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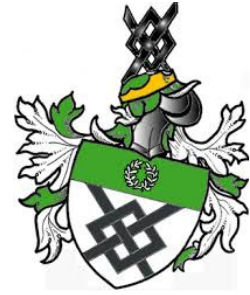


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# From the Chronicler



Contessa Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos

Greetings,

It's a New Year and let us hope it's a better one if not just more productive. There have been several more events online and all of this years Baronial Yules became virtual. I personally am worried about where the SCA will be in a year and I feel the May deadline for in person events may be a bit optimistic yet again, at least in California where things seem to be getting worse instead of better.

With that in mind as I said in the previous issue be sure to reach out to those in the society that may not have a strong real world support group or family. The SCA is the only outlet and connection that many of us have in our lives. I know several people who are doing back yard practices with one or two people they feel comfortable with which is a great way to keep your interest up. The Baronial meet and greets and Zoom chats are also a great way to stay connected. If you don't have time to sit and stare at a computer then just turn it on in the background while you work. Just hearing the voices of people you were once close with on the weekends can help your mood considerably and help keep you connected to the Society as a whole.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and that your spirits are up and ready to face a new year. Stay safe, sane and SCA!

In Service

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## From Their Excellencies



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### **THL Nikolaos Phaistos & THL Briana MacCabe**

Altavia

The Holidays are upon us. We hope everyone had a great and safe Thanksgiving Holiday. We know leftovers are good for days and no one ever gets tired of turkey... It is sad that we could not celebrate like we all want too, but there will always be next year, and we can all make the best of what we have. Reveling with the immediate household, and/or friends and family online is a treat and we all should be thankful to have the opportunity. People who love us and whom we love should be cherished and celebrated. We are thankful to have you in our lives.

Angels/Altavia Yule is Saturday. Preparations have been going on for months and soon we will be together... virtually. So many people have worked hard to set it up and get it running. Games, contests, bardic, food, drink and companionship are waiting for us in just a few days. Our Baronies had some great ideas, and we know we will all have a great time. We would like to thank everyone who has helped and will continue to help. See you all on the 12th. Let's have a Cule Yule!

The end of the plague is near. There is sunlight at the end of the tunnel. Stay at home orders and other restrictions will soon come to an end. However, we still must be cautious and always keep safety on our minds. Until, we all get a vaccination, there is still a danger. As they say, do not stumble so close to the finish line. Be careful. Be safe. The Board has extended the ban on in face, group events until May 31, and Caid will follow that edict. We will see each other face to face again soon, and when that happens there will be hugs and tears and laughter. We will get through this together, and we will be an in-person Barony once again. LONG LIVE ALTAVIA!!!

Baron Niko Phaistos  
Baroness Briana MacCabe

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## Meetings & Practices in the Barony

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### **Meetings and Practices are currently Postponed Until Further Notice**

#### **Meetings: Virtual for Now**

- *Council Meeting*
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:archery@sca-altavia.org)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 11:30am-3:00pm
  - Location: Woodley park archery range ([woodleyparkarchers.org/direction](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.sca-altavia.org/meetings/equestrian/index.html)
- *Armored & Rapier Combat* - [rapier@sca-altavia.org](mailto:rapier@sca-altavia.org) / [heavy@sca-altavia.org](mailto: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*
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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*
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tw@sca-altavia.org)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11:00am-2:30pm
  - Location: Woodley park archery range ([woodleyparkarchers.org/direction](http://woodleyparkarchers.org/direction))

**Arts & Sciences: Virtual for Now-** [arts@sca-altavia.org](mailto:arts@sca-altavia.org)

- *Arts & Science Workshops (aka Craft Nights)*
  - 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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

