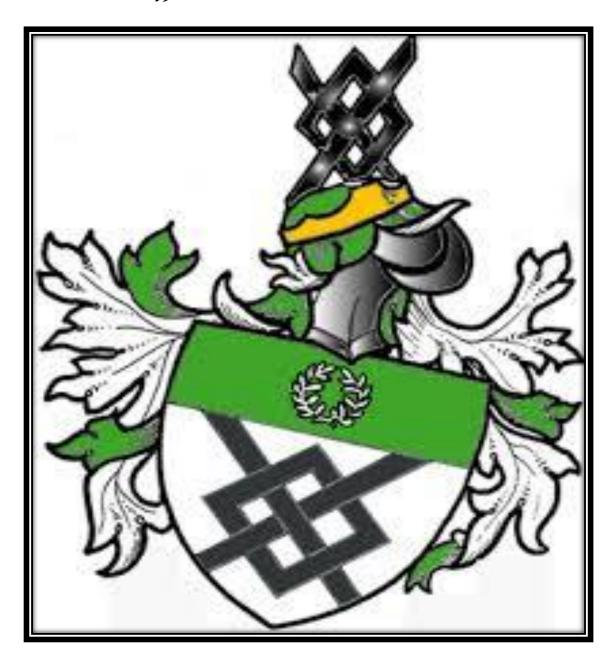
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FROM THE CHRONICLER

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 then, 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 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!!)



FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Griffith von Bermen & Amabel Radleigh



Hello Altavia!

September 2024 Comments

The heat of the summer is here, and we hope everyone is staying cool. We thank everyone who keeps braving the heat to come out and join us at bardic and fighter practice on Mondays, as well as Archery practice on Sundays. We even had a great turnout yesterday for Labor Day, at fighter practice, and were happy to spend the evening with you all.

This month's schedule catered towards the hot month, with indoor events at Festival of the Rose in Dun Or, Academia in Nordwache, and an online liqueurs and cordials discussion for our arts and sciences class.

Highland War was also this month, and our Baron Griffith joined some of you out in Al-Sahid for the war fighting, much to his enjoyment.

We're preparing for Crown Tournament this weekend, and looking forward to welcoming the winner, and new Heir on Saturday. We hope to see many of you there for an excellent (though hot!) day of fighting.

Yours in Service,

Baroness Amabel & Baron Griffith

August 2024 Comments

Hello Altavia!

Summer is in full swing, bringing heat, art, tournaments and new Royals.

We started off the month with Coronation, saying goodbye to Queen Mercedes and King Tryggr and welcoming King Sven and Queen Ishabeil as they stepped up in a wonderful day of celebration.

The next weekend was filled with tournaments to determine the Champions for the new Queen, in Armored combat, rapier, thrown weapons, archery and crossbow.

After a couple of busy weekends away we got to settle in at home with our monthly arts and sciences class, led by Baroness Amabel, creating tooled leather coasters, and learning basics in leather tooling.

The next week we were back out on the road with Darach Pirate tournament, which lived up to it's reputation of being a fun, lively day that's cooler than the heat surrounding it.

We're looking forward to seeing what the next month brings, and remind everyone that Great Western War is around the corner, and anyone looking for a place to camp with the Barony should pre-register soon!

In service to the dream, Baroness Amabel & Baron Griffith

July 2024 Comments

Hello Altavia!

Summer has started with a busy month of fighting, celebrating, archery and arts.

We joined our cousins at two Anniversaries, first at Gyldenholt where we welcomed Dyrfinna and Brynjólfr as the new B&B, and then at Lyondomere, where the fighters were challenged to fight using many different weapons formats, in a fun, varied tournament. Both days we were thrilled to welcome many Altavians as well as guests to join us in the shade of the Baronial Dragon wing.

We also had the first of our new set of arts and classes, a photography and Lightroom class taught by our new A&S officer, Caterina.

Archery practices have also been revitalized, with our new Captain of Archers, Merlin running Royal Rounds multiple times, with 12 different archers logging Royal Rounds and 4 people gaining new ranks in the last month, with 3 new Bowmen, and a new Yeoman.

It has been great to see the excitement and growth this month, and we look forward to Coronation and the different tournaments in the next month, as well as seeing people at the next A&S class where we will be tooling leather coasters.

Yours in Service,

THL's Baron & Baroness Griffith Vön Bremen & Amabel Radleig



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/



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Baroness Tezar of Aeolis



September 2024 Baronial Council Meeting **Minutes**

Via Zoom Sept 3, 2024: Starting at 7:05 pm and ending at 8 pm.

