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Hunting Dogs, circa 1387
From Illustrated Manuscripts, Gaston Phoebus

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From the Chronicler

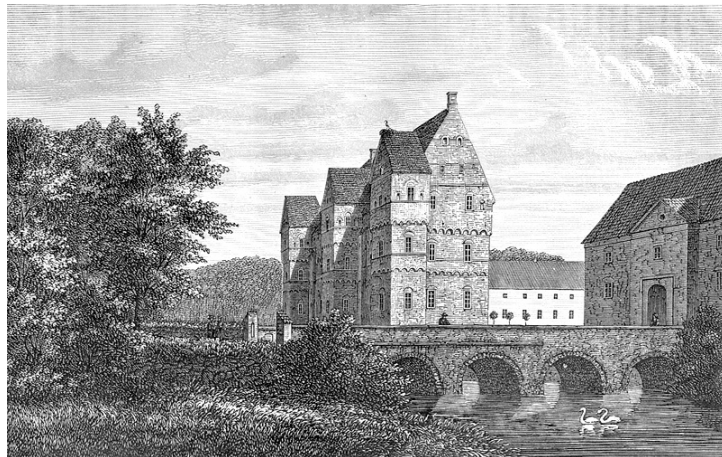
Lord Charles Ivansen of Borreby

Greetings,

Summer is drawing to a close and the Fall is beginning. As I sit here at my desk the weather is cold and rainy outside. Of course, this being Southern California, tomorrow might be sunny and 95 degrees! Still, the season is changing and with it change is coming to our Barony of Altavia. The time is approaching when we will have a new Baron and Baroness. As most of you all know, Niko and Briana have put in their names to be the next Baron and Baroness, Huzzah! Their official Letter of Intent can be found on the Altavia Web Page at <http://www.sca-altavia.org/officers/bb/succession/loi-2017/>. Polling forms (available at Monday night fighter practice or from Meliora) are due to be returned by October 10th. To fill out a form you must be an SCA member but you are not required to reside in the Barony. Please return them either to Meliora, our Baronial Seneschal, or to Christian de Guerre, our Kingdom Seneschal.

Our next major event is Great Western War, only a few weeks away! Let's all hope for decent weather, not too hot! Or cold, though I can't remember a cold GWW. I look forward to seeing you all there!

*Yours in Service,
Charles Ivansen of Borreby, Chronicler of Altavia*



Borreby Castle, near the town of Skælskør in the south-west corner of the island of Zealand, Denmark.

From Their Excellencies

The honorable Lord Cristofanus Castellani
And Mistress Cecilia Medici

Greetings!

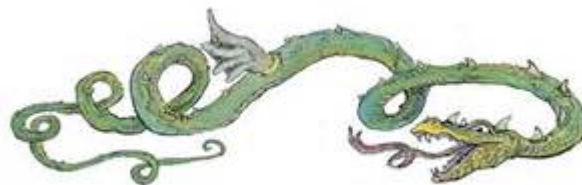
Can you believe it's already September? Ballots are out for our vote of confidence. I don't know about you but I really look forward to Briana and Niko as the next Baron and Baroness.

If you missed Highland War you missed a great time. It was so much fun; we danced, we drank, we threw, we shot with people, who could ask for anything more? Well, there was the pool and the ghier (yurt, I can't spell ghier) and we may have claimed Dreiburgen's Dragon wing, well half at least, and did I mention water balloons??

Great Western War comes in a few weeks! I can't wait! We have a wedding and all sorts of fun activities planned. Please keep track of the Altavia Facebook group for more updates!

