

FRET KNOT



Griffith Von Bremen and Amabel Radleigh

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STEPPING UP AT ALTAVIA ANNIVERSARY 5/13/23

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Newsletter of the Barony of Altavia, Caid



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FROM THE CHRONICLER

Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios



In this issue: We start publishing the minutes from Altavia's Council Meetings!

CONTENT NEEDED: This newsletter is 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 & Dame Briana MacCabe



January 2023 Comments

Greetings, Altavia!

Welcome to the New Year! We hope that you all had a lovely holiday season full of fun times with the people that you love.

It has been quiet, event and practice-wise, since our last missive. With the holidays and much-needed rain hitting southern California, we have only had one fighter practice since the beginning of December 😞 Many thanks to Sibylla for arranging and encouraging alternate hangouts on Discord during fighter practice time the past two weeks and to those that have joined the hangouts. It's certainly not the same as getting out there and practicing but it's a great spirit-lifter when "recess" gets cancelled for weather.

This past weekend was the Coronation of King Optimus and Queen Issa and Caid's bi-annual Privy Council, and they were both full of important pageantry, conversations, and, at the end of the day, much love for the Kingdom we play in and the Game we play. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the bountiful largesse and amazing gifts we presented to their Outgoing and Incoming Majesties and thank you to all who processed in with us. As always, Master Colwyn creatively announced Altavia's presence and entertained the assembled crowd. A highlight of the day was the beautiful and theatrical exit of their then

Majesties and now Graces Adam and Staeina on amazingly decorated and kitted out Viking ships; more theater like this please! And, of course, many thanks and deepest gratitude to Duke Adam and Duchess Staeina for their calm and thoughtful leadership throughout their reign!

Many congratulations, also, to Altavia's own Master Laertes who stepped up as Kingdom Seneschal during Saturday's Coronation! He takes over from Sir Tiberius Finn who masterfully guided Caid through some of the darkest times. Thank you, Sir Tiberius, for your tireless service to the Kingdom of Caid and enjoy your well-earned break.

On Sunday, His Excellency and I attended Privy Council, skillfully run by our new Kingdom Seneschal, where many important and weighty subjects were discussed. A large part of the conversation was around officer burnout, recruiting, and how we can all help each other make sure our territories have what they need to keep going strong. If you have any ideas on how we can partner with other baronies and shires on events, demos, or other efforts, please bring them forward...no idea is too big or too small to be discussed. At the end of the meeting there was a difficult discussion around the investigative process in the SCA and what can be done during this process to help members of the populace that may not feel safe attending events.

While we don't need to go into details here, we know there were many things that took place this weekend and leading up to this weekend that you may want to discuss further. Please know that His Excellency and I are always here to listen, to bring your concerns forward when needed, and to help you work on any solutions you might want to propose. At the end of the day, though we may have different opinions on many things, we ALL love this family we call the SCA and want to make sure it is a fun, safe, and inclusive space for all for years to come.

Yours in Service to the Dream,
Baron Nikolaos Phaistos
Baroness Briana MacCabe

February 2023 Comments

Greetings, Altavia!

It's been a busy time in Caid since our last council meeting! The week after Coronation was quiet with only a few Altavians (not His Excellency or I) down at Winter Weekend but after that it was three weeks straight of tourneys and events.

First up was Consort's Champion Martial in Dun Or. We had several Altavians in both the armored and rapier sides of the event including Lord Altavia, Griffith, and Phelan on the armored side and His Excellency, Caterina, and I on the rapier side of things.

Congratulations to Sir Valentine and Master Tyndel, the champions of the day! Thank you to everyone at Dun Or that hosted a lovely day...especially Nafar and crew for serving up a donation lunch of yummy street tacos and of course to Cassandra, Monique, Eadric, Cat, Merlin, and everyone else who helped with set up and tear down.

The next weekend was a glorious day down in Gyldenholt for the Unbelted Tournament. We had many hands on deck to help with set up and tear down and Gyldenholt ran a glorious event as always. Altavia fielded three competitors, Griffith, Phelan, and Giachino. Out of a huge list (69 fighters) Phelan went all the way to the 7th round, Griffith to the 5th, and

Giachino to the 3rd. Giachino was also named one of the most chivalrous fighters on the field by the Ladies of the Rose. Good job, all!

