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*"God Speed!" by Edmund Blair Leighton (1900)*

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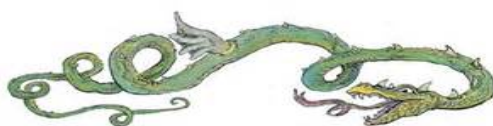
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## ❧ From the Chronicler ❧

Spring has come to Altavia and with it the excitement and anticipation of our annual **Altavia Anniversary!** The Anniversary will be held this year on Saturday, May 9th at Veterans Memorial Park. Look inside this issue for more details!

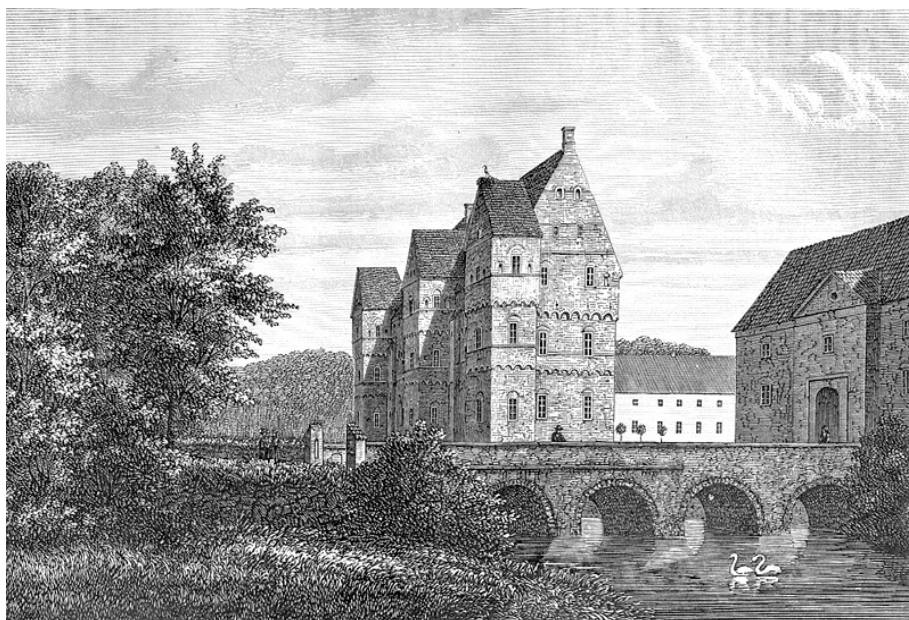
As most of you already know, there have been changes afoot in the SCA concerning creating a peerage for rapier fighters. After much back and forth, the Board of Directors of the SCA, on February 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year, created a new peerage; the “**Order of Defense**”. Huzzah! And subsequently, the Kingdom of Caid has chosen the first three candidates to be elevated to this new Order. Two of them are from our own Altavia – **Don Colwyn Stagghorn** and **Master Laertes Blackavar McBride!** Double Huzzah! The third candidate is a good friend of many of us and hails from the Shire of Darach, **Don Alexander Kallidokos**. This is truly an historic event for the Kingdom. Their elevation will be at Darach Anniversary on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, plan to attend if at all possible to honor our distinguished fighters!

In case you haven't been around lately (oh, is that me? busted!) we have a new Seneschal and it is the gracious **Lady Briana MacCabe!** Thanks to her for stepping up to this important position. Also thanks to our outgoing Seneschal, **The Honorable Lady Madelena Hidalgo de Valencia!**

This issue features three articles by our frequent contributor **THL Johnnae Ilyn Lewis**. Many thanks to Johnnae for her always interesting, well researched and meticulously documented contributions! And great recipes!!!

Enjoy your Spring weather and we'll see you at the next event!

*Yours in Service,  
Lord Charles Ivansen of Borreby*



*Borreby Castle, near the town of Skælskør on the island of Zealand, Denmark.*



## ~ From Their Excellencies ~

### The honorable Lord Cristofanus Castellani And Mistress Cecilia Medici

*Greetings,*

We have a very busy Spring ahead. I know most of you are committed Easter weekend, and will not make Kings Hunt, but they may be changing the QC Archery event to another date. We will be attending, but on Sat. only. We will also be attending **Starkhahn** Anniversary on the following weekend. That too will be a day trip (a very long one) and we will bring the dragon wing (and Niko) for any who wish to come join us. The following week is our School Demo at Walter Reed Middle School. Any and all help is welcome in setting up which will commence on Thursday about 5:00pm and then all day Friday and Sat. with tear down in late afternoon on Saturday. This is a lot of fun, come out and fight in any form. We need marshals, artisans, and fighters to demo what they do. We will have the baronial, the dragon wing, Their excellencies Secca and Meliora's personal pavilion and kitchen. Any extra tables for display would be appreciated. We will be doing an Archery and Thrown Weapons demo so archers and throwers please come out (I especially need a Thrown Weapons Marshal for Saturday, I need to go to Dun Or in the morning).

That Sunday is Robin Hood and we will be out there with our best Shakespeare impressions. (I'm practicing my Kevin Costner Robin hood dialect!)

Don't forget to land allocate and send in your pre-reg for Potrero. Time is running out and we have lots of fun parties and fighting to do there. The baronial will be at Potrero.

Lastly I'd like to remind you all that our 32nd anniversary is coming up and it is an Egyptian/Roman theme (get your Cleopatra and Mark Anthony garb cleaned up and prepare to walk like an Egyptian (or Roman if you prefer). All hands are needed and appreciated to help make this anniversary successful. Come to our next meeting and find out what fun and exciting things you can be a part of!

*Always In Service to Altavia and Caid,*

*~Cristof and Cecilia*

*Your Ever Grateful Baron and Baroness*





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## from the Seneschal

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*Greetings, Altavia!*

I wanted to let everyone know that, as of February, I have officially stepped up as your new Baronial Seneschal.

For those that are new to Altavia and the SCA (hello all you lovely new people!) that may be unfamiliar with the term, the Seneschal is the person in charge of the administrative side of things; making sure things get done, the barony is running smoothly, and the populace is happy.

If you have any ideas for, questions about, or concerns with the barony and how we're doing things, please come talk to me at a practice or event or email me at [seneschal@sca-altavia.org](mailto:seneschal@sca-altavia.org). Remember, it takes a village to run a barony and everyone's input is invaluable to us officers.

*Yours in Service to the Best Barony in Caid!*

*Lady Briana MacCabe  
Seneschal, Barony of Altavia*



*Butrón castle in the province of Biscay, in northern Spain.*

# Summer Song (Kyrielle)

*by Secca of Kent*

*Birdsong drifts through pale blue skies  
As hawkers call out this morn's buys  
The milkman thumps his sleepy dray  
Sounds of a summer day*

*The church bells ring their matins toll  
O'er cobblestones the cartwheels roll  
As children screeching running play  
Sounds of a summer day*

*The market bustles busy now  
The squealing of a slaughtered sow  
Smith's hammer rings out spark's display  
Sounds of a summer day*

*Mothers call their kind inside  
Oxcarts return to countryside  
The feeding tired donkeys bray  
Sounds of a summer day*

*The Choir practices a tune  
As dogs bark out their ode to June  
A whistling priest wends homeward way  
Sounds of a summer day*

*Come twilight softly owls do fly  
And crickets 'gin their strident cry  
As bed-side children kneel to Pray  
Sounds of a summer day*

*The wolf howl echoes in the deep  
Disturbing scarcely those who sleep  
Where into dreams the memories stray  
Sounds of a summer day*

# The Fools of April

by THL Johnnae Ilyn Lewis, CE

April is a shortened form of Aprilus, which comes from *aperire*, meaning “to open.” If March was known for changeable weather, April today is associated with showers, Shakespeare, Chaucer’s pilgrims, and of course fools. Accounts vary as to when April Fool’s day was first observed as a day for ‘fool’s errands,’ pranks, and lies. Despite being studied extensively, starting in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Alan Dundes in his article “April Fool and April Fish” notes a century “of scholarship has unfortunately added very little to our knowledge and understanding of this curious custom” of April and fools.

Dundes suggests there may be a 1508 French source or perhaps it’s a 1618 German source. He writes, “...ultimate origins are almost always impossible to ascertain definitely.” (Biblical connections to the Passion of Christ and His Mocking or to Noah and the dove are especially suspect, as is any association with the Hindu Festival of Holi in India.) Other scholars feel the custom originated with a calendar change. In the late sixteenth century, France moved the New Year’s from March 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. People failing to observe the new calendar would be April Fools. What is known is that the traditional French method of celebrating the day is the *poisson d’Avril* or the *pesce d’Aprile* (the April fish) where someone is either hoaxed or has a paper fish attached to his back. There are dozens of explanations as to the origins of the French games or activities, but none are definitive.

Other authors associate April Fool’s Day or All Fools’ Day to just the coming of spring, following the Spring equinox. Spring brings warm weather after winter and is a season open to mirth and merriment and falling as it often does during the season of Lent, that brings all the more reason to celebrate something both mocking and jocular. What is fairly certain is that the first of April was not celebrated as a Fool’s Day from ‘time immemorial’ as some would like nor can it be dated to medieval times. There were occasions when fools were celebrated, most notably 12<sup>th</sup> Night with the Lords and Ladies of Misrule, “Abbots of Unreason,” Feasts of Fools or Feasts of Asses, etc. but these occasions for foolishness were not generally connected with April.

Under “April’s Fool Day” the *Oxford English Dictionary* includes the following early quotations. Both date from 1592 and come from Greene’s *Upstart Courtier*. The quotations are: “Two pert april esquires; the one had a murrey cloth gowne on. (Malh.) II. 247” and “That time when the cuckold's chorister began to bewray April Gentlemen with his never changed notes.” Note that the described men are esquires or gentlemen and not fools in these instances. A search in *Early English Books Online (EEBO)* yielded this mention of a festival of All Fools dating from the year 1600. Tomaso Garzoni’s *The hospitall of incurable fooles* says “and that especially which is performed on the festiuall day of **all Fooles**, as the Romaines were accustomed, the Author desireth.” The day or month though is not specified.



