

FRET KNOT



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Happy April Fools Edition

Altavia Anniversary & Investiture



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From the Chronicler



Contessa Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos

Greetings,

Welcome to my first real (real-ish in the spirit of April Fools) issue of the Fret Knot. It has always been a dream of mine to write, edit and publish a little known barely read nonprofit newsletter. Thanks to the support of Altavia and its people my dreams have finally come true. In the months to come I can look back on all my hard work and bask in the glow of a job well done and seen by none. Happy April Fools Day!

Yours very truly,

Contessa Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos, Chronicler of Altavia

(No spell check, I didn't mean relish...mmmm relish)





From Their Excellencies



The Honorable Lord Cristofanus Castellani & Mistress Cecilia Medici

Greetings!

So Baron Cristof and I are really looking forward to our Anniversary next month. Our theme Mid Winter's Morning Nightmare where Baron Cristof and I will begin our 2nd term of 4 years and the combining of Angles and Altavia which will therefore be called Angletavia. The Baronies borders will then be enforced as we build a wall to keep anymore Baronies from trying to merge with us. A fund raiser will be held at next practice and council meeting where we will charge all members \$1.00 (except for Niko), to help with the cost of the wall.

Thank you all and remember our motto: We don't drink better, if we do no service!

Now for something a little more serious

The Baron and I sprung forward into day two of Crown-Hog Day! We were so grateful for the live feed and pictures taken of day one and I was able to see the final fight that led to our new King, Wilhelm, and his beautiful Queen, Tsyra. We were there for day two and got to see Sir Thorin go to, I believe, it was the fifth round. And we were witness to Duke Agrippa win for his consort Dawid and watch them be crowned the new Crown Princes of Caid. It was a most beautiful day! Our Anniversary is right around the corner so please get any award recommendations to us. It has been a pleasure being your Baroness and I want all who made this journey so wonderful to be awarded for their help in sharing the joy. We have a lot of things planned for Anniversary and can always use help at the event.

~Cecilia

Baroness of Altavia





Their Nexcellencies

THL Nikolaos Phaistos & THL Briana MacCabe

Dearest Altavia,

In the midst of the mischief of this April Fools' edition of the Fret Knot, please allow us to be serious (ok, just a bit serious) for a moment...

A new beginning is upon us

On May 12, there will be a celebration for the memory books. Our dear Baron Cristof and Baroness Cecilia will be headed off to greater pastures and the wonderfully Honorable Lady Briana MacCabe and yours truly, Niko, will be trying to fill their shoes. I would like to take this time to look back on their wonderful reign. The last few years have been full of fun and adventure. From silliness at events to memorable antics at wars, Their Excellencies were always in the center, making sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

They were present at so many events and even if you only attended a few, you still had a great chance to see and be entertained by them. They always had a place for you. It didn't matter if it was the Baronial pavilion, the dragon wing, or a pop-up with a rug, they made everyone feel welcome. Fighters had a place to store their armor. Artisans had a place to show their skills. Everyone else had a place to get out of the sun and there were always snacks and water available to all. They entertained everyone no matter their station from visiting royalty to curious people off the street. Hospitality and friendliness was never in short supply in Their Altavia.

At war, they seemed to be everywhere and doing everything. They volunteered at gate, porter, parking, basecamp, and even for constable duty (Yup, I said DOOTY!). They were seen at the archery and thrown weapons ranges and teaching classes in the Arts and Sciences pavilions. They attended every court and who can forget the party wagon to make long courts fly by? They hosted dinners at every war which always included shenanigans; I'm still finding marshmallows in my camping gear. They helped get us common folk near the front of the line at every vigil and helped set up a traveling vigil, so the party could span the entire war! Yet, they were also to be found at camp, cooking for someone who didn't have a meal. They were always available for all of us. Truly, a most noble couple!

For all of this, and so much more, we say thank you, Baron Cristof and Baroness Cecilia. You were our Baron and Baroness and you will always be our Baron and Baroness.

Yours Always in Service to the Dream

THL Nikolaos Phaistos & THL Briana MacCabe



The Seneschal



Mistress Meliora Deverel

Greetings from your Baronial Seneschal!

The Barony of Altavia is moving in an interesting direction and I bring exciting news! We have decided to build a giant tree house in the forest, which will be maintained by woodland fairies and various creatures. The tree house will serve as our headquarters and meeting space. We have hired a Master of Revels and the Queen of the Amazons has informed us that she will be a frequent guest. Noblepersons will of course be invited to attend events and we hear that a band of craftsmen are rehearsing a play for our enjoyment! One potential hiccup – evidently there are magical flowers in the woods nearby and the juice appears to be some sort of love potion. We have noticed star-crossed lovers wandering the forest on occasion. We recommend that you steer clear of these flowers! Also, there seems to be a mischievous creature that goes by the name of Puck hanging about. It is said that he has a penchant for turning people's heads into various animal heads and someone swears they recently heard the braying of an ass off in the distance. These few troublesome aspects aside, we expect to have the tree house completed by mid-summer and we will be moving our operations to this new location shortly thereafter! We will have more information available at our Anniversary event on May 12th so join us there for updates!

