

FRET KNOT



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Newsletter of the Barony of Altavia, Caid



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FROM THE BARONAGE

Griffith von Bremen & Amabel Radleigh



October 2025 Comments

Hello Altavia!

This was a busy, exciting month full of events and milestones. First up was Angels Anniversary, which was a wonderful day of fighting, with lots of armored and rapier fighters, and Altavia was well represented in each. We started the day off with Niko taking on Merlin as his Protege and were surprised with a well-deserved Pelican offer for Tezar, which she accepted! We had several Altavian rapier fighters make it quite far into the tournament, and were excited to see Nathaniel win, and become the new Angels rapier champion.

At CAID Rapier Open we saw some of our rapier fighters, Lyric and Merlin awarded with their Duellist. There was a great turnout, with 51 fighters in the rapier finals and 16 in the cut and thrust tournament. Lyric made it to finals in cut and thrust against Crow, who won in a best two out of three finals.

Both Merlin and Ceallach ended the tournament with only one loss (Bedford style tournament)

At Crown, we had a full day of peerage offers, awards, arts, snow cones and enough fighting to tire even the most energetic and high stamina fighters.

The fighting throughout the day was a joy to watch, and both Sir Christian and Duke Willhelm fought magnificently in finals. At the conclusion of an epic day of fighting we were able to welcome Duke Wilhelm and Countess Lorissa as our new Prince and Princess of CAID.

We're looking forward to the next month, including a brand new camping event this weekend, Fire and Ice, which is focusing on ranged weapons, as well as our own archery championship, Agincourt, and Great Western War following closely behind.

In service,
Baroness Amabel & Baron Griffith



FROM THE SENESCHAL

Baroness Tezar of Aeolis



After consultation with Their Majesties and the Kingdom Seneschal, Griffith von Bremen stepped back from his position as Baron of Altavia at Agincourt and returned his coronet. Her Excellency Amabel will continue to serve as our Baroness at The Crown's pleasure.

YIS,
Baroness Tezar of Aeolis,
Seneschal, Barony of Altavia



FROM THE CHRONICLER

Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny



Greetings, good gentles of Altavia!

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the first newsletter from your new acting Chronicler. Dame Selene has proclaimed me "the Fun Zone and instigator of interesting discussion", which is rather a lot to live up to but I'll do my best...within the limitations of professional responsibility, Kingdom policy, and what vestigial decorum I possess.

This month will feature, among other things, some ramblings on my ideas for *Fret Knot* and what you can expect from me. Did I say "this month" instead of "this quarter"? I did, because now there will be more frequent newsletters.

Why would I want to do that? Mostly for my personal convenience. As a guest editrix, I kept getting lost hopping around among three months of the various pieces that go into the quarterly version, and going monthly lets me avoid that problem. I'm also hoping that this format will make *Fret Knot* better for you.

In these days of instant online messaging and social media, what even is the purpose of a newsletter?

- The most tangible is that the SCA requires a newsletter from every baronial or higher level group. "Publish or perish" isn't restricted to academia! (Bonus reason to go monthly! We only have to put out a newsletter once a quarter. Monthly issues provide a comfy safety margin.)

- It's a source of information. True, much of it is found elsewhere in less static media, but some isn't. One example is if you want to learn what plans the barony is working on but can't or don't want to attend council meetings, *Fret Knot* is here for you!
- The newsletter is also a historical record of our activities that is not at the mercy of fluctuating social media platforms.
- To me, the most exciting function is that it's a place to display your talents without the stress of an online or in-person environment. If you want to share a song or an interesting piece of research or a photo of a project or whatever, *Fret Knot* will happily publish these things and many others. Is your household doing something you'd like to brag about? Did someone do something funny or exciting at war or an event? You can tell that tale here. (Some exceptions apply. Most of them are obvious. Ask if you're unsure.)

So what can you expect from me as your Chronicler? Well, all that stuff above is obviously part of the answer. You'll also get random blathering from me—some opinions, some whimsy, maybe even some dubious scholarship about something that catches my fancy. I wrote a poem for you this time. Anyway, I do promise to try to keep the silly bits out of the serious bits, no matter how powerfully my soul cries out to insert ill-advised but well-intended humor.

In (Ill-Advised but Well-Intended) Service,
Vivienne



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





THE POPULACE PRESENTS



Wherein we showcase contributions from the people of Altavia
and our friends. Enjoy!

