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English Archer at Agincourt (1415) ©2013-2015 Popius

2015 Marks the 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt!

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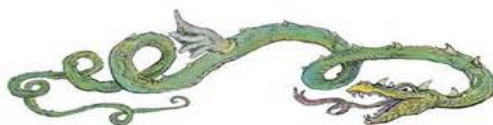
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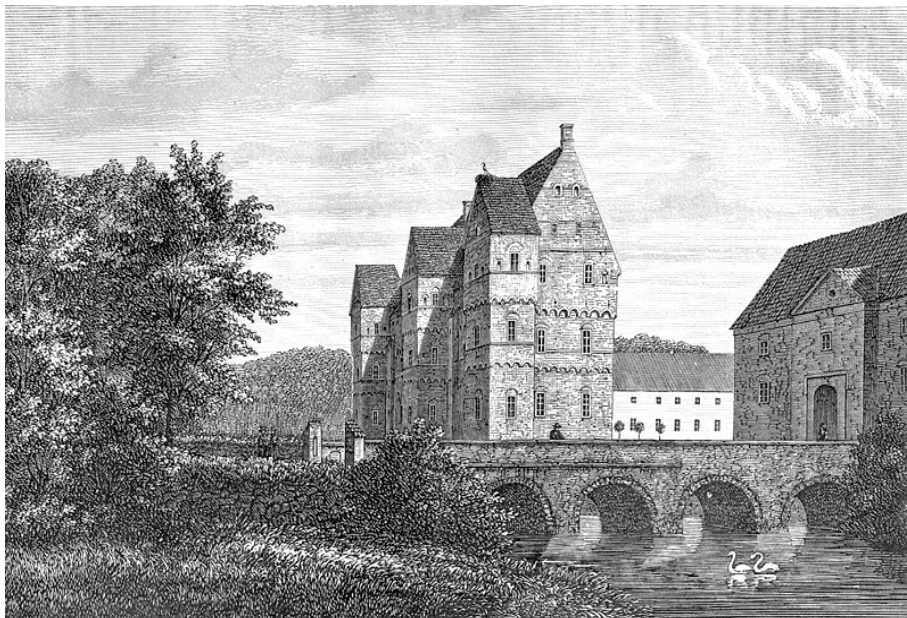
From the Chronicler

This issue of the Fret Knot is coming to you a month late and for that please accept my apologies. I could cite the usual reasons (work in the mundane world, family stuff etc.) but, since we all suffer from these issues, I can't in good conscience use them as excuses. However, the good news is that we have a wonderful issue with a number of interesting articles. Our main theme of this issue is the subject of **personas**. **Dame Lynette** and **Master Timotheus** have contributed their own personas and they make for very good reading! Plus, they have contributed a number of articles on creating and enhancing your own persona, as well as an article on having a **persona potluck** where people contribute food from their time period and enjoy a social gathering where they share their own stories.

We also have another food article from our frequent contributor **Johnnae Ilyn Lewis**, this time on the delicious subject of peaches! What could be a better food subject for hot summer months than a nice cool peach? Finally, we have announcements for Caid Rapier Open, Great Western War and Agincourt Tourney. This year marks the 600th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt so this year's tourney promises to be a festive one!

Enjoy your summer!

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 to all Altavia!

With our summer coming to a close, we hope to see you all at Highland War. This year the theme is Monty Python's Holy Grail. There will be lots of shenanigans in all forms! Don't miss out dipping your toes in the Altavian creek (waiting pool). There will be two tournaments in Archery and TW one for Highland War Championship and the other is for Al-Sahid champ. Come finish off the last big summer event.



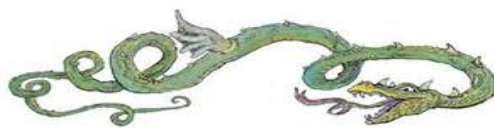
We also encourage all to come out to Angels Anniversary when two of our own step up as Baron and Baroness. Please bring any items you would like to offer the new B&B of Angels. I am putting the basket together as we speak.

If you have not already pre-reg. for GWW better do so quickly. We can only house the Altavians that Pre-reg on our site. We want ALL of Altavia to camp together!

I want to take this time to thank everyone who has made this summer (and whole year) go by so smoothly. Please send your recommendations to us and the crown of those who are indeed worthy of recognition. Agincourt and Yule will be here before you know it. Let's give recognition to those who work so hard to keep are dream alive.

"Fret Knot and Carry On"

~Baron Cristof and Baroness Cecilia



from the Seneschal

Happy Summer, Everyone!

The barony is humming right along and I want to thank everyone that has or is working on events and everyone who is coming out and making our Monday night practices such a success. You may have noticed a lot of new faces at these fighter practices. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new folk. For those who have joined us recently, whether you're visiting from another barony, found us through Meetup, or just wandered in (like I did 5 years ago), welcome to Altavia!

The barony is hosting several events in the next couple of months, starting with Caid Rapier Open on October 3, followed closely by Agincourt Archery and Thrown Weapons Tourney on October 25 (which happens to be the 600th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt), and, finally, on December 12, we will be holding our joint Yule celebration with our mother barony, the barony of Angels. The event stewards are already hard at work on these events. If you would like to help on any of these, please email seneschal@sca-altavia.org and I will point you in the right direction.

Finally, I want to announce that we have a new Exchequer, THL Courtney of the White Meadow. She is taking over for THL Leonor de Sevilla. Thank you, Leonor, for your hard work and good luck in all your pursuits! Thank you, Courtney, for taking on this responsibility. Fair warning: a whole bunch of people are about to ask you if they can have a dollar 😊

As always, I remain ever in your service,

Lady Briana MacCabe
Seneschal, Barony of Altavia



August Birthdays

From The Baroness:

Happy August! How is your Summer going? We have some August birthdays to celebrate and will do some on the second Monday of the Month.

- ◇ 3rd - Sir Liam
- ◇ 6th - Master Don Laertes
- ◇ 7th - Jameson
- ◇ 9th - THL Niko
- ◇ 11th - Lady Sarina
- ◇ 15th - Mistress Flavia
- ◇ 16th - Lady Colette
- ◇ 23rd Lord Jason

If I missed anyone please let me know so we can include them in song at our second Monday night practice.



Upcoming Baronial Events

- * October 3rd – Rapier Open (Caid)
- * October 7th to 12th – Great Western War (Caid)
- * October 25th – Agincourt Tourney
- * December 12th – Angels/Altavia Yule

Caid Rapier Open

This year's Caid Rapier Open will be held, yet again, in the Barony of Altavia. For those who don't know why this is, it is a testament to the prowess of the skill of our local rapier fighters. The winner of last year's tournament traditionally hosts next year's tournament. We are honored to have our fighters win two years in a row, first with Master Don Laertes and then with Don Nathaniel Longbow at last year's tournament. Huzzah!

This year's tournament will be held on October 3rd, between 9:00am and 6:00pm at Eagle Rock Recreation Center, Area 3, 11000 Eagle Vista Drive, Los Angeles. Event stewards are Baroness Tezar of Aeolis and Don Nathaniel Longbow. Opening court is scheduled for 10:00. Come watch the brave fighters of Caid as they engage in single combat and show their skill on the tournament field.

For more detailed information, please consult the Caid Kingdom Calendar. You can also email questions to RapierOpen@sca-altavia.org.

Agincourt Archery & Thrown Weapons Tourney

The famed Agincourt Tourney is coming up soon! It will be held on Sunday, October 25th from 8:00am to 6:00pm at Woodley Park. The address is 6350 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406. The Event Steward is Dame Selene Colfox, the Archery Marshal is Lord Gendu Secen, and the Thrown Weapons Marshal is the Honorable Lord Nikolaos Phaistios.

This year marks the battle's 600th anniversary! The Battle of Agincourt was a major English victory in the Hundred Years' War. It took place on Friday, 25 October 1415 (Saint Crispin's Day), near modern-day Azincourt, in northern France. Come celebrate, once again, the victory of the humble English longbow over the pride of French chivalry.



"Schlacht von Azincourt" by Chroniques d'Enguerrand de Monstrelet (early 15th century)

For more information, please consult the Kingdom Calendar or email Agincourt@sca-altavia.org

Looking for Mentors for SCA's Youth & Family Achievement Program!

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."
— Plutarch

Do you remember that moment in the SCA when you found your passion? Whether it was the first time you picked up a sword or wrote your first poem or wove your first cord - everyone has that moment. Now is your chance to share that passion with the next generation of the SCA and provide the spark for their flame.



The SCA's Youth and Family Achievement program (YAFA) is looking for mentors!

The mission for the YAFA program is to encourage active participation by families with children and teens in the study of a variety of medieval subjects and activities, sharing their experiences and accomplishments with others, and create ownership and investment in the Society. The goal is to have an energetic society of honorable and knowledgeable citizens developed from within. This program will guide and encourage young people and their families in seeking opportunities for involvement in the SCA.

The only way this program will be successful is through the support and involvement of mentors like you. By dedicating some of your time and sharing your knowledge and passion, you have an opportunity to pass along your knowledge and skills to the next generation of fighters, artisans and leaders of the SCA in a structured environment that will be recognized across the known world.



The YAFA program is now open to all members interested in being a mentor and signing up is easy! Go to yafa.sca.org, click "Mentor Application" at the top of the page and fill out the form. Your kingdom's Youth Officer will then contact you with more details.

On August 31, 2015, this program will fully launch and be available for families to sign up. A follow up announcement will be made with the full details. In the meantime, for more information about the program, please click the "Resources" tab at the top of the YAFA website. Included are links to videos describing all aspects of the program and a FAQ page. Please feel free to contact your Kingdom Youth officer if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Resources:

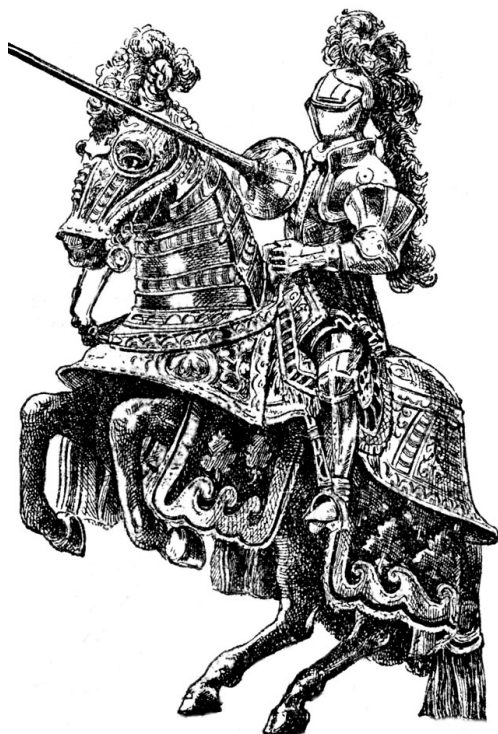
YAFA website: <http://yafa.sca.org/>.

