

FRET KNOT



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Newsletter of the Barony of Altavia, Caid



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FROM THE CHRONICLER

Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios



CONTENT NEEDED: This newsletter is for **the people of Altavia (YES, that's you!)** to **share** their artwork, research, writing, and more. Please contact me at chronicler.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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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
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FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Griffith von Bermen & Amabel Radleigh



June 2025 Comments

Hello Altavia!

We had another wonderfully busy month with lots of events, practices and arts!

We started off with heading north to our cousins in Wintermist to thank Fabia and Ajax as they stepped down and support Shego and Alphonsus as they stepped in to their new role as Baroness and Baron.

Fabia called up a surprised Amabel to become the next Party Baroness, continuing a fun lineage of Baronesses.

The delicious lunch for the Baronage was highlighted by bardic performances filled with heartfelt songs and poems written to honor their consorts who inspired them.

The next week we headed out for Potrero War with members of our populace to join the Kingdom for a fun long weekend of fighting, shooting, camping and celebration.

We had large Altavian encampment, including quite a few people who were joining us for their first war! We were thrilled to have them, and hope they had a fantastic first war experience.

Brianna took Faelin as her Protege in the Altavians encampment, and we are all excited to see them grow and thrive together.

The rapier war field had some fun and creative melee scenarios, including our princess becoming a zombie and working to turn the rest of the fighters.

On the armored field we heard of exciting scenarios, and we were pleased to see one of our newer fighters join the melee field for the first time.

The archery range saw Altavians and archers aplenty, with over 200 archers coming out throughout the war. The growth of the archery community is fantastic to see, and the short range was continuously filled with new archery coming out to learn and try their hand at a bow.

Altavia had a fantastic showing at the novelty shoots and challenges, with one of our new archers, Brian to winning the Balloon pop-ulance novelty shoot. Merlin won the Viking Raid novelty shoot and the 3d target shoot "Kings Hunt", and Amabel won the novelty shoot "Raising, not Razing a Viking Village" and the Potrero Adult War Championship.

We also got to celebrate two archers who made bowmaster at Potrero: Merlin Wynn (crossbow) and Gideon of Lyondemere (Handbow). This is a huge accomplishment in an archer's career, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Back at home, our rapier practice has continued to have a great turnout, and our monthly 1st Monday boar pit this month encouraged fighters to bring their best weapons form, which resulted in some fantastic fighting.

Armored practice has had a good turnout lately, with new fighters and returning fighters that haven't been able to come out recently.

Sir Yari has been continuing to show up to practices and help our fighters, even running a beginning two- weapons class.

We finished up the month with Collegium, which had a ton of class options, and the lunch by Rebecca Robynson and Philip De Will o'Aston was delicious!

We had quite a few Altavians at Collegium who took a wide range of classes from metal etching to period games to rapier classes to back strap weaving and more.

Thank you to everyone who helped run the event, taught classes and made the day a success!

We are looking forward to the next month of events and practices, leading up to Coronation.

In service,

Baroness Amabel

Baron Griffith

May 2025 Comments

Hello Altavia!

We had a wonderful month, of Art, archery, events and classes, ending in our own 42nd baronial anniversary!

Our cousins in Starkhafn and Nordwache stepped up at their Investitures, and we are thrilled to welcome them to the family, and look forward to seeing what the next few years bring.

Our Baron Griffith was able to make it out to Starkhafn to bid farewell to Thomas and Catylyn and gifted them with a lovely boat to join their Navy for their retirement.

We had a lovely arts and sciences night where we received lots of help creating the belt favors to give to our champions in the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone who came out to help, especially Eleanor and who directed us all in the sewing arts, and Merlin who carved and block printed all of the favors with the design.

We had a few Altavians join the demo at Ridgecon, fighting, interacting with the guests and even joining the costume contest!

This month was also a big month for archery, both locally, at our practices with our archers, and the society at large.

We have regularly been running Royal rounds, and getting in IKACs and society seasonal challenges as well. This month, after running 10 archers through the IKAC (Inter-Kingdom Archery Challenge), which is essentially 2 royal rounds + extra speed ends. With these two Royal rounds counting toward each Archer's official scores, we had two archers achieve their next highest rank, with Joseph du Lapia reaching Yeoman and Baroness Amabel reaching Bowmaster.

Society wide, the Order of the Mark was formally established as the Peerage level order for the ranged weapons order, including archery, thrown weapons, combat archery and siege weapons, and kingdoms were granted the opportunity to name three premiers.

Kahn Valentine and King Brocc named the three CAID premieres at Altavia Anniversary. They named Cecilia deMedici, Teka Turmanov and Nikolaos Phaistios as our first candidates for the Order of the Mark.

We are so excited for them, and look forward to seeing what the future holds.

Altavia anniversary was a fun exciting day full of the celebration of growth, wonderful fighting, many deserving Altavians receiving awards.

We were able to celebrate Sir Liam's Pelican elevation, Sibylla de Haze's Laurel vigil, and the start of Felipe de Trujillo's traveling Pelican vigil.

We also gained new champions:

Rapier: Don Nathaniel Longbow

Cut and Thrust: Maestro Lot Ramirez

Arts and Sciences: THL Caterina Sanzio

Armored Combat: Kennari Liam Ulfsson won, and asked Thorgrim Rygarson, who finaled with him to act as champion, as Liam has moved out of state and will not be around to act as champion.

We sincerely thank everyone who helped the day run smoothly, and those that help us throughout the year, and look forward to the next year and the many events and celebrations to come.

In Service,
Baroness Amabel
Baron Griffith

April 2025 Comments

Hello Altavia!

This was a VERY busy month!

We started off with an exciting double event weekend in Caid.

At Pentathlon on Saturday our very own Sibylla (Tanya Yvette Wilson) was asked to join the Laurels!

On Sunday, Caid Archery Open was held at Woodley Park and ably stewarded by Merlin (Joshua Gore). Achilleous won the Open Handbow Division and Merlin took the Cross Bow division.

At practice, our rapier fighters are continuing the new tradition of bringing more structured classes to practice, with Master Niko Phaistos teaching a lesson on gaining constraint. We're planning on presenting structured classes at least once a month, and look forward to seeing what people have to bring out to teach everyone.

Academia Draconis was a wonderful weekend full of teaching, learning and fighting.

After the afternoon classes on Saturday there were two Pas, for armored and rapier, which were well attended and enjoyed.