Next up was the arts and sciences-focused Festival of the Rose out in Ridgecrest. Myself and my ladies, Cassandra and Monique made the trek and had a wonderful day viewing the art and listening to performances, followed by dinner and karaoke fun with the Horsemen of Judgement Keep. Thanks to everyone in Naevehjem for running a wonderful event!

Rounding out recent events was Red Star Rapier War this last weekend up in Wintermist! While camping was chilly it was a wonderful event and Altavia fielded one of its largest war fighting contingents in recent years with His Excellency and I, Mistress Cecilia, Lyric, Caterina, Daniel, Phelan, and Master Alexander Baird taking the field for Altavia, with Merlin taking lots and lots of photos! We also had quite a few Altavians (Courtney, Anwyll, and Cora) helping Sir Master Jamal with his amazing feast entry. The fighting was fierce, the friendship was heart-warming, and the event was spectacular. I highly encourage everyone who can attend to do so in the future; the Horsemen put on a heck of a war!

This weekend (fates willing and the weather holds off) will be Calafia-Gyldenholt Friendship tourney down in Calafia. The following weekend is Crown in Angels and Consort's Champion Archery Thrown Weapons here in Altavia at Woodley archery range. We will be at Crown cheering on all the combatants and ask anyone who is able to come out to Woodley on Sunday to please help out with set up and tear down.

Looking a little further down the road, there will be a baronial investiture in Dun Or at the beginning of April so please start sending largess my way. If you need ideas, please let me know.

Have a great month, Altavia, and remember...we love you, always!

Yours in Service to the Dream,
Baron Nikolaos Phaistos
Baroness Briana MacCabe

March 2023 Comments

Greetings, Altavia!

As I write this note, the heavens are once again raining down on our fair lands. It has been a damp month, but our spirits are as high as ever, and there is lots going on here in Altavia and in Caid.

While Calafia-Gyldenholt Friendship tourney was unfortunately rained out (as was pretty much everything that weekend in our area), the following weekend was a lovely double event weekend. First up was a truly stellar Crown in Angels! Congratulations to all combatants, especially Altavia's own Faelan, for wonderfully clean and well-communicated tournament, and thank you to Cassandra, Monique, Cecilia, Christof, Lord and Lady Altavia, Meliora, Matlens, and many, many more who joined us in the dragonwing for a lovely day! The finals were a nail biter between Sir Valentine and Duke Skalla with some really spectacular fighting. Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses, Skalla and Lorissa. If you would like to serve on court for their upcoming reign, please reach out to His Excellency or I and we'll put you in contact with the right people.

Sunday was a slightly soggy Consort's Champion Archery Thrown Weapons here in Altavia at Woodley archery range. While a smaller event, Cecilia did a wonderful job running the event and arranging a fun and challenging tournament on the archery side, with Lord

Conall running things on the thrown weapons side. Her Majesty seemed to enjoy the flock of ducks that showed up for her and even took to the field to shoot a crossbow bolt or two. Thank you to all who helped us run a smooth event, especially List Mistress, Tezar, and finish up quickly so Her Majesty could get back on the road before the snows hit the Grapevine.

Congratulations to Miguel, Her Majesty's new archery champion and Conall, her thrown weapons champion!

Last weekend while I was under the weather, His Excellency headed out to Dreibergen for the brand-new Academia Draconis. He'll have to give all of the details on this event but from everything I read and all the pictures I've seen, it sounds like it was an amazing event and I look forward to attending it in the future.

From Baron Niko: Academica Draconis was truly wonderful. The classes, fighting and revelry were top notch. What I most appreciated is the time I had with a couple of new Altavians who took the time to sit and talk with me in the tavern. Thank you for the company, smiles and waves. I believe Joana was one of their names and I can't remember the other. The old Baron has never been good with remembering names the first (hundred) time I am introduced. We hope to see you more at practice and events.

The next few months will be busy here as we get Lord and Lady Altavia, Grif and Amabel, ready to step up at Anniversary. There's lots to do but we know that Altavia will rise to the occasion. Let's all pitch in to make sure we throw a party full of Theater not Drama!

Until next month, love always...

Yours in Service to the Dream,
Baron Nikolaos Phaistos
Baroness Briana MacCabe



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lady Sibylla de Haze

February 2023 Minutes



Seneschal's Report : Sibylla

I am looking for a deputy!