<u>Attendees:</u> Tezar, Briana, Cecilia, Faolain, Niko, Elle, Merlin, Amabel, Griff, Colwyn, Lynette, (Cirstene was in waiting room but couldn't get in)

Seneschal's Report:

I have not yet heard back re: Agincourt missing from the 2025 Calendar. I will be talking to someone at Crown if possible. Merlin just checked and it is on the 2025 calendar, Sunday Oct 26th. My Seneschal 3rd quarter report submitted. I am looking for a deputy.

Old Business:

None.

Ongoing Business:

GWW – Altavia has a camp! Merlin is the camp master.

The current number of registered campers is 14.

Wedding in the camp at 5:30 pm (or when everyone is collected and before the sun sets).

There is no set Baronial gate time set up.

Agincourt (Oct 27th): Cecilia is here! Things are moving along.

YiS, Meistari Sigbiorn Sigmundarson, FB Event Deputy for Social Media sent –

"The FB event has been created for Agincourt Tourney & Feast. (Feast is in name but is not in ad) You are able to invite guests and make updates within the discussion area. Please note that any links in discussion posts must be approved by an admin however Facebook DOES NOT notify us. Please reach out for approval.

If you need to make any major changes to the date, times, or description please email <u>calendar@sca-caid.org</u> and that information will be updated on both the Calendar and Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/events/1014295703757718

Matlens will be doing lists.

Caterina & Izo won the fretted fork last year. Cecilia will reach out and take care of it.

Yule (Dec 14th): Cirstene Fojtik & Faolain have offered to co-steward.

I sent the paperwork re: Throop church to the Angels Seneschal. He was running it past the barony at their meeting. I haven't heard back since that. Griff is going to talk to the seneschal at their practice next week and get back to us.

Cirstene Fojtik – any thoughts? – Send her an e-mail to bring her up to date/send to Angel's seneschal also.

Consorts Champion (Jan 2025): Merlin – Event Steward.

Merlin was working with the city re: Veterans Park for consort's champion. Is there anything the barony can do to help put the budget together?

The budget was recently sent to the kingdom exchequer. Next steps are to follow up with the part to go through the checklist. Cecilia, please send the info that you have from the previous year. He requested she forward the e-mails.

Griff – any further information from the neighborhood council? No, waiting for other information first.

Lynette wants to know if they will be having merchants. The only way it will work for anyone other than Justina & one other is if we are able to get the city council guy to argue that a \$1 million insurance policy is too much. Merlin didn't get the feeling that those were exceptions he could help with.

New Business:

The **2026 [calendar]** will be opening in the next few weeks, so think about what events we might want to handle.

Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to check out church in Pasadena for Coronation, Moose Lodge in Burbank for Privy Council.

Do we want to put in for Caidan Archery/TW open (spring) so it isn't at GWW? Yes, we do want to put in for that.

Do we want to put in for Rapier Open, to hold the date? Open to just hold open the date.

Cristoff & Merlin are interested in potentially trying to put together an archery event that could include Crossbows. Maybe a quarterly

Woodley is good during the fall & spring. Too hot during the summer, too rainy and unpredictable during the winter. Doing this during the Sunday of practice is something that has worked previously and might be a way to add in another event. Also, need to look at where the Saturday event for a weekend is, so that we don't have events back to back that are too far apart and would limit attendance. Need to look into finding out what is involved in trying to put in for a new tournament.

Officer's Reports

<u>Archers</u> – Merlin (deputy – Marianna):

We ran the Society Seasonal archery challenge. 12 archers participated. We had royal rounds with 7 archers participating in this last practice. Overall going very well, with a lot of regulars coming back.

<u>Arts & Sciences</u> – Caterina (deputy – Marianna (Valery Worley):

We had our Zoom session on liqueurs on schedule on August 20th, and I have scheduled an open scribal session at Their Excellencies' home on Tuesday, September 24th. Eleonora has also offered to host an unofficial sewing/general crafting night, either at her apartment in Simi Valley, or to run one at Their Excellencies' home, in an effort to get to know more of the crafters and artisans of Altavia; if anyone is interested in that, please let me know and I'll put you in touch.

If anyone is interested in being part of A&S at Great Western War, there will be a Zoom meeting tomorrow at 6 PM headed by Jerusha a'Laon that aims to answer everyone's questions and fill out the class roster further. Here is a link to that

event: https://www.facebook.com/share/WcSvyzYg66mRwNXa/

I have attached the current A&S class roster in PDF form for GWW, for those who are interested - hope everyone finds something fun there!

YIS, Caterina

<u>Chatelaine</u> – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

Al had injured himself, and she has been busy, but will be back when she can.

<u>Children</u> – Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

There have been no youth activities so far from last month and planning for next month Altavia's Agincourt. We will have a youth project and I will also be planning one for you. so far no children have come out for combat.

<u>Chronicler</u> – Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de Los Unicornios (Deputy: Vacant):

3Q Fret Knot is due out this month. Please send submissions to the Chronicler.

