

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



This issue was brought to you by a guest editor: Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny!

Vivienne ran the auction at this year's Altavia Anniversary and is Co-Event Steward of this month's Agincourt Archery Tournament.

If things go well she will also be your next Chronicler, and yes, I mean YOUR Chronicler. The Fret Knot is the Barony's opportunity to showcase YOU: Your arts, Your activities, Your everything!

Please help her do that by submitting their artwork, research, writing, and more to her at Chronicler.officer@SCA-Altavia.org.

Thank you for letting me be your Chronicler for these past 4 years.

I am and always will be:

Yours in Service to Altavia,

-- Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios



FROM THE GUEST EDITRIX*

Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny



Hello, Altavia and friends thereof!

My thanks to Dame Lynette and all of you for the opportunity to present this quarter's *Fret Knot*. As she said, I'm attempting to become YOUR Chronicler**, so I guess this is your opportunity to stop me. Should you fail, you can expect my ongoing efforts to entertain***, educate, and inform you.

* Yes, it's a word. I checked! It means "editress".

** See, Lynette, I was paying attention!

*** That was a threat. My offspring assure me regularly that I am not as funny as I think I am. You have been warned.

Yours in Service,
Vivienne de Chauvigny



ALTAVIA ONLINE



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

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

Facebook Group: Membership is free and open to the public

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

Discord Server: Scan the QR Code to join us on Discord



FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Griffith von Bremen & Amabel Radleigh



September 2025 Comments

Hello Altavia!

We had a hot month, and hope everyone was able to stay cool.

Indoor activities are great in the summer, and our Arts and Sciences night was a great example of things to do inside. Marianna taught a beginning drawing class, going over how to break down drawings into basic shapes and redraw and adapt marginalia. She got people with no drawing experience drawing dragons and birds, and everyone had a great time.

For those who braved the elements, Highland War was held with rapier, armored, archery and arts available. It was exciting to see the Order of the Mark extend an offer to Ceolwynn of Galtris (Combat Archery) to join Order of the Mark and grow their numbers.

We took the day off for Labor Day, cancelling practice, and hope everyone enjoyed the holiday.

We are looking forward to the next month, which will be jam packed with events, including Leif Erickson, Angels Anniversary, Caid Rapier Open, and Crown!

In service to the dream,
Baroness Amabel
Baron Griffith

August 2025 Comments

Hello Altavia!

We started off the last month with Coronation, and it was a gorgeous, heartfelt day.

I want to give a huge congratulations to Matlens Dana Litwack Thomason, who was awarded with a Court Barony for all her work throughout the years, highlighting all of the garb she has created for many different reigns over the years.

We got to see the first Peers be elevated into the Order of the Mark. Niko Phaistos, Cecilia de Medici Cybal Hall and Teka Turmanov Tammy Anderson are a wonderful core to start the new Order, and I'm so proud and happy for them.

We also would like to thank everyone who donated to the largesse basket for their incoming Majesties both before and at Coronation. All your generosity and talent is greatly appreciated!

The next day was Consort's Champion Martial, and while we were unable to attend, we heard the day was wonderful, and Nathaniel won in rapier, becoming one of Roisin's champions.

The next weekend was another double booked weekend, with Calafia (uncollared) Rapier tournament, and we are proud of Ceallach who won the cut and thrust tournament.

The next day was a hot Consort's Champion Ranged out in Dreiburgen. The food, company and ranged prowess were all excellent!

The day ended with two Altavians becoming Her Majesty's champions: the newly elevated Order of the Mark premier, Niko, became the Thrown Weapons champion, and Achillious became the Handbow champion.

We had a midweek arts and sciences evening, with Merlin teaching a block carving and printing class, and each of the attendees got to carve a block and make prints onto bookmarks.

While the rest of us took some time off, a Caidian contingent that was heavy in Altavians set off to join their Majesties at Pennsic.

Fighters joined their Majesties on the rapier, armored and archery fields, for melees, tournaments and great fun, and Ceallach and Sadhbh were awarded the Corde de Guerre for their melee fighting.

Caid fielded a team of Dragoons for Atlantia's five man tournament and had a strong showing.

On the archery field, Merlin won the Baronial Championship, representing the Barony of Naevajheim as their champion. He and Paganus also both made the tryouts to be primaries in the Allies Championship team, and contributed to the win of both available war points.

We are looking forward to the next month's events, and as always appreciate everything that all of you do for the Barony.

In service to the dream,
Baroness Amabel
Baron Griffith

July 2025 Comments

Hello Altavia!

We started off this month with Lyondemere Anniversary and a wonderful day of tournaments and friends.

I was thrilled to get to welcome one of our regulars, Gideon, to the Order of the Chiron. He is such a helpful, friendly and skilled presence at our practices, in addition to his home Lyondemere practices.

