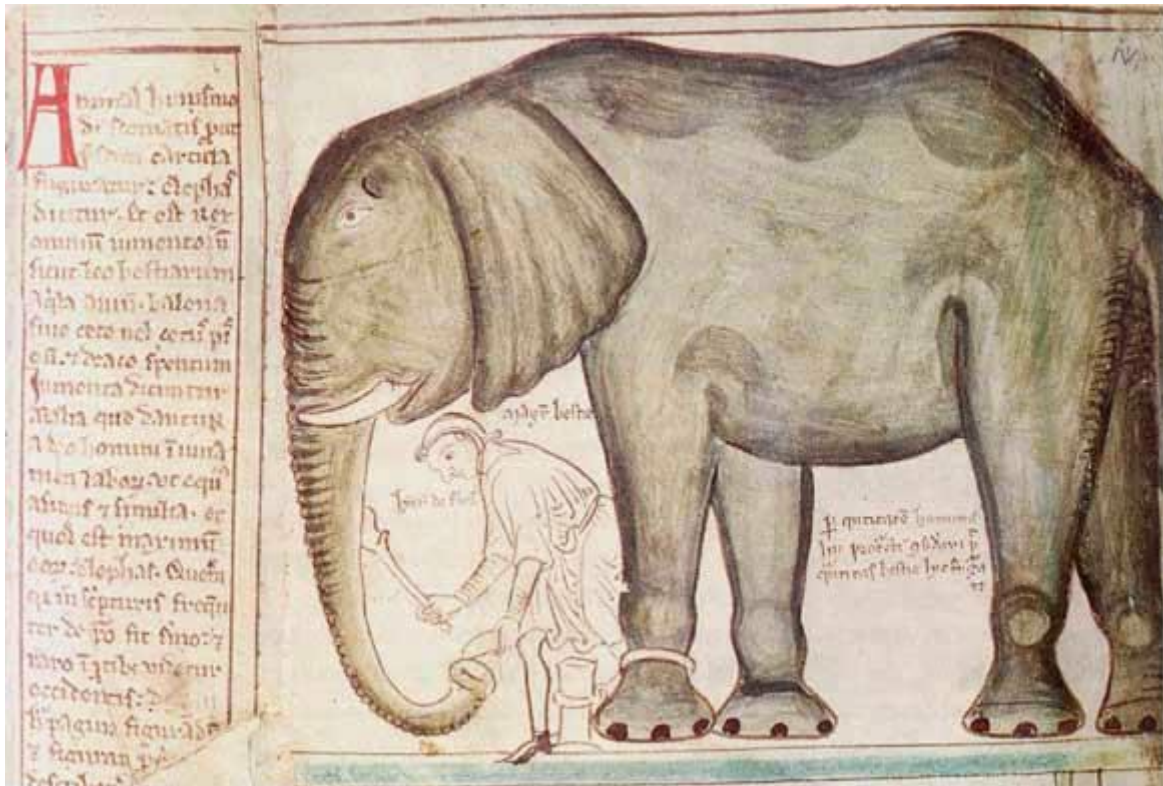
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From the Chronicler



Welcome to the Summer-Fall issue of the Fret Knot. We're deep into Tourney Season, and a new Heir has been chosen (Congrats to Aisha and Conrad). We're very lucky here in CAID since our clement weather allows our season to extend well into months that other Kingdoms end up needing to head indoors.

Altavia has been a Barony for 30 years now. There have been many changes over the years, people coming and going, events changing and progressing. I've been part of Altavia for fifteen years now and I am so happy to be able to be a part of such a thriving, creative group. There are so many great people within our group that have knowledge in a vast variety of things, from fighting to the arts. If any of you out there are ever interested in something specific, feel free to reach out to us and we can try to put you into contact with someone that can help you with your SCA related question or project. We have a baronial Facebook page which you can add yourself to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/297336603655499/>

Please come on over and get more involved!

Currently I am looking for a deputy that would be interested in taking over doing the Fret as well as a Social Media Officer. If you are interested, please reach out to me and we can discuss the responsibilities of the position.

And if you have feedback on how to make this newsletter better, feel free to contact me as well. I'm easy to reach at chronicler@sca-altavia.org.

Sensei Asakura Mashime

From Their Excellencies

Greetings Altavia!

It's been a hot summer and we are looking forward to Fall and all of the wonderful activities ahead!

Caid's next Heirs will be determined at Crown Tournament in Lyondemere on August 17th and Highland War is shortly thereafter.

For those of you who have never attended Highland War, it is a personal favorite of ours. It is located in Victorville in a small park and it is a casual, extremely fun war with a ridiculously silly torchlight tournament and lots of activities. We highly recommend it!

Angels Anniversary is September 14th and we are excited to celebrate our Mother Barony and neighbor!

Caid Rapier Open is on September 28th in the Shire of Isles so please attend and cheer on our rapier fighters!

The Barony will have an encampment at Great Western War in October, in our usual, beautiful spot on the water. Pre-Registration/Land Allocation has been extended for those paying by ACCEPS to August 24th. The deadline for sending in checks and forms has passed but you can still join us if you pay online with ACCEPS at http://acceps.ansteorra.org/regit/kingdom_event_display.php?kid=4. You can also pay in person at Crown Tournament on August 17th.

As you all know, we are in the process of stepping down as your Baron and Baroness and are currently accepting letters of intent. The deadline is September 9th so, if you are interested, please send your letter to www.seneschal@altavia.org. If you'd like to find out more, go to the Altavia website at www.sca-altavia.org and click on the "The Baronial Succession Process" at the top of the home page.

We are ready for cooler weather and we look forward to the wonderful events coming up and meeting Caid's new Prince and Princess!

Long live Altavia!

YIS,

Baron Secca and Baroness Meliora



Upcoming Events

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| 9/14/2013 | Angels Anniversary | Angels |
| 9/21/2013 | Tanwayour Anniversary | Calafia |
| 9/28/2012 | Allthing | Starkhafn |
| 9/28/2013 | Caid Rapier Open (PLACEHOLDER) | Altavia |
| 10/5/2013 | Longsword/Greatsword Tourney | Summergate |
| 10/8-10/14/13 | GWW | |
| 10/19/2013 | Peasants' Revolt | Angels |
| 10/19/2013 | Nordwache Pirate Tourney | Nordwache |
| 10/19/2013 | Leif Erickson Tourney | Calafia |
| 10/26/2013 | Dreiburgen Anniversary | Dreiburgen |
| 10/27/2013 | Agincourt Tourney | Altavia |
| 11/2-11/3/13 | Fall Coronation/QC | Dun Or |
| 11/9/2013 | Calafia Anniversary | Calafia |
| 11/9/2013 | Naevehjem Anniversary | Naevehjem |
| 11/16/2013 | Isles Anniversary | Isles |
| 11/23/2013 | QC Archery, Thrown Weapons | Altavia |
| 11/30/2013 | Medieval Marketplace | Angels |
| 11/30/2013 | Wintermist Yule | Wintermist |
| 12/7/2013 | Winter FoTR w/ Winter Arts | Calafia |
| 12/7/2013 | Altavia/Angels Yule | Angels |
| 12/14/2013 | Nordwache Yule | Nordwache |
| 12/14/2013 | Lyondemere/Gyldenholt Yule | Gyldenholt |
| 12/14/2013 | Dreiburgen Yule | Dreiburgen |
| 12/21/2013 | Starkhafn Yule | Starkhafn |

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Basic Ink Making – A guide

By: Ian the Green

May 25, 2013 I had two different entries for ink making in the Middle Kingdom Arts and Sciences Fair. Both of my entries came in first place. But I started off not having a single clue how to make ink which is where most first time ink makers start at, just like I did.

The first time I ever made ink nobody in the room really knew what we were doing. We had read some books, seen some things, but we didn't know what we were doing by any means. We had a tin coffee can of California Oak Galls, a small medicine bottle of copperas and a desire to make ink. So... we did.

We boiled the oak galls, pulled out the chunks and threw in the copperas. And it turned black! We all stuck our head over it and watched it turn black. And then quickly realized that this was not a wise thing to have done and quickly pulled our heads back. We put a dip pen into the pot and then wrote with it. "INK!" we declared and so we were successful.

Today, I might quibble with my naive self of then, but in essence we were not entirely wrong. We were more enthusiastic than we were knowledgeable, but from enthusiasm for learning comes knowledge. Be enthusiastic and celebrate your triumphs! My journey into making ink has been filled with triumphs and what some might call setbacks.

My hope is that with this post I can give you the tools to have your first triumph and to inspire you to try-umph even more ink making.

So what are the basics of making Iron Gall ink?

Get your ingredients together.

- Water
- Oak Galls
- Copperas (Ferrous Sulfate)
- Gum Arabic.

What kind of water? For your first batch? Any kind of water. I am partial to store bought distilled water myself, but most tap water is just fine.

Where do you get oak galls? You can pick them from oak trees or you can buy them online. If I buy them. I buy Aleppo Oak Galls from John Neal Bookseller.

Copperas can be purchased from some SCA merchants. I purchase mine from Frey Scientific.

Gum Arabic can be purchased at most art supply stores in a clear liquid form. I prefer dry gum arabic, either in crystal or powdered forms. Commercial sellers of dry gum arabic include John Neal Bookseller Kremer Pigments, Natural Pigments and (sometimes) Sinopia.

You might want to keep things a bit small the first time you make Iron Gall Ink, though some people want to go big. Either way is fine, though I'll be talking about a small batch of ink in this post.

