

Fret Knot



“Theatrum, non dramatis”

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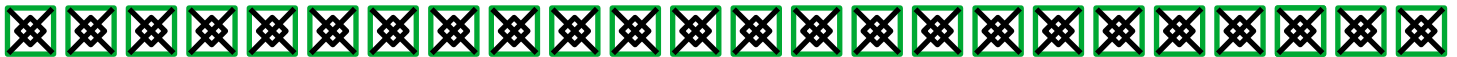


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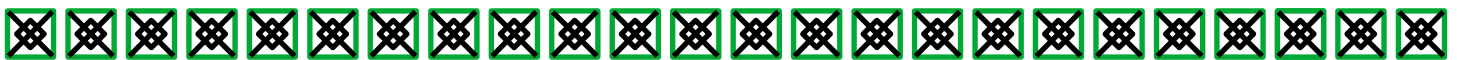
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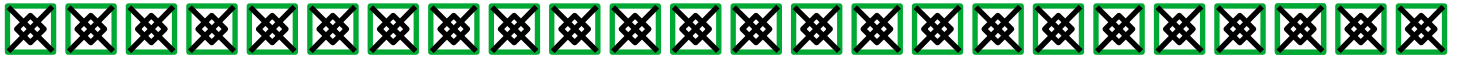
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From The Baronage

March 2026 Comments

Hello Altavia!

We started off the month solidly into event season with not one but two wars!

I made my way up North to Rapier War which happened at the same time as Phoenix War. Rapier War had lots of rapier fighting, to the delight of all the rapier fighters. There were lots of melees, tournaments (both during the day and by torchlight) and pickups throughout the weekend, and fighting was wonderful.

We also got to compete in her Majesty's Thrown Weapons Championship to find her Champion. Tiberius Tiburtius Triberius was victorious and became her Majesty's Thrown Weapons Champion.

The next weekend Lyondemere Arts and Archery was a full day of shooting, with lots of different novelty shoots, with Altavia well represented, with Merlin becoming the Archery Champion and Ceallach as the Crossbow Champion.

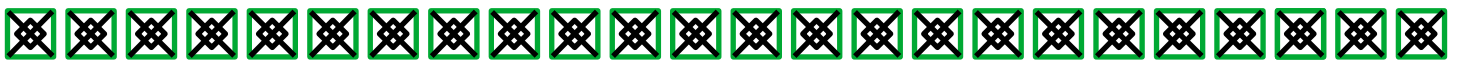
A big thank you to Jobana, who ran and hosted our Our Arts and Sciences night and led everyone through making scented candles.

Dun Or Anniversary was a full day with as much fighting as you could wish with multiple bear pits for each discipline. Our very own Ceallach won in rapier, becoming the Rapier Champion for Dun Or alongside Duke Sven (Armored), Diago (cut and thrust), and Alienor (arts and sciences).

The next day the Barony of the Angels hosted their annual archery event, Robin Hood, which was a full day of shooting, ending with Merlin becoming the Period Handbow Champion, Ceallach winning highest score in Crossbow and Brig winning highest Overall score.

I'm looking forward to the next month including Collegium, Academia Draconis, Caid Archery Open, and Crown Tournament.

In service to the dream,
Baroness Amabel



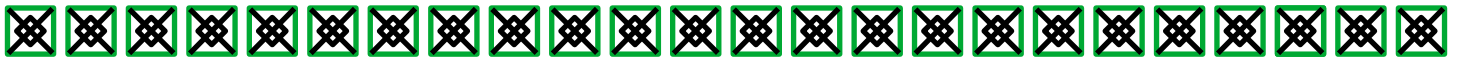
From the Seneschal

March 2026 Comments

How can it be March already! As her Excellency said, February was busy, with lots of events across the kingdom. March and April are also looking full with more than the normal amount of chances to learn available between Collegium and Academia Draconis, and Crown on April 11th in Naevehjem bringing us new heirs.

