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Newsletter of the Barony of Altavia, Caid

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From The Baronage

January 2026 Comments

Hello Altavia!

We kick-started the month off with an arts and sciences night taught by Jobana, who taught us how to make wire woven bracelets, and shared with us some of the projects she's been working on and learning from. It was lots of fun to make our own bracelets, and they turned out beautifully.

That weekend went straight into our joint Yule with the Barony of Angels. One of my favorite parts is always getting to celebrate Altavians, and we had a lot to celebrate this Yule!

We started off with getting to give Petrusha a Sable Fret for service within the Barony, and he was called right back for his Dolphin for service in the Kingdom.

Sometimes people are such pillars of the community and have just about every award - and sometimes things people have long since earned slip through the cracks. We cleared up a couple of these misses this weekend, giving out two Argent Frets - one to Tezar for all of the garb she has made throughout the years for her family and many others, and one to Colwyn both for his garb making and his woodworking. We have travel thrones because he made and gifted them, and I have heard many stories and seen firsthand the generosity in both of them supplying others with things they have created.

The Crown also awarded three of our populace with Awards of Arms - Serafina Story, Niccola Sancta, and Cosimo di Amici. I'm so happy to see them growing in our community and am excited the see what they do next!

In the competitions of the night, Briana MacCabe was chosen as my Bardic Champion and the Bard of Altavia, and Turbo won the Games Championship.

The table decorating contest was officially decided by the Barony of the Angels, but I had my unofficial favorite and wanted to celebrate Petrusha, Jobana, Serafina, Vivienne, Cosimo, and Niccola as well for their wonderful table, which brought gorgeous color and Russian flair to the room.

The other big event this month was of course Coronation. Thank you to all who processed with me, and who contributed to the largesse basket and the Dirty Dozen.

A special shout out to Jobana and Brianna, who both taught different wire wrapping and weaving classes in the last few months, and some of the results of these classes went to the crown in the largesse basket. Jobana also put together a Dirty Dozen entry, with 6 gorgeous wire wrapped bracelets that integrated beads into the wire designs and 6 fantastic leather pouches.

A huge congratulations to Courtney of the White Meadow and Guene Annewyll on their Court Baronies that were awarded.

Coronation is always such a full day of celebrations. We were fortunate to get to be there with Tezar for her Pelican elevation, and the joy and positivity throughout the day was fantastic.

This coming month we're starting tournament season with Unbelted and Angels Melee, and we're hosting Festival of the Rose. I hope to see many of you out there, and to get to view tons of gorgeous work.

In service to the dream,
Baroness Amabel Radleigh

From the Seneschal

January 2026 Comments

Welcome to the new year, and the start of the last 5 months as your Seneschal. It has been a joy being your Seneschal and I look forward to continuing as Deputy once Sadhbh steps up as Seneschal. I know she is going to be more involved moving forward and that you all will support her as you have me. We have FotR coming up and I'm looking forward to all the artisans and performers who will be showcased for Her Majesty.

YIS,
Tezar

From the Chronicler

Dearest Gentle Reader,

Another month is upon us, and with it comes the recurring speculation of what wonders this author might bestow upon the populace. Wonder no longer and prepare yourselves to enjoy reports and announcements of the season, a new "The Very Least (Almost) You Need to Know About", and some subtle February theming.

Please send me art. It could be years, if ever, before mine is as good as yours. Send me other things too, but please please please let me quit publishing my drawings. Of particular and immediate interest would be something March flavored, but I assure you that is not a requirement.

Kindly overlook the subtle, but unseemly, loss of comportment. Desperation can overcome one's sensibilities at the least opportune moments. Until next time, I remain, as ever, yours in service.

Lady Vivienne ~~Thistledown~~ de Chauvigny

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

SCAN ME

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: The SCA"

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.

The easiest description I know for the Society for Creative Anachronism (or SCA) is "medieval mixed martial arts and crafts". We have a lot going on with multiple kinds of fighting, all sorts of arts and crafts and performances, and our beloved support people who make this all possible.

