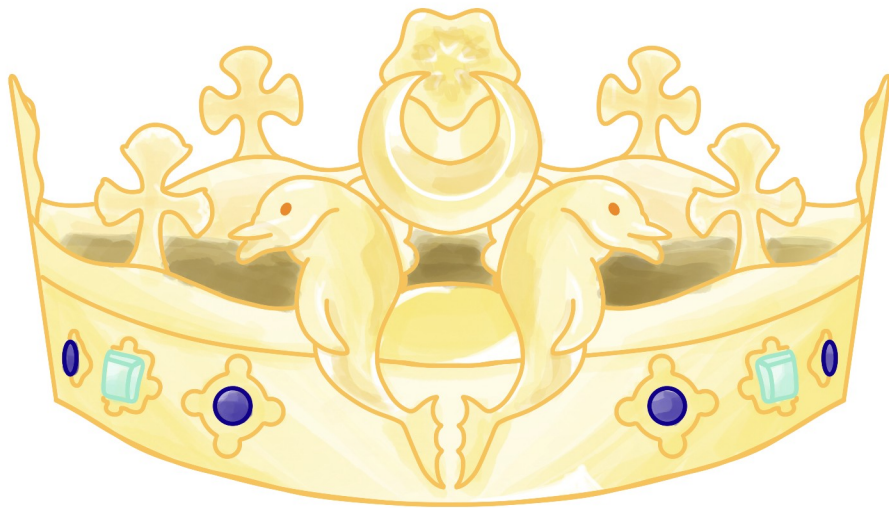


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From The Baronage

December 2025 Comments

Hello Altavia!

I hope everyone has been enjoying a little bit of a break as we enter the holiday season.

We've been enjoying practices, with archery, bardic, rapier and armored continuing to be well attended as the weather starts to get cold.

We got a treat of an open Craft night hosted by Petrusha and Jobana, which was a wonderful, relaxed evening of talking, learning about sewing machines and even getting a few personal wiki pages made.

Our own Yule with Angels is this coming weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

In service to the dream,
Baroness Amabel Radleigh



From the Chronicler

My dear Altavians and other friends,

Another month has passed and, to my surprise, no one has made me stop doing this job. I haven't even been "gently spoken at" because of anything I've written. I can only conclude that I am not trying hard enough; well behaved Chroniclers rarely make history, as the saying goes.

Speaking of being gently spoken at, please give me feedback. That's how I know you love me. Less importantly, it gives ideas about what I should be doing more or less of here in our newsletter.

One thing I'm doing is experimenting with the internal look. Toward that end, I'm delighted to have created, for my pleasure and hopefully yours, the exciting new "*Linea Altaviae*" that appears wherever my whim wants one. (The name might change once someone who actually knows Latin catches up to me. Also, I can already see where I want to tweak the design, so "*Nova Linea Altaviae*" might come soon!)

Even better, we have another lovely cover from Teophine de Fleurie, featuring one of the crowns of Caid in celebration of the upcoming Coronation.

Finally, please contribute. I'm happy to publish (almost) anything you provide. Make *Fret Knot* yours! Well, it already is, but you know what I meant.

Au service du rêve,
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!

“The Very Least (Almost) You Need to Know About: Altavia’s ‘Fret’ Awards” by Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny

(Note: “The Very Least (Almost) You Need to Know About” is a randomly occurring feature where I pick a topic and attempt to make it as simple as I can. To be helpful. Or funny. Preferably both, so funful?)

If (like me) you can never remember which of our Baronial awards is which, and (like me) dislike pestering others with questions, then (like me) you could use a handy memory trick. Luckily, I’m here to help. It’s actually not difficult, and I wouldn’t be surprised to learn they were done this way deliberately and that almost everyone else already knew.

Argent Fret: Argent is for Arts (& Sciences)

Sable Fret: Sable is for Service

Vert Fret: Vert is for Valor (Fighting, Archery, etc.)

(Valor is not exclusively the province of martial activities, but it makes for a catchy mnemonic.)