YAFA FAQ's: <http://sca.org/YAFA-FAQ.pdf>

YAFA team: yafa@sca.org

~ Astavia Current Champions ~

- ❖ Archery **Winfred the Archer** 10/26/14
- ❖ Armored Combat **Duke Patrick O'Malley** 5/9/15
- ❖ Arts & Sciences **Owain of Angeles** 5/9/15
- ❖ Bardic **Lady Briana MacCabe** 12/13/14
- ❖ Chess **Natasha** 12/13/14
- ❖ Equestrian **Courtney of the White Meadows** 6/28/15
- ❖ Fretted Fork THL **Courtney of the White Meadow** 10/26/14
- ❖ Rapier Combat **Master Don Colwyn Stagghorn** 5/9/15
- ❖ Thrown Weapons **Lord Philip de Greylourde** 10/26/14
- ❖ Unarmored Combat **Lady Iona of Lyondomere** 5/9/15
- ❖ Youth Archery **William the Bowman** 10/26/14
- ❖ Youth Combat 4-5 **Owen Wolf** 8-10 **Natallyia Barsova**
14 & up **Sarafina di Zati** 5/9/15
- ❖ Youth Thrown Weapons **Eagle** 10/26/14



Populace Profiles

*In this issue we feature the personas of two of Altavia's most distinguished members, **Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios** and **Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling**. You may know them more informally as Dame Lynnette and Master Tim. In addition to sharing their stories, they give us some useful tips and guidelines for creating or enhancing your SCA persona.*

Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios

Lynnette was born in 1557, the daughter of a Spanish court scribe and an English Lady-in-Waiting. Her parents met while in England in the service of Catherine of Aragon, wife of King Henry VIII.

When Catherine fell into disfavor with Henry, her retainers were dismissed and her parents moved to Spain. Lynnette was born and raised in Spain. Her family split their time between the family home in the town of Sandoval near the Valley of the Unicorns (Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios), and the Royal Court where her father was a court scribe.

One day while on an unapproved excursion in the marketplace outside the Royal enclosure, she met a "hairy, half naked, barbarian" by the name of Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling. Eventually seeing past that first impression, she married Timotheus and moved with him to his family's lands in Germany. Currently they reside in the Barony of Altavia in the Kingdom of Caid where the climate is MUCH better than in Germany.



Sandoval means Sacred Valley, and the town was so named because it's above the valley that local legend says is inhabited by unicorns. The belief is that man and animal used to live in peace under the influence of unicorns, but man became unsatisfied by the constraints imposed by the unicorns and left for a freer life. From that day man has been unable to see the unicorns that they rejected.

Lynnette's family motto is "Flowers grow in the shadow of the unicorn" which reflects the wish that we could recapture at least some of that simpler time and once again see the unicorns and live a more peaceful life.

Interestingly, the name Lynnette is derived from the word Linnet, a small brown bird that eats linen seeds. Her parents named her well, as she has developed a lifelong love of fiber arts!

Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling

Timotheus was born the eldest son of a noble German merchant family in 1555. He yearly toured the family lands in Norway, Scotland, Germany, France, and Spain to verify contracts and make sure the lands were being managed properly.



While in Spain he saved a "Court Brat" (Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios) from abduction, while transacting business with the court, he met her several times again. Eventually they married and she moved to Germany with him.

In 1590 they sailed to Caid to check on the family holdings there. While they were in Caid the family suffered a catastrophic financial set back when the European economy took a disastrous down turn. Their finances were in ruins and Tim and Lynnette decided to stay and develop the lands in Caid -- besides the climate was MUCH better than Germany's!

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Tim's original persona was Bernard von Komkeff, Timotheus' ancient ancestor.

Bernard was born in 1128 in the town of Komkeff in the German state of Bavaria. His father abandoned the family and made off with their meager belongings, leaving Bernard's mother Gretchen living with her father, Charles the Widower, on his farm. When Bernard was 14 his grandfather died, and his mother died

when he was 16. He was left with no way to work the farm, no money to pay his taxes, and through no fault of his own, no good will from the town's people of Komkeff.

He took off to seek his fortunes, and through hard work and good luck found a group of people that shared the same father – Bernard's mother wasn't the only woman to be treated poorly by him. The group of brothers and sisters founded a Freehold and worked on their skills in agriculture, arts, and combat. The Freehold grew to be a large group of lively, talented people working toward the common good.

Happy as he was, Bernard still remembered his childhood home and decided to return. In 1162 left to journey home, taking with him a modest wealth, men-at-arms, and the love of his brothers and sister. He arrived in Komkeff to find the current landholders in poor shape, and so he was to buy back his grandfather's manor and lands.

The years Bernard spent in Komkeff were happy and prosperous ones. The agricultural techniques that had been perfected by the Freehold ensured that his fields were always in abundant production. He married and they had a son named Richard. Bernard was able to share some of his prosperity with the town and sent a small amount north to his brothers and sisters of the Freehold.

In 1188, three days after his wife died, Bernard turned over the farm to Richard and returned to the Freehold to live out the rest of his days.

Tips on Creating a Persona

Persona is the putting together of a person who might have existed. This is done through the research that the member does on their own with a set of questions that help focus the research. Some people use their everyday lives as models for their persona. Yet others use what they do in the SCA as their basis. Still others, using research alone, create a viable, accurate persona that has no relation to their everyday or SCA selves or lives at all.

What you do is up to you. These worksheets are here to help you. Are you from a particular ethnic background that you want to use as a basis for your persona? Does your family tree come from some special locale or point of historical interest? Does a particular type of name, style of clothing, type of music, pique your curiosity?

Most people just put together a basic persona. This is fine. If there comes a time that you wish to do more, then ask for the intermediate worksheets and see

what you can put together. Most people take several years to finalize their basic persona but you can advance whenever you wish.

The Basic Persona

So why do you need a basic persona? The easiest way to answer this is that when you chose a name and put together garb you will need to at least have a partial answer to the four basic questions. So what are they?

1. **Who are you?** What is your name? You will need to talk to a consulting Herald to help you put together a name. You will need to have a nation in mind because naming practices were very different in some countries.
2. **Where are you?** What Country or geographical region are you from? This will help you put together the type of garb you will wear.
3. **When are you?** What time period are you from? Anytime between 800-1600 AD. This may seem non-important but it can effect the style of garb greatly and can alter the naming practices.
4. **What are you?** What do you do for a living? This also can change your style of garb but it may help you focus on a style of arts if you are interested in that.

Additional questions may come to mind but, for your sake of mind, try to focus on just the four questions so that you get set up. We can start adding things as you are interested or you may decide to go onto the Intermediate Persona work.

A note to the Ladies: You will need to decide if your persona is literate. In some cultures/time periods, female literacy was rare or considered evil. If you wish to be literate develop one that would be possible. There were always exceptions to rules but you need to research why a woman of your country and period would be literate.

Notes on names: Most names are made up of Given and Descriptive names. Middle names are not common. Try out names that may fit with titles you may earn. "King Guy (geee)" was a bit unfortunate when you consider how "punny" heralds are. Do your names sound or look like something else? One poor fellow is known as "Cherios Cure Your Weasels". What impression will your name give. How would someone react to "Stephan the Earwig?" Now it is possible you may want this for instance we have a "Michael Maggotslayer". Work and play with your name and choose something that will work for many circumstance. While "Otto the Idiotic" may work while he is portraying a court jester it would be bad and not command respect if he becomes King.

Once you have selected a name and have used it a bit, get it registered so that someone else won't take it. If you wait too long you might be the next "Hugh the Undecided". Remember that the first part of your name will probably be what you are called in short. "Thin Robert of Lawrence" is always called "Thin". Go to the Heralds for help and make use of their ideas.

Notes on Names that Change your Gender: There are instances where a person chooses a name that does not match with his/her apparent gender. **Example 1** - A woman sometimes wishes to fight in the SCA under a male name, or use a male persona name to "hide" that she is a female. (As a persona in period, it might be the only way to get into an army or to obtain schooling). **Example 2** - A woman may have mundane reasons for taking a male name, such as not wanting to have to dress or act in a particular fashion. (There are a number of transvestites in the SCA, people who accept the way they are but choose to dress as the opposite gender, their names reflect the gender they dress as.) **Example 3** - A number of people have multiple personalities in which the opposite gender is the gender currently in control. **Example 4** - There are at least 4 transsexuals who dress as , identify with, and should be dealt with as the gender of the type name they have. (They have the DNA of the Gender they have chosen a name for, but have the outward characteristics of the opposite sex. This was usually due to a problem in the womb.)

There may be other reasons, but be aware that you will run into confusion and even challenge and insult, so you will need to explain yourself.

Happy research!

Original persona sheet- 1973- Lady Candice of Dragonstower
 Additional Persona Questions and Worksheet- 1978- Barbarian Freehold Alliance
 Made into Two Worksheets- 1982- Lady Antara al-Agrab
 Additional material added- 1987- The Honorable Lady Ceridwen Dafydd
 Master Timotheus Zacharia
 People of persona concept- 1994- Lord Duncan Andrew Songhawke Tengri-in
 Jida

Online Persona Resources

Interested in more info on building your persona? Check out these online resources:

Persona on the Caid Wiki: <http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Persona>

A "Persona" in the SCA is the history or "back story" people tell about their life. For some people, a Persona is simply the name they use; for others it is much more complex and involves elaborate costumes, registered name and heraldry, and much, much more. . .

The page contains tools for building your persona, and links to individual and household persona stories in Caid.

As you build your persona make sure you add it to your Caid Wiki page!

SCA Persona Research Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/609022629140297>

Got questions about developing a persona within the SCA? Got documentation, research, or a thirst for knowledge and a willingness to share with others? This group was created with the purpose of helping people research, develop, document, and understand the culture and times of their personas within the SCA. Everyone welcome, posts are closed to members only.

The current Question of the Day for the group is: What would you consider to be your persona's biggest regret? At some point in everyone's life comes a moment that we wish we could make disappear. Perhaps your persona is no different.

Persona Potlucks

I'm a big fan of Persona Potlucks, an informal get together where we all bring one or more dishes that would have been eaten in period by our personas.

In the SCA we study the period, wear the garb, see the pageantry, hear the music, play the games, experience the combat; this allows us to add another layer to our persona, by smelling and tasting the foods of the period.

The dinner makes for a very SCA-like experience in that all the tastes from different times and cultures somehow fit together -- sometimes dishes from 2 cultures are even better combined than they were separate!

When Tim and I hold a persona potluck we aren't very strict about the food being exactly correct for the time period or the ingredients, as long as it provides an example of the tastes that your culture experienced. A modern approximation works, as long as it gets the point across. We also don't require attendees to be in garb or in persona. We're not recreating a period feast, we're just having a good time with friends as we share the taste of our persona's culture.

Of course, you can make it more feast like: Come in garb, have period music playing, have each person share info about their persona as well as the info about

their personal dish, create trivia game with questions about your persona's time period or area. Whatever you want to make it a fun persona evening.

If you want to explore recreating period recipes, you'll want to join Altavia's Culinary Guild Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/242868192471271> A "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." And once a month they bring period dishes to Monday Fighter Practice / Social Night to share!

The important part is to make exploring the taste of your persona's culture fun!

--Lynnette de Sandoval



From July's Altavia Council Meeting:

What was your favorite Lyndomere Anniversary moment?

Cecilia- Watching the Baronial Cutie - Natalia in her first youth combat fights

[Editor: I'm sorry to have missed this!]