Your Ever Grateful Baroness,

*~Cecilia
Baroness of Altavia*



from The Seneschal

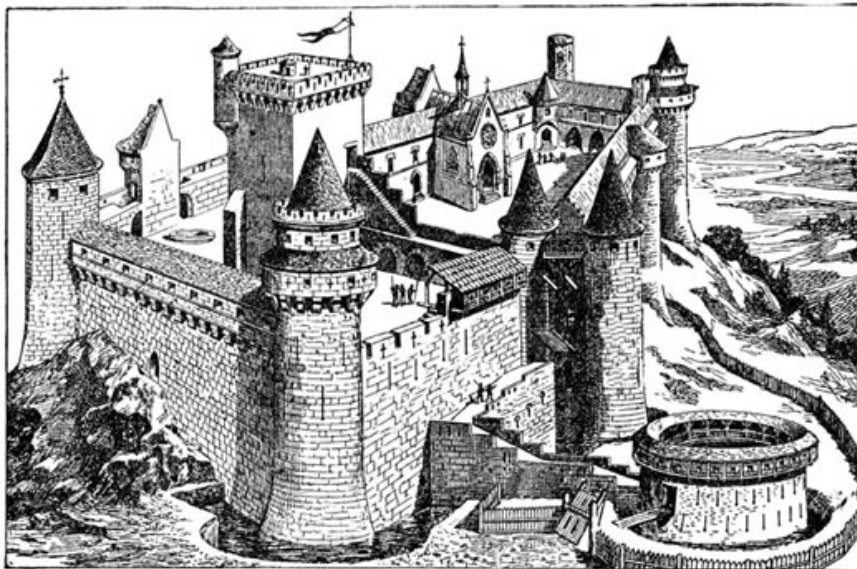
Mistress Meliora Deverel

Greetings Altavia! I stepped up as your new Baronial Seneschal in May and I want to thank our previous Seneschal, THL Briana MacCabe, for all her hard work! I have some big shoes to fill.

We hosted Caid's Crown Tournament a few weeks ago and it was a tremendous event. It was the talk of our Seneschal meeting the next day and I was so proud of our great Barony! I will talk about the meeting in more detail at our next Council Meeting on October 10th. Remember that Council Meetings are open to everyone and I encourage you all to attend.

Great Western War is right around the corner and our Agincourt event is October 29th. Our combined Angels/Altavia Yule is on December 16th and Coronation is January 6th. We are hosting Queen's Champion tournament on January 20th. We have a tremendous Fall season ahead of us and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mistress Meliora Deverel
Seneschal, Barony of Altavia



From the Baroness

Questions from our Monthly Baronial Meetings

June: "What are your weekend plans?"

Cecilia: Ballet with my mother-in-law
Natalya: Throw knives
Cristof: Dinner with the kids
Monique: Sewing Knitting recycling
Brigid: No idea
Meg: Doing Tim and Lynnette's scroll
Timotheus: Wedding / prepare for retreat
Juanica - Sleep and hang out with the in-laws
Geirr: Shot-gunned for fathers day
Anne: Not a clue/haven't been told yet
Annwylldd Birthday hike/wedding/sleep
Courtney: Ditto
Wolfram: Work/work on sewing
Damian: Going to Vegas
Briana: Writing a certain letter
Niko: I'll be in Virginia trying not to get arrested or lynched
Lynnette: Wedding/getting ready for fiber retreat
Elle: Dog meet and greets
Meliora: Getting a haircut
Damien Rehearsal for 9 to 5

August: "What do you think?"

Cecilia: I don't...
Cristof: I think I'm hungry
Juanica: I'm thinking about class
Niko: I think I can. I think I can...
Briana: Crown is almost here!
Lynnette: I am, therefore i think...
Elle: I think I can do this!
Timotheus: What was I thinking
Wolfram: I think I'm hungry, is that food? Oh no Peanuts :(
Monique: I'm thinking of all the sewing I need/want to do
Durnyn: As little as possible it's bad for the brain!
Meg: Think? Think? think? ok
Damien: Right now musical theatre

Geirr: Comics

Annwylydd: Thinking about wedding, wedding, wedding

Courtney: I'm thinking about wedding stuff too.

September: "What are you wearing to crown?"

Cecilia: Something shiny

Natalya: Have soccer practice

Cristof: Something unusual

Meliora: No idea

Niko: Practically nothing...

