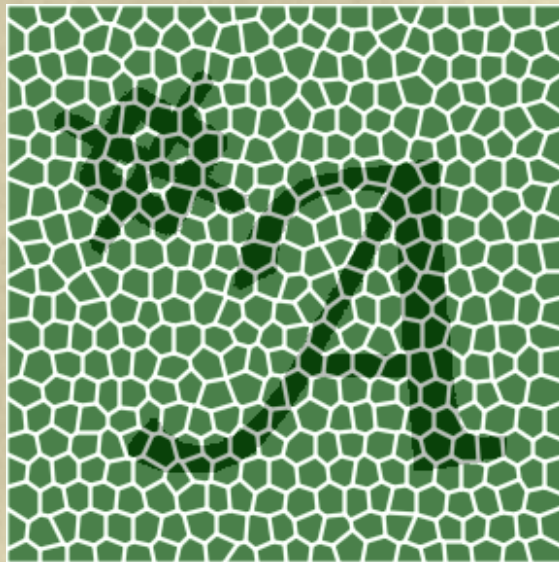


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From the Chronicler

Greetings unto the Barony!

Caid has some events coming up and they all look fun. Do not forget Altavia Anniversary is coming up. I would like to thank everyone that submitted to the Fret Knot for the Spring edition. I will also like to mention that many officers are looking for Deputies to help out. Please feel free to submit pictures and articles to the Fret Knot to be in the Summer Edition.

Thank You,

Lady Fara of Altavia

Upcoming events:

April:

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| 1-3 | Kings Hunt | Shire of Carreg Wen |
| 9-10 | Collegium | |
| 15-17 | Treasure Chest | |
| 16 | St. Artemas Anniversary | Barony of Calafia |
| 16 | Galla-Sahid Anniversary | Shire of Al-Sahid / Canton of Gallavally |
| 22~24 | War Bands Tourney & Baronial Investiture | Barony of Western Seas |
| 23 | Dun Or Anniversary | Dun Or |
| 30 | Robin Hood Archery, Rapier, and Thrown Weapons Tournament | Barony of Angels |
| 30 | Summergate Anniversary | Canton of Summergate - Barony of Calafia |
| 30 | Darach Anniversary | Shire of Darach |
| 30 | Voyagers Anniversary | Barony of Angels |
| 30 | Beltaine/Practicum of the Sword | Barony of Starkhafn |

May:

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| <u>7</u> | <u><i>Altavia Anniversary</i></u> | <u><i>Barony of Altavia</i></u> |
| | Pirate Tourney | Barony of Nordwache |
| <u>14</u> | <u><i>Altavia / Darach Equestrian Championships Barony of Altavia and the Shire of Darach</i></u> | |
| 21 | 1st Annual Wintermist Day of Competitions and Games | Shire of Wintermist |
| 26-30 | Potrero War | Barony of Calafia |

June:

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| 3-5 | Coronation & Queens Champion | Shire of Carreg Wen |
| 11 | Gyldenholt Anniversary | Barony of Gyldenholt |
| 17-19 | Nordwache Anniversary | Barony of Nordwache |
| 17-19 | St. Corrigan's Day | Canton of Gallavally |
| 18 | Tanwayour Anniversary/Talanque Memorial Tourney | Canton of Tanwayour |
| 18 | Carreg Wen Anniversary | Shire of Carreg Wen |

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 Court Business 

Greetings Altavia!

Spring is here and warm weather is beginning to make an appearance. We are very excited about our upcoming Anniversary on May 7th! Our theme is "Eleanor's Court of Love" and we will be having fun with the ideas of courtly love, which were very silly. Aliénor d'Aquitaine (Eleanor in English) is credited with glorifying Courtly Love and the ideals of Chivalry; and Troubadours in the 12th century spread poems and songs glorifying these ideals throughout Aquitaine, Provence, Champagne and ducal Burgundy. From there the flames spread through the courts of France, England, Germany, and the rest of Europe, inspiring poets and authors such as Chrétien de Troyes, Chaucer, Sir Thomas Malory... and the hearts of Lovers everywhere...At Anniversary you will be able to send love notes, flowers or kisses (of the Hershey variety) to someone with whom you wish to flirt! These tokens can be sent in secret or you can brazenly confess your identity. But remember "The Laws of Love; Number Eight" states: In giving and receiving love's solaces, let modesty be ever present.

Our Equestrian Championship will be the very next Saturday, May 14th and will be a shared event with Darach's Equestrian Championship.

We wish to again thank all of you who helped us make a new banner for the top of the Royal pavilion. It looks amazing and evidently, you could see it from the battlefield at Estrella! Our wonderful A&S Officer, AEthelwynne, is working on new Royal throne bags which will be presented to Their Majesties.

Our new Crown Prince and Princess are Duke Edward Senestre and Duchess Mora de Buchanan and the focus of their reign will be FUN!