Cristof - Arriving safely (he drove)

Briana - Maestra Claudia receiving her Court Barony

Lynnette - Being Home

Shamus - Dreaming

Selene - Nemo Noming the Baron

Damien - Didn't go

David Whitaker - I was home'n

Timotheus - Being home

Tezar - Nicolai fighting Natalia in youth

Catriona - Could not make it

Nicolai - Climbing the tree

Nicolai won the first drawing a bag with Viking wire wrapping tools

Briana won second drawing for a jar of sugar scrub

Come to next months meeting at St. Mary's on August 11th at 7:00pm

~Cecilia

Period Food

"On Peaches"

Contributed by

THL Johnnae Ilyn Lewis, CE

*Many homly trees ther were
That peches, coynes, and apples beere.*

Chaucer, Romaunt Rose 1374

In terms of botany, the peach (*Prunus persica*) is a member of the rose family. Other members of the subgenus include almonds and plums. Of temperate nature the fruit requires a period of cold dormancy and are thus suited to the middle latitudes where they are cold hardy. Peaches originated in the mountains of Tibet and western China. According to Professor Jules Janick, it was domesticated perhaps as early as 3300-2500 BCE and cultivated as early as 2000 BCE. Celebrated in China and the Far East, where the phrase the *Golden Peaches of Samarkand* still calls to mind the exotic age of the seventh century BCE Tang dynasty. It was during this time that formal gifts of peaches, the color of gold, were sent from Samarkand to the Tang Court at Ch'ang-an. These very exotic trees were later planted and tended in various imperial gardens. Early on, legend holds, the slips were best grafted onto persimmon roots. (Schafer, 117) In Chinese art and literature, the peach was a symbol of immortality. The smoother skinned or fuzz-less nectarine (*Prunus persica nectarine*), a mutant cousin of the peach, originated and flourished in eastern Turkestan, but was a rarity in ancient China. Peach and nectarine trees "are virtually indistinguishable;" both of the fruits may be either freestone with the fruit falling away easily from the center stone or clingstone where the fruit clings firmly to the stone or pit. (*Enc. Brit.*)

That peaches came to the west through Persia is reflected in the name, the Romans gave the fruit. The *malum persicum* (Persian apple) was well known to the Romans and even the poet Virgil praised "downy peaches and glossy plum." Pliny wrote peaches were grown in Greece as early as 332 BCE, but complained they were more juice than flavor. It's not known if the Romans ever grew peaches in Britain, but they were established in France and eaten at the courts of Queen Radegonde in the sixth century. Charlemagne's *Capitularies* also mentioned the fruit, and they are listed as a tree in the monk's orchard in the

idealized Plan of St. Gall. By the time of Francois I, some forty varieties were being grown in France. By this time the art or craft of espaliers had been rediscovered. According to C. Anne Wilson, peach slips were planted at in the royal gardens at Westminster during the thirteenth century. (Wilson, 331) Professor Joan Thirsk notes that by the 16th century peaches and apricots were being grown and ripened against walls in various country estates of the English gentry. (Thirsk, 41)

The Spanish introduced peaches to the Americas where they became naturalized first in Mexico and later in the southeastern United States. Colonial America grew peaches not only for eating but also for making brandy. Livestock might be fed on the perishable and locally grown fruit; the trees provided wood for timber and firewood. (Palter, 231) Improved peach cultivation in America took off with the introduction of the "Chinese Cling" variety in 1850. Originally from southern China and discovered by English plant hunters, the Chinese Cling was an introduction to the US via England. Most modern peach varieties in the U.S. trace their lineage to this variety. (Scorza)

English Herbals and Dietaries; On The Attributes

Master Henry Buttes wrote in his 1599 **Dyets dry dinner** peaches were "Degree.

Cold in the first, moist in the second. Being soft, moist, and flatulent, they engender humours very subject to corruption: euil for old, flegmaticke and weake stomackes" but this might be corrected by eating "them alwaies fasting, and drinke a cup of the best wine, most fragrant, and well aromatized."

The Italian exile and scholar Giacomo Castelvetro wrote extensively about the fruits and vegetables being cultivated in Britain, as opposed to Italy, in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. Peaches, he observed, appeared in the middle of August and lasted through September and even into October. "This delicate fruit is usually eaten raw.... Some steep them in good wine." Castelvetro also mentioned, "peaches cooked, wrapped in damp paper and roasted in hot ashes." Others are preserved in sugar or preserved as a stiff paste called *persicata*. Often they are dried and eaten during Lent. He wrote peach stones dissolved kidney stones and prevent worms in children. (Castelvetro, 86-87)

The Doctor Thomas Moffett or Muffet wrote his manuscript on health and foods in the mid 1590s. He died in June 1604. The manuscript was finally published in 1655 as **Health's Improvement**. There we learn: "All Peaches are to be quartered, and laid in strong wine before they are eaten. Ripe Peaches according to *Galens* rule must be eaten in the beginning of meals, because they are a moist and slippery fruit; but hard and unripe Peaches are best at the end of meat (if ever they are good at all) yea though they be candied or preserved; yet Peaches must be sparingly eaten, for many are dangerous, and killed *Theognostus* that fine Scholer, so much lamented in the Greek Epigrams. Four good morsels, Peaches, Figs, Melons, and Champignois. (209-210)

As to their cultivation, Leonard Mascall in his 1572 work titled *A booke of the arte and maner, howe to plant and graffe all sortes of trees howe to set stones, and sowe pepines to make wylde trees to graffe on....* gave instructions on the grafting of peach trees, coloring of peach stones, planting of peach stones, and what to do should the peach trees be troubled by worms.

John Gerard's *Herball* was first published in 1597 and then enlarged and reprinted by Thomas Johnson in 1633. Peaches are described in that edition as: "There are diuers sorts of Peaches besides the foure here set forth by our Author, but the trees do not much differ in shape, but the difference chiefly consists in the fruit, whereof I will giue you the names of the choice ones, and such as are to be had from my friend Mr. Millen in Old-street, which are these; two sorts of Nutmeg Peaches; The Queenes Peach; The Newington Peach; The grand Carnation Peach; The Carnation Peach; The Blacke Peach; the Melocotone; the White; The Romane; The Alberza; The Island Peach; Peach du Troy. These are all good ones. 4 *Persica lutea*, or the yellow Peach tree, The fruit hereof is of greatest pleasure, and best taste of all the other of his kinde...."

By 1629, John Parkinson in the *Paradisi in sole paradisus terrestris* was using "peach" often in descriptive phrases, as in tulips being "A deep Peach colour," or an iris being "The great peach coloured bulbous Flowerdeluce." In his section on "The Ordering of the Orchard," Parkinson revealed detailed instructions on the cultivation of peach trees from both grafts and kernels. (Joan Thirsk believes many of the twelve varieties named by Parkinson and the other twenty or so just described by him were perhaps newly arrived from Spain and Italy. (Thirsk, 75)) "Peach stones will be soone raised vp to graft other sorts of Peaches or Nectorins vpon, but the nature of the Peach roote being spongie, is not to abide long. (539) In Chapter XVI, he expounded on "Nectorins..." On "The Vse of Nectorins," he wrote, "The fruit is more firme then the Peach, and more delectable in taste; and is therefore of more esteeme, and that worthily." Nectarines were first known or recognized as a different species in England in the sixteenth century, but by 1650 some dozen varieties were known. By this same time over fifty varieties of peaches were known. (Palter, 226) John Evelyn in the 1666 *Kalendarium hortense, or, The gard'ners almanac* notes that one planted peaches and nectarines in March and that they flowered in April. The trees were "inoculated" in June and repruned in July. Varieties, which fruited in July, were "Peaches. Nutmeg, Isabella, Persian, Newington, Violet-muscat, Rambouillet," but most varieties were listed as being ripe in August. Lastly, the famed French doctor Jean de Renou (1568-c1620) wrote *Dispensatorium medicum, continens institutionum pharmaceuticarum*, which was first published in 1623. With the help of Richard Tomlinson, it was published in English in 1657 as *A medicinal dispensatory*. "Chap. XII Of Peaches" in the English version begins: "The Peach-Tree is notorious and frequent in most places of France, for they beset their Vineyards therewith; it assures to a moderate procerity, emitting long and fragile boughs, vested with rare leafes like

Willowes, serrated about, amare to the gust and aromatically redolent; its flowers are like them of Almonds, but more dilutely purpureous." Later he writes: "Peaches are cold and moist in the second degree, their succe is very corruptible, and they no good last dish; they are better before other meats then after. Their Kernells are dry, they open, incide, exterge, and cure the infarctures of the Liver or Milt." (p 378)

Art

Peaches lastly show up in the emerging still life paintings of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Much earlier, the Roman palaces preserved at Herculaneum had had wall murals depicting many fruits including peaches. The artists Vincenzo Campi (*The Fruit Seller*, c 1580) and Caravaggio (*Boy with a Basket of Fruit*, c 1593 and *Sick Bacchus*, c 1593) notably depicted peaches. The Italian artist Fede Galizia often used peaches, commonly placing them in bowls. Her *Peaches in a White Ceramic Bowl* dates to circa 1600-1605; her still-life of peaches in a black bowl is circa 1610. Ambrogio Giovanni Figino depicts peaches in *Metal Plate with Peaches and Vine Leaves*, c 1591-1594. Other works may be found by searching the *Web Gallery of Art*

English Recipes

Peaches appear in few English recipes; no early recipes were located or indexed under "peaches" when we compiled the *Concordance of English Recipes. Thirteenth Through Fifteenth Centuries* in 2006. When the recipes finally start appearing in the sixteenth century, they appear primarily as "tart stuff" or as fruit fillings. Here are some original recipes for the fruit, arranged by type and then chronologically.

Confite of Peaches

This first recipe was later and copied and appears also in Thomas Dawson's *The second part of the good hus-wiues iewell*. 1597.

To confite Peches after the Spanyshe facion.

TAke greate and fayre Peches, whiche you shall pill and make cleane, and cutte them in pieces, and so laye them abroad vppon a table faire and cleane in the Sunne by the space of two dayes, tournung them euer at nighte, and in the morninge, and put them hote into a Iuleppe of Sugre, well sodden and prepared as is aforesaid. And after you haue taken them out, sette them agayne in the Sunne, tournung them often vntill they bee well dried. This dooen put them agayne into the Iulep, and then in the Sunne, vntill they haue gotten a faire barke or cruste, as you wyll haue them, and this shall you dooe three or foure times: then being thus prepared, you maye keepe them in boxes for winter, for it is a soueraygne thinge.

The Secretes of the Reverende Maister Alexis of Piemount. Containyng excellent remedies against diuers diseases, woundes, and other accidents, with the manner

to make distillations, parfumes, confitures, diynges, colours, fusions and meltynges. ... Translated out of Frenche into Englishe, by Wyllyam Warde. London: 1558.

Fruit Fillings

To make all maner of fruit Tartes.

YOu must boile your fruite, whether it be apple, cherie, peach, damson, peare, Mulberie, or codling, in faire water, and when they be boyled inough, put them into a bowle, and bruse them with a ladle, and when they be cold, straine them, and put in red wine or claret wine, and so season it with suger, sinamom and ginger.

Dawson, Thomas. *The good husvvifes ievvell*. 1587.

To bake Peaches.

TAke Peaches, pare them, and cut them in two péeces, & take out the stones as cleane as you can for breaching of the Peach: then make your pie thrée square to bake fowre in a pie, let your paste be verie fine, then make your dredge with fine Sugar, Synamon and Ginger: and first lay a little dredge in the bottome of your pies: Then put in Peaches, and fill vp your coffins with your Dredge, and put into euery coffin thrée spoonfuls of Rosewater. Let not your Ouen be too hot. &c.

