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FROM THE BARONAGE

Baroness Amabel Radleigh

November 2025 Comments



Hello Altavia!

We started off the month since our last meeting with Fire and Ice, a wonderful new camping event up in Nordwache. It boasted a full slate of Thrown Weapons, Handbow and crossbow throughout the weekend. Nordwache hosted the first day of open shooting and throwing on Saturday, giving everyone ample time to practice throwing and shooting, as well as getting in some Royal Rounds both for crossbow and Handbow. We had his majesty Bjorn working on his archery marshal requirements, and he ran three royal rounds for us in the afternoon, and shot with us as well, improving his score and edging closer to Forester (spoiler, he achieved it later in the month at GWW!).

The Baron of Nordwache was a generous, amazing host, incredibly generous with extra food throughout the event, and some of the best fried rice I've ever had that fed probably 10 of us for dinner beyond their own camp. After dinner, we went back to the range for an amazing night shoot. Duncan put together glowing targets, lit by blacklights. They were stunning, and made for an incredible night shoot.

The second day was hosted by Wintermist, who held their Baronial championships for thrown weapons, Handbow and crossbow. Once again, the shoots were creative and fun, shooting a monster obscured by "fog" and 3 other novelty shoots. It was a wonderful weekend of ranged weapons and new and old friends.

The next weekend we had our own archery event with Agincourt, which was an amazing day of shooting with friends. This year we made the Forrester shoot into a round robin, with archers shooting head-to-head within pools, and the top 8 archers from the round robin pools progressed onto a single elimination tournament. We also had 4 archers competing in a crossbow round robin, with the top two progressing to finals. During all the round robins, his Majesty Bjorn and I battled it out each round against each other. It was a close battle, but Bjorn took the win in both handbow and crossbow.

In the middle of the day, we were able to sample the delicious offerings submitted for the Fretted Fork competition. The theme was mint and we saw a variety from delicious chocolate

souffle cupcakes with mint cream topping to a mint tahini on flatbread. Caterina won the populace vote making her my Fretted Fork Champion!

After lunch, his Majesty and I took our duel into team shoots, with half the archers supporting each of us in the team novelty shoot. Bjorn led the French and I led the English. Each team took turns shooting at small marginalia snails and soldiers. In true Agincourt fashion, the English prevailed.

Alianora and Peter made it to the finals in handbow, each winning a dozen custom arrows generously gifted and made by Miguel. In finals, Alianora won at a harrowing 40m to become my Handbow Champion!

Ronan and Achillious faced off in the crossbow finals. Achillious adapted quickly to the 40m to become my Crossbow Champion. The day couldn't have been as great a success as it was without all the help we received setting up, tearing down and running the range all day. A special thank you to my event stewards, Vivienne, who took this on as her first event to steward, and Merlin, who also acted as the Marshal of the day and came up with all of the adorable historical marginalia themed targets.

Great Western War the next weekend was wonderful, with a lively, full Altavia encampment, and friends camped all around us. A big thank you to Peter, who was the camp master and the camp cook for us this war, and who made sure that we were fed and ready to go each day for the adventures that awaited us. GWW is always such an amazing, varied event, with armored and rapier fighting, archery, volunteering, classes, vigils, parties and more. We were all at the same event, and we all came home with different experiences and memories, and I look forward to the joy of the event every year.

This last weekend, we went to Naevehjem Anniversary for Frost Dragon, and had a day of friends, happiness, memories, and far more rain than I was quite planning for. The armored and rapier tournaments were able to be brought inside to join the arts and food competitions. However, archery indoors wasn't quite possible, so we archers decided we wouldn't melt, and shot in the rain all day. It was ridiculous, joyous and community building. I had a fantastic time scurrying through the rain with my fellow archers.

I'm looking forward to Medieval Marketplace, many different Yules, and Coronation in the next month.

In Service to the Dream,
Baroness Amabel





Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny



Greetings once again, good gentles of Altavia!

The Great Western War has come and gone, leaving I know not for I wasn't there. But I feel confident that much fun was had, much honor was gained, and much chivalry was demonstrated.

What I do know is that Yuletide is upon us, a time for feasting and merriment, when bards bring barding...no, that isn't right. When bards and children play, and Chroniclers lurk in dark caverns lest they be compelled to interact with other humans.