The tournaments were a pleasure to watch, and we were well represented, with Master Colwyn winning the rapier field and Lyric winning on the cut and thrust field.

We were unable to make it to Gyldenholt Anniversary, but were also well represented there, with Ceallach winning rapier.

Archery practice continues to be well attended, and we hosted our first round of the seasonal challenge, getting Altavia on the board along with Starkhafn for Caid.

This week we hosted a Practice tournament for rapier, cut and thrust and armored formats.

It was great to see everyone come out to practice for Consort's Champion coming up, and a huge thank you to Giaccino for setting up the event, Colwyn for bringing Eric poles and ropes, and Alexander and Tezar for running Lists.

We are looking forward to Coronation this weekend, to see off Kahn Valentine and King Brocc and welcome in Bjorn and Roisin as our new sitting Royals.

In service,

Baroness Amabel

Baron Griffith



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Baroness Tezar of Aeolis



September 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom [Sept 9, 2025] Starting at 7:08 pm and ending at 7:58 pm

Attendees: Tezar, Merlin, Colwyn, Amabel, Niko, Griffith, Matlens, Vivienne

Seneschal's Report - Tezar of Aeolis (Deputy: Sadhbh inghean Duinn)

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. Lynette did not make the meeting.

Brianna is happy to be the experienced person for Festival of the Rose. Cecilia is happy to be the steward for Consort's Champion (July 2026).

Old Business:

No old business

Ongoing Business:

Agincourt - Oct 26

Vivienne & Merlin are stewarding. The budget has been submitted and approved. The announcement went in. We're putting together our planning committee, so interested persons should let me or Merlin know so we can include you. So far there is Elle, Matlens, Tezar, and Amabel.

Re: Food for Majesties - only Roisin (or Bjorn) will be in attendance, so just so snacky deli meat/cheese type stuff will be fine. There will probably be Highnesses, however, at this time we do not know. If anyone wants to volunteer, to just bring snacks if needed. Tezar is willing to bring snacky foods so we don't need to add to the budget.

All the site tokens are done! The COI is being obtained for just this event as they haven't been able to see if we can get a combined COI.

Karen will be on site (previous winner) and will be running the Fretted Fork competition. The ingredient is Mint.

Cecilia stated that there will be a youth project.

GWW

GWW - Peter is the camp master. He has already registered as camp master and has requested the normal location. There is a Baronial camp site and at least 8 people have registered with the Barony. Some of the Flaxen Abbey have registered to camp with the Barony.

Should look into having 7 pm meet ups at FP that can go over what it takes to camp at a war. Should start these end of September.

Hosting a shoot at GWW: We will be hosting a novelty shoot Friday afternoon. Merlin and Amabel will be responsible for running/hosting this event. May just do the seasonal archery shoot or may do more. Peter will be assisting in marshalling. Doug will be printing the targets. He is already printing the targets for lucky, we will ask him if anything else is needed.

Yule - Dec 13, 2025

Angels is hosting and they have a site, the Santa Anita Church hall, located at 226 Colorado Blvd, Arcadia, CA 91007. The place has a nice hall, kitchen and a side space. The side space will be used for children activities which she and Liam are organizing. Children's activities are a requirement from the church in return for the lowered cost.

Mistress Fara and Rudolph are working with the church. Cecilia is our co-steward. I asked about a theme, and they do not have one yet. They asked for our input before they choose one. Merlin is interested in making alcohol. I need to check on who the liaison is, and I'm fine handling it.

Festival of the Rose - January 31, 2026

Brianna MacCabe is the experienced co-steward, while looking for a primary steward.

Lynette/Tim - have you spoke to the church regarding using their facility ie: availability and costs. As a note - Pelican meeting is the next day, in Altavia. Niko has a back-up place if needed. I need to talk to them about what, if anything has happened on this.

Caid Archery Open (Woodley) - March 29, 2026

Merlin is Steward.

Altavia Anniversary - May 9, 2026

Not yet working on.

Consort's Champion Ranged (Woodley) - July 19, 2026

Agincourt Archery Tournament (Woodley) - October 25, 2026

New Business:

Master Bjorn of the Woodpile's lady (Amicia) asked about using the small building near Niko's school for the small arts collegium event that is held every other year.

Officer's Reports

Archers - Merlin Wynn (Lieutenants: Peter of Altavia, Marianna Lightwood)

We have had 1 practice since last council meeting. We ran royal rounds, recognized an archer for ranking of Tomaso Barbarini (Yeoman). Additionally, we will be getting additional loaner equipment and supplies, and things - from Miguel in memory of Hugh ap Rys. We also will be hosting a memorial for Hugh at GWW at the Altavian encampment. Miguel is contributing to a bunch of groups in the kingdom. We have 2 MIT's that are moments away from becoming full Marshals.