YIS Tezar





Excuses and Expositions from the Editrix

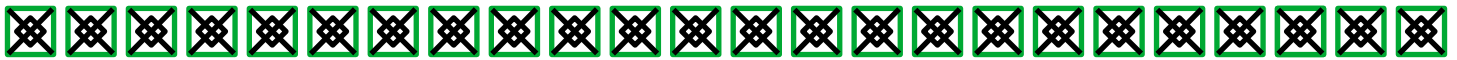
Friends, Foes, and Persons Who Have No Particular Opinion of Me,

Here we are, as the SCA's sixtieth year, Altavia's forty-third as a barony, and my first armigerous year approach their respective ends.* Altavia has been having a spectacular year in my opinion, and I'm enthralled by what we've all done together and am so happy to have played my small part therein.

I also wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has given feedback. You've all been very kind, and I appreciate it. Not sure what to do with all the suggestions that I'm not expected to be perfect though. Perhaps I'll embrace imperfection and publish a whiny, self-indulgent true story in rhyme.

* I think I have all that math right.

Au service du rêve,
Lady Vivienne de Chauigny



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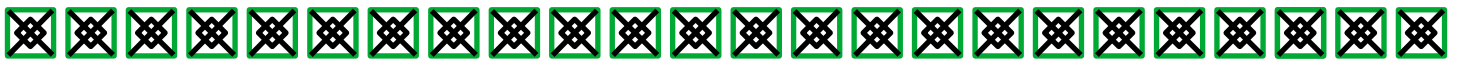
Website: Including info on meetings, practices, officers, events, history, and more!

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

Facebook Group: Membership is free and open to the public

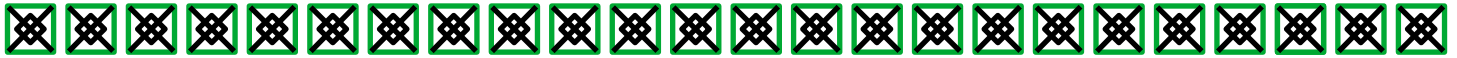
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Discord Server: Scan the QR Code to join us on Discord



"Easter in Altavia"





Council Meeting Minutes

March 2026 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom [Mar 10, 2026] Starting at 7:08 pm and ending at 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Tezar of Aeolis, Amabel Radleigh, Nikolaos Phaistos, Damien of Baden, Elle Wynn of Essex, Sadhbh inghean Duinn, Merlin Wynn, Vivienne de Chauvigny, Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo, Petrusha Serebrianoi, Griffith von Bremen

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

(For the comments, see “From the Seneschal” above.)

Old Business

Yule - Dec 13, 2025

Need to do an after-action report and talk with the B&Bs/Stewards about the issues regarding the event being cut short, and the desire to clarify things like the posted ending of the activities vs posted closing times. Maybe discuss best practices on how this happened and how to avoid it. What do the posted times really mean and what is expected.

Lynette – The church has penciled us in for Yule 2026.

I will reach out to Angels Seneschal to see what we can schedule re: Zoom call with the parties needed.

Festival of the Rose - Jan 31, 2026

Closed.

Ongoing Business

Caid Archery Open - March 29, 2026 (Woodley)

Stewards: Merlin and Petrusha

Generally it is well in hand. We do need to do a call specifically about bringing tables and pop-ups. We need stuff for lists and maybe a pop-up along with shade from the tree. Probably need about 5 tables total and 2 pop-ups. Jack has 2 tables and a pop-up to make up for Tezar not having them. Merlin will reach out to Matlens re: lists. She can not. He will let Tezar know if this is a problem. Brig is bringing down the stands she was given, and Merlin is reaching out to Gideon & he has the rest of them. He is also going to put out a request for Marshals. The Captain of Archers is already planning on having people trade out throughout the day to relieve people so they don’t get burned out. Also, let people know who is supposed to be after them, so they know who to talk to when it is time to be relieved.

Peter offered to pick-up water. Amabel is also planning on bringing the Dragon Wing. Vivienne has offered to learn lists, which I will work with her on.