I wish everything good for you and yours in the next year and beyond!

Au service du rêve, Vivienne



ALTAVIA ONLINE



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

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

<u>Facebook Group</u>: Membership is free and open to the public

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

<u>Discord Server</u>: 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!

"My Love Went Down, to London Town" by Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny

My love went down, to London Town She said to buy a horse. She came back not, and so I sought To follow her, of course.

She was not there, my lady fair Though I searched high and low. Within the fort, and all the port Wherever did she go?

I looked in halls, and peered in stalls I could not find a trace. Into each church, I made me lurch But there I found no grace.

Left for the hills, and searched the rills. Of her there was no sign. Broke in a house, found but a mouse And some godawful wine.

I drank it all, and then did fall Into a troubled sleep. I tossed and turned, as my heart yearned I suffered pain so deep.

And when I woke, there was a bloke Who stared right down at me. "You're in my house, you wretched louse And I shall smite at thee." "Please spare me sir, I'm not a cur," I begged the angry man.
Then I did wail, and told my tale
And tried to think a plan.

"I must away", I then did say In my still drunken state. "Go not, my dear. Abide ye here" He said in hope I'd wait.

I stumbled round, and fell to ground As I made for his door. I wobbled there, but that is where I tumbled to the floor.

My plan had failed; my hope then sailed There would be no escape. When came within, with sun-bright grin My love dressed all in crepe.

"Alas!", she cried; to both she'd lied Her heart it was untrue I crawled away, and to this day I know not what to do.

Is it my fate, that I await Another heartless ploy? How will I find, another mind To fill my soul with joy?

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Baroness Tezar of Aeolis

November 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Via Zoom [Nov 18, 2025] Starting at 7:05 pm and ending at 8:19 pm

Attendees:

Tezar of Aeolis, Amabel Radleigh, Nikolaos Phaistos, Selene Colfox, Vivienne de Chauvigny, Briana MacCabe, Elle Wynn of Essex, Cecilia Medici, Damien of Baden, Sadhbh Inghean Duinn, Giacchino Morone Loccoco di San Filippo, Griffith Von Bremen, Ceallach mac Uilliam

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

It has been a busy 5 weeks since our last meeting, with events and GWW. Thank you to everyone who did a gate shift and cleaned the shower trailer at GWW – volunteers are what makes the war run smoothly. It sounded like everyone had a good time in the Baronial camp. I want to personally thank all of you who helped with my Vigil, I couldn't have done it without everyone's support and help.

We are coming into the end of the year, with fewer events other than Yules for all the Baronies. While there are several overlapping with our own, if you get a chance to go to another area's Yule, they are always fun and great ways to get to know our neighbors even better.

I look forward to stepping back a bit so Sadhbh can start running the meetings.

Old Business

Agincourt – Oct 26

Vivienne & Merlin stewarded. See Baronial comments for a review of the event. The baronial event form for the kingdom has been found (they think) and an event report will be filed. Confirmed that they will fill out the form from the seneschal link in the Kingdom website. Financial information was provided, waiting on verification from the bank.

GWW

GWW – Petrusha was the camp master. Everything ran smoothly. Lots of appreciation to Giacchino and Briana for the stovetops used to cook. There were a total of 17 registered to camp with the Barony. 15 participated in the meal plan.

Novelty shoot at GWW

Ran the Novelty shoot on Friday afternoon at the same time as the TW championship for Altavia, which Cecilia ran. Not a large turn-out but lots of fun. There were around 7 that competed in the TW event, with Paganus as the winner.

Ongoing Business

Yule - Dec 13, 2025

Finally heard from the steward, which he sent to the Altavia Youth e-mail, which she doesn't have access to. We have been asked to help with decorations. All items need to be put up with blue painters tape. On the FB page they have a list of suggested food items based on last names. The ad is on the kingdom website, so everything has gotten taken care of.

Festival of the Rose - January 31, 2026

We have stewards, and they & Brianna MacCabe have met twice already. Using the church that we used for 2024 Yule, for \$600. Tentative budget has been sent in and is in the process of being reviewed by the financial committee. Planned items include arts classes, bardic presentations, and a potential donation lunch. Selene may work with Courtney on it.

