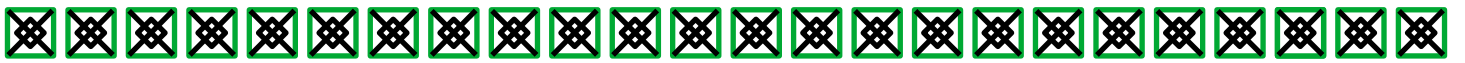


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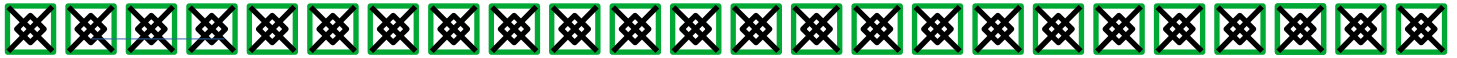
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the Fortunate Reader is  
Graced with the Record of a  
Tiny Modicum of the  
Innumerable Glorious Deeds  
and Grand Arts of the Most  
Puissant Barony of Altavia  
and of its Esteemed and  
Beloved Populace. Look upon  
These our Accomplishments  
with Amazement and Delight.



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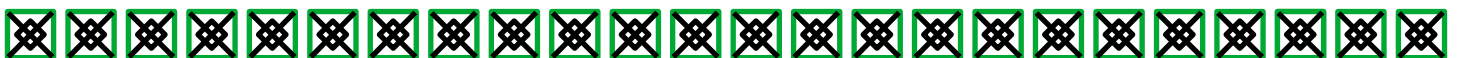


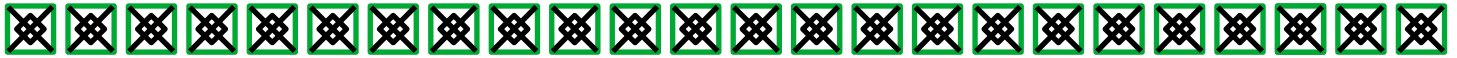
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# From The Baronage

## April 2026 Comments

Hello Altavia!

This was another busy, full month of events.

We started off with Anniversaries in two of the further reaches of our kingdom, Starkhafn and Nordwache.

Starkhafn Anniversary was worth the trip, out into the desert. We got to celebrate Paul's elevation to the Order of the Mark, exchange rocks with cousins, sample the many culinary entries in the competition, and watch lots and lots of fighting.

Nordwache Anniversary was another trip away from home, to the upper reaches of our Kingdom this time. In addition to the Rapier and Armored tournaments we typically see at an anniversary, we also got to participate in handbow and crossbow tournaments. The 2-day format allowed for revelry at night which was wonderful, even with the rain and the battling of the elements. The site and the people made it well worth the trip, and I look forward to heading back up there for Fire and Ice later in the year

Our own Anniversary, of course holds a special place in my heart. I can't thank everyone enough for all of the work that they put in to make this event run smoothly. A special thanks to Petrusha and Giacchino for being the event stewards and coordinating everyone else and coming up with such fun activities for the day. The classes were a great success and I heard lots of positive reviews on them as well as the buy nothing market. We had a great turnout for the Arts competition and I loved hearing about the processes and learnings that many of the artists spoke on for their displays.

I am excited for each of our new champions, who all put forward their best and emerged as the champions in their fields.

The new champions are:

Armored: Giovanni del Pace

Rapier: Eoghan Ui Confri

C&T: Diago de las Casas

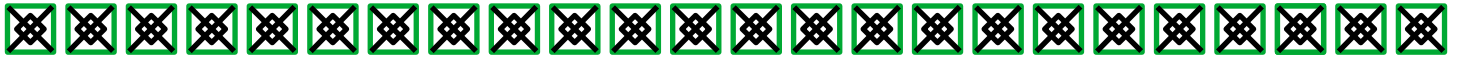
Youth Combat: Seamus of Gyldenholt

Arts & Sciences: Cassandre Nicole Loustaunau

We're looking forward to the next month, and all the events coming up, including Potrero War, St. Jude's Fundraiser Tournament and Crescent Artisan.