That sounds like a lot, and it is. Luckily, I am here to tell you the only word you have to know: "help". With that one magic word, someone will point you wherever you need to go* to learn whatever you're interested in. Feel free to tack on a "please" though, we do cherish courtesy around here.

Hope this helped!

* You might have to chain together a couple of iterations of "I don't know that myself, but perhaps this person can help you" depending on what you seek**, but we'll get you there!
** It's a little easier to find someone to help with "I want to hit people with sticks" than with "I want to make authentic early sixth century Bavarian footwear***".
*** I do not want to make authentic Bavarian footwear from any period. Please do not try to help me with this.****
**** No slight intended either to footwear enthusiasts or to the delightful people of Bavaria.

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Council Meeting Minutes

January 2026 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom [Jan 13, 2026] Starting at 7:07 pm and ending at 8:42 pm
Attendees:

Tezar of Aeolis, Amabel Radleigh, Cecilia Medici, Griffith Von Bremen, Christof, Selene Colfox, Nikolaos Phaistos, Matlens, Seraphina, Damien, Elle Wynn of Essex, Sadhbh Inghean Duinn, Ceallach, Cosimo, Merlin, Vivienne.

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

(see "From the Seneschal")

Old Business

Yule - **Dec 13, 2025**

This year went a lot smoother than last year, although there were a few bumps. I think a few people here would like to have us run it again, although we would need to talk to them about it. Or, about splitting it, which brings up its own difficulties with fitting in the calendar. The 3rd Saturday is only Starkhafn at this time, so it is a possibility.

Maybe should 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 that exactly 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.

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

Ongoing Business

Festival of the Rose - Jan 31, 2026

Have been getting a lot of interest in different areas, so very excited about that. Lots of help from Petrusha on pushing the Social Media, really happy about all that help. However, we could use some more bards, if anybody wants to privately encourage the bards in their lives. We have some extra room for bards. Cosimo has been reaching out, so hopefully some. Selene suggested a bribes for bards who perform! She is willing to fund it. It isn't that there aren't any, but could use more.

Final date for sign ups is 01-15. Thanks to Selene for taking over the food, after Courney & Suzi stepped aside. We understand the health issues, but thank Selene for all her support and help.

Cecilia asks if we were planning on a separate youth project? Cecilia – Some of the events (she can not attend unfortunately), will have youth activities. She is willing to bring in things for the kids to do, such as some type of craft, and can if wanted. Haven't seen it in the past, however, she could do it. They did offer the option of a class for kids, however, no one has stepped up and offered to run one.

Amabel will be reaching out to the other Baronies to bring banners to help with decorating.

You can use sticky hooks to hold items up, however, they don't' always work as well as you would like. We do have the baronial banners we can check them with. They will check with Lynette to see if they can go in to test how well they can get the banners up on the walls. The check also has some of their own ways to deal with it. Flat stands are also an option.

Thanks to Merlin for the favors, and he is currently finding the document to do the editing. Thanks to Sadhbh and Jobana for the favors for the events.

How many people have signed up to display so far. 11 to display. 12-13 so far on teaching classes.

Seraphina – there will be a fundraiser being held for someone who has passed, for their family. They will have 2 tables, and there is someone with a sellers permit who will be there. Baroness Arwen.

Anastasia stated that you can reach out to Pennifer re: banners.

Caid Archery Open - March 29, 2026 (Woodley)

Merlin is steward. We need an ad in by Jan 25th. Petrusha and he are meeting 01-15 to finalize budget and post, with updates made to the format and the other information. Do we want it to be free like last year? Do we want to charge for it? Looking at charges/donations to cover the cost of prizes and targets for the event. Last year there were $128 in donations. He and Petrusha will be discussing what they want for prizes. Elle does not think that we need to charge, we are fine and get enough money from other things to cover, even if we don't get donations. We are more likely to get the archers from further away.

