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A Return to “Almost Normal”



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From the Chronicler



Contessa Battista De Kie Del Goya Da Lagos

Greetings,

Happy Halloween everyone have their mask! Halloween has always been one of my favorite holidays but this year I've been wearing a mask so often I just want to be myself.

That said, I'm ready to move on. I started doing the Chronicler job almost 4 years ago. I decided to extend my 3-year term to get Altavia through the pandemic but now I'm ready to pass it on. If you are interested, please contact me or the Baron and Baroness and we can explain the duties of the office to you. If you have something to say it's a fun little job. I've been able to explore my creative side with cartoons and with my Chronicler column. It doesn't require extensive knowledge of word or pdf programs as everything is set up pretty well, although it would help if you knew more about Society dates than I do! 😊 It's literally a job you only have to do once every 3 months. It's a great way to help out your barony without having to devote a ton of your time.

I hope everyone had a GGWW....(great great wester war)

In Service

Battista

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From Their Excellencies



THL Nikolaos Phaistos & THL Briana MacCabe

****August Comments:***

The latter half of July was just as exciting as the first part with our first large tournament back, Queen's Champion down in Gyldenholt! We had several competitors on both the armored and rapier field and so many people hanging out with Altavia that we ended up with some satellite pop-ups around the dragon wing. Thank you to everyone that came and hung out with us or dropped by to say "Hi!"; it was a truly wonderful day.

We also had our first in-person Arts & Sciences class back at the Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary's. Arranged and taught by Allesandra, we had a fun evening of learning to eave chainmaille and even some of the children of the church's clergy got in on the fun. Thank you from being an awesome teacher, Alessandra!

In closing, His Excellency and I would like to thank everyone that came out to last night's EPIC fighter practice (and celebration of His Excellency's birthday). I'm sure Meliora and Sibylla have an exact count, but I heard we had between 60-70 people there at one point and a count of rapier fighters came up to 23! It was so nice to see so many happy people all in one place and we hope we can have many more like that in the future!

****September Comments:***

August was still a relatively quiet month with only three events: Calafia's Greatest Warrior (which His Excellency attended), HRM Katherine's Festival of the Rose in Naevehjem which saw a small but mighty Altavian contingent and some hi-jinks involving His Excellency, and finally Nordwache Pirate Tourney which His Excellency also attended. Closer to home we also had many wonderful fighter practices and an excellent class on leather mask making taught by Amabel.

September started off with Highland "Not a War" and while neither His Excellency or I were able to attend, I believe we were well-represented by Griffith and Amabel. Last weekend was Caid Rapier Open up in Darach and it was a lovely day! Thank you to everyone that came out to fight, to serve, or just to hang out with us in the lovely Camarillo weather!

We'll discuss what's going on for Agincourt, still tentatively scheduled for the end of October, a bit later in the meeting.

I know we're beginning to sound like a broken record here but His Excellency and I really want to thank the entire populace and especially our officers and court and guard for your endless patience and resiliency during these crazy times that have gone on for far longer than anyone predicted or hoped. We know how frustrating and, frankly, scary it can be to not know if you get to do what you love or if you feel safe doing it. We realize that people's comfort level

with attending events has and will continue to evolve. Please know that there is absolutely no shaming in doing what is right for you and we will love you no matter when we get to see you in person again, be that next week or next year.

***October Comments:**

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 Dreibergen 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 Dreibergen.

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 Dreibergen 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

*Comments have been edited taking out any references to past events as future events



Great Western War Fun



Great Western War is over but some of the quotes and stories continue. Altavians had their fingers in many meat pies and here are a few of the more memorable quotes.

- ❖ "Please touch on Pan where Niko touched the doll!"
- ❖ "I need to write a recommendation letter for...."
- ❖ "Master Layer Fries McBride"
- ❖ "I'm gonna go back to my tent and wrestle the ground squirrels."
- ❖ "Did you forget to pack shirts?"

There were several memorable moments for Altavians, here are just a few.

- ❖ The entire baronial encampment processing in with Niko for his elevation and standing together watching the ceremony.
- ❖ The populace standing in court so Niko could see how much he has helped and influenced everyone in the SCA.
- ❖ The Baroness taking the rapier field for the first time.
- ❖ Altavians at Gate.
- ❖ Altavians on the fighting fields.
- ❖ Altavians bringing the fun no matter where they were.
- ❖ The many, many, many stylish personal mask and all the times one had to ask...who is that behind that mask?!
- ❖ The many, many, many hugs once you realized it was someone you hadn't seen in a year!
- ❖ And finally, knowing that things were well on their way back to normal-ish.

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!!



Covid Guidelines



Covid Guidelines as of October 1st, 2021

- Masks are once again required unless you are eating, drinking or fighting.
- 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!**

