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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.officer@altavia.sca-caid.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.officer@altavia.sca-caid.org

Yours in Service to Altavia,
--Lynnette



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FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Griffith von Bermen & Amabel Radleigh



December 2024 Comments

Hello Altavia!

The last month was a month of Baronial Anniversaries, tournaments and champions, and this upcoming month is one of Yules and celebrations to come! Our cousins in Naevehjem, and Isles celebrated their anniversaries, and Calafia had their archery and Equestrian championships. Our very own Merlin became the archery champion for both Naevehjem and Calafia! For arts and sciences night, Caterina hosted a delicious event where she served Egyptian duck, made from a historical recipe. We started off the Holidays at Medieval Marketplace in Darach and enjoyed a lovely day shopping, socializing, sparring, playing games and singing.

Speaking of celebrating, our knight vigilant, Lady Eichling came out to celebrate her birthday with us at practice, and as you might expect, her wish for the day was to spar, and we had a bunch of local fighters and guests out to give her a proper celebration. We look forward to all the upcoming Yules, and love you all.

In service to the Dream,
Baroness Amabel & Baron Griffith

November 2024 Comments

Hello Altavia!

Thank you to all who made it to GWW and who attended our wedding. War was fun, crowded with things to do and we appreciated all that everyone did.

I'm service to the dream,
Baroness Amabel & Baron Griffith

October 2024 Comments

Greetings, mein lieblings! It has been a rollercoaster of weather conditions at the last few events. Bardic has remained attended as possible, as have archery and fighter practices.

Crown Tourney was Hot and we saw the implementation of the newly developed heat index measuring tools to keep everyone safe and functional. Altavians were scattered throughout contributing to the day and it yielded great results. Our new Highnesses Prince Valentine Martin and Prince Brocc of Alderden. We look forward to their eventual reign. Then we had a large turnout at the Angels Anniversary where the weather teeter-tottered, but Altavians took to the field and showed their prowess all the same. More recently we had attended the Rapier Open Tournament and were scattered throughout the pools. It was a nice refreshing site with plenty of shade and warm enough to be pleasant. A&S was hosted again at the B&B home at Runnymede Manor. We look forward to hosting other sessions where and when desired.

Lastly as we prepare for the Great Western War, looming in the horizon. As we make preparations and pack for the event. We remind everyone to keep hydrated and take care of yourselves. It will likely be hot unless we can get the bat swarm to shift the clouds and cover the area. We would love to see everyone who can Volunteer and serve if possible. We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it.

Yours In Humble Service,
THL Griffith Von Bremen & THL Amabel Radleigh



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Baroness Tezar of Aeolis

December 2024 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes



Via Zoom Dec 10, 2024: Starting at 6:55 pm and ending at 8 pm

Attendees: Tezar, Griffith, Amabel, Merlin, Lynnette, Tim, Cecilia, Merlin, Saystine, Damien,

Seneschal's Report:

We are moving forward with Consorts champion, which is our only “kingdom” event for the year. I still haven't heard from the kingdom regarding the 2026 calendar year, but I will let you all know when I do. We do have a full slate of officers, although we are looking for deputies for multiple positions. If you know anyone who might be interested in While I am staying on for the year, I am looking for a deputy to take over at Yule next year.

Old Business:

GWW: Don't know the number of hours we had for volunteers as Elle should be the one with that information.

Agincourt (Oct 27th): Don't have the final numbers – Elle should have that information if it is closed.

Ongoing Business:

Yule (Dec 14th): Saystine and Rudolph (Angels).

She has it handled. Everything is set up to go. The main course meat things were settled out. The B&B of Angels are bringing pulled pork and a roast beef. Altavia will bring cranberry meatballs and chicken.

NOTE: See if we can get the cash box from Elle before the site in case she doesn't make it. Merlin will get in touch with Angel's Exchequer to see if she can back up in case there is a problem. We'll need to print out non-member waivers and Lynnette will print up the cash forms.