AMERICAN MEASUREMENTS:

1 quart of water, 1 oz Aleppo oak galls, 1/2 oz copperas, 1oz dry gum arabic or 2 fluid oz liquid gum arabic (commercial bought)

METRIC:

1 liter of water, 30 grams Aleppo oak galls, 15 grams copperas, 30 grams dry gum arabic or 60 milliliters liquid gum arabic (commercial bought)

In a well-ventilated area... (kitchen with fan, open doors and a fan, park wherever)

Boil your water. As the water boils break up your oak galls. Once the oak galls are broken up put them in the water.

Boil the oak galls until the liquid takes on a dark color preferably a dark coffee color.

Filter out the oak galls. You can do this by pouring it through a sieve, a strainer or, as in period, well woven linen or cheese cloth.

Toss in the copperas and watch everything turn black, a bit like magic.

Add in the gum arabic and stir until everything is liquid.

Congratulations you now have ink! Use it. Store it. Share it!

This first batch of ink should serve you well. Is it the best ink? No. Is it usable ink? Of course. And it should write fairly black as well. Clean your metal nibs after using this ink with water and mild soap.

I have several period recipes available on this blog if you want to read them and try your hand at making those.

I am always available to answer any questions and help you out with ink making if you desire. Please feel free to e-mail me at [lantheGreen AT gmail DOT com](mailto:lantheGreen@gmail.com) or comment here on this post.

If you want to make ink, just get out there and start making it!



Upcoming Baronial Events

Altavia's Agincourt
Sunday, October 27, 2013

And gentlemen in ~~England~~ Caid now-a-bed Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here In 1415, King Henry V and his band of brothers won a decisive victory in the Hundred Years' War at the rolling fields of Agincourt. Come celebrate, once again, the victory of the humble English longbow over the pride of French chivalry.

The Barony of Altavia invites you to join us on October 27, 2013 at Woodley Park archery range as we celebrate the 598th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt. Altavia's Archery and Thrown Weapons champions (adult and youth) will be decided from the day's competitors. Archery champions will be decided by a Forester round. There will also be a novelty shoot and we hope to have a clout shoot, as well.

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

- * Persons 14 through 17 years of age must have a properly executed minor's waver and medical authorization form on their person; 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 with them at the event.

Our Youth champion categories are: Youth Archery 10 and under, Youth Archery 11 and up, and Youth Thrown Weapons (all ages). Contests: Do you like fun? Do you like competing? There will be several contests throughout the day for the populace to take part in! Please check the event's Facebook page and the Kingdom Calendar for more details as the event approaches.

Fiber Play Day: Come sit under the trees, watch the competition, play with fibers, work on unfinished projects, and maybe learn a new hobby.

Schedule for the Day:
8 a.m. Site opens
10 a.m. Opening Court
5 p.m. Closing Court
6 p.m. Site closes

Site: Woodley Park is at 6331 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406 in the Sepulveda Dam Basin Recreation Area, between Burbank and Victory.

More Information:

- Children are welcome at the site but must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.
- Pets are NOT allowed on site.
- THIS IS A DRY SITE. Seriously - DRY SITE. Sharp projectiles and alcohol do not mix.

Fees: \$5 for members (Proof of membership is required). Attendees 12 and under are guests of the Barony. A \$5 non-member surcharge applies for all



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attendees over 12 years. Please make checks payable to SCA Inc. / Barony of Altavia.

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

Altavia/Angels Yule will be held on December 12, 2013. Location is at St. Mary's Proto-Cathedral 5329 Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA. 91411. Times are 3:00pm until 11:00pm.

The Theme is Silver and Gold!! Pot luck dinner. Costume and Table decorating Contests! Altavia and Angels Bardic champions!! Period Games and Dancing!! Altavia Chess champion! Toys for Tots drive!! and much, much more!!!!

More information will be updated as time goes by. Save the date!! Please feel free to add yourself to the Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/553757377970743/>

The Field of Cloth of Gold

By: THL Johnnae Ilyn Lewis, CE

As many Society persons ready themselves to once again go off to the fields of Pennsic, Gulf Wars, or Great Western War, sometimes it's rather interesting to reflect upon the past and see what a meeting between kings entailed in the early sixteenth century. In a field between the English held town of Guînes and the French territory of Ardres in France, King Henry VIII of England and King Francis I of France met in person in 1520 at the meeting that has come to be called the Field of Cloth of Gold or the Field of the Cloth of Gold. Why was it titled as such? The traditional view is that it was named 'Cloth of Gold' because of the rich fabrics and accoutrements, but historian Joycelyne Russell notes the field or valley where the encounters took place had been called the golden vale, *val de oro*, *val dore'* or *vallis aurea* previous to the 1520 meeting.

The event was the result of elaborate staging and diplomacy and was two years in the planning. Each country established its own magnificent camps. Between these two camps in the middle of the valley, the two sides came together for the official pageants, festivities, and activities like the jousting. The Field of Cloth of Gold was months in the actual construction and making. Just like our modern Society Wars, thousands of people traveled great distances to attend. It all lasted roughly two weeks or in this case officially from June 7th until June 24th, 1520.

In reading through the actual accounts, one finds many instances of common activities to both our current Society wars and the 1520 Field of Cloth of Gold. Here are some passages of these various activities:

Tents, Pavilions, and Constructions

"FRAUNCES the Frenche kyng was with all his nobles of the realme of Fraunce, come to the toune of Arde, whiche was prepared for his commynge, many tentes, hales and pavilions, were set and pight in the felde." [Hall]

"Persons who have been to Calais tell wonders of the English pomp, and of the King's tent measuring some 6,000 yards (auric) of cloth of gold, and exceeding that of his Majesty here, which cost about 150,000 ducats or more." [Calendar of state papers; hereafter CSP]

"The tent of the King our lord is a magnificent affair (*una grandisavnM cosa*). From the ground to its summit, on which is a gigantic St. Michael, it measures 60 paces (*sessanta passi*); the poles which support it are tall masts lashed together to increase their length, which is such tliat it would certainly suffice for a ship of 400 butts. The diameter of this tent in its centre (in fondo) is sixteen paces, and all round it is a corridor, eight paces broad and some 20 paces in length." [CSP]

For Henry the VIII, a palace rivaling Whitehall:

"...on the playne grene was buylded a fountayne of enbowed worke, gylte with fine golde, and bice, ingyayled with anticke workes, the olde God of wyne called Baccus birlyng the wyne, whiche by the conduyctes in therth ranne to al people plenteously with red, white, and claret wyne, over whose hedde was written in letters of Romayn in gold, *faicte bonne chere quy vouldra*." [Hall]

"Could I describe the fortress-house raised at Guisnes by the King of England for his banquet (*festino*), you would be surprised to hear of its architecture, but you would be more delighted to behold such a structure, built to last a day, and no longer. It appears to be that which it is not, and it is that which it does not appear to be." [CSP]

"The house of the King of England covered four square acres. Outside the gates were two columns, one on each side ; on one the God of Love, on the other " G'arihl" [Hospitality ?], most admirably wrought, with a Bacchus on a fountain, which on the day of the banquet spouted wine." [CSP]

"Throughout the building, at a distance of two feet below the windows, is a handsome gilt cornice whereon to hang the tapestries, which are all most magnificent." [CSP]

"I have seen a temporary house built by him, said to have cost 100,000 francs, the handsomest ever beheld ; never did I see so beautiful or so costly a palace. The [French] King's tent is a stupendous sight." [CSP]

"On either side there are stages on which the ladies and ever}'body will be placed to see the entertainments, which will commence on Monday the 11th instant, and will last some eight or ten days. The jousts on both sides, some 220 men-at-arms in all, are in excellent condition." [CSP]

Delays

It is said that this palace will be completed on Thursday, or thereabouts...[CSP]

"where are also a great number of other tents, the English also having pitched their tents outside Guisnes, but ours [the French] are the handsomer. Altogether they will amount to some 2,000 ; and they are still in the act of putting them up." [CSP]

Fanciest of dress

Regarding HRM Francis: "The King wore a cap of black velvet with feathers of the same colour, and some large jewels in it very well set, which the King estimates at 2,000 ducats. His doublet was embroidered with gold knots, the shirt protruding from the slashes, the tags of which were most beautiful jewels. His breast was bare, and he had sleeves (mangetti). Over the doublet was a cloak of cloth of gold embroidered ; at the back of the cloak a certain bit of cloth of gold slashed, looking like a half cape, or well nigh a half mantle, fastened over the left shoulder, which half cape or mantle was costly and ornamented with large jewels. On his legs, he wore white boots (burza- chini bianchi).[CSP]

"The King of England wore a very handsome and costly doublet of cloth of silver, with a girdle and apron (traversd) or " sbarra" from the cincture to the shoulder, of cloth of gold studded with very beautiful jewels, and a black velvet cap with jewels and black feathers; and he rode a very handsome bay courser with a " trapper "t embroidered in gold." [CSP]

"To tel you the apparel of the ladies, their rych attyres, their sumptuous Juelles, their diversities of beauties, and the goodly behavior from day to day syth the first meting, I assure you ten mennes wyttes can scade declare it." [Hall]

Music

"Then up blewe the Trumpettes, Sagbuttes, Clarions, and all other Minstrelles on bothe sides," [Hall]

Jousting

"The jousts will commence on Monday or Tuesday, and will last about 10 days." [CSP]

On the morrow, the 11th, the jousts commenced, and were attended by both the Queens, with a very great number of most noble ladies, all vieing with each other in beauty and ornamented apparel, and for love of them each of the jousts endeavoured to display his valour and prowess, in order to find more favour with his sweetheart. And thus did they assemble daily to witness sword-fighting on horseback and on foot, and other tournaments and representations of war. [CSP]

"All, owing to the wind, did very ill, and an infinity of spears were lost, but they continued tilting until evening." [CSP]

but also fighting on foot

“Fryday the xxii. daye of June in the campe was set a barrier for to fyght on foote,” [Hall]

Feasting and Dancing

“The King of France dined in the palace with the Queen of England. They were seated at the centre of the table opposite to each other under a costly canopy. ... The viands were more dainty and exquisite than can be told, and their description is therefore omitted. Constantly during dinner the most excellent vocal and instrumental music was heard ; a better performance was not possible. In the other halls a number of Lords and Princes who had accompanied the most Christian King dined, and after dinner there was a ball until night, the King himself dancing, and part of the time he made love to the ladies there. [CSP]

[Note the phrase “and their description is therefore omitted” as to the foods served. As usual, no one bothered to record exactly what dishes were eaten.]

