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FROM THE CHRONICLERS



Contessa Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos

Greetings Unto the Populace of Altavia:

It is with fondness that I finally say goodbye to the office of Chronicler of Altavia. It was a fun four years heading into the pandemic and coming back out at the end. The only hard part was the lack of things to write about when nothing is happening! I felt like a news reporter wishing someone would start a war so that I would have something to talk about but sadly we couldn't even do that!

Although I enjoyed my time, I know that Dame Lynnette will do a fabulous job bringing you stories, articles, and information about Altavia and the Kingdom. I wish her all the success in the known world.

Thank you Altavia for your support and well wishes during the last four years and for painfully filling out each and every questionnaire I put in front of you!

Yours in Service,

Condessa Battista de Kie del Goya da Lagos

Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios

Thank you, Contessa Battista, for your kind words and your wonderful work as Altavia Chronicler!!

I'm looking forward to serving as Chronicler, and will do my best to live up to our previous Chronicler's work!

This issue celebrates January events with info about the 1st SCA Twelfth Night celebration in honor of Caid's Twelfth Night/Coronation on January 8th, and event notice for the Queen's Champion Field event that Altavia is hosting on January 22, 2022.

CONTENT NEEDED: Another of my duties is provide a place for **the people of Altavia (YES, that's you!) to share** their artwork, research, writing, and more. Please contact me at Chronicler@SCA-Altavia.org if you have an idea of something you'd like to submit, you have questions about what to submit, or you know someone I should contact about submitting content.

DEPUTY NEEDED: One of my duties as Chronicler is to take a deputy, train them, and if they like the job, pass the Fret Knot on to them. If you have ever wanted to work on a newsletter, or would like to know what the job entails ... Please contact me at Chronicler@SCA-Altavia.org

Yours in Service to Altavia,

--Lynnette



FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Master Nikolaos Phaistos & THL Briana MacCabe



October 2021 Comments

Greetings Our Altavian Family!

How is it possible that it's already October and 2021 is winding down? The month is only half over but so much good has already happened! Here's a bit of a recap.

At the end of September, Crown Tournament was held in Dun Or. It was a lovely day and Griffith honorably represented both Altavia and his consort Amabel on the field. The end of the day saw Sir Valrik facing off with then-knight-vigilant Optimus in the finals with Sir Valrik winning the day for Lady Drada. We look forward to the Coronation of Their Royal Highnesses in January in Nordwache! Start thinking of some largesse we can create for them over the next couple of months!

With one week of down time (and a whole lotta prep), it was then time to head off to Great Western War! Altavia had a large and friendly encampment and it was a great time! A chief highlight of event, of course, was Baron (Master) Niko's vigil and Pelican elevation! So many of you spent your Friday evening helping out at and attending the vigil and we marched into court as a barony to support our most awesome baron. I know he has many personal thank yous for this but I also want to thank you for helping create a very special couple of days for a very worthy person!

We've also got a whole bunch going on for the rest of October as well! Tomorrow sees the return of our unofficial game nights at Guildhall, which I hope can become a regular thing again. On Saturday, you have a choice of traveling to Dreiburgen to participate in the Caid Archery and Thrown Weapons Open or sticking closer to home and helping create some largesse for the upcoming baronial investiture in Dreiburgen.

Next Tuesday will be Arts and Sciences where I will teach how to make simple wire-wrapped rings for both personal tokens and largesse and then on Saturday, October 30, we will travel out to Dreiburgen to celebrate their anniversary and see the investiture of their new Baron and Baroness, Ramvoldus and Kungund, and the baronial retirement of our dear Cousins, Logan and Tyne. We hope to see a really good-sized crew out there with us!

In closing, we would like to ask for everyone's patience and flexibility when the new vaccine/testing requirements go into effect on October 30. We will discuss that at greater length later in the meeting but we simply ask for patience as we figure out how this will work on the baronial level. Just know that all of this is to ensure we can keep playing safely and as comfortably as possible. We've gotten the band fully back together...let's keep it that way!

