

FRET KNOT



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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



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

A Request for Fret Knot submissions

Exactly what it 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!!)



FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Griffith von Bermen & Amabel Radleigh

March 2024 Comments



Hello Altavia!

It's been a busy month, with lots of events!

We started off with Red Star Rapier War, where we had an excellent Altavian encampment. We got to enjoy the tournaments, melees, classes, and Bardic performances. Our Baron especially enjoyed getting to be a necromancer- raising the dead in one of the melees.

The following weekend we got to attend Lyondemere Arts and Archery, and Altavia made a great showing, with Altavian archers winning in many different categories.

In individual events, Merlin won the Royal Rounds, Marianna won the balloon melee, and Christof won the Dragon shoot. The day ended with

Christof as the archery champion, Niko as the thrown weapons champion, and Merlin as the crossbow champion! We are proud to have Altavia represented as the new Lyondemere Champions!

We also finished up our segment on Screen printing, with custom screens getting produced and utilized to customize garb and t-shirts. Thank you again to Christof for running the classes and coordinating with IStitch and Print for the use of their facilities.

Following right after, we headed up to Wintermist for the Crown Tournament. It was a good day of fighting, even with the rain and wind. We are excited to welcome Duke Sven and Lady Iseabail as our new Prince and Princess.

Lastly, while we were unable to attend Summergate Anniversary, Altavia was well represented, with Master Niko becoming the Cut and Thrust Champion and Dame Brianna becoming the Bardic champion!

We are looking forward to another eventful month and are excited to see what the next month brings for us all.

In service to the dream,

Baroness Amabel Radleigh

Baron Griffith von Bremen

February 2024 Comments

Hello Altavia!

It's been a rainy, wet start to the year, with practices as possible between the wet days. While Consorts Champion was sadly postponed due to the rain, we had a great Unbelted, with over 60 fighters!

We have a busy month coming up with tournament season continuing. We are looking forward to Rapier war this weekend, and hoping for mild weather. We are also planning on taking part in Lyondomere Arts and Archery on Feb 24th and Crown Tournament on March 2nd. We look forward to enjoying a nice variety of formats, and seeing a bunch of people there!

In service to the dream,

Baroness Amabel Radleigh

&

Baron Griffith von Bremen

January 2024 Comments

Greetings one and all.

It has been a relaxing month as far as events go, though I'm certain more than a few of us have been busy in preparation for upcoming events. Like the lovely Largesse that we were able to present to TRM's. It was a nice break that helped most of us catch up with projects and temper our sense of decency in expectation of my ramblings. :P

This last weekend was the Coronation of the newly established King and Queen, Tryggr & Mercedes. They'll certainly put the T&M in TRM's. It was a delightful (and tense) moment in the ceremony that had many of us at the edge of our seats in anticipation. We bid farewell to the former Crowns and welcomed the new in Caidan fashion.

We look forward to seeing what you accomplish at future events. Such as: Winter Weekend, Consort's Champion, Unbelted, Festival of the Rose! We know you'll make this Reign, one(among many) to remember.

Here in Audacious Service to the Dream,

THL Griffith Von Bremen, RRE.

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THL Amabel Radleigh, the Amazing.

(and not just because she let me write this unsupervis...*CLANG!*)

Baroness – Coronation went awesome, thank you to everyone for your contributions. We received a thank-card the next day.



ALTAVIA ONLINE



Website: Including info on meetings, practices, officers, events, history, and more!

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

Facebook Group: Membership is free and open to the public, although membership

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/baronyofaltavia/>



UPCOMING EVENTS



Altavia Anniversary

Saturday May 11, 2024

The Barony of Altavia welcomes you to our 41st anniversary!

This glorious day celebrates all things William Marshall, one of the greatest knights of the Anglo-Norman period and perhaps of all-time, with a ransom tournament format.

Calling all fighters, artisans, bards, and everyone else! All are welcome!

Watch our [website](https://altavia.sca-caid.org/events/) for updates: <https://altavia.sca-caid.org/events/>

ACTIVITIES: Activities of the day will include baronial champion tournaments for Armored, Rapier Combat, and Cut and Thrust. A baronial Arts and Sciences champion will be chosen. There will also be a gaming area as well as bardic performances.