That was great and all, but all these awards are named in Heraldish...Heraldese...the language of heraldry (which might be the topic of a future column). In case you aren’t fluent, here are the translations:

Fret: Those things that look like a letter X and a diamond woven into each other

Argent: Silver/White

Sable: Black

Vert: Green

Hope this helped!

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Council Meeting Minutes

December 2025 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom [Dec 9, 2025] Starting at 7:07 pm and ending at 7:57 pm

Attendees:

Tezar of Aeolis, Colwyn Stagghorn, Amabel Radleigh, Nikolaos Phaistos, Briana MacCabe, Elle Wynn of Essex, Cecilia Medici, Sadhbh inghean Duinn, Giacchino Morone Loccoco di San Filippo, Griffith von Bremen, Ceallach mac Uilliam, Marianna Lightwood, Damien of Baden, Cosimo di Amici, Selene Colfox

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

It has been a busy time since our last meeting, with Thanksgiving followed by the first set of Yules for the month. Last week, Altavians went to various other baronial Yules, and this Saturday will be our own. I look forward to seeing everyone there, and hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays.

Old Business

Agincourt - Oct 26, 2025 – This is closed.

Ongoing Business

Yule - Dec 13, 2025

1 pm show up to start decorating. Cristoff will bring blue painters tape for putting things up. Cecilia will be bringing lights and decorations, and they are asking for banners. No command 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. Discreetly damp.

Going to pin/relink the Yule FB page to the Barony of Alavia's page.

Festival of the Rose - Jan 31, 2026

Updates –

Now is on the calendar and a FB page. There are 17 interested and 17 going – plus the 1st class submission. Budget is submitted and approved. The favors are planned and in progress. Lots of talks with coordinators, lots of work went into pinning that down. In the process of scheduling for making of favors plus some thank-you's for the instructors.

Lots of thanks already for help received for the budget, reviewing the ad, and the all the people involved. The site has been very accommodating, and it has been really nice. Working on the layout, and are making options based on good and wet weather. Also thinking safety and accessibility to allow for a good layout. Lots of notes from the site coordinator, Marianna, and others involved. Have basically ironed out all the kinks, and have a deadline and a layout of timing for getting things done.

Have \$75 to go towards instructor appreciation, as the church decided they don't need a COI, so that money is still in the budget to use if needed. Lots of thanks to Elle for all the help.

Did receive the forward for the class submission. Are running a test to make sure that the registration forms and links are all working appropriate. If there are any additional

problems they can work through and fix it. There was a technical issue that has been removed. Still doing the test forms to make sure they work properly. Also still working on receiving test forms through Google forms, and it seems to be very user friendly, but has required some trouble-shooting.

Any questions on FOR – Do we want to set up a separate even meeting? Or wait until council in Jan. Stewards & Brianna think a meeting is good and includes the food team. Need to not conflict with craft night. There will probably be 2 craft meetings so maybe make a separate or earlier but try to make it hybrid to allow everyone involved to be included. The food team is philosophically split re: soup/stew items that could drip or not, so there is less worry about clothing. The stewards will be setting these up separately and will notify those who need to be involved. Potentially Jan 2nd.

Her highness is very kind. She offered to provide some favors if they are needed.

Caid Archery Open - March 29, 2026 (Woodley)

Merlin is steward. No movement at this time.

Altavia Anniversary - May 9, 2026

Giachinno and Petrusha Sebriano will be co-stewarding.

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

No known new business.

Officer's Reports

Archers – Merlin Wynn (Lieutenants: Petrusha Serebrianoi & Marianna Lightwood)

We have had 3 practices since our last meeting. We have had between 13 and 18 archers at each of those practices. We ran IKACs, Royal Rounds, and the new SSAC. We had 3 archers rank up to Bowman. In my absence for the latest practice, Petrusha and Amabel ran practice and it was a huge success. We regularly are getting new archers to come out, including a new youth archer. We will continue to have our regularly scheduled practices this upcoming month.

YiS, Merlin

Arts & Sciences – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

Greetings!

Arts and Sciences Night was held on our Open Craft Night on November 20th at the home of Petrusha and Jobana. Six people were in attendance, a small but mighty turnout! People worked on leather tooling, Kumihimo cord braiding, wire weaving, and sewing. In December, we will have a class on wire weaving (tomorrow night) as well as arts and bardic fun at Yule! In January, we will have a sewing class and a site token assembly night.