Yours with much love and in service to the Dream,

Baron Nikolaos Phaistos
Baroness Briana MacCabe

November 2021 Comments

The year seems to be winding down ever so calmly since Great Western War... No wait! No it has not! We have had and will have plenty of excitement in these last couple of months. Nordwache Anniversary was a pleasant breather after GWW and a relaxing, intimate event. In addition, Caid Archery Open finally happened with smooth efficiency thanks to our friends in diction.

Speaking of, Dreiburgen Anniversary was a regular Hoot n' Nanny with a whole lot of hoot and just a little bit of nanny. The Baronial dragon wing was the place to be. We had so many Altavians and guests that people thought it was our anniversary! (Just kidding). It was spectacular though! Fun, Friends and great conversations were had. Thank you Altavians for being so welcoming and fun. We gave a well-deserved farewell and great job to Baron Logan and Baroness Tyna. They are good people and need the rest. Their warm hearts and tireless work will not be forgotten. In addition, we welcomed a shiny new Baron and Baroness, Ramvoldus and Kungund. They are adorable and we look forward to all the great things they will do for our kingdom.

Calafia Anniversary saw another packed baronial dragon wing. This time only a few Altavians were present, but we hosted many people from Dreiburgen. We received so many compliments from their Excellencies and others of Altavia's wonderful hospitality. Thank you all once again. Great work Altavia! There was a spectacular surprise during the day as well. Our Baroness, Briana, was asked to be a member of the Order of the Pelican, which she graciously accepted. A wonderful day was had by all.

In the upcoming months, Altavia will be hosting a few events that will be fun and exciting as well. First, December 11 will be our Yule celebration. We will have Angels as our guests and the theme will be the Arthurian Legends! Bring your device and banners to be hung in the hall. Decorate your table like it was the actual round table. Eat! Drink! (responsibly) and have loads of fun! We will not be having our usual potluck meal, but instead will have individual group dinners at each table. Altavia's bardic and chess champions will be chosen and dancing will happen. Finally, we need volunteers for various duties (tee hee), so please contact Griffith Von Bremen or the Baron if you are willing to help.

On January 22, Altavia will be hosting Queen's Champion Armored and Rapier. This will be an exciting event at Veteran's park. We will be needing plenty of volunteers for the day and we know it will be epic! There is lots to be done and Altavians once again be the shining example to all the knowne world.

But before we host QC, we will travel to Nordwache to celebrate Coronation/12th Night in Nordwache. We need your help creating gifts and largesse for both the incoming and outgoing Majesties (more on that in a bit) and Her Excellency invites all Altavians who make the trip North to be a part of her Pelican procession.

As November is traditionally the month of giving thanks, we want to thank each and every one of our officers, our court and guard and all Altavians for your hard work and your friendship. It has been another long year with many twists and turns but we made it through, together.

Yours in Service and with Much Love!

Baron Nikolaos Phaistos
Baroness Briana MacCabe

December 2021 Comments:

And so, another year slides into a close and November and December have been busy months for us, as usual!

On November 13, His Excellency and I travelled to Nauheim for Frost Dragon. It was a beautiful day and we shared space with our friends from Dun Or, which is always lovely. Thank you to Lynnette and Tim and Griffith and Ambel for your help and checking in on us throughout the day. The Frost Dragon was battled but none were able to defeat him this year! We ended the day with a fun and raucous dinner with the Horsemen before making the long trek home.

The next weekend we headed out to Isles Anniversary and a wonderful, tree-shaded site. There was very good attendance for a shire event, with folks on both the armored and rapier fields traveling from far away for a day of fun and friendly fighting. Our Cousin, Baroness Kungund of Dreiburgen, took to the rapier field for the very first time and was named Isles champion for her enthusiasm and fearlessness! Many thanks to Captain Cassandra for looking out for both His Excellency and I and to Grif and Amabel for once again checking in on us as well.

The first Saturday in December saw us traveling down to Gyldenholt to celebrate the joint Gyldenholt-Lyondemere Yule. It was a lovely outdoor event with a gift exchange, a cornhole tournament and much fun socializing. On a personal note, I want to thank everyone that help get my vigil setup and that helped in run smoothly; especially Baroness Cassandra for wrangling the whole thing, Baron Niko for running the book and being quick on the bell 12, to Lord Eadwine for ably standing guard and making for some great photos and to all of Flaxen Abbey who were able to help out! I am so blessed by having all of you as friends. Thank you for making my day as special as possible.