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 anniversary@altavia.sca-caid.org.

ARTS AND SCIENCES: Calling all Artisans! Please come and share your artistic visions with us. The Arts and Sciences theme this year is Contracts, Promises, and Ransoms. That could mean representations of service to your barony, items that might have been ransomed, or love letters, favors, or anything that could show a bond between consorts! Express yourself!

BARDS! Come perform with us in our Arts & Sciences space! Our bardic space is open to all stories, songs, and various performances, period or not! This is not a competition, but you may earn coins for your art.

SCHEDULE:

8:00 AM	Populace welcome and gate opens
9:00 AM	Lysts Open
10:00 AM (or at TRM discretion)	Opening Court
30 Minutes following Court	Lysts Close
12:00 PM	Tournament begins w/ format review
12:30 PM - 1:00PM	Round 1
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Break
1:00 PM	Last call for A&S entries
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Round 2
1:45 PM-2:00 PM	Break
2:00 PM	Prize table opens
2:00 PM-2:30 PM	Round 3
2:30 PM-2:45 PM	Determine Finalists
3:15 PM-4:00 PM	Combat Finals
4:00 PM	Closing Court
5:00 PM	Site closes

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Adult Event Registration: \$25.00.
- 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.

SITE RESTRICTIONS/INFORMATION:

- 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.

To our Baronial Cousins, if you plan on bringing your Baronial Dragonwing or Pavilion, please email anniversary@altavia.sca-caid.org with the dimensions so that space can be allotted.

TOURNAMENT: The objective of the tournament (for BOTH combatants and non-combatant participants) is to amass as much “coin of the realm (coin)” as possible. At the start of the day, each participant will be issued 20 “coins of the realm.”

The event will feature the following activities (AKA “How can I make more coin?”):

- **Combat** - There will be one Lyst field each for Armored, Rapier, and Cut-and-Thrust combat.
- **Ransom Negotiators** - All combatants will require someone to negotiate ransoms on their behalf. See “**Ransom Negotiators and Combatants - Settling a Ransom**” below for details.
- **Performances** - You may wish to perform for the Crown or the populace. We all know how generous the people are when one gives a great show, so put out your hat and scoop up the coin!
- **And so much more!** Please see our website at <https://altavia.sca-caid.org/william-marshall-ransom...> for more details on the tournament format.

PRIZE TABLE: There will be a prize table! Come exchange your coin for prizes!

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

EVENT STEWARDS: Dame Briana MacCabe and Lord Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo

EVENT EMAIL: anniversary@altavia.sca-caid.org

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.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Baroness Tezar of Aeolis

March 2024 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes



Via Zoom on 03/012/2024. Opened at 6:52 pm. Never officially started the meeting and closed it at 7:40.

While the Seneschal opened the meeting, her microphone was not working, and she could not be heard. Attempts to fix this resulted in her no longer being able to hear anyone else.

Multiple attempts to fix the problem did not work, while texting was done in chat to communicate with the participants. It was agreed that since several people were sick, reports had mostly been submitted, and we have an anniversary planning meeting next Tues (March 19), this meeting would be closed. Anything additional that needs to be discussed will be next week.

Attendees: Griffith Von Bremen, Amabel Radleigh, Lynette, Monique, Tezar, Merlin Wynn, Niko Phaistos, Edith, Damien, Cecilia.

Seneschal's Report:

I was cc'd on an e-mail regarding a new person, Jonathan Crayne, who contacted Lyondemere, but lives in No. Hollywood. The 1st quarter Seneschals report was submitted on March 5th.

Old Business: No old business to report.

Ongoing Business:

Altavia Anniversary – May 11, 2024.

1. Ad was submitted and has been published on the calendar and FB and will appear in the May CP. Thank you Faolain for writing it up and everyone for gathering info so we could get it in ASAP.
2. Our next playtest of the tourney format is coming up on Monday, March 18. Please encourage folks to attend so we can make sure this format is ready to go for Anniversary.
3. Our next Anniversary planning meeting will be Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm We'll be discussing format tweaks from the playtest, the ongoing challenges with the permit and finalizing plans for the site tokens and silent auction. An event will be created for the meeting soon.
4. I want to once again thank Cecilia for all her work wrangling our oh so fun permit this year and thank everyone that has been chiming in on the planning thread to help us problem solve as more and more is thrown our way. Go Team Altavia!