A booke of cookerie, otherwise called the good huswiues handmaid.

[London]: [E. Alde, 1597]

A later recipe for comparison:

To make all manner of Fruit Tarts.

You must boyle your Fruit, whether it be Apple, Cherry, Peach, Damson, Peare, Mulberry, or Codling, in faire water, and when they be boyled enough, put them into a bowle, and bruise them with a ladle, and when they be cold straine them, and put in red wine, or Clarret wine, and so season it with sugar, cinamon, and ginger. (40-41)

A Book of fruits & flovvers. London: 1653.

To make Cream Tarts. (mentioning peaches and nectarines)

THicken cream with muskefied bisket bread, and serve it in a dish, stick wafers round about it, and slices of preserved citteron, and in the middle a preserved

orange with biskets, the garnish of the dish being of puff-paste.

Or you may boil quinces, wardens pears, and pippins in slices or quarters, and strain them into cream, as also these fruits, melacattons, necturnes, apricocks, peaches, plums, or cherries, and make your tarts of these forms.

Green Tart Stuff.

TAke spinage, boild green pease, green apricocks, green plumbs quodled, peaches quodled, quodled green necturnes, gooseberries quodled, green sorrel, and the juyce of green wheat.

May, Robert, b. 1588. *The accomplisht cook*, 1660.

Preserved Peaches

Master cook Robert May in his 1660 comprehensive volume *The Accomplisht Cook* includes a section on "The time to preserve green Fruits." He notes the time for preserving "the Peach and Pippin [is] about Bartholomew tide or a little before." This would have been roughly in and around August 24th. May continues, "Note that to all your green fruits in general that you will preserve in sirrurp, you must take to every pound of fruit, a pound and two ounces of sugar, and a grain of musk; your plumb, pippin and peach will have three quarters of an hour boiling, or rather more, and that very softly, keep the fruit as whole as you can;..." May also includes recipes and suggestions for nectarines. He included the advice that "For the several colours of Tarts. IF to have them yellow, preserved quinces, apricocks, necturnes, and melacattons, boil them up in white wine, with sugar, and strain them."

[5] To preserue Mirabolans or Malacadonians.

TAke your Malacadonians and stone them, and per boyle them in water, then pill of the outward skin of them, they will boyle as long as a peece of beefe, & therefore you need not feare the breaking of them, and when they be boyled tender make Syrope for them, and preserue them as you doe any other thing, and so you may keepe them all the yeare.

A Closet for Ladies and Gentlewomen. 1608.

[Food historian Karen Hess identifies the 'melocotion' as 'melum cotoneum'. Cindy Renfrow's online Glossary defines it as "Melocoton (*Melum cotoneum*) and says they are a Cydonian apple... a peach grafted onto a quince tree." Hess suggests using peaches, perhaps even hard peaches for this antique grafted fruit.

See my edition of the 1608 *A Closet for Ladies and Gentlewomen* for more details.]

[11] To preserue Peaches.

TAke a pound of your fayrest and best coloured Peaches, and with a wet linnen cloth wipe of the white hoare of them, then perboyle them in halfe a pint of white wine, and a pint and a halfe of running water, and being perboyled, pill off the white skin of them, and then weigh them; take to your pound of Peaches, three quarters of a pound of refined sugar, and dissolue it in a quarter of a pint of white wine, and boyle it almost to the height of a Syrope, and then put in your Peaches, and let them boyle in the Syrope a quarter of an houre or more if neede should require, and then put them vp, and keepe them all the yeare.

A Closet for Ladies and Gentlewomen. 1608

To preserue greene Peaches before they be stoned.

23 SCald your Peaches, being so young that you may thrust a pinne through them, rub off the furre with a piece of course linnen cloath, then pricke them with a sharpe knife, and boile them tender in as much clarified Sugar as will couer them, then take them vp and boile the sirupe by it selfe, vntill it be somewhat thick, and being blood-warme with cooling, put in your fruit and pot it.

Murrell, John, 17th cent. **A daily exercise for ladies and gentlewomen.** London, 1617.

8 To preserve Peaches.

Heat water scalding hot first, then scald your Peaches till you may pull off the skin, which done, boil your Rosewater and Sugar till it be somewhat think: then put in your Peaches one by one, stowing the Sugar on them; and as the fire melteth, cast on more four or five times, letting them boyl with a soft fire till hey be tender, keeping them covered as long as they seethe, then take them out, and put them up for use.

M. B., Forth and Brentford, Patrick Ruthven, Earl of, 1573?-1651. *The ladies cabinet enlarged and opened.* 1654.

To preserve Peaches after the Venetian way.

TAke twenty young peaches, part them in two, and take out the stones, then take as much sugar as they weigh, and some rose-water, put in the peaches, and make

a sirrurp that it may stand and stick to your fingers, let them boile softly a while, then lay them in a dish, and let them stand in the same two or three dayes, then set your sirrurp on the fire, let it boile up, and then put in the peaches, and so preserve them.

May, Robert, b. 1588. *The accomplisht cook*, 1660.

71. To preserve Peaches.

Take a pound of your fairest and best coloured Peaches, and with a wet linnen cloth wipe off the white coar of them, then parboyl them in half a pint of White-wine, and a pint and a half of running Water, and being parboyled, peel of the white skin of them and then weigh them; take to your pound of Peaches 3 quarters of a pound of refined Sugar, and dissolve it in a quarter of a pint of white-wine, and boyl it almost to the heighth of a Syrup, then put in your Peaches and let them boyl in the Syrup a quarter of an hour or more, then put them up and keep them all the Year.

The accomplisht ladys delight in preserving, physick and cookery. 1675.

Pastes

[35] To make Past of Genua the true way.

TAke two pound of the Pulpe of Quinces, and as much of peaches, and straine it, and drie it in a pewter platter vpon a Chafindish of coles, then weigh it, and take as much suger as it weigheth, and boyle it to the height of Manus Christi, and then put them together, and so fashion it vpon a Pie- plate, and dry it in an Ouen with a Chafindish of coales, vntill it be thorough drie, and then if it please you, you may spot them with Gold.

A Closet for Ladies and Gentlewomen. 1608.

To make Paste of Genua, as they doe beyond the Seas.

2 BOile faire yellow Peare-Quinces tender in their skinnes, and so let them stand vntill the next day, till they be colde, then pare them, and scrape all the pulp from the coare, then take as much pulp of yellow Peaches as the pulp of Quinces doth weigh, and dry it vpon a little chafingdish of coales, alwaies stirring it, then boile the weight of both these pulps in double refined Sugar, and so let it boile, alway stirring it vntill it come to a candie height, with as much Rose-water as will melt that Sugar, and put in your pulps, alway stirring it in the boiling, vntill it come from the the bottome of the Posnet, then fashion it vpon a pie plate, or a sheete of glasse, some like leaues, some like halfe fruits, and some you may print

with moulds, set them into a warme Ouen after the breadis drawne, or into a Stoue, the next day you may turne them, and when the stuffe is through dry, you may box it, and keepe it for all the yeere, but be sure it be through dried before you lay it vp in store.

Murrell, John, 17th cent. **A daily exercise for ladies and gentlewomen.** London, 1617.

Suckets or Candied Peaches

Peaches, or any other. (and yes it is correct that the heading reads "Peaches" but recipe 66 then begins with "Green Plums" and does not mention peaches!

66 GReene Plums may be sucket-Candied after the very same manner, remembring that they be first preserued.

That basic recipe would be: **To Sucket-Candie greene Lemonds.**

63 VVAsh this fruit with seething water, dry it, & put it in a warme Ouen, the next day throw them in hot double refined Sugar, boiled to a Candie height, boile them a walme or two, take them vp and dry them in an Ouen, the next day boxe them.

Murrell, John, 17th cent. **A daily exercise for ladies and gentlewomen.** London, 1617.

Miscellaneous

A recipe for quinces that might also be used for peaches:

To make a condonack.

TAke Quinces and pare the□, take out the cores, and séeth them in fair water vntil they break, the□ strain them through a fine strainer, and for eight pound of the said strained quinces, you must put in 3. pound of Suger, and mingle it together in a vessel, and boile them en the fire alwaies stirring it vntil it be sodden which you may perceiue, for that it will no longer cleaue to the vessel, but you may sta□p muske in powder, you may also ad spice to it, as Ginger, Sinamon, Cloues, and Nutmegges, as much as you think méet, boyling the muske with a litle Uineger, then with a broad slice of wood spread of this confection vpon a table, which must be first strewed with Suger, and there make what proportion you wil, and set it in the sunne vntil it be drye, and when it hath stood a while turn it vpsidown, making alwaies a bed of Suger, both vnder and aboue, and turne them still, and drye them in the sunne vntill they haue gotten a crust. In like maner you may dresse Peares,

Peaches, Damsins, and other fruites.

Dawson, Thomas. *The second part of the good hus-wiues iewell*. 1597.

To make drie Marmelet of Peches.

TAke your Peaches and pare the□, and cut them from the stones, and mince them very sinely, and stéepe them in rosewater, then straine them with rosewater through a course cloth or Strainer into your Pan that you will séethe it in, you must haue to euery pound of peches halfe a pound of suger finely beaten, and put it into your pan y^t you do boile it in; you must reserue out a good qua□tity to mould your cakes or prints withall, of that Suger, then set your pan on the fire, and stir it fil it be thick or striffe that your stick wil stand vpright in it of it self, the□ take it vp and lay it in a platter or charger in prety lumps as big as you wil haue y^e mould or printes, and when it is colde print it on a faire boord with suger, and print the□ on a mould or what knot or fashion you will, & bake in an earthen pot or pan vpon y^e embers or in a feate couer, and kéepe the□ continually by the fire to kéepe them dry.

Dawson, Thomas. *The second part of the good hus-wiues iewell*. 1597.

To dry Peaches.

Take Peaches and coddle them, take off the skins, stone them; take to four pound of Peaches a pound of Sugar, then take a gally pot and lay a laier of Peaches, and a laier of Sugar, till all be laid out, then put in half a pint of water, so cover them close, and set them in embers to keep warm, so let them stand a night and a day, then put them in a skillet, and set them on the fire to be scalding hot, then put them into your pot again, and let them stand four and twentie houres then scald them again, then take them out of your Sirupe, and lay them one silver dishes to dry, you may dry them in an Oven, when the bread is taken out, but to dry them in the Sun is better, you must turn them every day into clear Dishes. (Pages 73-74)

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Last Thoughts

When confronted with an abundance of fresh peaches on a summer's day or for one's summer feast, one might be tempted to just serve fresh fragrant

peaches in a beautiful ceramic bowl or on a metal plate as depicted in the artworks mentioned above. One might even practice the suggested Elizabethan advice to temper the humours and serve the peaches with wine as Master Buttes suggested or steeped in good wine as Giacomo Castelvetro suggested.