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. We have been having fun playing song roulette as well as practicing a song for Yule.

Festival of the Rose is coming in January and will be hosted by Altavia! Stay tuned for more information!

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 – Selene Colfox (Deputy: vacant)

I wished to report in that I have volunteered to work for my beloved Barony of Altavia again, as baronial chatelaine. I've been perusing the current handbook, which is dated 2009, and wanted to know if there is anything new I should know about before starting the newcomer outreach in earnest. Happily, the barony has already set me up with the baronial office email, Chatelaine@altavia.sca-caid.org!! I'm impressed.

I have sent a letter to the Kingdom office with my contact information, and requests for current preferred flyer text. I want to have that ready by the New Year. We do have Coronation and Festival of the Rose here soon, as well as archery tournaments at Woodley Park [baronial and otherwise], Anniversary and practices.

In the meantime, I will be putting together a travel kit of comfy folding chair, info signage, and other good things to look hospitable to newcomers!

Question: does the barony still have loaner garb, and if so, where is it? I'll be responsible for that apparently, or at least to delegate it.

Chronicler – Vivienne de Chauvigny (Deputy: vacant)

The December *Fret Knot* went out almost as soon as I wanted. Hopefully it was well received by the populace. Thanks to Teophine for the cover; I hope to ply her for more art in the future. Speaking of plying, everyone is--as always--encouraged to submit content. I only have so much poetry in my soul, and I would hate my shiny new "The Populace Presents" section to be no more than my personal showcase. Stories, songs, art, pretty much anything is welcome from anyone.

Fellow Officers, please make sure the parts that apply to your office are correct. I do what I can but I can't know everything; that's the Seneschal's job.

I am, as ever, Yours in Service, Vivienne

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

Nothing for this month. Will get in contact with Angels Constable about Yule. Niko

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

Finance Committee, Effective Oct 2025

Voting Officers: Seneschal-Tezar, Exchequer-Elle, Last Seneschal-vacant, Last Exchequer-vacant, Baroness-Amabel

Other Voting members: Lynnette, Cecilia

Non-voting advisors: Timotheus, Christof, Laertes

Bank Signatories, Effective June 8, 2018

Timotheus, Elle, Courtney, Cecilia, Richenda

Altavia Exchequer's Report – Dec 2025

W.F. Checking	\$19,123.11	
Total	\$19,123.11	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$6,341.30	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	\$500.00	
Total	\$25,964.41	

October Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET</u>
10/29/25	Jack Morones – Loaner Arming Swords		546.82	

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET</u>
	T-Shirts	Pending	120.00	0.00	120.00
	Fund Raising	Pending	720.00	0.00	720.00
	Donations	Pending	590.00	0.00	590.00
01/05/2025	Cons 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	0.00	75.00	-75.00
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			6,138.37	2,808.49	3,329.88

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)

Not much to report. There is a meeting on Wed 17th, on Zoom. He will probably not be there. Thinking about being at Yule.

Voice Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

We have three sets of names and armory currently in submission, following GWW

- **Petrusha Sebriano**: status, name, device and badge have been conflict checked by senior heralds, awaiting discussion at next meeting before being sent passed and sent up to Society
- **Serafina Story**: status, some discussion of first name not being Italian but will be allowed under legal name rule. Some discussion on device regarding whether the blackthorns and oak leaves are distinct from each other. Will be discussed at next meeting
- **Cosimo di Amici**: status: name has been cleared of conflicts by senior heralds, device may need some reworking (swap colors on top field from gold on black to black on gold) Will be discussed at next meeting.

Next meeting is Weds. December 17th at 7pm, I will be unable to attend as I will be coming back from a work trip that evening. I will check OSCAR on the 18th to see if these pieces were approved at the kingdom level.

I will also be working with Ingram Woodwarde to submit his new name and armory and release his old name. We missed the cut off for the December meeting (and the agenda is very packed still with GWW submissions) so I will try and make sure his information is submitted in time for the January decision meeting.

Lists - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

No events.