"Sons for Henry" by Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny

Jolly ol' Henry
The eighth of his name
Wanted a son and
Some glory and fame.

Sent England warring
'Til vaults they ran bare
But armies can't bring
A male to be heir.

Catherine struggled
To give him his son
Only lived Mary
And she wasn't one.

Anne, she was willing
And that gave him hope
Enough to rise up
And challenge the Pope.

She gave him Lizzie
But then lost their boy
And later her head
To some people's joy.

He quickly wed Jane
Who gave up her life
Birthing a son who
Would live. What a wife!

One male is too few
He thought with a sigh
Married a new Anne
Then told her goodbye.

Catherine Howard
She was his Queen next
But she lay elsewhere
And Henry was vexed.

Her head was taken
Now what could he do?
Where would he venture
For son number two?

Sad for poor Henry
His goal was too far
Despite his wife sixth
Called Catherine Parr

She bore him no child
But he had to rest
He sired but one male
Thus ended his quest.

That scoundrel Henry
He had so much gall
Blaming the ladies
For his own shortfall..



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Baroness Tezar of Aeolis



October 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom [Oct 14, 2025] Starting at 7:06 pm and ending at 8:08 pm

Attendees:

Tezar of Aeolis, Merlin Wynn, Colwyn Stagghorn, Amabel Radleigh, Nikolaos Phaistos, Selene Colfox, Matlens Litovka, Vivienne de Chauvigny, Briana MacCabe, Elle Wynn of Essex, Cecilia Medici, Damien of Baden, Sadhbh inghean Duinn, Ceallach mac Uilliam, Giacchino Morone Loccoco di San Filippo, Griffith von Bremen

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

Old Business

No old business.

Ongoing Business

Agincourt – Oct 26

Vivienne & Merlin are stewarding. V – Pretty much set – As long as everyone who promised anything is still handling those things.

Merlin is handling Crossbow, will not be competing, only stewarding. Karen is doing Fretted Fork, Cecilia is doing Youth Project. Bjorn will be there, as Roisin is in Hawaii. Highnesses will not. Tezar is providing food for Majesties.

NOTE: Thrown Weapons for Agincourt will be at GWW on Friday. Does Her Excellency have a wish or theme for TW? Throw whatever you have on site – don't have to bring extras.

Briana will reach out for awards for use at that. NOTE She will be doing her Pursuivant ceremony there.

GWW

Peter is the 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.

Peter held a 7 pm meet up on Zoom to go over things that help when camping at a war. There were several newer people and a couple of experienced people (me included). I felt it went well.

Merlin – Peter asked for tent sizes, interest in meal plans (Th-Sun), he is still figuring out the details. Asked for people to fill out the form. He did make at least one of the camp master meetings. He is still waiting for the final list/location.

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Check on how many slots are open for gate on Thursday.

We will be hosting a novelty shoot Friday afternoon at 2 - 4. Merlin and Amabel are responsible for running/hosting this event. Everything is ready.

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. Mistress Fara and Rudolph are working with the church. Cecilia is our co-steward. The theme will be: What does Yule mean to you? Decorate in a way that denotes what Yule means to you, such as Xmas trees & presents, a yule log and harvest wreath, or whatever else might represent Yule.

Festival of the Rose - January 31, 2026

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

The church we used at 2024 Yule is available and has the date on hold for our use. Lynette is waiting to get an estimate of costs, based on my provision of estimated numbers of people, and verification that we will not be using the kitchen appliances.

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. I have not yet done this.

Caid Archery Open - March 29, 2026 (Woodley)

Merlin is steward.

Altavia Anniversary - May 9, 2026

Not yet working on.

Consort's Champion Ranged - July 29, 2026 (Woodley)

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

Agincourt Archery Tournament - October 25, 2026 (Woodley)

Not yet working on.

New Business

The 1st and 2nd quarter calendar bids are now open, and he wants to get it determined by Nov 30th. When scheduling for next year remember – we don't have to do everything.

Officer's Reports

Archers – Merlin Wynn (Lieutenants: Peter of Altavia & Marianna Lightwood)

We have had 2 practices since the last meeting. Brig & Gideon helped marshal, Peter ran as Amabel & Merlin weren't at the 2nd one. Peter will be taking over as Captain of Archers at Anniversary 2026. He is already almost a marshal. Average of 15 people per practice.

Arts & Sciences – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

My apologies that I'm not able to attend the council meeting tonight. I am participating in another type of Arts tonight.