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For additional historical recipes, try a search at: <http://medievalcookery.com/search/search.html>

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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 Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church at 5329 Sepulveda Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411-344
 - 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 Mashu](#) 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 Minutes

April 14, 2015

Community Room, Riviera Mobile Estates

Baronial Comments:

We had a great time at Starkhafn glad we don't have to do too many Vegas trips. Their lunch was yummy and entertaining. The archery program was exceptional. The Baron had a great time shooting. This is a really busy weekend starting with the Demo Thursday evening for set up then Friday and Saturday all day. It sounds like we are in for a lot of fun. Bring your projects and show off your work. I will be going to Dun Or on Sat. for the elevation, and I am looking to all our wonderful artisans to help with the outgoing and incoming Baronial baskets, with their wonderful talents. Sunday is Robin Hood, the Baron is running a Bardic Challenge, come give your best Robin Hood Accent. Cristof and I will be doing a St. Charles Festival the 24th-26th if you've ever wanted a tattoo or have your face painted come join us. We still have a need for volunteers for Anniversary. We have many items donated but can always use more. Come to our next meeting. We will be making champion favors next week and will be looking for sewers to help assemble once they are printed. Take them home or plan a sewing night.

Always Grateful,
~Cecilia

Seneschal's Report:

Privy Council report:

- Event dates secured for Anniversary, Agincourt, and Angels/Altavia Yule
- Gave report on Meetup
- Waivers for events and practices
- Still time to comment on Chiurgeonate proposal
- Wintermist one step closer to being a barony (passed Kingdom, will go on to BoD)

Minutes Approval (March): Motion to approve minutes Lynnette. Second Niko. 1 abstention. Motion Carried

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

- Altavia-Angels Yule: is it closed? Niki got his money. Yule is closed.

Ongoing Business: (Items in process)

- Walter Reed Demo (Catriona) Catriona has posted to the Event Facebook page and cross-posted to Altavia and Kingdom Facebook Page. We need to be set up by 9 a.m. on Friday. You will be able to pull up cars on campus to unload. School can provide tables, they just need a count. They would appreciate Bardic performers on their main stage if possible. Bring Baronial and Dragonwing in addition to 2-3 popups. Contact Luca for period day shade for A&S. Heath, will only be available on Friday. He will be bringing his group on Friday.
- Altavia Anniversary (Francisco) Co-steward is ready to do other co-steward in. they are in process finalizing plans. There will be both Roman and Egyptian costume contests. Event is getting lots of attention so a good turnout is anticipated. Next meeting is 4/30. Niko suggests a sign up sheet for volunteers for set up and tear down. Briana suggested a back up plan for Merchants as Baroness Morgaine has been ill.
- Armor repair night(s)? No date/time has been set yet. Helgi said he had stuff and was going to do it. No firm plans yet. April/May very busy for the Barony.

New Business:

- **Altavia/Darach/Queen's Champion Equestrian (David):** Planning is ongoing for the event. David is working on confirming a date and whether or not her Highness can make it. We ran into a snafu on adding Queen's Champion to our even, in that it was discovered that Altavia/Darach Champion was not on the Kingdom calendar at all. More to come. This is the first event he is even stewarding but he is doing a great job. Good news is that we are getting the site for free!
- **Council meeting location.** We are looking at moving Council meeting to Niko's church. For the most part it is a more convenient location for the majority of the Barony. The approximate cost will be \$360 a year which is an affordable amount for the Barony (per the Exchequer). It also had great parking! Hopefully with a more central location we will have greater participation. Lynette moved that the subject be brought up at the next Financial Committee. Seconded by. Motion carried. Niko will confirm that we can hold May's council meeting at Niko's church. And we can bring alcohol because it is at a Church!!!

Officer's Reports

- **Archers – Lord Gendu Adarmaghedi (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos):** Per Niko, going pretty well. We are getting a lot of people from MeetUp as well as a group of kids that have recently graduated from college and have discovered us. We have one young lady that has come to us from another kingdom and is currently playing locally who is also interested in Rapier. There were about 6 archers on 3/15. The following 2 practices were cancelled due to Privy Council and Easter. Niko is suggesting an arrow making night.

- **Arts & Sciences – Luca Serafina da Firenze (Deputy: Wystan):** (Report emailed) A&S class this month is Beginning Bead Weaving taught by Dame Lynette. One question I have for Lynette is "What is the class fee?" On the site it says TBD. Has that been determined? If so, could I be made aware of that so I can put that in my reminder post about the A&S class? I have been updated on the A&S competition for Anniversary. If I am fighting I will be finding help to watch the A&S tent during the day. Otherwise I got it handled. Madelena happy to help.

Thanks everyone!
Luca

- **Chatelaine – Lady Catriona ingean Diamada (Deputy: Countess Bridget Lucia MacKenzie):** Oh hai!!! I'll be at council tonight but here's my report! Last month newcomers meeting was March on Combat forms. We had several newcomers that night but they were only interested in a couple forms and we got them with their respective marshals. Niko was kind enough to speak to some people about unarmored. Our next Meeting is April 27 and the subject is Attending Events, Garb and Awards. MeetUp is having a huge turnout at practice. We have several people who continue to return each week. We even had a family come by who had been before and were returning, bringing more of the family. We had family come from Darach because they do not have Youth Combat. Newcomers is being sparsely attended because of the time. Niko suggested we do not start the meeting until later, though the problem is that the newcomers are not arriving until 7:45 or 8:00 p.m. One newcomer made the comment that he has never felt so welcome as at Fighter Practice. Next newcomers meeting is 4/27, and the subject is Attending Events, Garb and Awards. Demo this weekend!!! We have the opportunity to give the school fliers to stuff into totes. Do we want to do this or do we want to just have the fliers for us? Also, Does someone have access to a color printer that I can send the flier file to who can print off one flier for me to run off for the weekend?

YIS
Caitriona ingean Diarmada
a very frazzled Chatelaine of Altavia ;)

PS- Carol sent me the banners they printed up for us and they look AMAZING!!!!

- **Children – Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis):** No report.

- **Chirurgion** – *Vacant (Deputy: Vacant): N/A*
- **Chronicler** – *Lord Charles Ivanson (Deputy: Vacant):* No report. April issue did come out. He was not able attend due to recording music for Star Wars. Per Lynnette, he actually was able to put it up by himself!
 - **Constable** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusef):* No report. Brianna received a large tub of paperwork from Thorin, likely old waivers.
 - **Exchequer** – *Lady Leonor de Seville (Deputy: THL Eirikr Mjorsiglandi):* We have money! Exchequer is a bit behind due to life. She feels she is getting back on track. She has had an offer to help at gate. Courtney has offered to be Deputy Exchequer (and there was great rejoicing!!!)
 - **Herald** – *THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis):* Greetings! I will be unable to attend tonight's meeting. My report: I was not at the April 12 Heraldry meeting due to illness. I should be at the next meeting on May 17, and I plan on being at Anniversary on May 9. I assume I am running field heraldry. Enjoy! Damien
 - **Lists** – *THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):* No report. She will be at Anniversary. It was suggested we reach out to the Royals due to the situation that arose at Anniversary last year that totally threw Lists for a loop.
 - **Marshal** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy: Vacant):* Thorin is still our Marshal and will remain our Marshal. Helgi is thinking about being Deputy Marshal.
 - **Marshal, Equestrian** – *Lord David Whittaker (Deputy: Lady Lysette of Altavia):* Unto Lady Briana, Seneschal Altavia does Lord David Whittaker, Equestrian Marshal Altavia send Greetings! Good Lady, I'm afraid that I am out of town this evening and unable to attending the baronial council. The following is my monthly report for you, cc'd to the KEO and SEO. ALTAVIA EQUESTRIAN REPORT 14APR15
 - King's Hunt was a great success! We had three new authorizations from visitors from Naevehjem (Ridgecrest), a woods course, and lots of trail riding. Master Damales came out and provided some excellent one on one sessions with interested riders (mundanely, he's a professional eventing coach). The proposed Queen's Equestrian Championship was moved, as Her Highness could not attend. THL Ariadne was EQ autocrat, and there were no problems with horse logistics. That said, as fun as the site is, it isn't the best for traditional tournaments as it lacks an arena or even sufficient non-gopher hole space for a jousting tilt. Also, showers for humans would be nice!
 - There was one unscheduled dismount at King's Hunt (that would be me-- the trees need to be taller), but as it did not require medical attention, the word from the KEO is that it doesn't count as a reportable incident.
 - As noted, QEC had to be moved to the next event, which is ours. It will be at the combined Darach/Altavia championship, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 28 June, the day after Gyldenholt anniversary. Still waiting for the word from the Royals to confirm the date, but the insurance has been covered by an anonymous donor and the site is reserved (no charge, it's our regular practice site).
 - March practice was canceled for attendance (many were out of town for Gulf Wars). April practice was this last Sunday and was well attended with jousting and preparatory instruction for mounted archery. There was some confusion about times-- the start time was listed as noon, but for temperature, things started at 2. My apologies for not updating that, and in the future I'll confirm the times the week prior. It was also suggested that we get SCA directional signs, as it is easy to get lost at the stables, and cell phone reception is difficult.

Yours in Service and Ponies,

Lord David Straker Whittaker
Equestrian Marshal, Altavia

His Excellency reported that the Kingdom Equestrian page has the incorrect location. Webwright is unaware of who is responsible for updating that page. Lynnette reported that she will be putting up the Altavian Equestrian page before our next Equestrian practice. His Excellency will follow up doing an A&S night to make more directional signs.

- **Marshal, Rapier** – *Don Colwyn Stagghorn (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafina da Firenze):* March 8th practice had 9 with 2 returning new people from meet up: Christian and Aggie. March 15th Caid prize was won by an Altavian: Niko March 16th 16 people with 3 newbies. We had a melee

practice. No meet ups that I know of. March 23rd, we had 8 people. One meet up, Chris, was watching only. March 30 10 fighters including a knight. April 6th 12 fighters with 3 new people. 2 from meet up, Chris and Susan. April 13th's practice we had 12 fighters with one from the meet up, Chris, and one other newbie. We also had a few spectators as well. Rapier is strong as always,
Niko

- **Marshal, Thrown Weapons** – *THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant)*: On March 14th at Galla/Al Sahid Cp prize thrown weapons competition was ran by Baroness Cecilia. On March 15th we had 13 throwers with 2 from meet ups: Christian and Jesus. March 29th practice was cancelled due to Privy counsel. On April 4th practice was cancelled due to Easter holiday. This Sunday, April 19th, Robin Hood tourney will be held at Woodley park. I will be marshaling their TWs. It will be the first time an event will be held at the redesigned field. We will see how it goes.

- **Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored** – *Vacant (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos)*: March 24th practice we had 3. Fighters. One was, Chris, from meetup group. Fighting and learning was had by all. 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'Seaghda, Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: No report. Briana has sent in background check and an ATS for Tezar, who will be stepping up as Youth Combat Marshal. At April 4 practice we had 4 youths in attendance.

- **Seneschal** – *Lady Briana MacCabe (Deputy Seneschal: THL Madelena Leonor Hidalgo de Figueres, Deputy for Social Media: Baroness Meliora Deverel)*: Hi all! We now have 85 members in our Meetup.com group (not including the 4 of us who joined). We continue to average a few newcomers at each practice, with the exception of last Monday, (we did not have any newbies from Meetup show up but we had other newbies, (transplants) who attended). We have 2 people who have returned to Monday nights steadily and I believe we'll have more return attendance from MeetUp people at Sunday archery/tw practices. The last few practices were canceled due to Privy Council and Easter. I'll create a meet up for Altavia Anniversary and see if I get any response. I've added an appropriate event picture to the Facebook page for Altavia Anniversary and I'll continue to add more details as they arise.