~ Mistress Meliora Deverel



Welcoming the New Heirs



Their Majesties

Count Wilhelm Skallagrimsson and Tsyra tsheere Nanoup

Their Highnesses

Duke Agrippa Morris and Pan Dawid Radzowycz

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALTAVIA ANNIVERSARY

“Awake the pert and nimble spirit of mirth!” and join the Barony of Altavia for a celebration of A Midsummer Night’s Dream “with pomp, with triumph, and with reveling” on May 12, 2018, at Veteran’s Park in Sylmar! Celebrate this extra-special day with us as we witness the investiture of The Honorable Lord Nikolaos Phaistos and The Honorable

Lady Briana MacCabe as the 8th Baron and Baroness of Altavia.

Activities of the day will include baronial champion tournaments for armored, rapier, unarmored, and youth combat. A baronial Arts and Sciences champion will be chosen. We’ll also have contests, games, a treasure hunt, and lots more fun activities!

For the Arts and Sciences contest at Altavia Anniversary, inspired by Midsummer Night’s Dream, we have decided on the theme of Whimsy! The Fairies are all for entertainment, so bring your most amusing art. Perhaps you have composed a humorous poem. Maybe you’ve documented your hilariously ridiculous attempts to redact a recipe. Or you might have created a heraldic cotehardie with a visual joke. Whatever art you practice, bring us something that inspires laughter and lightness of heart! The contest will be people’s choice, with the winner appointed Arts and Sciences Champion of Altavia.

Documentation, especially documentation with a sense of humor, is encouraged, but not required.

Alongside the whimsical creations of our artists we are hosting a bardic hall! This will be a simple performance space with room for spectators to enjoy music, poetry, mime, and whatever other arts you have to please our populace. You can sign up ahead of time by contacting Juanica Montanez at arts@sca-altavia.org or just join in the fun on the day of the event.

Location: Veteran’s Park, 13000 Sayre St, Sylmar, CA 91342

Date: May 12th 8am–5pm

The above text, directions and additional information can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/151583495531839/>



Plague Biskets: A recipe for biscotti-style biscuits

Take the **rotten** yolks of two dozen of egges, two handful of Anniseeds, a little yeast **infection**, one pound of **rancid** butter, one quart of **curdled** creame, foure pound of fine wheat flower **absent of rat excrement**, work all these together **with unwashed hands** in a paste, and make it up in long roulz being something flat, then lay them upon papers, and set them into the **ashy** oven and bake them, but not thoroughly, then let the **raw dough** stand a day or two **under a birds nest**, then cut them into slices, and rub them over with small beaten **and bruised** sugar, then lay them upon **dirty** papers, and set them into the Oven, until they be hard, **Matey**.

Documentation for original recipe: Archimagirus Anglo-Gallicus; Or, Excellent & Approved Receipts and Experiments in Cookery, England 1658. Altered in red by Battista period spelling left intact

Questions from the Baroness

Questions asked at the February & March Baronial Meeting:

Valentines Plans?

Cecilia: Cooking for my 2 sweeties, over to a friends for a B-day celebration & ashes

Elle: Nada

Timotheus: Dinners, Beckstag

Lynnette: What Dinners? Who are you going to dinner with?

Briana: Imma gonna buy myself a dozen roses

Niko: Nada

Meliora: Dinner with friends

Monique: Watching TV with my crochet

Juanita: Helping Niko pack

Edith/Meg: Nothing Honey cat doesn't know about chocolate

Milisande: Working on donation at MCJO

How many days did you CrownHog?

Cecilia: 1 day but visually 2

Cristof: 1 day 1 glorious day

Juanita: Zero but I did make tamales

Gierr: No Crownhog, but I did ground hog in tamales

Niko: Both days. Had a great time!

Briana: Both. It was awesome! #Altavia is where the party is

Lynnette: Both but slept off site

Elle: Zero I was there in spirit

Timotheus: Both

Meliora: Both

Courtney: 1

Annwylydd: 1

Edith: Not there but had a Cadfael DVD marathon and waited the results.

House Porto kindly provides the prizes for Altavia Anniversary!