We held Arts and Sciences Night on September 30th via Zoom. The event was hosted by our Campmaster Peter, Briana and myself. Our A&S night this month was "Let's Talk Great Western War!" We talked about what to expect at war, things to remember, how the camping works at war, garb suggestions, and we took questions as well. Duchess Bridget's camping list was shared as well. Seven people were in attendance, ranging from people who have been camping for a while to newcomers. Overall, it was a very productive and informative session!

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. We have been narrowing down our setlist and have been working hard to learn the songs for at least one performance (probably additional ones) at Great Western War.

October's A&S Night will be learning wire-wrapped rings with Briana!

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. Ceallach will think about it. Others have approached Colwyn.

Chronicler – Vivienne de Chauvigny (Deputy: vacant)

Vivienne is the new chronicler. Effective as soon as she gets one together, *Fret Knot* is going to be monthly. That is partially for her convenience due to the difficulty of putting together the 3 months into one piece.

Hopefully it will help others as well. The perpetual cry – please send things to print. It can be just minutes, but she would like it to be more than that.

Briana has a GWW themed song to submit if wanted. It is.

NOTE: What title would those who have multiple titles prefer to use?

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

The chair and scissors were finally returned to their owner. I also received a few more directional signs.

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)

Greetings! The people involved in the permission to conflict have connected. Electronic paperwork has been scribbled on. I believe the matter has been settled.

The next heraldry meeting will be on Discord on October 22 (Wed.) I will not be there. Crescent sent me a notice about my membership recently. It was sent to my personal email.

Briana was sent the same notice, but it was sent to this address. Is she on this address? I would hope so, but I wasn't sure.

Enjoy!

Voice Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

Hello! I have recently been instructed in the mysteries of names and armory research and am beginning to help Altavians submit names, arms and badges!

I am currently working on submissions for: Peter – name; Nico – name; Merlin – badges; Amabel – badge; Altavia - badge.

I can help do research for anyone prior to war and help you get to consulting heraldry at war to submit payment.

There is a heraldry meeting on October 22 and I will be attending (my very first time).

Merlin, do we have the deputy.herald@altavia.sca-caid.org set up and, if so, how can I access?

Also, if you have any court business for Agincourt, please let me know as that is quickly approaching. Speaking of court business for Agincourt, I will be having my Pursuivant ceremony (first rank in heraldry) at Agincourt :)

Finally, if you are still missing anything from your OP, please let me know. I noticed that my Vert Fret from this last anniversary is not reflected so we may still be having issues there.

YIS, Dame Briana MacCabe, Deputy Herald

Lists - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

No report. – No list activities in the past month. She will be handling Agincourt.

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

Marshal things are running well, had some recent reauthorizations. Rapier is going well, and armoured is having a few out at a time.

Lyric was supposed to be an incoming marshal, not sure what's happening.

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

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: X, 6, 8, 7, 6 (average: 6) 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

Local knights: Sir Eichling

Comments: - First week canceled due to war recovery. Second week, regulars, two new visitors. Third week through fourth, no issues, no injuries.

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

Not doing anything.

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

Here is my report for this month: We had a range of 6-10 fighters per week. Both Rapier and C&T.

The arming swords have arrived. I need to tip them. I will submit my reimbursement request shortly.

We also need new bags for the loaner gear. They are falling apart. I'll submit estimates for approval. There is one bag that is now dangerous due to many holes, so he may need to buy one and beg for reimbursement.

No reports of injuries or equipment problems. After 3 attempts he is now officially a Sr. Marshal in training.

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

Still no news for Woodley park letting us do TW.

We will hold the Altavia TW championship at GWW on Friday. If there is a special theme or request for what we throw please let me know.

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

I have done two youth marshaling events and am trying to set up the zoom class I need to become a youth combat marshal. Once I am authorized I will work on getting authorized in youth rapier.

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

Facebook

877 total members

- 5 New members joined the FB group in September (0.58% growth from August)
- 45 total posts from all members in July (22% less than August)
- Saturdays were the best engagement days, followed by Sundays & Mondays

Top 3 posts

1. Briana's post about Senechal Tezar joining the Order of the Pelican
2. Peter's video post from Altavia's bardic & fighter practice
3. Merlin's post about bringing the Dragonwing to Angels Anniversary

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

- Posting videos I created from Altavia's practice and Angels Anniversary

Discord: No data available

Niko – Didn't the barony have an Instagram page? Brianna – Doesn't have the log in info

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

The officers page is in the process of being updated as we speak. Provided Brianna access to her baronial e-mail. ALL officers need to use the official e-mail address only.