Discord! With the baronage on their way out in May, I would like to have everyone on Discord in the future. I am not a fan of using my personal Facebook messenger as a replacement for baronial email since it is not designed for official communications, only casual communications between friends and family, and discord is a happy medium between instant messaging and email, and it is much easier to create threads for specific topics (including event planning) in a similar way as Microsoft Teams or Slack. We may have an A&S night soon with troubleshooting discord as the main topic, but please if you are having issues, email me or arrange a time to meet with me.

Discord should eventually replace zoom for baronial meetings because the quality of the call and connectivity stability is better, and we won't have to wrangle a link for every meeting.

Old Business:

None!

Ongoing Business:

Outreach - Next baronial outing is: Guildhall night Tuesday February 28th.

New Business:

Our new Webwright! Merlin! Welcome, would you like to tell us what you want to accomplish?

Merlin wants to update the info and photos for the officer's page.

Officer's Reports

Archers – *Vacant (Deputy: Baron Nikolaos Phaistos, Baron Cristofanus Castellani):* 2 consistent archers showing up to the practices.

B&B's comment: things need to be publicized more in advance.

Arts & Sciences – *Alessandra Gioielliere (Deputy: Edith of Arborath):* Nothing to report. No A&S classes have been happening.

Chatelaine – *THL Monique Marie Sauniere (Deputies: Vacant):* Email today was the only one today in months. Niko: Dan Ray is back (the magician). 3 new people have showed up. Caterina has brought participants! Yay!

Children – *Baroness Tezar of Aeolis (Deputy: Vacant):* No activity, Tezar still needs someone to replace her.

Chronicler – *Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputy: Vacant)* I'll get the baronial comments online tonight. Other than that, I've got nothing to report at the moment..

Constable – *Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):* nothing to report.

Exchequer – *Elle* : \$20,636 as cash assets. Fundraising has added a surplus income, great news!

Herald- Not a lot to report, Kingdom Herald meeting. Order of the Hobbyhorse passed.

Lists – *THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):* Nothing to report.

Marshal – *Griffith von Bremen (Deputy: Vacant):* Regular heavies for one fighter practice. Good month, equipment is good, Griff will be appointing a deputy.

Marshal, Equestrian – *THL Guene Annwyll (Deputy: Vacant):*

Marshal, Rapier – *Don Nathaniel Longbow (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos):* Active and hopping, Nathaniel is also interested in a deputy. Between 5-12 fighters, consistent visitors from Dun Or and Darach. Rapier is happening in Altavia.

Marshal, Thrown Weapons – *Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Vacant):* Not much hope to have more.

Marshal, Unarmored – *NOT HAPPENING RIGHT NOW*

Marshal, Youth Combat – *Baroness Tezar of Aeolis (Deputy: Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha):* No one has showed up. She needs someone to step in for that. We will likely discontinue it.

Social Media – *Elsebeth (Deputy: Eadwine Dane)*: No report. We need someone to step up and do social media for our Facebook page (not group).

Webwright – *Merlin Wynn (Deputy Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios)*: Trying to put together a list of everybody's contact info.

Announcements

Next Council Meeting – Second Tuesday of next month (March 14th) 7:00pm via Zoom
NOTE: This will be a joint anniversary/investiture planning meeting.

March 2023 Minutes

Seneschal's Report : Sibylla

Huge thank you to Cecilia and Cristof for stepping up to take on Consort's Champion Archery and Thrown Weapons last weekend! The snake shoot was super fun, even if it was soggy.

Still looking for a deputy willing to step up in December of 2023 as my tenure as seneschal ends in December, and I would like to serve a different role in the barony at that time.

Likewise to everyone else, if you would like to step back from your role, please find deputies to replace you. If you cannot find deputies and/or immediately need to step back due to life reasons, please let myself and the B&B know and we can advertise your positions. If you are not enjoying the role you are in, you're going to get burned out. Don't let volunteer work in the SCA become burdensome and burn you out— find capable and willing deputies to help row the boat!

Old Business:

Ongoing Business:

Anniversary planning is happening and in full swing.

Announcement: Meliora is putting together court and guard favor nights at her place on April 6th and 25th. No sewing experience necessary, so if you're interested DM her or post on the kingdom page for more details.

New Business:

Getty event coordinator contact.

Officer's Reports

Archers – *Vacant (Deputy: Baron Nikolaos Phaistos, Baron Cristofanus Castellani)*: Consort's Champion was great. Practice next weekend, weather permitting.