New Business:

St. Jude's Tourney – June 1st. Do we want to hold a fund raiser at/for this event? – due to technical difficulties at the meeting, this was unable to be discussed.

Officer's Reports:

Archers – Cristof: Arts & Sciences – (Edith of Arborath, deputy: Cristof):

Most practices were cancelled due to rain or mud. Looking forward to practices resuming regularly with the better weather.

Arts & Sciences – (Edith of Arborath, deputy: Cristof):

On 27 Feb, four Altavians held the last Screen/Block Print meeting @ iStitch & Print. Baron Christoph attended [he works there] to help get the printing done and act as liaison with the owner, Alex. We are so fortunate to have been allowed to use this facility. Merlin printed his Rapier-Mouse[s] on après` fight T-shirts & hoodies. His block-print was outstanding in detail.

Baroness Amabel saw the shirts into the heater to set the paint. Baroness Amabel put her screen-printed Knotty Dogs around the hem of the gown she'd made. We were all delighted the Dogs went around the bottom of the hem without gaps or adjustments. A fun night was had by all.

The March Arts/Sci meeting is "TBD" as we have Anniversary coming up and I want the night to be available if we need to do prep-work.

Thank you again to Christof for running the classes and coordinating with IStitch and Print for the use of their facilities.

Chatelaine – THL Monique Marie Sauniere (Deputies: Saystine):
Nothing to report.

Children – Cecilia De Medici (Deputy: Vacant).

Chronicler – Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputy: Vacant):
The 1Q newsletter will be out in the next week or so, the 1Q newsletter will be out in the next week or so. I'll add the Anniversary event info in this issue. If you have something to contribute (photos, article, recipe, etc., send it to me at chronicler@altavia.sca-caid.org)

Constable – Saystine Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):
Borders secure

Exchequer - Elle Wynn of Essex:
The ongoing project of updating the Baronial Regalia Book by Tim and Elle.

Finance Committee, Effective Jan 2024

Seneschal - Tezar	
Exchequer - Elle	Non-voting advisors:
Last Seneschal -	Timotheus
Last Exchequer -	Christof
Baron + Baroness - Griffith and Amabel	Laertes
Voting member - Lynnette	
Voting member – Cecilia	

Bank Signatories, Effective June 8, 2018

Timotheus	Courtney	Edith
Elle	Cecilia	Richenda

Altavia Exchequer's Report

March 2024

Based on January statement

W.F. Checking	\$15,361.04	
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Total	\$15,361.04	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$ 6,109.62	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$ 300.00	
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Total	\$21,770.66	

January Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET</u>
01/02/24	Pamela Brousseau SCA Ins 5x50, 1x75		\$325.00	
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		0	\$325.00	0

2023 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

Date	Description	Status	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
	T-Shirts	Pending	0	0	0
	Fund Raising	Pending	0	0	0
	Consorts Champ	Pending	0	0	0
	Anniversary	Pending	0	0	0
	Agincourt Tourney	Pending	0	0	0
	A/A Yule	Pending	0	0	0
			0	0	0

2023 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT

TOTAL GROSS INCOME	\$5,180.13
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,221.04
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$1,959.09

Herald- Damien of Baden/Voice herald – Briana McCabe:

Nothing to report.

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing to report for the past month. We will be running a test of the Anniversary tourney next Monday, March 18th.

Marshal – Niko Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant):

Deputy, Armoured: Griffith Von Bremen (temporary):

This was a slow month with several practices being rained out.

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 0, 4 (average, 4) 2 practices

Minimum Authorization age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

Problems/Injuries: Typical / Minimal (armor bites, bruises, sprains, etc.)

Current Status: Nothing to report.

Visiting Knights: 0 **Local knights:** 0

Comments: Slow start but have been busy. Phoenix War was fun for all Altavian fighters. As was Crown Tournament.

Hail our new Highnesses.