A more telling phrase is found in John Aubrey's *Remaines of Gentilisme and Judaisme*, dating from 1686-87. Aubrey writes, "Fooles holy day. We observe it on ye first of April. And so it is kept in Germany everywhere." Miles Prance in 1684 had described in his *A Postscript to the Observators First Volume* that "the first of **April** (the day Fools are wont to be sent on Errands)." If Aubrey and Prance are correct, the supposition is the custom of April Fools reached England sometime in the mid seventeenth century and became quite popular, perhaps in response to the prohibitions of the Commonwealth. (Oddly enough, there's no information easily found about what the early practices or customs were in Germany.) By the late 17th century, we know that it was being celebrated in England in ways that famously involved fools, errands, and cuckolds and even sleeve-less errands. By 1692, Congreve writes in *The Old Bachelour*, "What, has he been here? that's one of Loves **April-fools**, is always upon some errand that's to no purpose, ever embarking in Adventures." The 1699 *A New Dictionary of the Canting Crew* by B.E. contained this definition "Sleeveless-errand, such as Fools are sent on, the first of **April**."

In the eighteenth century the activities exploded with a number of recorded regional variations. There were April noddies, a noddy being a fool or simpleton or an April gabby, again a gaby, gabby, or gabey being a foolish fellow. Fools' errands might be called hunting the gowk or cuckoo. In Scotland it became a day of going on useless errands, a cuckoo or April Gowk day, and a day of jocular but harmless tricks. In Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire, and even Yorkshire, the fun became associated with May first with "May Goslings" being the equivalent of April Fools. By the way, the still popular childhood April Fools' custom of telling someone that his or her shoes are untied may be traced back to a more ancient custom of telling someone that a shoe is unbuckled. *The Every-day Book and Table Book* of 1826-1827 cites this as being a custom already some thirty years old or dating back to the late 1700s.

We also know that by 1760, April First was being recorded as "the merriest day in the year in England" according to the *Spectator*. *Poor Robin's Almanac*, also in 1760, carried this ditty:

"The first of April, some do say,  
Is set apart for All Fools' Day.  
But why the people call it so,  
Nor I, nor they themselves do know.  
But on this day are people sent  
On purpose for pure merriment."

If we cannot document the mirth and merriment of the April Fool as being appropriately pre-1600, we can still celebrate April with the works of two other great men associated with the month. Generations of English students and scholars associate the month of April of course with both Chaucer and Shakespeare. Chaucer begins *The Canterbury Tales* with the immortal words:

"Whan that aprill with his shoures soote. The droghte of march hath perced to the roote... Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages."

The month is also forever associated with Shakespeare. The exact date of his birth is actually unknown, but it has been given for centuries as April 23, 1564 with his death occurring on that same day April 23<sup>rd</sup> in 1616. Of April, Shakespeare wrote:

"The April's in her eyes; it is love's spring,  
And these, the showers to bring it on. Be cheerful."  
*Antony and Cleopatra*. Act III. Sc. ii.

"Oh! How spring of love resembleth  
The uncertain glory of an April Day  
Which now shows all the beauty of the sun,  
And by and by a cloud takes all away!"  
*The Two Gentlemen of Verona*. Act I Sc. Iii.

And lastly, this special sentiment for the month, from *The Merchant of Venice*. Act II. Sc. ix.

"A day in April never came so sweet."

And with that sentiment we shall end this brief discussion.



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## Announcements

Congratulations are in order to Lady Adalena and Lord La'ish Ibn Mashallah Ibn Mosheear on their upcoming wedding in April!



Congratulations also to Don Nathaniel Longbow and Lady Elsbeth von Strassburg who have announced their engagement!



*Lord Nathaniel and Lady Elsbeth*



*Lord La'ish and Lady Adalena*



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And finally, congratulations to Lord Vigaulfr Ragnarsson and Lady Griselda Linkenhandt on their engagement last summer and their coming wedding this October!



Lord Vigaulfr and Lady Griselda



## Upcoming Baronial Events

- \* April 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: Walter Reed Middle School Faire of the Middle Ages
- \* May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Darach Anniversary (*though this is not a baronial Event, two of Altavia's rapier fighters will be elevated to the new peerage, the "Order of Defense". See "Notes from the Chronicler" for more details!*)
- \* May 9<sup>th</sup>: Altavia Anniversary!

As always, check the [Caid Kingdom Calendar](#) online for all the exciting events going on in the Kingdom.



## Populace Profiles

### *Lady Briana MacCabe*

Lady Briana MacCabe was born in West Breifne, Ireland in 1564. Her father, Michael, was bard and poet to Brian O'Rourke, the chieftain of West Breifne and Briana followed in her father's footsteps. After the recent troubles the O'Rourkes ran into with the English, Briana wisely removed herself to her adopted homeland of Caid and is working making a name as a Bard in the Crescent kingdom.

Her motto is "Seirbhís. Ceol. Croí." This is Irish Gaelic for "Service. Music. Heart."

Photo was taken by Lady Rayne Archer of Annan at Altavia Anniversary 2014



*Lady Briana MacCabe*

### *Master Laertes Blackavar McBride*



*Master Laertes McBride*

Laertes McBride is a displaced Irish lord whose father sent him to train with his longtime friends who live in Lagos, Portugal. Arriving in 1592, it was a land of opportunity for those skilled with the sword and quick with the wit. With his new found friends, the Portos, they have established an import company that specializes both in bringing the finest materials back from Portuguese colonies and harassing the British Navy. It is a time of unrest and change in Portugal - and a time of a great opportunity.

### *Don Colwyn Stagghorn*

The exiled son of an English noble, Don Colwyn has made his way through the world by virtue of his charm, chivalry, skill of sword and ability to think quickly on his feet. In other words, a courtier with a love of a good story, a good laugh and a good home brew. He is a firm believer in his households motto, "above all else, it must be fun!"



*Don Colwyn Stagghorn*



# Period Cooking: "Lent and Spring Fare"

Contributed by THL Johnnae llyn Lewis

As I sit writing this, Mardi Gras is just a day off. The parades and other activities are well underway in New Orleans. In the Polish enclave of Hamtramack, Michigan, the *paczki* are frying traditionally in lard (and only lard), before being stuffed with creams and fruits ranging from cherries to lemon to the favored prune mixture. Think extra-enriched jelly doughnuts but more substantial and at least three times bigger. After Fat Tuesday come Ash Wednesday and Lent. This period known as Lent begins in February or early March. It may begin as early as February 4th when Easter is as early as March 22<sup>nd</sup> or it may be as late as March 10<sup>th</sup> when Easter falls on April 25<sup>th</sup>. In 2015 Ash Wednesday falls on February 18th. Easter in 2015 is April 5th.

"Lent carries particular significance in the study of medieval and Renaissance customs. Lent was seen as the period of time when believers prepared themselves for the Holy Week. During this time people repented, prayed, gave alms, and fasted. Originally Lent required the eating of only one meal a day, that being taken after vespers or in the evening. What was eaten during Lent varied from place to place and over the centuries, there were modifications. Quite often the rule of one meal a day taken in the evening might be relaxed and the meal taken at two or three o'clock in the afternoon or midday. The Emperor Charlemagne took his Lenten meal during midday after an early saying of vespers, and many others followed that practice.

Prohibited foods in the early Christian period included wine, fish, meat, eggs, and the *whitemeats* or dairy products of milk, cheese and butter. The ban on fish was lifted early on. St. Gregory writing to St. Augustine of England in the sixth century wrote, "We abstain from flesh meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese, and eggs." Later, it was still common during Holy Week, or at least on Good Friday to eat only a diet of dry food, bread, salt, and vegetables. Dispensations or exemptions were also granted. In medieval Germany, these purchased exemptions to eat eggs and butter on fast days were known as the *Butterbriefe*. The churches profited from their sale of dispensations; one of the steeples of the cathedral at Rouen was even known as the *Tour Buerre* or Butter Tower.(1)"

So what recipes specify or mention Lent and spring? How was it managed when the diet switched from meat and dairy being allowed to the more limited diet of the late wintertime? Here are some recipes that mention Lent

This dish indicates it is for "peascods" but please note that are fashioned only to look like "peascods."

To make peascods in Lent.

TAke Figs, Kaisons, and a few Dates and beate them verie fine, and season it with Cloues, Mace, Sinamom and Ginger, and for your paste séeth faire water and Oyle in a dish vpon coales, put therein saffron and salt and a litle flowre, fashion them then like peascods, and when ye will serue them, frye them in Oyle in a frying panne, but let the Oyle be verie hote, and the firesoft for burning of them, and when yee make, them for flesh dayes, take a fillet of veale and mince it fine, and put the yolkes of two or thrée raw egges to it, and season it with pepper, salt, cloues, mace, honie, suger, sinamom,

ginger small raisons, or great minced, and for your paste, butter, the yolke of an egge, and season them, and frye them in butter as ye did the other in Oyle.

Dawson, Thomas. *The Good Huswifes ievvell*. 1587

The following recipes come from the late Elizabethan volume *A Booke of Cookerie, otherwise called the Good Huswiues Handmaid*. The work was published in 1597. First, a recipe for pastry:

To make short paste in Lent.

TAke thick almond milke séething hot, & so wet your flower with it: & sallet oyle fried, & saffron, and so miggle your paste altogether, and that will make good paste.

These next two recipes call for fresh eel.

How to make Chewets in Lent.