And, of course, our big event of the holiday season, Altavia-Angels Yule was last Saturday and it was SPECTACULAR! We had great attendance and there was so much joyous chatting and dancing and bardic and gifting! Thank you, again, to our event stewards, Griffith and Niko, for all your hard work putting the event together, our Cousins of Angels for once again helping us make this joint event a success, and everyone else who worked so hard to make this event happen. Please see the [Baron's note on Facebook](#) for the full list of thank yous and awards!

We hope that you all have wonderful and safe plans for the rest of your holiday season! For those that are traveling, may your roads be clear, and may everyone get to be with the ones they love in this time of warmth and light. We hope to see you all at Coronation on January 8 for a very special day!

Yours in Service,

Baron Nikolaos Phaistos
Baroness Briana MacCabe

YULE HAPPENINGS: THE ORDER OF THE STARRE AND THE STONE



Baroness Cassandra de Lorrain was inducted into the Altavia Order of the Starre and the Stone for her continued service to Altavia as Captain of the Guard as well as other support for the Baron and Baroness. AND for her work on the courts for several Kings and Queens over the years.

The Honorable Lord Damian von Baden (not in attendance) was recognized as having been inducted to the order last year, during the Great Pestilence, for his extensive heraldry work for Altavia and Caid.

The Starre and the Stone is Altavia's extraordinary service award; which is awarded to holders of the Sable Fret who continue to provide extraordinary service and support to the Barony and **(most importantly)** throughout the Kingdom.

The Order was started by Baron Duryn the Red and Baroness Ælfwyn Wodende in 1995 as the Estrella de Vida. Registered to Altavia as the Starre and the Stone in August of 1997. The order went into hiatus after 2003, and was reactivated by Baron Cristofanus Castellani and Baroness Cecilia Medici in 2014.

The medallion is a black background with a white star (starre) and a [usually] green stone. As you can see from the photo the medallion made this year had an amber stone.

The medallions are handmade, and while he was Baron of Altavia, **Duryn** made the medallion they bestowed on the new members. Since the order was reactivated in 2014, **Baroness Selene Colfox** has made the medallions.

The back of each medallion has an image of something specific to the recipient carved into it (usually an image from their device).

Below are the front and back of the medallions Selene made for Cassandra, with a hand carved boar's head, and Damian, with hand carved wavy lines from his device.



You can find more information about the order and a list of the members on the Caid Wiki at: [https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Starre and the Stone](https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Starre_and_the_Stone)

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HIS EXCELLENCY NIKO'S YULE WRAP-UP

Yule was Spectacular!!!

As always, the Baroness Briana MacCabe said all the right words and expressed everything I am feeling right now.

It was truly an honor to share our Yule once again with Angels. Thank you to The Angels' Baron Johannes and Baroness Sophia for your contributions to the night as well as your esteemed presence. (Not just the Presents)

Thank you all for a wonderful end to a difficult, yet hopeful year. We had more people than expected and we had all the help we needed! Thank you, Griffith Von Bremen, for putting up with me as your co-steward as well as Amabel Radleigh for putting up with him, and constable duty! (Dooty)

Congratulations to our new bardic and games champions Delphine de Montallieu and Ceallach mac Uilliam!!!

Thank you, Sibylla de Haze, for making the beautiful champion favors and helping Meliora with checking people in.

Thank you to Eadwine Dane and Eadric the Younger for most of the heavy lifting! Those tables are no joke! Thank you to Christine of Angels and Friend as well as making the beautiful champion favors and helping Meliora, Varbedoohi Gorandookht Geran Mamigonian, Cristof, and Cecilia Medici for the lovely decorating. The hall looked amazing! Thank you Eadwyne and Honorée la Charmante for the drinks! And Eadwyne again for running bardic!

Thank you, Tezar of Aeolis, for heralding and running games. Thank you, Arianna Foxford, for heralding as well!

Thank you Meliora for the dancing and our two wonderful musicians Mathias Hakonan and the gentleman whom I did not know for their lively tunes throughout night!

Thanks to Elle Wynn of Essex for running gate all night.