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

No active practices currently

Marshal, Rapier – Nikolaus Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant):

There was still a bit of rain this month, but we did have some rapier activity. Altavia was well represented at Red Star War and Summergate Anniversary. Practice is still thriving. We still average ten fighters per week. Rapier teaching is a weekly occurrence. Our Cut and Thrust loaner gear is being used and we have had at least two Altavians authorized. We also had the Baron authorize in rapier. We have also had a few returning new comers, Chandler and Forever. Unfortunately, we still need a couple of loaner daggers to replace our flexies. Discussions are continuing about remedying that situation. Rapier is alive and well.

February 12: 8 fighters. There was both Cut and Thrust and teaching. A brief discussion of the new rules was had. All our loaner daggers are now illegal. Steps are being taken to remedy that.

February 19/February 26: Both were rained out

March 4: 10 fighters with one new person, Chandler, and one returning fighter, “Forever”. Giacchino, plus the usual people, taught; and Cut and Thrust was practiced. The baronial rapier report has been submitted to Kingdom.

March 11: 9 fighters with Chandler returning as well as Racine. Cut and thrust was done as well as lyric getting authorized in both C&T and longsword.

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

Our next practice is the 17th (this Sunday). Altavia needs spears. I need to repair what we have if possible.

I have been asked to fill in as Kingdom TW Marshal until they can find a replacement. I'm scheduled to run Al Sahid on March 30 plus Robin Hood and GWW, so far. Because Cecilia is being asked to step up, we need to look into potentially finding someone else to fill in this position until a Kingdom TW office is found.

Marshal, Unarmored – NOT HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

Marshal, Youth Combat – (Tentatively) Cecilia di Medici: ON HOLD UNTIL BACKGROUND CHECK IS CLEARED.

Still have not received update as of today.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

Facebook continues to be strong. We added 8 new members last month and have between 200 and 300 people engage with the group everyday

Webwright – Merlin Wynn (Deputy Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios):

Next Council Meeting – 04/09/2024

February 2024 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom 02/13/2024, 7:05 pm – ended at 7:54

Attendees: Monique, Tezar, Briana McCabe, Merlin Wynn, Niko Phaistos, Edith, Faolain; Griffith Von Bremen, Lynnette, Gioccino, Amabel, Damien, Kristi Fojtik; Elle Brousseau.

Seneschal's Report: We were given consorts champion in January, and the dates for our normal events.

Old Business:

Yule – Niko said Fara stated that the exchequer said there were approximately 77 people in attendance.

Secca garb – no information obtained.

Ongoing Business:

Award Tokens – Cecilia reached out to Jon-Tom about tokens. We got a price. The finance committee approved and the funds have been sent to him. The token manufacturing will start once he receives the money.

Altavia Anniversary – May 11, 2024. Briana & Giocchino will be the co-stewards.

Briana - We're getting started. Cecilia is getting the permit for the park and the port-a-potties are already arranged, Drop off Friday and pick-up Monday. Cecilia – has printed out the form and will fill it in and get it back to the right person. She will find out about the difference in \$ from size of canopies. We've always just stated we are doing 10x10's. She is also working on putting together the budget to submit.

Giocchino – Briana has set up a volunteer page so we can get people signed up as soon as possible. Is Valentine interested in running a gaming pavilion as a way to gain points. Niko will bring it up.

Does anyone know anyone in Canada who can ship up \$50 in pennies? Saystine does and will do it. Giocchino has stated that he checked and we can use non-domestic currency for “coins”

Briana was thinking that A&S could help do sewing and block printing of bags. Edith volunteered to sew & print the bags. Examples will be provided for them to work from. Each will hold 20 coins. The bags will be the site favors.

Will do an anniversary meeting at 7 pm Monday the 19th.

Baronial favors – The old favors are not good to use. The A&S champion has offered to do the designs, and we will do those for the March A&S meeting to get them done in time. March 26th will be the anniversary champion bags.

New Business: None.

Officer’s Reports:

Archers – Cristof /Deputy: Merlin

1 special practice, the only one not rained out. There were 4 archers, did 6 royal rounds and 2 people ranked up. Merlin Is working on becoming a Marshal

Arts & Sciences – (Edith of Arborath, deputy: Cristof): Edith, then everyone else got sick, the owners of the shop got sick, so it all got cancelled. Moving the final block printing meeting to February 27th. On a personal note – Edith has been hacked/phished – so not on Facebook much. She has added her e-mail address in the chat so use that please. If not through e-mail – call/notify Monique and she will reach out to her. March 26th will be the anniversary champion bags.

