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From the Chronicler



Contessa Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos

Greetings,

Well I was wrong; the last note was not my last note! I have found a replacement (or at least I had at the beginning of the year) but I am not sure when we will make the switch. It did not make any sense to switch in the middle of the pandemic as it would not be fair to the new chronicler to have to figure things out with no interaction and honestly NO NEWS!

I personally am finding myself very disconnected from the SCA and the world in general. I have tried to do a few of the zoom meet ups and I have renewed my membership, but it is becoming increasingly harder to keep my head in the Society. The SCA really suffers when our interactions are virtual. I doubt you can get anymore Anachronistic than a medieval society that meets online!

I hope that others out there are fairing better and finding ways to keep your spirits and your interest up. Please do not forget to reach out to those in the SCA that might not have a strong support system or those that you know might not have family or who are stuck in a house alone. I personally have been using Amazon to send surprise food and gifts to friends. I have seen other who send tiara's and other SCA "fun" items.

We all deal with isolation and crisis in our own way but one thing that is almost universal is our need to be with friends and family. The SCA is both of those things to so many people so use your power wisely and help others to stay sane and if Amazon shows up at your door with a 5-pound bag of cheeseballs just go with it.

In Service

Battista



From Their Excellencies

THL Nikolaos Phaistos & THL Briana MacCabe

Happy August, Altavia!

His Excellency and I hope that you and yours are doing well and are continuing to navigate this new world successfully. Here are the latest updates on what is going on in SCA, Caid and Altavia.

State of the SCA

As you may have read in the [Board of Directors' \(BoD\) statement on August 8](#), the SCA is facing some financial challenges relating to COVID-19. While we may not have expenses relating to events and insurance for those events for a while, the Society still has annual operating expenses, which are usually covered by membership fees and non-member surcharges (NMS). With membership inevitably dropping and no NMS fees coming in, this is leaving a bit of a shortfall. Fortunately, there are many ways we can help cover this, including:

- Renew or extend your membership - <https://members.sca.org/apps/#SignIn>
- Donate a membership to someone else - <https://www.sca.org/news/gifting-an-sca-membership/>
- Donate directly to the SCA - <https://www.sca.org/donate-to-the-sca/>

If you have other ideas for fundraising (at the baronial, kingdom, or Society-level), please bring them up here at Council or feel free to contact His Excellency or me in private. We would both like to thank all those that reached out to us with ideas and requests to help. The generosity of Altavia and Altavians never ceases to make us proud!

State of Caid

Another recent piece of news that has come down from the BoD is the [suspension of all in-person SCA events in North America until January 13, 2021](#). His Majesty also confirmed this information in the latest and last (more on that in a moment) Royal Thursday last week. While of course this is not a happy thing to hear, it is the best and wisest decision at this point in time. We have also learned today that our neighbors in Atenveldt have made the difficult decision to [postpone Estrella War 2021 to November of next year](#).

Caid will still maintain a schedule of online events until we are able to safely meet again. Going forward Caid will hold an online court once every other month with the next one scheduled for Saturday, August 29. "Live from Caid!" will continue to run every Monday evening, ably helmed by Altavia's very own Master Laertes. Any information that needs to be passed along from the Crown outside of online court will be communicated through "Live from Caid!" as well as on the [Kingdom of Caid FB group](#). Finally, right as of now, the next Coronation will happen as soon as we are able to meet in person, keep your eyes on all of Caid's digital channels for information as it becomes available.

Baronies are still able and encouraged to hold online events and later tonight we'll talk about what we might want to do for Agincourt as well as Yule.

State of Altavia

We hope that you have all been enjoying our weekly Zoom gatherings! We know it's not an actual replacement for hitting our friends with sticks, but I know I am really enjoying getting to know current and former Altavians as well as old and new friends from throughout Caid and the Knowne World better! If you have any ideas for changing up our Monday nights (themes, contests, artisan showcases, or anything else), please let us know. OR if you have ideas for other online fun we can have outside of Monday nights (baronial gift exchanges, largess-ins, what-have-you), please speak up or at least let His Excellency and me know so we can help make your ideas into reality. Being isolated from all of you really, really sucks but we do have the opportunity to expand the Dreams in new ways we never considered before.