A last Yule meeting was held on Dec 4th at 7 pm. While the Angels co-steward was invited, he did not make it.

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

Griff & he did a site walk on Tuesday with the City. It was much easier than dealing with them by e-mail. Al (Asst reg Dir) was there. Have sent him pics of the Dragonwing and Main Pavilion so he can determine if there is a fire permit needed. His initial understanding was that they were very large structures. Hopefully once he sees the pictures he will decide this isn't needed. He is helping with fire permits and trying to work with the city on the cost of the permits, based on the size of the space used. Hopefully it will go smoothly from this point on with permits. Elle has filed for the insurance. He would like to have a meeting next Tuesday (17th @ 7) to talk with the people being there in the morning and helping with set up and to make sure who is bringing. Suzy is already set to bring the pavilion. Kristie will bring and set up signs. We need to coordinate bringing tables and other things. Probably don't need tons, as there is no Auction.

Lynnette – asked about merchants. Merlin - Not in the request so don't think he can have them. There are local merchants who have their insurance who would love to do it.

I, as seneschal, forgot to ask and push for that. In part because there were issues in getting things set up, and in part because it gets dark earlier. For merchants to attend this site, they require 15%

from all sales, in addition to having fire extinguishers, and \$1 mill in insurance coverage. There are 3 merchants that do have that level of coverage. Moving forward, we would like to try to include merchants. Need to add onto the posts that there are no merchants.

Site tokens are set up, doing laser engraved wooden tokens, probably 200-250. Group effort with B&B household.

Caidan Archery Open:

Andrew - board member for the range at Woodley confirmed that 03/16th is open and available. They have put it on the Woodley park schedule. Cecilia will be in Europe, so Paganus is going to be MiC for thrown weapons. Geral is MiC for Archery, along with co-steward for the event with Merlin. I as seneschal need to submit to add this to the 2025 Calendar. Did speak with the Chirons and the archers in the community, and Paul Acker (Chirons Sec & Kingdom) offered to help with the event. Once I get it approved on the calendar we can move forward with the budget and all to get the ad in and get insurance (if needed since it is on a regular practice day). Need to double check with Elle regarding insurance on regular practice days. Merlin will accept any other co-stewards that want to help out. He will talk to some of the newbies.

New Business:

I still have not heard when the 2026 Calendar will be opening so no new news on that front.

We need another Exchequer. Elle had an emergency and was not able to get to Agincourt until more than an hour after it opened. Tim has sent in his paperwork twice to try to find out if he is reauthorized for Exchequer so he can be a backup.

Matlens said she would talk to Giovanni and see if he is willing to take the class and potentially be the deputy. He would be good at it. When is the next class held? Merlin – When he wanted to find a class, it was able to happen as a zoom class by request. It took about an hour. Let me know if he can get it set up as I would like to sit in on that also.

Selene would love to get more active and get the brewers guild more active in the Barony.

Officer's Reports

Archers – Merlin Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

We regularly have over 10 Archers at practice. We continue to run the Interkingdom challenge and Seasonal Society challenges. We are working to alternate between challenges and general practices. These appear to be what helps get attendance. We had a new peak high of 5 new archers and 13 total archers November 17th when our practice ended up being moved to later in the day at the last minute. There was apparently a school marathon practice event.

We also helped the range clean up the long range last weekend, including getting our 40 yard target set back up so we can use it.

Very soon we will have three marshals regularly attending practice Cristof, Amabel and myself, with another frequently attending, Gideon

Arts & Sciences – Caterina (Deputy – Marianna Lightwood (Valery Worley)):

We had six attendees for the period culinary night on November 26th, and a nice dinner was had by all. We will have a break from classes for December, due to the holiday season, and then our next A&S class will be pewter coin making at Their Excellencies' house in January. Eleonora has agreed to become Marianna's deputy after she takes over from me at the end of January/early February, and I hope you will all support them both. Marianna in particular is looking to plan classes during her upcoming tenure, so please get in touch with her if there is a topic you would like to study or teach. See you all at Yule!