We are doing open, period, and crossbow. Do we want to do throw weapons outside the fence? NO says the risk management person that is the Seneschal. Throw Weapons can be done at Rapier War.

He will get the post figured out and up by this weekend. Request to check with Brig to verify Rapier War to do the open for weapons thrown at Red Star/Rapier war.

Niko-If we are doing queens champion TW & Archery at the same time, we need to make sure that there are sufficient marshals and stewards to handle it so it isn't just one person for the whole time.

Altavia Anniversary - May 9, 2026

Giachinno and Petrusha Sebrianoi will be co-stewarding. They aren't at the meeting, so table the conversation until next meeting. Merlin can help with connecting with the county, so that we can get started on the permit. He can add that into the conversation with Petrusha on 01-15.

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 had 1 practice this last month, 12-21. Amabel put on a holiday shoot with colorful foam tree decorations. There were 23 archers, with people visiting from 5 other territories. There were 7 marshals & 3 MITs. Going strong in Altavia. YiS, Merlin

Arts & Sciences – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: vacant)

Greetings! Arts and Sciences Night was held on December 10th at the home of Petrusha and Jobana. The class was on wire weaving. We were taught how to weave a wire bracelet or circlet. Five people were in attendance. It was a very fun night with beautiful creations!

Yule was held on December 13th and had the theme of "What Does Yule Mean to You". There was a table decorating contest as well as the bardic competition. The winners for Table Decorating (Altavia) were Petrusha, Jobana, Serafina, Vivienne, Cosimo and Niccola. Brianna MacCabe was the Altavia bardic winner, becoming the Bard of Altavia.

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. We are brainstorming ideas for new songs to work on.

Festival of the Rose is coming at the end of the month and will be hosted by Altavia! Please check the calls for artisans, bards, and teachers. We will also be having some token assembly nights as well. Please see the event and group posts for more info.

For A&S for January, we will be having an Open Craft and Wiki Page Creation Night. Please see the event for more info.

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)

Scrambling to change Kingdom Brewers Guild meeting date, because when we originally scheduled, we did not know it would be opposite Consort's Champion Ranged, in our territory even though it is officially hosted by the Barony of Lyondemere. If I cannot manage it, I will need to hand it off to Kingdom Chatelaine, since it is a Kingdom event.

I will have a flyer for local newcomers by Festival of the Rose.

Her Majesty has announced her desire to host the Landed Baronage and Local Chatelaines at the Royal Pavilion in order to meet and greet newcomers, and make them known to the Crown as well as the local contacts.

Chronicler – Vivienne de Chauvigny (Deputy: vacant)

It's another beautiful month in Altavia, and with it come pleas for all officers to ensure that the bits that pertain to you are accurate and complete in the last newsletter. And for submissions of articles and art. I shared my art, so you know the depths of my desperation.

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

No lost and found brought to me at Yule. The parking problem at Yule solved with the help of Sir Liam and the Angels' constable.

I was asked to do the same for FotR and I will.

I still have a cup and some sunglasses as list and found that I inherited from the previous constable. They probably won't get claimed. Niko

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

January Exchequer's Report Altavia

- The ongoing project of updating the Baronial Regalia Book by Tim and Elle.

Baroness Elle
Altavia Exchequer

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	$18,810.79	
Total	$18,810.79	
W.F. CD 6 month	$6,341.30	(Feb + Aug)

Cash box	$500.00
Total	$25,652.09

November Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
11/18/25	Jack Morones – Gear Bags		265.33	
11/19/25	Pamela Brousseau – Insurance + Supplies		174.99	
11/19/25	Deposit – Agincourt Donations	128.00		
		128.00	440.32	-312.32

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

Date	Description	Status	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
	T-Shirts	Pending	120.00	0.00	120.00
	Fund Raising	Pending	720.00	0.00	720.00
	Donations	Pending	718.00	0.00	718.00
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
			6,266.37	2,808.49	3,457.88

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)

Next heraldry meeting will be Feb 11, he will not be there. He spoke with Briana at Yule, and he will be handing it over to Briana at Anniversary.