Arts & Sciences - Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

Greetings! We held Arts and Sciences Night on August 27th at the home of our Baron and Baroness. Our A&S night this month was Basics of Medieval Drawing, and the class was taught by myself (Lady Marianna). Eight people were in attendance. I taught the foundations of drawing, starting off with 2D shapes, how to make them 3D, and then moving on to drolleries. We drew a bird and a dragon from medieval illuminated manuscripts. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed themselves. A follow up class learning to draw more drolleries was requested, so that will be a future class!

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. We are working on a new song and brainstorming ideas for a Great Western War setlist.

Please see Facebook for more information on A&S Nights and Bardic Jam. Please keep coming out for the Arts and Sciences nights! Please get in touch with me if there is something you would like to learn or teach or if you have any questions.

Yours in Service, Marianna Lightwood

Chatelaine - Vacant (Deputy: vacant)

No one in the position right now. Caltech will think about it. Others have approached Colwyn.

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

Next issue due this month, send me your submissions. I'll try to get it out on time, but my life is difficult right now, so no promises.

Constable - Nikolaos Phaistos (for now) (Deputy: vacant)

Hello, I still have a chair and pair of scissors in lost and found. The owner has been identified and contacted, but has not claimed their belongings. Also, I am now in possession of many, many baronial signs. Niko

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

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, Edith

Altavia Exchequer's Report

W.F. Checking	\$ 19,169.93	
Total	\$ 19,169.93	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$ 63,410.30	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$ 26,011.23	

July Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
07/23/25	Deposit - Anniversary Gate PayPal	907.37		
		907.37		907.37

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

Date	Description	Status	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
	T-Shirts	Pending	120.00	0	120.00
	Fund Raising	Pending	720.00	0	720.00
	Donation	Pending	90.00	0	90.00
01/05/2025	Con Champ Martial	CLOSED	1,973.00	1668.41	304.59
03/16/2025	Caid Archery Open	CLOSED	0.00	75.00	-75.00
05/10/2025	Anniversary	CLOSED	2,735.37	990.08	1,745.29
10/2025	Agincourt Tourney	Pending	0	0	0
12/2025	A/A Yule	Pending	0	0	0
			5,638.37	2,733.49	2,904.88

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)

No report provided.

Niko - He is in contact with the principal Herald and may be made an “official” herald as a “sign herald”.

Voice Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

Nothing to report.

Lists - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

No report. - No list activities in the past month. She has an update on what Agincourt is going to be and thinks it's cool.

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

Marshal, Armored - Griffith Von Bremen (Deputy: vacant)

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

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

Minimum Authorization Age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

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

Current Status: No issues to report.

Visiting Knights: Sir Yaroslav,

Local knights: Sir Eichling

Comments: - Regulars. Well attended. No injuries to report.

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

Not doing anything.

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

The last several weeks averaged about 10 fighters, both Rapier and cut and thrust. No practice was held on Labor Day.

We held a bear pit tournament yesterday. The fighters had a really good time and got plenty of fighting in. It was really inspiring to see how people made adjustments as they faced off with the same people on a few passes. No injuries were reported this month and all loner gear is in working order.

There is a newcomer, Christian, who has been here for the past few weeks.

In Service, -Giacchino Morone

Marshal, Thrown Weapons - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Christofanus Castellani)

Waiting to hear from Robear about hosting TW practice once a month. I need to get a date for Altavia TW champion at GWW, as they are asking for a schedule.

I may not be at the meeting as I am sick.

Marshal, Youth Combat - Cecilia di Medici (Deputy: vacant)

Nothing happening. I have not gotten marshalling/kingdom youth authorization yet.

Social Media - Peter of Altavia (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Facebook

869 total members

- 3 New members joined the FB group in July (0.35% growth from July)
- 54 total posts from all members in July (14% more than June)
- Saturdays were the best engagement days, followed by Mondays

Top 5 posts

1. Tammy's post about a new fabric store opening in Sherman Oaks
2. Post about an SCA-related auction by Global Effects
3. Peter's post about a fun archery practice and working on MIT (Marshall in Training)
4. Vivienne's 'unofficial report' post about various activities at our Monday practice
5. Valerie's post about Arts & Sciences night

Strategies I tried to get more engagement on Facebook (other than the weekly baronial updates)

Posting reminders, photos, and follow-up posts for Monday's fighter practice and Sunday archery

Strategies to try in the future:

Record some videos promoting Altavia fighter practice/archery (need to set the date)

Discord - No data available

Webwright - Merlin Wynn (Deputies: Vivienne de Chauvigny & Peter of Altavia)

The website is still up.

