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Winter in Altavia! ;)

(From Walters Art Museum, Flemish, ca. 1510)

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From the Chronicler

Lord Charles Ivansen of Borreby

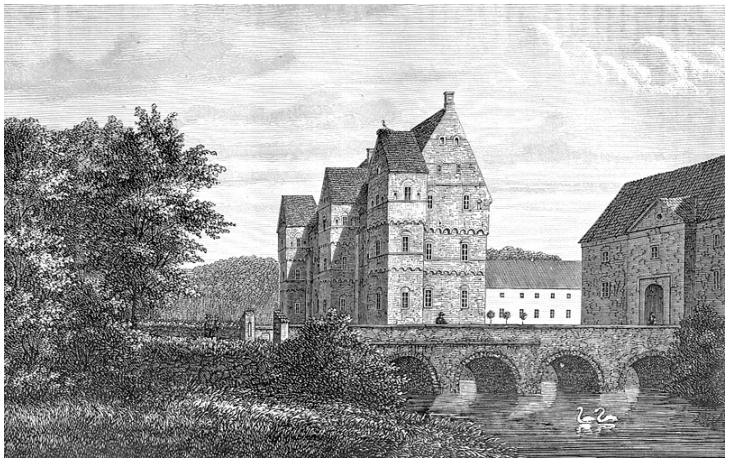
Greetings,

Here we are in the midst of our Altavia winter, shivering from the cold as we huddle close to the fire, clutching our Venti non-fat cinnamon dolce lattes with extra whip to keep us warm. But cold weather brings friends together (hey, I just made that up!) and we have evidence of that from our wonderful Yule celebrations last month. Check out the pictures in this issue!

I hope you all have a marvelous spring, there are many exciting events coming up, not the least of which is Altavia Anniversary and the stepping up of our new Baron and Baroness! In the meantime, I wish you joy and good winter cheer!!!

Yours very truly,
Charles Ivansen of Borreby, Chronicler of Altavia

p.s. "Cold weather brings friends together!" – copyright Charles Ivansen, 2018 ☺



Borreby Castle, near the town of Skælskør in the south-west corner of the island of Zealand, Denmark.

From Their Excellencies

The honorable Lord Cristofanus Castellani
And Mistress Cecilia Medici

Greetings!

It's a new year, let us toast to a year that is happy and prosperous! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to get back to work!

We started the New Year with 12th Night and Coronation. Thank you to all who worked on items for the dirty dozen. Altavia made up half of the entries! Briana, Cristof, and I attended Privy Council and a lot was discussed. I'll be bringing up key points in the near future. A big portion of the discussion was regarding 40 Year Celebration, which is in June. It is a camping event (Thursday – Monday) and we are asking for anyone to help with stewarding the many activities we have planned.

Please check your OP. If it is not up to date, let us, or Damien know so that we can change whatever needs to be added/deleted. We are down to our last 5 months as Baron and Baroness. We hope to get to as many events as we can. We know we will leave Altavia in great care with Niko and Briana!

Your Ever Grateful Baroness,

~Cecilia
Baroness of Altavia



From The Seneschal

Mistress Meliora Deverel

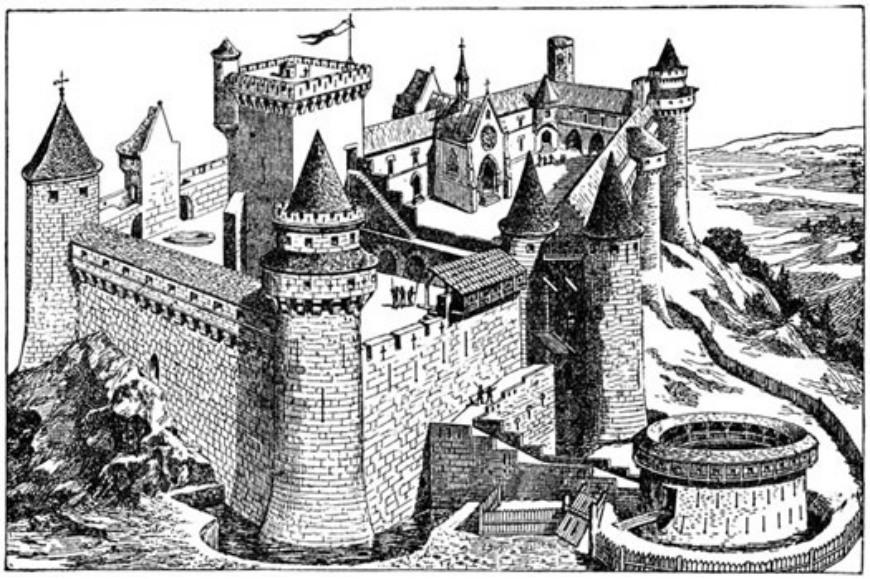
Happy New Year!