Constable – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

A water bottle was found at practice 2 weeks ago. It is Briana's, Nathanial still has it.

Exchequer – Elle Wynn of Essex (Deputy: Timotheus):

Hi everyone! Here it is, nothing new to report. Have an ongoing project of updating the Baronial Regalia Book by Tim and Elle.

Lynette – Took the PayPal class at Festival of the Rose and will be practicing at Crown this coming weekend. This enables her to accept PayPal payments for auctions in the future. Must have 2 people as it requires separate people for gate and auction.

Moving forward, must include PayPal acceptance in the ads, but need to verify at least 2 trained PayPal people.

NOTE: Elle has 2 surgeries coming up. She is trying to get Tim reauthorized so that he can officially take over before she is unable to do the work.

No changes to the finance committee or bank signatories.

Based on July statement

W.F. Checking	\$16,270.53	
Total	\$16,270.53	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$6,109.62	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$500.00	
Total	\$22,880.15	

July Transactions

No Transactions this period.

2024 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

No changes from August

2023 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT

No changes from August

<u>Herald</u> – Damien of Baden (Deputy: Briana MacCabe):

Damien wasn't there.

Voice Herald – Briana MacCabe

The last meeting was last Monday, so she could not attend. The next meeting is Sept 28th, at 7 pm (same day as Rapier Open) and she is going to try to attend.

<u>Lists</u> – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing to report.

Marshal - Niko Phaistos

Marshal, Armored (Griff):

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 4, 5, 5, 4, (average, 4) 4 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: Lady Eichling

Comments: Continuous Attendance.

No Issues.

Her Excellency has re-joined the armored field and is taking names.

<u>Marshal</u>, <u>Equestrian</u> – THL Guene Annwyll (Deputy: Vacant):

Not doing anything.

<u>Marshal, Rapier</u> – Nikolaus Phaistos (Deputy: Giacchino):

Hello. We are still averaging around 10 fighters at practice.

There have been no injuries to report; however, there was another blade breakage.

Loaner gear is still fine.

There may be a spear class in the works; because, there is interest.

Giacchino has finished his paperwork and will be taking over as Marshal in approximately 2 weeks.

Looking forward to GWW.

August 19: 8 fighters with all types of rapier. A blade was broken. It broke inside the handle at the threading.

August 26: 14 fighters with one new person, Stephanie. Teaching happened on all levels as well as Cut and Thrust. Also, we had a new visitor from Lyondemere and an armored fighter had some rapier questions.

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

We did not have practice the first of this month due to the fact that Christoff was at an event. practice is the third Sunday. We are on schedule for court but Cristoff will be running archery and Cecilia will run Thrown Weapons

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici:

No currently planned combat, no children have shown up and asked to play.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant):

FB Group:

7 new member requests, 1 was a spam/bot account

At 838 members (net gain of 1 member since last month), with 444 of those being active

Top 3 posts in last month:

- Miguel's post about Agincourt being missing from the 2025 calendar
- Merlin's reminder regarding Royal Rounds practice
- Elena's post about giving away tent canvas.

Mondays are back to being our best engagement days.

On the FB page, we're up to 620 followers, a gain of 1 whole follower over the previous month.

<u>Webwright</u> – Merlin Wynn (Deputy Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle De Los Unicornios): The website is still up!

Next Council Meeting – [Oct 1st, 2024] Back to normal dates in November.

August 2024 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom August 13, 2024: Starting 7:13 pm and ending 8:11 pm.

Attendees: Tezar, Niko, Elle, Cirstene Fojtik, Merlin, Amabel, Briana, Colwyn

Seneschal's Report:

The 2025 calendar has been set. Mea culpa, I didn't notice that Agincourt wasn't there. Thank you to Amabel for letting me know. I sent a note to the scheduler asking that it be added to the calendar. Luckily there is not another event on that date, so it should be easy to fix. I haven't heard back yet but will follow up to make sure it is there.

Old Business:

Altavia Anniversary: Is the paperwork closed out, with all the numbers? Yes, paperwork is done and there is a \$734.49 profit (excluding the auction).4t

Ongoing Business:

GWW: The barony has enough people for a camp!

Agincourt (Oct 27th): Cecilia has stepped in as event steward. Leah (Eleonora) has asked for more information before she offers to help. The budget was approved. Cecilia – how are we doing?

New hat I'm not able to attend I'm eyeball deep in LOJ. Agincourt is on calendar at Woodley as submitted and budget submitted. If no one has an idea for site tokens they will be axes and arrows (I have lots). I believe Cristof was asked to run archery so I'll be running TW along with youth project. We will have fretted fork competition period and non-period will use ingredients their excellencies chose. The item has been chosen and is in the ad.

Sorry can't attend barely got this out ~Cecilia

Yule (Dec 14th): Cirstene Fojtik & Faolain have offered to co-steward.