There was also an invasion by Griffins, which were rebutted by the spear throwing and combat archery tournaments. The ranged weapon tournaments were great fun, with the hosts creating paper mache Griffins for the combatants to attack. Baroness Amabel and Arnleif Oladottir stepped in, bringing combat arrows and experience to the field, and opened up the field for any who were interested in trying their hand at combat archery.

Baron Niko took first place in the spear throwing, hitting his Griffin with every shot, and Merlin won the combat archery tournament, tearing open the Griffin's throat and releasing the candy inside to the ravenous hoards (the children).

That evening we were treated to pizza and cider by the wonderful Dreiburgen hosts, while the Torchlight tournament was held, and Baron Griffith was victorious with the most remaining lives and overall wins within the donation tournament!

We all came home, and had a largesse making night, which was incredibly well attended. Thank you to all who came out and helped us make braided belts and mug holders for the incoming barons and baronesses, it is greatly appreciated, and we're excited to welcome our new cousins soon.

The next weekend we headed out to Al Sahid, for their Anniversary, which was a fun filled day with Easter eggs, Bunny melees and tournaments. Master Niko won to Cut and Thrust, Sir Bjorn took Armored, Mestre Róisín won Rapier, Baroness Amabel won thrown weapons and Gideon won Archery.

Wrapping up the month, we had crown tournament in Angels, and the warm day held lots of fighting for all with a best two out of three double elimination tournament. We are thrilled to have Sir Bjorn Zenthffeer and Mestre Róisín Ni Brian as our next Crown Prince and Princess, and look forward to the next rein with them.

We look forward to the next month, with is filled with tournaments and Anniversaries (including our own!)

In Service to the Dream,
Baroness Amabel Radleigh
Baron Griffith von Bremen



NEWSLETTER AWARD NEWS

The Fret Knot is nominated for a William Blackfox award in the **Best Overall Newsletter** category!!!!



What are the William Blackfox awards?

Master William Blackfox was the author and illustrator of the cartoon *Warthaven*. He gave generously of his time and talents, and was very supportive of the Kingdom Chroniclers until his untimely death.

To honor his memory, the Office of the Society Chronicler sponsors the annual Master William Blackfox Awards to recognize excellence in the work of Chroniclers and newsletter contributors.

How are people nominated for the William Blackfox Awards?

The Kingdom Chroniclers make the initial nominations from the works in their Kingdom. (Kingdom Newsletters and Corporate Publications are not eligible.) All kingdoms are encouraged to participate and send in at least two nominations for each of the categories.

It is important that all participants realize that the nomination of their work is an indication of excellence.

The entries are then separated into the eight categories and the judging is completed by the Society Chronicler, with the assistance of disinterested individuals or experts, where necessary.

In each category, a winner and a Commended entry are chosen. The winners of the William Blackfox Awards, along with those entries recognized as Commended, will be announced each fall, and will appear in the Kingdom newsletters and Tournaments Illuminated. The complete list of all nominees is published on SCA.org.

<https://www.sca.org/the-william-blackfox-awards/>

Altavia Fret Knot Nominations Through the Years

Best Overall Newsletter

This does not necessarily mean the best-looking newsletter, but rather the newsletter which best meets the needs of the local group or guild for which it is published. It should accurately reflect the status of the group and be a valuable tool for growth and promotion of the SCA goals and ideals.

- **A.S. 36 Nominee:** Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia (Caid)
 - **Chronicler:** Lady Elspeth Colquhoun
- **A.S. 58 Nominee:** Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia (Caid)
 - **Chronicler:** Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios

Best Article

Recognizes excellence in articles appearing in a local newsletter. Awarded to the writer and the newsletter

- **A.S. 36 Nominee:** Tournaments and Favors in Elizabethan England
- **Publication:** Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia (Caid)
- **Chronicler:** Lady Elspeth Colquhoun
- **A.S. 37 Nominee:** Elizabethan Hair
 - **Author:** Anne le gris
 - **Publication:** Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia (Caid)
 - **Chronicler:** TH Lady Artemesia di Serena

- **A.S. 45 Nominee:** The Great Western War
 - **Author:** Xavier Albin
 - **Publication:** Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia
- **A.S. 50 Nominee:** The History of Saint Sangria
 - **Author:** Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios
 - **Publication:** The Fret Knot – 4th Quarter 2015, Barony of Altavia (Caid)
 - **Chronicler:** Charles Ivansen of Borreby
- **A.S. 56 Nominee:** Did You Know....The SCA's First Twelfth Night
 - **Author:** Ragnailt Inghean Mhaoil Sheachlainn
 - **Publication:** Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia (Caid)
 - **Chronicler:** Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios

Best Poetry or Short Fiction

Recognizes the author of an outstanding poem or piece of short fiction. Awarded to the writer and the newsletter.

- **A.S. 43 Nominee:** A Sestina for Flavia: for Maestra Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, OL, OP
 - **Author:** THL Secca of Cantia
 - **Publication:** Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia (Caid)
- **A.S. 45 Nominee:**
 - **Article:** You're in Altavia
 - **Author:** Lady Petronilla de Chastelerault
 - **Publication:** Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia (Caid)

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It counts as an official publication for resume & documentation purposes!

Share what you do with your barony!!

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(Picture your artwork here!!)



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Baroness Tezar of Aeolis

June 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes



Via Zoom June 10, 2025: Starting at 7:06 pm and ending at 8:12 pm

Attendees: Tezar, Griff, Vivienne, Marianna, Niko, Amabel, Merlin, Eleonora, Damien, Colwyn

Seneschal's Report:

The Kingdom calendar finally opened up, and we put in our 3 requested events. We received 2 of them, however, are currently working on making a couple switches of dates with our neighbors. They should have the finalized Calendar out this week. Our tentative event are Festival of the Rose on Jan 31st, and Consorts Champion Ranged on July 19th. This is in addition to our standard Anniversary, Agincourt, and Yule. Caid Archery Open is also on the Calendar although I don't think we are responsible for it (something I can check once the calendar is set).

Please let me know if you or someone you know is interested in Stewarding either of the Kingdom events we were given, especially Festival of the Rose in January. We will need to solidify the location quickly and get the permit processes going. We had spoken about using Tim's Church, so we need to see if this date is available with them, and what the cost would be.

I received the following e-mail from the Kingdom DEIB person so I am adding it here.