Chatelaine – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

She wasn't prepared to be Chatelaine and needs a deputy badly. Hasn't been able to be at most of the FP nights. Baroness – had talked about doing highlighted posts about different positions, looking for deputies and an idea of what is involved. This would be a good one to highlight.

Children – Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing has happened. Getting ready for Yule activities. We will have several crafting opportunities.

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

Need to get out the 4th quarter Fret Knot out this month. Is the list of officers and meetings on the website up to date, as that is where she gets the information. Merlin stated that the officers is up to date as of today. He will make sure that the meetings are also up to date so they are active. Also needs minutes from Oct, Nov, & then Dec. Would also like artwork, news, recipes, etc.

Constable – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

We're good, nothing to report.

Exchequer – Elle Wynn of Essex (Deputy: Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling):

Elle was unable to attend as she was still out of town. She was going to send a report, however it has not yet been received as she is dealing with personal business issues.

Herald – Damien of Baden (Deputy: Briana MacCabe):

Not much to report. There is no Dec meeting – moved to Jan.

Voice Herald – Briana MacCabe:

Not here. Nothing to report.

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing has happened since last month.

Marshal – Niko Phaistos

Marshal, Armored (Griff):

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 6, 4, 5, 6 (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:

Local knights: None

Knight Vigilant: Eichling,

Comments: Continuous Attendance.

No Issues.

New participants felt safe and welcomed.

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

Not doing anything.

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

We saw a range of 6-9 fighters each week. The weather is certainly getting colder and attendance appears to reflect the colder evenings. We have begun a monthly "Fret Fight" boar pit with a different weapons form each month. We have received good feedback on this activity. Special thanks to Master Niko in helping me to transition into this role and for covering practices

as I navigate my busy holiday season work schedule. No reports of injury. No reports of equipment or weapon failure. Loaner equipment is serviceable and in good repair.

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

Same as Merlin – usually follows Archery. Were there on the 1st not the 17th. Been active. The next practice is Dec 15th. A lot of the archery people will throw after archery practice is done, around noon.

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici:

Youth - I am not authorized for combat or rapier yet but will work to get authorized soon. No youths fighting right now. Still looking into it. She would really like to get authorized for rapier youth. She would like to for Natalie, who does have the proper equipment.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant):

Not here. A follow-up report was to be received but she has been very busy at work and unable to send it.

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

The officer's list was updated. Baronial comments have been added, all the Yule info is correct. As soon as Yule happens, he will update the event list to include Consorts Champion. He will update the system as soon as needed on any other changes.

Next Council Meeting – Nov 14, 2025

November 2024 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Nov 12, 2024: Starting at 7:10 pm and ending at 8:20 pm.

Attendees: Tezar, Damien, Griffith, Amabel, Merlin, Briana, Giacchino, Kristi (Cirstene), Matlens

Seneschal's Report:

While I am staying on for the year of 2025, I am looking for a deputy to take over at Yule next year.

Old Business:

GWW: B & B It was great to have everybody at GWW, including all those who came by on time and afterwards for the wedding. While the rest of the household wasn't happy about being next to Altavia, she was very happy about it. There were a lot of cancellations, so there was a lot of room, plus overall given a lot of room. Amabel was taking blame, but it is shared with me (Seneschal). A lot of people did step up and volunteer, so the barony got hours. We need to step in sooner to set up a baronial gate shift.

Agincourt (Oct 27th): It happened! Had a lovely event, even though it was after the sadness of Dreiburgen. They did a memorial shut-out for Olaf. Overall, it was a good day, new champions in all areas, a few new people shooting, including their majesties. Both their majesties and Prince Brocc were there. Sven shot a crossbow, Ish her new bow, all did thrown weapons and Brocc did dancing. Had fantastic shooting across the board. One of the new archers – Karen of Altavia – Won the fretted fork. It was the largest number of entries for cooking in a long time. It was a great showing (Cecilia). Cecilia picked the items, then used Cinnamon instead. Christophe and Matlens set up the pairings based on ranking. Everyone really enjoyed the pairings, and people were talking about being happy with this type of pairing as it allowed newer archers to get further. Only 18 people on the list (smaller than normal).