I spoke with Angels Seneschal after they had their meeting. They do not yet have stewards/costewards for the event. They do not yet have a site, although he is trying to look into it. He had a set-back after his hip replacement so is not very mobile right now. I sent an e-mail to Throop Unitarian Church in Pasadena. At that time (1 1/2- weeks ago) the date was available, however, I haven't been able to reach them yet. Their prices are \$200/hr for non-members. I am trying to find out if they will let us have member prices (\$100/hour) since we are non-profit. Their hall will hold 120 for dinner and has a small stage.

Cirstene Fojtik – any thoughts? – Send her an e-mail to bring her up to date/send to Angels seneschal also.

Consorts Champion (**Jan 2025**): Merlin – Event Steward. Merlin was working with the city re: Veterans park for consorts champion. Is there anything the barony can do to help put the budget together?

Finally was able to get ahold of the right person for the right park. He has the info on what is needed. He will be reaching out to ailable. He is going to follow up with them and submit the budget this week.

(Since it is a kingdom event, we need to submit the budget ASAP so we can get that approved then put in for reserving the park. He got the contact info from Cecilia. Must get the park finalized before the COI, which has to be put in at least 60 days prior (or more).)

Griff – any further information from the neighborhood council? Re: them helping underwrite? Have not reached out again to date. Will be separate from scheduling with the park, but no update right now.

New Business:

The 2026 will be opening in the next few weeks, so think about what events we might want to handle.

Going to check out church in Pasadena for Coronation, Moose Lodge in Burbank for Privy Council. Can put in for Caidan Archery/TW open (spring) so it isn't at GWW. Can put in for Rapier Open, to hold the date.

Officer's Reports

<u>Archers</u> – Merlin (deputy – Marianna):

He has received the loaner gear that was approved for purchase. He has receipts for archery equipment purchase that he will scan & send the receipts to Elle. He had covid, so he hasn't been able to take the equipment out and test it.

There has been one archery practice this past month. There was a time that Amabel went when he was sick, and some people showed up. They posted no practice, but still had 6 people showed up.

This coming weekend they are running the Society Seasonal Archery Competition – the last one before the end of the official season. The next one with be royal rounds.

Helping Gideon become a target archery marshal. They are also coordinating him with Sr. Range Marshals to help him be an office marshal.

Arts & Sciences – Caterina (deputy – Marianna (Valery Worley):

We had a very well attended leatherworking class led by Baroness Amabel. Seven people either tried introductory leather tooling on coasters or worked on existing leather projects.

Our next Altavian A&S session will be a Zoom discussion of liqueurs and extracts on August 20th.

I have had an offer from Eleonora del Cucina to hold a native plant identification walk through either Pierce College or various other hike locations; if that's something people would be interested in, please let me know and I'll coordinate with her to put it on the schedule on behalf of the Forester's Guild.

There will also be a Virtual Collegium on August 10th - details are available <u>here</u> for those who would like to peruse the classes.

Best, Caterina

<u>Chatelaine</u> – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

She has been talking with people at practice.

Children – Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant):

Nothing happening. I will have a craft activity for Agincourt.

~Cecilia

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

The 2Q Fret Knot has gone out. Send me cool stuff for the 3Q issue (Sept).

<u>Constable</u> –Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

Yeah – we're good.

Exchequer – Elle Wynn of Essex (Deputy: Timotheus):

The ongoing project of updating the Baronial Regalia Book by Tim and Elle.

Finance Committee, Effective Jan 2024

Seneschal- Tezar; Exchequer- Elle; B+B- Griffith and Amabel; V. member- Lynnette; V. member- Cecilia

Non-voting advisors: Timotheus; Christof; Laertes

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

Based on June statement

W.F. Checking \$16,270.53

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Total \$16,270.53

W.F. CD 6 month \$ 6,109.62 (Feb + Aug)

Cash box \$ 500.00

Total \$22,880.15

June Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
6/10/24	P W Brousseau Anniv. SCA Insurar	nce	\$75.00	
6/28/24	WF Deposit Anniversary Gate	\$2,740.00		
6/28/24	WF Deposit Anniv. Silent Auction	\$605.00		
6/28/24	WE Deposit Anniv. Donations	\$35.00		
	_	\$3,380.00	\$75.00	

2024 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

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Date	Description	Status	INCO	ME EXPI	ENSES NET	
	T-Shirts	Pending	0	0	0	
	Fund Raising	Pending	\$640.00	0	\$640.00	
	Consorts Champ	N/A	0	0	0	
05/11/24	Anniversary	CLOSED	\$2,740.00	\$2,005.51	\$734.49	
	Agincourt Tourney	Pending	0	0	0	
	A/A Yule	N/A	0	0	0	
			0	0	0	

2024 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT

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

<u>Herald</u> – Damien of Baden (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Voice Herald – Briana MacCabe:

There was a hybrid zoom/in person meeting – announced the day before it happened. She is going to try to check in on the progress for ones submitted in our barony.