Altavia Anniversary - May 9, 2026

Stewards: Giachinno and Petrusha

They have reviewed the theme and general info with Amabel, and received some clarifications. Quick-run down and staff this are:

Tournament title is “to teach and to learn” and the these will be joy of teaching and learning. Usual arts display with a peoples choice for winner; and a bardic time in the middle of the day. Brianna has offered to organize sign-ups fro Bardic. Plan to advertise and garner people to teach classes all day. Lunch/break between 1/2s, of at least an hour. This will be a round-

robin followed by eliminations. Looking to get gifts/favors for all people who teach. He wrote down the schedule, and will provide it once he finds it again. Set up at 8, open at 9, court at 10/discretion, then activities throughout the day. The Brewers Guild will be doing snow cones. Petrusha is trying to get help in running it so Kristi has time to get away. Free-market place (open copper) – a place to put out things they want to part with and people can look for things they would like. Sadhbh has offered to run this. Anything that doesn't get taken off-site will be taken to charity.

They are in the final stages of setting up a site walk-through with the rangers. They still need to submit the budget, and get approval so they can submit the ad.

Lynette – Are merchants allowed? – He said he knows last year there was only the one. The rules of the city are complex. Lynette says there are 2 merchants that can meet the requirements. She can reach out and ask them if they are interested. We need to find out ASAP, as it does complicate things with the city. Morgaine is not able to. Lynette offered to reach out, once she knows the requirements. Merlin will send the info to her so she can verify it.

Giachinno will make sure it all gets posted. Petrusha will take care of the teacher sign-up since he did such a great job at FOTR.

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

Steward: Cecilia

Agincourt Archery Tournament - October 25, 2026 (Woodley)

Need a steward! Archers will talk to folks at practice.

New Business

No new business.

Officer's Reports

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

We've only had 1 practice since the last meeting. It was during 2 wars, and there were 9 people who showed up (Petrusha ran it).

Arts & Sciences – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

Arts and Sciences Night was held on February 26th at the home of Petrusha and Jobana. The class was an Introduction to Candle Making. We were taught how to set up the vessel, measure and melt the wax, and the amount of color or fragrance to add if we so wished, as well as the correct materials to get if we want to try this on our own. The class was very educational and fun! Six people were in attendance, and the candles came out beautifully!

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. We are learning a new song and looking for other new material to work on. We have also been reviewing music with Sadhbh for the Caid Choir. For A&S for March, stay tuned for more info to come!

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.

Chatelaine – Selene Colfox (Deputy: vacant)

No report.

Chronicler – Vivienne de Chauvigny (Deputy: vacant)

The March Fret Knot went out later than usual because I was more distracted than usual. Sorry! I hope to do better for April.

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

There was a blanket/sarape left at Lyondemere Arts and Archery. Its owner has been contacted, but has yet to retrieve it. A doublet was left at Summergate Anniversary by an Altavian. I brought it back and delivered it to its owner. I still have a small cup from the last constable and a water bottle from Festival of the Rose that haven't been claimed. That is all.

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

Altavia Exchequer's Report

March 2026

Based on January statement

W.F. Checking \$17,977.08
Sub Total \$17,977.08

W.F. CD 6 month \$6,341.30 (Feb + Aug)
Cash box \$500.00
Total \$24,818.38

January Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
No transactions this period		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		00.00	00.00	00.00

2026 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

Date	Description	Status	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
N/A	T-Shirts	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
N/A	Fund Raising	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
N/A	Donations	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/31/26	FOTR	CLOSED	2620.00	2095.10	524.90
03/29/26	Caid Archery Open	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/26	Anniversary	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
10/25/26	Agincourt Tourney	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
12/12/26	A/A Yule	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
			2620.00	2095.10	524.90

2025 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)

The next meeting is tomorrow. He has informed Crescent that he is stepping down at Anniversary. Brianna cannot attend tomorrow either, but she will be checking on where our members' submissions are in progress.

Voice Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

No report.

Lists - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

No events this past month. She will not be able to be at Caid Archery Open.