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm reaching out to share some new resources from the DEIB office to support more inclusive and accessible event planning.

- **Attached PDF:** *Accessibility Checklist*
This checklist is designed to assist event stewards in planning for accessibility. While not every event site will meet every item listed, the checklist serves as a helpful guide to proactively consider accessibility needs.
- **Google Form:** *Event Site Information Form*
<https://forms.gle/PoZg8mRFyf64E3wZ6>
This form is intended to gather details about event sites to help build a resource library for future planning. Please fill it out with any event sites you frequently use.

These resources also will soon be available on the DEIB Documents Section of the Kingdom of Caid website.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or have any questions. Thank you for your support in making our events more welcoming for all.

In Service to the Dream, Panchali Mahadeviyar

KDEIB Deputy - Special Projects

The seneschals report for 2nd quarter was submitted on time (barely).

Old Business:

We have closed out the previous events.

The new pole bag was ordered and has been received. The pictures look great.

Ongoing Business:

Agincourt – Oct 26: Merlin proposes he will work with a new person – Vivienne volunteered – and they will have Ceclia advise but not work it. Held at Woodley. Need to request a COI since it is the 4th Sunday. The only other expense besides the COI is site tokens, and prizes. Prizes tend to get donated, however, we could potentially buy some. Do we want to make it free, but have a donation box for people to chip in for the COI? *Do we want to make it free? Still looking at that yes.*

Vivienne – she has had a couple of enquiries re: feast. Said the same thing Merlin said which is it was something we used to do but isn't currently being done. If someone wants to step up and make that happen, she would joyfully welcome them to do it. The problem is the lack of Niko's church being available. Was \$400 each for Agincourt & yule for use of the whole day, including use of the kitchen.

Griff is checking with the National guard Armory but hasn't heard back from them.

Talking about changing up the format – keeping the spirit, but able to have more shooting for everyone. Working on putting that together, and adding a Novelty shoot in addition to the normal shoot.

Niko – In the past we have had both the championship shoot, plus a clout and/or novelty.

Merlin – Definitely have people interested in doing these different aspects.

Amabel – Definitely encouraging people to come out so they can do more shooting than just the competition.

The Fretted fork event is still an on-going thing, and the winner from last year generally helps run the contest.

Check with Elle and/or Cecilia on if she has a copy of the COI to see what it says. Also, can check with the Seneschal on what the COI will cover.

We could also bring the T-shirts to sell.

Also – if we can't do them at Agincourt – we can always do them at GWW.

Yule 2025: They plan on hosting, and Rudolph has volunteered to be the event steward. We need someone to co-steward. With everything else going on I have not spoken to her further.

New Business:

Waiting on confirmation of calendar before we can fully start planning.

Merlin-something came up from the Capt. of Archers (across the kingdom). Looking for all the baronies to host a Novelty shoot – 1 each at GWW and 1 at potrero. Is this something that there would be an appetite for.

2nd related request – The loaner gear that Potrero uses is not owned by the SCA or Calafia. It has been provided by an individual (with a small amount from the college). There has been a small falling out, so there is a question about the baronies being willing to bring their loaner gear to use at Potrero to cover the potential fall-out.

Griff – Thinks it sounds like a doable thing, but something to talk about among the baronies. The biggest issue would be loss of arrows due to the amount of shooting/terrain at Potrero. That could be a cost to be concerned about. How to get arrows cheaply/easily is a conversation to have.

There are 8 active archery communities in the kingdom which would allow for a ½ day for each barony at each war.

Let's look into the cost of replacement loaner equipment that we can anticipate due to breakage and loss. We'll need to do an inventory to see what we have that is useable to loan.

Merlin has looked into some pricing of youth sized arrows. Can get a dozen youth for \$15.

Officer's Reports

Archers – Merlin Wynn (Deputy: Vacant):

We had 2 practices this month. Both were just practice, no challenges or royal rounds. We are shifting our hours to be 9 to noon instead of 10 – 1 due to summer heat. We continue to have good turn out even while hot.

Arts & Sciences – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: Vacant):

Greetings to all! We held Arts and Sciences Night on May 6th at the home of our Deputy A&S officer Eleonora in Chatsworth. We had our A&S night at our crafting night with a class on Intermediate Brocaded Tablet Weaving. This was a class centered around the uses of supplemental wefts. The class was taught by Rhys an Cairn, and this was a test run of the class he taught at Collegium. This was a smaller class in attendance but still enjoyed by those who attended.

On May 10th, at Altavia Anniversary at Veterans Memorial Park, we held the Arts and Sciences competition to determine our baronial champion. There were about 11 entrants showcasing a variety of types of arts. Our theme this year was Growth, either demonstrated by how far someone has come in their style of art or by showing something that represents growth to that person. Caterina Sanzio was our winner and is our baronial champion, demonstrating her growth in the scribal arts.

A&S Deputy Eleonora will host the last Open Craft Night on June 17th. The Craft Nights will be on hiatus after that. This month, our A&S Night will be Parasol Painting on June 24th. Please see the event on Facebook for more information.

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. The Band of Bards also performed at Potrero War at three locations: Open Arms, Beggars Inn, and the Sunday Night Bardic Showcase. We are tossing around ideas for future setlists.

Please see Facebook for more information on A&S Nights, the Open Craft Night, and Bardic Jam. Please keep coming out for the Arts and Sciences nights! A poll is still forthcoming (apologies for my huge delay), but if there is something specific that someone is interested in, please let me know. Please get in touch with me if there is a class someone is interested in taking, something you would like to learn, a class someone would like to teach, or an open studio someone would like to host. Also, largesse is needed for Coronation, so please see Baroness Amabel for more information. See everyone at practice!

Chatelaine – Serafina (Deputy: Vacant):

Colwyn Chatelained at end of May

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

Not sure I can make it to the meeting tonight. The 2Q issue of the Fret Knot is due at the end of this month. Tabitha Stanley will be doing artwork and perhaps other enrichment for the Fret Knot! Other contributions are always welcome!

Constable – Saystine Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

2 lost and founds – both Merlin's – all accounted for.