Speaking of fun, Altavia will have an encampment at Potrero war! We have signed up for land under the name "Barony of Altavia" so if you'd like to camp with us, please go to www.potrerowar.org and land allocate with our group. We are requesting our old spot in Camelot, across from merchants. The Altavia Camping yahoo group will be updated soon and anyone who is camping with us will be added to the group so we can communicate about Potrero without flooding the general Altavia group with emails.

In looking at pictures of our fabulous baronial pavilion, we were happy to see how much our finials and green pennants added to the look of our set up. So we've decided to give finials and pennants to our fellow baronies as this year's baronial gift. Naturally, the finials and pennants will be in the colors of each particular barony and should add to the overall pageantry of our kingdom! We have the finials and will be getting fabric for the pennants so a work night will be announced in the near future!

Please take time to look around and appreciate the wonderful people we have in this Barony. We guarantee you, every single person is working on some project for the barony, teaching, working for the King and Queen or the Kingdom, holding an office, bringing their children to fighter practice, making garb for others, or helping us in some way. We are so very lucky and we thank you all for your joyous spirit and your constant efforts.

Yours in service to the Barony,

Baron Secca and Baroness Meliora

Altavia Current Champions

Armored Combat *Duke Edric Aaron Hartwood*

Rapier Combat *Don Alexander Kallidokos*

Archery *Roy MacLucas*

Equestrian *Erycha Orlon von Scotte riding Storm*

Thrown Weapons *Ihon MacLucas*

Arts & Sciences *Kiena le Blue*

Bardic *THL Mealla Caimbeul* for performances of *Band of Brothers* and *The Murder of Thomas a Beket aka Nunc Gaudet Ecclesia*

Chess *Bjorn Zenthffeer*



Youth Combat 11 years *Griffin of Wintermist*

Youth Combat 3 to 4 years *Nicolai Stagghorn, Dane, and Megan* – A three-way tie!

Youth Archery 10 and under *Sophia*

Youth Archery 11 and up *Anastasia Nightgale*

Youth Thrown Weapons *Anastasia Nightgale*

 Caid's Heirs 

WELCOME

Please join Baron Secca and Baroness Meliora in
welcoming our new Crown Prince and Princess:

Duke Edward Senestre

&

Duchess Mora de Buchanan

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ALTAVIAN OFFICERS

Greetings Altavians,

The Barony is looking for people to step up as Deputy Officers for a number of different officer positions within the Barony. In the past the Deputy of an office has been able to step up into the officer's position immediately when that officer steps down from that office. Showing interest now is good because you will get about a year of training as a deputy to 'learn the ropes' of that office. There are a lot of benefits to becoming an Officer in the Barony of Altavia, which I will not discuss here. If you are interested in becoming a Deputy please contact me by email at Seneschal@sca-altavia.org or pull me aside at an event or practice. I have not been to the last two council meetings but I don't foresee me missing another council meeting anytime soon.

There are several Baronial Events coming up that the Barony needs your help to pull off. Of course I can recommend all Kingdom Events, just check the Caid Calendar for upcoming times and event information. Coming up for the Barony in the first weekend in May is our Baronial Anniversary which is always a fun time. The following weekend is our Baronial Equestrian Championship which we are sharing with the Shire of Darach this year. As always any questions you have about the Barony or the SCA, please feel free to email me at Seneschal@sca-altavia.org or pull me aside at an event or practice and I will be happy to take as much time as I need to help you.

Francisco Rojas de Gomez y Sandoval

Seneschal of the Barony of Altavia

Greetings Altavia Youth & Parents,

Altavia has seen an amazing outpouring of Youth combatants over the last year or so. We have some of the best young fighters in Caid, and I am proud to see them all out there! At least two of our fighters should be making the jump to Heavies combat within the next year, and are beginning training to make the jump as swiftly and easily as possible. Both I am sure will be formidable opponents for all of us, and already wish they could be out there with the adults. I have had many families showing up on a regular basis, even in the bitter cold of this winter, with their children ready to learn new techniques and practice them on any foolish to stand around and let them! As always practice is held on the 2nd and 4th Monday at the regular fighter practice site, if you are interested you can also contact me at youthcombat@sca-altavia.org

As this next tournament cycle begins I can't wait to see what our Youth Combatants can do to bring glory home for Caid, Altavia, and themselves! Fight on friends!

-Lord Uilliam of Altavia

Altavia Youth Combat Marshal

Thrown Weapons is HAPPENING Altavia!!!

Lots of fun times coming out our way. Starting with Kings Hunt. I hope you all have/had a chance to check out the thrown weapons competition at Kings Hunt. There will be/were children's targets and adult targets, something for everyone throwing knives axes and spears. One of the throws we set up was a throw for the wee ones that used plastic axes dipped in wash off paint that they threw at little bunnies tucked up on the hillside. Not to keep the adults from missing out from slaughtering little bunnies (nice talk coming from a vegetarian) we have a similar throw for the adults.