Merlin – Amabel and he became Chiron's, along with a large number of Argent Arrows, including Edric the younger getting one for Thrown weapons.

We need another Exchequer. Elle had an emergency and was not able to get to Agincourt until more than an hour after it opened.

Ongoing Business:

Yule (Dec 14th): Cirstene Fojtik & Faolain – Co-stewards.

The church is secured. She toured it, and it is great. She will put up signs to make sure people get to the right places. I think they are good, although a Yule meeting before it happens would be good. She will need to arrange with people to pick-up things and take them back after the event. Decorating of the head table – will Cecilia be doing it – Yes (Cecilia said) she will. Cirstene just wants to make sure she doesn't have to do it. Amabel has stuff that has been given to her that can be used – will coordinate with Cecilia to determine how they want it decorated. Try to go with the theme.

Briana – It is believed that Sven & Ish will be attending. Not sure based on their calendars. Cecilia will reach out and find out who is going to be there. Cirstene has strips to hang banners with, and there were site tokens found that can be used. Is someone assembling the site tokens? Let's find some help for that work. The hall includes a hall, part of the kitchen, and a room.

Cirstene is pointing out that we should make the other tables nice looking, and maybe bring some extra feast wear so newcomers feel more welcome and included. Really good idea. Cecilia has things planned for kids.

Setting up a final meeting for Dec 4th at 7 pm.

Cecilia – regarding Yule: I spoke to station 60 (near the church) I am to call them day before to see if they'll be able to pick up. It just depends on fires. She will deliver if they cannot pick-up.

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

He has confirmed the date is available. Still waiting on confirmation of the permit as he has been moved to another person. We are still within time for getting the COI, but it is getting close. The kingdom exchequer is waiting on Elle getting info to him before he can approve. We are getting concerned, but she has indicated that she will get that sent to him. Merlin has an ad written but he needs to wait until it is finalized and the budget approved. He is trying to get everything done as much as possible, so he doesn't have to wait once it is approved. He also needs to reach out to Brocc to determine if he is going to want a Cut/Thrust champion.

New Business:

I still have not heard when the 2026 Calendar will be opening so no new news on that front.

We need another Exchequer. Elle had an emergency and was not able to get to Agincourt until more than an hour after it opened.

Matlens said she would talk to Giovanni and see if he is willing to take the class and potentially be the deputy. He would be good at it. When is the next class held? Merlin – When he wanted to find a class, it was able to happen as a zoom class by request. It took about an hour. Let me know if he can get it set up as I would like to sit in on that also.

Caidan Archery - I've been talking with GERAL de Riera, the winner of Caidan Archery Open this year, so he's responsible for making it happen in 2025. The discussion is to hold it at Woodley Park. The currently open date March 16th is the Sunday after Pentathlon which is being hosted in Thousand Oaks. Merlin and GERAL are discussing co-hosting it. Need to look at the potential of moving.

Announcement:

“Greetings! As you might have seen, this afternoon we posted a request for commentary on changes to Kingdom Law. One of the changes involves moving both Crown Tournaments and Privy Councils forward one month. This will mean that Spring Privy Council will now be on Sunday, April 6. This is the date Altavia has requested for Robin Hood. This event can technically conflict with Privy Council, but I will point out that all Royals, officers, Their Excellencies and seneschals will be at Privy Council which will impact the event. I recommend considering moving the event to a different date. I will note that Sunday, March 2 will be available since it was the original date for Privy. I have cc’d the Kingdom Scheduler so that you can continue the discussion and let us know what you prefer as a solution. None of this is set in stone until the end of the commentary period and the review by TRMs. However, I wanted to give you enough time to discuss internally and be prepared. Ideally, we are prepared to update the calendar all at once. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or comments.”