Of this feast Hall writes: “he was ryght honorably served in all thinges nedefull, for Forestes, Parkes, felde, salte seas, Ryvers, Moates and Pondes, wer serened and sought through countreies for the delicacie of viandes, wel was that man rewarded that could bring any thinge of likinge or pleasure : Ryght honorably was the French kyng entertained.”

Exchange of Gifts

“The kyng of England gave to the Frenche kyng a colloure of Jewels of precyouse stoones ... The Frenche kyng gave to the Kyng of Englande a Bracelet of precyouse stones, riche Jewels and fayre...”[Hall]

Other Activities

“During this triumph so much people of Picardie and West Flaunders drew to Guysnes to se the kyng of England and his honor, to whom vitailles of the court were in plentie, the conduicte of the gate ranne wyne alwayes, there wer vacaboundes, plowmen, laborers and of the bragery wagoners and beggers that for drunkennes lay in routes and heapes, so great resort thether came, that both knightes and ladies that were come to se the noblenes, were fayne to lye in hay and strawe, and helde them therof hyghly pleased.” [Hall]

Weatherwise

“Today, the 13th, it blows a terrible gale, and as the Kings were unable to joust, they went to the lists to see some Bretons and Englishmen wrestle.” [CSP]

“Today, although the wind was high, and the weather bad..” [CSP]

“Towards evening it commenced raining, and all went to disarm...”[CSP]

“The French King's tent was pitched outside the walls of Ardres, near his dwelling house. The tent and pavilions remained up four days only, on account of the wind and rain, so that it became necessary to strike them, to the very great regret of the most Christian King and of all the French nobility, -as they were the pride of France; who thus counterbalanced the English pride generated by the house above described.” [CSP]

“Monday the xviii. daye of June, there blewe such stormes of wind and wether that marvaill was to hear, for whiche hideous tempest som said it was a very pronosticacion of trouble and hatred to come betwene princes.” [Hall]

As can be seen from these passages, the Field of Cloth of Gold was perhaps the fanciest and largest of the international summit meetings or royal expos of its time or any time with pomp and pageantry to spare. While it was most flamboyant, there was a concerted attempt to preserve equality between the sides. Neither was supposed to “overshine” the other.

How did it differ from our modern events? Did it include shopping? Probably not as we know it today; much of the procuring went on for months before hand and massive quantities of materials and victuals were brought to the site. Our *Society Wars* by contrast includes families with children; children are not mentioned in the accounts of 1520. And sanitation wise the accounts don't talk about the latrines or chamber pots, which would have stood instead of the more familiar modern porta-potties. In the end, who can read these accounts and not smile knowingly when they encounter the passages about delays or the weather.

What did it all mean? In terms of peace and diplomacy, the good feelings didn't last. Henry soon sided with King Charles of Spain against France. Perhaps Charles Whibley sums it up best when he says "But the culmination of glory and splendour was the Field of the Cloth of Gold, whereon Henry and Francis took the sound advice of Comines, whose maxim it was that princes should not meet, except to share their pleasures." Not a bad maxim for these current wars either.

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A number of sources are now online so readers may explore the world of the Field of Cloth of Gold on their own. Sources include:

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Friedrich Bouterwek – "Meeting at the Field of the Cloth of Gold, 7th June 1520." JPG
<http://commons.wikimedia.org>

Another engraved by James Basire in 1774 from an oil painting in the collection of George III of England. "Field of the cloth of gold." Fragment of engraving.

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Altavia Current Champions

- ❖ Archery **THL Cristofanus Castellani** 10/28/12
- ❖ Armored Combat **Sir Edward Senestre** 5/11/13
- ❖ Arts & Sciences **Lady Arianna di Zanchi** 5/11/13
- ❖ Bardic **Charles Ivansen of Borreby** and **Aurora of Finchingfield** 12/8/12
- ❖ Chess **Dimitri** 12/8/12
- ❖ Equestrian **THL Courtney of the White Meadow** riding Blaze 6/29/13
- ❖ Rapier Combat **Nathaniel Longbow** 5/11/13
- ❖ Thrown Weapons **Vigualfr Ragnarsson** 10/28/12
- ❖ Unarmored Combat **Kolbrandr Kollson** 5/11/13
- ❖ Youth Archery **Nicholai Stagghorn** 10/28/12
- ❖ Youth Combat **Dante, Dmitri, & Natalya** 5/11/13
- ❖ Youth Thrown Weapons **Nicolai Stagghorn** 10/28/12



On Our English Dogs by **Johnnae Ilyn Lewis, CE**

There is no countrie that may (as I take it) compare with ours, in number, excellencie, and diuersitie of dogs. William Harrison. 1587

There is no doubt that we cherish and often write about our pet dogs today, but what did the writers say about dogs in the past? Thinking it might prove interesting, here's a selection of short passages from Elizabethan texts that reflect on the matters of dogs.

Of Our English Dogs and Their Qualities

In like sort we have of water spaniels in their kind. The third sort of dogs of the gentle kind, is the spaniell gentle, or comforter, or (as the common terme is) the fistinghound, and those are called Melitei, of the Iland Malta, from whence they were brought hither. These are little and prettie, proper and fine, and sought out far and néere to satisfie the nice delicacie of daintie dames, and wanton womens willes; instruments of follie to plaie and dallie withall, in trifling away the treasure of time, ... These Sybariticall pup|pies, the smaller they be (and thereto if they haue an hole in the foreparts of their heads) the better they are accepted, the more pleasure also they prouoke, as méet plaiefellowes for mising mistresses to beare in their bosoms, to keepe companie withall in their chambers, to succour with sléepe in bed, and nourish with meat at boord, to lie in their laps, and licke their lips as they lie (like yoong Dianaes) in their wagons and coches. And good reason it should be so... Holinshed, Raphael and William Harrison page 230

Dogs of the homelie kind, are either shepherds curs, or mastiffes. The first are so common, that it néedeth me not to speake of them. Holinshed, Raphael and William Harrison page 230

The last sort of dogs consisteth of the currish kind méet for manie toies: of which the whappet or prickeard curre is one. Some men call them warners, bicause they are good for nothing else but to barke and giue warning when anie bodie dooth stirre or lie in wait about the house in the night season. ... The second sort of them are called turne spits, whose office is not vnknowne to anie. And as these are onelie reserued for this purpose, so in manie places our mastiffes (beside the vse which tinkers haue of them in carieng their heauie budgets) are made to draw water in great whéeles out of déepe wels, going much like vnto those which are framed for our turne spits, as is to be séene at Roiston, where this feat is often practised. Holinshed, Raphael and William Harrison page 231

Holinshed, Raphael and William Harrison, et al. The first and second volumes of Chronicles comprising: The description and historie of England... 1587.

John Caius in his 1576 Of Englishe dogges the diuersities, the names, the natures, and the properties described certain dogs and their attributes with the following words:

Of the Dogge called a Harier, in Latine Leuerarius.

THat kinde of Dogge whom nature hath indued with the vertue of smelling, whose property it is to vse a lustines, a readines, and a couragiousnes in hunting, and draweth into his nostrells the ayre or sent of the beast pursued and followed...

Of the Dogge called a Terrar, in Latine Terrarius.

ANother sorte there is which hunteth the Foxe and the Badger or Greye onely, whom we call Terrars, because they (after the manner and custome of ferrets in searching for Connyes) créepe into the grounde, and by that meanes make afrayde, nypppe, and byte the Foxe and the Badger in such sort, that eyther they teare

them in pièces with theyr téeth beyng in the bosome of the earth, or else hayle and pull them perforce out of their lurking angles, darke dongeons, and close cause...

Of the Dogge called a Bloudhounde in Latine Sanguinarius.

The greater sort which serue to hunt, hauing lippes of a large syze, & eares of no small lenght, doo, not onely chase the beast whiles it liueth, (as the other doo of whom mencion aboue is made) but beyng dead also by any maner of casualtie, make recourse to the place where it lyeth, hauing in this poynt an assured and infallible guyde, namely, the sent and sauour of the bloud sprinckled héere and there vpon the ground.

Of the Dogge called the Gasehounde, in Latine Agasaeus.

This kinde of Dogge which pursueth by the eye, preuayleth little, or neuer a whit, by any benefite of the nose that is by smelling, but excelleth in perspicuitie and sharpenesse of sight altogether, by the vertue whereof, being singuler and notable, it hunteth the Foxe and in the Hare.