Theme – Honor & Chivalry, chosen by her Highness. Cosimo is working on the ad already, and hopefully we will not have much push-back on the short time from Richard the Bowman as it is not 6 months in advance.

We need someone to coordinate the arts and bardic events. Sadhbh is happy to help coordinate the Bardic while Marianna is going to be asked to coordinate the arts displays. Jobana will be approached to coordinate the classes.

The biggest thing is to get the budget approved and the ad submitted before Nov 25th.

Thank you to Merlin for suggesting Serafina and Cosimo to steward this, as they are doing a great job.

Amabel – She has never been to a Festival of the Rose, and certainly not as a Baroness. What is happening?

The queen uses this as an opportunity to pick her A&S champion. What happens generally is displays of arts, like a mini collegium with displays of items made, maybe documentation, maybe a body of work being displayed. Bardic will be performed to her majesty. Usually, a showcase although occasionally the champion will be picked from those who perform – we will be out to her Highness to see what she prefers.

Questions -1. Need to clarify the consumption of alcohol from the church? 2. How do we get approval?

Caid Archery Open - March 29, 2026 (Woodley)

Merlin is steward. No movement at this time.

Altavia Anniversary - May 9, 2026

Not yet working on. I would like to get a steward by December.

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

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

<u>Agincourt Archery Tournament</u> - October 25, 2026 (Woodley)

Not yet working on.

New Business

The Calendar for 2027 was taking bids for the 1st two quarters, with bids to be in by Nov 15th. As we discussed in previous meetings, we choose not to submit for any events in those quarters, however, the Calendar person put out a note to bring this up at our council meeting, so if anyone wants to discuss putting in for anything those quarters, please let me know and I can submit for something.

Officer's Reports

<u>Archers</u> – Merlin Wynn (Lieutenants: Petrusha Serebrianoi & Marianna Lightwood)

Have had several Archery events, and the in-between practices.

Arts & Sciences – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

Greetings! My apologies that I'm not able to attend the council meeting tonight.

We held Arts and Sciences Night on October 29th at the home of our Baroness. Our A&S night this month was Wire-Wrapped Rings, and the class was taught by Briana McCabe. Twelve people were in attendance, so we had a great turnout! We learned how to make wire wrapped rings with beads and with using the wire. The rings turned out beautifully, and any extras made were donated to largesse. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a wonderful time!

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. We learned our songs for our setlist Magical Beasts and Where to Hear Them for our performance at Great Western War.

November's A&S Night will be learning wire weaving a bracelet or circlet with Jobana! There is also an Open Craft Night 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 or if you have any questions.

Yours in Service, Marianna Lightwood

<u>Chatelaine</u> – Selene Colfox (Deputy: vacant)

I have volunteered for the position of Baronial Chatelaine, when I realized I was doing the job already at Agincourt Archery Tournament.

I intend to attend at least two fighter practices per month. Yule probably won't need Chatelaine services. Our next event when I will be working should be at Caid Archery Open in March, then Altavia Anniversary in May.

I will download the appropriate fliers for future events in time for the next fighter practice that is not rained out. Okay, that will be in about a week, apparently.

Briana – Asked if we could put up flyers for Festival of the Rose at local sites. Brianna and Selene will work on those together.

<u>Chronicler</u> – Vivienne de Chauvigny (Deputy: vacant)

Would like to ask all officers to please review the Nov issue to ensure that the correctly spelled names and preferred titles.

Also, review the practices and meetings listed to make sure they are accurate. She has not yet received the proper e-mail address, and needs Merlin to provide her with the ones she needs. Please send any changes you need to the Chroniclers e-mail.

Dec issue should be coming out the end of this month, to give the seneschal time to get the minutes in. Happy to see any and all contributions to be added. Is trying to also get release forms taken care of for all contributions. Things may be delayed while that is worked out.

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

Hello. We thought there were two items left at Great Western that turned out to be trash. Other than that, nothing to report.

He posted and removed the signs for Agincourt. The Baroness has a small cup that was left at Agincourt. 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-Sadhbh, 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, Cecilia, Richenda, Edith

Altavia Exchequer's Report

W.F. Checking	\$ 19,669.93	
Total	\$ 19,669.93	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$ 6,341.30	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$ 500.00	, ,
Total	\$ 26,511.23	

September Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
09/29/2025 Deposit (Donation) for Arch	Deposit (Donation) for Archery Tokens	500.00	0	500.00
		500.00		500.00

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	590.00	0	590.00
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
			6,138.37	2,733.49	3,404.88

2024 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT

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

Agincourt – Members – 39. Non-members – 5. Children – 3 for a grand total of 47 people. Took in donations of \$128, not event income.