That's it for me! Thanks,

~ Meliora

- **Webwright** – *Dame Lynnette Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputies: Lord Gendru Adarmaghedi, Alice Tredewell)* Lynnette has contacted Kingdom webwright to volunteer Altavia for the migration to the CMS/Joomla and this would be a good thing as our incoming webwright is not tech savvy and this would help for her to update the website. Lynnette is hoping that this will speed things up as the current set up has a slow page return.

Announcements

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, 5/12, Community Room, Riviera Mobile Estates?

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Altavia Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015

Community Room, Riviera Mobile Estates

Baronial Comments: What a fabulous event on Sat. Thank you's just do not seem to be enough. We had a fabulous time and it is all thanks to all the wonderful Altavians and friends of Altavia who came out to support us. Hopefully I didn't miss any one in my thank you on Facebook. I couldn't be happier with our new champions. If any of you missed out on "The Eye of Altavia" tokens or Officer, court and guard tokens, let me know I'll get one to you.

This weekend is collegium and it's FREE - yes Tim I said FREE. We get in free to celebrate it's 35th year in Caid. I can't wait to take classes! I hope you all will go as well.

We are looking forward to Potrero War, I will go into more discussion when we get to that topic tonight. I've got my gummies ready for soaking!

We will also be going to St. Corrigan's on the 30th.

Seneschal's Report: Thank you everyone for all your help with Anniversary! It was a great success due, in a large part, to all the wonderful volunteers we had working the event. Please help me encourage everyone in the barony to keep volunteering where they can and encourage folk to attend this meeting. This will be much easier starting next month when we move to our new location at Niko's church.

Minutes Approval (April): Madelena moved to approve the minutes. Lynnette second. Motion carried

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

- Walter Reed Demo (Catriona): Per Seneschal, Demo is fine. We should inform school that if date is consistent, then it will fall same weekend as our Crown Tourney. We should discuss how many tents we take. Meliora's tent was underutilized.
- Altavia Anniversary (Francisco/Catriona): Cut and paste from Chatelaine report below.

Ongoing Business: (Items in process)

- Altavia/Darach/Queen's Champion Equestrian (David): Will be June 28, 2015. Will be at Swan Hill Farms, which we are getting for free as we already have a scheduled practice that day. Brianna will confirm that insurance has been paid for
- Council meeting location: So long as all goes well and the creek don't rise our next council meeting will return to Niko's Church effective next month.
- Armor repair night(s)?: Tezar will be inventorying the youth combat gear. It looks like multiple helms need so much repair that it would be cost effective to just replace them rather than repair them. Rapier armor is good, no need for repair. Unarmored has no budget and unsure what repairs are needed. Briana will need to talk to Thorin to see what needs repair. It can be done at a fighter practice, particularly since it is light longer.

New Business:

- Potrero War: The Baroness would like to see the driver of the Baronial trailer to be compensated for the extra gas needed to tow the trailer. This will be brought up to the financial committee. It was suggested that we come up with a plan for how many times of year, this situation will come up, right now it looks like it will be for GWW, the Walter Reed Demo, Anniversary and Potrero. It was noted that the Dragonwing does need repair, three D rings need to be sewn in. 2-3 grommets need to be replaced on the floor. The question is do we really need to bring the Baronial. Do we want to bring the ground cloth. It was decided not to bring the ground cloth. It was noted that Meliora's tent is still in the Baronial Trailer and needs to be removed, as well the eric poles. The baronial wagons needs to be removed and needs to be repaired. The trailer will be arranged this coming Saturday.
- Upcoming Altavia-run events: Caid Rapier Open and Agincourt. Rapier Open will be same time as last year, the weekend before Great Western. There were more fighters than ever, but no support team so gate was low. Agincourt will be at end of October and it looks like Selene will be event steward. She is looking at involving Letizia to train her on how to do events. The theme will

be Shakespeare/Henry the 5th. The year will be ended up Angels/Altavia Yule which will be co-autocrated by Niko and FuChing. The theme will be Masquerade.

Officer's Reports

- **Archers** – *Lord Gendu Secen (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos)*: Practices have gone well. Total of 5 archers and quite a few throwing weapons. We will be hosting Altavia Kids Shoot at Potrero and Gendu is soliciting prizes with the hope of giving out a prize to all participants. Do we have archery loaner gear for small people, i.e., kids?

- **Arts & Sciences** – *Luca Serafina da Firenze (Deputy: Vacant)*: We have a new A&S champion, Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth. His research and display of the embalming techniques in mummification won the votes of MANY people. This month is European Country Dance led by her Excellency Meliora. Dancing is more fun with a lot of people, so tell your friends and drag them out for some fun dancing! That's all for now! Thanks!

Chatelaine – *Lady Catriona inghean Diamada (Deputy: Countess Bridget Lucia MacKenzie)*: We had three newcomers at our meeting last month where the subject was Attending events, awards and SCA Garb. The next meeting will be May 18 due to Potrero War and our subject will be camping in the SCA. Still have a lot of newcomers coming from the meet up group. Lots of repeats coming back.

Anniversary went well. Just a few minor hiccups.

Recommendations for next year:

If we are able, put Altavia and Royals at the top and park those trailers up there. I think it will make life easier for the guard and closing court will all be in the shade. Clear communication. Assign people to bring stuff (our fault). Send out reminders. But overall, the event went very well and people were still commenting that evening on what a great day it was. Thank you so much to the Barony for all their help and faith in us.

- **Children** – *Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: Youth activities well extremely well at Anniversary. They made Roman and Egyptian masks and the kids played with bubbles! Lynnette brought up that she has grave rubbing supplies and thought this would be a great activity for Agincourt with the Shakespearean theme.

- **Chirurgion** – *Vacant (Deputy: Vacant)*: We had 2 injuries and possibly a 3rd at Anniversary. Tweezers were dispensed for the splinter and an ice pack for the smashed finger. The last one was not witnessed by the chirurgion so it did not happen.

- **Chronicler** – *Lord Charles Ivanson (Deputy: Vacant)*: No report.

- **Constable** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusef)*: Thorin ended up with lots of lost and found and brought it to fighter practice.

- **Exchequer** – *Lady Leonor de Seville (Deputy: THL Eirikr Mjorsiglandi)*: No report. Lynnette reported 3 Fret Not tshirts were sold. Her Excellency has all the receipts from the merchants along with the money and paperwork for the park. Leonor will be at fighter practice next week.

- **Herald** – *THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: Damien talked to 2 new people at Anniversary. Next meeting will be at Collegium this Sunday.

- **Lists** – *THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant)*: Lists went very well on Saturday at Altavia Anniversary, thanks in part to lots of help from Giovanni and Maile. Fighting in Armored Combat we had 28 combatants with Duke Patrick O' Malley as the victor in a double elimination tourney. In Rapier combat, there were 15 combatants; Master Colwyn Stagghorn being the victor after the swiss five tourney. Unarmored had 6 participants in round robin style combat. Lady Iona of Lyondemere was the victor. In Youth combat, we had a total of 9 fighters. In the age 4-5 category, Owen Wolff was victorious. In the age 8-11 category, Nataliia Barsova won the day. At age 14, Serafina di Zati won her division. Thank you to everyone who made the day and the Tournaments so special. I am happy that Maile said she enjoyed herself and afterward still has an interest in Lists!

- **Marshal** - *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy: Vacant)*: No report.
- **Marshal, Equestrian** - Lord David Whitaker (*Deputy: Lady Lysette of Altavia*): No report.
- **Marshal, Rapier** - Don Colwyn Stagghorn (*Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafina da*

Firenze): At April 13th's practice we had 12 fighters with one from the meet up, Chris, and one other newbie. We also had a few spectators as well. April 20th practice was well attended. We had 12 fighters with four new people. We do not know if any of them were from the meet up group. April 27th we had 10 fighters with three newcomers including 2 from the meet up. Chris and One other. At the May 4th practice we had 11 fighters with 4 new people and 2 from the meet up: Chris and Marrybelle. Teaching was happening on all levels. At Altavia Anniversary on May 9th we had 15 fighters on the list. Master Laertes ran a Swiss Five tourney. Master Colwyn was the victor and altavia's new champion. Rapier is strong as always. We need to purchase a couple of huge XXX-Large Fencing jacket.

- **Marshal, Thrown Weapons** - THL Nikolaos Phaistos (*Deputy: Vacant*): April 19th was Angels' Robin Hood tourney at Woodley park instead of practice. I ran the Thrown weapons with Lord Paul FitzDennis. It was the first time we had a tourney with the new design for the range. It ran very well. We threw safely even though we were closer to the non-throwers. The finals had a great audience and fun was had by all. At the May 3rd practice we had 15 throwers with one minor and three from the meet-up: Marybelle, Christine, and Rich. We Need a tomahawk axe, axe handles and four 8 inch knives.
- **Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored** - Vacant (*Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos*): We have had a busy month.

On April 27th we had 6 fighters with three newcomers. We learned and we fought. Lady Racheen offered to help as an unarmored deputy. She has been a great help with newcomers these past few months. So, I will talk with her more about it. On May 9, at Altavia Anniversary we had 6 fighters. Don Avenel ran a great round robin tourney, and I was the Marshal in charge. The winner and our new unarmored champion is Lady Iona of Leonomere. I did notice we need elbow pads and 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*): We had 7 fighters. Tezar's paperwork is making it's way up.
- **Seneschal** - Lady Briana MacCabe (*Deputy Seneschal: THL Madelena Leonor Hidalgo de Figueres, Deputy for Social Media: Baroness Meliora Deverel*): We have 105 members in our Meetup group! We have 110 total but approx. 5 of those are members of the barony. I'm continuing to create meet ups for Monday night practice and Archery/Thrown Weapons practices. I'll create a meet up for this month's A&S class. We have had 3 or 4 regular attendees to both practices and 1 or 2 newcomers. Chris is pretty much part of the barony now and attended Altavia Anniversary on Saturday! I'm debating on creating a meet up for Collegium. It might be a confusing event for a total newcomer to attend. Thoughts? We'll need to renew our meet up membership in a few months and I would highly recommend it. I'll bring it up again when the time comes. I'm continuing to pin things on Pinterest and get many re-pinnings! The Facebook page and Facebook group are very active. I send reminders for practices and events every week. If you have any suggestions for our Facebook presence (or anything Social Media related), please let me know!

- **Webwright** - Dame Lynnette Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (*Deputies: Lord Gendu Adarmaghedi, Alice Tregold*): *The Equestrian page is finally up and running.* Cristof's named is still misspelled on the webpage. Webwright needs to be informed of new Chief Lady in Waiting and Captain of the Guard.

Announcements

Next Council Meeting - Tuesday, 6/9, Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.





Altavia Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015

Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary's Church, Sherman Oaks CA

In Attendance: Corrina, David (EQM), Courtney (Deputy Exchequer), Matlens (Lists), Cecilia (Baroness), Christoph (Baron)

Baronial Comments: Coronation and QC have passed thank you to all who helped with the presentation booty and for showing up to help present them. I am asking all our talented artisans to pull together and help their Majesties with largess. They have many foreign lands to be traveled. Many thanks to Baroness Asakura for her generous donation of pottery and homemade bath salts, and to Briana for the many was it 8 cords) and to Maile. I was so excited to be able to fight in QC unarmoured. I was able to fight in 2 forms lost first fight to Paganus (who won), and Muirgen (who was one of the last 3) took me out. I had a beautiful consort (even if she did refuse to dress - but any one of us would have done the same if we could have!) She did have fun sitting on the Baron's shoulders watching the melees for heavies and rapier. and bared the heat to watch me fight both times.