TAke a fresh Eele and flea it, and cut of the fish from the bone, mince it smal and pare two or three wardens and mince them likewise small, as much of them as of the Eele or Oysters, and temper them together, and season it with Ginger, Pepper, cloues, Mace and salte, and a little colour it with Saunders, and put currans and prunes, and minced great raisons and Dates, as you do to the other pies of flesh, when it is halfe baked put them out, and put to it a litle vergious: and if your Gelly be not fat put to it a little Sallet Oyle fried with some sweet flowers or hearbes, if yee put a lyttle Rosewater and salt it is good, but if you haue any fat of fish it is better then oyle.

How to make a pie in Lent.

TAke Eeles and flea them, and cut them from the bone, take Wardens and Figs, & mince them together, and put to them Cloues and mace, pepper, salt, and Saffron, and season al these together, and mingle it with great and small Raisons, Prunes and Dates, cut it in small peeces, and so put it into the coffin, and let it bake halfe an houre.

Three custards:

How to make a Custard in Lent.

TAke halfe a pound of almonds, blanch them and beate them in a mortar. Then take a quart of fair water, warm it luke warme, and strayne your liquour with the almonds. Then take a peece of the spawn of a Pike, of a Carp or a Roch, and beat it in a mortar, then straine it into your almonds: for lacke of spawne yee may take two spoonfuls of the flower of Rice, and put it into your almonds Then take Sugar, cloues, Maces, Saffron and salt, and season your liquor therwith, euen as ye would season a custard of creame, then take three handful of fine flower, and almost a pint of fair water boyling hot, and a litle Saffron, and make your paste therwith. Then make your custard and when it is made, put small Raisons and Dates in the bottome of your Custarde, as you do vnto a custard of creame.

How to make a Custard in Lent.

TAke the milt of any maner of fresh fish, and a little of the milt of a white Hering, and a quantitie of blanched almonds, and crums of bread, and mingle al these together and a litle Water and Sugar, and a quantitie of Rosewater, and mingle that together: season it as ye would do another custard with al maner of spices. Then mingle therewith Raisons corrans, and Dates, cut in peeces, and so bake it in a platter or paste, whether ye will, the space of halfe an houre, and so serue it in.

Another way to make a Custard in Lent.

TAke blanched almonds and bray them smal put crummes of white bread in the braying of the almonds. Then let a Pike be sodden, or fat Eels, that ye may haue the best of the broth and put that in the bottom of your platter, put in also minced dates and corrans. Then strain your almonds with the water sodden with sugar. Then season it with sugar, saffron, cloues and Mace: then put in all the stuffe in the platter, and so boyle it vppon a chafingdish a good while: see the platter be not couered, for if it be the Custard will neuer waxe harde: when ye serue it forth, cast Sugar on it, & if your dates and corrans be sodden in the fish broth afore ye put them in the platter, they wil be the better, put to a litle salt in the making, &c.

And lastly how....

To make Eggs in Lent.

TAke Hennes Egges, and put out cleane the white and the yolke. Then wash your shel clean, and take almond milk, and séeth it with Isanglas, or of the broth of a Pike or a Tench, and when it is sodden, take it off, but before yée take it from the fire, ye must season it with sugar and salt, and fill your egge shels before the milke be cold. Then make a hole in the Egge aboue, and cut out so much of the white as yee wil make your yolks, then colour your mylke that he left afore with Saffron, like the yolk of an egge, and fill vp the hole againe therewith, and let it stand til it be occupied.

To make meat of floure, and how it is sodden or dressed.

The floure is to bee boiled in good Caponbroth or other flesh, and it must bee put into the broth by little and by little, stirring it alwaies with a spoone, and boile it the space of half an houre vpon the coales with a soft fire, that it smell not of the smoke, then dish it and cast chéese and spice vpon it. In Lent boile it in Almond milke, Sugar, and Rosewater.

The 1598 cookery book titled *Epulario, or The Italian banquet* offers a chapter titled "*The third Booke: Shewing how to dresse fish, hearbs, and many other things in Lent time.*"

Here we find the following recipes.



To make tenne messe of white meat in Lent .

Take a pound and a halfe of blanched Almonds and stampe them, and the crums of a white loafe stéeped in broth of white pease. If you haue no pease broth, you may séeth y<sup>e</sup> breadin water for the space of halfe an houre, making it soft, the☐ take some good sea fish or Pike (taken out of the riuer) sodden, then take halfe a pound of the white meat of the fish, and stampe it with the Almonds, sodden bread, a litle broth, and the iuice of Orenge, if you haue no Orenge take Veriuike, with some Rosewater, and half a pound of cleane white Ginger, and halfe a pound of sugar, all these tempered together and strained, you shall set them to séeth in a pipkin with a soft fire for the space of half a quarter of an houre, and let it not smell of the smoke, but stirre it often.

To seeth Rice pottage in Lent.

Take a pound of blanched Almonds, and a pound of rice washed twice or thrise in luke warme water, and set them on the fire in cleare water, make it séeth as is aforesaid in the second chapter of meat made of Rice, but you shall not séeth it with flesh broth.

To make broth of pease.

You may séeth pease likewise with Almond milk in Lent time as aforesaid.

To make Gealie in a little basket.

Prepare the decoction in good order, then take a new basket and put the Capon, Pullet, or other flesh into it, that you would put in Gealie as in a platter, you must likewise haue another vessell ready wherein you may put the basket, putting the foresaid decoction vpon it, and set it in a cold place to congeale, and when it is well congealed take a whote knife, and raise the Gealie round about within the basket that it may easily come out, and make cleane the vessel with a cloth in euery place, and so you may carry this Gealy whether you will. The like you may do in Lent, putting whole fish into it, which shall séeme aliue, and it will be very faire.

To make fritters of Sage and Bay-leaues.

Take a little fine flower and temper it with Egges, Sugar, Sinamon, Pepper, and a little Saffron to make it yellow, and take whole sage leaues and roule them in this composition one by one, and frie them in Butter or Suet. Do the like with Bayleaves, and in Lent frie them in oyle without Egges and Suet.

To make Pancakes in Lent, and first of Elder floures.

Take Almonds and stampe them, or else Pine apple kernels, and straine them with Rosewater and Pease broth, then take a little leauen, floures of Elders, and some flower, and temper them together, and this would bee made ouer night against morning, and so they will be the lighter: in the morning put good store of Sugar on them, and make them in in what forme you will, and fry them in Oyle.

Happy Springtime everyone. (The sixteen inches of snow in the front yard will melt

eventually or so I tell myself and under there are blooms and blossoms and flowers still to come. Maybe by June. *[editor's note: we Altavians can only dream of such snowy weather!]*

Sources: All recipes come from the cookery books as listed.

(1) I've written previously on Lent and part of this article excerpts that work in its explanation of Lent. See My article on pancakes and shrovetime [here](#).

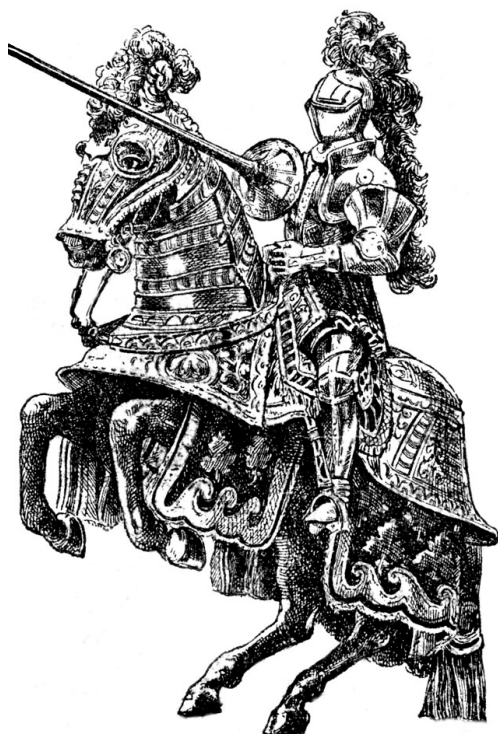
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## ❧ Astavia Current Champions ❧

- ❧ Archery **Winfred the Archer** 10/26/14
- ❧ Armored Combat **Duke Sven Ofhendur** 5/10/14
- ❧ Arts & Sciences **Baron Thomas Brownwell** 5/10/14
- ❧ Bardic **Lady Briana MacCabe** 12/13/14
- ❧ Chess **Natasha** 12/13/14
- ❧ Equestrian **Lady Kora Aelfbairn riding Blaze** 5/3/14
- ❧ Fretted Fork **THL Courtney of the White Meadow** 10/26/14
- ❧ Rapier Combat **Don Laertes Blackavar McBride** 5/10/14
- ❧ Thrown Weapons **Lord Philip de Greylourde** 10/26/14
- ❧ Unarmored Combat **Don Avenel Kellough** 5/10/14
- ❧ Youth Archery **William the Bowman** 10/26/14
- ❧ Youth Combat **Preston and Natalyyia Barsova** 5/10/14
- ❧ Youth Thrown Weapons **Eagle** 10/26/14



# Period Cooking: Cookery in Spring

*Contributed by THL Johnnae llyn Lewis*

Having previously examined recipes which mention Lenten fare, one might move along to look for recipes which specify spring. Here are a few English recipes mentioning the season.