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

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

Marshal's Monthly Report

Report Period: Feb

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 4, X, X, 4 (average, 4) 2 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 Lupus, Sir Jethro

Local knights: None

Comments: Pre&Post War cancellations. No injuries. No issues.

Armor operational. Note: Replacing worn loaner gear duffel bags with durable hard cases for arms, legs, body armor, and helmets. Cases are being purchased incrementally due to personal budget limits. This will improve protection from weather and moisture damage. Two cases purchased so far.

NOTE: I believe the purchase of these items was approved for reimbursement – so please make sure you submit the receipts. This shouldn't be a cost you have to shoulder. - Tezar

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

Nothing to report.

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

Rapier practices are seeing good attendance week to week with about 9-10 each week with many participating in both rapier and cut and thrust. The quarterly marshal report has been filed with the Kingdom Rapier Marshal.

On March 9, we had a failure of a participant's rapier blade at the threaded end where the pommel is attached. No one was injured. A report has been submitted to the Kingdom Rapier Marshal.

NOTE: The monthly Boar pit is doing well. They are restarting the mid-month classes as well.

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

There was a discussion last month about use of Sir Robear's property for thrown weapons, archery, and cross-bow.

NOTE: Niko found a box full of repair equipment for TW from before that he needs to give to Christof or Cecilia. He still has it.

Tezar will look into the legality of using a private home as far as what our insurance would cover.

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

Still waiting for the Kingdom youth officer to get back to her. She spoke to Phillip, he referred her to me (Tezar). I need to get back to him, because I thought the person trying to get the clearance handled it directly through the kingdom seneschal.

Social Media - Petrusha Serebrianoi (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

February Social Media Report

Facebook 890 total members

- 2 members left the FB group in February
- 33 total posts from all members in December (18% less than January)
- Sunday was the best day for engagement
- Top 3 posts
 - My post highlighting Altavia's archery practice during Rapier War
 - My post with photos from the Festival of the Rose
 - Tomaso's post promoting the Robin Hood tourney

Discord No data available

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

He is working on getting the site up and working, and is still working on the places one. He is coordinating with Sadhbh on the pages, and will be discussing it with Amabel also.

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

We have not had any youth activities. Cecilia has been in France/Germany starting on Feb 11. She returns April 9th. She is planning activities for Anniversary.

Next Council Meeting – Apr 14, 2026



The Populace Presents

“Preparing for Lists”

A whiny, self-indulgent true story in rhyme by Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny

The cry for help came, and I answered its call
 But as I made ready, I took a great fall
 Away did I hobble to the chirurgeon’s hall
 I waited for hours, and I did not bawl.

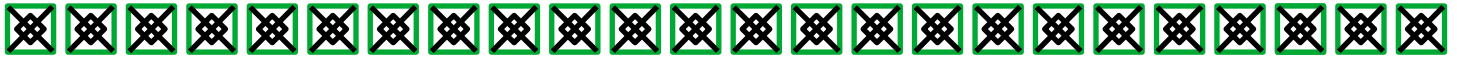
Now hours behind, I packed up my things
 Forms, pencils, and clothing, but none of my rings
 I slept but an hour ere morning’s light stings
 And went to the field for what the day brings.

I mustered my courage to try this new task
 My battered foot’s damage I managed to mask
 But ‘twixt all that had happened, I wanted a flask
 My nerves were aflutter, so maybe a cask.

I added and sorted whilst archers did play
 And kept things in order, as best as I may
 The tourney it ended with nary a fray
 The day was successful I’m happy to say.

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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.*****

Altavia Anniversary

Saturday 5/9/2026

Site: Veterans Memorial Community Regional Park, 13000 Sayre St, Sylmar, CA 91342, USA

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

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

Barony of Altavia Anniversary Event and Tournament - "To Teach and to Learn"

The Barony of Altavia graciously welcomes all good gentles to celebrate our XLIII (43rd) Anniversary! This year's event will celebrate one of our most important tenets, "To Teach and To Learn".

Join us for a fun-filled day of merriment and camaraderie.

Schedule:

8:00 AM - Populace welcome and gate opens.