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

Youth no change in my status, I'm gonna send an email to kingdom youth to see what I need to do. Youth activities will be happening at Agincourt

Next Council Meeting - Oct 14, 2025

August 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom [Aug 9, 2025]

Attendees: Tezar, Merlin, Vivienne, Niko, Amabel, Sadhbh, Griffith, Briana, Giacchino, Cecilia, Damien, Elle

Seneschal's Report - Tezar of Aeolis, (Deputy: Sadhbh)

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Brianna is happy to be the experienced person for Festival of the Rose.

Cecilia is happy to be the steward for Consorts Champion (July 2026).

From Eilidh Swann - Hello Angels and Altavia - Since I had the full 2026 calendar, I gave Miguel all the dates for all three of our Baronies likely to go to Woodley Park for Archery.

He sent me this confirmation today, and asked me to forward it to both of you.

From: <*****>

Date: Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 10:44 AM

Subject: Woodley Events 2026

To: Cat Ellen <*****>

The following 2026 events have now been added to the Woodley Park Archers Calendar.

January 25, Consort's Champion Ranged Weapons (Lyondemere)

February 21, Arts & Archery (Lyondemere)

March 1, Robin Hood Archery (Angels)

March 29, Caid Archery Open (Altavia)

July 19, Consort's Champion Ranged Weapons (Altavia)

Oct 25, Agincourt Archery Tournament (Altavia)

Old Business:

No old business

Ongoing Business:

Agincourt - Oct 26

Vivienne & Merlin are stewarding. The budget has been submitted, however, there are items that need to be accounted for, such as site tokens, and feeding of their majesties and/or highnesses.

Re: tokens - Amabel has craft stuff that can be used to make tokens without any additional costs.

Re: Food for majesties - only Roisin will be in attendance, so just so snacky deli meat/cheese type stuff will be fine. There will probably be highnesses, however, at this time we do not know. If anyone wants to volunteer to just bring snacks if needed. Tezar is willing to bring snacky foods so don't need to add to the budget.

Vivienne - Currently it is theoretical that we can do TW at Agincourt, however, GWW is the back-up.

Elle is fine, we voted on the budget and approved it. Vivienne will do a last review of the e-mail and will send the ad tomorrow. Can add in that there is a Novelty shoot, and put in that there is loaner gear available.

Merlin will reach out to Philip re: COI for Woodley.

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Additional upcoming Altavian events to look at/think about for 2026

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October 25, 2026 - Agincourt Archery Tournament (Woodley)

Officer's Reports

Archers - Merlin Wynn (Lieutenant: Marianna Lightwood)

NOTE: A report was made, however, it was accidentally deleted. Archery is going well and continues to see returning and new archers.

Arts & Sciences - Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

Greetings to all! We held Arts and Sciences Night on July 22nd at the home of our Baron and Baroness. Our A&S night this month was Intro to Block Carving, and the class was taught by Merlin! Nine people were in attendance. We learned how to carve a small linoleum block and print bookmarks with the design we carved! We had a lot of fun, and several people are interested in continuing. Information to come shortly about this month's A&S Night!

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

Constable - Nikolaos Phaistos (for now) (Deputy: vacant)

Hello. We have had a few lost items this month. A gorget was left at practice three weeks ago and has been reunited with its owner.

A chair and pair of scissors were left at Consort's Champion Ranged last month. The owners were identified and contacted, they have not received their list belonging as of this date.

Niko

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

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Cash box	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$ 25,103.86	

June Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
06/16/25	Kristi Fojtik - Yule '24 Supplies		221.48	
06/30/25	Deposit - Anniversary Gate Cash	2,070.00		
06/30/25	Deposit - Anniversary Auction	269.00		
06/30/25	Deposit - Anniversary T-shirts	30.00		
06/30/25	Deposit - Anniversary Donation	5.00		
		2,374.00	221.48	2,152.52

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Herald - Damien of Baden (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Nothing to report.

Voice Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

She will be possibly attending the next heralds meeting.

Lists - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

No report. - No list activities in the past month

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

Marshal, Armored - Griffith Von Bremen (Deputy: vacant)

Report Period: July

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 6, 8, 12, 5 (average, 7) 4 practices

Minimum Authorization Age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

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

Current Status: No issues to report.

Visiting Knights: Sir Yaroslav, Majesty Bjorn

Local knights: Sir Eichling

Comments: - Regulars. First week well attended. Second week, regulars, well attended. Third week, regulars, well attended, two new authorization in Armored including Her Majesty. Fourth week, had a visitor interested in checking us out and was excited to come back better equipped to play.

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

Not doing anything.

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

This past month saw quite the influx of participants at weekly practices. This is likely attributed to the summer break. We had many visitors from Wintermist and Dun Or. Participant numbers ranged from 8-16 people each week, both rapier and C&T.

Altavia had great participation at Consort's Champion in both Rapier and Cut and Thrust with Don Nathaniel becoming the Rapier champion!