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

June 2025 Exchequer's Report Altavia

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

Finance Committee, Effective Jan 2024

Voting Officers: Seneschal-Tezar, Exchequer-Elle, Last Seneschal-N/A, Last Exchequer- N/A, B&B-Griffith and Amabel

Other Voting members: Lynnette, Cecilia

Non-voting advisors: Timotheus, Christof, Laertes

Bank Signatories, Effective June 8, 2018

Timotheus, Elle, Courtney, Cecilia, Richenda

Altavia Exchequer's Report

March 2025

Based on Aprilstatement

W.F. Checking	\$17,250.12	
Total	\$17,250.12	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$6,341.30	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$24,091.42	

January Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
04/22/25	Pamela Brousseau – Caid Archery Insurance		75.00	
04/22/25	Cash – Anniversary Start Up		200.00	
		0	275.00	-275.00

2025 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

Date	Description	Status	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
	T-Shirts	Pending	0	0	0
	Fund Raising	Pending	0	0	0
	Donations	Pending	80.00	0	80.00
01/05/2025	Con Champ Martial	CLOSED	1973.0	1668.41	304.59
03/16/2025	Caid Archery Open	CLOSED	0	75.00	-75.00
05/10/2025	Anniversary	Pending	0	0	0
	Agincourt Tourney	Pending	0	0	0
	A/A Yule	Pending	0	0	0

2024 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT

TOTAL GROSS INCOME	\$4,710.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,115.51
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$1,594.49

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

Not much going on. The meeting is a week from tomorrow, it is now on Discord. He will not be there. The Crescent Herald sent out a letter stating he is starting a program to look at handling of “dead names” in the OP. If anyone asks, it is an option.

Voice Herald – Briana MacCabe – Not here.

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant): No report. – No list activities in the past month.

Marshal – Niko Phaistos:

Marshal, Armored – Griff (Deputy: Vacant):

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 5, 6, 2, 0 (average, 4) 3 practices

Minimum Authorization age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

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

Current Status: Nothing to report.

Visiting Knights: Sir Yari, Constance the Noble Local knights: Sir Eichling.

Comments: No Issues. Regulars. First week Small practice, but focused. Second practice, Authorized new fighter. Third was light, before war. Fourth practice cancelled.

Marshal, Equestrian – THL Guene Annwyll (Deputy: Vacant): Not doing anything.

Marshal, Rapier – Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo (Deputy: Nikolaus Phaistos):

Giacchino stated he would not be able to attend, but here is the monthly summary report.

(Giacchino unable to attend) This past several weeks saw robust attendance at Rapier Practice with participants ranging from 11-15 people each week participating in both rapier and C&T. We have had several visitors from Wintermist, Dun Or, Lyondomere, and Angels. There was no practice Held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.

On June 2, we held our monthly Boar Pit which had 12 participants. This month's form was "Bring your best". Our combatants seem to be enjoying this monthly activity.

There was a report of a shield needing new handle hardware. I will take a look and repair it as time permits. I do not anticipate any cost for the repair. No other equipment or weapons failures were reported.

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

Nothing to report still no chance of having practices I spoke with Andrew and he is still working on redoing some policies at the range there and then we're going to go the city, but I have asked him to let me know if there's any way I can assist in getting this done if it looks like we won't have the park for Agincourt for Thrown Weapons. I can do a competition at Great Western if needed. Just let me know what you'd like me to do and Christophe and I will do it

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici:

(Unable to attend) I tried to rally the kids to do youth combat, but they said it was too hot and they didn't want to do it. I did manage together the help of Sir Thorin to help if we did have any youth that wanted to fight, but they didn't want to.

I assisted at Potrero youth fighting for two days. I spoke with the Kingdom youth minister and she said that she could help me get authorized.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: Vacant):

Webwright – Merlin Wynn (Deputy: Vivienne & Peter):

Website is still up. Vivienne & he are putting together rough plans at this stage to do a mapping of the current site to see what they want the new site to have on it.

Youth – Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Vacant):

(Unable to attend) We had 1 youth and several adults do the art project at Altavia anniversary.

Next Council Meeting – July 8, 2025

May 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom May 13, 2025: Starting at 7:05 pm and ending at 8:14 pm

Attendees: Tezar, Christophe, Cecilia, Amabel, Lynette, Elle, Merlin, Panchali, Jack, Brianna, Griffith, Saystine, Damian, Vivienne, Marianna, Sadhbh

Seneschal's Report:

Thank you everyone for such a successful 42nd Altavian Anniversary! This type of event takes a team of people working together, and I am so grateful for everyone who stepped up to make the actual day go so well. It was hot, but Saystine & the snow cones and Kit & the fighter station took care of everyone. I heard wonderful things about A&S and I want to thank Justina as the sole merchant who braved the entangling webs of paperwork required by the city to come out and provide us with beautiful things to purchase. Thank you to Vivienne for running the auction and all who did so much throughout the day while hopefully also getting to enjoy themselves at least a little.

This is the second to last event we host this year as we have no other Kingdom events, and it looks like Angels will be leading Yule this year. More on that in a moment.

The Kingdom calendar has finally opened up, with a new type of fill in the date type requesting system. It is open until May 28th, so I thought we could discuss this one last time before we submit events we would like to hold. Again, something to discuss under new business.

I also want to welcome Caellach & Sadhbh formally to Altavia. Lyondomere's loss is definitely our gain.

Old Business:

Caidan Archery Open – Went very well. 31 people at gate, with a total of 20 people shooting across various forms – Open, Period, and Crossbow. Overall went very well. Lots of thanks to Niko for handling Lists when I had to go. Donations were made of \$50, with the barony covering the rest. – Closed out.

Altavia Anniversary – Pan & Merlin. Pan - Don't have full report yet but will have a full report next month. Thanks to everyone for everything they did, every time she turned around things were being taken care of before she could worry about it. Merlin – do we have a count on attendance and funds yet? – No. Sold a couple t-shirts, and will get a full report next month. No signs were put up. No other issues or problems, no injuries. Christophe has offered to put signs up for next month.

ANNIVERSARY GATE Members – 164; Non-Members – 12; Children – 2; Comp - 2 for a total of 180

Gate - \$2760; Auction - \$451; T-shirts - \$90; Donations - \$5. Need to deduct PayPal fees of \$25 for total revenue in.

Rinna (our contact at the county) sent a reply regarding Merchant fees, saying it 10%. This means a cost of \$17.08 for Justina.

Ongoing Business:

New pole bag – ordered, paid for, just need to receive.

