



Winter Edition A.S. XLIV

Greetings unto the Barony of Altavia!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season filled with love and laughter! Speaking of laughter, we had a fabulous time at Yule and we thank you again for making it so joyous. We have a new Bardic Champion - Bridget! And a new Chess Champion - Natasha!

For those of you who didn't hear at Yule, we've decided to do a 5 year term as Baron and Baroness instead of the 4 years we had originally planned on so we will now be stepping down at Anniversary in 2014.

We are sponsoring Her Majesties Festival of the Rose and the Olde-Tymers Tournament on February 11th where we will harken back to the days of yore and celebrate our Queen through the arts. We hope to see you at this event!

We will not be attending Estrella War in 2012 but if you are planning on going, please let us know so we can help Altavians coordinate land allocation.

It is a new date and a new site for Estrella so we will be interested to hear about it!

Stay warm and we wish you good health and good cheer in 2012!!

YIS,

Baron Secca and Baroness Meliora

From the desk of Altavia Officers:

Greetings Altavians,

I am in the last year of my Warrant and Agreement to Serve the Barony of Altavia as Seneschal. My deputy, Baroness Iseabail nee Bhatar, will step up as Seneschal when I step down and because of this she is taking more responsibilities as Seneschal so she isn't thrown into the deep end of the proverbial pool. We, as a Barony, also need to make sure our officer paperwork is in order when the current Warrants and Agreements to Serve run out.

If any member of the populace would like to step up and take an office within the Barony, there are some things we need from you. The Barony needs an up-to-date membership card, so you must be a member to be an officer. Also you must display a willingness to serve and take responsibility for the office that you choose. I would prefer that someone act as deputy in the office that they want to take responsibility for so you can see how it works.

Now that the official stuff is over, we as a Kingdom have a lot of events coming up. The Old Tymers Tourney and Festival of The Rose is coming up for Her Royal Majesty Cassandra. We also have an Anniversary coming up as well. These events provide a plethora of opportunities to volunteer and get involved with the Barony as well as hang out and have fun with friends. I encourage every member of the populace to come out and enjoy some very nice weekends with your SCA family.

Francisco Rojas de Gomez Y Sandoval
Seneschal for the Barony of Altavia

Hello Altavia,

Here is an updated Fret Knot. Please feel free to email in articles and ideas for articles to chronicler@sca-altavia.org. March 18th is the next deadline for articles for the Spring Fret Knot. As you know there are many duties to keeping a Barony running and if anyone is interested in positions please let the seneschal know or even look up the current officer. Becoming a deputy to an officer is a great way to see if you would like to take that position on in the future. It is also a great way to help and meet new people. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank You,

Fara Macgregor
Chronicler for the Barony of Altavia

Continue From the desk of Altavia Officers:

Hello Altavia,

Thank You to all the parents that bring their youth out to practices for youth combat. It has shown in their tournaments. Recently we have had many youth showing up for both practices and events to participate and show chivalry on the field. Youth of Altavia currently hold Angels Champion and Queen's Champion. We have had many of our youth also win their age groups in combat.

If anyone has any questions regarding youth combat please feel free to contact me at youthcombat@sca-altavia.org.

Uilliam Mor Macgregor

Altavia's Archery Gear

Altavia has had a fine reputation in the SCA archer community. More than once, I have heard people say, "What do you put in the water in Altavia that make you all so good?" It makes me proud to be an Altavian. It makes me proud to be an Archer. We have had great opportunities in the past to show how skilled we are. We have won many championships in the past and currently hold many to this day. But the key to continuing our wonderful archery tradition is new archer interest. Without new Altavians picking up the bow, our legacy will die. Generally, new archers have no equipment and like many other martial activities in the SCA, equipment can be expensive. But unlike Heavies, Rapier, and Thrown Weapons, Altavian Archery has no loaner gear, so many would be archers cannot participate in this great sport. Our Captain, Chrtstof, and I, as well as the baronial officers, have been trying to figure out ways of rectifying that problem. We have a meager budget and we are doing a fundraiser to add to it, but we still need help. We need you! We need Altavians to look through their archery equipment and find some they don't use anymore or are willing to part with. We need donations of at least four bows of at least 20 pound pulls, four dozen wooden arrows (in matched groups of at least six), four quivers, six gloves or tabs, and six arm guards. Anything that you can give will be very much appreciated and used. With your help and generosity, we will continue the great tradition of our barony's archers. Thank you for your time.

Niko

Lord Nikolaos Phaistos

Lt. Altavian Archers

Hello Altavia,

At Yule this year we made Viking necklaces and had many youth participate. I look forward to the upcoming activities as the youth of Altavia is showing more interest. Please let me know if anyone is interested in teaching a youth activity in the upcoming year. Please email children@sca-altavia.org.

Thank You,

Fara Macgregor

Youth Activities for Barony of Altavia

Youth Combat for Barony of Altavia

Festival of the Rose and Olde-Tymers Tourney

Sat, February 11, 2012, 8am – 6pm

Although Our Beautiful Queen Cassandra is young in years, She has been going to SCA events Her entire life; therefore, in conjunction with the Olde-Tymers Tourney, Her **Festival of the Rose** will feature many memories from years past! That's right, there will be a return of such traditional games as "Bowling for Peers" and "The Assassin Game!" If you don't know what they are... you are too darn young!!!! (...Don't worry, explanations will be provided.)

