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FROM THE CHRONICLER

Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los
Unicornios



In this issue

We bid farewell to Baron Nikolaos Phaistos and Baroness Briana MacCabe

They served Altavia well and faithfully from May 12, 2018 through May 13, 2023.

Doing extra special duty during the pandemic to keep us all in touch and sane while we quarantined in our homes.

I am sure the barony joins me in saying “THANK YOU for your work, caring, and love!”

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 & Mistress Briana MacCabe



May 2023 Comments -- last comments from Niko & Briana

Greetings, Altavia!

Well, it is May and a very special time for the SCA and for our barony in particular. This month we celebrate not only the 57th birthday of this game we all hold so dear but also the 40th birthday of the wonderful lands of Altavia! There is also more to celebrate this year...but we'll come to that in a moment.

The last month saw His Excellency and I, as well as many Altavians, traveling to events around the kingdom. His Excellency made a solo trek out to Strachan Anniversary and then came right back so we could both attend Robin Hood Archery and Thrown Weapons tournament at Woodley Park. Angels announced their new heirs; and several of us made a little spot for some music under the trees while shooting and throwing was going on. Last weekend, His Excellency and I, along with our stalwart Altavians, Captain Cassandra and Eadric, headed up to Darach Anniversary. It was a lovely day with lovely weather and Baron Niko came out on top for the rapier tournament. There was some really great fighting from both him and our honorary Altavians, Ceallach and Skaife!

So that catches us up to this week...which is a big one in Altavia. We'll be talking about last minute plans for this Saturday's Anniversary events in a few minutes, but His Excellency and I wanted to put down in writing what you've been hearing from us this week and will continue to hear from us until they get the shepherd's crook and yank us off the stage on Saturday morning 😊

So...Thank you, Altavia, from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you for your faith in us, for your hard work, for your smiles, for sharing your ups and downs with us. For sticking with us and with the Barony through both thick and thin (and there was a lot of both these last 5 years!)

Like Niko said last night, we were merely the cruise directors, making sure everyone had what they needed to enjoy our hobby to its fullest. It was you, all of you, that put in your ideas, your heart, your backs, and your souls into this game to make it work and to make Altavia the fun-loving land of Theater, Not Drama, that we are known to be throughout the Kingdom, and the Knowne World.

We truly hope that we are leaving Altavia in a better place than when we found it (though our baronial predecessors were all tough acts to follow!) and we know we are leaving it in good hands with Griffith and Amabel. Please continue to support them as they take the baronial thrones and lead us all into the future.

“And remember, fair Altavia, should you need us...yes, should you need us...”

We remain...

Always Yours in Service to the Dream,

Baron Nikolaos Phaistos

Baroness Briana MacCabe



ALTAVIA INVESTITURE

By Roisin Ni Brian



Within a green hollow,
Upon a green hill,
On a day almost summer,
Breeze lost winter's chill.
The people all gathered,
From miles around,
To cheer their brave leaders,
At last stepping down.

For the last half a decade,
They'd served the land well,
Counseled her people,
Cast their own spell.
But now they were aging,
Growing tired and old,
Their thoughts on amusements,
And beverages cold.

But who could step forward,
Take on this grand game?
Write the next chapter,
Continue their fame?

Then over the hill,
Stepped a warrior bold,
Sword ready for battle,
And sagas untold.
The people all gasped,
Could this be the one?
To continue the legend,
And shine like the sun?

This warrior seemed brave,
And mighty, and true,
(And that lad on her arm,
Was good-looking too.)
So the people all cheered,
For this was a great day.
And the new Baronage,
Is now holding sway.

Altavia is happy,
Celebrations abound,
For the old and the new,
The honored and crowned.





ALTAVIA ACRES

By Dena Springer (Baroness Ragnailt)



If you've resided in Caid for even the shortest while, you're no doubt aware of the Barony of Altavia, one of Caid's loveliest jewels...but have you ever heard of Altavia Acres?