In Service to the Dream,  
Baroness Amabel Radleigh





## Excuses and Expositions from the Editrix

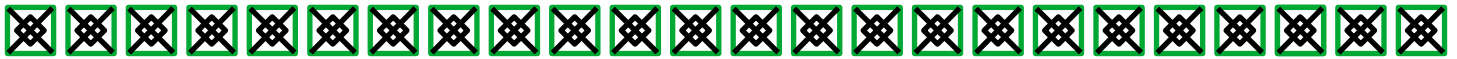
Mes cheres amis,

Welcome to the eighth *Fret Knot* since I became Chronicler! I'm finally starting to believe I know what I'm doing here, and I hope you all agree. I am aware that at least some do, as I've received some very kind feedback. I put a bit of work into our newsletter, and it is very nice to have that noticed. But *Fret Knot* wouldn't be what it is without the foundation built by my predecessors and the direct and indirect contributions of all of you, without which this wouldn't be "The Finest Local Newsletter in Caid (of Which I am Aware)<sup>™</sup>".

I'm also trying out a new *Fret Knot* motto, subtly debuted on the cover for the interested reader. It's a little concise and restrained, because while nothing is better than hyperbole (one of my personal mottoes!), I didn't want to seem like we're bragging.

Au service du rêve,  
Vivienne

P.S. While I am not seeking to step down from the Chronicler's office anytime soon, a prudent officer should always have an eye toward the future and contingencies, so I should probably find a deputy. If you are interested in helping make *Fret Knot* happen and perhaps taking over some day (although that is not a requirement), do please let me know.



## Altavia Online

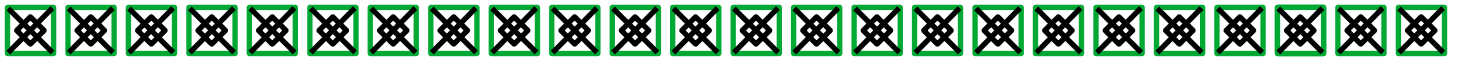
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<https://altavia.sca-caid.org/>

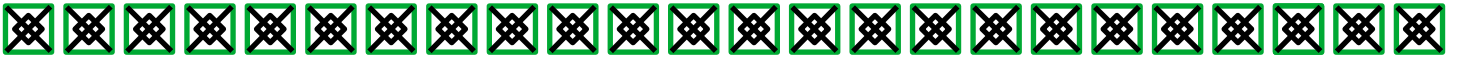
**Facebook Group:** Membership is free and open to the public

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

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



**Would you like to see your artwork here?  
We certainly would!  
Send it to [chronicler@altavia.sca-caid.org](mailto:chronicler@altavia.sca-caid.org)!**



## The Populace Presents

### “The Very Least (Almost) You Need to Know About: Heralds and Heraldry”

by Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny

Welcome, *mes chers amis*, to another episode of my 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.

This time, I’m bringing you Heralds and Heraldry.

Heraldry is the word for all the stuff Heralds do, although lots of people use it to mean “armory” which is the term for creating and registering devices—which I’ll explain soon.

Heralds do so many things that we lump them into categories.\* Do you need to know them? Nope. You can just ask around for someone who can help with whatever you need, and it will get sorted out pretty quickly. But telling you about them gives me a way to organize all this, so, in order of how much I have to say about each group, I present Heralds!

**Sign Heralds** are sign language interpreters. Well, that was easy.

**Voice Heralds** are the loud people who are imparting information\*\*, usually at tournaments or in court.

**Protocol Heralds** do a bunch of important work that you mostly don’t need to know about like tracking who has which awards and designing ceremonies.

#### **Book Heralds**

If you love rules, I have the most *spectacular* news. There’s an entire part of the SCA that’s governed by an extensive collection of regulations and traditions that could warm an attorney’s soul. They’re the Book Heralds, and they are the kind gentles who manage the registration of names and devices throughout the Society.