This was then followed up with this additional email

“Well, actually, I found out that while Altavia hosts Robin Hood, it is put on by Angels. 😊 So, I’ll be sending out a follow up email looping in Padraic. Caidan Archery Open is not considered an official Kingdom-level sponsored event. The same is true about Caid Rapier Open. It’s a floating event sponsored by a local entity (or event as the case with GWW.) Feel free to work with the Kingdom Scheduler to request a new date. If there’s no conflict, then she will work the approval process to make it happen. Laertes KSen”

“Greetings! This is an official notice to the territorial seneschals that there is a Request for Commentary to proposed changes to Kingdom Law. Please announce this Request for Commentary at your next business meeting. This notice has also been posted on the Kingdom FB Group, in the process of being posted on the kingdom website and will appear in the December Crown Prints. The following changes to Kingdom Law are proposed by Their Majesties Sven and Iseabail, to take effect upon the Coronation of Their Heirs, Valentine and Brocc. As required in The Boke of Caidan Law (v.19), we are opening a 30-day Request for Commentary process for members of the populace of Caid. The 30-day commentary period will close on December 4. In summary the changes are:

Moving Dates for Crown Tournament

- Bring Existing Ranged Martial Activities Related Awards into Alignment with Upcoming Peerage
- Address Gap in Process for Naming a Regent
- Clarify Language for Determining Baronial Successors
- Codify Royal Peerages and Order of the Rose

Comments on these changes should be sent via email to seneschal.officer@sca-caid.org. All commentary received via email will be presented to Their Majesties and Their Highnesses for Their review upon the closing of the 30-day window. Details on the changes and the wording can be found in the PDF attached to this email.

Master Laertes McBride, Kingdom Seneschal”

Officer’s Reports:

Archers – Merlin Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

We regularly have around 10 archers (still). Have several archers now as marshals in training (Amabel is really close to being done). Had to cancel 1 due to weather (had rain). We have 2 new Chiron’s (Merlin & Amabel) No injuries. Lots of new fighters from multiple baronies.

Christof – Merlin has been doing really great at doing all the different competitions, so Paul & Christof are at the top of the tic/tac/toe for the entire kingdom!

Arts & Sciences – Caterina (Deputy – Marianna Lightwood (Valery Worley)):

I was delighted to see the enthusiasm at the Fretted Fork competition this year at Agincourt! Karen's period cherry clafoutis certainly earned her the win. Eleonora has continued hosting her craft nights, and I am chuffed she is continuing to work towards more A&S activity in the barony. If anyone is interested in attending our period culinary night on the 26th, please let me know so that I can have enough food prepared. Otherwise, I'll see you all at Yule! YIS, Caterina (They are hosting Egyptian duck – A&S this month).

Chatelaine – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

She hasn't been at practice for various reasons. The old loaner garb was mildewed & disposed of. The new loaner garb has been donated by Cecilia and is Amabel's car. Amabel has stuff from Cecilia and Nico, so there is a new beginning for Gold Key.

Children – Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Vacant):

We had no youth doing art at Agincourt. I do have plans for Yule for crafts.

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

4Q Fret Knot is due out next month. Please send submissions to the Chronicler. Lynnette, Altavia Chronicler

Constable – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

We're good.

Exchequer – Elle Wynn of Essex (Deputy: Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling):

Nothing new from last month. Yule has been paid for in full.

Herald – Damien of Baden (Deputy: Briana MacCabe):

Nothing much. There is a heraldry meeting this month, the 24th at 3 pm, via Zoom. That is it.

Voice Herald – Briana MacCabe:

She sent in the awards that were given out at Agincourt.

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Agincourt had 18 shooters on the archery list and it felt very successful. Paired people of equal experience.

Marshal – Niko Phaistos

Marshal, Armored (Griff):

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 0, 0, 7, 4 (average, 5) 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:

Local knights: None

Knight Vigilant: Eichling,

Comments: Continuous Attendance, no issues.

Cancelled two practices due to war prep & recovery.