Spring flowers feature in our nursery rhymes and sayings today; they also can be found scattered in our culinary references. John Partridge in his 1573 *The Tresurie of Commodious Conceits*, includes a chapter titled "To know what time in the yeare Herbes and Flowres, should be gathered in their full strength. cap.lxi." Therein he explains when herbs and flowers should be gathered. He writes:

*"Camimamill shalbe gathered in Apryll... Addertung should be gathered in Apryll.*

*Uiolet should be gathered in the Month of March, & in this month should Uiolets be put into Sugre and to Syrop.*

*Roses should be gathered in April and in May: and of them shoulde be made Suger ro set in Syropes of Roses and in this same Month should Oyle be made of Camamyll.*

*Rosemary flowres should be gathered in May. Centory whe he begieth to flowre.*

*Origanum in ye Month of Iune.*

And as to what might be done with those roses gathered in May and June, he writes:

*"Here foloweth, the sundrie Uertues of Roses, for dyuers Medicines. Ca.lxii.*

*ROses, be colde and moyste, in two degrees: it hath these Uertues. Stampe it, & lay it to a sore that brenneth & aketh: and it shall cease both the brennyng & akyng.*

*Also, it is good for the feuer in the stomacke, & against all euyelles that are gendred in hot humours.*

*Also, lette any woman drynke it with Wyne, and it shal foorthwith restrayne bleedynge, and helpe the Marowes of the wombe.*

*Also, make Oyle of Roses, & that is a principall Receipt for pricking in Sinewes & the water threof is good for sore eien, and for hot euils, and the Oyle is good for head ache to anoynte therewith the tipples, and ye roote of him is good, & drawynge for Iron: or other thing in a man's foote, & the red Rose is much better then the white."*

Partridge, John. *The Tresurie of Commodious Conceits, and Hidden Secretes*. 1573.\*\*



Here is another recipe for a dish to be made of all those gathered herbs. From 1598 comes this recipe:

To make a Herboletta of hearbes in the month of May.

Take as much new chéepe as aforesaid and stampe it, then take fiftéene or sixtéene Egges and some milke, good store of Bettonie, Margerum, Sage, Mint, and a little Parsely, stampe these hearbes very well and wring out the iuice and straining it, you must put it into the Chéepe and other things aforesaid, with halfe a pound of Butter, halfe a pound of Ginger, and ten ounces of Sugar, and mixe all these together and set them on the fire in a pipkin not ouerwhote, and stirre it with a spoone vntill it begin to thicken like pottage: that done, hauing made paste you shall put the composition into it, and set it to bake in a pan with a soft fire, both vnder and ouer it. And when it is well baked, take it out and straw fine Sugar and Rosewater vpon it. This kinde of Tarte is best when it is gréenest.

[Rosselli, Giovanne de.]*Epulario, or The Italian banquet.* 1598.

In the 1597 *The Second Part of the Good Hus-wiues Iewell*, Thomas Dawson advocated that one confite orange peels “cheefly in May.”

To confite Orenge peeles which may be doone at all times in the yeere, and cheefly in May, because then the saide peeles be greatest and thickest.

TAke thicke Orenge péeles, and them cut in foure or fiue péeces, and steepe them in water the space of ten or twelue daies. You may know when they be stéeped enough, if you holde them vp in the sunne and see through them, then they be steeped enough, & you cannot see through them, then let them stéepe vntil you may. Then lay them to drye vpon a table, and put them to dry between two linnen clothes, then put them in a Kettell or vessell leaded, and adde to it as much Honny as will halfe couer the saide peeles, more or lesse as you think good, boyle them a little and stirre them alwaies, then take them from the fire, least the Honny should séeth ouermuch. For if it should boyle a little more then it ought to boyle, it would be thick. Let it them stand and rest foure daies in the said Honny, stirring and mingling the Orrenge and Honny euery day together. Because there is not honny enough to couer all the saide Orrenge péeles, you must stir them well and oftentimes, thus doo thrée times, giuing them one bobling at ech time, then let them stand thrée dayes then strain them from the honny, and after you haue let them boile a small space, take them from the fier, and bestow them in vessels, putting to them Ginger, cloues and Sinamon, mixe all together, and the rest of the Sirrope will serue to dresse others withall.

Dawson, Thomas. *The Second Part of the Good Hus-wiues Iewell.* 1597.

From Robert May’s *The Accomplisht Cook*, from 1660 comes this menu for April:

A Bill of Fare for April.

Oysters.

- 1 A Bisk.
- 2 Cold Lamb.
- 3 A Hanch of Venison roste.
- 4 Goslings four.
- 5 A Turkey Chicken.
- 6 Custard of Almonds.

**A second Course.**

- 1 Lamb, a side in joynts.
  - 2 Turtle Doves eight.
  - 3 Cold Neats Tongue Pie.
  - 4 8 Pidgeons four larded.
  - 5 Lobsters.
  - 6 A Coller of Beef.
- Tanseys.

Lastly, the agrarian writer Thomas Tusser offers this advice for April regarding the keeping of the dairy by the good housewife. He regarded the milking and making of cheeses and butter to be the sole province of the women of the house and chided them in a number of verses should they prove negligent or fail in these tasks.

From Aprill beginning, til Andrew be past,  
so long with good huswife, her dayry doth last.

Good beast & good pasture, good husbands prouide  
ye resdue, good huswiues, know best how to guide

Tusser, Thomas. *Fiue hundreth points of good husbandry vnited to as many of good huswiferie*. 1573.

Happy Springtime.

Sources are as indicated.

\*\* The Partridge, John. *The Tresurie of commodious Conceits* of 1573 may be found online in a transcription © 2010 by Johnna Holloway. Web. Medieval Cookery.com. <http://www.medievalcookery.com/notes/tresurie.pdf>

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# Meetings & Practices in the Barony

## Business, New Member, and Social Meetings

### Council Meeting

- **2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm**
- Pre-Meeting work session and officers arrive by 7:00pm. Meeting starts at 7:30pm.
- At the Community Room, Riviera Mobile Estates, 8801 Eton Ave, Canoga Park, CA, 91304
  - This is the monthly business meeting for the group.
  - The meeting consists of officer reports, event reports, discussion of Baronial involvement at the Kingdom Level, new officers discussion, and announcements.
  - Baronial decisions are made here, and you do have a voice.
  - **Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meeting!**
- 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 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
- We meet at the stone tables next to the restrooms
  - 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 **2015 Newcomers Meetings**:
    - **January 26** – History, Organization, Maps
    - **February 23** – Arts & Sciences
    - **March 23** – Combat Forms
    - **April 27** – Attending Events, Garb, Awards
    - **May 18** – Camping in the SCA (One Week Early for Potrero)
    - **June 22** – Heraldry & Persona
    - **July 27** – History, Organization, Maps
    - **August 24** – Combat Forms
    - **September 28** – Camping in the SCA
    - **October 26** – Arts & Sciences
    - **November 23** – Heraldry & Persona
    - **December** – No Meeting – Happy Holidays!
- Contact the [Chateline](#) for more information.

### Fighter Practice / Social Night

- **Every Monday, 7:00pm**
- At [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).



- Almost every Monday night we gather at Verdugo park for Fighter Practice ([Armored Combat](#), [Rapier](#), Unarmored Combat, [Youth Combat](#)), Arts & Sciences Activities ([Belly Dance Practice](#), [Culinary Guild Potluck](#)), [Newcomers Meetings](#), and just socializing.
- Come on down and participate in the activities, hang out, bring a project to work on, or chat with fellow Altavians.
- Non-meeting days include Monday holidays and the few days we get rained out ... updates about the Fighter Practice nights are posted on the Altavia Email list.
- Contact the [Chateline](#) for more information.

### Arts & Sciences Activities

#### Arts & Science Workshops (aka Craft Nights)

- **The 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm to 9:00pm**
- At the Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church at 5329 Sepulveda Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411-344  
The meeting is in the small hall next to the church (on the street side of the parking lot)
  - 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](#).
  - **2015 Classes:**
    - **Jan. 27th** – Leatherworking with Sir Thorin vorðr Ó Séaghdha
    - **Feb. 24th** – Sewing circle by [Baroness Cecilia Medici](#)
      - Anyone is invited, sewing unfinished garb for upcoming events
    - **March 24th** – Historic games by [THL Mealla Caimbeul](#)
    - **April 28th** – Beginning Bead Weaving: Strands, Triangles, Flowers, and Cartwheels by [Dame Lynnette de Sandoval](#)
      - Learn how to make beaded strands that can be used for trim, necklaces, bracelets, circlets, ear rings, and more! No experience at anything necessary (although being able to thread a needle would help)! Class kits include: beads, needles, thread, beading tray, and instructions. Class cost: TBD
    - **May 26th**
    - **June 23rd**
    - **July 28th**
    - **Aug. 25th**
    - **Sept. 22nd**
    - **Oct. 27th**
- Contact [Arts & Sciences Officer](#) for details

#### Bardic Circle

- Hosted by Baron Sir Charles of Dublin at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois.
  - 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:

- Picking someone to perform something you like or something they want to do
- Passing your turn to the next person
- Performing yourself
  - This way you can relax & listen, perform, hear your favorites, or mix it up.
- Contact [The A&S officer](#) for dates, directions, and further information.

## Belly Dance Practice

See also: [Dance Practice](#)

- **Every Monday, 6:30pm through 9pm** (Note: Not held on the Monday of Labor Day, Memorial Day, or any holiday that occurs on a Monday.)
- At [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
  - 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
    - Tribal style belly dance practice. We have a mixture of absolute beginners, beginners and old pros. It's outside so dress warmly. It's lots of fun!
    - Finger Cymbals:
    - If possible, we will practice with zills (finger cymbals) for fast moves [with mufflers: these can be as simple as baby socks or as lovely as crocheted, knitted, or sewn covers]. Contact [Eilidh \(Cat\)](#) if you need help getting zills or zill mufflers.
    - Depending on who arrives for any 30-minute block of dance, we may be able to start including Level 2 vocabulary into the rehearsals. By the time we are all rehearsing Level 2, the goal is that all dancers will be practicing zills with Fast Moves
- Contact [Dame Eilidh Swann](#) for more information or to request to join their practice and event information E-mail group.