Yule 2025 – I spoke with Baroness Katerina at Altavia Anniversary. She stated that yes, they would like to continue sharing the event. They plan on hosting, and Rudolph has volunteered to be the event steward. We will need a co-steward from Altavia to liaison with him for the event. Evidently Baron Jethro has already begun looking at sites, and hopefully we will have some choices to pick from soon. Looking for someone, plan to pick them next month.

Agincourt – Oct 26 – Merlin proposes he will work with a new person – Vivienne volunteered – and they will have Cecilia advise but not work it. Held at Woodley. Need to request a COI since it is the 4th Sunday. The only other expense besides the COI is site tokens, and prizes. Prizes tend to get donated, however, we could potentially buy some. Do we want to make it free, but have a donation box for people to chip in for the COI?

We could also bring the T-shirts to sell.

Christophe spoke to Andrew (on board at Woodley). Went to give him Cecilia's # to discuss what they can do with the city. The thing is, before they can do a presentation to the City, they have to change their own bylaws and mission statement to include Thrown Weapons, so that they can normalize thrown Weapons occurring at that location. Cecilia – We also need to remind them that we are an educational society, to help cut through the red tape. So- that is where we are at. There is a good chance just may take some time.

Also – if we can't do them at Agincourt – we can always do them at GWW.

New Business:

Crown & Consorts champions all work – Veterans park.

Coronation and/or Privy Council & possibly a Festival of the Rose. (Tim's church). Has been used in the past, but not recently. Need to look at parking around the building. Can not use the feasting.

Potrero War – Saystine has a mug to return to Duke Wilhelm. Cecilia will pick it up. The barony has a relatively large number of people including a lot of new people.

Officer's Reports

Archers – Merlin Wynn (Deputy: Vacant):

We held 3 archery practices – with the largest being 24. 11 IKACs were completed. Regularly running royal rounds and the most recent had several marshals in training running royal rounds. We will be regularly helping Wintermist with their newly started practice, loaning and taking up archery equipment for them to use.

Arts & Sciences – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: Vacant):

We held Arts and Sciences Night on April 22nd at the Baron and Baroness's home to make champion belt favors. The Baroness requested help in making these favors for our then upcoming anniversary. Baroness Amabel, Merlin, and Eleonora put together a template, and then the favors were created in an assembly line. We had 7 people in attendance, and we had a lot of

fun! Please keep coming out for the Arts and Sciences nights! A poll is still forthcoming, but if there is something specific that someone is interested in, please let me know. For May, we had our A&S night at our crafting night with the class on weaving, and there was also A&S at anniversary (more details in next month's report). A&S Deputy Eleonora is holding her bi-weekly craft nights. Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. The Band of Bards will be performing a few times at Potrero, so if you can, come out to a performance! Please see Facebook for more information on A&S Nights, Craft Nights, and Bardic Jam. Please get in touch with me if there is a class someone is interested in taking, something you would like to learn, a class someone would like to teach, or an open studio someone would like to host. See everyone at practice!

Chatelaine – Serafina (Deputy: Vacant):

There was a lost item, black jacket & fleece lined, left at the last practice last month. Sadhbh reported.

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

- The 1Q Fret Knot went out a week late, sorry!
- The next issue is due the end of June, please send any recipes, photos, event reports, articles, poems, etc. that you'd like to see published!

I added the new champions to the Caidwiki at:

https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Altavia_Champions#2025

I filled out a new Agreement to Serve and texted it the Seneschal

The Fret Knot has been nominated for a William Blackfox AS 58 Award: BEST OVERALL NEWSLETTER: This does not necessarily mean the best-looking newsletter, but rather the newsletter which best meets the needs of the local group or guild for which it is published. It should accurately reflect the status of the group and be a valuable tool for growth and promotion of SCA goals and ideals.

This title is awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler. Nominee- Fret Knot, Barony of Altavia; Chronicler: Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios

Constable – Vacant

Saystine is stepping out after long and appreciated work in this position.

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

May 2025 Exchequer's Report Altavia

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

Finance Committee, Effective Jan 2024

Voting Officers: Seneschal-Tezar, Exchequer-Elle, Last Seneschal-N/A, Last Exchequer- N/A, B&B-Griffith and Amabel

Other Voting members: Lynnette, Cecilia

Non-voting advisors: Timotheus, Christof, Laertes

Bank Signatories, Effective June 8, 2018

Timotheus, Elle, Courtney, Cecilia, Richenda

Altavia Exchequer's Report

May 2025

Based on December statement

W.F. Checking	\$ 17,525.12	
Total	\$ 17,525.12	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$ 6,3410.30	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$ 300.00	
Total	\$24,166.42	

March Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
03/19/25	Deposit – CC Martial Paypal	438.00		
03/31/25	Deposit – Caid Archery Donations	50.00		
		488.00	0	0

2025 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

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

\$451 – Auction \$690 – Gate paypal \$90 – Tshirt sales (Agincourt numbers)

2024 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT

TOTAL GROSS INCOME	\$4,710.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,115.51
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$1,594.49

NOTE: Do we want to update who the signatories are. The banks and the kingdom have made it very difficult to do. Goal – Getting updates to remove those people not active in the SCA/with mobility/transportation issues, and add in people so that we can more easily handle checks and reimbursements without putting undue burden on either Elle or the people needing to be paid.

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

Greetings! The next heraldry meeting will be Wednesday, May 21 at 7pm, electronically.

Cecilia – She wants to know if she can just get the heralds to drop off the De from her name.

Voice Herald: Briana MacCabe –

Merlin & a couple of others to check on why awards from Yule were not updated. She spoke to the Herald from Angels, and they each thought that the other had done it. She talked to Brig & Pennifer about how to make sure the info is updated. She has also sent in a Herald's report for the awards given on Saturday. In addition to the Baronial, 3 Kingdom level AOAs were given (Peter, Kit, Vivienne), A Lux for Caterina Sansio, A Court Barony for Elle, and an Argent Blade for Giacchino.

She is also offering to help people at practice with name.

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant): No report.