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

Will be doing Youth activities at Agincourt and Yule. She will work with Fara & Liam for youth at Yule.

Closing Comments

Selene

Brewers Guild is holding a meeting at her house this Sunday Oct 19th. Kimchi, and brewed items to taste and take home. Maybe a trip to the market.

She is on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (LASFS). They have a new location, and she is trying to get the site available for Arts Nights and other Altavian uses.

Cecilia

Sent a large burlap bag of the canvas she has with Griff – if we want to make walls for the Barony then check with him.

Sadhbh

Thanks for everyone's hard work.

Next Council Meeting - Nov 18, 2025

A REPORT FROM AGINCOURT*

Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny, Event Co-Steward

Mes chers amis, this year's *Tournoi d'Azincourt* took place on a beautiful day, full of amity and arrows, as almost fifty attendees enjoyed the festivities. Any injuries or arguments were kept from this Steward's notice, who is therefore declaring the day a total success.

Congratulations to all the new Champions and award recipients and to the English, led by our own Baroness Amabel, for winning the team novelty shoot!

- Our new Baronial Champions are THL Alianora MacMahan for handbow archery, Lord Achillious of Altavia for crossbows, and THL Caterina Sanzio in the Fretted Fork
- Lord Achillious of Altavia and Lord Peter of Altavia both received the Argent Arrow
- Lady Marianna Lightwood was recognized with the Dolphin of Caid
- Atilla of Altavia and Jobana of Altavia received Awards of Arms
- THL Bríg inghean Uatéir and Lord Peter of Altavia were awarded the Vert Fret

I wish to particularly thank:

- His Royal Majesty Bjorn for allowing us to provide refuge from the perils of Western Seas
- Her Excellency Amabel for engaging HRM in enthusiastic competition
- My Co-Steward, THL Merlin, for mentoring me, serving as Marshal in Charge, and providing an ample supply of cat-snails for targets and souvenirs, and
- THL Miguel de Granada for providing custom arrows to the tournament finalists

Thanks are also due to the heralds, other marshals, gate, lists, set up and take down crews, the gentles who managed the non-archery activities, and all those who enriched the day with their presence.

Everyone made stewarding this event about as easy as it possibly could be. I couldn't be happier with you all or prouder to be an Altavian.

*Au service du rêve,
Vivienne*

* Looks like I wrote **two** poems this month.



ALTAVIA'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Angels & Altavia Yule

Saturday 12/13/2025

Site: The Santa Anita Church, 226 Colorado Blvd, Arcadia, CA 91007

Come ye all to make merry and meet new (and old) friends at Angels/Altavia Yule Feast. This year, we are asking our populace "What does Yule mean to you?" as our theme. So, be creative and have fun expressing your "Yule" with food, bardic, table decorations, and clothing. NOTE: The location for Yule has changed this year. It will be at The Santa Anita Church in Arcadia, CA. Parking will be at the back of the hall. Look for signs guiding you to parking and the event hall.

Contests will include, but may not be limited to:

- Angels/Altavia Bardic Champion (participants may declare for either or both baronies.) Bardic entrants, please limit your performance to no longer than 4 minutes.
- Chess Champion for Angels/Altavia. The competition will be run by last year's Champions.
- Best Table Setting.
- Angels Contest: Best Dessert in the form of an Angel. Be it a Biblical representation or an illustration from the book of Kells. The sky's the limit!

The dining will be potluck style. Individuals can bring a side, a main dish, or a dessert (prep for around 8-12 people). Last name starting with A-F bring a dessert, G-L bring an appetizer or salad, M-R bring a main dish, and S-Z bring a side dish. Be sure to include a list of ingredients for any and all shared food.

Remember to bring feast gear (plates, cups, utensils). There will be tables available for open seating for those who'll make new friends.

Youth Activities will be run by Baroness Fara Macgregor.

We hope to have music and dancing following the Bardic competition!

The toy drive will be back this year, for which you can bring an unwrapped gift to donate.

Schedule:

- Doors Open at 4pm
- Event Starts at 5pm with Opening Court shortly after.
- Hall Closes at 9pm
- Clean up and lock out at 10pm.

Registration: Adult event registration, \$20, Adult Members discount registration, \$10. Children under 18 are guests of the Barony. Cash and Checks are accepted. Make checks payable to "SCA Inc. Barony of the Angels".