Registration? Names? Devices?

#### **Registration**

Everyone in the SCA is entitled to register one or more names or devices with the College of Arms. There are rules, but you don’t have to learn them. You can just find a friendly Herald to help. They’ll ask a few questions and do their best to help you find something you like that meets all the requirements\*\*\*. Then your kingdom’s Heralds will discuss it, and then Heralds from literally all around the world will do the same. Unless something needs to be adjusted, it will be approved and yours forever (or until you decide to change it).

#### **Society Names**

We have to call you something. Until you pick a name you like better, it’ll probably be something like “[Your first name] of [Your local SCA group]”. And if that makes you happy, great! But a fun part of the game is having a special name that’s all your own, and the Heralds can help make that happen. (You can even have more than one if you want.)

## Devices

Commonly called a “coat of arms” in the outside world, your device is a one-of-a-kind graphic design that represents you. We have rules about what can be part of that design, which you don’t have to know because we have Heralds to know them for you. (You can have more than one of these too; we call the extras “badges”.)

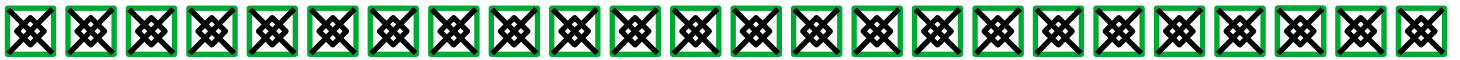
Hope this helped!

\* There are other ways to group Heralds, but this one works best for how I want to present the information.

\*\* You might run into other types of loud people, but if they aren’t being loud as part of performing Heraldic duties then they don’t count for the purposes of this article.

\*\*\* The requirements are basically “Could reasonably have existed in period,” “No one else in the SCA or historically significant already has it,” and “Probably won’t offend anyone.”

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# Council Meeting Minutes

## May 2026 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom May 12, 2026, starting at 7:05 pm and ending at 8:03 pm

### Attendees:

Sadhbh, Lynette, Briana, Giacchino, Cecilia, Amabel, Merlin, Petrusha, Niko, Vivienne, Tim, Ceallach, Elle, Griffith

### Seneschal’s Report: Sadhbh inghean Duinn (Deputies: Tezar of Aeolis, Merlin Wynn)

Sadhbh is your Baronial Seneschal now! I’m finishing up some paperwork for some other officer changeovers:

- Tezar will remain a Seneschal deputy, and Merlin will be stepping up as a second deputy
- Ceallach is stepping up as Chatelaine
- Petrusha is stepping up as Captain of Archers
- Tim as deputy Exchequer
- Briana as Herald

Thank you to all officers and deputies!

### Old Business

#### Altavia Anniversary - May 9, 2026

*Stewards: Giacchinno and Petrusha*

Data Sadhbh needs for event report: summary of activities, problems/issues, individuals to recognize.

#### **GATE TOTALS:**

Members. 124	NonMemb. 13	Children. 7	Comps. 2	TOTAL. 146
Cash. \$1,725	PayPal. \$460	TOTAL \$2,185		Donations \$20

## Ongoing Business

### Bids for 2027 H2 events (due today, 5/12!)

We did not bid for anything in the first half of 2027

Planned bids:

1. FotR (at Lynnette's church site) August 14
2. Consort's Champion Ranged (at Woodley?) July 18

Woodley Park plans to start charging for park use if events charge admission. Kingdom is ok with \$0 admissions.

Briana and Giacchino will scout Santa Clarita park

### St. Jude's Fundraiser (Angels) – May 30, 2026

Altavia has volunteered to run a "photo booth". In our last communication with stewards it wasn't clear if we'd post online (seems complicated) or use people's phones for them.

Petrusha is volunteering to take pictures and that Serafina will bring the backdrop.

Props!

- Briana will bring fancy chair and "huzzah" sign?
- Petrusha has hats and blunt swords
- Christof may have crossbows? And yule leftovers
- Lynette will bring fake mustaches on a stick

Sadhbh will check on social media waivers with Kingdom.