Of the Dogge called the Grehounde, in Latine Leporarius.

There is another kinde of Dogge which for his incredible swiftnesse is called Leporarius a Grehounde, because the principall seruice of them dependeth and consisteth in starting and hunting the hare, which Dogges likewyse are indued with no lesse strength then lightnes in maintenance of the game, in seruing the chase, in taking the Bucke, the Harte, the Dowe, the Foxe, and other beastes of semblable kinde ordained for the game of hunting.

Of the Dogge called the Leuiner, or Lyemmer in Latine Lorarius.

ANother sort of dogges be there, in smelling singuler, and in swiftnesse incomparable. This is (as it were) a myddle kinde betwixt the Harier and the Grehounde, as well for his kinde, as for the frame of his body.... This Dogge for the excellency of his conditions, namely smelling and swift running, doth followe the game with more eagernes, and taketh the pray with a iolly quicknes.

Of the Dogge called a Tumbler, in Latine Vertagus.

This sorte of Dogges, which compasseth all by craftes, fraudes, subtelties and deceiptes, we Englishe men call Tumblers, because in hunting they turne and tumble, winding their bodyes about in circle wise, and then fearcely and violently venturing vpon the beast, doth soddenly gripe it, at the very entrance and mouth of their receptacles, or closets before they can recouer meanes, to saue and succour themselues.

Of the Dogge called the theeuish Dogge in Latine Canis furax.

The like to that whom we haue rehearsed, is the théeuish Dogge, which at the mandate and bydding of his master fléereth and leereth abroad in the night, hunting Connyes by the ayre, which is leuened with their sauour and conueyed to the sense of smelling by the meanes of the winde blowing towards him. ...The farmers of the cuntry and vplandishe dwellers, call this kinde of Dogge a nyght curre, because he hunteth in the darke.

Of gentle Dogges seruing the hauke, and first of the Spaniell, called in Latine Hispaniolus.

The common sort of people call them by one generall word, namely Spaniells.

The Dogge called the Setter, in Latine Index.

ANother sort of Dogges be there, seruceable for fowling, making no noise either with foote or with tounge, while they followe the game. ... when he hath founde the byrde, he kéepeth sure and fast silence, he stayeth his steppes and wil procéede no further, and with a close, couert, watching eye, layeth his belly to the grounde and so créepeth forward like a worme. When he approacheth néere to the place where the birde is, he layes him downe, and with a marcke of his pawes betrayeth the place of the byrdes last abode...

Of the Dogge called the water Spaniell, or finder in Latine Aquaticus seu Inquisitor.

THat kinde of Dogge whose seruce is required in fowling vpon the water, partly through a naturall towardnesse, and partly by diligent teaching, is indued with that property. This sort is somewhat bigge, and of a measurable greatnesse, hauing long, rough, and curled heare...

Of the delicate, neate, and pretty kind of dogges called the Spaniel gentle or the comforter, in Latine Melitaeus or Fotor.

There is, besides those which wée haue already deliuered, another sort of gentle dogges in this our Englishe soyle ...These dogges are litle, pretty, proper, and fyne, and sought for to satisfie the delicatenesse of daintie dames, and wanton womens

In latine Canis Laniarius in Englishe the Butchers Dogge.

So called for the necessity of his vse, for his seruce affoordeth great benefite to the Butcher as well in following as in taking his cattell when néede constraineth, vrgeth, and requireth. This kinde of dogge is likewise called, In latine Molossicus or Molossus.

Of the Dogge called Turnespete in Latine Veruersator.

There is comprehended, vnder the cures of the coursest kinde, a certaine dogge in kytchen seruce excellent. For when any meate is to bée roasted they go into a wheele which they turning rounde about with the waight of their bodies, so diligently looke to their businesse, that no drudge nor skullion can doe the feate more cunningly. Whom the popular sort herevpon call Turnespets, being the last of all those which wée haue first mencioned.

Of the Dogge called the Dauser, in Latine Saltator or Tympanista.

There be also dogges among vs of a mungrell kind which are taught and exercised to daunce in measure at the muscalle sounde of an instrument, as, at the iust stroke of the drombe, at the sweete accent of the Cyterne, & tuned strings of the harmonious Harpe showing many pretty trickes by the gesture of their bodies. As to stand bolte vpright, to lye flat vpon the grounde, to turne rounde as a ringe holding their tailes in their téeth, to begge for theyr meate,

Caius, John. Of Englishe dogges the diuersities, the names, the natures, and the properties. 1576. Translated by Abraham Fleming.

And in conclusion we turn to the words that Edward Topsell published in 1607:

For as shall be manifested more at large, there are Dogges very great, some for hunting, some for Warre and defence, some for the Bore, Bull, or Bear, some for the Hare, Cony, or Hedge-hog: againe some are smaller which are called Hounds, Braches, Beagles, Shepheardes Dogges, House-cures, Spagnels both for the Water and Land: and some foysting Dogges for the pleasure of the rich. Page 137

Topsell, Edward. The historie of foure-footed beastes... collected out of all the volumes of Conradus Gesner, and all other writers to this present day. 1607

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Author: Gascoigne, George, 1542?-1577. Title: The noble arte of venerie or hunting Date: 1575 on EEBO has woodcuts of the dogs

Baronial Meetings

April 9, 2013

Meeting started at: 7:30 p.m.

Baronial Comments: Big News is the Demo this weekend. We are still planning on working on Royal Throne Bags. Next work night will be Sunday 4/28. Cassandra has asked for help with favors. We will be doing same that night. Madelena offered her serger for loan. Altavia camp is up and running for Potrero War. We are in a different spot. No evil fence. Altavia Camp is also set up for GWW. Please Pre-register before end of month as we will get Extra Land. Back of room see the Baronial Coronet boxes. Take a look...they are beautiful! There will be more shop nights. Many hands make light work to get them done in time for each baronial anniversary. They are a lot of work, Secca needs the help. FYI. We will be giving a set to the Royals at Altavia Anniversary. The boxes, the bags and jewelry will be our presentation.

Baron reported on Biweekly fighter practices. There has been suggested that both Bi-weekly Thursday fighter practices may be moved to the park at the corner of CSUN. Any input, talk to Secca after the meeting. Sir Helgi has been running those practices and this location is convenient for him.

Seneschal's Report:

Minutes approval:

- February minutes: Lynnette moved, Liam second. Unanimously accepted.
- March minutes: Lynnette moved, Erik second. Unanimously accepted.

Old Business: (ITEMS that have been or need to be finished)

- Yule (12.8.2012) – Autocrat: Flaxen Abbey. Monique will return key and get check.
- Spring Crown (2.23.2013) - Griffin Freehold. Erik is settling up accounts. \$800 profit which we will split with Crown 60/40.
- Privy Council (2.24.2013) – Her Excellency Meliora

Ongoing Business: (items in process)

- Altavia Anniversary (5.13.2013) – Leonore. Leonor sent in report. If anyone does not have a job, please let her know. If you want to help, please let her know. After the Demo she wants us to really start promoting it. She really wants to get the game and donational lunch promoted. Leonor and Thorin will be going out to layout pavilions and who will be sharing pavilions. It's going to be REALLY crowded. We need a financial meeting after council meeting.
- Angels Hosting of Queen's Champion (6.2.2013): Tim thought they had a park, but we are still being asked to see if Veteran's park is available.
- Altavia and Queen's Champion Equestrian (6.29.2013). Going well. There has been an outbreak of an Equine Virus that is being watched. It has shown up in the Santa Barbara area. Hopefully people will come and participate. Theme:

Cassandra really wants Pageantry. Our champion is working with Equestrian officers on competition. We have site. Baronial pavilion will be set up for EVERYONE because of limited space. Conejo State Park, same site as last year. Parking is good. Cassandra - and chamberlain are thrilled. Site and insurance is good. If event has to be cancelled, will we be eating site fee? FYI, if the event loses money Kingdom will assume 40% of liability but if it makes money it will take 60% of the profits. Based on our expenses that would be \$100 and Erik not likely to ask for \$\$\$\$. If we have to cancel event, we will look into getting our site fee back, but we will have to absorb the cost of the insurance certificate.

- Altavia Yule (12.1.2013). Niko will steward Altavia Yule. After anniversary we will talk with Angels.

- Walter Reed Demo: This Friday and Saturday. Set up Thursday 4:30 p.m. until dark. Catherine and Tomaso will be bringing Angels Baronial Pavilion and they cannot make it until 7 p.m. Bridget will be staying to help them. On Friday will be open to public at 1:00 p.m. We do not need to be there until noon to staff the event. We cannot drive on Friday morning but there will be carts/wagons available. Griffin Freehold dragon wing will be there Friday. No need for tables as school will be providing. No trees...this is a school yard. Bring sunscreen. We have enough pavilions. We also have room for an archery area 20 x 50. It is off to the side of the field by the handball court. James Everglad will be providing the Saunders mat and stands. He is willing anyone at Woodley Park who is willing to transport it to the Demo. He would prefer Thursday as he gets off earlier...about 5 p.m. Christophe/Cecelia willing to transport. Thrown Weapons will be allowed as well as swords. We need eric poles and ropes to make our area. Demo only. Bridget's Recommendation: Kids are not shooting or throwing weapons. There will be cooking, but no feeding the kids. We will be providing snacky bits for participants. There will be limited food vending onsite. For Fiber Arts demo area. There will be hands on for the kids. There will be a triangle loom. The Bjo tapestry will be there. Lynnette will be bringing stuff for the kids. Tim will be there with clipboard for waiver signatures. All fighting forms will be in rotation. Blue will be sending out email reminder with specific details of where to go for Demo. Blue spoke with Carol who is running the event for the school...has offered us a banner for the Demo. This school has a very strong parent base and this could be a great recruiting vehicle for us. Blue needs specifics. All we need to do is provide them a file. Bring banners!!! There will be security there overnight Thursday and Friday. Pavilions can stay up but it would not be a bad idea to take home anything valuable. Demo times: Friday 1-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Business: (Items requiring immediate action)

Officer's Reports

- College of St. Firmin – lady Lina de Lune Spring Break. Nothing to report.
- Archers – THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: THL Cristofanus Castellani): February was awesome month. Averaged 7-10 archers. March not so great averaged 5 archers. We have LOTS of loaner gear that was donated. Note

from Christophe: King's Hunt: Archers cancelled due to emergency. It just happened that Niko brought targets and Christophe brought gear and they ran Archery after all. Gallavalley/Al Sahid has new Archery champion! It's Niko.