As always, please reach out to us and your fellow Altavians if you need a hand or need cheering up. Niko is ever ready with a bad dad joke or inspiring meme and you know you can count on me for a tune or two or a brain-storming partner. We love you, we miss you, and, to quote some notable fictional Angels, please remember to "Be Excellent to Each Other!"

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Baron Nikolaos Phaistos

Baroness Briana MacCabe

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Meetings & Practices in the Barony

Meetings and Practices are currently Postponed Until Further Notice

Meetings: Virtual for Now

- *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
 - This meeting involves officer reports, Baronial discussions, event reports, and announcements, everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to come.
 - <http://www.sca-altavia.org/meetings/>
- *Newcomers Meeting*
 - As needed 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: Cancelled for Now

- *Archery* - archery@sca-altavia.org
 - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 11:30am-3:00pm
 - Location: Woodley park archery range (woodleyparkarchers.org/direction)
 - Additional times most Tuesday and Friday nights. Contact the Captain of Archers to verify dates and times. Contact ahead for loaner gear.
- *Equestrian* - equestrian@sca-altavia.org
 - 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.
 - www.sca-altavia.org/meetings/equestrian/index.html
- *Armored & Rapier Combat* - rapier@sca-altavia.org / heavy@sca-altavia.org
 - Every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - Location: Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, Ca 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.

- *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* - tw@sca-altavia.org
 - 1st & 3rd Sunday 11:00am-2:30pm
 - Location: Woodley park archery range (woodleyparkarchers.org/direction)

Arts & Sciences: Virtual for Now- arts@sca-altavia.org

- *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
 - Take part in the advertised class or bring sewing or craft projects.
 - Meeting themes are published on facebook and the Altavia Website
- *Bardic Circle* - bardic@sca-altavia.org
 - Host Baron Sir Charles of Dublin at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois.
 - Contact A&S Officer for directions & dates all can perform or watch
- *Children's Activities* - children@sca-altavia.org
 - Children's events are held at every event that Altavia sponsors
- *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

- See Arts@sca-altavia.org for a current Schedule of Classes



Altavia Current Champions



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- ❖ **Archery:** Baron Bjorn Zenthffeer as of 10/29/18
 - ❖ **Armored Combat:** Duke Sven Orfhendur as of 5/11/19
 - ❖ **Arts & Sciences:** Rycharde the Bowemon as of 5/11/19
 - ❖ **Special Baroness Bardic Prize:** Dame Gorandookht Mamigionian as of 5/11/19
 - ❖ **Bardic:** Mistress Cecilia Medicias of 12/14/19
 - ❖ **Chess:** Baroness Illuminada Eugenia de Guadalupe y Godoy as of 12/16/18
 - ❖ **Equestrian:** Milady Inara of Darach as of 05/20/18
 - ❖ **Fretted Fork Non Period:** Mistress Cecilia Medici as of 10/29/18
 - ❖ **Fretted Fork Period:** Lucrezia of Isles as of 10/29/18
 - ❖ **Games Champion:** Baroness Tezar of Aeolis 12/14/19
 - ❖ **Rapier Combat:** Master Eógan Ua Confraích as of 5/11/19
 - ❖ **Thrown Weapons:** Paganus Grimlove as of 10/29/18
 - ❖ **Unarmored Combat:** THL Tierrynna Caer Narvon as of 5/12/18
 - ❖ **Youth Archery:** Loki of the Dell as of 10/23/16
 - ❖ **Youth Arts and Sciences:** Natallya of Altavia as of 5/13/17
 - ❖ **Youth Combat:** Zakarja Von Bremen as of 5/11/19