Arts & Sciences – *Alessandra Gioielliere (Deputy: Edith of Arborath)*:

Chatelaine – *THL Monique Marie Sauniere (Deputies: Vacant)*: Nothing to report. Hasn't been at practice.

Children – *Baroness Tezar of Aeolis (Deputy: Vacant)*: Tezar will hand off equipment to Griff.

Chronicler – *Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputy: Vacant)*
1st quarter issue due at the end of this month. In May, there will be an extra issue: goodbye issue for the B&B.

Constable – *Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant)*: Signs, still have not slid off the hill?

Exchequer – *Elle Wynn*: January statement 20,236.70

Herald- *Damien of Baden*- Meeting will be this Sunday at 7:00

Lists – *THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):*

Marshal – *Griffith von Bremen (Deputy: Vacant):* 2 regulars.

Marshal, Equestrian – *THL Guene Annwyll (Deputy: Vacant):*

Marshal, Rapier – *Don Nathaniel Longbow (Deputy: THL Nikolaos Phaistos):* 7-10 people still, good core of Altavians. Marshal is looking for someone to replace him.

Marshal, Thrown Weapons – *Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Vacant):*

Marshal, Unarmored – *NOT HAPPENING RIGHT NOW*

Marshal, Youth Combat – *Baroness Tezar of Aeolis (Deputy: Sir Thorin vordr O'Seaghdha):*

Social Media – *Elsebeth (Deputy: Eadwine Dane):* No report. We need someone to step up and do social media for our Facebook page (not group).

Webwright – *Merlin Wynn (Deputy Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios):* added SSH to Altavia.org site. Did go through and cleaned up the green to all be the same green. Creating a contacts list for baronial officers.

Announcements

Next Council Meeting – Second Tuesday of next month (April 11th) 7:00pm via Zoom

A Request for Fret Knot submissions

Exactly what is sounds like!! Cartoons, Articles, Recipes, How-tos, Photos, Stories! It counts as an official publication for resume & documentation purposes!

Share what you do with your barony!!

Please send submissions or questions to: chronicler@sca-altavia.org

(Picture your artwork here!!)



ALTAVIA ANNIVERSARY & INVESTITURE



When: Sat, May 13, 2023, 8am – 5pm

Where: Veterans Memorial Community Regional Park, 13000 Sayre St, Sylmar, CA 91342, USA

DESCRIPTION:

After our long years of isolation, Altavia Calls for UNITY!!!

We call upon the populace to come together and embrace all our differences as the true strengths they are!

Calling all Fighters, Bards, Artisans, and Everyone Else!

Come Celebrate this extra-special day with us as we witness the investiture of Lord Griffith Von Bremen and Lady Amabel Radleigh as the 9th Baron and Baroness of Altavia.

Old Traditions and New Ideas, Make the SCA Strong!!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Adult Event Registration: \$20.00.

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15.00.

Children ages 16 and under are guests of the barony.

Please make checks payable to: SCA, Inc./Barony of Altavia.

Cash and checks only will be accepted for this event.

To our Baronial Cousins, if you plan on bringing your Baronial Dragonwing or Pavilion, please e-mail Saystine@att.net with the dimensions so that space can be allotted.

LOCATION/SITE RESTRICTIONS:

Veterans Memorial Community Regional Park, 13000 Sayre St, Sylmar, CA 91342.

There is no staking into the turf deeper than 6 inches and no driving on turf.

No amplified music and no alcohol.

Pets must be leashed at all times and picked up after.

The park asks that we haul out all of our own trash. Trash bags will be provided.

A site map will be forthcoming.

ACTIVITIES:

Activities of the day will include baronial champion tournaments for Armored, and Rapier Combat.

A baronial Arts and Sciences champion will be chosen.

Fighters, Want an Extra life? Bring some of your Art to share!

Altavia's unity Game will be Kubb. Get ready for a cross barony show down.

We will also have other games on hand to play for those who wish to play.

ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Calling all Artisans! Please come and share your Artistic visions with us.

The Arts and Sciences theme this year is Unity! So that means everything is welcome!!

Bring your in period, or out of period Art and passions to be seen!

Want to write up a mercenary contract? do it! see if we can get the new Baron to sign it!

Have some lovely painted Warhammer figures? Bring them!

This is the event to let all your geek flags fly!

BARDS:

Come express yourself with us!

The bardic / performative portion is open to all stories, songs, and various performances, period or not!