No reports of injuries or equipment problems.

One more thing. The approved purchase of arming swords for cut and thrust loaner gear is pending availability. Venders are currently out of stock. I will proceed with the purchase once stock is available.

In Service, Giacchino Morone

Marshal, Thrown Weapons - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Christofanus Castellani)

No TW yet we are planning on having practice at Robears once LOJ is over and they return from vacation. Cecilia and Cristof

Marshal, Youth Combat - Cecilia di Medici (Deputy: vacant)

Nothing happening. I have not gotten marshalling/kingdom youth authorization yet.

Social Media - Peter of Altavia (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Facebook

- 866 total members

- 2 New members joined the FB group in July (0.23% growth from June)
 - 51 total posts from all members in July (27% less than June)
- Strategies I tried to get more engagement on Facebook (other than the weekly baronial updates)
- Took photos and shared the photo album of the Altavia Mock Tourney (25 reactions)
 - Post about my first time running archery rounds as Marshall in training (32 reactions)
- Strategies to try in the future:
- Record and share a short video (30-60s) promoting Altavia fighter practice/archery (I have the equipment, need to set the date)

Discord No data available

Webwright - Merlin Wynn (Deputies: Vivienne de Chauvigny & Peter of Altavia)

Updates have been made to the website with new officer and deputy information. An e-mail address is being transferred for Peter for Social Media.

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

Youth: nothing happening I have not gotten authorization yet.

Next Council Meeting - Sept 9, 2025

July 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom July 8, 2025: Starting at 7:10 pm and ending at 8:02 pm

Attendees: Tezar, Merlin, Vivienne, Niko, Amabel, Matlens, Arianne, Sadhbh, Griffith, Briana, Giacchino, Cecilia, Damien, Colwyn

Seneschal's Report:

The Kingdom calendar has been finalized and the events we are hosting are Festival of the Rose on Jan 31st, and Consort's Champion Ranged on July 19th. This is in addition to our standard Anniversary, Agincourt, and Yule. Caïd 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).

Sadhbh is going to be my Deputy Seneschal.

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.

Brianna is happy to be the experienced person for Festival of the Rose.

Cecilia is happy to be the steward for Consort's Champion.

Old Business:

No old business?

Ongoing Business:

Agincourt - Oct 26

Vivienne & Merlin are stewarding. She has let herself concentrate on other things, although has notes.

We DO need a COI, as there is none that is on file with the park for practices, as one isn't needed for practice. He is going to talk to Phillip/Kingdom Seneschal, to see if we can get one for the

entire year, so that we can save on some costs. We need to decide if we want to have it be free with donations requested, or have a charge. Merlin also likes the idea of donations instead of a gate cost. We can post about it.

Griff - Hasn't heard back from the National Guard Armory RE: potential sites with kitchens for using for feasts. He hasn't heard, even went in, but hasn't gotten an answer.

NIKO - His son works in the National Guard in Pt Hueneme to see if he can help with getting a direct number for them.

The Fretted Fork event is still an on-going thing, and the winner from last year generally helps run the contest. -Merlin will follow up with Karen, last year's winner.

Hosting a shoot at GWW

We will be hosting one of the novelty shoots.

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.

Calafia did get some donated items for their archery community.

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.

Yule 2025

They (Angels) 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. SAME Niko has offered to be the fall-back co-steward

New Business:

Festival of the Rose -

Brianna is happy to be the experienced person for Festival of the Rose.

Caid Archery Open -

We are hosting because Acillius had to win it. Merlin is volunteering to steward.

Altavia Anniversary -

Just putting out because putting it on the list

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 usable to loan.

Merlin has looked into some pricing of youth sized arrows. Can get a dozen youth for \$15. He has bought, needs to submit for reimbursement.

Officer's Reports

Archers - Merlin Wynn (Lieutenant: Marianna Lightwood)

We have had 17 archers at all 3 of the recent practices, novelties, SSAC, standard, and lots of return archers. No injuries or issues.

Arts & Sciences - Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

Here is my report! Greetings to all!

We held Arts and Sciences Night on June 24th at the home of our Baron and Baroness. Our A&S night this month was Parasol Painting! Three people were in attendance. It was a small group but they had an enjoyable night.

Deputy A&S officer Eleonora hosted the last Open Craft Night on June 17th at her home in Chatsworth. The Craft Nights are currently on indefinite hiatus, as Eleonora is moving.

This month, our A&S Night will be Intro to Block Carving on July 22nd. 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. We are currently trying out new songs and revisiting old favorites. Several new people have joined the group as well!

Please see Facebook for more information on A&S Nights and Bardic Jam. Please keep coming out for the Arts and Sciences nights! Please get in touch with me if there is something you would like to learn or teach. Also, largesse is needed for Coronation, so please see Baroness Amabel for more information. See everyone at practice!