Marshal – Niko Phaistos

Marshal, Armored (Griff) –

Barony of Altavia, 2025 Marshal's Monthly Report Period: April

Participants: 8, 8, 5, 7 (average 7) 4 practices

Minimum Authorization age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

Problems/Injuries: Typical / Minimal (armor bites, bruises, sprains, etc.) None

Visiting Knights/fighters: Sir Yari, (plus Constance the Noble)

Local knights: Sir Eichling

No Issues. Regulars. New guest Natalie Romero, meet and greet, will return. First week, Natalie bought co-worker Marco, who tried armored basics, with Niko and Teophine. Second week, Sir Eichling came to do slow work, helped teach, Amabel helped teach. Third week, new guest tried armored basics, the regulars, Jack joined us to prep for war, and Constance visited to help teach. We will run war drills in the coming weeks leading to war. Fourth week Peter got authorized, guests all in armor, Visitors from Crimson Brotherhood, came out to hang 2 out and help. New guest, Toresta, tried armored technique. Might return.

Marshal, Equestrian – THL Guene Annwyll (Deputy: Vacant): Not doing anything.

Marshal, Rapier – Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo (Deputy: Nikolaus Phaistos)

Greetings! Turnout for both rapier and cut and thrust practice has been solid. Participation has been steady ranging from 10-15 combatants each week.

- Special thanks to Master Colwyn for teaching a class on the use of measure as part of our monthly "teach what you know" series.

- The first Monday in May, we held a boar pit featuring single rapier with your non-dominant hand. It was a great success. We are planning "sword and cloak" for next month.

- May 10 was Altavia's 42nd anniversary event. The tournament format was round robin pools, followed by a single elimination tournament for those that advanced out of pools.

Congratulations to our new Rapier Champion, Don Nathaniel Longbow and our new Cut and thrust Champion, Master Lot Ramirez.

No reports of injuries or equipment problems.

NOTE: Wants to put in an office request to purchase a pair of Cut & Thrust Swords.
@\$250/each.

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

No practices at this time as Woodley is still not allowing. YIS~Cecilia and Cristof

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici (Deputy: Vacant)::

I will be helping out at Potrero's youth combat to get some experience running youth events.

There was no youth combat at Altavia Anniversary.

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: Vacant):

Peter has taken over doing Monday postings – doing a great job. She is good with him taking over and she will be his deputy. She has connected him with Seamus (kingdom). Robust participation on FB and growing activity on Discord, both baronial and kingdom. Amabel – Have you talked to him about taking over?

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

2 deputies now – Vivienne & Peter. He will work on building up the new webpage we are being moved to (the places. Site). Until today's meeting it was current with offices, however, he will update that also going forward.

Security is good and every it up. Lynette – the reason there were 2 issues in the newsletter was Merlin fixing things – big thanks.

Youth – Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Vacant):

Greetings, We did have youth at Altavia anniversary, however only 1 came and made 2 projects (a feathered fan and a glittered flower pot) and I had several adults make fans (it was hot!). I tried to rally some of the kids to do youth combat, but they said it was just too hot. I did have Sir Thorin to help run youth combat as I'm still not authorized (and can not seem to get the handbook to come up off the SCA site). Those that did the crafts (making fans, decorating small flower pots making mini baskets with flowers in them). I will be assisting with youth at Potrero to get some experience and hope get authorization soon. I sent the equipment with the trailer and upon authorization I will see to it that if there are youths in our barony they will have a practice. Much of the equipment (especially swords) need help!

Next Council Meeting – Mar 11, 2025]

April 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom April 8, 2025: Starting at 7:06 pm and ending at pm

Attendees: Tezar, Amabel, Brianna, Lynette, Serafina, Vivienne, Cecilia, Merlin, Niko, Panchali, Marianna, Sadhbh, Damien, Elle, Saystine, and Colwyn

Seneschal's Report:

We have received a missive and information (from Privy council) from the Kingdom Seneschals office, which I would like to report here.

From March 21. Greetings. Sharing a note from a recent kingdom Seneschal meetings that may be relevant to members. - If a FB profile has "works at SCA, Inc" or "worked at SCA, Inc." or words to that effect, that is an SCA social media page (even though its an individual's page) and the person opens themselves up to potential complaints. One cannot simultaneously say "this is my private page" and have "Works at SCA" in their profile. — Sir Philip, Caid Kingdom Seneschal

From Privy council –

The kingdom recently deployed a Kingdom-wide Discord server. The office is working on developing a "proof of concept" to digitize Warrants and Waivers. The Seneschal's office is continuing work on the membership map that was started by Master Laertes. They are also working to develop a tool to allow Kingdom seneschals to look-up/track membership.

They are also working on updating the kingdom calendar and scheduling process. NOTE: The reason we have not yet been able to bid on any 2026 events is they have not finalized the 2026 calendar. Until that is done, bidding can not be started.

No formal announcement regarding the new peerage, however, it is "guessed" that it should happen during the next reign. We can not make any hard plans until the BOD confirms a date and the completed paperwork.

There have been weekly Corporate Earl Marshal meetings to complete a new Society-wide Armoured Combat book. This will be in a more search accessible format, with society rules overlaid with kingdom level to cover those areas that are different. Once this is complete, it will be done for Rapier, Cut & Thrust, archery, and TW also.

Just before each coronation, the EM requires all territorial marshallate officers to re-sign their Agreement to serve, which is then signed by the new monarchs. The EM is trying to crack down on this, which is why he has been asking for the names of the marshallate officers from each territory. He is also trying to make sure that all territorial marshallate officers are sending in their quarterly reports, in compliance with corporate rules.

NOTE: All practices must have a Marshal-in-charge who is authorized in the forms being practiced; and an armor inspection; before practice may start.

On a positive note – CAID’s policies on talking through and handling issues on the field has been so successful that other kingdoms are asking for what we are doing right, to be used as an example of what to do.

A&S - Pentathlon used a digital platform for registration and judging. If you have any thoughts on this, please let me know as they are taking feedback to evaluate the system. They are also asking for feedback on having classes as a part of the event, which seems to have been a success. As a part of this – the event only lost \$500 compared to the several thousands it normally loses.

Exchequers – Kingdom will be working primarily on discord.

Chronicler – The Society level officer is currently updating the handbook. They are also asking that all chronicler items be sent to the archivists in addition to their office moving forward.

IT – they are updating the system technologies. Discord is up. By the end of the year NO official business is allowed to go through non-official addresses. If you don’t have an official address and need one- ask and it shall be provided. As a part of this – all territorial sites MUST be through the official Kingdom site meaning the one that has places.sca-caid.org as a part of the URL

Chatelaine – Looking to add a quarterly newcomers meeting on zoom. She will also be doing another Newcomers track at GWW – so let your people know. She is also working on a template for Chatelaine cards, but doesn’t have it done yet. She asked the question “what is our baronies yearly demo?”