<u>Lists</u> – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing to report.

<u>Marshal – Niko Phaistos</u>

Marshal, Armored (Griff):

Armored Combat Marshal: 1 Participants: 4, 5, 6, 8, 4 (average, 6) 5 practices

Minimum Authorization age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

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

Current Status: Nothing to report

Visiting Knights: Local Knights:

Comments: Continuous Attendance.

No Issues.

Newer spectators came by and the following week brought more friends to try things out.

Went through basics and will proceed if they show continued interest.

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

Not doing anything.

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

This month showed a steady decline in attendance, but we are still averaging 9 fighters per practice.

We had a good showing of fighters at Darach Pirate Tourney and Consorts Champion.

Cut and Thrust has occurred at every practice.

I was thinking about having myself and a few others teach a spear practice soon.

We did have a blade breakage this month, but no one was injured. I reported it to Kingdom.

The gear is still fine with the exception of one more dagger. I am still working on a cheap alternative and since the current need is minimal, we can hold off a bit longer.

Giachino has almost completed his requirements to become a marshal and when that happens, I'll step down. I'm not going anywhere though.

Niko

Briana is going to check with Panda on if the dagger she loaned her would be able to be donated to the barony.

July 15: 12 fighters with two returning new people. Kit and Leish. We had a visitor, master Bjorn of the Northern Sea. Cut and Thrust was done on all levels. Caterina had a blade break at the handle.

July 22: 9 fighters with two new people: Kit and another. Lots of discussions about past events and just a little fighting.

July 29: 12 fighters with one returning new Hema fighter, Adrian. Cut and Thrust was practiced. In addition, lots of teaching and fighting.

August 5: 7 fighters with lots of fighting and teaching. We had a visit from Master Nafar as well.

August 12: 5 fighters. Rapier and Cut and Thrust was done.

<u>Marshal, Thrown Weapons</u> – Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Vacant):

The last archery practice had some throwers, but hasn't been much. Christophe is (maybe)

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici:

No currently planned combat.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant):

FB Group:

12 new member requests, 0 were spam/bot accounts

At 837 members (net loss of 1 member from last month), with 437 of those being active

Top 3 posts in last month:

- Merlin's post about having to cancel archery practice:(Hope you're feeling better, Merlin!
- Caterina's photo of Panda and Giacchino's C&T exhibition at Lyondomere
- Persi's post about bringing giveaway items to practice.

Thursdays are currently our best engagement days.

On the FB page, we're up to 619 followers, a gain of 2 whole followers over the previous month. Had a couple of spam posts try to happen but I whack-a-mole'd them

<u>Webwright</u> – Merlin Wynn (Deputy Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle De Los Unicornios):

Website is still up. He needs to add the 2nd quarter fret knot. He will be adding the stuff for Agincourt this month.

Next Council Meeting – September 10, 2024 is Nicholai's birthday. Determined that we will be moving the dates for the September and October meetings.

This means meetings will be on **September 1**st and **October 3rd**. Back to normal dates in November.

July 2024 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom July 9, 2024: Starting 7:10 pm and ending 7:56 pm

<u>Attendees:</u> Tezar, Niko, Damien, Elle, Faolain, Cirstene Fojtik, Merlin, Amabel, Griffith, Matlens, Briana, Giacchino, Cecilia, Christophe

Seneschal's Report:

I have not been active much due to health issues, but I hope everyone had fun at Lyondomere and the other events. I will be coronation and receiving warrants from those people who have agreed to step into baronial positions. Thank you to everyone who is serving.

Old Business:

Altavia Anniversary - Is the paperwork closed out, with all the numbers? Report?

We think these are the final numbers, just waiting for one more check to be cashed.

Possible profit of \$734.49 after closing everything out (excluding all fund raising). Funding added \$640 to the income.

Ongoing Business:

Coronation: Cecilia has gifts ready to give, including bags, as her majesty loves bags. Their excellencies, Niko, Colwyn, Tezar, Cecilia, and Christophe will all be there.

New sites: Merlin was going to look into potential new sites. Any results?

He has not been able to check into new sites, working with the park re: consorts champion.

Merlin received contact info from Dan (one of the HEMA fighters). He also has info from someone at Balboa Park which he will be following up with this week. He has been injured, so there is no news there, as they haven't done their practice regularly yet.