Yours in Service, Marianna Lightwood

Chatelaine - Vacant (Deputy: vacant)

No one in the position right now.

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

The 2Q newsletter is a bit late. It will be out soon.

Constable - Nikolaos Phaistos (for now) (Deputy: vacant)

Hi! If I'm constable, here is my report:

A pair of sunglasses were left at Monday night practice on June 30. I posted a picture on the Facebook group and had no response. Also, I do not have the street signs. Saystine has them still and we need to get them back. Niko

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

Elle is dealing with a lack of internet so will not be joining us tonight. She will send her report later this week.

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, Edith

Altavia Exchequer's Report

W.F. Checking	\$ 17,525.12	
Total	\$ 17,525.12	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$ 63,410.30	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$ 300.00	
Total	\$ 24,166.42	

May Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
06/16/25	Kristi Fojtik - Yule '24 Supplies		221.48	
05/13/25	Joshua Gore, Anniversary 25 Site Fee		870.08	
05/19/25	Fritz Wilhelm, Pole Bag		150.00	
05/27/25	SCA/Caid, Anniversary NMR		120.00	
			1,140.08	-1140.08

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

Date	Description	Status	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
	T-Shirts	Pending	90.00	0	90.00
	Fund Raising	Pending	451.00	0	451.00
	Donation	Pending	85.00	0	85.00
01/05/2025	Con Champ Martial	CLOSED	1,973.00	1,668.41	304.59
03/16/2025	Caid Archery Open	CLOSED	0.00	75.00	-75.00
05/10/2025	Anniversary	CLOSED	2,735.37	990.08	1,745.29
10/2025	Agincourt Tourney	Pending	0	0	0
12/2025	A/A Yule	Pending	0	0	0
			5,334.37	2,733.49	2,600.88

Herald- Damien of Baden (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Next meeting July 23rd, on zoon. Not much to report. I will send him a copy of the agreement to serve.

Voice Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

Only doing a presentation for incoming, not outgoing. She will be heralding the barony in. If anyone has anything they want specifically said, let her know.

Some people have arms they want to submit, so get with her on that.

Lists - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

She is here, but nothing to report. Anyone who is at Coronation will see the stepping up garb masterpieces, so she is listening and sewing.

No report. - No list activities in the past month.

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

Marshal, Armored - Griffith Von Bremen (Deputy: vacant)

Barony of Altavia, 2025 Marshal's Monthly Report

Report Period: June

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 7, 3, 3, 8, 5 (average, 5) 5 practices

Minimum Authorization Age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

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

Current Status: No issues to report.

Visiting Knights: Sir Yari, Highnesses Bjorn & Roisin

Local knights: Sir Eichling

Comments: - Regulars. 1st week well attended. 2nd practice, regulars. 3rd week low, but productive. 4th week, their Highnesses Bjorn & Roisin graced us with their attendance as well as interested archers eager to join the war field. FIFTH, saw the conscripts to the Rangers of the High Guard assembling themselves. As well as the return of a minor lifeguard visitor, eager to play.

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

Not doing anything.

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

Greetings Altavia, Rapier practices have been very well attended this past month ranging from 12 to 18 people in attendance. We have had visitors from Wintermist, Lyondemere, Dun Or, and Angels. We've also had several new participants attending practices.

This past Monday, we held a practice tournament for both rapier and armored. We saw seven armored combatants and 16 rapier combatants participate. Although we did not complete all of the tournament due to time, participants seemed to enjoy the experience. No reports or injuries or equipment issues this past month.

In service, Giacchino Morone Barional Rapier Marshal

Marshal, Thrown Weapons - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: Christofanus Castellani)

Nothing to report, still no chance of having practices. The park people are working on finishing other issues they need to work on, but general progress is being made. So, for now, no additional information.

I do hope that all Altavians will proceed with Niko and I (and Teka) this Saturday at Coronation!

Marshal, Youth Combat - Cecilia di Medici (Deputy: vacant)

I have nothing to report, we have had no youth activities. She plans things but hasn't had much interest.

Social Media - Peter of Altavia (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Briana - He has signed paperwork so will be the official person. (He isn't here right now). He has been handling things and doing a really good job.

Webwright - Merlin Wynn (Deputies: Vivienne de Chauvigny & Peter of Altavia)

There are currently 2 sites, and they are in the process of updating the pages as they migrate over to the new Places Site. The Places site was cloned from Angels, which is why it has connections to their site.

They will also be updating the officers pages with deputies and changes.

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

I have nothing to report, we have had no youth activities. Cecilia. She plans things but hasn't had much interest.