Thank you also to Meliora and Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos for your many hours of work these past years at your officer positions. The Barony would not be in such great working order without your contributions.

Thank you, Edith of Arbroath, for helping with the grail game and the tree!

Thank you, Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling and Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios, for selling our shirts!

Congratulations to the recipients of the star and stone: Baroness Cassandra de Lorrain and THLord Damian von Baden.

Thank you, Panchali Mahadeviyar, for the clean-up before and after the Yule... your kind words and deeds brightened my disposition.

Thank you, Flaxen Abbey and House Valentine, for helping with a swift clean up.

There are so many others whom I forgot to mention that made our first event back possible and I am sorry.

Thank you all for making this Yule one of the best!

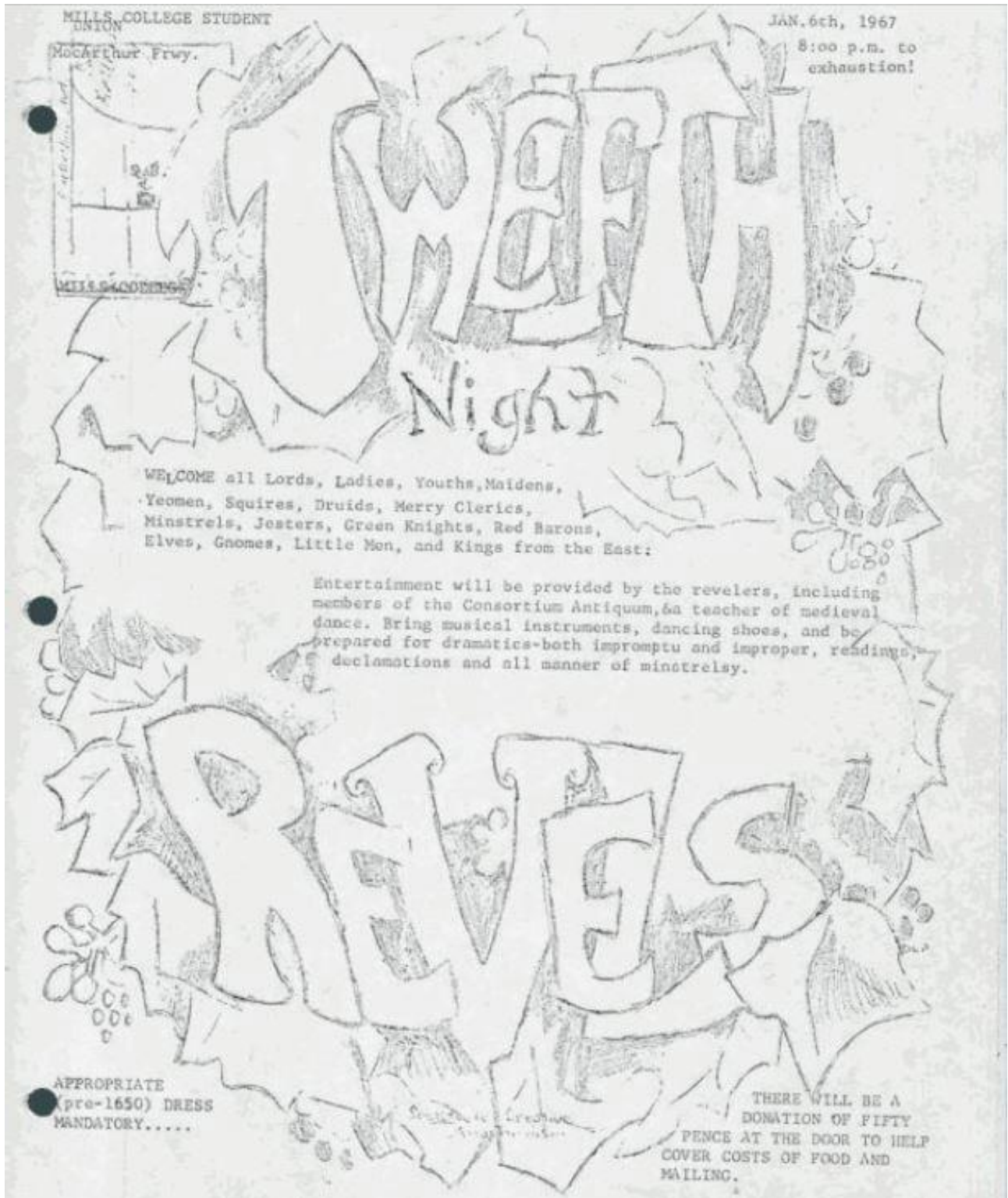
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DID YOU KNOW ...