Yule (**Dec 14th**): I spoke with Angels Seneschal at Collegium. They had planned on doing a joint yule again this year, with them doing the bulk of the work, however, he likes the idea of a more evenly split co-stewardship. They are looking for new sites, and I offered that we could do the same, and we'll see what we can come up with that holds more people than the previous site did. Niko says a single Yule is normally around 75 people. Still trying to clarify how many people attended last year. Cirstene Fojtik & Faolain have offered to co-steward.

Stephanie has a connection to a school that has a room that could be used. It does not have a kitchen, however he does not think it is big enough for the 120 we normally have, so it would be better for a baronial only event. Would be under \$500. Should have 70+ comfortably. Bringing food in is ok. *He thinks it would work for us only, would handle 50-80 people and is over by Woodland hills.*

Cirstene Fojtik – she has a friend who goes to a church close to where Coronation was held. Not going to work – scratch it.

Consorts Champion (Jan 2025): Merlin – Event Steward. Veterans Park still a potential for this event. He wants to know if anyone has a spread sheet or guidance on how to run QC. Niko – It is very similar to running Anniversary, so check with some of the past Stewards.

He has been looking at the anniversary budget, has some questions. Kingdom handles gifts.

Griff reached out to the guy they ran into before – upshot is that they aren't going to not charge for things, however, they may underwrite it through the neighborhood council to see if we can get some additional support. Will need to show pictures of the dragon wings and such so we can try to get permission in advance. The budget numbers should be similar to anniversary and will work on it planning for that. If we get underwriting that would be great but aren't counting on it.

Since it is a kingdom event, we need to submit the budget ASAP so we can get that approved then put in for reserving the park. He got the contact info from Cecilia. Must get the park finalized before the COI, which has to be put in at least 60 days prior (or more).

He will be checking on the date with the park. Nothing extra other than submitting to the neighborhood council. The more we put forward, the easier it will be to get their approval and help. We may be asked to meet with the council so that we can "plead our case" so to speak.

<u>Agincourt</u> (Oct 27th): Cecilia has stepped in as event steward. Leah (Eleonora) has asked for more information before she offers to help. She has submitted a budget and posting that needs to be approved. Once that is approved, she can send it off to the chronicler and send the budget to the exchequer.

Amabel – asking if it would make sense to add in a small auction to help the archery community. Discussion is looking at preparing a donation lunch, to raise money for archery equipment. Not thinking that doing an auction will bring in much. Add the information to the ad and we can check it before submitting it.

Elle committed that we have enough money to just buy the material, so Ceclia suggests we don't bother with doing the donation lunch.

New Business:

Merlin is requesting funds to purchase loaner items. He sent me the following:

"Here is an estimate for purchasing two period loaner bows and additional foam pads for Altavia Archery. Our goal with these is to both add functional loaner bows at the draw weights people commonly have and allow new archers to experience shooting period bows with draw weights that are safe for them. Additionally, we need some more foam pads as we are working our way through the ones I already had."

Estimate

Submitted on 07/08/2024

Description	Qty	Unit price	Total price
AF Mongolia Bow 25# @ 28"	1	\$51.00	\$51.00
AF Mongolian Fiberglass Bow 30# @ 28"	1	\$68.00	\$68.00
AF Shipping	1	\$50.00	\$50.00
6 * 24" x 24" Foam Pad Targets	1	\$40.50	\$40.50

\$0.00

Notes: Subtotal \$209.50

Adjustments \$209.50

Elle asked Tezar to forward the estimate to the finance committee so we can vote on it. The e-mail was forwarded.

I asked if there is an e-mail for the finance committee – not yet. Merlin stated he will set one up.

Officer's Reports

Archers – Merlin (deputy – Marianna):

We have had three practices since our last baronial meeting. We are regularly getting 10 or more archers at our practices. These include people from Angels and Dun Or visiting with us. We ran royal rounds in June and the beginning of July. Four archers achieved new ranks, one Yeoman and three Bowman.

There were no injuries.

Marianna will be stepping up as Lieutenant of Archers, I will forward her Agreement to Serve to you shortly.

I have sent over an estimate for additional loaner gear that we would like to purchase. I am also talking with Christof about him making us loaner arrows.

The 3rd Sunday is consorts championship and there will be no practice come to Bates Farm and Throw!!

Also, Christof has agreed to run the archery tournament at Agincourt. Cecilia has agreed to steward

Agincourt and is seeking a co-steward.

<u>Arts & Sciences</u> – Caterina (deputy – Marianna (Valery Worley):

We had a nice Zoom session on June 25th, primarily discussing Lightroom for photography post-processing, that I led with three attendees.

Our next class will be coaster leatherworking with Baroness Amabel on July 23rd, as an easy introduction to tooling vegetable-tanned leather, and I've made a Facebook event in an effort to ensure interested members of the populace have an easy reminder.

I've been told by Rebecca (Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences) that there is a Caid database of A&S teachers being developed, so hopefully that will get off the ground soon; it would be a good tool to find teachers for the members of our populace who expressed specific interests.