- Arts & Sciences – Lady Aethelwynne of Ashgrove Next month will be Bridget and Lynnette teaching tablet weaving and Kumihimo. April 23, is on calendar and she cannot make it. May class will move to fighter practice. Flavia will teach dying during summer month. Astridr will teach felting??? Any suggestions for classes. Needs someone to write an article for Fret.
- Chatelaine – Mistress Bridget Lucia McKenzie (Deputy: Lady Catriona inghean Diarmada; Deputy: THL Kienna the Blue; Deputy for Social Media: Baroness Asakura no Mashi). Last newcomers was A&S and we had 3 newcomers. April will be heraldry and persona. Social Media: Queen's Champion page for Facebook has been activated. Let's promote it. Let's market our events!
- Children, Minister of – Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: THLady Cecillia Medici and THL Tezar of Aeolis) : Nothing to report. She has a child and he's awesome. She is working on activities for anniversary. Maybe making jewelry with pearls. All games we have organized will have prizes for all participants and will be kid friendly.
- Chirurgeon – Lord Caine Dorcha (Deputy: Duke Edric Aaron Hartwood and THLady Cecillia Medici). We had an injury at fighter practice last night. Apparently Thorin took one for the team!
- Chronicler – Baroness Asakura no Mashi (Deputy: Lord Francisco Rojas de Gomez y Sandoval): Next Issue for Fret will be out in May/June time period. Send articles to her NOW.
- Constable – Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghda (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusaf). Apparently constable was injured last night. He has no more new "crap" and he wants old "crap" to go away.
- Exchequer – THLEirikr Mjoksiglandi (Deputy: Lady Leonor de Seville): We are wrapping up Crown. Altavia Anniversary is coming up and money is being focused there. Lawsuit has been settled and in theory we will be getting some of our money back.
- Herald – THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: THL Tezar of Aeolis). Not much to report. Next meeting 04/20. Damien will be there.
- Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy:). Nothing to report. She's on board for Anniversary. Kingdom will back her up if she needs it.
- Marshal – Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghda (Deputy: Sir Eronric of Devon). Marshal got a hit and he's not here.
- Marshal, Equestrian – (Deputy: lady Lysette of Altavia). The horses have it.
- Marshal, Rapier – Don Colwyn Stagghorn (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafini da Firenze). Great uplift of fighters. Averaging 7 to 12 fighters at every practice and 2-3 white scarves at each practice. Colwyn reports we are good for equipment. Niko and Nathaniel teamed up and they won that portion. Luca won most chivalrous.

- Marshal, Thrown Weapons – Acting: THL Cecilia Medici (Deputy:): 13 participated last Sunday. Doing well. Whole family came over from the archery area to watch and ended up playing too! Old lady was a hoot. Great turnout. Cecelia has awards made for winners for Agincourt. Al Sahid/Gallavally has a new Thrown Weapons champion – Philip. We have a new marshal!: Maebd.
- Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored – Auregon (Deputy: Owain). We have a note from Auregon, after discussion with their Excellencies, she will be laying off unarmored until after her surgery. Niko and Cecelia have been going practices. Cecelia has already taken classes for MIT. Niko is authorized fighter and they will be working on covering unarmored practices and they can cover marshaling, just in time for anniversary!
- Marshal, Youth Combat – THL Uilliam Mór MacGregor (Deputy: Lady Lyonette). We have kids. Alexis came back. She was a bit tentative, which stopped as soon as she started hitting Liam. He will be at the demo with gear to show. He will try to make it on Sunday. With the possibility of more kids coming to practices they need help. Trying to lock in practice to one hour. If we could get fighters to help...that would be SOOO AWESOME.
- Seneschal – Baroness Iseabail inghean Bhaltair (Deputy: Lord Francisco Rojas de Gomez y Sandoval and THL Madelena Hidalgo de Valencia). Would we be willing to sponsor a gate shift. Madelena will spearhead effort. Introduced newcomer, Jane.
- Webwright – Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputy: Lord James Everglad and Lord Philip de Greylonge): Event stewards, if you make changes to event notices let her know so she can change Wiki entries. Webwright will be setting up Google doc up onto web site titled "Altavian's Rocks" so we can list our peeps as with things such as fighting championships, A & S competitions. Niko asked if we could get more pics onto website. A bit resounding NO was voiced. Permission for that is PITA!!! However, she is willing to post a page of links with a deputing willing to check once a month to make sure those links are still live.

Announcements

BARON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carnival games at Altavia anniversary. People will win a ton of prizes, we need donations. There will be 3 levels of prizes. Bring stuff!!! Need prizes in all levels. Altavia will be attending Dun Or. May not be Robin Hood, which is next day...please go anyway! Let's win all their stuff. This Saturday is Blue's birthday. She will not be at demo on Saturday, but we will celebrate on Friday. We have AIDS walkers in this Barony, sponsor them! Meliora will start dancing soon! Friday night at Potrero, Cecelia's vigil will be at Altavia Camp. BE THERE! We will be across from parking lot. Reporting for Leonor. We will be having a period potluck, last Monday of April, Viking food. Queen's Champions: Site will not allow stakes for pavilions. Lots of trees though. Will allow eric poles. Queen's Champion Archery will be at Potrero War. Next Council Meeting – Tuesday May 14, 2013

May 14, 2013

Meeting Ended at: 8:38pm

Baronial Comments:

The baron is wearing his new kilt.

Baron:

We are changing Thurs. fighting practice – to every Thurs – Northridge Park – 7-10. Sir Helgi will run it – need his contact information – predominantly armored practice. Niko brings rapier and unarmored. Primarily for CSUN students. Web mistress should consolidate notices by day. Action Item for His E – contact Helgi

Baroness:

Serjing and stamping Thursday at 7 at House Zacharia. Going to Potrero – across the battlefield – Friday night – Cecilia's vigil. Coronation – both presentations. QC is the next day – no pavilions – tons of shade. This Sunday at noon at Their Excellencies – Crystal is teaching a class on subtleties (medieval appetizers created to entertain). Thank you for everything on Saturday!!!

Minutes approval:

- April minutes will be approved at the June meeting

Old Business: (ITEMS that have been or need to be finished)

- Yule (12.8.2012) – Autocrat: Flaxen Abbey. Key returned – no check yet
- Spring Crown (2.23.2013) - Griffin Freehold. Last check cut to Kingdom – then closed
- Privy Council (2.24.2013) – Her Excellency Meliora

Closed

- Altavia Anniversary (5.13.2013) – Leonore. Leonore said thank you. Lynette won guess the pearls. Officers to send recap about what happened – what worked and what didn't – responses will be posted. She feels that we should look at finding another site for next year because of the tree planting B&B are so happy – site tokens were a huge hit – FOTR oohed and ahhed. We comped Their Majesties and Their Highnesses. Erik has a handful of site tokens. 254 paid adults. People are making earrings. Injuries – 4 bee stings, 1 cut hand, misc. allergies, heat sickness. Edward, Nathaniel, won. Secca fought the buys – he feels bad that he wasn't a better host. Meliora visited all the baronies. Niko sent an email to TM's and TH's to make sure everything was okay. Courtney thinks 50 is the magic number for lunches

Ongoing Business: (items in process)

- Altavia and Queen's Champion Equestrian (6.29.2013). Site has been reserved. Insurance done. Check cut. Maykan has been ill, but she is working on format for riders. We have site tokens. Highnesses would like to have a donation lunch. No thrown weapons or archery at the equestrian event

- Altavia Yule (12.1.2013) AA Yule – church is reserved. Niko has not spoken to co-steward (silver and gold). Costume contest. Heirs will be announced.

New Business: (Items requiring immediate action)

- Put up on website – accepting letters of intent – Something on the front page.

Officer's Reports

College of St. Firmin – lady Lina de Lune. Club will not survive through next semester. Room request will not be honored – may need a full refund. We need 5 students – and we don't have it. Philip, Lina and maybe one other person. Need to dig into this. Sherman Oaks Galleria has a room that is free to non-profits. Fall back is Schuyler House. The church is a possibility too. What are the RULES FROM CSUN?