## Culinary Guild

- **Meetings happen once a month.**
  - Special interest group for All Things Delicious to eat and drink.
  - Everyone is welcome in our discussions of recipes, historical research and events based around the food and beverages of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.
- For more information contact the Guild through their [Facebook page](#) or via [Email](#)

## Dance Practice

See also: [Belly Dance Practice](#)

- **Currently on Hiatus**

- Watch the [Altavia Email list](#) or contact the [Arts & Sciences Officer](#) for the latest information.

### **Potters Guild of Caid**

- **Meets once a month**
  - [Potters Guild Yahoo group](#)
- Contact [Baroness Asakura no Mashi](#) for meeting times and location.

### **Youth Activities**

- Youth activities are held at every event that Altavia sponsors.
- Contact the [Youth Activity Officer](#) for information or offers to help.

## **Combat Form Practices**

### **Archery Practice**

- **The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month, 11:30am to 3:00pm**
- At Woodley Park Archery Range, directions are <http://woodleyparkarchers.org/direction>
- Contact the [Captain of Archers](#) for more information and for loaner gear.

### **Armored Combat Practice**

- **Every Monday, 7:00pm to 9:30pm**
- At [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
  - [Guardians of the High Road webpage](#)
- Contact the [Heavy Weapons Marshal](#) for more information or to request to join the [practice information E-mail list](#).

### **Equestrian Practice**

- **Third Sunday of the month 12 noon to 3pm** (Usually)
- Swanhill Farms (<http://www.swanhillfarms.com/>) 8500 Waters Road Moorpark, Ca 93021
- Join the [Altavian Equestrian E-mail list](#)
- Check the email list or contact the [Equestrian Marshal, Lord David Whittaker](#) to confirm each month's practice

### **Rapier Practice**

- **Every Monday, 7:30pm to 9:30pm**
- At [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
  - [Guardians of the High Road webpage](#)
  - [Caid Rapier webpage](#)
- Contact the [Rapier Marshal](#) for more information

**Thrown Weapons Practice**

- **The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 11:00am to 2:30pm**
- At Woodley Park Archery Range, directions are <http://woodleyparkarchers.com/directions.html>
- Contact the [Thrown Weapons Marshal](#) for more information, to arrange for loaner gear, and to varify dates and times.

**Unarmored Combat Practice**

- **4th Monday of the month, 7:30pm to 9:30pm**
- At [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505  
(From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
  - [Guardians of the High Road webpage](#)
- Contact the [Unarmored Marshal](#) for more information

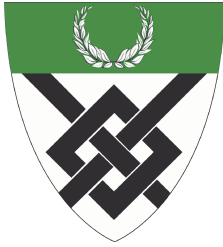
**Youth Combat Practice**

- **Twice a month – 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30pm to 8:00pm**
- At [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505  
(From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
  - [Guardians of the High Road webpage](#)
- Contact the [Youth Combat Marshal](#) for more information



*Blarney Castle in Ireland, photograph by Charles Ivansen, 2005*





# Altavia Baronial Council Meeting Agenda

**January 13, 2015**

**Riviera Mobile Estates, Canoga Park**

**Baronial Comments:** Happy New Year to all. Let it be a healthy and prosperous one for us all.

I want to Thank and congratulate Niko and his crew for a fabulous Yule. It was a giant success. I must apologize to Flaxen Abbey for leaving 12th night for a few minutes not knowing they were calling us 2nd once court opened (that never happens:() , but thanks to them our presentation was delivered during court.

Cristof and I will not be going to Angels Melee and Cristof may have to work during unbelted, but I will be there with the dragon wing. We are both going to Arts and Archery.

Talon Crescent is coming up and we have a 3 bedroom reserved for Thursday evening and are on a wait list for Friday and Sat. nights. (we should get it but keep your fingers crossed I will check daily). We encourage all to pre-reg. if 5 do we get 500 extra square feet. We will put a pop-up in our camp location to hang out in during the day (and for anyone who wishes to camp). Cristof and I are teaching and running Archery and Thrown Weapons. We will request that our camp be close to the range. The theme is "Fight, Make, Shop, Party". Please contact me if you would like to be put on the list for one of the last spots in the condo.

Asakura is trying to put together Largess nights. We can use help in getting our baskets ready for this coming year.

I'd also like to ask out Anniversary Stewards to pick a date for our first meeting this month and encourage everyone to volunteer for a spot on one of the committees. Let's get the date in the CP. At 12th night we scheduled some kingdom events. I'll let Briana fill you all in.

~Cecilia

Cristof says "Hi!" in absentia.

- **Seneschal's Report:** Madelena apologizes that she could not be here this evening. I would like to discuss our bids for Kingdom events for 2016.

1<sup>st</sup> Choice - Fall QC Archery (could be held at GWW)

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Fall Crown Tourney

Potential 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice, Spring Coronation/QC -what are the challenges with finding a site in our area, do we want to try for this? We said we'd go for it, Briana will confirm with Dame Ismay that we are interested in trying for this.

We could potentially use Niko's church's hall for Coronation and Veteran's Park for Queen's Champion. Monique grandson's church? Try an outside coronation?

**Minutes Approval:** Lynnette motions to pass as written. Alice seconds. Passed unanimously

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

- Angels Altavia Yule – THL Nikolaos Phaistos

**Event Report**

Event: **Altavia\Angels Yule**

Event Date: **12/12/2014**

Hosting Group: **Altavia**

Event Location: **St. Mary's Proto-Cathedral 5329 Sepulveda Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA**

**91411**

Event Steward(s): **Nikolaos Phaistos, Elena Jardiniz**

Kingdom Event: **No**

Total Attendance: **146**

Total Non-Members: **22**

What was the gate Fee? **\$10**

**General Summary**

Activities: The Theme was Italian Renaissance: Let the Games Begin. All in Attendance were separated into two families: Medici or Borgia. The families competed in table games for points all evening and the winning team, Borgia, shared a treasure chest (Chocolate coins) at the end of the night. There was a Table-Decorating contest, Altavia Chess Championship (Lady Natalyyia won), Angels Games Champion (No info), Altavia Bardic Championship (Briana MacCabe won), Angels Bardic Championship (Seraph)(Lord David Straker Whittaker), and Culinary contests sponsored by Baron Peter Cadarn: Best Side Dish (THL Kiena le Blue), Best Main Dish (THL Fu Ching Lan), Best Dessert (Dame Lorissa du Griffin) and People's Choice (Viscount Sir Morven of Carrick). We had a Toys for Tots toy drive as well and an Italian Backdrop Photo Scene was provided for Renaissance, holiday pictures. Baronial awards were presented. For Angels, three new members into the Order of the Seraphic Star were selected : Dame L ynette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios, Baron Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling, and Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer. Altavia awarded Colette des Trouvères an Argent fret along with Cassandra de Lorraine and Monique Marie Sauniere) and Gendu Secen received a Vert fret for archery Three Starre and the Stone recipients Tezar, Bridget, and Laertes. We had plenty of food for the feast!

Problems or issues: None

Recognize: The Households of St. Valentine, Griffin Freehold, and Flaxen Abbey were very helpful with set up, food distribution, games, tear down and clean up. Viscountess Lorissa Griffin, Lord Pieter, Lord Luca Serafini da Firenze, Lord Laish ibn Mashallah ibn Moshe, Baroness Tezar of Aeolis, THL Fara MacGregor, Sir Uilliam mór MacGregor, Lady Colette des Trouvères, THL Leonor Leonor de Sevilla, Baron Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwillingand, and THL Fu Ching Lan.

**Ongoing Business:** (Items in process)

- A&S Meeting Site – Briana will get Eirkr in contact with Niko to arrange for payment so we can have A&S there on 1/27. Webwrights will update location information on website.

**New Business:**

- Altavia Anniversary – Lord Francisco First meeting Wednesday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at their Excellencies' house.  
Asacura volunteered to run populace lunch. Cecilia might help and add cups for an extra donation. We need a save the date ad in the CP since we don't have info on the event yet.

We are doing a raffle. Lynnette suggests social media pre advertising. Lynnette volunteers to run the raffle portion of the dya but not the whole raffle itself.

- **Walter Reed Demo 4/17-18 – Madelena – Thursday afternoon is setup, set up pavilions and tents but not leaving anything portable there.** Monique: Do we get paid for the demo? Yes. Do we get new members? Not really, but we often see future new members from folks who see us again and like us. We did see a lot of kids come out for archery after the last demo (there was also a riase over all because of Hollywood). We will have a big sign on the street (paid for by WR) that might bring in new members. With Welcome to the Crrrent Middle Ages, and the newcomers website URL. 3x3 square.

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### Officer's Reports

- **Archers – Lord Gendu Adarmaghedi (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos):** *emailed ... Saunders mat charges go to the person paying for the gas of transporting them, not to the barony. And what's happening with the shed to house the saunders mats? Monique will look into an option. Ceclia will check into others.*
- **Arts & Sciences – Luca Serafina da Firenze (Deputy: Vacant):** Thorin agreed to oversee/teach a leather working class for this month. Christof mentioned that it would encompass tooling the favors for champions.

Sent A&S dates to the webwright email for the year so that they can be posted on the website.

Did we come to a conclusion to using Niko's church for A&S meetings?

Also, Mercy mentioned to me about setting up regular meetings to make all sorts of largess. Does this sound like a good idea? Maybe we can poll the populace to see who would be interested?

Cecila: What we were thinking of doing was have largess projects to work on if you don't want to do the class offered. Lynnette wonders if it would be too much of a distraction from the class? Perhaps we pool the barony. And we would ask the teachrs if they would be willing to have split subjects. Monique: do we have a list of classes folks want to see taught? No? Lynnette suggests Social Meida as a place to get opinions from populace, perhaps with some options to get them thinking about what's available. Briana will contact Luca about this.

- **Chatelaine – Lady Catriona inghean Diamada (Deputies: Lady Murghein, THL Kienna the Blue):**  
Oh Hai!