<u>Chatelaine</u> – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

We had 3 new boys last night come by, they spoke to Griff about fighting. We did have 2 new members (Steve?) who were fighting and interested in GWW. They seem more likely to stay in as he is looking into getting armor. She was telling them how to land allocate – so may need to talk to Merlin so they can land allocate with the Barony.

Children – Cecilia Medici:

She received her background check! She is not a sex offender or criminal!

The next thing up is Agincourt and she will plan something for that, as she normally does.

<u>Chronicler</u> – Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de Los Unicornios (Deputy: Vacant):

2Q Fret Knot went out last month. 3Q due in September. Please send submissions to the Chronicler.

Constable – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

Yeah – we're good.

Exchequer – Elle Wynn of Essex (Deputy: vacant):

She is in the midst of trying to get Timothy reauthorized as an Exchequer (his unknowingly lapsed) so he can be her deputy. She has some surgeries coming up soon so they will be shuffling the offices duties between them during that time.

The financial statement is below.

Based on May statement

W.F. Checking	\$12,965.53
Total	\$12,965.53
W.F. CD 6 month	\$ 6,109.62 (Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$ 500.00
Total	\$19,575.15

May Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
5/10/24	Cash box	Anniversary Start Up	\$200.00	
5/14/24	Kristi Fojtik	Event Signs	\$161.76	
5/21/24	Molly Marking	Event Supplies	\$45.28	
5/23/24	Jack Morones	Event Prizes & Tokens	\$170.00	
5/24/24	Meg McIntyre	Event Supplies	\$15.81	
5/24/24	Sheri Lindsey	Fire Extinguishers	\$150.00	
5/28/24	Caid	Anniversary NMR	\$160.00	

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2024 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

Date	Description	Status	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
	T-Shirts	Pending	0	0	0
	Fund Raising	Pending	\$640.00	0	\$640.00
	Consorts Champ	Pending	0	0	0
05/11/24	Anniversary	Pending	\$2,740.00	\$2,005.51	\$734.49
	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 (Deputy: Briana MacCabe):

Nothing to report. The next meeting date is not known.

Voice Herald: Briana MacCabe:

She is not going to be at Coronation.

<u>Lists</u> – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing to report. Verifying Agincourt is Oct 27th.

Marshal – Niko Phaistos (Deputy: Griff):

Kingdom of Caid, Barony of Altavia, 2024 - Marshal's Monthly Report - Report Period: JUN

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 6, 4, 5, 5 (average, 5) 4 practices

Minimum Authorization age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

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

Current Status: Nothing to report.

Visiting Knights: Duke (now prince) Sven

Local Knights: Lady Eichling

Comments: Continuous Attendance. No Issues.

Deputy marshal form was sent in for Xersus

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

Not doing anything.

The FB group for Darach/Altavia equestrian has had some posts, but not a lot.

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

We have averaged 12 fighters at practices this month in spite of the temperature.

Teaching occurs at every practice.

We have at least a half a dozen Cut and Thrust fighters each week.

We have one or two new people showing up as well as visitors from other areas.

Our rapier gear is sufficient, save for enough daggers. I'm still working on that.

There was talk last night of maybe wanting a couple of sabers in the loaner gear. I will look into that.

Finally, thank you to the marshals who covered for me during my vacation: Don Nathaniel, Master Colwyn and Maestra Roisan. I heard they did a great job.

Deputy marshal Giacchino is almost rip for marshalship. Once that happens Niko will be stepping down.

June 17: 14 fighters including me visitor from Atlantia. Stephan, Mikkie, a Hema fighter and Her Highness, Ish. Teaching and Cut and Thrust was done by many. Great practice!

June 24

July 1

July 8: 9 fighters with three visiting from Dun Or.

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

Last practice we had 3 throwers.

The 3rd Sunday is consort's championship and there will be no practice come to Bates Farm and Throw!!

Next practice is first Sunday in August.

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici:

My background check came thru I'm not a criminal or sex offender so I can be warranted.

We really don't have a lot of youth (Natalia insists she's not one).

Next youth event planned will be at Agincourt.

No currently planned combat.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant):

FB Group:

8 new member requests, 2 were spam/bot accounts At 838 members, with 451 of those being active

Top 3 posts in last month:

- Last Sunday's post by Her Excellency on our fabulous archery turnout and practice.
- Rivkah's question on armor standards for gauntlets
- Merlin's post about ordering wooden arrows

Sundays are now our best engagement days.

On the FB page, we're up to 617 followers, a gain of 1 whole follower over the previous month. Need to get better about reposting to page to boost followers

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

He needs to update the officers page, but he needs to add a bunch of deputies, and add Cirstene as Chatelaine. Not sure if he needs any releases but he will check.