THE SCA'S FIRST TWELFTH NIGHT

By *THL Ragnailt Inghean Mhaoil Sheachlainn*



The first Twelfth Night celebrated within the Society for Creative Anachronism was held on Jan 6, AS I (1967), in the Kingdom of the West, at the Mills College Student Union in Oakland, California. In attendance at the event were many of the Society's founders, coming together to celebrate the holidays, history, and friendship in *"a great hall, [with a] beamed ceiling, [and a] huge fireplace at either end."** - a perfect place, it would seem, for such a mirthful revel, and a journey into the Current Middle Ages!

Wilhelm von Schlüssel's History 's account of the event describes it thusly:

"As the Berkeley weather forbid any further tournaments outdoors until the spring, and as the Society events were basically scheduled to fit around the UC Berkeley quarter system, the next event was held indoors on January 6, 1967 at the Mills College Student Union in Oakland, California. This was the first Twelfth Night Revels. The idea of having Kings had been discussed, and it was decided that the winners of the lists would be the Kings. Henrik, the winner of the last tourney, was informally referred to as "the king" ... Alfonso de Castile and his Consortium Antiquum performed. Medieval dances were taught and performed. Siegfried von Hoflichskeit gave the Muckin' Great Clubbe to Fulk de Wyvern as a Christmas present."

Those who were in attendance offered their own recollections to their event, in addendum to this history:

Stefan de Lorraine, who would go on to become King of the West three years later, in 1970, noted in an addendum that that first Twelfth Night did include a short combat, staged by Fulk de Wyvern and another fighter (Edwin) in the hall. More entertainment was provided by Lord Mediocrates, who delighted the populace gathered with a rendition of his original composition, "The Twelve Days of Solstice" - the lyrics, as recounted by Steven MacEanruig, including such fine gifts for the holiday as 7 scheming wizards, 5 casks of wine, 3 love charms, and two magic rings.

Kevin Peregrynne, who sat upon the throne of the West in 1977, recounts the following, of the Great Mucking Clubbe given at that first Twelfth Night:

"According to Siegfried, who ought to know, the MGC was a gift to Fulk from him. It was made of a chunk of elm blasted loose from its parent tree by lightning, shaped smoothed and polished in (soon to be) Master Beverly's workshop. The wood was so hard that they burnt out several drill bits making the hole to drive the spike through (and it bent in the process). Fulk originated the use of the MGC as the award for ferocity in combat. The first time that Patrice and I saw it the bearer was Caradoc ap Cawdor, it looked so natural that we thought it was a permanent part of his costume. A tradition that went with the Clubbe was that, before presenting it at the next crown tourney, the bearer had to rub at least a quarter pound of wax into its finish."

No Twelfth Night would be complete without sweet treats to celebrate the holiday, and at that first SCA Celebration, a cake reportedly baked by Ellen Hodghead not only provided a delicious dessert, but contributed to the merriment by serving up a small wooden figure baked into its layers, an echo of the medieval custom of choosing a Lord of Misrule to "reign" over the evening. According to Sir Stefan, David Hodghead first bit into the small wooden figure, and promptly complained that he didn't want to spend the

entire evening thinking up entertainment for everyone else. Steve Henderson, who was passing the cake around, said "No problem", stuffed the figure back into the largest piece of cake, and headed once more to Stefan. Despite his protests that he'd already had a piece of cake, the two conspirators informed Sir Stefan that no Lord of Misrule had been found, so he'd need to try again. Because the piece was so big, the wooden figure wasn't discovered immediately, and David, and Steve, began to walk away, thinking that perhaps they had accidentally placed the token in another piece - only to be called back by their "victim", who realized that he'd found the piece- but not that he was the second to do so! Sir Stefan's girlfriend from his hometown (who, incidentally, was not Luise, who sat as his consort when he sat upon the throne of the West :) happened to be there as his guest at the event, happily stepped into the role of the Lady of Misrule, and promptly presided over mustache measuring contests and other similar games.