Next Council Meeting - July 12, 2025



ALTAVIA'S UPCOMING EVENTS



****Listings are as current as feasible, but confirm with online resources or event stewards for the most recent information.****

[Agincourt Tournament](#)

Saturday 10/26/2025

6100 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91406-6450, United States

The Barony of Altavia invites you to join us at Woodley Park Archery Range for our Agincourt Tournament. We will have Ranged Combat (Archery, Crossbows, and possibly Thrown Weapons) and our Fretted Fork cooking competition. Baronial Champions will be decided from the day's competitors. Loaner gear will be available.

SCHEDULE

8:00 am - Site opens	1:00 pm - Team novelty shoot
10:00 am - Opening court	2:30 pm - Single elimination segment of archery tournament
Lists close 15 minutes after court	3:30 pm - Closing court
Tournaments start shortly after lists close	5:00 pm - Site closes
12:30 pm - Lunch	

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: There is no Registration cost for this event. Donations are welcome.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT: We will begin in the morning with a Round Robin Forester tournament, where archers will shoot in pools against other archers. The top eight will advance to the afternoon's single elimination tournament to determine the Champion. Between the pools and single elimination will be lunch and a team novelty shoot.

CROSSBOW TOURNAMENT: Format will be determined based on the number of participants. Crossbows will also be part of the team novelty shoot.

THROWN WEAPONS TOURNAMENT: This is still pending due to site restrictions under negotiation. Please remember to bring closed toed footwear if you wish to participate. If we cannot hold it here, our Thrown Weapons championship will be held at Great Western War.

COOKING CONTEST: Altavia is pleased to host our Fretted Fork cooking contest. Bring your favorite dishes incorporating the ingredient of the day: mint. We will have a combined competition for both period and non-period recipes to choose the Baronial Champion. Documentation is not required for period entries, but is appreciated. Ingredient lists are strongly encouraged for safety of persons with allergies. Champion will be chosen by populace vote.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Altavia welcomes children, and we will have activities for them.

SITE INFORMATION/RESTRICTIONS

- This is a dry site-sharp projectiles and alcohol do not mix.
- Children must be supervised at all times by parents or guardians.
- Pets must be attended and on leash at all times, but are not allowed near the firing line.
- Pavilions and pop-ups are allowed and encouraged. Extra long stakes are needed for the soft soil.

EVENT STEWARDS: Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny & THL Merlin Wynn

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

DIRECTIONS:

(NOTE: If you're using a navigation app, please enter your destination as "Woodley Park Archery Range" rather than the street address. We checked; it's better this way.)

The site is located in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area west of the 405, between Burbank Boulevard and Victory Boulevard.

From the South: 405 Fwy North to Burbank Blvd exit. Go west on Burbank, turn right onto Woodley Ave. Head north, turn right on the road leading to the Japanese Garden. With the Japanese Garden on your left, head past the cricket field on your left. At the small traffic circle, veer to the right and head 3/4 of the way around the circle and exit to the north. The archery range is up the hill.

From the East: 101 Fwy North (which is actually heading west), transition to the 405 Fwy North, then follow the directions above.

From the North: 405 Fwy South. Go south to Victory Blvd, turn right (west) onto Victory Blvd, then west to Woodley Ave. Turn left onto Woodley Ave and left at the road leading to the Japanese Garden. Follow the directions above.

Great Western War (Altavia Encampment)

11/4-11/10/2025

13601 Ironbark Rd, Taft, CA 93268

CAMP MASTER: Lord Peter of Altavia

Angels & Altavia Yule

Saturday 12/13/2025

6100 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91406-6450

EVENT STEWARDS: Lord Rudolph von Waldbruil (Angels) & Baroness Cecilia Medici (Altavia)

Festival of the Rose

Saturday, 1/31/ 2026

EVENT STEWARDS: Volunteers requested to serve as the primary, assisted by Dame Briana McCabe.
Interested persons should contact the Seneschal.

Caid Archery Open

Sunday 3/29/2026

Woodley Park Archery Range

EVENT STEWARD: THL Merlin Wynn

Altavia Anniversary

Saturday 5/9/2026

EVENT STEWARDS: Persons interested in volunteering should contact the Seneschal.

Consort's Champion Ranged

Sunday 7/19/2026

Woodley Park Archery Range

EVENT STEWARD: Baroness Cecilia Medici

Agincourt Tournament

Sunday 10/25/2026

Woodley Park Archery Range

EVENT STEWARD: Persons interested in volunteering should contact the Seneschal.