Chatelaine – THL Monique Marie Saunier (Deputies: Vacant):

She hasn’t been to practice because many practices have been rained out, so they haven’t happened. There is one returning person to bardic practice who seems to be regularly returning.

Children – Cecilia De Medici (Deputy: Vacant).

No children’s activities have happened. She is still waiting for her background check and will talk to Laertes to see where things are.

Chronicler – Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputy: Vacant)

Next issue gets published in March. Please send anything you want to see published – art, recipes, stories, bardic, etc. She will use the website to make sure the info on officers is correct.

Constable – Saystine Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

All is good, borders are secured, made sure the baron took home his amour.

Exchequer – Elle Wynn of Essex:

Finance Committee, Effective Jan 2024: Seneschal - Tezar, Exchequer – Elle, Baron + Baroness - Griffith and Amabel, Voting members – Lynnette, Cecilia, Non-voting advisors: Timotheus, Christof, Laertes

Bank Signatories, Effective June 8, 2018: Timotheus, Elle, Courtney, Cecilia, Edith, Richenda

Based on December statement:

Wells Fargo Checking: \$15,686.04
W.F. CD 6 month: \$6,109.62 (Feb + Aug)
Cash box: \$ 300.00
Total: \$22,395.66

December Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET</u>
No transactions this period.				
		0	0	0

2023 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

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	T-Shirts	Pending	0	0	0
	Fund Raising	Pending	0	0	0
	Consorts Champ	Pending	0	0	0
	Anniversary	Pending	0	0	0
	Agincourt Tourney	Pending	0	0	0
	A/A Yule	Pending	0	0	0
			0	0	0

2023 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT

TOTAL GROSS INCOME	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	0
TOTAL NET INCOME	0

Personal – She is going into the hospital in two weeks – and will be in for at least 1 week. Please send things in before that – or know that she will be limited to non-driving for 2 months after surgery. She should be back by Anniversary,

Herald – Damien of Baden/Voice herald – Briana McCabe:
Nothing to report.

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

Marshal – Griffith von Bremen (Deputy: Vacant):

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 0, 0, 4, 0, 4 (average, 4) 2 practices

Minimum Authorization age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

Problems/Injuries: Typical / Minimal (armor bites, bruises, sprains, etc.)

Current Status: Nothing to report

Visiting Knights: Sven,

Local knights: None.

Comments: Slow month with rains and sickies. Wishing everyone a good tourney season. It's a slow month with lots of rain. Wishing everyone a good tourney seasons.

Marshal, Equestrian – THL Guene Annwyll (Deputy: Vacant): No active practices currently

Marshal, Rapier – Nikolaus Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant):

This Month has been a bit wet. We had two practices canceled due to the weather. Attendance at the practice we have held is still good. We are averaging about 10 fighters. There has been some wonderful instruction and Cut and Thrust fighting often. Our Baron Griffith authorized for rapier this month. Unfortunately, there has not been any new people for a while though. Our fighters have been apprised of the recent rule changes in Society. One of those changes has affected our loaner gear. All our daggers are no longer legal, so I have been in contact with others in order to remedy that situation. I will keep the barony informed of my progress. We may have to buy at least new dagger blades. Rapier is doing well.

New dagger blades are @\$88/each – only the blades. No quillons or handles, but need to have someone who knows how to handle them as the tang is different. The handles are made differently so may not handle the new blades safely. Need to get or make new ones. Niko is in conversation with people and will keep us up to date.

Social meeting ? re: Social media – do we want to add the weekly interest in Cut & Thrust to the announcements to encourage more fighters? Sounds great – approved.

January 15: We had 8 fighters including two MoDS, even though it was cold. There was lots of teaching.

January 22: Cancelled due to rain.

January 29: 13 fighters with one newish fighter, Forever, and a visit from the Baron and Baroness of Dreiburgen. Baron Griffith is now authorized. Cut and Thrust was had as well as lots of instruction.

February 5: Canceled due to rain

February 12: 8 fighters. There was both Cut and Thrust and teaching. A brief discussion of the new rules was had. All our loaner daggers are now illegal. Steps are being taken to remedy that.