Herald - Damien of Baden (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Next meeting is Nov 26th, the day before Thanksgiving. He asked Vivienne if the issue had been resolved, which it was.

Voice Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

Sorry this is late and brief. Attended my first herald meeting on 10/22. Lots to learn, will make every effort to attend all herald meetings in the future.

Award report for Agincourt submitted. We awarded Petrusha and Brig Vert Frets for Archery. Kingdom awards included AoAs for Jobana and Atilla, Argent Arrows for Petrusha and Achilleus and a Dolphin for Marianna. I also had a 1:1 heraldry lesson from Paul Fitz Denis. At GWW, several gentles submitted names and armory for approval. Peter - Petrusha Serebrianoi; Nico - Cosimo di Amici; and Seraphina - Seraphina Story. I am grateful to the kingdom heralds that helped our folks including Alianora and Pennifer. I will be attending the kingdom submission meeting next Weds, Nov 26th and will let folks know the latest info on their submissions as it becomes available.

Finally, Cosimo has expressed an interest in field heraldry. I am hoping we can have a mock tournament sometime in the spring to give them and other Altavians the opportunity to explore this and will work with them on helping field heraldry for Altavia Anniversary this May.

YIS, Briana

<u>Lists</u> - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

Last month we held Agincourt Tourney held at Woodley Park in Van Nuys on Sunday October 26th.

We had 21 archers sign up on lists for the main tourney. We had 3 pools of seven and sent anyone who had 4 wins or more to a single elim of 8 people. The final was Peter of Altavia and Alianora McMahan, with Alianora being victorious.

Crossbow had 4 entrants. Achillious and Ronan de Bhal in the final with Achillious winning with the only arrow that hit the target at the 40.

There was a relaxing lunch break, and a novelty shoot that everyone enjoyed. Baroness Amabel headed one team as Altavia/ England and King Bjorn headed the other as CAID / France. England was victorious, as it should be. Overall, it was a lovely event and everything ran smoothly.

YIS, Baroness Matlens Litovka, Lists Officer for Barony of Altavia

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

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

Kingdom of Caid, Barony of Altavia, 2025. Marshal's Monthly Report. Report Period: Oct

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 3, 4, 4, 5 (average, 4) 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: Regulars. No issues. No injuries.

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

Not doing anything.

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

Greeting to the good people of Altavia, This past month saw an average of 12 people at practice for the few that were held this past month. The past two weeks there was no practice.

Thank you to Master Nico for covering the Monday practice prior to Great Western War. Speaking to GWW, we fielded many excellent rapier fencers participating in both melees and tournaments. Congratulations to Lady Caterina for making it to the finals of the Bridesmaid tourney.

We also had two wonderful gentles participate in Valkyrie Rose tournament including Master Colwyn and The Honorable Lord Merlin.

We completed the purchase of new gear bags for the loaner gear. My apologies for the short notice on that request.

No reports of injuries or equipment problems.

In service, Giacchino Morone Rapier Marshal

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

Greetings, I'll start with TW. I spoke with Robear and he is willing to let us set up a temporary range at his place. I told him Cristof gets back November 30 th and that we would discuss 1 day a month to do so. We will have to make a stand or 2. (we have parts in our garage that could make 1 - I just can't get to them until they finish the flood clean up) and I have 1 target round. We need to fix 3 of our spears and once I can get to the handles Niko donated fix some axes.

I am up for a board position at Woodley Park and my sole purpose is to work with the city to get use of the range for practice and competitions.

She'll be stepping back in as Baronial marshal once she steps down from Kingdom.

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

I have not heard from the kingdom youth officer to finish my training. I sent another email asking for the online training to complete what is needed to be authorized then I will take our youth combat weapons and work on fixing or replacing what is needed.