### Reminder: June 6, 2026 – Crescent Artisan (West Hills)

Kingdom event, no financial split w/Barony

Volunteer sign up form: <https://forms.gle/4EYtZNZ7i3ruNxCKA>

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

*Co-Stewards: Ingram, Doug, Karen, and Joe*

Budget and description due in 2 weeks - Merlin will coordinate this (and CC chronicler on announcement)

### Agincourt Archery Tournament - October 25, 2026 (Woodley)

*Co-Stewards: Vivienne and Ceallach*

Petrusha will be Marshal-in-Charge.

### Great Western War – November 3-9, 2026

*Campmaster: TBD*

Amabel will check on Thursday evening gate shift.

## New Business

### Baronial Zoom Account

It would cost \$14.16 /user per month billed annually (\$168.72).

Info at: <https://zoom.us/pricing>

It will mean that we no longer have to depend on someone having a work or personal account.

The one hitch is that it requires a credit card, so someone would have to use their personal card each year and get reimbursed by the barony OR: move meetings to Discord?

Sadhbh will get moving on this

## Officer's Reports

### Archers – Petrusha Serebrianoi (Lieutenant: Marianna Lightwood)

On the job for 3 days! Last practice was smallish but had royal rounds.

Some people want to borrow gear for Potrero.

**Arts & Sciences** – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

Arts and Sciences Night was held on April 28th at the home of Baroness Amabel. The night was devoted to site tokens and instructor favor assembly for Altavia Anniversary! Instructor favors were leather bookmarks and site tokens were stamped and stained leather circles on a cord. There were six people in attendance to assist. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped us out!

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. We are currently practicing for our riff-off performance at Open Arms and the Sunday Night Concert at Potrero. If you're attending Potrero, please come to our performances!

A&S for June is still being ironed out, so stay tuned for 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.

**Chatelaine** – Ceallach mac Uilliam (Deputy: vacant)

Just started! Send him your newcomers!

**Chronicler** – Vivienne de Chauvigny (Deputy: vacant)

May *Fret Knot* was released on time! Thanks to submitters and readers.

Youth champion will be listed as SCA name, so no safety concerns.

Confirmed changes to officers and deputies.

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

No one has claimed the thermos and a cup from past reports. (What's the statute of limitations?)

Altavia Anniversary was busy. The directional signs were put up and taken down with help. Thank you Merlin and Your Excellency. Quite a few items were lost and returned to their owners, such as a couple of bucklers, pins, and tables. Some items are still in my possession and I have posted photos of them on the Kingdom and Baronial Facebook groups.

Last night, May 12, a plastic gorget was left. I do believe I know who left it and shall give it to her when I see her.

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

**Altavia Exchequer's Report**

May 2026

**Based on March statement**

W.F. Checking	\$19,417.23	
Sub Total	\$19,417.23	
W.F. CD 6 month	\$6,452.15	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	0.00	
Total	\$25,869.38	

**March Transactions**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET</u>
03/02	Peter Polygalov – FOTR Supplies	0.00	-35.00	-35.00

03/03	Harland Clarke Checks	0.00	-133.93	-133.93
03/04	Serafina Lugo – FOTR Site Tokens	0.00	-67.75	-67.75
03/18	SCA/Caid – FOTR 60% Profit	0.00	-787.35	-787.35
03/23	Deposit – Petty Cash Box Return	500.00	-0.00	500.00
		500.00	-1024.03	-524.03

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>NET</b>
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
07/19/26	C.C. – Ranged	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- Adjusted**

TOTAL GROSS INCOME	\$6,194.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$5,365.82
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$828.23

Thanks to Timothy for helping with PayPal!

We can have our own PayPal machine if we want. They would have less features than Kingdom machines. Kingdom machines tend to die after a year or so (possibly due to frequent use and poor maintenance). Lynette will look into cost/benefit

**Herald** - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

Briana has officially stepped into the role of Sable Fret Herald as of Saturday’s anniversary. I want to thank Damien for his decades of service to Altavia, Caid and Society.