Steward info: Lord Rudolf von Waldbruil (Yule.steward@angels.sca-caid.org) & Mistress Cecilia Medici (youth@altavia.sca-caid.org)

Site restrictions: This is a No Smoking site (including the parking lot) This site is discretely damp.

Directions: 210 E. Follow signs for San Bernardino. Take exit 31, Baldwin Ave to Arcadia. Take the rightmost lane to turn right on N Baldwin Ave, then immediately right towards Colorado Ave E. Right on Colorado St E at the stoplight. Take Colorado St E to the next stoplight and turn left to continue on Colorado Blvd. Site is on the right.

I-5 N. Use right two lanes for exit 124 for I-605 N. Right at the fork. Follow signs for I-605 N. Take left two lanes for I-210 W to Pasadena. Take exit 32 for Santa Anita Ave using the 2nd Lane. Keep left. Left on Santa Anita Ave. Turn right on Colorado Blvd. Continue past Santa Rosa Road, Site will be on the left.

Other Upcoming Events:

Great Western War (Altavia Encampment)

11/4-11/10/2025

Site: 13601 Ironbark Rd, Taft, CA 93268

CAMP MASTER: Lord Peter of Altavia

Festival of the Rose

Saturday 1/31/2026

Site: pending negotiations

EVENT STEWARDS: Serafina and Cosimo, assisted by Dame Briana McCabe.

Caid Archery Open

Sunday 3/29/2026

Site: Woodley Park Archery Range

EVENT STEWARD: THL Merlin Wynn

Altavia Anniversary

Saturday 5/9/2026

Site: TBD

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

seneschal.officer@altavia.sca-caid.org

Consort's Champion Ranged

Sunday 7/19/2026

Site: Woodley Park Archery Range

EVENT STEWARD: Baroness Cecilia Medici

Agincourt Tournament

Sunday 10/25/2026

Site: Woodley Park Archery Range

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

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- ❖ **Herald:** THL [Damian von Baden](#)
 - Herald@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Court Herald:** Dame [Briana McCabe](#)
 - Herald@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Lists Officer:** THL [Matlens Litovka](#)
 - Lists@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Deputy Lists Officer:** **Currently vacant**
- ❖ **Baronial Marshal:** Master [Nikolaos Phaistos](#)
 - Marshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Marshal - Armored Combat:** THL [Griffith von Bremen](#)
 - Marshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Marshal - Equestrian:** THL [Guene Annwyll](#)
 - EquestrianMarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Marshal - Rapier:** THL Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo
 - RapierMarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Marshal - Thrown Weapons:** Baroness [Cecilia Medici](#)
 - ThrownWeaponsMarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Marshal - Youth Combat:** Baroness [Cecilia Medici](#)
 - YouthCombat@altavia.sca-caid.org

- ❖ **Social Media Officer:** Lord Peter of Altavia
 - SocialMedia@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Deputy Social Media Officer:** Dame [Briana McCabe](#)
 - SocialMedia@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Webwright:** THL [Merlin Wynn](#)
 - webwright@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Deputy Webwrights:** Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny & Lord Peter of Altavia
- ❖ **Youth Officer:** Baroness [Cecilia de Medici](#)
 - Youth@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ❖ **Deputy Youth Officer:** **Currently vacant**

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



NOTE: Waivers or proof of membership may be required.

Meetings

- **Council Meeting**
 - **Date/Time:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 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 also 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 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:** THL 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; contact Dame Selene for info**

- 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, as weather permits. May be cancelled when in conflict with events, especially if they're archery-related.
 - **Time** - Time varies between 10am- 1pm or 9am-12pm depending on the time of the year and the amount of heat.
 - **Additional Saturday Practices** may be held at the discretion of the Captain of Archers.
 - **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 - **Currently on Hiatus**
 - **Date/Time** - The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month 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

- 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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CHAMPIONS OF ALTAVIA



Archery (Handbow): THL [Alianora MacMahan](#) (10/26/25)

Archery (Crossbow): Lord Achillious of Altavia (10/26/25)

Armored Combat: THL [Thorgrim Rygarson](#) (05/10/25)

Arts & Sciences: THL [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: THL [Caterina Sanzio](#) (10/26/25)

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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Send in your Cartoons, Articles, Recipes, How-tos, Photos, Stories, or anything else you want to share.

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

Share what you do with your barony!!

Please send submissions or questions to:
chronicler.officer@altavia.sca-caid.org

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month prior to the cover date.