I will not be at council meeting tonight. Francisco will be there for Anniversary stuff plus I haz the sniffles and I don't want to share.

We did not have a newcomers meeting last month due to the holidays.  
This Month's newcomer's meeting is Monday, January 26. It will be on History, Organization, and Maps of the SCA.

We had a few Newcomers at Yule that I spoke with and handed out flyers to. I brought loaner garb but it ended up not being needed. Sir Thorin was great at speaking with newcomers that night as well.

We finally got an image for the middle school sign. Trying to hammer out the details with Carol. Will keep everyone up to date. Please talk this up at events if I am not there. We will need all the assistance we can get. I will be at events the next few months, but I am not able to make the further events. I will try and make up a sign up sheet for it.

Real life has been very busy and I have not been able to get out to Thursday nights. Please let me know if someone can make it and needs flyers OR if you know for a fact someone is bringing newcomers I will try and get out.

- **Children** – *Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: Tezar will be taking over the office when Fara steps down to be Baroness of Angels.
- **Chirurgion** – *Vacant (Deputy: Vacant)*: Cecila always has her medic kit at events. No change on the status of Chirurgion at BOD level.
- **Chronicler** – *Lord Charles Ivanson (Deputy: Vacant)*:
- **Constable** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusef)*:
- **Exchequer** – *Lady Leonor de Seville (Deputy: THL Eirikr Mjorsiglandi)*:
- **Herald** – *THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: THL Tezar of Aeolis)*: 2/1 next meeting. He should be going.
- **Lists** – *THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant)*: Need replacement. Brina will post on facebook and yahoo to see who's interested. Discussed what's involved in being lists officer.
- **Marshal** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy: Vacant)*: Lot of people at practice
- **Marshal, Equestrian** – *(Deputy: Lady Lysette of Altavia)*:
- **Marshal, Rapier** – *Don Colwyn Stagghorn (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafina da Firenze)*: Rapier report  
December 8 th 4 fighters  
December 15 no fighters 4 people showed up but no fighting  
December 22 no fighters  
December 29th no fighters.  
The holidays and the weather have been a factor of low attendance. It will pick up after the new year.  
January 5th, 13 fighters.  
Rapier is strong as always,
- **Marshal, Thrown Weapons** – *THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant)*: Thrown weapons baronial report.  
December 21 8 throwers  
January 4th 15 throwers  
Thrown weapons is well.
- **Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored** – *Vacant (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos)*: Unarmored report  
December 22nd. No fighters. Two of us discussed unarmored for a while, but did not fight.  
I did notice we need at least two more swords for an effective class when we get more new fighters.  
Also talked to Queen's Champion Unarmored, Yacob, and he may come and teach a class at a Monday night practice soon.  
Cecilia: Need to create a budget for unarmored. Need to get more loaner gear.
- **Marshal, Youth Combat** – *THL Uilliam Mor MacGregor (Deputy: Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha, Lady Lyonette)*: Francisco might step us a replacement when Liam steps down to be Baron of Angels If not, then maybe Ish. Francisco needs to be authorized. But Francisco seems to be suggesting Thorin from taking it over. But Thorin hasn't been



queried on this. Tazar is a possibility, but need to be reauthorized. How long do the background checks last?

- **Seneschal** – *THL Madelena Leonor Hidalgo de Figueres (Deputy for Social Media: Lady Briana MacCabe)*: Social Media continues to go well. Lots of positive response to the event posting for council. Baroness Meliora has agreed to take over Social Media in May.
- **Webwright** – *Dame Lynnette Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputies: Lord Gendru Adarmaghedi, Lady Briana MacCabe)*: Alice is onboard as a Deputy Webwright and has made her first edit of the webpage – Woo Hoo!

The 2015 schedules for the Newcomer and A&S Meetings have been sent to the webwrights (Thank You!) and are up on the website.

Work continues on webpages for the Altavia officer's job descriptions. It's part of a larger Seneschal project to make recruiting deputies easier. We've gotten permission to modify text from a couple other SCA job description pages. Briana (as Seneschal team member) and I will edit the text to something that we think works for Altavia and then we'll run it past each Altavia officer for their changes.

I'm thinking of reworking the Officer's page so that each officer's name is a link to their Caid Wiki page. The meeting page also needs some TLC and I'm hoping to get to that in the next month.

### Announcements

**Next Council Meeting** – Next meeting, Tuesday February 10, 2015 at Riviera Mobile Estates, Canoga Park.

**Adjournment 8:50**



# Altavia Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2015

Community Room, Riviera Mobile Estates

### Baronial Comments:

Happy Soon to be Valentines Day

Talon Crescent is around the corner- ok it's this weekend. Cristof and I will be arriving very late Thursday. If any one can help transport any part of the dragon wing or banners etc., please let me know. I will be going to the shed tomorrow to get rugs any one who can join me would be appreciated.

Not sure-highly unlikely that we will be attending Wintermist Ann. I am having surgery scheduled soon and am not sure if I'll be able to go.

We will (at least one of us unless he has to work) be at Festival of the rose. In the event we both can not attend we will need someone to get the promised rugs for use at the event.

I want to thank all who helped watch out for the Baron at Arts and Archery.  
I would like to see if there was any interest in our Baronial embroiderers to make the Champion Favors for Altavia? We want to encourage more of our populace to be a part of creative team of Altavia. Any ideas would be gratefully appreciated. Send us an email and give us your ideas.

Your Ever Grateful Baroness,  
~Cecilia

### **Seneschal's Report:**

Hi, Everyone!

I am excited to be taking over the reins as Seneschal for Altavia! While I am fairly new to the SCA (May will be my 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member), I have years of experience as an organizer and leader in various organizations, including my college's renaissance faire.

I look forward to working with the entire barony to make us the most involved and welcoming barony in the kingdom. My main goals as seneschal are:

- Increase our membership through as many means as possible
- Increase involvement of the current membership in council and event planning through classes and other communications efforts and through facilitating mentorship.
- Running successful local and kingdom-level events

Feel free to contact me with ideas or any concerns you might have in person, both at council meetings and fighter practices, and by phone or email (let me know if you need either of those pieces of information). I believe that communication is key to any successful enterprise so never hesitate to drop me a line.

Yours in Service to Altavia,  
Lady Briana MacCabe

**Minutes Approval (January): Motion: Cecilia Second: Lynnette. 1 abstention. Motion Carried.**

### **Old Business:** (Items that have been or need to be finished)

- Altavia-Angels Yule (Niko) – Can we close this out? Pending report from Lenore. Niko has not been reimbursed yet, Lorissa received her check at fighter practice. Checks have been signed. Seneschal will follow up.
- New A&S site (Niko/Luca) – Has payment been received by the church? How did the site work for January? Payment has been received. 1<sup>st</sup> project was done. Cristof taught a quick class. All there were very happy with class.

### **Ongoing Business:** (Items in process)

- Walter Reed Demo (Catriona) – Info for sign has been sent. Working with Carole for wording on it. We have feedback from Carole on FB event page.
- Altavia Anniversary (Francisco)

We have a theme. Egypt because of the stone... We have Site tokens made. Scarabs. We do not need to do a walk through with the park. Although I wouldn't mind someone making it over there to make sure they didn't plant trees right where we plan on putting fighting erics. We should have the permit by the end of the month so we can work up a better budget. Also we have planned on between 50 and 75 lunches by Mercy (Thank you) and Selene (Thank you very much) for the populace lunch.

Our next meeting is Thursday Feb. 19th at 7 at Their Excellencies' condo.

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Francisco Rojas de Gomez Y Sandoval

#### **New Business:**

- Potential new event site (Cecilia and Briana) – Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Rec Center. We will not know fee structure for sure until we try to book an event. Timoteus brought up the fact that there is a separate fee for the park and a City permit fee and possibly additional insurance rider, i.e., our insurance certificate may not be enough. Other parks were brought up such as Chatsworth Park, Castaic (site of Black Oak Lodge).

#### **Officer's Reports**

- **Webwright** – *Dame Lynnette Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputies: Lord Gendu Adarmaghedi, Alice Tredewell)*

Alice and I are working on creating the new officer job webpage, with info about what the officers requirements and duties are. The page will be a recruiting tool for new deputies as well as info for newcomers interested in how the Barony works.

We redesigned the front page of the website to move Their Excellencies photo up next to Their comments and to remove some excess white space.

Alice has been going through all the web pages and fixing grammar, typos, and such. She's edited the FAQ pages and fixed some things left over from the Darach pages that they are based on.

She added the 2015 events to the website Calendar and Events page and posted the February Baronial comments to the website.

I've created documentation on how to upload the Fret Knot to the website and given Charles access to the Newsletter page. We met and walked through the procedure and he seems comfortable and interested in taking on that aspect of the website. We're not trying to duck work, just working to make it easier for the Chronicler -- this way he knows exactly when the newsletter goes online and he can post notices in a timely fashion.

I've reworked the Meetings webpage, moving things into (I think) a more logical configuration. I added an entry for Unarmored Fighting Practice, and an entry for Fighter Practice / Social Night that includes all the activities that happen on Monday night.

I've given all the Social Media account info to Meliora and removed the Webwrights from the accounts.

--Lynnette, Altavia Webwright

Alice suggested during meeting to adding to Newcomer's page a guide to how to address people in the SCA, i.e., Your Excellencies, Lady, Lord, etc. Requesting Webwright to add Social Media to official Altavia email alias and to Baronial Officer list under Seneschal.

- **Seneschal** – *Lady Briana MacCabe (Deputy Seneschal: THL Madelena Leonor Hidalgo de Figueres, Deputy for Social Media: Baroness Meliora Deverel):*  
Hi all!