Archers – THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: THL Cristofanus Castellani) Demo went very well – 8 people shooting period bows – Cristoph did most of the work. Robin Hood as on May 22 – Achillius won both crossbow and longbow. A lot of newcomers – not a lot of regulars. On website – the practices do not include 5th Sunday (and they should start at 11:30 – not 11). Where are the archers? Rapier group who are also archers to come and play with them again

Arts & Sciences – Lady Aethelwynne of Ashgrove ISH – send Agreement to Luca for Deputy. 29 entries in A&S. Last month did an extension of tablet weaving and kumahimo – different people. Cancelling this month A&S. Planning on moving to the park for summer session (June)

Her E wants to do bead making (check park rules)

Who can teach us nalbinding (Eichling?)

Chatelaine – Mistress Bridget Lucia McKenzie (Deputy: Lady Catriona inghean Diarmada; Deputy: THL Kienna the Blue; Deputy for Social Media: Mistress Asakura no Mashi)

Newcomers meeting – Tim and Damian (2nd Next May 20th – Camping in the SCA Walter Reed Middle School Demo was great. Has been going to Old West events – Has been asked to teach a court class at Drieburgen. Catriona will become Chatelaine soon (we will talk about that)

Children, Minister of – Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: THLady Cecillia Medici and THL Tezar of Aeolis) Kids were at the games instead at Childrens.

Chirurgeon – Lord Caine Dorcha (Deputy: Duke Edric Aaron Hartwood and THLady Cecillia Medici) We had one injury at a practice – it was Cecilia (DID I GET A COPY?)

Chronicler – Mistress Asakura Machime (Deputy: Lord Francisco Rojas de Gomez y Sandoval) Fret is up.

Constable – Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghda (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusaf)

Stuff

Exchequer –THLEirikr Mjoksiglandi (Deputy: Lady Leonor de Seville)

We have money – next month our balances will be at our high point. Doing okay

Need to get the certs for WPA. Niko gave waivers from Robin Hood

Herald – THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: THL Tezar of Aeolis)

Damien had emergency appendectomy. Field herald worked out.

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy:)

Matlens ran lists with Giovanni

Marshal – Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy: Sir Eronric of Devon)

Good things

Marshal, Equestrian – (Deputy: lady Lysette of Altavia)

Marshal, Rapier – Don Colwyn Stagghorn (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafini da Firenze). Loading – 8 fighters at demo. Had between 5 and 12 fighters every week at practice. April 20th was Don Or – 3 Altavians in finals and Nathaniel won Nathaniel won Altavia. Iron Crescent battle. Practices doing well and loaner gear is ok. Wintermist Ann is coming up and trying to get as many fighters as we can to go up.

Marshal, Thrown Weapons – Acting: THL Cecilia Medici (Deputy:)

Had a great time at demo. Set up great wall. Still doing really well at practice – but last one was cold. This weekend is cold steel sale and she will go
Cecilia will officially be stepping down and Cristoph will be stepping up (NEED PAPERWORK)

Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored – Auregon (Deputy: Owain)

An altavian fought

Marshal, Youth Combat – THL Uilliam Mór MacGregor (Deputy: Lady Lyonette)

Seneschal – Baroness Iseabail inghean Bhaltair (Deputy: Lord Francisco Rojas de Gomez y Sandoval and THL Madelena Hidalgo de Valencia)

Webwright – Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputy: Lord James Everglad and Lord Philip de Greylong. Another deputy – ISH TO SEND PAPERWORK

Complimentary food board at food board

Announcements

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday June 11, 2013

Done at 8:56

June 11, 2013

Meeting started at: 7:30 p.m.

Baronial Comments: Our priority is finding a place to have meetings. To be continued at our next meeting. This Saturday we are painting the shed at Kristen at Robear's starting at 9 a.m. Supplies will be supplied. A few hands would be awesome. The following Monday we are doing something really fun here at the park. The Barony will be at Gyldenholt Anniversary, 6/22. Looks like we are taking either the Dragon wing or Baronial Pavilion depending on how many coming. Poll is out. Baronial pavilion likely as that makes the Baronage of Gyldenholt happy. 6/29 – Queen's and Altavian Equestrian. Elidh Swann doing guest lecture/teaching Tribal Style Belly Dancing. She has handouts. FREE starting at 7:30 p.m.

Seneschal's Report: *

Minutes approval:

* Meliora moved to approve the May minutes. Approved. April minutes will be approved in July.

Old Business: (ITEMS that have been or need to be finished)

* Yule (12.8.2012) – Autocrat: Flaxen Abbey. Key was dropped off while building was unattended a month ago. Exchequer has not heard a word. Seneschal to contact site to see if they have it. We still do not have deposit back.

* Altavia Anniversary (5.13.2013) Rocked! Still open until end of this month. Exchequer believes he has all receipts. Did we make money? Ask about the unfortunate incident. Will we still make money?

Ongoing Business: (items in process)

* Yule (12.8.2012)

* Altavia Anniversary (5.13.2013) – Leonore

* Angels Hosting of Queen's Champion (6.2.2013)

* Altavia and Queen's Champion Equestrian (6.29.2013) there is still a fee from Parks. Under control. Few repairs still need to be done. There will be single tourney for Queens. Altavian will be a run off. SCA signs needed. Herald requested. Seneschal commented, people do not understand what is happening. Herald could run commentary/announce. Barona Pavilion will be set up for Their Majesties. Site tokens already done. We did advertise donational lunch. We have plenty of left over chips from Anniversary. We need someone to organize donational lunch. Count on doing 15-20 lunches. Most people come to events with food. Someone to get bread, meat, different quiches, chips, soda. Get extra waters and sodas. Dry site. Meliora has champion mugs. We need a leather favor. We have beautiful barding to pass on. Seneschal requests that for donations for the Altavian table could we please place them in a period looking container. Theme is Pageantry...bring banners.

* Altavia/Angels Yule (12.7.2013) Niko double checked with pastor. We still have a site! It will be repainted by time of our event. Niko talked to Angels Barons, Silver and Gold theme. Everyone bring banners! Angels wants to pick their Bard at Yule. All our traditional activities at Yule will be fine (get from Niko) Bards will love the theme. Niko needs to help with site tokens. Niko has no idea how to get correct date on Kingdom Calendar. Seneschal will handle. His Excellency is really good at Ads and will help.

New Business: (Items requiring immediate action)

* New Officers. We have a new Chatelaine and Webwright, Gabriel. Lynnette will add him to the Officer's list. Luca is Deputy A&S! Aethelwyne very happy!

Officer's Reports

> College of St. Firmin – lady Lina de Lune

Issues with St. Fermin's staying alive. Requirement is 5 active school students willing to sign up via the school. We have students who are still at CSUN who might be willing to do minimal amount of paperwork to keep the club alive. Damien willing to look into seeing if rules have not changed. Tezar willing to take on keeping the group alive. Report from Lina, nothing new to report.

> Archers – THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: THL Cristofanus Castellani)

Slow practice before Potrero. Potrero good!

Caid Archery and Thrown Weapons Open. –We are hosting. Site fee \$5. July 7. Information to be sent to Lynnette to place on Altavian Website who will forward to Kingdom Calendar Deputy. Will be at Woodley Park. Needs site tokens. Site tokens covered per Cecilia. Exchequer will be there to run gate.

Queen's Champion was awesome. Only Altavian finalist who WON!!! Tim has Woodley Park Waivers to cover our practices. We are working on getting our new waiver to Woodley. July 4 shoot at Rancho Park (same place as Arts and Archery). > Arts & Sciences – Lady Aethelwynne of Ashgrove

Meliora is coming out in June doing Beads, Lynnette and Bridget coming out to do tablet weaving; Lynnette will do spinning. Celene coming in July doing felted hats she just learned at Potrero. Bridget will be doing felting in a bag in August. Aethelwyne has a Deputy!

> Chatelaine – Mistress Bridget Lucia McKenzie (Deputy: Lady Catriona inghean Diarmada; Deputy: THL Kienna the Blue; Deputy for Social Media: Baroness Asakura no Mashi)

Catriona is taking over for Bridget. Lynnette will be making change on website. Next meeting will be June 24, at fighter practice. She will be QC Equestrian Altavia. Over past 2 Mondays we have had families wander in with youths! Report from Social Media – everything she has been given is up. > Children, Minister of – Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: THL Lady Cecillia Medici and THL Tezar of Aeolis)

Nothing to report. > Chirurgeon – Lord Caine Dorcha (Deputy: Duke Edric Aaron Hartwood and THL Lady Cecillia Medici)

Cecilia has a list. We had a couple of injuries & bee stings at Anniversary. Bug in an eye at practice on Monday. 5 hours in emergency with Boris who closed a knife on his hand.

> Chronicler – Baroness Asakura no Mashi (Deputy: Lord Francisco Rojas de Gomez y Sandoval)

Fret created and out before Anniversary. Next one due out in 2 months. Submit to Mercy!!!

> Constable – Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusaf)

Constable has crap to get rid of. Constable will send list to Webright who will hopefully get it on site. Otherwise it will go to Constable Auction at 12th Night. Bring to practice and take pictures? Deputy is still pro tem. Still needs to take class.

> Exchequer –THL Eirikr Mjoksiglandi (Deputy: Lady Leonor de Seville)

Good month. We got reimbursement from lawsuit from Kingdom, 2/3 of what we gave. We also had income from anniversary. Spring Crown/Privy closed. We made \$500. Walter Reed made \$100. Some money still has to go out on Anniversary. And some coming in. Likely \$700 profit.

> Herald – THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: THL Tezar of Aeolis)

Damien not dead yet! Not very busy. Was not at the meeting on Sunday. Next meeting July 14. Get submissions to Damien.

> Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy:)

Nothing to report. Will not be able to be at QCE.

> Marshal – Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy: Sir Eronric of Devon)

We are averaging 10-12 fighters a night. We have newcomer interest, about 3 a week. Out of towners or prior SCAers. We are doing fine getting out of the park on time. Log is being kept. Marshal needs to go through equipment and make repairs and decide what is worth keeping and what is worth not saving. Next shop night maybe? Bring what is not to be kept brought to practice.

> Marshal, Equestrian – (Deputy: lady Lysette of Altavia) > Marshal, Rapier – Don Colwyn Stagghorn (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafini da Firenze)

Niko does not have a list. Practice small before Potrero. Afterwards have grown, including some newbies. Queen's Champion is from Altavia, Nathaniel.

> Marshal, Thrown Weapons – Acting: THL Cecilia Medici (Deputy :)

Christophe taking over as Thrown Weapons Marshal. No practice last time because of Queens' Champion. She has a receipt from Cold Steel for knives bought at the sale for loaner gear. We are hosting Caid Open during one of our practices. Christophe will be running because Niko will be in the Bahamas.

> Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored – Auregon (Deputy: Owain)

Cecilia is Marshall Pro Tem. She is MIT and will advise Seneschal when she is official. Niko is Deputy. Received email from Auregon. Surgery did not happen, postponed. More drama. She plans on going to Gyldenholt and she will pass the sword to Cecelia. We have an Unarmored champion who would like to come up every couple of months (he is Calafian). Our deputy has been Marshaling at the last 3 events that has had Unarmored. Niko is authorized to fight, though we are not sure he is authorized in the Bahamas.

> Marshal, Youth Combat – THL Uilliam Mór MacGregor (Deputy: Lady Lyonette)

Youth Combat has been running ragged because of LOTS OF KIDS!!! 12 kids last night. We need more swords. We are fine on pads. We may need gorges and groin protectors. Have kids make loaner gear and learn to appreciate the equipment. Marshal should gather materials and check with Exchequer for funds.

> Seneschal – Baroness Iseabail inghean Bhaltair (Deputy: Lord Francisco Rojas de Gomez y Sandoval and THL Madelena Hidalgo de Valencia)

> Working on stepping down email, and then to Lynnette to post on website. There are not a lot of formal guidelines for stepping down.

> Webwright – Dame Lynnette de Sandoval Del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputy: Lord James Everglad and Lord Philip de Greylonge) Nothing to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chitons to be taught at Meliora's house or Cecilia's sewing night. September? New guy Jim is interested in Unarmored. Please chat him up. Cecilia has contact for him. Secca is turning 50, Wake on 6/21.

Announcements

Meeting Ended at: 8:38 Three cheers for all Champions coming from Altavia.

Notes and Links on Summer Food Safety

By THL Johnnae Ilyn Lewis, CE

Also the diet in Summer must be much cooler and moister, than in Winter: for in that season we draw in by breathing farre hotter aire: the Sunne also infuseth into vs a burning heat, and sucketh out much of our moisture.

From The copy of a letter written by E.D. Doctour of Physicke to a gentleman, published in London 1606. pp. 9

likewise Head-akes, and Vomitings, caused by sharp Chorerick Humours, which the SummerDiet breeds

From The worlds olio written by the Right Honorable, the Lady Margaret Newcastle. 1655

With the summer season rapidly approaching, and the event calendar filling up with numerous outdoor events, the need to dine out doors is again upon us. Be it camping, a contributed dish potluck or a grill session after a combat melee practice, the summer season demands recipes suitable for the outdoors.

The adage that one often hears is: Hot food hot; cold food cold but what does this saying mean in practical terms and how does someone not inadvertently poison his or her family, household or the royal luncheon? In this case it means hold hot foods above 140° F and cold foods below 40° F. It turns out food borne illnesses really do peak during the warm summer months. The following Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) guide titled Foodborne Illness & Disease

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FactSheets/Foodborne_Illness_Peaks_in_Summer/index.asp explains that by observing food preparation many of these illnesses can be avoided. Such simple steps as: 1. Clean: Wash Hands and Surfaces Often; 2. Separate: Don't Cross-Contaminate; 3. Cook: Cook to Proper Temperatures; and 4. Chill: Refrigerate Promptly will prevent many outbreaks.

A number of these very helpful and very user-friendly FSIS guides can be used and even understood without a requisite degree in Nutrition or Food Sciences. One way to locate this information is to use the handy informative Gateway to Government Food Safety Information at: www.foodsafety.gov The USDA also offers a number of these guidelines, which are updated as new information becomes available. It makes sense therefore to keep checking back from time to time to see what has been changed. For instance in 2006, it was announced that "For safety, when cooking poultry, use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature. Poultry should reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 °F throughout the product." This is actually a reduction from the 180° F, which was the previous advice. The USDA food page can be found here: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/home/index.asp>

Other interesting FSIS guidelines include:

Seasonal Food Safety http://www.fsis.usda.gov/fact_sheets/Seasonal_Food_Safety_Fact_Sheets/index.asp

Camping Food Safety

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Food_Safety_While_Hiking_Camping_&_Boating/index.asp

BBQ food safety http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Barbecue_Food_Safety/index.asp

Handy chart on egg storage (& hard boiled eggs)

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Focus_On_Shell_Eggs/index.asp

The poultry fact sheets are indexed at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Poultry_Preparation_Fact_Sheets/index.asp

Meats

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Meat_Preparation_Fact_Sheets/index.asp

Smoking Meats and Poultry

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/fact_sheets/Smoking_Meat_and_Poultry/index.asp

Society members may also like this handy guide/.pdf file titled Food Safety at Temporary Events:

<http://www.foodprotection.org/files/other-publications/food-safety-temp-events.pdf>

Many agriculture organizations also offer summer tips. Eating chicken? Try

<http://www.eatchicken.com/> for cooking tips and a consumer guide. Pork is at

<http://www.porkbeinspired.com/index.aspx> and Beef is at <http://www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com/>

Weber Grills also offers recipes and notes that for their recipes remember that cooking times in charts and recipes are approximate and based on 70°F (20°C) weather with little or no wind. (Cooking times for meat, poultry, and fish have been tested with the foods at refrigerator temperature.) Allow more cooking time on cold or windy days, or at higher altitudes, and less in extremely hot weather. This is good basic advice when adjusting cooking times. <http://www.weber.com/>

Cooperative Home Extension is not what it used to be before the draconian budget cuts, and may not exist at all in the near future should there be more cuts. Relating to this topic of food safety, the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State offers Food Safety Throughout the Food System:

<http://extension.psu.edu/food/safety> including a handy .pdf on cooking for crowds:

<http://extension.psu.edu/food/safety/educators/cooking-for-crowds>

The one essential kitchen tool is the culinary thermometer. Buy a couple and take them with you when you camp or cook outdoors. (They aren't much good at events if they are buried in kitchen drawer back home.)

<http://www.chefscatalog.com/> has them along with other cool grilling tools. Watch for sales in July as they clear the shelves. Lastly, try <http://www.ecookbooks.com/> for good outdoor, albeit mostly modern BBQ, grilling, and smoking books. (Discounts plus Free shipping and free books on larger orders.)

Baronial Activity Updates

The 21st annual Caidan Open Archery & Thrown Weapons Kingdom Champion

Well, this was a hot one (and I am not just talking about the shooting) and it took its toll. 37 archers and 18 throwers signed up for the list, but only 33 archers and 15 throwers completed the event. Five archers competed in two divisions and most of the archers also threw. There was a Chiron meeting held during the lunch break for the seven Chirons present, and a brief Academy meeting at the end of the event, at which a call for archers interested in becoming the next Regent was made. The duties of this office are in the Archers' Handbook. Please contact me offlist if you're interested or have any questions (robinfnhood@gmail.com).

The winners were:

Open Division Champion - Achillous of Altavia from Altavia

Crossbow Division Champion - Achillous of Altavia from Altavia

Period Division Champion - Cristofanus Castellani from Altavia

Thrown Weapons Champion - Ihon MacLucas from Carreg Wen

Highest by rank (excluding overall winners):

Open Division:

Royal Bowmaster - Paganus Grimlove from Dreiburgen

Bowmaster - Nikolaos Phaistos from Altavia

Forester - Robin Greenwood from Lyondemere

Yeoman - Kazetani Tarou Noritatsu from Starkhafn

Bowman - Nicholas the Archer from Angels

Novice - Astrid Skalphaena from Gyldenholt

Crossbow Division:

Yeoman - Ihon MacLucas from Carreg Wen

Bowman - Thomas Blackkeep from Naevehjem

Period Division:

Bowman - Nikolaos Phaistos from Altavia

Thrown Weapons placers were:

Cristofanus Castellani from Altavia in second place

Paganus Grimlove from Dreiburgen in third place

For a full placement of everyone in the tournament look at the files section under Caidan Open 2013 (not yet posted).

First off, thank you to the Barony of Altavia for hosting this free Kingdom event. Thank you to the autocrats Cristofanus Castellani and Mistress Cecilia Medici, those who helped run Gate and Lists, everyone who helped range marshal on both ranges, Winfred for drinks and shade, Iona and Patrick for added shade, Mistress Selene and Mistress Asakura for the food fundraiser to help pay for GWW Archery costs, Lady Staeina for

allowing herself to be pressed into service running the list and Lady Rayne for finishing the list when Lady Staeina had to leave. Thank you also to all who helped set up and tear down, including Niko, who was one of the first on site and last off. Finally, thank you to all the archers, throwers, and supporters who came out from all parts of the Kingdom.