We are not treating this as a competition.

Just an open space to share your art and passions!

SILENT AUCTION:

The barony will be having a silent auction and a market of gently-used SCA items, with all proceeds to go towards the baronial fund.

If you have any donations you would like to give, please contact Cecilia
cybalcecia@gmail.com

MERCHANTS:

Merchants are welcome! If you are interested in merchanting, please email Morgaine at
ducorbeau@aol.com for space reservations.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

8 am: Populace welcome and gate opens.

9 am: All lists open

10 am: Opening court (at the discretion of TRMs).

All lists close 30 min after the close of morning court

1 pm: Last of the A&S entries accepted

1 pm - 3 p.m. Games and Bardic performances at A&S

4 pm: Closing court (at the discretion of TRMs).

5 pm: Site closes.

DIRECTIONS:

From the east: Take I-210 west to the Hubbard Exit and turn right onto Hubbard.

From the west: Take the I-210 east to the Hubbard exit and turn left onto Hubbard.

Then: Follow Hubbard to Eldridge.

Turn left on Eldridge and go to the first stop sign, which is Sayre.

Turn right on Sayre and follow it all the way up the hill.

As soon as you enter the gate into the park, turn right.

Altavia signs will direct you.

EVENT STEWARDS: Saystine Fojtik, and Cecilia Medici

EMAIL: Saystine@att.net, or cybalcecia@gmail.com or anniversary@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.

COVID GUIDELINES

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/e/dit



ALTAVIA BARONIAL OFFICERS

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



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- ❖ **Deputy Marshal: Currently vacant**
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- ❖ **Deputy Webwright: Currently vacant**
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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?

Please contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@sca-altavia.org



MEETINGS & PRACTICES IN THE BARONY



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

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** - archery@sca-altavia.org

- **Date/Time:** 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

- **Date/Time:** 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** - equestrian@sca-altavia.org

- **Date/Time:** Third Sunday of the month 10am to 12 noon (Usually)
- **Location:** Conejo Creek Equestrian Center: 1350 E Avenida De Las Flores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
- More practice info on our [Equestrian webpage](#)
- **Join** the Darach / Altavia Equestrian [Facebook group](#)
- Check the email list or contact the [Equestrian Marshal](#) to confirm each month's practice

• **Rapier Combat** - rapier@sca-altavia.org

- **Date/Time:** 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

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

- **Unarmored Combat** - unarmored@sca-altavia.org
 - **Date/Time:** 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
 - **Date/Time:** 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
 - **Date/Time:** 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
 - **Weekly Bardic Jams**
 - **Date/Time:** Monday nights before fighter practice, beginning as 6:30pm at the stone tables
 - **Location:** Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, CA 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.
 - **Singers, instrumentalists, and audience welcome!**
 - We practice an eclectic mix of traditional folk music and some period pieces here and there, with the goal of performing at wars and other events
 - **Hosts:** Giachino Morone Lococo di San Filippo and Dame Briana MacCabe
 - **Occasional Bardic Circles**
 - 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
- **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 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 be approved by the admins)



ALTAVIA BARIONAL CHAMPIONS



Webpage:

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

- ❖ **Archery:** Master [Dafydd ap Tomas](#) (10/23/22)
- ❖ **Armored Combat:** Duke [Sven Orfhendur](#) (05/14/22)
- ❖ **Arts & Sciences:** Master [Niccolo d'Angelo](#) (05/14/22)
- ❖ **Bardic:** Mistress [Cecilia Medici](#) (12/10/22)
- ❖ **Chess Champion:** Master [Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling](#) (12/10/22)
- ❖ **Equestrian:** [Inara Kyri of Darach](#) riding [Roxy the Wonder Pony](#) (05/20/18)
- ❖ **Fretted Fork:** THL [Matlens Litovka](#) and Lord [Giovanni di Costa](#) (10/23/22)
- ❖ **Rapier Combat:** Don [Nathaniel Longbow](#) (05/14/22)
- ❖ **Thrown Weapons:** Lady [Sibylla de Haze](#) (10/23/22)
- ❖ **Unarmored Combat:** THL [Amabel Radleigh](#) (05/14/22)
- ❖ **Youth Archery-Youth:** [Benjamin Scully](#) (10/30/19)
- ❖ **Youth Archery-Under 8:** [Voltar of Drieburgen](#) (10/30/19)

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