New participants felt safe and welcomed.

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

Not doing anything.

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

This last month has been busy with an average of 10 fighters each week. We have several fencers participating in both rapier and cut and thrust regularly. No injuries or equipment issues have been reported.

We started our first monthly Fret Fight! We had 8 fencers participate in a boar pit format near the end of the practice evening. The feedback was great. We will be planning to make this a monthly activity.

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

Cristof - Nothing much to report, he's been too busy on the archery range trying to keep up with Amabel & Merlin.

Cecilia – last practice cancelled. Previous was 6 people. As long as she shows up at practice, there will be thrown weapons. Next practice is this Sunday, 11-17. We have visitors coming from other Baronies.

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici:

Youth - I am not authorized for combat or rapier yet but will work to get authorized soon.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

4 new member requests, 0 spam/bot account requests

At 838 members (net gain of 1 member since last month), with 93 of those being active - not sure about that active member number, way now from the previous month but may be due to war and people limiting social media consumption

Top 3 posts in last month:

- HE Amabel's post Agincourt post on 10/27
- The baronial account's post-GWW announcement of no fighter practice on 10/14
- Caterina's GWW photo album posted on 10/19

Mondays and Sundays are currently tied for our best engagement days.

On the FB page, we're holding steady at 619 followers, even though our last post was in July. I will try and remember to repost the weekly announcements over there and in Discord going forward.

With a few new regular faces at fighter practice these days, I may start once again gauging interest for someone to take over this spot.

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

He got a message from Niko earlier that he would like the officer (Marshal) section updated. Niko needs to be moved into Baronial marshal. Otherwise, Yule ad info is going to get linked to now. Otherwise, we are up to date.

Next Council Meeting – Dec 10, 2024

October 2024 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Oct 1, 2024: Starting at 7:09 pm and ending at 7:58 pm.

Attendees: Tezar, Briana, Giachino, Elle, Kristi (Cirstene), Griffith, Amabel, Merlin,

Seneschal's Report:

I am looking for a deputy. On that note – this is the e-mail I received regarding Seneschal classes being taught at GWW –

Greetings! Listed below are the three Seneschal-centric classes being held in the Arts & Sciences area during GWW. Be sure to share this information in your local area. I hope to see you there for the roundtable!

Thank you to everyone who continues to work so hard to keep our Barony running smoothly.
Laertes, KSen

Class Title: The Baronial Dynamic **Teacher:** Baroness Kale' Hrafnisdottir **Class**
Time: Saturday, 11 am - 12 pm

Class Description: The baronial dynamic is the ideal relationship between the baronage and the seneschal. We'll be talking about the division of responsibilities and working together in order to create a more harmonious relationship for everyone. Do you have baronial heirs or new baronage? This is the class for them!

Class Title: Seneschal 101 **Teacher:** Baroness Kale' Hrafnisdottir **Class**
Time: Friday, 3 - 4 pm

Class Description: Come and learn everything you need in order to become a territorial seneschal. This is great class for your deputies or anyone interested in the position. Also, a great refresher for current seneschals!

Class Title: Seneschal Roundtable **Teacher:** Laertes McBride **Activity**
Time: Saturday, 3 - 4 pm

Class Description: Join the Territorial Seneschals (as their schedules allow) and the Kingdom Seneschal of Caid for a roundtable discussion about the position. All are welcome to join in. Do you have questions for me? Here's a good way to have an open discussion with any interested parties.

Old Business:

None.

Ongoing Business:

GWW: Altavia has a camp! Merlin is the camp master. The current number of registered campers is 19(although actual number camping is around 15). Are located in the normal spot across from Valentine. Setting up Tuesday, breaking down Monday. Wedding in the camp Friday at 5:30 pm (or when everyone is collected and before the sun sets). Things are set.

Agincourt (Oct 27th): Things are moving along. The event announcement went out. Matlens will be doing lists. The insurance has been requested. Elle hasn't received it yet, but will check tomorrow. Caterina is doing Fretted Fork. The special ingredient(s) are listed

Yule (Dec 14th): Cirstene Fojtik & Faolain – Co-stewards.