We will not be going to Carreg wen this weekend to organize the homestead and to ready our trip up to Nordwache anniversary, which we will camp at. We will also attend Altavia Equestrian / Darach/QC Equestrian on the 28th. I will be attending An Tir/West war leaving on the 30th and returning the 7th, but most likely the Baron will not be able to attend unless his work load changes.

We would like to do more work nights at practices now that it's daylight longer, and I personally would like to see more of you at Arts and Science Nights. We have had some really great ones recently given by Baroness Meliora (dance), Baroness Lynnette (beading), and Meala (games), Matlens (sewing). Thank you to all our teachers.

Seneschal's Report: Our membership continues to grow by leaps and bounds! Thank you to everyone who has taken a few moments to talk to the new folk that have joined us at fighter practice and archery/thrown weapons practice recently. Please encourage people to attend not only our practices but also council meeting so they can know what's going on in the barony and how they can get involved in more things.

Minutes Approval (May):

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

- Altavia Anniversary (Francisco/Catriona) - 18 non-members 223 adults 7 infants

Ongoing Business: (Items in process)

- Altavia/Darach/Queen's Champion Equestrian (David) -
 - Have our space, space for horses.
 - No second portapotty needed. Angel can transport people to the potty if needed.
 - Space is limited. Maybe only put up the dragonwing, can host their Majesties in the wing.
 - Put call out for ground crew.
 - Courtney will contact Darach about site tokens.
 - Snacks and drinks for ground crew provided by donation. David will look for a coordinator for this.
 - Her Excellency will contact Chamberlain about food for their Majesties.
 - SCA directional signs, Courtney will ask Thorin about these.

- Field herald is needed. Will put out a call.
- Bring banners.
- Prizes...Her Excellency has largesse for this. Pageantry

prize, Showing Off prize, Altavian prize

- Unarmored Budget - Has been approved.
- Upcoming Altavia-run events: Caid Rapier Open and Agincourt - I'll touch base with Tezar on the CRO site when she's back in the country. I will check with Dame Selene to make sure that she is still willing to event steward Agincourt.
- Champion favors - Are done for the next few years. We may do some embroidery on them.

New Business:

- GWW Pre-Registration/Land Allocation - Please pre-reg and land allocate as soon as possible (before June 30) if you will be attending GWW and camping with Altavia. We want to have as much land as we can get! Baroness Cecilia will be camp master but will accept any help that is offered.
- Reimbursements for Trailer Gas - Will talk about it in financial committee.

Officer's Reports

- **Archers** - *Lord Gendu Secen (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos)*: Great archery practice, 10 people and lots doing thrown weapons. Got 3 walk-ins from off the street. No injuries.

- **Arts & Sciences** - *Luca Serafina da Firenze (Deputy: Vacant)*:

Hi all,

A&S for the month of June will be taught by Niko, and his class is going to be on sign communication in the SCA.

If we could get that info posted to the Altavia webpage, that would be great. Same time, same place on June 23rd.

That's all for now. Thanks!

-Luca

- **Chatelaine** - *Lady Catriona inghean Diamada (Deputy: Countess Bridget Lucia MacKenzie)*: More loaner garb was donated by Laish.

- **Children** - *Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: no report
- **Chirurgion** - *Vacant (Deputy: Vacant)*: no injuries!
- **Chronicler** - *Lord Charles Ioanson (Deputy: Vacant)*: Hello everyone!

It was wonderful to see you all at Altavia Anniversary. There is not much to report concerning the Fret Knot. I sent the semiannual Chronicler's report to the Kingdom Chronicler. And soon I will start working on this year's third issue of The Fret Knot. As always, please feel free to contribute whatever you would like!

- **Constable** - *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusef)*: Old lost and found has been donated as largesse. Hats and a champion plate
- **Exchequer** - *Lady Leonor de Seville (Deputy: THL Eirikr Mjorsiglandi)*: see above
- **Herald** - *THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*:

I talked to two people at Anniversary.

One was a newcomer named Chris - I sent him some websites with Spanish names. The other was Laertes, who is trying to submit a badge for himself.

The next heraldry meeting is at Collegium on Sunday.

I will not be there.

That is all.

- **Lists** – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant): Met with Lord David on Equestrian.
- **Marshal** - *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha* (Deputy: Vacant): Really good turn out at fighter practice. Got a helm last night. Will need an armor repair evening at fighter practice, His Excellency will contact Thorin to get this going.
 - **Marshal, Equestrian** – Lord David Whitaker (Deputy: *Lady Lysette of Altavia*): Very nice guest presentation on Angel at last event.
 - **Marshal, Rapier** – *Don Colwyn Stagghorn* (Deputy: *THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafina da Firenze*): May 18th 10 fighters.
May 25th no practice because of Potrero war.
June 1st 13 fighters with three new people. One from meet up.
Rapier is strong as always.
- **Marshal, Thrown Weapons** – *THL Nikolaos Phaistos* (Deputy: Vacant):
May 10th was Mother's Day and practice was cancelled.
May 23rd Queen's Champion thrown weapons was won by Eric the Viking of Altavia.
May 31 16 throwers, one minor and one from the meet up. I forgot the name.
We Need a tomahawk axe, axe handles and four 8 inch knives. I will be purchasing them this month, with the okay from the financial committee.
- **Marshal Pro Tem, Unarmored** – Vacant (Deputy: *THL Nikolaos Phaistos*): May 24th practice cancelled due to Potrero war.

Baroness Cecilia donated a plethora of elbow and knee pads and two pairs of gloves.
I bought another long sword, side sword and buckler.

Cecilia is officially an unarmored marshal!

- **Marshal, Youth Combat** – *THL Uilliam Mor MacGregor* (Deputy: *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha, Baroness Tezar of Aeolis*): no report.
- **Seneschal** – *Lady Briana MacCabe* (Deputy *Seneschal: THL Madelena Leonor Hidalgo de Figueres, Deputy for Social Media: Baroness Meliora Deverel*): Hi all!

I won't be able to make the meeting tonight but here's my report:

We have 130 meet up members (about 5 of those are us) and we continue to get a steady stream of people joining the group. The number of newcomers actually showing up to stuff has slowed, however. The initial meet up greeting email said that this would happen and it kind of ebbs and flows. We have definitely gained a few permanent members so that's good. We continue to get several newcomers rsvp'ing to every event, but they don't always show up. Our meet up membership fee will be due in a couple of months and I would strongly suggest that we renew it. I'll keep you posted as to our exact renewal date so that I can put it to the financial committee for a vote.

That's about it, Facebook is still serving us well and I'll continue to create events on the group and page.

Thanks,

~ Meliora

- **Webwright** – *Dame Lynnette Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios* (Deputies: *Lord Gendu Adarmaghedi, Alice Tregold*): All is well. We have a website. Council meeting location has been updated on the website and Yahoo Groups.

Announcements

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, 7/14, Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Adjournment at 8:22 p.m.



Altavia Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2015

Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary's Church, Sherman Oaks CA

Attended: Lynnette, Timotheus, David, Selene, Damien, Seamus, Cecilia, Christof, Briana, Catriona, Tezar

Baronial Comments: It's July and we have had a great summer so far. If you have never gone to West/An-Tir War I highly urge you to do so. I had a blast (even on the very long drive up). We drove 12 hours 1st day had a great lunch and dinner stop then stayed in a hotel and went the rest of the way the next day. I car pooled up with Claudia and Baron Guissepi and drove home with Christian and Fergal and had the time of my life in beautiful Oregon. The boat ride Christian set up was a blast and saw beautiful scenery and bald eagles turkey vultures and other wildlife.

Thank you to David for stewarding QC/Altavia/Darach Equestrian and Congrats to Altavia's new Equestrian Champion - THL Courtney of the White Meadows. We also have a new Crossbow Champion at Nordwache Anniversary - Lord Drago of Nordwache.

Lyondomere was so much fun and what a fantastic day. Thank you to all who helped. The boat races were a lot of fun and Altavia had an entry from Natalia (with the help of Baron Cristof). It was also the Baronial Cutie Natalia's first youth combat fight. Thank you to sir Thorin and Mistress Ellie. Special thanks to Nicolai for fighting her a second time when her opponent just chest butted her and was done.

Unfortunately we will not be attending FOR. I will be at Scribal play Day selling inkpots and brush rests. Our next big event will be Highland War and Angels.

Christof: At Nordwache, Christof was approached by folks that want to create a Northern Alliance of archers. More mayhem will ensue. A friendship archery tourney between North and South may be in the offing.

Seneschal's Report: We need deputies! If you know of anyone that is interested in holding an officer position, please let me know. We currently need deputies or officers for Chatelaine, Youth Combat, Youth, Chronicler, and, soon, I'd like to start identifying someone to train for Seneschal.

Minutes Approval (May): Motion: Lynnette Second: Cecilia Passed: Yes Abstain: None

Minutes Approval (June): Motion: Lynnette Second: Selene Passed: Yes Abstain: None

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

- Altavia/Darach/Queen's Champion Equestrian (David): Greetings All! I don't know about you folks, but I got up yesterday, went for a run with the dogs, worked the ponies, came back for a nap and woke up...well, more or less today :D Call it "post-event autocrat collapse syndrome".

Seriously though, from the bottom of my heart thanks to each and every one of you who came. My first time running an event, and you all made it go so smoothly. Together, we battled horse

quarantines, riders getting sick and/or injured prior to the event, vehicle breakdowns, not to mention weather that kept threatening to light the ground on fire! And yet, those whose horses were quarantined found friends who found them mounts for the day. Injured riders still came and helped out. And perhaps there's not much we can do about the weather, but a sunshade that was thrown up by dozens of helpful hands and a ready supply of cold drinks and light snacks eased the burden so well.

Thanks to each of you, and my apologies for all that I will no doubt miss in my blurred brain fog. Thank you to Their Royal Majesties and court for being so accommodating with scheduling, and Her Excellency Muirren for coordinating things so well. Thank you to Their Excellencies Altavia for not just showing up, but doing so much work behind the scenes to ensure this happened. Also, thanks to the Good Baroness for her lovely site tokens and favors which make me want to get my ears pierced just to use them as earrings (not to worry, mine found good homes).

Thanks to the seneschals of Altavia and Darach for letting me periodically cry on their shoulders. Specifically crying "HELP!!!!" :D Lady Brianna could also be found with Lady Matlens running troll and lists respectively. Both of them sat there, not always in shade, the whole day without complaint or harsh word.

I never could have done this at all without Darach's redoubtable Marshal in Charge, Lady Mayken. A veteran of this sort of thing, she not only made sure the paperwork was in place but laid the groundwork for us getting our lovely event space.

Thanks to our wonderful judge, Lady Guene Annwyll for not just scoring, but providing insightful critiques on equitation and presentation. I may be prejudiced here, as she is my big lug's trainer, but really, she is our very own Caidan Horse Whisperer!