Elle: Something new

Courtney: Clothes

Lynnette: Same old same old

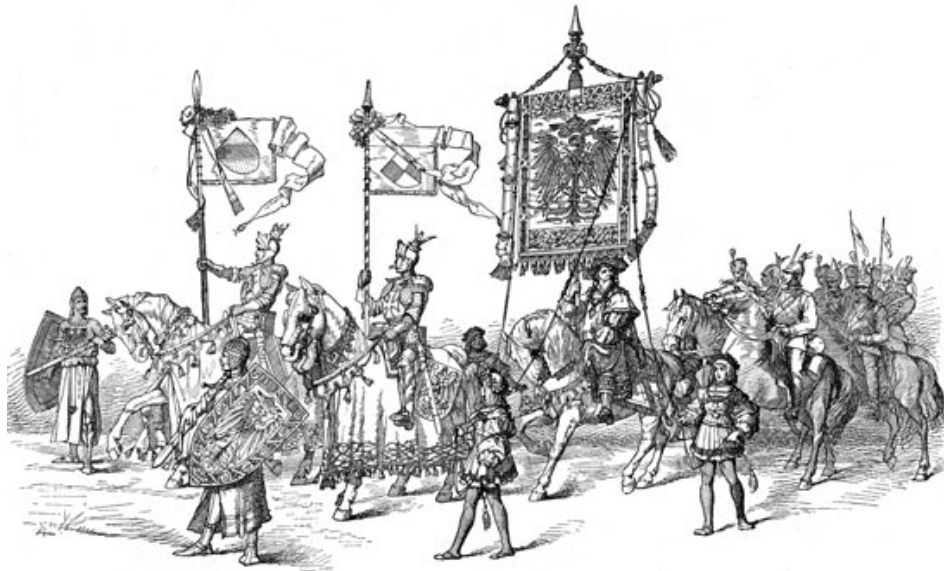
Briana: Blue chiton with Caidian crosses stencil

Meg: A happy smile and oh clothes too

Santiago: ???

Annwylydd: A dress probably

Monique: How hot is it going to be???



Altavia Current Champions

- ❖ Archery **Baron Paganus Grimlove** 10/23/16
- ❖ Armored Combat **Duke Sven Orfhendur & Sir Niccolo d'Angelo** 5/13/17
- ❖ Defender of Altavia **Sir Uilliam Mor MacGregor** 5/13/17
- ❖ Arts & Sciences **Delphine de Montallieu** 5/13/17
- ❖ Bardic **Xena Doombringer** 12/10/16
- ❖ Chess **Natalya Barsova** 12/12/15
- ❖ Equestrian **THL Courtney of the White Meadows** 6/28/15
- ❖ Fretted Fork **Lady Sorcha Dudb** 10/23/16,
Period Division: THL Courtney of the White Meadows 10/23/16
- ❖ Rapier Combat **Master Oliver Dogberry & THL Rhydderch Derwen** 5/13/17
- ❖ Thrown Weapons **Lord Friedrich von Stemwalde** 10/23/16
- ❖ Unarmored Combat **THL Nikolaos Phaistos** 5/28/16
- ❖ Youth Archery **Loki of the Dell** 10/23/16
- ❖ Youth Arts & Sciences **Natallya** 5/13/17
- ❖ Youth Combat **James of Altavia & Kyle of Altavia** 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,
at 5329 Sepulveda Boulevard, Sherman Oaks 91411.*

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

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

Contact the [Seneschal](#) for details

- **Newcomers' Meeting**

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

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

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

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

Combat Practices:

- **Archery Practice**

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

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

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

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

- **Equestrian Practice**

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

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

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

- **Fighter Practice -- Armored Combat**

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

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

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

- **Fighter Practice -- [Rapier](#)**

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

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

- **Fighter Practice -- Youth Combat**

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

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

- **Thrown Weapons Practice**

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

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

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

Arts & Sciences:

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

The 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm to 9:00pm location TBA. Please contact the [A&S Officer](#) or the [Seneschal](#) information on meeting locations. Bring your sewing or craft project to work on or help us make Baronial Presentations. The meetings sometimes have a project theme, which is usually published on the [Altavia E-mail list](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/altavia/) (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/altavia/).

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

- **Bardic Circle**

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

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

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

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

- **Children's Activities**

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

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

- **Culinary Guild**

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

Meetings happen once a month. Contact the Guild through their Facebook page here: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/242868192471271/>

- **Dance Practice**

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

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

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

- **Potters Guild of Caid**

Meets once a month, contact [Baroness Asakura Machime](mailto:chronicler@sca-altavia.org) (chronicler@sca-altavia.org) for meeting times and location. To provide a supportive organization for ceramic artists of all skill levels. To provide an opportunity to network and share knowledge and techniques through workshops, special events, and at Arts and Sciences displays. To provide populace awareness and appreciation for ceramic artists and their work. To promote period creation, education and high quality work among our members.

[Potter's Guild of CAID Yahoo group](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Potters_guild_of_CAID/) (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Potters_guild_of_CAID/)



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