Voice Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: vacant)

Petrusha's name, device and badge are at Society. Serafina's name and device are still at The Kingdom level. Cosimo's name and device are still at kingdom. I will connect with the heralds working on their items to see what the hold ups are. I connected Ingram to Alienor and Ren to begin working on his name and device.

I will likely be having my Pursuivant ceremony at FotR and all are welcome to witness. After chatting with Damien at Yule, we will be doing the official changeover of the office at Anniversary.

The heralds' meeting for January has been cancelled. I will make every effort to attend February's meeting.

Lists - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

No events this past month.

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

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

Marshal's Monthly Report. Report Period: Dec

Armored Combat Marshal: 1
Participants: 9, 4, 4, X (average, 5) 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: None
Comments: Regulars attended. First practice Authorized 3 fighters and taught someone previously taught, newly in armor. Second practice was lightly attended, but no less fierce. Third was started late due to lights not being active on time, visitors from northern neighbors. Last practice cancelled.
He is looking at replacing the armored boxes. He will get prices and will put in a budget request once he has a price.

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

Not doing anything.

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

With the holidays, December was fairly quiet. I have not been able to attend practice for the past several weeks due to work, family obligations and illness. Thank you to Master Niko for covering. December 22 practice saw an excellent turnout with 17 fighters, both Rapier and cut and thrust. The next three weeks of practice were cancelled due to holidays and rain. Yesterday's practice saw 3 fighters, small but mighty! At this past Sunday's Consorts Champion, Altavia was well represented with Master Colwyn in the rapier finals. I was honored to have represented Altavia in the Cut and Thrust finals. Although neither of us prevailed, the fencing was both honorable and artful! No reports of injuries or equipment failures this month. In service, Giacchino Morone

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

Cecilia and he have been talking to Sir Robear regarding use of his property for thrown weapons, archery, and crossbow. He is agreeable, but we need to go to the site and do a walk around to see what it would take to make it safe. Also to potentially see what we can do to help with some yardwork and clean-up to make it workable. All we need to do is go there, walk the grounds, and get a volunteer crew to get it set up. Then we would have a place to handle all three forms and hold regular practices. It would be a great place to hold actual regular practices. This would be further up the road, but there could be the potential for equestrian archery also. He will keep us up to date.

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

Elle – is this just to be for practices, or events? Just taking one-step at a time, and this is asking a lot of Robear. It could be big enough for an event, but the systems may not be able to handle a large number of people, and parking may be difficult. Also, we will need to make stands, as those were cut-up. The difficulty of scalability is a concern.

Cecilia – She is thinking about this for TW only. Christof is thinking for all. The primary thing is finding somewhere for TW and Crossbow, which are the bigger issues.

Merlin is still concerned about getting too many people for crossbow.

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.

Social Media - Petrusha Serebrianoi (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

Facebook: 887 total members

- 0 New members joined the FB group in December
- 44 total posts from all members in December (12% less than November)
- Monday was the best day for engagement

Top 3 posts

1. Her Excellency Amabel's post about enjoying Angels/Altavia Yule
2. Niko's post with selfies from Angels/Altavia Yule
3. Her Excellency Amabel's post about a big archery practice with 23 archers

Discord: No data available

Yours in service, Lord Petrusha Serebrianoi

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

He needs to get Selene the Chatelaine e-mail. The site is up, the other site is up but wrong, so he needs to transfer that info over. He also needs to put up the FotR info on the Barony of Altavia website.

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

We have not had any youth activities. I was sick so did not go to Yule, therefore I do not know if there were any youth and Angels was in charge of the youth activity. I am still waiting for my authorization of youth combat marshal. I am not able to attend Festival of the Rose but if you want an activity I can provide something.