The Royal Round database and ranking database are updated with the scores from the Open. Have a look at yourself and your friends, and make sure everything is correct. And keep posting those scores!

In service to Caid, Her throwers and archers,

THL Paganus Grimlove
Academy Regent & Queen's Thrown Weapons champion

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Greetings Throwers,

I hope you are all on your way to the Viking 21st Birthday celebration at Highland War. It will be spectacular! I want all who went to Pensic to post your TW stories on the TW site. We are coming up on the end of my term soon and I want to thank all that have been so supportive of Thrown Weapons and do hope to see the sport keep growing. GWW has a lot of fun and opportunities for ranking and YTwic scores to be entered. I hope to giving out the first of the Rank tassels at GWW. Get your scores in and counted so you to can earn a tassel!

Live, Love, Throw...  
~Cecilia  
DEMTW

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Unarmored is going steady. Niko and I are going out to Gyldenholt and are looking for car poolers. Any interested Altavians can join us and we will keep going out there until I can make Marshal.(and probably there after for a while to keep learning) We will unofficially talk about and go through what we learned at Tuesday practices on Thursday Altavia practices when able. I'll be in Europe all of August, but hook up with Niko to go on Tuesday's to Gyldenholt! We are looking to build our loaner gear so anyone interested in donating let me know. We can use gloves, swords, elbow pads, gorgets, padded tunics.

Swing for the Long Point,

YIS,
~Cecilia



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Altavia's College of Saint Firmin

College of Saint Firmin website: www.collegeofstfirmin.org

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Ways to Stay Connected

Altavia has numerous ways of keeping in contact with you, keeping you informed and active. We welcome you to participate however way you feel most comfortable with. Here are several links in order to always keep up with what's going on with the Barony and the SCA.

Altavia's Website: www.sca-altavia.com

Altavia's Yahoo Groups Page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Altavia/join>

Altavia's Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/297336603655499/>

CAID's Website: <http://sca-caid.org/>

CAID's Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/3533625108/>



Meetings & Practices in the Barony

Business Meetings

- **Council Meeting**

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at CSUN: Meeting room, parking info and maps are available on the [CSUN Meeting Site Info page](http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/CSUN.html): <http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/CSUN.html>

This is the monthly business meeting for the group. There are officer reports, event reports, discussion of Baronial involvement at the Kingdom Level, choosing new officers, when necessary, and announcements. Baronial decisions are made here, and you do have a voice. **Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meeting!**

Pre-Meeting work session and officers arrive by 7:00pm. Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

Contact the [Seneschal](#) for details

- **Newcomers' Meeting**

Once a month, usually on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: Off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts. This is the same location as our weekly Fighter Practice.

We meet at the stone tables next to the restrooms; look for Bridget's Red Lantern!

These classes cover a general overview of the SCA and the types of events we hold in Caid. Please bring your questions and wonderful smiles. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

This is the plan for our Newcomers Meetings!

Contact the [Chateline](#) (chatelaine@sca-altavia.org) for directions.

Combat Practices

- **Archery Practice**

The first and third Sunday of the month, 11:00am to 3:00pm At Woodley Park Archery Range, directions are <http://woodleyparkarchers.org/direction>

Additional practice times are available most **Tuesday and Friday nights**. Contact the [Captain of Archers](#) to verify dates and times.

Contact ahead for loaner gear. Lord Everglad is there on most Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings for authorization tests and help in shooting.

Contact the [Captain of Archers](#) (archery@sca-altavia.org) for more information.

- **Equestrian Practice**

Practices are held on various Fridays of every month, 6:30-8:30PM at Conejo Creek Equestrian Park, 1350 Avenida de las Flores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

Open to any participants regardless of territory of residence. Rider must bring their own mounts. Unmounted ground crew training available. Authorizations available. Jousting, mounted combat, crest combat, mounted games, marshalette/marshalette-in-training, and general riding authorizations available on site. General driving and driving games authorizations available subject to prior coordination. Mounted archery authorizations available offsite. Riders are advised to bring their normal tack and equipment. No rental horses are available. Minors must have a parent or guardian present at all times.

Please contact the [Marshal in Charge: Lady Lysette](mailto:equestrian@sca-altavia.org) (equestrian@sca-altavia.org). For more information, visit the [CAID equestrian site](http://equestrian.sca-caid.org/) (http://equestrian.sca-caid.org/) or the [Altavia Equestrian webpage](http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/Equestrian/index.html). (http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/Equestrian/index.html). Join the [Altavian Equestrian Email group](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AltavianEquestrian/) (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AltavianEquestrian/)

- **Fighter Practice -- Armored Combat**

Every Monday, 7:00pm to 9:30pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the [Heavy Weapons Marshal](mailto:heavy@sca-altavia.org) (heavy@sca-altavia.org) for more information or to request to join the [practice information E-mail list](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fretfights/) (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fretfights/).

Every Thursday, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at [Northridge Park](#), 18300 Lemarsh St. Northridge, CA 91324. Find us on the Reseda Blvd. side of the park. Hosted by St. Firmin. Contact the [THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth](#) for more information.

[Guardians of the High Road webpage](http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road) (http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road)

- **Fighter Practice -- Rapier**

Every Monday, 7:30pm to 9:30pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the [Rapier Marshal](#) for more information

Every Thursday, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at [Northridge Park](#), 18300 Lemarsh St. Northridge, CA 91324. Find us on the Reseda Blvd. side of the park. Hosted by St. Firmin. Contact the [THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth](#) for more information.

[Guardians of the High Road webpage](http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road) (http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road)

- **Fighter Practice -- Youth Combat**

Twice a month - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30pm to 8:00pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the [Youth Combat Marshal](#) for more information

[Guardians of the High Road webpage](http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road) (http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road)

- **Thrown Weapons Practice**

The first and third Sunday of the month, 11:00am to 2:30pm at Woodley Park Archery Range, directions are <http://woodleyparkarchers.com/directions.html>

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Contact the [Thrown Weapons Marshal](mailto:tw@sca-altavia.org) (tw@sca-altavia.org) for more information and to verify dates and times.

Arts & Sciences

- **Arts & Science Workshops (aka Craft Nights)**

The 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at CSUN, [Meeting site info](http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/CSUN.html) (<http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/CSUN.html>). Bring your sewing or craft project to work on or help us make Baronial Presentations. The meetings sometimes have a project theme, which is usually published on the [Altavia E-mail list](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/altavia/) (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/altavia/>).

Contact [A&S Officer](mailto:arts@sca-altavia.org) (arts@sca-altavia.org) for details.

- **Bardic Circle**

Hosted by Baron Sir Charles of Dublin at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois. Contact [the A&S officer](mailto:bardic@sca-altavia.org) (bardic@sca-altavia.org) for directions. The Bardic Circle will be pick, pass or play. For those who are new, this means that, as we go around the circle, you have the choice of:

1. Picking someone to perform something you like or something they want to do
2. Passing your turn to the next person
3. Performing yourself

This way you can relax & listen, perform, hear your favorites, or mix it up.

Contact [The A&S officer](mailto:bardic@sca-altavia.org) (bardic@sca-altavia.org) for dates, directions, and further information.

- **Children's Activities**

Children's activities are held at every event that Altavia sponsors.

Contact the [Children's Officer](mailto:children@sca-altavia.org) (children@sca-altavia.org) for information or offers to help.

- **Culinary Guild**

Special interest group for All Things Delicious to eat and drink, by the Barony of Altavia, the north-west Los Angeles County group of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Everyone is welcome in our discussions of recipes, historical research and events based around the food and beverages of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

Meetings happen once a month. Contact the Guild through their Facebook page here: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/242868192471271/> or contact Baroness Asakura Mashime for information (chronicler@sca-altavia.org)

- **Dance Practice**

Belly Dance every Monday, 7:30pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).

Tribal style belly dance practice. We have a mixture of absolute beginners, beginners and old pros. It's outside so dress warmly. Its lots of fun!

We are near the tennis courts and, as we practice next to the Heavies Fighters, just look for the fierce men and women in armor!

English Country Dance, the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at CSUN, [Meeting site info](#).

No previous dance knowledge, equipment, or expertise is needed – but bring water - dancing takes more energy than you think. Garb is encouraged, but not required. The main focus will be English Country dancing, but we may introduce a few sets of some more international dances as well – depending on who is teaching that month. Special instructors and sets may be announced when/if they are known. If you are already skilled at dancing, and are willing to teach a dance or three to others; don't hesitate to contact [Meala Caimbeul](#) and we can make that happen! Likewise, if you want to learn a specific dance – ask and I'll do my very best to make that happen too.

Contact [Baroness Meliora Deverel](#) (bellydance@sca-altavia.org) for more information or to request to join their practice and event information E-mail group. For English Country Dance, contact Meala Caimbeul (dance@sca-altavia.org) for more details.

- **Potters Guild of Caid**

Meets once a month, contact [Baroness Asakura no Mashi](#) (chronicler@sca-altavia.org) for meeting times and location. To provide a supportive organization for ceramic artists of all skill levels. To provide an opportunity to network and share knowledge and techniques through workshops, special events, and at Arts and Sciences displays. To provide populace awareness and appreciation for ceramic artists and their work. To promote period creation, education and high quality work among our members.

[Potters guild of CAID Yahoo group](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Potters_guild_of_CAID/) (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Potters_guild_of_CAID/)



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