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

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

Marshal's Monthly Report. Report Period: Nov

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 6 (average, 6) 1 practice

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: None

Comments: -Cancelled first pre-war practice as well as the following post-war practice. Third practice cancelled due to weather. Fourth practice Regulars attended and two local visitors who want to authorize next month.

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

Not doing anything.

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

Rapier was held at each practice. Smaller turnouts about 6-8 fighters. Both Rapier and cut and thrust.

No reports of injuries or equipment problems.

In service, Giacchino Morone

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

Still no practices. Hoping after holidays to work something out with Robear. I am up for a board position at Woodley (haven't heard anything from them yet) in hopes that I can get us back there for practices and competitions.

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

There is a youth who is interested in fighting.

The kingdom youth combat officer reached out to me and I need to take her class. Cecilia was going to go down to San Diego for the class. However, she is sick so she is not going. Also I think my background check may need to be renewed. Once this happens I can start youth combat once a month.

Social Media - Petrusha Serebrianoi (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Facebook: 887 total members

- 2 new members joined the FB group in October (0.23% growth from October)
- 50 total posts from all members in July (19% more than October)
- Tuesday was the best day for engagement

Top 3 posts

1. Lady Briana's post about a new potential event site in Santa Clarita
2. THL Merlin's post about the strong archery presence in Altavia
3. Petrusha's post about a great turnout at Altavia's bardic/fighter practice (17 bards)

Discord: No data available

Yours in service, Lord Petrusha Serebrianoi

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

The website is up to date. Vivienne has assisted in updating the officer page. Once we pass Yule this week I will update the event highlighted on the homepage to be the Festival of the Rose. If anyone needs access to their email, please email me or reach out on Facebook. All officers, deputies, and stewards should be able to use an official email address. We now have two steward emails addresses for people who are not officers or deputies to use when stewarding events.

YiS, Merlin

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

I'm not sure if I'll make it. I have the flu (should not be contagious by Saturday)
Youth activity - I will assist (if well) the youth project at Yule Fara and Liam are running it. I plan on getting in site Saturday at 1 pm (if I'm well enough to go) to help with decorations I will bring blue painters tape. ~Cecilia

Next Council Meeting – Jan 13, 2026



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.****

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: Lady Serafina Story and Lord Cosimo di Amici, with Dame Briana MacCabe

Hear ye, good people of Caid! In honor of Her Royal Majesty, Lorissa du Griffin, newly crowned, the Barony of Altavia invites you to join us for the Festival of the Rose, Saturday, January 31st, 2026.

Come revel in a day filled with refreshment, merriment, and creativity. In the spirit of the Event's Theme, "Honor and Chivalry," we welcome all interested in the Arts, Sciences and Bardic Schools to share their gifts with the Kingdom at this Festival. There will be one Champion, regardless of category entered for this Festival, but we encourage those not interested in competing to submit their work as well (please see links below).

We are also looking for volunteers to Teach Classes and help share in the continuation of the Arts, Sciences and Bardic knowledge in the Kingdom. The deadline for Event Submissions or to Teach Classes is January 15, 2026.

The Festival will be held at First United Methodist Church of North Hollywood, a historic, immersive atmosphere for all to enjoy. With live music, poetry, classes, delicious food, and a gallery showcasing the works of our Kingdom's finest artisans, you will surely find yourself transported to a different time and place.

Her Majesty and the Barony of Altavia look forward to your presence at this celebration of Honor and Chivalry at the Festival of the Rose.

SCHEDULE:

8:30am - Site opens for Artisans to set up displays	1pm - Bardic Performances begin, or at Their Majesties' pleasure
9am - Site opens for all other attendees	4pm - Closing Court
10am - Opening Court, or at Their Majesties' pleasure	5pm - Site closes
12pm - Lunch	

ADMISSION:

SCA Members can register on site for \$10 and Non-Members for \$20.

LUNCH:

Lunch will be available for a donation of \$10. It will be created by The Honorable Lady Guene Anwyll and her team of amazing cooks. Menu will be announced before the event (see Caid Facebook and Discord for update).