ALTAVIA BARONIAL OFFICERS



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- ❖ **Deputy Youth Officer:** **Currently vacant**
 - **To apply:** Contact the Seneschal at: seneschal.officer@altavia.sca-caid.org

Interested in helping the barony and learning how to be an officer?
 Interested in one of the open positions, or in being a deputy for one of the offices?
 Please contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@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**
 - o **Date/Time:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
 - o **Location:** Held via **ZOOM** -- Link is posted to the Altavia baronial [Facebook Group](#)
 - o 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.
 - o **Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meeting!**
 - o Contact the Seneschal for details: seneschal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- **Newcomers Meeting -- Currently on Hiatus**
 - o **Date/Time:** Once a month, usually on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00pm
 - o **Location:** Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, CA 91505, right hand side of the park at the stone tables near the tennis courts

- o These classes cover a general overview of the SCA and the types of events we hold in Caid. Please bring your questions and wonderful smiles. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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

- **Fighter Practice / Social Night**

- o **Date/Time:** Every Monday, 7:00pm

- o **Location:** At [Verdugo Recreation Center](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).

- o 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.

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

Arts & Sciences

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

- o Occasional Meetings

- o Please check the Altavia baronial [Facebook Group](#) for times.

- o We regularly have meetings covering many types of arts and sciences including but not limited to Scribal and working on Largess for Baronial Presentations.

- o The meetings sometimes have a project theme, which is published on the Altavia baronial [Facebook Group](#)

- o **Contact** the [Arts & Sciences Officer](#) for details, questions, or to teach a class.

- **Bardic - Weekly Bardic Jams** - arts@altavia.sca-caid.org

- o **Date/Time:** Monday nights before fighter practice, beginning as 6:30pm at the stone tables

- o **Location:** Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, CA 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.

- o **Singers, instrumentalists, and audience welcome!**

- o 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

- o **Hosts:** THL Giachino Morone Lococo di San Filippo and Dame Briana MacCabe

- **Bardic - Occasional Bardic Circles** - arts@altavia.sca-caid.org

- o Often held after Altavia events at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois

- o All can perform or watch!

- o Contact the bards for directions & dates

- o **Host:** Baron Sir Charles of Dublin

- **Brewing** - arts@altavia.sca-caid.org - **Currently on Hiatus**

- o Special interest group for home brewing of beer, mead, wine, liqueurs, fermented foods, and more.

- o All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.

- o **Join the Guild on Facebook:** [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***
 - o Special interest group for all things delicious to eat and drink.
 - o All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
 - o **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
 - o **Date** - The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month
 - o **Time** - Time varies between 10am- 1pm or 9am-12pm depending on the time of the year and the amount of heat
 - o **Additional Saturday Practices** will be held at the Captain of Archers discretion when not conflicting with other SCA Events.
 - o **Location:** [Woodley Park Archery Range](#)
 - o **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
 - o **Date/Time:** Monday 7:00pm-9:30pm
 - o **Location:** At [Verdugo Recreation Center](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
 - o Almost every Monday night we gather at Verdugo park for Fighter Practice and just socializing.
 - o Come on down and participate in the activities, hang out, bring a project to work on, or chat with fellow Altavians.
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- **Equestrian** - equestrianmarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org - ***Currently on Hiatus***
 - o **Date/Time:** Various days of every month 6:30pm-8:30pm
 - o **Location:** [Conejo Creek Equestrian Park](#), 1350 Avenida de las Flores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
 - o **Open to all regardless of Baronial affiliation**
 - o Riders must bring own mounts. Authorizations available, jousting, mounted combat, crest combat, mounted games, marshalate and general riding.
 - o **Minors must have a parent or guardian present at all times.**
 - o **Contact** the [Equestrian Marshal](#) for more information.
- **Rapier Combat** - rapiermarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
 - o **Date/Time:** Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - o **Location:** At [Verdugo Recreation Center](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
 - o Almost every Monday night we gather at Verdugo park for Fighter Practice and just socializing.
 - o Come on down and participate in the activities, hang out, bring a project to work on, or chat with fellow Altavians.
 - o **Non-meeting days** include Monday holidays and the few days we get rained out ... updates about the Fighter Practice nights are posted on the Altavia baronial [Facebook Group](#).

- **Thrown Weapons** - thrownweaponsmarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org - **Currently on Hiatus**
 - o **Date/Time** - The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month 11:30am to 3:00pm
 - o **Location:** [Woodley Park Archery Range](#)
 - o **Contact** the [Thrown Weapons Marshal](#) for more information and for loaner gear.
- **Youth Combat** - youth@altavia.sca-caid.org - **Currently on Hiatus**
 - o **Date/Time:** 2nd & 4th Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - o **Location:** At [Verdugo Recreation Center](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
 - o **Contact** the [Youth Combat Marshal](#) for more information.



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Archery: THL [Gideon of Lyondomere](#) (10/27/24)

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Arts & Sciences: THL [Caterina Sanzio](#) (05/10/25)

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Cut and Thrust: Maestro [Lot Ramirez](#) (05/10/25)

Fretted Fork: Karen Kensek (10/27/24)

Games: Baroness [Tezar of Aeolis](#) (12/14/24)

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