DID YOU KNOW...

Altavia Acres, the Barony of Altavia's Retirement Community, and the invention of Her Grace, the beloved Duchess Bridget Lucia MacKenzie, was founded in 2005, when then Baroness Bridget, and Baron Laertes granted Baron Iain Glic MacRobert and Baroness Theresia diu Theresia diu Harpfærin a gift of a deed to "one acre of the finest green land and one Manor Cottage within the retirement community of Altavia Acres" upon their stepping down as the Baron and Baroness of Dun Or, "daughter" Barony of Altavia.

In 2008, Baroness Courtney of the White Meadow and Baron Baron Thorin vorðr Ó Séaghdha, during their ascension to the Baronial Thrones at Altavia's 25th Anniversary celebration, presented each of the former Baron and Baronesses present with Deeds to their own retirement homes in Altavia Acres. In October of that same year, Baroness Courtney and Thorin were given the promissory deed to their own Altavia Acres retirement home.

Their Excellencies Baron Secca of Kent, and Baroness Meliora Deverel were awarded their Deed to their Altavia Acres Retirement home in 2014, and Their Excellencies Baron Christofanus and Baroness Cecilia received the deed to their future Altavia Acres residence.

Each Deed stipulates the following conditions: 1) "Subject to Availability 2) "Manor" and "finest" may be subjective in interpretation and 3. Bearer takes responsibility for all taxes, rampaging crusades, natural disasters and occasional whims of the Baron and Baroness of Altavia."

Let it never be said that the populace of Altavia fails to offer the utmost care and respect to it's beloved "seniors", especially those who are blessed to own their own little slice of heaven in Altavia Acres.

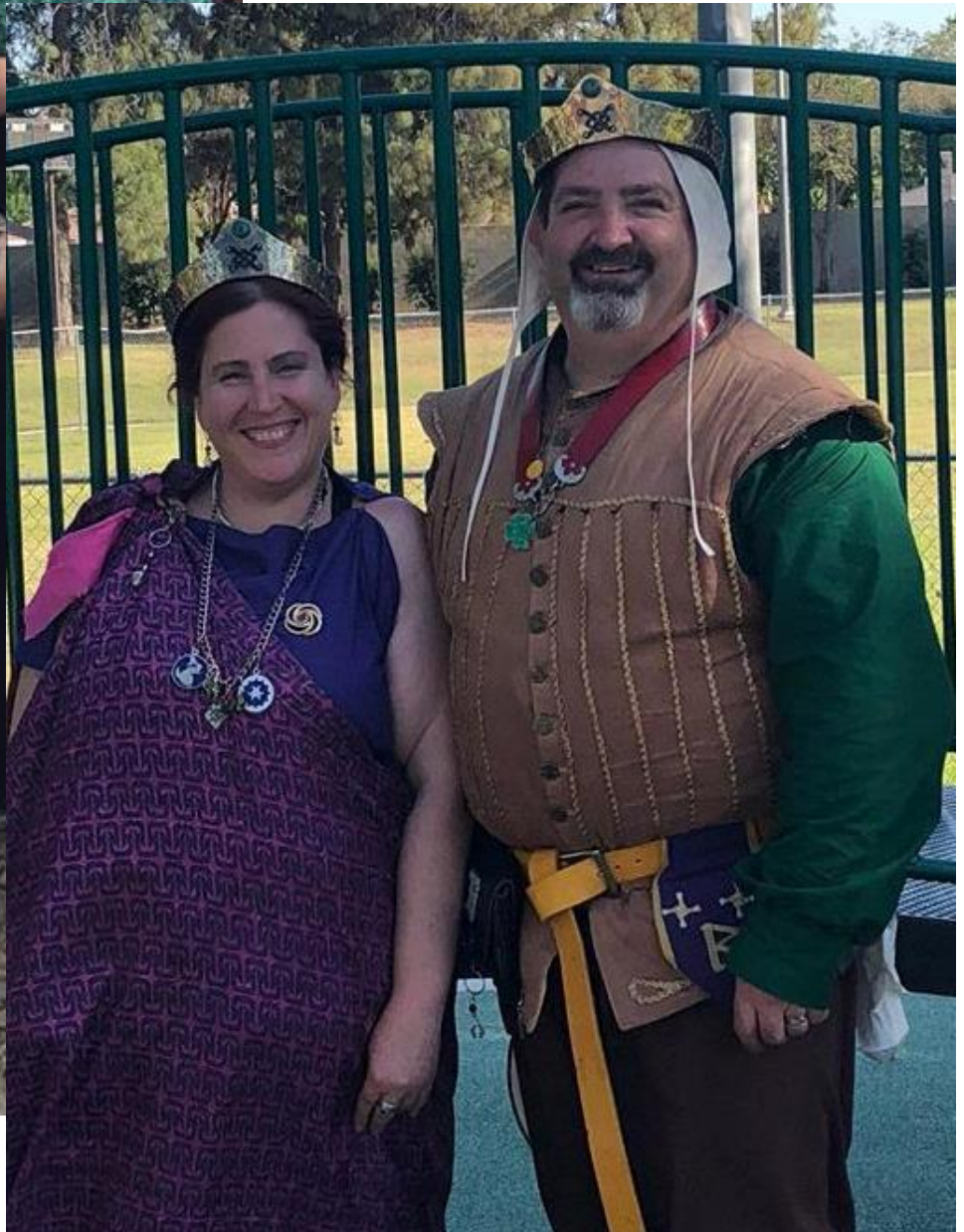
For more information about Altavia Acres, be sure to check out the Compendium Caidis, at [https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Altavia Acres](https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Altavia_Acres)