Over fifty years later, all throughout the Known World, groups great and small , from the largest Kingdom to the smallest household, gather together to celebrate this joyous season at revels where the traditions of the past come to life, and new customs are born. This year, as we come together again at our Yule and Twelfth Night holiday celebration, remember to raise your glasses in a toast to those who have come before us, and who paved the way for us to step forward ... into the past.



** Description, from Sir Stefan De Lorraine*

If you'd like to learn more about the first Twelfth Night or other firsts in the history of our Society, the historical annals of the first Kingdom, the Kingdom of the West, where it all began, maintained by Hirsch von Henford are a great place to start - be sure to check them out at the History of the Kingdom of the West website at

<http://history.westkingdom.org/>

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EDITOR'S ADDENDUM: CAID'S TWELFTH NIGHT

Caid's Coronation / Twelfth Night 2022 will be held on Saturday January 8th 2022 in the Barony of Nordwache (Porterville, CA), details can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/424972992468199>

and: <https://wp.sca-caid.org/events/>

Caid's first Twelfth Night, was held in AS VII (1972). Although still part of The Kingdom of The West, the Southern Baronies (Angels, Calafia, and Isles) held their first Twelfth Night on January 8th 1972.

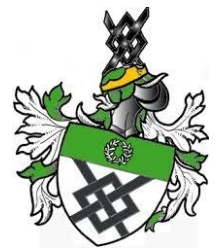
The event included a Grand March, a mime troupe performance, a fencing demonstration, belly dancing, passage d'armes, and broadsword demonstration. Which were followed by dinner, a recorder concert, presentation of the Epiphany cake by the Order of the Seraphic Star and subsequent findings of the King or Queen of the Revels. And there was apparently merriment in the form of a punning contest, a drinking contest, musicians, dancers, general Revelry!

More info can be found at: https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Twelfth_Night

And https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Category:Twelfth_Night



COVID GUIDELINES AS OF DECEMBER 7, 2021



The "COVID Guidelines & Kingdom Reopening Plan" is an active procedure with changes made as necessary. Please check the complete and CURRENT document for changes before attending an event:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B_Y3w8fgNzDLw1VNqu0DeLyiLGeiNTmrOoKrNmE0uq0/edit

- Masks are required at indoor events unless you are eating or drinking.
- Proof of vaccination or a recent administered negative test are required to attend any Caid activity. Check the "COVID Guidelines & Kingdom Reopening Plan" link above for complete details.
- Pre-registration for an event is usually not required, 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.

UPCOMING ALTAVIA EVENT

Queen's Champion Field Tournament

When: Sat, January 22, 2022, 7am – 5pm

Where: Veteran's Park, 13000 Sayre St, Sylmar, CA 91342

Updates available on the FaceBook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/963193407932034/>

Unto the populace of The Kingdom of Caid and the Knowne World

Consign this auspicious date, January 22, 2022, to your calendars!

Her Majesty invites all to join in a day of chivalrous display as the fighters of Caid battle for the honor of being Her Champions! Come one, come all to the fair Barony of Altavia where this glorious event will be held! There will be lists for heavy, rapier, unarmored, and youth combat.

To honor Her Majesty, heraldic displays celebrating the magnificence of Caid are most esteemed. Banners, standards, shields of all types are encouraged!

If your group would like to sponsor an Eric, please contact the event stewards at QC@SCA-Altavia.org

Caid Fundraiser:

- We'll be holding a silent auction to benefit the Kingdom
- Donations are welcome, but if you are bringing a lot of items, please contact Lynnette at auction@sca-altavia.org
- Payment is cash, check, or credit card (Credit cards will be used ONLY for the auction ... REGISTRATION REQUIRES CASH OR CHECK)
- Please come by and help support Caid.