GWW – They are not raising the fees for this year. However, they are asking that everyone register as early as possible (once it is up). They need to get the numbers up to continue holding the event. Also, they are asking if there are any baronies or households with large pavilions that might be available to use at various locations around the site. Looking to reduce the rental costs if possible.

Social Media – The Discord is up and is easier to spread event information on. There are 5 moderates constantly checking to monitor content. Please make use of notification buttons if you see any issues.

Youth – They are looking for a new kingdom Youth officer.

Old Business:

Yule (Dec 14th) – Closed.

Caidan Archery Open – Went very well. 31 people at gate, with a total of 20 people shooting across various forms – Open, Period, and Crossbow. Overall went very well. Lots of thanks to Niko for handling Lists when I had to go. Donations were made of \$50, with the barony covering the rest.

Ongoing Business:

Altavia Anniversary – Panchali and Merlin are stewarding. Pan – Things are going well, Merlin and Jaz did the walk through yesterday. Don't need an ADA porta-potty they are letting us use theirs – so saving money. Merchants have a 10% fee, with Lynette handling Pay pal, which was sent to the exchequer today.

Want to have another meeting before the event to talk about lunch for their majesties, highnesses, excellencies, and the location of pop-ups. We did get to work with the regional director again, so we have a working relationship. We don't need fire permits or exact # of pop-ups/dragon-wings. Please mention canvas and Dragonwings, NOT tents. Also, no open flames of any type.

There are 2 vigils and an elevation having. We definitely/maybe should add to the event page post that we can have dragon-wings on the eric, as we have had to say no to those previously. Please let us know the SF if bringing them so we have SF to determine where they will fit. Also want to add that we can accept credit cards. Merchant info has been submitted and info provided to the stewards. When is the cut-off point for adding merchants? Merline will check and get back to Lynette when he sends the info to the rangers on this.

Anniversary meeting on April 24th at 7 to touch base before the event.

Yule 2025 – In January Niko proposed that we change to the 3rd week of Dec instead of the 2nd, to maybe allow for more people to attend. Briana – thinks the reason we were on that date was to due with Niko's church. Lynette suggests we mention that we are trying to go to a less busy weekend when submitting the change the date.

Spoke to Baroness Katerina at Angels Melee, but haven't had a chance since. No forward motion on this yet.

New Business:

Amabel is trying to coordinate largesse for the 3 new investitures that are happening this year. Largess is underway, started doing things at A&S last year. Also doing thank you cards that will be made by stamps she & Merlin are making.

Officer's Reports

Archers – Merlin Wynn:

Last month we hosted Caid archery open. Well attended, everyone had a good time. Have had 2 practices 18 persons attending/3 marshals, 2 new.

2nd practice ran Yin-yang – society style. 14 attendees, 1 new, 1 returning. It takes a lot of time to score so probably won't be running at Woodley again.

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

We held Arts and Sciences Night on March 25th at the Baron and Baroness's home to make Largesse for the incoming Barons and Baronesses for their Investitures. We have three sets of Baronial heirs stepping up this year in Caid, (Starkhafa 4/19, Nordwache 4/26 and Wintermist 5/17), and we wanted to make welcome baskets. For Largesse for the baskets, we made woven braided belts and leather mug holders to put on belts. The classes were taught by the Altavia Baron and Baroness themselves! Baron Griffith taught how to make the leather mug holders, and Baroness Amabel taught how to make the woven braided belts. We had 13 people in attendance, making this one of our largest classes yet! Please keep coming out for the Arts and Sciences nights! I'm still working on a poll and my spreadsheet to gauge interest in the various disciplines,

so please be on the lookout for this. This month, at the Baroness' request, we will be working on belt favors. More information to come! A&S Deputy Eleonora is holding her bi-weekly craft nights. Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. Please see Facebook for more information on A&S Nights, Craft Nights, and Bardic Jam. Please get in touch with me if there is a class someone would like to teach, a class someone is interested in taking, something you would like to learn, or an open studio someone would like to host. See everyone at practice!

Chatelaine – Saystine Fojtik (Deputy: Serafina):

Serafina - I am attaching my first report as Deputy Chatelaine. I hope it will be helpful - again I am open to any suggestions. Looking forward to tonight's meeting - just a reminder I will be leaving early tonight, around 7:30p, for work. Wishing you all the best and much gratitude for all your kind assistance. “Excited to help! As of late, I have been going to Monday night meetings and most recently the last two archery practices. There are 3 new people interested that I am aware of (if anyone knows of anyone else please let me know): Nico – A friend I invited (Monday meeting 4-7) Nicola – Who found Altavia on-line (she was originally from the Middle Kingdom) (Monday 4-7) Pedro – A friend of Peters (Sunday Archery 4-6)

I hope this is helpful & I am open to any guidance or suggestions as I continue.

Children – Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant):

There were only 2 youth that came to play games at consort champion. I saw others but fell ill and went home mid-day.

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

The 4th quarter issue went out last month, the 1st quarter goes out in March. Send in content. I missed the deadline for publishing the 1st quarter issue of Fret Knot. I'm working on it now and will have it out in a couple of days. Feel free to send me photos, event reports, poems, recipes, articles, etc

Constable – Saystine Fojtik (Deputy: Vacant):

We're final Hopefully she'll have the car back before Anniversary.

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

March 2025 Exchequer's Report Altavia

The ongoing project of updating the Baronial Regalia Book by Tim and Elle. Tim has been warranted as her deputy and is now officially her deputy.

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Timotheus, Elle, Courtney, Cecilia, Richenda

Altavia Exchequer's Report

January 2025

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January Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
02/10/25	Wynne van Citters Insurance - CC Martial		75.00	
		0	75.00	0

2025 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

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	A/A Yule	Pending	0	0	0
			0	0	0

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

Voice Herald: Briana MacCabe –

Getting ready to herald Anniversary. She is looking

Lists – THL Matlens Litovka (Deputy: Vacant):

Nothing to report this past month. She is planning on being at Anniversary.