I have been in communication with Padraic, and he said they do have a steward, their A&S deputy, Lord Rudolf Von Waldrull (rudolfvonwaldrull@gmail.com). Padraic and the Angels B&B are concerns about the price for Troop church, as the price makes it difficult to not lose money. He sent me a list of sites that his lady found to check on. I sent some e-mails out & left messages but have not heard back. I have responded to Padraic and he is going to check out some additional sites tomorrow (Oct 2). We need to get an ad into the CP by the 24th of this month to have this be an official event, so hopefully we will be able to get this settled very soon.

Griff is going to check with the City of Burbank for the building attached to the swimming pool.

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

Merlin was working with the city re: Veterans Park for consort's champion

The budget was recently sent to the kingdom exchequer. Exchequer approved and sent it back to Elle & is waiting on something from her. He is also pushing on the stuff with the city so once the exchequer stuff is approved, he can submit to the city.

New Business:

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

Officer's Reports

Archers –

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.

Arts & Sciences – Caterina (Deputy – Marianna Lightwood (Valery Worley)):

We had our open scribal/crafting night at their Excellencies' house on September 24th, so that everyone could finish projects for GWW and Agincourt. We will not have a class in October, but we will have the Fretted Fork cooking competition at Agincourt; please enter (or at least eat the cookies I'm bringing)! Eleonora also kindly hosted a crafting/sewing night on Sept. 17th, and I hope everyone will encourage her to continue; I appreciate the help in fostering the A&S community. Outside the baronial front, I look forward to seeing everyone at GWW! Please let me know if there is anyone who would particularly like photos taken of their event/ceremony/etc. and I will do my best to accommodate when not on the field.

Eleonora – She has crafts days for the rest of the year. 1st & 3rd Tuesday, except for 1st Tuesday of November (5th in Oct instead).

Chatelaine – Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

They haven't been able to be there. Eleonora has been there and helping. Neither Amabel or Briana know where the loaner garb went. Thought it might be stored in Cassandra's garage, but she can't find it.

Children – Cecilia Medici Deputy: Vacant

Nothing gaping in the youth sector I did get my warrant turned in finally! There will be a youth project at Agincourt and everything is set to run!

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

The 3Q Fret Knot was published this week. NOTE: Marianna Lightfoot is improperly listed and was using a wrong e-mail address to send things to the Chronicler's office. Merlin is working on fixing those.

Constable –Cirstene Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing turned in. Haven't been attacked, so good.

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

October 2024 Exchequer's Report Altavia

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: No changes

Based on August 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

No transactions in August. Pending transactions for October with no numbers posted.

2023 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT

TOTAL GROSS INCOME \$5,180.13

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$3,221.04**

TOTAL NET INCOME \$1,959.09

She is looking for a laptop to borrow while her laptop is not working properly.

Herald – Damien of Baden (Deputy: Briana MacCabe):

Voice Herald – Briana MacCabe:

She forgot that the meeting was Saturday after Rapier Open, and was not able to make it. Don't know when the next one is. She hopes to spend time at the Heraldry tables at GWW so she can move forward with helping more.

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing to report. She will be doing lists at Agincourt.

Marshal – Niko Phaistos:

Marshal, Armored – Griff:

Kingdom of Caid, Barony of Altavia, 2024 Marshal's Monthly Report

Report Period: SEP

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 5, 4, 0, 6, 6, (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:

Local Knights: Knight Vigilant Eichling,

Comments: Continuous Attendance. No Issues.

Had to cancel one practice due to weather.

New participants have felt safe and welcomed.

Re: New people – 1 person who showed up last week and this week to FP. She will not be back for a bit (Aerial) due to finances, but hopes to be again soon. Brought her dad, and he was intrigued. He wants to shoot crossbow.

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

Not doing anything.