We've joined [meetup.com](http://meetup.com)! I've set up an ongoing meet up for Monday night practices. At this point we have 25 people who've joined our group! Several have RSVP'd for Monday the 9th fighter practice. If you want to find us and join the group, we are listed as San Fernando Valley Medieval Recreation/ combat/ arts meetup. Now that we have the group created, I can schedule meet ups for other practices - archery/ thrown weapons, equestrian, A&S nights, and SCA events. We are trying it for 6 months to see how it goes but so far I'm encouraged and think it will help us get new people to come and check us out.

I created an event on Facebook for last Monday night's fighter practice and invited people. It might have been a little weird to get an invitation to fighter practice but I think it helped remind people on the day and we had a great turn out that night. I'm going to keep doing this for events and council meetings. Hopefully it's not too annoying! :)

I've got Pinterest down (thanks to Lynnette) and will continue to go through our account and pin things to the public board. There's tons of good information there.

My next project is Instagram. I haven't used it before so I need to familiarize myself with it and get us going on it.

When the Altavia Anniversary information is published on the Kingdom Calendar I will have the Kingdom Social Media Officer set up a Facebook page for the event.

- We had 2 people from Meetup.com come to fighter practice last night! Kim and Suzy. Kim seemed interested in all of it and Suzy is particularly interested in Rapier. I'm not creating an event for next Monday as it's a holiday and we usually have light attendance. We're up to 37 members.

- The Kingdom Social Media officer has asked everyone to add a paragraph at the end of all Facebook events. It states, "This event is sponsored by the Kingdom of Caid, which is part of the Society for Creative Anachronism. More information can be found on our website here: <http://www.sca-caid.org/>" This mostly applies to me but it will be added to the end of our events on the Kingdom calendar so don't be alarmed when you see it. Let me know if you have any questions about it.

That's it!  
Meliora

- **Marshal, Youth Combat** – *THL Uilliam Mor MacGregor (Deputy: Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha,):* No report received.



- **Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored** – *Vacant (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos)*: January 24th, practice rained out. I have talked with a few out of the Barony fighters. They are willing to come and teach. I did notice we need at least two more swords for an effective class when we get more new fighters. Fundraising was suggested, but this is ticklish situation. Earmarking funds as “seed money” for Unarmored was suggested. It was decided to discuss at next council meeting in tandem with a Financial Committee meeting.
- **Marshal, Thrown Weapons** – *THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant)*: On Jan 18 we had 12 throwers. On Feb 1st. Practice was cancelled for Super Bowl. On Feb. 8th Thrown Weapons range was used at Lyondemere Arts and Archery. We may need some new target butts soon, so if anyone sees a tree being cut down, let me know and I'll investigate. Thrown Weapons is well.
- **Marshal, Rapier** – *Don Colwyn Stagghorn (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafina da Firenze)*: On January 5th we had 13 fighters. On January 12th we had 7 fighters. On January 19th we had 8 fighters. On January 26th we were rained out. January 30th an Altavian, Niko, won the Canton of Pol Na Gaonmhe. On Feb. 2nd We had 9 fighters and one returning new person. Rapier is strong as always. We have had a couple returning newbies. Most people coming out to fight have their own equipment.
- **Marshal, Equestrian** – *(Deputy: Lady Lysette of Altavia)*: No report. Seneschal is planning on speaking to David who is an active Equestrian to take over. Cristof announced that there will be mounted archery demoed at GWW at the Archery range.
- **Marshal** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy: Vacant)*: Practice is still going strong with good attendance with 8-10 heavy fighters on average each week. 4 new fighters in the wings, trying to get them all armored up and on the field. Loaner armor needs some serious attention. I need to schedule time to clean/repair a lot of it.
- **Lists** – *THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant)*: No report. Seneschal is still working on arranging a Lists class with Tezar for potential Lists help.
- **Herald** – *THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: THL Tezar of Aeolis)*: Not been very busy. He is scanning Armory for Crescent Herald.
- **Exchequer** – *Lady Leonor de Seville (Deputy: THL Eiríkr Mjorsiglandi)*: No report.
- **Constable** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusef)*:

1. Got a few lost and found items from Agincourt.

2. I have made arraignments to get the sign graphics cut from vinyl. Have cleaned the old graphics from the donated plastic. Once cutting is completed they need to get assembled.

- **Chronicler** – *Lord Charles Ivanson (Deputy: Vacant)*: Hello friends, once again I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to work. Anyway, the Fret Knot came out in early January, as you know. The next quarterly issue is set to be released on April 1st (no joke). Lynette was kind enough to come over last week and show me how to upload the newsletter to the Altavia website and how to manage the newsletter page. I already have several submissions for the next issue. One last thing - it was harder than I thought getting people to send me submissions for “Populace Profiles” so I'm going to start bugging people earlier this time. Anybody who wants to send me their intimate persona details, please feel free! Make it fun! Take care – Charles Suggestions were made in that regard. Including assigning a month to populace and if they do not comply, a “persona” story will be made up. This be interesting for the April issue.
- **Chirurgeon** – *Vacant (Deputy: Vacant)*:

- **Children** – *Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis):*
- **Chatelaine** – Lady Catriona inghean Diamada (Deputies: Lady Murghein, THL Kienna the Blue):

Oh Hai! I won't be able to make it tonight.

Last Month's newcomers meeting was rained out and when I tried to have one the following week, we had no students. Next newcomers meeting is Monday, February 23 and the subject is Arts and Sciences. Anyone who can bring examples of their art, please do!

I spoke with two newcomers last night. Kim is very interested in getting involved and will be back. Suzy was very interested in the Rapier and Belly Dance. I made sure both of them had handouts and informed them about the next newcomers meeting. Both of them seemed very interested in it. I think the meetup is going to be a great recruiting tool and I will include it in my reports to Kingdom.

Walter Reed: We got them the info for the sign! And I am working with Carol on the wording.

Carol sent us some suggestions for our Facebook page and I forwarded that on so we can get the Facebook event up ASAP.

I attended the Lyondemere Arts and Archery event in the morning and spoke with one newcomer. Lady Latezia was kind enough to say she would speak with people should more come around in the afternoon.

That is all she wrote... for now.

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Lady Caitriona Inghean Diarmada

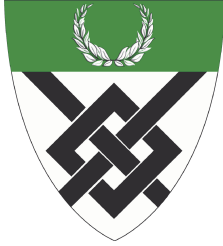
- **Arts & Sciences** – *Luca Serafina da Firenze (Deputy: Vacant):*  
Jan. A&S saw 6 attendees for the leather working class. The space at the church seems like a good place to hold classes (thanks Niko :). I will be talking with a gentleman by the name of Wystan this coming weekend to discuss becoming my deputy. Next A&S class still TBD, and will let webwright know ASAP to post on webpage. Luca
- **Archers** – *Lord Gendu Adarmaghedi (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos):* *Gendu unable to attend last two practices due to amily emergency. Last practice cancelled due to Super Bowl. We allowed Arts and Archery use of our Saunders Mats. Cristophe transported and they have been returned to Niko's tender loving care. Saunders mats are still under tarp in the yard instead of a shed. This needs to be brought up to the financial committee. Fundraising for a new shed was discussed. It was brought up that James used to charge \$50 for use and transportation of Saunders mats. This could be used to fund the shed and possibly cover transportation costs (gas).*

Additional Comments: Her Excellency: Start thinking about a feast like luncheon at Agincourt or Caïd Rapier Open.

### Announcements

**Next Council Meeting** – Next meeting, Tuesday March 10, 2015, Community Room, Riviera Mobile Estates

**Adjournment:** 8:52 p.m.



# **Altavia Baronial Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 10, 2015**

**Community Room, Riviera Mobile Estates**

## **Baronial Comments:**

Talon Crescent was so much fun. We had a good Altavian presence. Thank you all for volunteering you did at war whether for TC or standing guard for their majesties. Flaxen Abbey once again proved invaluable thank you Brianna, Cassandra and Monique for all their service to the Baron and myself. THL Niko, Don Colwyn, Philip, and Gareth who helped entertain our Artemesian friends. Also joining us was His Excellency Laertes and his lovely ladies, Alexandra and Xena. Cristof and I received lovely gifts for teaching - hand painted floor mats (too pretty to walk on), and a bottle of Blood wine from Starkhafn that we shared at our pasta dinner on Sat. night, after our tailgate party at back of court where we had snacks, loaded gummies and other libations which we shared with all around us.

Congrats to following for placing in TC championships: Cristof, 2nd place, Philip, 4th for TC TW, and myself 2nd place in period division of the TC archery championship.

We had a fabulous time at the Palio event at Calafia/Gyldenohlt Friendship Tourney. Altavians were spread out over several of the fabulous teams and all did Altavia proud in all they did for their teams. Don Nathaniel won the Rapier tourney for Contrada Nicchio and Count Agrippa won heavies for team Selva. The Altavians in the flag team of Selva, Kora, Courtney and Collette, along with the drummers - Briana- did a superb job. Everyone did so well I am glad I was not a judge. Of course I did enjoy the bribes while judging the parade for Baroness Asakura's team- Nicchio - yummy sugar shells and the cute ceramic shell necklace. Thank you to all who came out and played and helped.

This weekend is Pentathalon/Galla-Sahid/Caid Prize. It is a camping event, but Cristof and I will probably have to day trip Sat. (maybe just me) to run TW and Archery. If we have a need, we will bring the dragon wing. Let me know and I will need people to set it up help unload and load it on Sat. as I'm half a person at this time. Same with bringing it to Wintermist Anniversary. The Dragon Wing will be at crown.

Looking for anyone interested in researching Egyptian/Roman games for anniversary. Our next planning meeting is the 19th at our house. Eyes or no eyes that is the question, let me know your thoughts.

We are going to screen print the favors and I need anyone interested in embellishing them to let us know. We will call for a shop night for those interested in assisting in the printing.