Thanks to Lady Courtney and Lady Cora for designing and running such a fun challenge course, as well as the freestyle presentation. Love to see more of that in the future, I heard many remark on how the multiple criteria for champions really drove everyone to excellence overall. Also, Angel the Wonder Mini.

Thanks to Lady Ariadne for running the historically accurate joust scoring. Just loved those flags!

Speaking of which, none of the joust could have happened without Ariadne and Lord Niall, who first introducing jousting to Caid some years back. The tourney list was shorter than I would have liked (see quarantine and human illness), but I had a blast. Even when Niall blasted *me* ;)

A special thanks to our new friends from Naveheim, who embarked on a great pilgrimage to come to our far off lands. Their generosity with their artistic talents (yay tables!) and incredible horsemanship truly makes them wonderful additions to our community. But you know, at the end of the day, they're just super nice folk. We promise, us southerners will reciprocate in kind should you host an event. Might we suggest winter?

Thanks to all those who set up and tore down, many of you from all around the kingdom. It was hot, it was dusty, and you all had smiles on your faces. Wow, I am just speechless.

And last but trust me, not least, to the ground crew who made everything so smooth. Especially during the joust, the job of ground crew involves standing near half ton or more critters, sometimes with a rider with limited hearing and visibility. It's nothing to take lightly, and none of you did. But when the hands came out, the lances and swords were there and the equipment was ready. Vivat to all!

Yours in Service,
Ld David Straker Whittaker
Event Steward, Former Queen's Champion, and now One Tired Puppy

Event attendance: Adults: 52
Children: 3

NonMembers: 12

- Unarmored Budget: Equipment purchased, amount approved, check still outstanding. Quarterly budget is \$50 a quarter (?).

Ongoing Business: (Items in process)

- Caid Rapier Open (Nathaniel/Tezar): Nathaniel has been to park several times, still available, checking on insurance cert (park requires the cert be submitted with reservation paperwork), last time it wasn't required, but they didn't need to be additionally insured. Cost for the cert is \$50. They probably only need a copy of our proof of insurance. He will pay deposit and be reimbursed later. We get most of the deposit back. They will write the ad up this weekend, and submit it to Brianna for approval (with tentative park info). Attendance is usually about 75-90. Costs: site fee, insurance?, site tokens (No, Tazar will provide). No merchants allowed, (park charges in advance for merchants, a cost too high for merchants to pay). Set up at 9am, can get stuff on site, but can't set up until 9am. Last year's event lost money because of an unexpected additional fee ... need to make sure we don't have an issue this year, Tazar will check. Expecting \$5 site fee. Brianna will send a blank budget sheet to Tazar. It's a kingdom event, but we don't need to give them 60% unless it brings in more than a few dollars profit.
- Agincourt (Selene): Gendu is contact for park. Date is exactly 600 years after original Agincourt!!! Theme will be Agincourt: French vs. British teams. Soliciting performance pieces. Thrown weapons will be there. Contest: Why I had to shoot _____, to be written and performed (stunt heralds can be rented to do a performance). Costs: insurance (\$50), Saunders mat transport fee?, prizes?. Fund raiser? (rent a bard, & ?). Other activities: classes on how to make archery equipment (at event, or at A&S nights previous?), Fiber Playday (yes) bardic circle?. Selene might go to next Archery practice to talk with the archery and thrown weapons people about what's needed. A&S: acting, bardic?, people's choice for archery or Agincourt or Shakespeare items?

New Business:

- Chirurgeon Office closure: The decision has been made to close the Office of the Chirurgeonate as of August 10th, 2015. The board and corporate officers want to extend their gratitude for ALL who have served our organization in this capacity in the past. To those who have provided feedback, questions, and worked to explore options for scopes of the office that would allow our organization to retain the office and maintain insurance coverage for the officers and our organization, many thanks as well.

To clarify some of the concerns that have been raised during the many discussions of this change, the board and corporate officers want to provide the following information:

The Society Seneschal has been directed to remove references to the Chirurgeonate from the Record Retention Policy. Existing records should be retained for 2 years for adults, 21 years for minors, then shredded to ensure any Personally Identifying Information is destroyed.

Local groups should sort records into Adult, Minor and Destroy categories and ship (paid for by the local group) records to the corporate office. The corporate office will retain records and handle the shredding.

Each Kingdom has thirty business days to transport these records to the corporate office.

Event Coordinators/Stewards/Autocrats are still responsible for arranging for EMS on site if that is required by municipal/county/state requirements. This most often will apply to large events projecting an attendance greater than the threshold set by the applicable modern agency. It is recommended to include information regarding distance from site to medical care in event announcements, particularly for camping events.

The marshallate will still be responsible for reporting injuries on the field. Seneschals will still be responsible for reporting injuries (particularly requiring transport) as currently directed.

Tangible assets owned by SCA branches that are specific to the Office of the Chirurgeon may be retained or donated or sold, in accordance with applicable financial policies.

Over the counter medications may not be purchased by SCA branches to distribute or make available to event attendees.

The badge of the fleam will remain available for those individual volunteers (not affiliated with the SCA, Inc. and its Kingdoms and local groups) willing to provide basic first aid.

Should additional questions or concerns regarding this change arise, please direct them to the SCA President, at president@sca.org

Cecilia: The Guild will be reactivated, and will be run as not an SCA activity. We should get more medical personal willing to serve. GWW still plans to have a Medical Point, but it will be less officially staffed...along the lines of water bearers.

Yule (12/12/15): Theme: masquerade. Contest: best mask (period, and humorous), table decorating. Children's activity: mask making

Officer's Reports

- **Archers** – *Lord Gendu Secen (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos):* None
- **Arts & Sciences** – *Luca Serafina da Firenze (Deputy: Vacant):*
We did not have a meeting last month because of scheduling conflicts with Niko.

However he is teaching his class this month for sure. Also, working on finding more classes for the next months.

That's about it. Thanks.

- **Chatelaine** – *Lady Catriona inghean Diamada (Deputy: Countess Bridget Lucia MacKenzie):*

Last month's newcomers meeting was Monday, June 22. Subject was Persona and Heraldry. Unfortunately we did not have any newcomers attend the meeting.

This month's meeting is Monday, July 27 and the subject will be History, Organization and Maps of the SCA.

We have a lot of regular returning newcomers coming around but I haven't noticed anyone new.

Francisco and I are trying to take a small step back. We need some time to get some real life stuff organized. I will be looking to step down next anniversary so I am in need of a deputy. Please let me know if you know of anyone interested.

June's Report (I'm so sorry this is so late)

Anniversary went well. Bridget was my Chatelaine for the day and handed out a number of fliers.

Newcomers meeting was on Monday, May 18 and the subject was Camping in the SCA. I had three people in the class.

At meeting: Will weed loaner garb and disperse extras to Kingdom or other areas. Right now there are 5 tubs and tons of bags. Other groups don't seem to have any, so hopefully this will help.

We had a newcomer at last night's fighter practice who found us via the facebook group. Had

We had a newcomer at last night's fighter practice who found us via the facebook group, he'd played SCA in Colorado when he was in high school and was excited about playing with us now.

Added Facebook link to the flyer.

- **Children** – *Lady Fara MacGregor (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: Altavia anniversary had stickers, glue, and stuff. Her Majesty's kids and other had a great time. Yule will have children's activities, Tezar should be there: mask making without glitter (to keep things neater)
- **Chronicler** – *Lord Charles Ivanson (Deputy: Vacant)*: None, Summer issue will be bit late. Need to send back issues to Kingdom (not received at publishing time.)
- **Constable** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy Pro Tem: Yusef)*: None. They will be posting lost and found photos on the Facebook page, not claimed will go to Kingdom raffle at end of year.
- **Exchequer** – *Lady Leonor de Seville (Deputy: THL Eirikr Mjorsiglandi)*: None. Briana will check when the change over will happen.
- **Herald** – *THL Damien von Baden (Deputy: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis)*: Next meeting is 7/26, Damian will probably not be attending. He has a one device to submit and may have another coming. Cristof's new name is to be submitted (needs check and paperwork)
- **Lists** – *THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant)*: None, was at Equestrian, and things went very well. May have a deputy soon.
- **Marshal** – *Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha (Deputy: Vacant)*: None. Cecilia: Helgi is planning a trip to Nicoló's house to build armor next Saturday. He will help newbies get into armor if they come. Both practices need armor repaired or replaced.
- **Marshal, Equestrian** – *Lord David Whitaker (Deputy: Lady Lysette of Altavia)*: Lady Arianade's horse Bo had to be put down last Saturday. 7/26 practice will have Master ? from East coast and current Western champion attending to cover wood jousting, he will publizise. He will check on Darach's plans for next year's equestrian championship.
- **Marshal, Rapier** – *Don Colwyn Stagghorn (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos and Luca Serafina da Firenze)*:

June 15th had 14 people at practice including two continuing newbies and a additional minor. It was his first time.

June 22nd, we had 12 fighters with a couple of visiting people. We had three continuing new fighters with one minor. Susie was from the meet up and one more person that heard of us from the Celtic/Irish faire.

June 27th Gyldenholt anniversary Garrick went to the finals.

June 29th practice had 12 people including a minor (different than last week). There was teaching at every level happening.

On July 6th we had 16 people of all skill levels at practice including a returning minor and three returning new people.

Rapier is strong as always.

- **Marshal, Thrown Weapons** – *THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant)*:

June 7th was Queen's Champion and practice was cancelled.

June 21st was Father's Day and practice was cancelled.

July 5th practice had 14 people with 2 observers and 5 new people.

We need a tomahawk axe, axe handles and four 8 inch knives. I have priced these items and will send a financial report when requested. (Brianna will request)

- **Marshal, Unarmored** – *THL Nikolaos Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant)*

June 22nd practice was successful. We gave two fighters and four new people. There was not too much fighting, but a lot of explaining and teaching.

June 29th we had an impromptu practice with three people. It went well.

My next purchases will be gloves and gorgetes. Nico is Gyldenholt's unarmored champion.

- **Marshal, Youth Combat** – *THL Uilliam Mor MacGregor (Deputy: Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghda, Baroness Tezar of Aeolis):* 7 kids yesterday, 2 boys from Ventura (will continue to attend, since there is nothing in their area), 2 from Altavia. Working on drills and other activities for the training. Threw out bad helmets, 5 were kept. Limiting what we have to encourage kids to get their own. Will teach making gourgetes, perhas at Agincourt. Other equipment may need to be made. New requirements will require kids to have leather gloves of some sort to fight.

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

We have 145 meetup.com members!! We still continue to get 1 or 2 newcomers RSVPing to our Monday night practices and our Archery/TW practices. They don't always show up but we are still getting some interest and new members joining all the time.

I am continuing to create events on Facebook for weekly/monthly practices and any events that the B&B and Altavians are attending. We have 328 members in our Altavia Facebook group and our Page has 220 likes.

I haven't used Pinterest or Twitter as much as I'd like to in the last month or so but once real life settles down a bit I plan on giving those things more attention.

That's all I got!

- **Webwright** – *Dame Lynnette Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputies: Lord Gendu Adarmaghedi, Alice Tregold):* We have a website. Nothing much has been happening there recently.

Announcements

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, 8/11, Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Adjournment: 8:51

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Herewith endeth the fret knot, see you next issue!