Niko

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

No practices recently. Cecilia will be running Arts & Archery for Lyondomere. Practice was supposed to be this weekend, but as with the others will be rained out and Cecilia will be at Red Star Rapier War.

The next thrown weapons will be the 1st Sunday of March. 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Marshal, Youth Combat – (Tentatively) Cecilia di Medici: ON HOLD UNTIL BACKGROUND CHECK IS CLEARED.

Still have not received update as of today.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe:

We gained 5 new members to the FB group (+ 5 spammers that got caught). Still good engagement with people posting. Lots of eyes on posts, with Mondays getting the most interest. We have social media and it is working.

Webwright – Merlin Wynn (Deputy Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios):

We made an update to the officer positions this month, so they are now currently. Nothing else.

Next Council Meeting – 03/12/2024

January 2024 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom on 01/09/2024, Opened at 6:48 pm. Started meeting at 7:06. Ended at 8:02.

Attendees: Griffith Von Bremen, Amabel the Redleigh, Tezar, Saystine, Niko Phaistos, Cecilia de Medici, Cristof Castelloni, Natalya, Monique, Sorcha Fraser, Brianna MacCabe, Merlin Wynn, Damien of Baden

Seneschal's Report:

The Baroness and I attended privy council this last weekend. It was a really nice day, and their Majesties 1st chance to see the inner workings of how this great kingdom operates. This is the 1st Privy Council for each of them, and they mostly watched and listened. Uniformly the B&Bs talked about growth in their areas – both that there is being a steady flow of new people & how to encourage and sustain it. Use of QR codes on signs is helping bring in the younger newcomers in many areas. It was nice to see the various regional groups talking and working together to help the kingdom grow and thrive.

A few things to note from the Kingdome Seneschal –

Please, everyone, run all official business through your baronial e-mail account only – do not use your personal accounts. Also – we need agreements to serve from all officers and their deputies. I have gathered a list of people for whom we need these agreements at this time (Niko, Merlin, Briana, Cecilia & Saystine).

Old Business:

Yule – We had no fiscal responsibilities for this Yule, so no funds involved. Niko reached out to Fara re: numbers, have no answers.

Picking up garb from Secca – Cecilia has not heard from him on where/when to pick it up. Sybilla had the initial contact information.

Saystine – Coronation site is beautiful – could we use it again? – cost is probably a factor.

Ongoing Business:

Champion Favors for 2024: There were no submissions or the contest to design a favor. Amabel found some old court & guard favors from previous reigns and plans to modify them for the upcoming reign. Amabel feels ok with going forward with the basics that are already in place. She is open to ideas on customizing them some. She will try to take pictures and post on the Baronial page to the populace & see if anyone wants to augment them somewhat for this year.

Edith /Cristof – maybe do some block printing or something to specialize the favors for this year.

Maybe add to A&S schedule. Could see if there is a design that the B&Bs want – maybe could do pewter casting or buttons to add to the favors. Could discuss at the Jan A&S meeting, maybe add to Feb meeting. Maybe make a special insignia for Cap't and leaders.

Need to get award tokens still, only have 1 or 2 of most, 4 for a few. Amabel will look into reaching out to the people whose names were provided.

New Business:

Altavia Anniversary – May 11, 2024. Briana & Giocchino will be the co-stewards. Saystine has the previous budget and will provide to Briana. They did find a better \$ for the Porta-potty, so want to go back to them.

If we do the tournament format Giocchino was testing, there may not be time for a lot of other activities other than the auction. Do want to test it again, looking at testing it again in March.

Yes on the auction, need to find someone to run that. Need to verify that vendors are still going to be allowed. A % goes to the park but should be fine. Saystine verified that the snow cone booth will be there also.

Griff – he received an email from the garb coordinator for TRM's. Asking for help for simple garb for their majesties – Viking hoods, coats, tropical print Viking dress & tunic. They can provide materials just looking for help with the actual sewing.

Officer's Reports

Archers – Cristof: Arts & Sciences – (Edith of Arborath, deputy: Cristof):

Practices are held almost every Sunday. There was supposed to be one last Sunday, but it was cancelled due to high winds. The next practice is Jan 21st. Niko had heard a rumor about Woodley Park closing – do we know what is going on. The closed in range was burnt again. It has been cleaned up and the missing bales have been replaced. This has happened 3 times in the past 12 months. Cecilia will talk to Wayne and find out. Merlin will be stepping up as Deputy.