SITE RESTRICTIONS:

Alcohol is prohibited at this site, any Food or Brewery submissions must be non-alcoholic.

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

PARKING:

There will be parking available on site, but carpooling is encouraged. There will be street parking available as well in the surrounding area.

DIRECTIONS:

170 South (from the North): Exit 6A Riverside Drive. Use the left lane to turn left onto Riverside Drive. Turn left onto Tujunga Ave. Turn right into the driveway before the Wesley School sign

134 East (from the West): Take exit 1C for Lankershim Blvd toward N Hollywood. Turn left onto Lankershim Blvd. Turn right onto Riverside Dr. Use the right 2 lanes to turn slightly right onto Tujunga Ave. Turn right into the driveway before the Wesley School sign

101 South (from the East): Take exit 13A toward Tujunga Ave. Turn right onto Tujunga Ave. Turn right into the driveway before the Wesley School sign

101 North (from the South): Use the 2nd from the left lane to continue on CA-170 N. Take exit 6 for Magnolia Blvd. Turn left onto Magnolia Blvd. Turn left onto the CA-170 S ramp to Los Angeles. Take exit 6A for Riverside Dr. Use the left lane to turn left onto Riverside Dr. Turn left onto Tujunga Ave. Turn right into the driveway before the Wesley School sign.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION:

Her Majesty welcomes all forms of Arts, Sciences and Bardic submissions for this Event and looks forward to seeing your work and effort.

For those interested in competing, displaying or teaching at this event please fill out the form below that matches your category of interest. A reminder, again, that any Food or Brewery submissions must be non-alcoholic per site restrictions. The last day to submit forms will be January 15, 2026.

ARTS & SCIENCES: <https://forms.gle/zCaSTLzRnsG79pZ76>

BARDIC: <https://forms.gle/52KdHH6bapBsNpzR6>

CLASS TEACHING: <https://forms.gle/n2is3hQ1HnTBtkRu9>

Other Upcoming Altavian Events:

**Caid Archery Open
Sunday 3/29/2026**

Site: Woodley Park Archery Range
EVENT STEWARD: THL Merlin Wynn

**Altavia Anniversary
Saturday 5/9/2026**

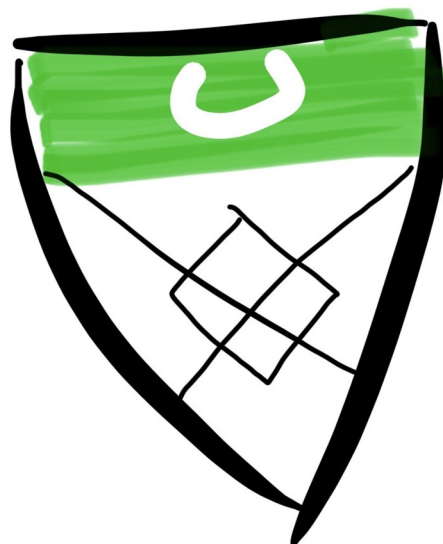
Site: TBD
EVENT STEWARDS: THL Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo & Lord Petruscha Serebrianoi

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



Officers of Altavia

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

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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**
 - **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)**
 - 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**
 - **Date/Time:** Monday nights before fighter practice, beginning at 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**
 - 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 - 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 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 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**
 - **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
 - **Location:** At [Verdugo Recreation Center](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
 - **Contact** the [Youth Combat Marshal](#) for more information.



Champions of Altavia

Archery (Handbow)	THL Alianora MacMahan	26 Oct 25
Archery (Crossbow)	Lord Achillious of Altavia	26 Oct 25
Armored Combat	THL Thorgrim Rygarson	05 May 25
Arts & Sciences	THL Caterina Sanzio	05 May 25
Bardic	Dame Briana MacCabe	13 Dec 25
Cut and Thrust	Maestro Lot Ramirez	05 May 25
Fretted Fork	THL Caterina Sanzio	26 Oct 25
Games	Primus Tertius Turbo	13 Dec 25
Rapier Combat	Don Nathaniel Longbow	05 May 25
Thrown Weapons	THL Paganus Grimlove	07 Nov 25



Fret Knot Submissions & Deadlines

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!

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

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