As is normal for a Festival of the Rose, a performance space and viewing area will be available for artisans and performers from throughout the Knowne Worlde to celebrate the glory that is Our Queen.

In addition, Her Majesty, Herself a devotee and skilled practitioner of the arts, will choose one person to represent Her as "Queen's Champion for A&S!" This contest is open to all, and is not 'themed'. So come honor Our Queen with a day of fun, arts, and memories!!!

In addition, we are happy to announce the return of the **Olde-Tymers Tourney!** (Please note the name change back from 'Days of Principality Tourney')

This event is a celebration for the old timers, new members, and everyone in between of the equipment, traditions, and stories from the Society's early years. Bring your personal recollections to share, as well as any artifacts and photos you may have for the memorabilia tables. This is the time to dig out your carpet armour, Freon helmets, plastic recorders, and polyester t-tunics.

The fighting will begin with a Young vs. Olde 'Grand Melee'. You are considered Olde if you started playing in the SCA before 1981 (which is Her Majesty's birthday, when She began playing!)

The tourney following will be standard double-elimination; and there will be a prize awarded for 'Best Death'

Please note that there are no trees and no easily accessible fountains, so bring shade and /or water if you can, though Altavia will be providing some of both.

Both events will be at the same site, sharing indoor and outdoor locations.

Please, no alcohol, this is a dry site. No really, THIS IS A DRY SITE!

Merchants:

Merchants are welcome! Please contact the [Tourney Event Stewards](#) if you'd like to merchant.

Tentative Schedule:

8:00 AM Site opens
10:00 AM Opening Court (outside)
11:00 AM Melee
Noon Performances begin
4:00 PM Closing Court (outside)
6:00 PM Site closes

Site fees:

\$5.00 for members (w/proof of membership);
\$3 for children 4-12;
Children 3 and under are free.
A \$5.00 non-member surcharge will apply for non-members over the age of 12.
Make check payable to: SCA Inc./SCA Inc./Barony of Altavia

Site and Directions: William Mulholland Middle School, 17120 Vanowen Street Lake Balboa, CA 91406. [Map](#)

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Event Stewards:

Olde-Tymers Tourney: [Viscountess Lorissa du Griffin and Sir Eronric of Devon](#)
Festival of the Rose: [Lady Monique Marie Sauniere](#)

Event Calendar January 21-April 28, 2012

Saturday, January 21

8:00am :Unbelted Tournament

Saturday, January 28

8:00am: Filthy Dirty Collegium

8:00am:Pol Na Gainmhe Anniversary

4:00pm: Festival of Feast and Song (Starkhafn)

Friday, February 10

8:00am: West Coast Culinary Symposium for 2012

Saturday, February 11

All day West Coast Culinary Symposium for 2012

8:00am Festival of the Rose and Olde-Tymers Tourney (Altavia)

Sunday, February 12

» 12:00pm West Coast Culinary Symposium for 2012

Saturday, February 18

8:00am Practicum of the Sword (Starkhafn)

8:00am Arts & Archery (Lyondemere)

Sunday, February 19

5:00pm Practicum of the Sword (Starkhafn)

Saturday, February 25

8:00am St. Isidore Anniversary (Calafia - College of St. Isidore)

8:00am Nordwache Chivalry Tournament

Sunday, February 26

8:00am Robin Hood Tourney (Angels)

Friday, March 2

3:00pm Spring Crown Tourney

Saturday, March 3

All day Spring Crown Tourney

Sunday, March 4

» 4:00pm Spring Crown Tourney

Saturday, March 10-March 16

All Day GULF WARS XXI (Glenn Abhann)

Saturday, March 10

8:00am March to the Sea (Naevehjem)

8:00am Calafia/Gyldenholt Friendship Tourney (Summergate)

Friday, March 16

3:00pm Black Oak Lodge "Persian Paradise"

Saturday, March 17

All day Black Oak Lodge "Persian Paradise"

Sunday, March 18

» 11:00am

Black Oak Lodge "Persian Paradise"

Friday, March 23

12:00pm

King's Hunt (Carreg Wen)

Saturday, March 24

All day

King's Hunt (Carreg Wen)

Sunday, March 25

» 4:00pm

King's Hunt (Carreg Wen)

8:00am

St. Jude's Random Tourney (Calafia)

Tuesday, March 27-April 2

All Day Estrella War

Saturday, April 7

8:00am Al-Savalley Anniversary Anniversary (Al-Sahid/Gallavally)

8:00am Saint Artemas Anniversary (Calafia - College of Saint Artemas)

Saturday, April 14-April 15

8:00am Collegium Caidis

Friday, April 20-April 22

8:00am Treasure Chest (Nordwache)

Saturday, April 21

8:00am Dun Or Anniversary

Sunday, April 22

8:00am Cast Iron Chef (Lyondemere)

Saturday, April 28

8:00am Starkhafn Anniversary / Spring Equestrian Championship

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