Arts & Sciences – (Edith of Arborath, deputy: Cristof):

Jan 23rd – wrapping up block printing. Needs to talk to Cristof about what exactly they will be doing. She'll reach out to Cristof about what they are actually doing so they can get things ready to work on when they get there. Also, screens need to be made in advance so that the printing can be done.

Feb doing token design for anniversary. March will be making tokens for Anniversary. Need to thank the folks at I Stitch & Print for their help.

Chatelaine – THL Monique Marie Sauniere (Deputies: Vacant):

She went to Fighter Practice last night – even though it was cold. There was a very enthusiastic woman (Jennifer) there whom she spoke with. Saystine is interested in being Deputy Chatelaine. Amabel will look into getting more cards and hand-outs for people. The QR signs are also working.

Children – Cecilia De Medici (Deputy: Vacant).

At yule there were a lot of A&S going on, for 3 kids. Everyone else participated, primarily Lily, did a lot of A&S. None at Agincourt.

Chronicler – Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios (Deputy: Vacant):

The 4th quarter newsletter went out shortly after December council meeting. No other business.

Constable – Saystine Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

Borders secure – she has signs.

Exchequer – Elle Wynn of Essex:

Nothing to report

Herald – Damien of Baden/Voice herald –

Briana McCabe: Not much to report. Doesn't know when Jan meeting is.

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing to report

Marshal – Griffith von Bremen (Deputy: Vacant):

1 Armored combat Marshal.

Participants 8, 4, 0 & 0 (Holidays) for an average of 6 for 2 practices.

Minimum authorization age – 16.

No experimental weapons.

No problems or injuries.

Visiting knights – Sven.

Celebrated Lady Eichling's Yearly cycle and fought 71 fights in honor of her 17th inverted birthday.

Had a slow last practice before the holidays. Sent off looking forward to a new and productive year.

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

No active practices currently

Marshal, Rapier – Nikolaus Phaistos (Deputy: Vacant):

This month has been slow due to three practice cancellations due to weather and holidays. We still had over ten fighters at the last practice in December and 7 fighters last night (01.08.2024) even though it was very cold. We are still getting a steady stream of newcomers, but they are not coming back. Maybe when it gets warmer, we will see more returning. Cut and Thrust is doing well with a few fights every practice. The new year is very promising for Altavia's Rapier.

December 11: 11 fighters with a returning new fighter: Jesse. It was a calm night, but teaching and fighting were present.

December 18: practice canceled due to bad weather.

December 25: Holiday

January 1: Holiday

January 8: We had 6 fighters with one new person: Jennifer and Nathaniel taught, but did not fight. Cut and thrust were fought as well.

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

Nothing happening this past month. Same schedule as archery, mostly cancelled due to weather.

Marshal, Unarmored – NOT HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

Marshal, Youth Combat – (Tentatively) Cecilia di Medici: ON HOLD UNTIL BACKGROUND CHECK IS CLEARED.

Still have not received update as of 11/14/23

Social Media – Briana MacCabe:

We still have social media! We gained 2 new members in the past month, with 2 fake members who she blocked. Needs to check with Kingdom media as there has been an increase in spam activity. 818 people in FP and 442 are active. The post with the most interaction was her excellencies post asking for largess and the post yule message. Maybe we should ask a question of new requests to see if they are real not bots.

Webwright – Merlin Wynn (Deputy Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios):

Nothing major new to report.