Masters Laertes and Don Colwyn will be elevated to the Order of the Defense at Darach Anniversary, on May 2, 2015. Week before Altavia Anniversary.

Still looking for raffle items and volunteers to help the raffle.

YIS,  
~Mistress Cecilia Medici  
Baroness of Altavia

### **Seneschal's Report:**

- ***Proposed change to Corpora - Chirurgeon's Office*** - At the end of last month, the BoD sent out an announcement regarding the proposed change to Corpora regarding the Chirurgeon's Office (The announcement was sent to the Yahoo group and posted on Facebook, and is also available at <http://socsen.sca.org/announcement-regarding-the-society-chirurgeonate-request-for-comments/> ). In a nutshell, they are proposing to eliminate the office of Chirurgeon. They are accepting comments on this proposal at [comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:comments@lists.sca.org) and by snail mail at SCA Inc. Box 360789 Milpitas, CA 95036 until July 1, 2015. I strongly encourage everyone to send in a letter letting the BoD know your position on this proposed change.
- ***Interested in an officer position or an event steward position?*** - If you or anyone you know are interested in any of our officer positions or would like to steward an event for Altavia, please get in contact with me. I'm trying to keep an ear to the ground but the more ears the better. Any and all are welcome and we will provide training and mentoring for anyone who would like to jump in!

**Minutes Approval (February):** Motion to approve: Lynnette. Second: Meliora. 1 Abstention. Motion Carried.

### **Old Business:** (Items that have been or need to be finished)

- Altavia-Angels Yule (Niko): Still open until Niko gets paid.

### **Ongoing Business:** (Items in process)

- Walter Reed Demo (Catriona)
- Altavia Anniversary (Francisco) - Site fee was raised to \$8.00. Permit saga continues. Seneschal is calling and following up on a daily basis. We are still unsure what permit cost will be.

### **New Business:**

- New Equestrian Marshal - We have a new Equestrian Marshal, David. He moved up here four months ago. Has been really active in the Equestrian community last 3-4 years. Practices held at 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at noon in Camarillo. Great facility. They will allow horseback target archery. Cristof will be next practice, under the radar, so weather does not act up in retaliation.
- Armor repair night(s) - A lot of straps need repair for loaner gear. There will be an armor repair night at a fighter practice. Anyone who has scraps of leather or rivets, please bring to that night. Monday, March 23, 2015 at fighter practice.



- Agincourt event steward – Selene has volunteered to event steward Agincourt. She sees this as an opportunity as a venue for reviving the Guild of St. Genesius (Drama Guild). Letitia has agreed to co-Event Steward the event with her. Classic Shakespearian theme.

### Officer's Reports

- **Archers** – Lord Gendu Adarmaghedi (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos): Per Niko, lot of rain outs and holidays. Practice last week had 6 archers. His Excellency Cristof ran practice. Newcomer, Frank came. Arrows need repair. Grass was cut at Woodley Park and we got some arrows back. Cristof mentioned a donation from Baron John de Griffin donated a dozen of his new arrows. Archery is still going.
- **Arts & Sciences** – Luca Serafina da Firenze (Deputy: Wystan): This month's A&S (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) will be on Historical Games, run by THL Maela Campbell. Same place, same time. Luca's has a new Deputy, Tristan. A basic sewing class taught by Matlins is upcoming as well as a period dance class taught by Meliora. The April class will be bead weaving taught by Dame Lynnette. There is a chance for a scriptorium taught as part of A&S by Aliskye. Nothing else to report at the moment. Thanks! Luca
- **Chatelaine** – Lady Catriona inghean Diarmada (Deputy: Countess Bridget Lucia MacKenzie):

Oh Hai! I should be at council meeting tonight but I will be late. February's newcomers meeting was rained out and when I tried to have one the following week, we had one newcomer. I gave him some handouts but it was his very first practice so he was more interested in feeling everything out. Next newcomers meeting is Monday, March 23 and the subject is combat forms. I am going to get in contact with Carol and get last minute stuff squared away. Please talk this up and share as much as we can about it! We need people there to help show off who we are. Friday shouldn't be too hard, but Saturday is Dun Or Anniversary and they are getting a new B&B. I am actively looking for a deputy to take over next year. That is all she wrote... for now. YISTTD Lady Caitriona Inghean Diarmada

- **Children** – Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis): No report.
- **Chirurgeon** – Vacant (Deputy: Vacant):
- **Chronicler** – Lord Charles Ivanson (Deputy: Vacant): So sorry but yet again I cannot make a Tuesday night meeting due to night work. I really miss you guys! Things will lighten up for me after this month. As far as the Fret Knot, I am aiming for an April 1st release. I already have a number of articles but I need more! Also I need people to volunteer their persona descriptions if that are willing. I'm going to put an announcement on the Facebook page. I have not been to many events this spring but am following them on Facebook to stay connected. Hope to see you soon when life calms down. All the best, Charles
- **Constable** – Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghda (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusef): We got more stuff, every Monday night there is more stuff. People need to pick up after themselves. Thorin will be taking photos and they will be posted on FB.
- **Exchequer** – Lady Leonor de Seville (Deputy: THL Eiríkr Mjorsiglandi): Hi everyone!

I am back in town, but unable to be at council meeting tonight. I apologize.

Today I've been working on catching up on paperwork.

Here is some info from Yule!

I have closed the event, and won't be taking any more receipts.

We had a total of 117 adults and 6 children.

We had a profit of 743.15, which we will be splitting with Angels. I will hopefully be at fighter practice next Monday to get a check to Tim.

I do have a check for Courtney and Niko that have not been given to either of them yet. I can bring those to next Monday's FP as well.

See you all soon!

Leonor

- **Herald** – *THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: Next meeting is April 12. He will be attending. Shamus's device will be resubmitted.
- **Lists** – *THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant)*: Hello! On March 3rd, HE Tezar kindly taught a class on the basics of running a list. We met at Coral Cafe and had a great time, eating, socializing and learning about lists. In attendance were Tezar, Brianna, Maile and myself. I don't know if we will have a chance to do this again, or if Tezar is willing to, before Altavia Anniversary. But, I would encourage anyone interested in Lists to volunteer to help at Anniversary or take the next class available at Collegium. YIS, Matlens
- **Marshal** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy: Vacant)*: Really have great attendance except for those called for rain. Last night we had 12 fighters.
- **Marshal, Equestrian** – *Lord David Whitaker (Deputy: Lady Lysette of Altavia)*: David and Ariadne will be running Equestrian at Kings Hunt.
- **Marshal, Rapier** – *Don Colwyn Stagghorn (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafina da Firenze)*: February 16th practice was well attended. February 23rd practice was rained out. On March 2nd, we had 9 fighters including 2 newbies from the meetup group. On March 7th Their Majesties announced the premiers of the Master of Defense (MoD) peerage and I am very proud to say that two of the three chosen are Altavian: Don Laertes McBride and Don Colwyn Stagghorn. The other was Don Alexander Kalidokus. Rapier is strong as always
- **Marshal, Thrown Weapons** – *THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant)*: February 15th practice was moved to Talon Crescent I and baroness Cecilia ran all the war throws. March 1st practice was great. We had over 15 throwers and 3 newbies from the meet up media group. We packed up just before it began to rain. We got a new target butt and a slightly less used one from myself ( who donated it a couple of years ago) and the B&B. We are fine now but still let me know if anyone comes across any butts and I'll investigate. Thrown weapons is well. His Excellency painted new target butts.
- **Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored** – *Vacant (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos)*: February 23rd, practice rained out. I am still getting people at events asking about practice, so I believe there is still interest. I did notice we need at least two more swords for an effective class when we get more new fighters.

- **Marshal, Youth Combat** – *THL Uilliam Mor MacGregor (Deputy: Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha, Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: Baroness Tezar is in the process of getting the paperwork done so she can act as Liam's deputy as he transitions into his role as Baron of the Angels.
- **Seneschal** – *Lady Briana MacCabe (Deputy Seneschal: THL Madelena Leonor Hidalgo de Figueres, Deputy for Social Media: Baroness Meliora Deverel)*: Greetings! I'll probably see you tomorrow night but here's my report: We currently have 55 members in our Meetup.com group! We've been averaging 2 Meetup newcomers per Monday night fighter practice since we created the group. Three repeats and 1 newbie have RSVP'd for tonight. I created a meet up for our sewing night and 1 person attended. I created a meet up for archery/TW practice on March 1st and we had 3 people attend. I'll continue to create meet ups for archery/TW and A&S as well as FP. The equestrian practices look great but I want to get permission from the equestrian folks before I create an equestrian meet up. I'd like to start adding SCA events to the meet ups to see if that generates any attendance. It might be smart to start with Altavia Anniversary. We have a Facebook event page created for Altavia Anniversary. I have been made a host. I created a Facebook event page for the Walter Reed demo. I'll continue to create Facebook event pages for fighter practice, A&S, Council meetings, and archery/TW practice. That's it! Thanks! ~ Meliora
- **Webwright** – *Dame Lynnette Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputies: Lord Gendru Adarmaghedi, Alice Tredewell)*  
Some website changes last month: Officer page/email changes: Chief LiW, Equestrian, Seneschal, Social Media, Youth Combat. Meeting page updates:
  - A&S classes updated -- waiting to hear if the A&S officer wants us to create an embedded Google doc so he can update the A&S schedule on the website, instead of requesting the webwrights to do it).
  - Equestrian practice added to Meeting page -- waiting for changes and/or OK to publish the Altavian Equestrian webpage.

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### Announcements

**Next Council Meeting** – Next meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2015, Community Room, Riviera Mobile Estates

**Adjournment: 8:34pm**

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❧ Herewith endeth the Fret Knot, see you next issue! ❧