Our Anniversary event will be on May 12th, 2018 and our Event Steward will be conducting planning meetings so please attend and contribute to the discussion!

Officers! It's never too late to look for your successor! Having a Deputy is also very important, even if that person will not be replacing you. You are a wonderful, hard working group but please try and share your load and avoid getting burned out! If you do not currently have a Deputy, please ask someone to help you. Newcomers! Being an Officer Deputy is a great way to get to know the Barony, see what it's like to be an Officer, and help out the group! Please consider becoming a Deputy.

Thank you!

Mistress Meliora Deverel
Seneschal, Barony of Altavia



Questions from the Baroness

From the December 2017 Council Meeting:

Viking or Roman garb for Yule?

Cecilia – Roman if I make the dress
Cristof – Roman
Niko – Romiking (sp?)
Timotheus – German
Elle – Viking
Lynnette – Electric blue side-less surcoat that I made years ago and never wore
Briana – Roman, thanks to Juanica's help I have a fully period Roman outfit in Altavia colors!
Monique – Norman. It's my only nice garb!
Edith/Meg – Shetland/Orkney Scotland - they started Viking but got smart (& owned)
Damien – Schwabian?
Tezar – ?

From the January 2018 Council Meeting:

A 2018 quote?

Cecilia – So many wars :) so little money :(
Cristof – ...but when I do it's usually something unusual
Niko – We can do this
Vlad – "Live in Vewor"
Vasilisa – "Are you seeking a quest or fleeing one?"
Timotheus – I'm tired
Elle – Add another dog to the bed!
Lynnette – Each lit candle helps dispel the darkness
Damien of Baden – ?
Edith – Never give up, never surrender
Annwylydd – To Health!
Courtney – Above all Honor
Madelena – Make it count!
Juanica – Ten thousand stones will build the best of me
Carol Wood – ?
Briana – Nevertheless, be persuasive
Meliora – In all things, it must be fun!



Scenes from Yule!

On December 16th the Baronies of Altavia and Angeles held a wonderful and festive party to celebrate the Yuletide Season!







The present and future Baron and Baroness!











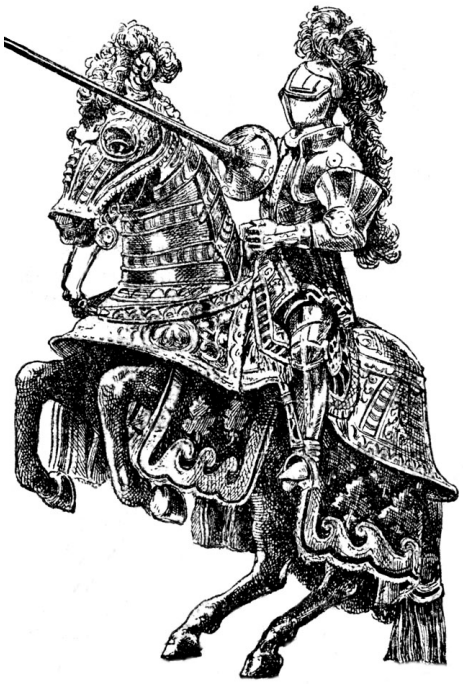


The "Band"! Huzzah to our wonderful musicians!



Altavia Current Champions

- Archery **THL Miguel** 10/29/17
- Armored Combat **Duke Sven Orfhendur** & **Sir Niccolo d'Angelo** 5/13/17
- Defender of Altavia **Sir Uilliam Mor MacGregor** 5/13/17
- Arts & Sciences **Lord Erickr and Lord Edrick** (tie) 10/29/17
- Bardic **Lord Robyn Lon Creighton of Thorndyke** 12/16/18
- Chess **?** 12/16/18
- Equestrian **THL Courtney of the White Meadows** 6/28/15
- Fretted Fork **Baroness Cecilia and Lady Natalya** 10/29/17,
  Period Division: **Lady Raine** 10/29/17
- Rapier Combat **Master Oliver Dogberry** & **THL Rhydderch Derwen** 5/13/17
- Thrown Weapons **Lord Ryan** 10/29/17
- Unarmored Combat **THL Nikolaos Phaistos** 5/28/16
- Youth Archery **Loki of the Dell** 10/23/16
- Youth Arts & Sciences **Natallya** 5/13/17
- Youth Combat **James of Altavia** & **Kyle of Altavia** 5/13/17



Baronial Officers

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Meetings & Practices in the Barony

Meetings:

- **Council Meeting**

  2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
  Location: Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, at 5329 Sepulveda Boulevard, Sherman Oaks 91411.

  This is the monthly business meeting for the group. There are officer reports, event reports, discussion of Baronial involvement at the Kingdom Level, choosing new officers, when necessary, and announcements. Baronial decisions are made here, and you do have a voice. **Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meeting!**

  Pre-Meeting work session and officers arrive by 7:00pm. Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

  Contact the Seneschal for details

- **Newcomers' Meeting**

  Once a month, usually on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00pm at *Verdugo Park in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505*. Directions: Off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts. This is the same location as our weekly Fighter Practice.