*"We present you with this beautiful cloak, necklace and um....crown?"***

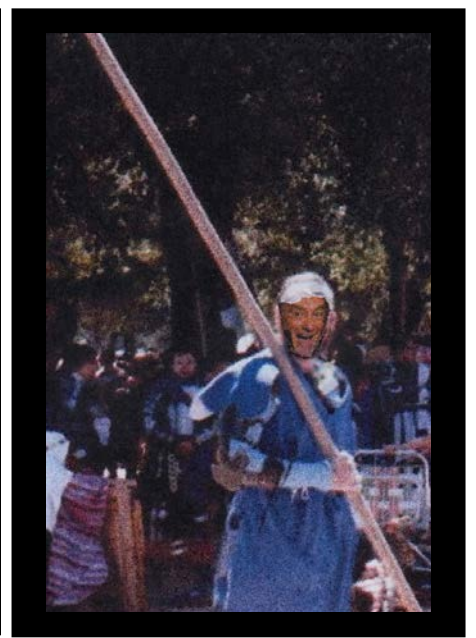
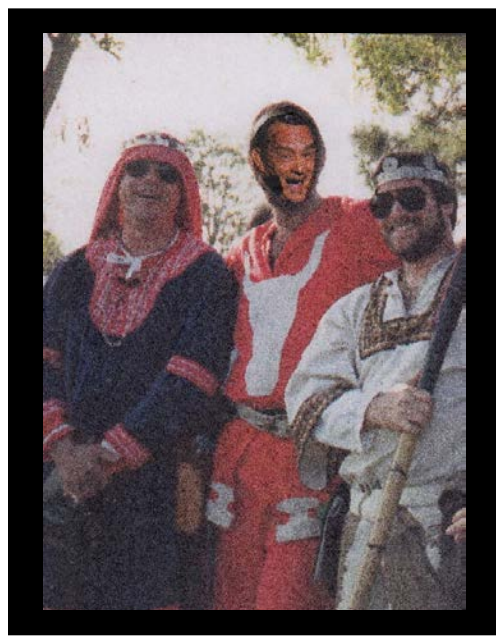
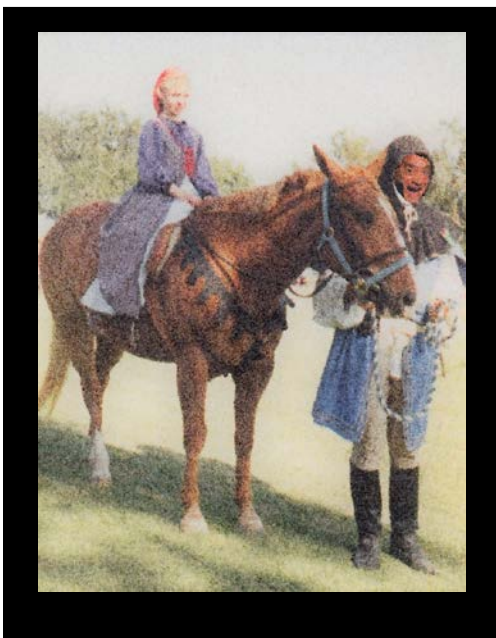
Works from the famous *Flemish Painters* M'lord Kodak & Lady Nikon

These three paintings remain part of their minor masterpieces featuring Baron Sir Robear du Bois (*when an actor, incognito, took his place at Altavian events*).*

"The Man with One Horse Shoe"

"Bosom Buddie Barons"

"Baron BIG Stick"





Altavia Current Champions



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- ❖ **Archery:** THL Miguel as of 10/29/17
 - ❖ **Armored Combat:** Duke Sven Orfhendur & Sir Niccolo d'Angelo as of 5/13/17
 - ❖ **Arts & Sciences:** Lord Erickr & Lord Edrick as of 10/29/17
 - ❖ **Bardic:** Lord Robyn Lon Creighton of Thorndyke as of 12/16/18
 - ❖ **Chess:** Natasha of Altavia & Mike Manley as of 12/16/18
 - ❖ **Defender of Altavia:** Sir Uilliam Mor MacGregor as of 5/13/17
 - ❖ **Equestrian:** THL Courtney of the White Meadows 6/28/15
 - ❖ **Fretted Fork:** Baroness Cecilia & Lady Natalya as of 10/29/17
 - ❖ **Period Division:** Lady Raine as of 10/29/17
 - ❖ **Rapier Combat:** Master Oliver Dogberry & THL Rhydderch Derwen as of 5/13/17
 - ❖ **Thrown Weapons:** Lord Ryan as of 10/29/17
 - ❖ **Unarmored Combat:** THL Nikolaos Phaistos as of 5/28/16
 - ❖ **Youth Archery:** Loki of the Dell as of 10/23/16
 - ❖ **Youth Arts and Sciences:** Natallya 5/13/17
 - ❖ **Youth Combat:** James of Altavia & Kyle of Altavia as of 5/13/17





Meetings & Practices in the Barony

Meetings:

- *Council Meeting*
 - 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
 - Location: Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 5329 Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91411
 - Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meetings and everyone has a voice!
 - This meeting involves officer reports, Baronial discussions, event reports, and announcements.
 - Contact the Seneschal for details.
- *Newcomers Meeting*
 - 4th Monday of the month 7:00pm
 - Location: Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, Ca 91505, right hand side of the park at the stone tables near the tennis courts.
 - Everyone is welcome and given an overview of the SCA.
 - Contact the Chatelaine for details.

Combat Practices:

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

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

Arts & Sciences:

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

Scheduled Arts and Science Classes

- April 24th Baronial favors & Site Tokens (Juanica Montanez & Briana MacCabe)
- May 22nd Viking whipcord braid (Miko Simons)
- June 26th Beaded flowers (Cecillia Medici)



Altavia Baronial Officers



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