At Anniversary, the following Baronial awards were given:

- Niko - Vert Fret (Rapier)
- Vivienne - Sable Fret
- Damien - Sable Fret Augmentation
- Matlens - Argent Fret

Kingdom Awards

- Damien -Herald Extraordinary

There were 3 other Altavian awards scheduled but recipients were either unable to attend or not at morning court

Also, Niko and I were both made pursuivants by Pennefer Crescent.

Follow-up on recent submissions

- Serafina is now in contact with Dolphin and they are resolving issues.
- Petrusha's items have been passed to society and commentary period ends in May. We should hear soon.
- I need to see where Cosimo and Ingram's items are in the process and follow-up on Merlin's badges as well. I'll set aside time at Potrero to do this and if any of the registrants want to go with me, they are more than welcome!

May CoH meeting is tomorrow night on Discord and I plan on attending and will report back next month.

**Lists** - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

No report received.

We had 22 rapier, 22 armored, and 5 cut and thrust fighters at Anniversary.

**Marshal** - Nikolaos Phaistos

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

No issues, practices mostly continue as normal with some cancellations.

Are we allowed to post signs at practices?

**Marshal's Monthly Report**

**Report Period: Apr 2026**

**Armored Combat Marshal: 1**

**Participants:** x, 5, 5, 4 (average, 4) 3 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:** No injuries. No issues. Armor operational. Cancelled practice due to preemptive absentee notices. Week 2 was our 1st practice with 2 new attendees who armored up and tried their hands at basics. -New attendee tried fencing and armored again last practice.

**Marshal, Equestrian** - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

No report.

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

Monday practices have been well attended averaging 6 to 8 fighters in both Rapier and Cut and Thrust.

We welcomed Maestra Roisin on April 27 who taught a primer class on the constraint.

On the first Monday of the month, we held our usual boar pit. In honor of May 4th, we did Ahsoka style or case of swords if you prefer...

Altavia Anniversary was well attended with 22 fighters on the Rapier list and 5 fighters on the Cut and Thrust list. THL Diago de las Casas won the Cut and Thrust list and Master Owen won the Rapier list.

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

No new news about having TW anytime soon.

We should schedule our TW championship at GWW. Just let me know when you would like it.

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

First year back for youth actually fighting! I believe having it follow opening court was a big help( last year all the kids were too hot).

We had a total of 9 fighters.

- 5-division 1(6-9yrs old)
- 2- division 2(10-13)
- 2 division 3(14-17)

It was a fabulous day of fighting and many to help support by being MIT's including Countess Ish, kingdom youth marshal(Beth) and 2 Calafian marshals (Elle and Alianora). I was grateful to kingdom for bringing all the gear. None of our swords are legal and I will need to make some shields. We will eventually need more helms for youth if we have that kind of turnout again.

**Social Media** - Petrusa Serebrianoi (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Facebook

891 total members

1 member joined the FB group in April

39 total posts from all members in April (36% less than March)

Thursday was the best day for engagement

Top 3 posts

Griff's post thanking Zimo, Stoney, and Petrusa for helping new arrivals and chatelaining

Rayhana's post about volunteering at World Con

Griff's post with an image explaining the various pieces of armor and their names

Discord: No data available

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

No report.

**Youth** - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

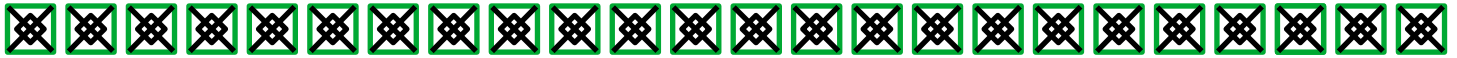
We had youth activities at Anniversary! The youth activities was set up and ready for the kids shortly after combat. We were making flowers for moms, air dry clay craft and frame decorating. We only had 1 youth participate but he was very happy to do so."