  We meet at the stone tables next to the restrooms.

  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 (chatelaine@sca-altavia.org) for directions and dates.

Combat Practices:

- **Archery**

  The first and third Sunday of the month, 11:00am to 3:00pm At Woodley Park Archery Range, directions are http://woodleyparkarchers.org/direction

  Additional practice times are available most **Tuesday and Friday nights**. Contact the Captain of Archers to verify dates and times.

  Contact ahead for loaner gear. Lord Everglad is there on most Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings for authorization tests and help in shooting.

  Contact the Captain of Archers (archery@sca-altavia.org) for more information.

- **Equestrian**

Practices are held on various Fridays of every month, 6:30-8:30PM at Conejo Creek Equestrian Park, 1350 Avenida de las Flores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

Open to any participants regardless of territory of residence. Rider must bring their own mounts. Unmounted ground crew training available. Authorizations available. Jousting, mounted combat, crest combat, mounted games, marshalette/marshalette-in-training, and general riding authorizations available on site. General driving and driving games authorizations available subject to prior coordination. Mounted archery authorizations available offsite. Riders are advised to bring their normal tack and equipment. No rental horses are available. Minors must have a parent or guardian present at all times.

Please contact the Equestrian Marshal, THL Guene Annwyll at equestrian@sca-altavia.org.

For more information, visit the CAID equestrian site (http://equestrian.sca-caid.org/) or the Altavia Equestrian webpage. (http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/Equestrian/index.html). Join the Altavian Equestrian Email group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AltavianEquestrian/)

- **Armored Combat**

Every Monday, 7:00pm to 9:30pm at *Verdugo Park in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505*. Directions" off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the Heavy Weapons Marshal (heavy@sca-altavia.org) for more information or to request to join the practice information E-mail list (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fretfights/).

Guardians of the High Road (http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road)

- **Rapier**

Every Monday, 7:30pm to 9:30pm at *Verdugo Park in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505*. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the Rapier Marshal for more information

- **Unarmored Combat**

Every 2nd and 4th Monday, 7:30pm to 9:30pm at *Verdugo Park in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505*. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the **Deputy Marshal for Un-Armored Combat** for more information

- **Youth Combat**

Twice a month - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30pm to 8:00pm at *Verdugo Park in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505*. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the Youth Combat Marshal for more information

- **Thrown Weapons**

  The first and third Sunday of the month, 11:00am to 2:30pm at Woodley Park Archery Range, directions are http://woodleyparkarchers.com/directions.html

  Contact ahead for loaner gear. Lord Everglad is there on most Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings for authorization tests and help in shooting.

  Contact the Thrown Weapons Marshal (tw@sca-altavia.org) for more information and to varify dates and times.

Arts & Sciences:

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

  The 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm to 9:00pm *Location: Proto-Cathedral of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, at 5329 Sepulveda Boulevard, Sherman Oaks 91411.*

  Please contact the A&S Officer or the Seneschal to verify meeting locations. Bring your sewing or craft project to work on or help us make Baronial Presentations. The meetings sometimes have a project theme, which is usually published on the Altavia E-mail list (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/altavia/).

  Contact A&S Officer (arts@sca-altavia.org) for details.

- **Bardic Circle**

  Hosted by Baron Sir Charles of Dublin at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois. Contact the A&S officer (bardic@sca-altavia.org) for directions. The Bardic Circle will be pick, pass or play. For those who are new, this means that, as we go around the circle, you have the choice of:

  1. Picking someone to perform something you like or something they want to do
  2. Passing your turn to the next person
  3. Performing yourself

  This way you can relax & listen, perform, hear your favorites, or mix it up.

  Contact The A&S officer (bardic@sca-altavia.org) for dates, directions, and further information.

- **Children's Activities**

  Children's activities are held at every event that Altavia sponsors.

  Contact the Children's Officer (children@sca-altavia.org) for information or offers to help.

- **Culinary Guild**

  Special interest group for All Things Delicious to eat and drink, by the Barony of Altavia, the north-west Los Angeles County group of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Everyone is welcome in our discussions of recipes, historical research and events based around the food and beverages of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

Meetings happen once a month. Contact the Guild through their Facebook page here: http://www.facebook.com/groups/242868192471271/

- **Dance Practice**

Belly Dance every Monday, 7:30pm at *Verdugo Park in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505.* Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).

Tribal style belly dance practice. We have a mixture of absolute beginners, beginners and old pros. It's outside so dress warmly. Its lots of fun!

We are near the tennis courts and, as we practice next to the Heavies Fighters, just look for the fierce men and women in armor!

Note: Belly Dance Practice is currently on hiatus but will start up again in 2018. Check the website for details!