Next Council Meeting – August 13



ALTAVIA BARONIAL OFFICERS

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



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 - Baron@altavia.sca-caid.org
- Baroness: THL <u>Amabel Radleigh</u>
 - Baroness@altavia.sca-caid.org
- Chief Lady in Waiting: Baroness Cecilia de Medici
 - Court@sca-altavia.org
- Captain of the Guard: Lady Caterina Sanzio
 - Guard@altavia.sca-caid.org
- Seneschal: Baroness Tezar of Aeolis
 - Seneschal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- Deputy Seneschal: Currently vacant
 - To apply: Contact the Seneschal at: <u>seneschal@sca-altavia.org</u>
- Captain of Archers: Lord Merlin Wynn
 - ArcheryMarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- Arts & Sciences Officer: Lady <u>Caterina Sanzio</u>
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- Deputy Arts & Sciences Officer: Currently vacant
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- Chatelaine: Lady Cirstene Fojtik
 - Chatelaine@altavia.sca-caid.org
- Deputy Chatelaine: Currently vacant
 - To apply: Contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@sca-altavia.org
- Children's Officer: Baroness Cecilia de Medici
 - Youth@altavia.sca-caid.org
- Deputy Children's Officer: Currently vacant
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- Chronicler: Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios
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- Deputy Chronicler: Currently vacant
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- Deputy Constable: Currently vacant
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- ❖ Exchequer: THL <u>Elle Wynn of Essex</u>
 - Exchequer@altavia.sca-caid.org
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- Herald: THL Damian von Baden
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- ❖ Court Herald: Dame Briana McCabe
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- List Officer: THL Matlens Litovka
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- Deputy List Officer: Currently vacant
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- ❖ Marshal Equestrian: THL Guene Annwyll
 - EquestrianMarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- Marshal Rapier: Master Nikolaos Phaistos
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- ❖ Marshal Thrown Weapons: Baron Cristofanus Castellani
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- ❖ Marshal Youth Combat: Baroness Cecilia Medici
 - YouthCombat@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ Social Media Officer: Dame Briana McCabe
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- **❖ Deputy Social Media Officer: Currently vacant**
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- ❖ Webwright: Lord Merlin Wynn
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- 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?

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



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

- o **Date/Time:** 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
- o 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!
- o Contact the Seneschal for details: seneschal@sca-altavia.org

Newcomers Meeting

- o 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!
- o **Contact** the Chatelaine for details: chatelaine@sca-altavia.org

Fighter Practice / Social Night

- Date/Time: Every Monday, 7:00pm
- Location: At <u>Verdugo Recreation Center</u> 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 Facebook page.
- 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 <u>Facebook Group</u> 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 <u>Arts & Sciences Officer</u> 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

- o 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** - <u>bardic@sca-altavia.orq</u>

- Special interest group for home brewing of beer, mead, wine, liqueurs, fermented foods, and more.
- o All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
- o **Join the Guild on Facebook:** <u>Knotty Brewers of Caid</u> (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)

Culinary Guild

- o Special interest group for all things delicious to eat and drink.
- o All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
- Join the Guild on Facebook: <u>Altavia's Culinary Guild</u> (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)

Combat Practices

- **Archery** <u>archery@sca-altavia.org</u>
 - o **Date –** The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month

Time - 11:30am to 3:00pm

Location: Woodley Park Archery Range

- o **Contact** the <u>Captain of Archers</u> for more information and for loaner gear.
- Armored Combat <u>marshal@sca-altavia.orq</u>
 - Date/Time: Monday 7:00pm-9:30pm
 - Location: At <u>Verdugo Recreation Center</u> 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).
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• **Equestrian** - equestrian@sca-altavia.org

- Date/Time: Various days of every month 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Location: <u>Conejo Creek Equestrian Park</u>, 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.
- o Minors must have a parent or guardian present at all times.

- Contact the <u>Equestrian Marshal</u> for more information.
- Rapier Combat rapier@sca-altavia.org
 - Date/Time: Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - o 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).
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- Thrown Weapons tw@sca-altavia.org
 - o **Date –** The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month

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
 - o **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.



ALTAVIA BARIONAL CHAMPIONS



Webpage:

https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Altavia Champions

- ❖ Archery: Lady Sibylla de Haze (10/22/23)
- ❖ Armored Combat: Duke Adam Makandro (05/11/24)
- ❖ Arts & Sciences: Lady Caterina Sanzio (05/11/24)
- * 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)
- ❖ Cut and Thrust: The Honorable Dark Lord Diago de las Casas (05/11/24)
- 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: Lady Caterina Sanzio (10/22/23)
- ❖ Rapier Combat: THL Nafar Sämé (05/11/24)
- ❖ Thrown Weapons: Baron Tomaso da Barbiano (10/22/23)

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!!)