There will be awards given in both youth and adult categories. You can't win if you don't throw!

Then we have Collegium at Calle Mayor. I will be teaching basic thrown weapons and the history of. You will come out of the class with your card if not already authorized. We will also be throwing at the end of class.

Chalice will be teaching a Range Marshal class for those interested in becoming a Range Marshal or brushing up.

May 30th is Robin Hood, Angles champion will be selected and I have lots of fun things Robin Hood Planned.

Mark your calendars and sharpen your blades :)

Lady Cecilia dei Medici

Altavia Marshal for Thrown Weapons

Greetings Youth Parents,

Just want to remind every that youth activities will be at Altavia Anniversary and to please join us. Also, please feel free to contact me if you have youth and you would like to help out at events with youth activities.

Thank You,

Lady Fara of Altavia

Altavia Youth Minister

ALTAVIA ANNIVERSARY

MAY 7th

Veteran's Park
13000 Sayre Street
Sylmar, CA , 91342

Eleanor's Court of Love

"Oh, what a marvelous thing is Love, which makes a man shine with so many virtues and which teaches everyone to abound in good customs. . . . "

~ ~ The Barony of Altavia invites one and all to join us May 7th 2011 for a glorious recreation of one of the "Courts of Love". Aliénor d'Aquitaine (Eleanor in English) is credited with glorifying Courtly Love and the ideals of Chivalry; and Troubadours in the 12th century spread poems and songs glorifying these ideals throughout Aquitaine, Provence, Champagne and ducal Burgundy. From there the flames spread through the courts of France, England, Germany, and the rest of Europe, inspiring poets and authors such as Chrétien de Troyes, Chaucer, Sir Thomas Malory... and the hearts of Lovers everywhere...

"The Laws of Love; Number Two: Thou shalt keep thyself chaste for the sake of they whom thou lovest. "

~ ~ So venture forth – all those of noble hearts, stout warriors, you lovers all, all you Slaves of Passion – sighing and trembling, growing pale and sleepless – even dying for Love, True Love, Love-Ever-Pure. Come prove thy worth through deeds and words. Encourage thy Love with winks and smiles.

There will be martial competitions to determine Altavia's Champions for Armoured Combat, Rapier, Youth, A&S, and Chess, and all participants must have a consort present (fight for someone new!)

The consorts of the winners will be crowned as "Kings or Queens of the Court" for the day. Troubadours will wander the field, trying to win your vote as best "Fool for Love". With the help of a Courtier of Love, you can buy your Love a poem or note, a Kiss (of the chocolate variety), or a bouquet of flowers, then have it delivered, perhaps even anonymously!

"The Laws of Love; Number Eight: In giving and receiving love's solaces, let modesty be ever present."

Schedule for the Day:
8:00am Site opens
10:00am Opening Court
3:00pm Contests close
5:00pm Closing Court
6:00pm Site closes

Merchants are welcome! The park requires only 10% of gross profits. If you are interested in merchanting, please e-mail event steward for space reservations.

"The Laws of Love; Number Twelve: In practicing the solaces of love, thou shalt not exceed the desires of thy lover."

"That Love is suffering is easy to see...There is no torment greater... no one can number the fears of a lover..."

All Quotations from Andreas Capellanus,
De Amore, A Treatise on Courtly Love (1184-86)

News

ALTAVIA SEEKS DEPUTIES:

Are you looking to volunteer some of your time to Altavia?

Not sure if you want to jump in and take an Officer Position?

Then become a deputy to that Officer. It is a great way to see what it is they do.

Feel free to contact the Officer or Seneschal for more information

Call for Help

Are you interested in knowing more about the
SCA?

Then volunteer, there is always a need for your
help at any event.

Just contact the Event Stewart

St. Firmin

REMINDER:

Fighter Practice:

(Practice is held on the Reseda side of the park)

Days: Thursday Nights

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: 18300 Lemarsh St.
Northridge, CA 91324

Greetings!

For the next few months myself and other St. Firmin members plan on attending quite a few events, and hope to see you there!

So far this semester has been going very well with the addition of five new members to our group!

For the past two years I have had a great time as the Incipient College of St. Firmin's Seneschal. I have learned a lot about holding an officer position and have really enjoyed the experience. In May I will be leaving this position and Lina de Luna will be taking over! I am sure she will do a great job, especially since she has helped me so much this past year with my duties!

There have been many people who have helped me over the past two years while in this position. Without singling anyone out, I just want to thank everyone who has lent a hand at helping this group grow through the classes they have held at our college, and any questions I may have had over the years! Again, thank you.

Even though I will be leaving this position I promise you will continue to see me at events and possibly holding other officer positions within the Barony!

Thanks to everyone who make this Barony amazing!

Lady Leonor de Sevilla



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