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

Rapier for the Barony is going well. We have averaged 11 fighters per practice this month with a variety of skill levels and styles. We have added at least three new fighters who have been attending regularly. We do get other Altavian MoDs to attend every once in a while. Cut and Thrust has been fought at every practice. Our loaner gear is holding up. We have had no injuries or blade breakages this month. Caid Rapier Open had a strong showing of Altavians. I counted 8 in the lists as well as two of our adoptees from Lyondemere. We had three Altavians in the quarter finals, two in the semis and one in the finals. Congratulations to all who competed. It was a great day! We look forward to the fighting at GWW. On one last note, this will be my final report for rapier. Giachino is stepping up as Baronial Rapier Marshal tonight. The gear has been transferred and I wish him luck in the future. I will be happy to be his deputy though.

September 9: 7 fighters with two returning new people: Stephanie and Rylie, one heavies fighter, Stoney, and one Hema fighter Max. We also had a guest, Jean Marie. Loads of teaching 1 fighters with three returning new fighters: Stephanie, James and Max. Cut and Thrust and teaching was accomplished.

September 30: 14 fighters including 2 returning new people (Stephaine and James), 2 guests from Wintermist (Pan and Jean Marie), 2 new from Lyondemere as well as Master Alexander Baird. Cut and Thrust was had in the heat.

September 16: 12 fighters with 4 new faces: Stephanie, James and two others. Cut and Thrust was practiced as well as lots of teaching.

September 23: 1 and taught. Teaching rapier was the order of the day as well.

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

We had 4 throwers last Sunday which was the 5th Sunday! There were also 5 non SCA peeps throwing as well. Cristof is taking me to GWW sati and am not sure if he'll make it back for practice Sunday he will post and let Merlin know. (Merlin stated - There were 3 people who did TW's at the last practice. It is the first practice in a while, only one in September)

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici:

Hasn't been any

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: Vacant):

FB Group - 7 new member requests, 0 spam/bot account requests. At 837 members (net loss of 1 member since last month), with 466 of those being active.

Top 3 posts in last month:

- 1 - Elena's post offering free indigo plants.
- 2 - Serafina's post about leaving sunglasses at practice.
- 3 - Giacchino's post asking if the dragonwing would be at Angels Anniversary.

Wednesdays are currently our best engagement days, followed closely by Mondays.

On the FB page, we're at 619 followers, a loss of 1 follower over the previous month.

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

The website is up.

Next Council Meeting – Nov 12, 2024



ALTAVIA BARONIAL OFFICERS



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Interested in helping the barony and learning how to be an officer?

Interested in one of the open positions, or in being a deputy for one of the offices?

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



MEETINGS & PRACTICES IN THE BARONY



NOTE: All attendees to events (including fighter practices, etc.) must show their 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 -- Currently on Hiatus**

- **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

• **Fighter Practice / Social Night**

- **Date/Time:** Every Monday, 7:00pm
- **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 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 [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** - brewing@sca-altavia.org - **Currently on Hiatus**
 - 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)
- **Culinary Guild** - **Currently on Hiatus**
 - 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
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- **Equestrian** - equestrian@sca-altavia.org - **Currently on Hiatus**
 - **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
 - **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 - **Currently on Hiatus**
 - **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:**
- ❖ **Armored Combat:** Duke [Adam Makandro](#) (05/11/24)
- ❖ **Arts & Sciences:** Lady [Caterina Sanzio](#) (05/11/24)
- ❖ **Bardic:** Baron Kyr [Yaroslav the Persistent](#) (12/14/24)
- ❖ **Cut and Thrust:** The Honorable Dark Lord [Diago de las Casas](#) (05/11/24)
- ❖ **Games:** Baroness [Tezar of Aeolis](#) (12/14/24)
- ❖ **Fretted Fork:** [Karen Kensek](#) (10/27/24)
- ❖ **Rapier Combat:** THL [Nafar Sämé](#) (05/11/24)
- ❖ **Thrown Weapons:** THL [Eadric The Younger](#) (10/27/24)

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