Marshal – Niko Phaistos

Marshal, Armored Griff (Deputy: Vacant):

Barony of Altavia, 2025 Marshal's Monthly Report Period: March

Participants: 3, 8, 4, 8, 6 (average, 5) 5 practices

Minimum Authorization age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

Problems/Injuries: Typical / Minimal (armor bites, bruises, sprains, etc.) None

Visiting Knights: Sir Yari, Sir Christian, Sir Haldor

Local knights: Sir Eichling

No Issues. Regulars. New guest, Jordan, minor from out of town, tried armored technique, felt safe and welcomed. Might return. Second week, Sir Christian came over to help teach and a new regular guest, Tabitha, tried armored technique. Might return. Jordan, got to try on armor for the first time, lightly.

Fourth week Peter got authorized, guests all in armor, Visitors from Crimson Brotherhood, came out to hang 2 out and help. Fifth Week, light practice. New guest, Toresta, tried armored technique. Might return.

Marshal, Equestrian – THL Guene Annwyll (Deputy: Vacant): Not doing anything.

Marshal, Rapier – Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo (Deputy: Nikolaus Phaistos):

Greetings Altavia, This month saw an average of 10 rapier fighters at practice, both rapier and cut and thrust. We had a few new people come by and check out practice. Thank you to Master Niko and Caterina for welcoming these folks and providing some basic instruction and introduction to SCA rapier. Our monthly Boar pit is going strong with 10 fighters participating last night in rapier and shield.

We have also introduced a more formal instruction time in the schedule, where we invite some of our experienced fighters to provide a short lesson on a core concept. Thanks to Master Niko for an excellent lesson on the constraint. On April 7, we had a sword break at the tang. The sword belonged to Nicole Cardiff (AKA Caterina). This was a repaired blade from Darkwood and had broken in the same place previously. I will report to the Kingdom KRM with pictures. Loaner gear is in good working order and no injuries or other equipment problems were reported.

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

No word yet on what is going on at Woodley Park as far as TW being available to us there. I am reaching out to Andrew (new board president) to compile info to present to the city. I (Cecilia) will be assisting in a 1 day make - up TW competition that will cover several baronies as well as Caid open TW for this year. It will be held May 3 in Redlands. Altavia was not on the list for baronial champs but I can hold it at GWW if the Baron and Baroness desire (and we don't have use of Woodley at that time).

Marshal, Youth Combat – Cecilia di Medici (Deputy: Vacant)::

Greetings, Nothing happening in youth, I will be helping out at Potrero's youth combat to get some experience running youth events. I have a youth project planned for Altavia anniversary and will run it if we have Marshall's (as I am not a youth marshal yet).

Social Media – Briana MacCabe (Deputy: Vacant):

FB Group - 10 new member requests, 0 spam/bot account requests

At 853 members (net loss of 3 members in the last month), 466 active members

Top 3 posts -

- HE Amabel's A&S report on largesse making night on 3/27
- HE's Amabel's post on Pentathlon and Caid Archery Open on 3/17
- Paul Acker's report on Leonid Umanskiy achieving the rank of Yeoman at Caid Archery Open on 3/17

Fridays were our best engagement days followed by Mondays.

On the FB page, we're at 629 followers, gain of 10! in the last month.

The Kingdom Discord server is live and growing by leaps and bounds. There will be a kingdom-wide discussion on keeping the individual barony servers around but it sounds like the current thinking is to keep them. There will be many opportunities to learn more about Discord in the near future including online classes and potentially in-person classes at Collegium.

Finally, I am very seriously looking for a deputy/someone to take over this role ASAP. I've been doing it since I stepped down as baroness and also held this role for three years early on in my days in Altavia and I'm super ready to hand it off. I will keep my eye out for potentials and have put up ads in several places to hopefully garner interest and a good candidate.

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

Will add Serafina to Deputy Chatelaine, and add Anniversary to the website.

Next Council Meeting – May 13, 2025



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- ❖ **Deputy Arts & Sciences Officer:** Lady [Eleonora del Cucina](#)
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- ❖ **Chatelaine:** Serafina of Altavia
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- ❖ **Deputy Chatelaine:** **Currently vacant**
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- ❖ **Children's Officer:** Baroness [Cecilia de Medici](#)
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- ❖ **Deputy Children's Officer:** **Currently vacant**
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- ❖ **Deputy Chronicler:** **Currently vacant**
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- ❖ **Constable:** **Currently vacant**
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- ❖ **Marshal - Rapier:** Lord Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo
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- ❖ **Marshal - Thrown Weapons:** Baron [Cristofanus Castellani](#)
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- ❖ **Marshal - Youth Combat:** Baroness [Cecilia Medici](#)
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- ❖ **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:** Vivienne & Peter
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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?

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

Arts & Sciences

- **Arts & Science Workshops (aka Craft Nights)** - arts@altavia.sca-caid.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** - arts@altavia.sca-caid.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** - arts@altavia.sca-caid.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** - arts@altavia.sca-caid.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** - archerymarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
 - **Date** – The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month
 - **Time** – Time varies between 10am- 1pm or 9am-12pm depending on the time of the year and the amount of heat
 - **Additional Saturday Practices** will be held at the Captain of Archers discretion when not conflicting with other SCA Events.
 - **Location:** [Woodley Park Archery Range](#)
 - **Contact** the [Captain of Archers](#) or check [Altavia website, Facebook group, or Discord server](#) to verify days and times and to inquire about loaner gear.
- **Armored Combat** - marshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
 - **Date/Time:** Monday 7:00pm–9:30pm
 - **Location:** At [Verdugo Recreation Center](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
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- **Equestrian** - equestrianmarshal@altavia.sca-caid.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** - rapiermarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
 - **Date/Time:** 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).
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- **Thrown Weapons** - thrownweaponsmarshal@altavia.sca-caid.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@altavia.sca-caid.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:** [Gideon of Lyondomere](#) (10/27/24)
- ❖ **Armored Combat:** THL [Thorgrim Rygarson](#) (05/10/25)
- ❖ **Arts & Sciences:** Lady [Caterina Sanzio](#) (05/10/25)
- ❖ **Bardic:** Baron Kyr [Yaroslav the Persistent](#) (12/14/24)
- ❖ **Cut and Thrust:** Maestro [Lot Ramirez](#) (05/10/25)
- ❖ **Fretted Fork:** Karen Kensek (10/27/24)
- ❖ **Games:** Baroness [Tezar of Aeolis](#) (12/14/24)
- ❖ **Rapier Combat:** Don [Nathaniel Longbow](#) (05/10/25)
- ❖ **Thrown Weapons:** THL [Eadric The Younger](#) (10/27/24)

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