Schedule of the Day:

- **7:00am** – Site opens
- **8:00am** – Populace welcome and gate opens
- **10:00am** – Opening court (or at the leisure of Their Majesties)
- 15 minutes after opening court ends – Lists close
- **4:30pm** – Closing court (or at the leisure of Their Majesties)
- **5:00pm** – Site closes

Park Requirements:

According to the park regulations, we need to follow these rules:

- No staking into the turf deeper than 6 inches.
- No driving on the turf.
- No amplified music.
- We are responsible for removing the trash generated by the event.
- Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and picked up after.
- This is a DRY site.

Registration information:

- Please Pre-reg / RSVP at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnsY8r-eUqo5vmwi31RrI3o0YO1M9xcltFXb_sY6Uc5yo8HA/viewform and reference the event as: "QCJan222022"
- \$17.00 Adult Event Registration for revel
- \$12.00 Adult Member Discount Registration
- Children (ages 16 and younger) will be guests of the barony for the event
- **Cash and checks will be accepted at gate.** Make checks payable to SCA Inc./ Barony of Altavia.
- In conjunction with the Kingdom of Caid COVID Policy you will be required to show proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of an event start time from all event attendees. For more information, please visit [Kingdom of Caid's COVID policy](#)

Merchant information:

- Merchants are welcome!
- **Merchant Steward:** Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen can be contacted at ducorbeau@aol.com
- **The park is requiring 10% of each merchant's gross income**, which will be collected by Baroness Morgaine at the end of the day.
- The barony is not requiring a merchant fee, but all attendees are expected to pay the site fee.

Directions:

- **From the NORTH:** Make your way to the 5 South, then take the 210 East towards Pasadena. Take the Hubbard St Exit. Turn left.
- **From the SOUTH and WEST:** Make your way to the 118 East, then take the 210 West towards Sacramento. Take the Hubbard St Exit. Turn right.
- **Once on Hubbard:** Follow Hubbard St to Eldridge Ave.
- Turn left onto Eldridge Ave.
- At the first stop sign, which is at Sayre St, turn right.
- Follow Sayre St all the way up the hill into Veterans Memorial Park.
- Altavia signs will direct you towards the event once in the park.

Event Co-Stewards: Mistress Cecilia Medici, THLady Amabel Radleigh

Email: QC@SCA-Altavia.org

Disclaimer: Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.



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 - **To apply:** Contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Chronicler:** Dame [Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios](#)
 - chronicler@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Chronicler:** **Currently vacant**
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- ❖ **Constable:** **Currently vacant**
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- ❖ **Exchequer:** THL [Elle Wynn of Essex](#)
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- ❖ **Deputy Exchequer:** **Currently vacant**
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- ❖ **Herald:** THL [Damian von Baden](#)
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- ❖ **Court Herald:** Baroness [Tezar of Aeolis](#)
 - herald@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Largesse Coordinators:** Condessa [Battista de Kie del Goya da Lagos](#) and Maura of Altavia
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- ❖ **List Officer:** THL [Matlens Litovka](#)
 - lists@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy List Officer: Currently vacant**
 - **To apply:** Contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Marshal:** Lord Griffith Von Bremen
 - marshal@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Marshal: Currently vacant**
 - **To apply:** Contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Marshal of Armored Combat: Currently vacant**
 - **To apply:** Contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Marshal for Equestrian:** THL [Guene Annwyll](#)
 - equestrian@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Marshal of Rapier:** Don [Nathaniel Longbow](#)
 - rapier@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Marshal Thrown Weapons:** Cristobal Santiago Barba de Alcazar
 - tw@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Marshal Unarmored Combat:** Cecil Sawyer Smiter
 - unarmored@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Marshal Youth Combat:** Baroness [Tezar of Aeolis](#)
 - youthcombat@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Social Media Officer:** Lord Eadwine Dane
 - socialmedia@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Social Media Officer: Currently vacant**
 - **To apply:** Contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Webwright:** Dame [Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios](#)
 - webwright@sca-altavia.org
- ❖ **Deputy Webwright: Currently vacant**
 - **To apply:** Contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@sca-altavia.org

Interested in helping the barony and learning how to be an officer?

Interested in one of the open positions, or in being a deputy for one of the offices?