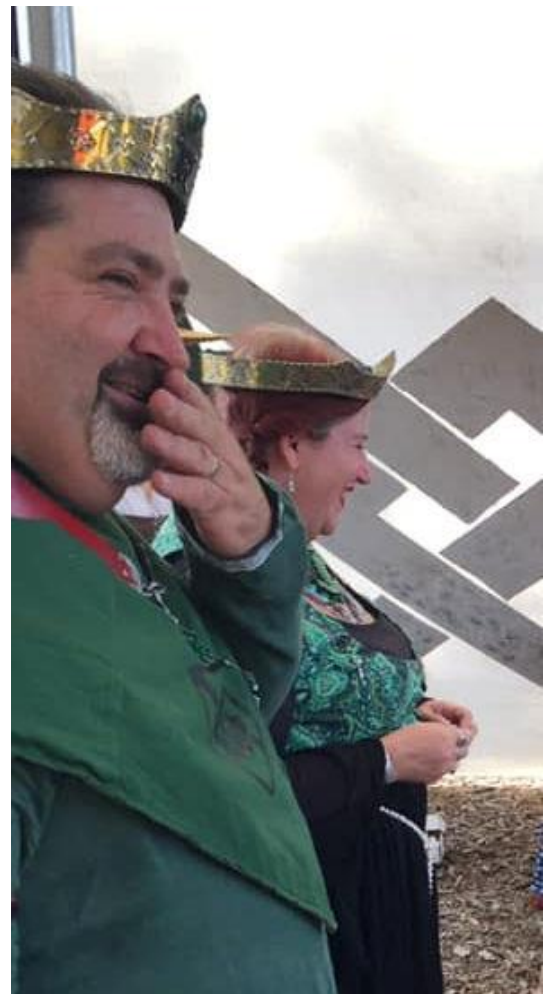




**BARON NIKO
&
BARONESS BRIANA
IN PHOTOS**















THANK YOU BARON NIKO & BARONESS BRIANA
FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK
STEERING OUR BARONIAL SHIP