I leave for France and Germany on Feb 11 and return April 9th so I will not have any youth activities during that time

YIS, ~Mistress Cecilia Medici

Next Council Meeting – Feb 10, 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.******

Caid Archery Open (Altavia)
When: Sunday, March 29th, 2026, 8:00am – 5:00pm
Where: Woodley Park Archery Range, 6331 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406

Schedule:
8:00 a.m – Site opens
9:00am – Practice and list signup
10:00am – Opening Court
Lists close 10 mins after Court.
Once lists close, the competition begins!
1:00 (approximately) – Break for lunch
5:00pm (approximately) – Closing Court
7:00pm – Site Closes

Description:
The Barony of Altavia invites archers of all experience levels to join us for the Caidan Archery Open, where we'll determine the Caidan Champions in Open, Period Handbow, and Crossbow!
Newer archer? You are absolutely welcome here. If you can safely shoot a Royal Round, and you can bring (or arrange to borrow) your own bow and arrows (or crossbow + bolts) you can participate. Come for the challenge, the camaraderie, and a full day on the range.
To begin the day, all archers will shoot three (3) Royal Rounds. After scores are tallied, the top 8 archers will advance to a single-elimination bracket, where matchups will be 1v1 head-to-head Royal Rounds until champions are determined.
Please note that there will not be any loaner gear available, so be sure to bring your own equipment or arrange to borrow some ahead of time. Thrown Weapons will be hosted at a different event this year.
In addition to becoming the Caidan Champions for the year, winners in each division—Open, Period, and Crossbow—will receive a dozen arrows or bolts! Bring water, snacks, and sun protection, and plan for a full day of shooting. We can't wait to see you on the line!

Cost: $0!
There is no Registration cost for this event. Donations are encouraged to help cover the cost of prizes.

Site Information, Address, & Restrictions:
Woodley Park is at 6331 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406 in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area between Burbank Boulevard and Victory Boulevard.
This is a dry site. Projectiles and alcohol do not mix. Extra-long stakes are needed when putting up pavilions or pop-ups. As a reminder, no pets are allowed inside of the range. Children are welcome, but must be supervised at all times by parents or guardians.

Merchant Information:
Merchants are allowed within the confines of the range. Please contact the Stewards for merchant information and reservations.

Event Stewards: THL Merlin Wynn and Petrusha Serebrianoi
Email: caidrangedopen@sca-caid.org

Directions:
Woodley Park is bordered by Victory Blvd. on the North and Burbank Blvd. on the South. The site is west of the 405 Fwy.

From the South**:** 405 Fwy North to Burbank Blvd exit. Go west on Burbank, turn right onto Woodley Ave. Head North, turn right on the road leading to the Japanese Garden. With the Japanese Garden on your left, head past the cricket field on your left. At the small traffic circle, veer to the right and head 3/4 of the way around the circle and exit to the north. The archery range is up the hill.

From the East: 101 Fwy North (which is actually heading west), transition to the 405 Fwy North, then follow the directions above.
From the North: 405 Fwy South. Go south to Victory Blvd., turn right (west) onto Victory Blvd., then West to Woodley Ave. Turn left onto Woodley Ave and left at the road leading to the Japanese Garden. Follow the directions above.

Other Upcoming Altavian Events:

Altavia Anniversary
Saturday 5/9/2026
Site: TBD
EVENT STEWARDS: THL Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo & Lord Petrusha Serebrianoi

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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

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Marshal - Rapier	THL Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo	RapierMarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
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

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    - 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 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
    - **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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    - **Non-meeting days** include Monday holidays and the few days we get rained out. Updates about the Fighter Practice nights are posted on the Altavia baronial **Facebook Group.**
- ***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
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!
Share what you do with your barony!!

Please send submissions or questions to: *chronicler@altavia.sca-caid.org*
Deadlines and publication goals for *Fret Knot* are currently defined as "vaguely near the end of the month".
The Chronicler alleges intent to increase specificity in the future.