Social Media - Petrusha Serebrianoi (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

I am happy to share the **October 1 - October 31 Social Media Report** Facebook

884 total members

- 7 New members joined the FB group in October (1.14% growth from October)
- 40 total posts from all members in July (17% less than September)
- Thursday was the best day for engagement

Top 3 posts

- 1. Her Excellency Amabel's post about Agincourt
- 2. Vivienne's post about Agincourt
- 3. Peter's pre-GWW camping update

Discord: No data available

Yours in service.

Lord Petrusha Serebrianoi (formerly known as Peter of Altavia)

Webwright - Merlin Wynn (Deputies: Vivienne de Chauvigny & Petrusha Serebrianoi)

We still have a website. He is working on and has a full catalogue of pages we have on the site. He is working on migrating all pages to the main website. Doesn't know who all needs to be on a meeting regarding this. He will start a group chat to do this. Vivienne's e-mail will be reviewed for access. Cecilia just doesn't understand how to make it work. Prefer to use her phone.

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

I have not heard from the kingdom youth officer to finish my training. I sent another email asking for the online training to complete what is needed to be authorized then I will take our youth combat weapons and work on fixing or replacing what is needed.

Next Council Meeting - Dec 9 2025



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.

<u>Registration</u>: 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".

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

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

<u>Directions</u>: 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 Altavian Events:

Festival of the Rose Saturday 1/31/2026

Site: First United Methodist Church of North Hollywood, 4832 Tujunga Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91601

EVENT STEWARDS: Serafina Story and Cosimo di Amici, with 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. <u>seneschal.officer@altavia.sca-caid.org</u>



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Marshal - Rapier	THL Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo	RapierMarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org	
Marshal - Thrown Weapons	Dame <u>Cecilia Medici</u>	ThrownWeaponsMarshal@altavia.sca -caid.org	
Marshal - Youth Combat	Dame <u>Cecilia Medici</u>	YouthCombat@altavia.sca-caid.org	
Lists Officer	THL Matlens Litovka	Lists@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



Please come join us! Newcomers and visitors are welcome!

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 <u>Facebook Group</u>
- 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
- 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

- o **Date/Time:** Every Monday, 7:00pm
- o **Location:** At <u>Verdugo Recreation Center</u> in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
- o 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.
- o **Contact** the Chatelaine for details: chatelaine@altavia.sca-caid.org

Arts & Sciences

• **Arts & Science Workshops** (aka Craft Nights)

- 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.
- 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

- o **Date/Time:** Monday nights before fighter practice, beginning at 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

- 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 - Currently on Hiatus; contact Dame Selene for info

- 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:** <u>Knotty Brewers of Caid</u> (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)

• Culinary Guild - 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:** <u>Altavia's Culinary Guild</u> (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)

Combat Practices

- Archery archerymarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
 - o **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.
 - 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** may be held at the discretion of the Captain of Archers.
 - o Location: Woodley Park Archery Range
 - O **Contact** the <u>Captain of Archers</u> or check <u>Altavia website</u>, <u>Facebook group</u>, <u>or Discord</u> <u>server</u> 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 <u>Verdugo Recreation Center</u> in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
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 - 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 <u>Facebook Group</u>.
- Equestrian equestrianmarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org- Currently on Hiatus
 - **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 <u>Verdugo Recreation Center</u> in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
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- 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
 - Contact the <u>Thrown Weapons Marshal</u> 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 <u>Youth Combat Marshal</u> for more information.



CHAMPIONS OF ALTAVIA



Archery (Handbow)	THL <u>Alianora MacMahan</u>	26 Oct 25
Archery (Crossbow)	Lord Achillious of Altavia	26 Oct 25
Armored Combat	THL <u>Thorgrim Rygarson</u>	05 May 25
Arts & Sciences	THL <u>Caterina Sanzio</u>	05 May 25
Bardic	Baron Kyr Yamslav the Publishent	14 Dec 24
Cut and Thrust	Maestro Louisanione	05 May 25
Fretted Fork	THL <u>Caterina Sanzio</u>	26 Oct 25
Games	Baroness <u>Tezar of Aeolis</u>	14 Dec 24
Rapier Combat	Don Nathaniel Longbaw	05 May 25
Thrown Weapons	THL <u>Paganus Grimlove</u>	07 Nov 25

A Request for Fret Knot Submissions

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@altavia.sca-caid.org

Fret Knot deadlines and publication goals are currently defined as "vaguely near the end of the month". The Chronicler hopes to decrease that variability with experience.