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MEETINGS & PRACTICES IN THE BARONY



Webpage: <https://altavia.sca-caid.org/groups/>

All attendees to events (including fighter practices, etc.) must show their signed blue card (or an electronic copy) OR sign a waiver to attend as well as proof of Covid vaccination or negative Covid test - just like you do at gate when you attend an event.

The "COVID Guidelines & Kingdom Reopening Plan" is an active procedure with changes made as necessary. Please check the complete and CURRENT document for changes before attending an activity: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B_Y3w8fgNzDLw1VNQu0DeLyiLGeiNTmrOoKrNmE0uq0/edit

Meetings

• **Council Meeting**

- **Date/Time:** 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
- **Location:** Held via **ZOOM** -- Link is posted to the Altavia Baronial Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297336603655499> (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)
- This meeting involves officer reports, Baronial discussions, event reports, and announcements, **everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to come**
- Contact the Seneschal for details: seneschal@sca-altavia.org

• **Newcomers Meeting**

- **Date/Time:** As needed ON Mondays at 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 to come and learn more about the SCA**
- Contact the Chatelaine for details: chatelaine@sca-altavia.org

Combat Practices

- **Archery** - Currently on Hiatus - 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.
- **Armored Combat** - rapier@sca-altavia.org
 - Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - Location: Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, CA 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.
- **Equestrian** - Currently on Hiatus - 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

- **Rapier Combat** - rapier@sca-altavia.org
 - 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)
- **Unarmored Combat** - unarmored@sca-altavia.org
 - 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** - youth@sca-altavia.org
 - 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.

Arts & Sciences

- **Arts & Science Workshops** (aka Craft Nights) - arts@sca-altavia.org
 - 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** (in person) - bardic@sca-altavia.org
 - Often held after Altavia events
 - **All can perform or watch**
 - Contact the bards for directions & dates
 - Host Baron Sir Charles of Dublin at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois
- **Bardic Circle** (online) - bardic@sca-altavia.org
 - Held quarterly via **ZOOM** -- Link is posted to the Altavia Baronial Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297336603655499> (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)
 - **All can perform or watch**
 - Contact the bards for dates, or watch the Facebook group
- **Brewing**
 - Special interest group for home brewing of beer, mead, wine, liqueurs, fermented foods, and more.
 - All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
 - **Join the Guild at:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KnottyBrewers> (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)
- **Children's Activities** - children@sca-altavia.org
 - Children's events are held at every event that Altavia sponsor
- **Culinary Guild**
 - Special interest group for all things delicious to eat and drink.
 - All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
 - **Join the Guild at:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/242868192471271> (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)



ALTAVIA BARONIAL CHAMPIONS

Webpage: https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Altavia_Champions



- ❖ **Archery:** [Adelais de la Tour](#) (10/30/19)
- ❖ **Armored Combat:** Duke [Sven Orfhendur](#) (05/11/19)
- ❖ **Arts & Sciences:** Countess [Stæina Hálfdanardóttir](#) (5/8/21)
- ❖ **Bardic:** THL [Delphine de Montallieu](#) (12/11/21)
- ❖ **Games Champion:** Lord [Ceallach mac Uilliam](#) (12/11/21)
- ❖ **Equestrian:** [Inara Kyri of Darach](#) riding [Roxy the Wonder Pony](#) (05/20/18)
- ❖ **Fretted Fork Period:** [Marya of Dun Or](#) (10/30/19)
- ❖ **Fretted Fork Non-Period:** Mistress [Cecilia Medici](#) (12/16/19)
- ❖ **Games Champion:** Baroness [Tezar of Aeolis](#) (12/14/19)
- ❖ **Rapier Combat:** Master [Eógan Ua Confraích](#) (05/11/19)
- ❖ **Thrown Weapons:** [Kazetani Tarou Noritatsu](#) (10/30/19)
- ❖ **Unarmored Combat:** THL [Tierrynna Caer Narvon](#) (05/12/18)
- ❖ **Youth Archery-Youth:** [Benjamin Scully](#) (10/30/19)
- ❖ **Youth Archery-Under 8:** [Voltar of Drieburgen](#) (10/30/19)
- ❖ **Youth Combat:** [Zakarja Von Bremen](#) (05/11/19)

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