9:00 AM - Lysts Open

10:00 AM (or at TRM discretion) - Opening Court

30 Minutes following Court, Lysts Close

11:00 AM - Tournaments and classes begin

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Bardic Performances

1:00 PM - Last call for A&S entries

1:00 PM-2:00 PM – Tournaments on Break

2:00 PM-3:00 PM – Elimination Rounds - Determine Finalists

3:15 PM-4:00 PM - Combat Finals

4:00 PM - Closing Court

5:00 PM - Site close

Site Fee: Adult Event Registration: \$25.00. Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15.00.

Children ages 16 and under are guests of the barony.

Please make checks payable to: SCA, Inc./Barony of Altavia.

Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted.

ACTIVITIES: Activities of the day will include Baronial Champion tournaments for Armored, Rapier, and Cut & Thrust combat. A baronial Arts and Sciences Champion will be chosen.

TOURNAMENT FORMATS: Combat for Armored, Rapier, and C&T will start with pools in a round robin format.

The top winners of each pool will advance to a single elimination round.

Youth Combat TBD on children present.

ARTS AND SCIENCES: Calling all Artisans! Please come and share a project showing something you have learned in the past year (or so...) or something that is newly refined. We look forward to seeing your wonderful work!

BARDIC: Bardic Performances will be held from 12pm-1pm in the Baronial Pavilion for Her Excellency and the populace. If you are interested in performing, sign-ups will be available on site. Please limit your performance to 5 minutes in length. This is not a competition.

Site Information:

There is no staking into the turf deeper than 6 inches and no driving on turf. This is a dry site. No amplified music and no alcohol. Pets must be leashed at all times and picked up after. The park asks that we haul out all of our own trash. Trash bags will be provided. A site map will be forthcoming. To our Baronial Cousins, if you plan on bringing your Baronial Dragonwing or Pavilion, please email anniversary@altavia.sca-caid.org with the dimensions so that space can be allotted.

DIRECTIONS:

From the east: Take I-210 west to the Hubbard Exit and turn right onto Hubbard.
From the west: Take the I-210 east to the Hubbard exit and turn left onto Hubbard.
Follow Hubbard to Eldridge. Turn left on Eldridge and go to the first stop sign, which is Sayre.
Turn right on Sayre and follow it all the way up the hill. As soon as you enter the gate into the park, turn right. Altavia signs will direct you.

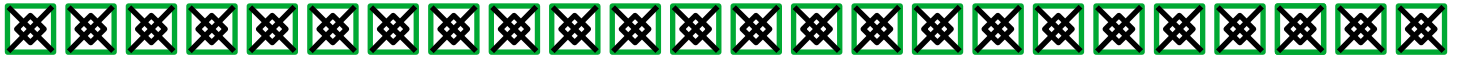
Other Upcoming Altavian Events:

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

Yule
Saturday, 12/12/2026
Site: TBD
EVENT STEWARD: Persons interested in volunteering should contact the Seneschal.
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Officers of Altavia

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

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Marshal - Thrown Weapons	Dame Cecilia Medici	ThrownWeaponsMarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
Marshal - Youth Combat	Dame Cecilia Medici	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**
 - **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.
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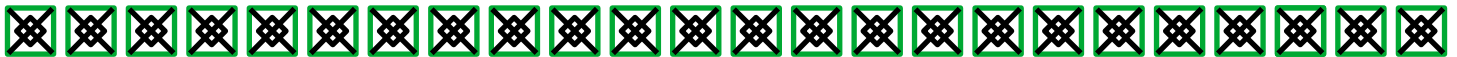
Arts & Sciences

- **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.
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 - Special interest group for all things delicious to eat and drink.
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 - **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
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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
Bard of Altavia	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

Publication goal for *Fret Knot* is currently defined as "vaguely near the end of the month", with the deadline being "about a week before that". The Editrix alleges intent to increase specificity in the future. Submissions may be edited for size, grammar, and style. Substantive changes will be coordinated in advance.

Fret Knot will consider submissions from anyone, whether or not they are members of Altavia.

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