**Next Council Meeting – June 9, 2026**



**This space could have been filled with your delightful contribution. *Fret Knot* is always seeking articles and artwork, large and small. Here, for example, would have been perfect for a clever little comic strip or sketch.**

**Send in (almost) anything! We'd love to see it and share it with the world!**



# 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.\*\*\***

## Consort's Champion Ranged

**Sunday 7/19/2026**

**Site:** Woodley Park Archery Range

**EVENT STEWARDS:** [consorts-archery@altavia.sca-caid.org](mailto:consorts-archery@altavia.sca-caid.org)

The Barony of Altavia Invites all archers of Caid to come and compete for the honor of being Her Royal Majesty's Champion for Open Handbow, Period Handbow, and Crossbow!

The formats for the day will be updated prior to the event.

Thrown Weapons will not be happening at this event.

### Schedule:

8:00 a.m – Site opens

9:00am – Practice and list signup

10:00am – Opening Court

After Court Lists close and Competitions begin

4:00pm – Closing Court

5:00pm – Site Closes

Cost: \$0!

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

## Agincourt Tournament

**Sunday 10/25/2026**

**Site:** Woodley Park Archery Range

**EVENT STEWARDS:** Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny & THL Ceallach mac Uilliam

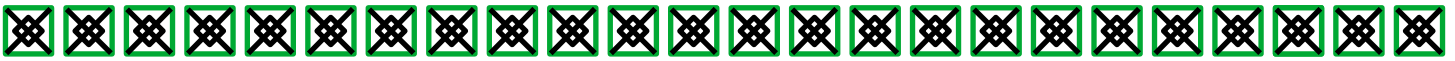
## Yule

**Saturday, 12/12/2026**

**Site:** TBD

**EVENT STEWARD:** Interested in volunteering? Contact the Seneschal: [seneschal@altavia.sca-caid.org](mailto:seneschal@altavia.sca-caid.org)





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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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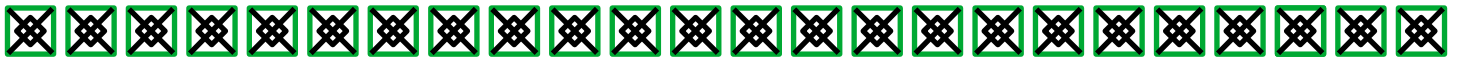
### Arts & Sciences

- **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 Giacchino Morone Loccoco di San Filippo and Dame Briana MacCabe
- **Bardic - Occasional Bardic Circles**
  - Often held after Altavian 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 to be approved by the admins)
- **Culinary Guild - Currently on Hiatus**
  - Special interest group for all things delicious to eat and drink.
  - All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
  - **Join the Guild on Facebook:** [Altavia's Culinary Guild](#) (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)

### Combat Practices

- **Archery** - [archerymarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:equestrianmarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org) - **Currently on Hiatus**
  - **Contact** the [Equestrian Marshal](#) for more information.
- **Rapier Combat** - [rapiermarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 <a href="#">Alianora MacMahan</a>	26 Oct 25
Archery (Crossbow)	Lord <a href="#">Achillious of Altavia</a>	26 Oct 25
Armored Combat	Lord <a href="#">Giovanni del Pace</a>	09 May 26
Arts & Sciences	THL <a href="#">Cassandra Nicole Loustaunau</a>	09 May 26
Bard of Altavia	Dame <a href="#">Briana MacCabe</a>	13 Dec 25
Cut and Thrust	THL <a href="#">Diago de las Casas</a>	09 May 26
Fretted Fork	THL <a href="#">Caterina Sanzio</a>	26 Oct 25
Games	Primus Tertius Turbo	13 Dec 25
Rapier Combat	Eoghan Ui Confri	09 May 26
Thrown Weapons	THL <a href="#">Paganus Grimlove</a>	07 Nov 25
Youth Combat	Seamus of Gyldenholt	09 May 26



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