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A Return to “Normalish”



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From the Chronicler



Contessa Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos

Greetings,

It's finally here. This weekend I will be attending my first in person SCA event in over a year. I'm excited to see old and new friends although I'm less excited to try fitting my post covid body into my SCA clothes! I'm excited but at the same time I'm lacking in motivation. Its some how hard to get the momentum going again. The thought of getting up at 7am to drive 2 hours to an event in 100+ degree weather only to turn around and drive back 8 hours later is daunting to me now. I touched on this in the last Fret Knot but it probably needs to be reiterated: take it slow! Don't try and do too much too soon and burn yourself out all over again. We have all had a nice break to regroup and refocus our attentions whether that is taking your fighting to the next level, finishing that project you've been working on for a couple years, document a discipline that interest you or finishing that weaving you've been neglecting. Remember what it has been like to take a step back and take that feeling and ability into the future with you. Keep yourself balanced and don't jump in too deep right from the start. Hug all the things...but don't feel the need to DO all the things! 😊

In Service

Battista

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From Their Excellencies



THL Nikolaos Phaistos & THL Briana MacCabe

Happy June, Altavia, and WELCOME BACK!!!

His Excellency and I are thrilled beyond belief that this month we get to start meeting again in the real world. Already, we have had a safe get-together to start putting together largesse for Their Royal Majesties and, just last night, we had our first fighter practice in over a year and three months. We want to thank everyone for their patience with all of the new rules and safety precautions we need to follow to ensure we are meeting safely and urge you to follow both the baronial and kingdom Facebook groups for all of the latest updates from the Kingdom Seneschal.

Speaking of things, we normally pre-reg for, Great Western War is a GO! We learned this wonderful news earlier this week and are already making plans for Camp Altavia! The Honorable Lady Monique has graciously volunteered to be camp mistress and general pre-reg should be opening in early July. Please keep an eye out for posts from the GWW Stewards and Publicity team with all the latest details. It's going to be a great war with a very special celebration for someone we all love happening during Grand Court!

But before we go to War, we will officially coronate Their Royal Majesties, Panza and Katherine. This special coronation ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 10 in the Barony of Wintermist. With the new July rules, there will hopefully not be an attendance cap so all who want to attend may. I have heard that they are working on ways to broadcast the ceremony online as well for any who don't feel quite up to a large in-person event yet. Altavia will be at the coronation, hopefully in full force, with an awesome group largesse project for HRM's largess derby. We are putting together a period game set for each territory, and I wish to thank Dame Lynnette, THL Edith, Lady Allesandra, Lady Sibylla, Lady Saystine, Dame Selene, m'lord Kris, THL Anne FitzAllan (and anyone whose name escapes me at the moment) for helping out on this project on Sunday. In addition to the game sets, if anyone has largess that they have been working on over the quarantine that they would like to add to the Altavia presentation for coronation, please contact me to arrange a hand off.

We've said it before and we will say it again many times before our tenure is done but thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done and continue to do to make Altavia a special place. This past year was one of unprecedented pain and challenges, but you

found new ways of navigating and new reserves of strength to make it through. We are so proud of the way Altavia and Altavians rose to those challenges and can't wait to watch the barony bloom again as we emerge from the Long Dark.

Laissez le Bon Temps Roule!

(This article has not been altered to reflect the date and is printed as it was received by me)





Events & Covid Guidelines



Coronation – July 10th, 2021

The Barony of Wintermist invites you to celebrate as the Royal Heirs, Pansa & Katherine take seat upon the Thrones of Caid. In the shining heat of summer, come and revel with your Kingdom and surrounding friends as we celebrate this glorious day. We will be hosting a largess competition to help our new Royals get off to a great start.

Picnic: Due to rapidly changing SCA guidelines, lunch and dinner might not be provided. However, we encourage you to join us for a picnic. You are encouraged to share your favorite period recipes on the book of faces. Please check the website or Facebook for more information.

Site: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2525 Belle Terrace, Bakersfield, CA 93309.
This is a damp site. Please no open flames or pets inside of the chapel or hall.

Schedule:

8:00am - Site opens

10:00am or TRM's pleasure -Opening court

9:00pm - Site closes

Adult Event Registration: \$13. Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$8.
Children 17 and under are guests of the Barony. Please make checks payable to SCA, Inc./ Barony of Wintermist. Payment will be accepted at the door.

The event cap is 250 people, as required by the site. Therefore pre-registration is required for this event and can be done at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfuUt6n4sDIPT.../viewform>

A Request for Fret Knot submissions

Exactly what it sounds like!! Cartoons, Articles, Recipes, Instructionals, Stories! It counts as an official publication for resume & documentation purposes!!

By Royal decree: Save the date - July 18th, 2021

String up your bows, sharpen your axes, for her Royal Majesty, Katherine of Hornechurch's Queen's Champion Archery and Thrown Weapons tourney will be held in the Barony of Altavia, at Woodley Park Archery Range. Join us as we celebrate a full day of archery and thrown weapons to determine her Majesty's champions.

Woodley Park Archery Range, 6331 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys Ca 91406

Site opens 8am

Site closes 4:30pm

Adult Event Registration \$12.00, Adult Member Discount Registration \$7.00

Youth 12 and under guests of the Barony

Pre-registration is highly encouraged! To sign up for the event use this link:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScnsY8r.../viewform...>

When you fill out the pre-reg form, please list the event name as QCArcheryTW.

Event Steward: Mistress Cecilia Medici, Email: qcarcherytw@sac-altavia.org

More information can be found on our website here: <http://www.sca-caid.org/>

Covid Guidelines as of July 1st, 2021

- No masks are required unless the site requires it.
- No attendance cap for events unless the site has one.
- Pre-registration for an event is not required, unless the event requires it, but it's still highly encouraged. People can walk-in to events without pre-registering first, but their contact information must be collected for contact tracing purposes. This pertains to all in-person SCA events, classes, meetings, etc. The contact information gathered must be kept by the Seneschal or Event Steward of the event for six months.

Reminder

All attendees to events (including fighter practices, etc.) must show their signed blue card (or a copy of it but the back with signature also needs to be shown) OR sign a waiver to attend - just like you do at gate when you attend an event.



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Meetings & Practices in the Barony

Meetings:

- *Council Meeting Continues to be Virtual for Now See Facebook for details*
 - 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:

- *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: 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

***As far as I know although I'm sure many are outdated!**