Next Council Meeting – 02/13/2024

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MEETINGS & PRACTICES IN THE BARONY



NOTE: All attendees to events (including fighter practices, etc.) must show their signed blue card (or an electronic copy) OR sign a waiver to attend

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](#)
- This is the monthly Baronial business meeting. The meeting consists of officer reports, event reports, discussion of Baronial involvement at the Kingdom Level, new officers discussion, and announcements. Baronial decisions are made here, and you do have a voice.
- **Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meeting!**
- Contact the Seneschal for details: seneschal@sca-altavia.org

• **Newcomers Meeting**

- **Date/Time:** Once a month, usually on the 4th Monday of the month, 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
- These classes cover a general overview of the SCA and the types of events we hold in Caid. Please bring your questions and wonderful smiles. We look forward to seeing everyone there!
- **Contact** the Chatelaine for details: chatelaine@sca-altavia.org

Arts & Sciences

• **Arts & Science Workshops (aka Craft Nights) - arts@sca-altavia.org**

- Occasional Meetings
- Please check the Altavia baronial [Facebook Group](#) for times.
- We regularly have meetings including covering many types of arts and sciences including but not limited to Scribal and working on Largess for Baronial Presentations.
- The meetings sometimes have a project theme, which is published on the Altavia baronial [Facebook Group](#)
- **Contact** the [Arts & Sciences Officer](#) for details, questions, or to teach a class.

• **Bardic - Weekly Bardic Jams - bardic@sca-altavia.org**

- **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

• **Bardic - Occasional Bardic Circles - bardic@sca-altavia.org**

- Often held after Altavia events at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois
- All can perform or watch!
- Contact the bards for directions & dates
- **Host:** Baron Sir Charles of Dublin

- **Brewing** - bardic@sca-altavia.org
 - 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 on Facebook:** [Knotty Brewers of Caid](#) (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 on Facebook:** [Altavia's Culinary Guild](#) (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)

Combat Practices

- **Archery** - archery@sca-altavia.org
 - **Date** – The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month
 - **Time** – **11:30am to 3:00pm**
 - **Location:** [Woodley Park Archery Range](#)
 - **Contact** the [Captain of Archers](#) for more information and for loaner gear.
- **Armored Combat** - marshal@sca-altavia.org
 - **Date/Time:** Monday 7:00pm–9:30pm
 - **Location:** At [Verdugo Recreation Center](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
 - Almost every Monday night we gather at Verdugo park for Fighter Practice and just socializing.
 - Come on down and participate in the activities, hang out, bring a project to work on, or chat with fellow Altavians.
 - **Non-meeting days** include Monday holidays and the few days we get rained out ... updates about the Fighter Practice nights are posted on the Altavia baronial [Facebook Group](#).
- **Equestrian** - equestrian@sca-altavia.org
 - **Date/Time:** 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, marshalate and general riding.
 - **Minors must have a parent or guardian present at all times.**
 - **Contact** the [Equestrian Marshal](#) for more information.
- **Rapier Combat** - rapier@sca-altavia.org
 - **Date/Time:** Monday 7:30pm–9:30pm
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- **Thrown Weapons** - tw@sca-altavia.org
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 - Time** – **11:30am to 3:00pm**
 - Location:** [Woodley Park Archery Range](#)
 - **Contact** the [Thrown Weapons Marshal](#) for more information and for loaner gear.
- **Youth Combat** - youth@sca-altavia.org
 - **Date/Time:** 2nd & 4th Monday 7:30pm–9:30pm
 - **Location:** At [Verdugo Recreation Center](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
 - **Contact** the [Youth Combat Marshal](#) for more information.



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- ❖ **Archery:** Lady [Sibylla de Haze](#) (10/22/23)
- ❖ **Armored Combat:** Duke [Adam Makandro](#) (05/13/23)
- ❖ **Arts & Sciences:** Lady Caterina Sanzio (05/13/23)
- ❖ **Bardic:** Altavia Band of Bards: Lady [Sadhbh inghean Duinn](#), Rudolf von Waldbruil, Lord [Ceallach mac Uilliam](#), Lord Giachino Morone Loccoco di San Filippo, Dame [Briana MacCabe](#), Marianna Lightwood, Lord [Merlin Wynn](#), and Lady Faoláin Ní Gillebràth (12/9/23)
- ❖ **Chess:** Baroness [Brig inghean Uateir](#) (12/9/23)
- ❖ **Fretted Fork, Open Division:** Mistress [Cecilia Medici](#) (10/22/23)
- ❖ **Fretted Fork, Period Division:** Lady Fyvie Ohe (10/22/23)
- ❖ **Fretted Fork, People's Choice:** THL Lady Caterina Sanzio (10/22/23)
- ❖ **Rapier Combat:** THL [Nafar Sámé](#) (05/13/23)
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