



THE ZEPHYR

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Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Greetings Unto Ayreton,

The first five years of our Barony's existence have now come & gone. On one hand, it's hard to believe, on another, it's been a very full 5 years.

Recently, a past baron commented to us that if you were ready to be done at the end of that term, you had probably done it right. There had been a lot of appreciation for our efforts over the last 5+ years. We could not have done what we have without the support of our populace. Even so, there is always more that anyone in our seats wishes they could have done. But that now falls to another couple. We hope that you will continue to support Dame Hillary and Sargent Garath, as you have done us.

During polling we quipped between ourselves that despite all of our own worries and fears at the onset, the Barony is still going strong, but we had not managed to make ourselves irreplaceable. We were pleased that four very worthy candidates were willing to step up to fill our seats as we retire as your baronage. Each candidate brought some wonderful strengths to the table, and made decisions for all, including the royalty, very hard. THL Alexander and Mistress Acelina, you are each a treasure to our barony and we are glad that you participated in the selection process.

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Going forward we will all need to work together to continue to keep our barony strong, and support our kingdom. There will be challenges ahead, to be sure. There always are. But we have proven our strength in the past, and will continue to do so, together, as we have always done.
Ayreton HY!

Greetings from the Seneschal

It has been both my honor and pleasure to serve as your seneschal for the past fifteen months. We have accomplished much together, celebrating individual and baronial successes.

I am looking forward to seeing our future unfold. We have a lot to be proud of: new peers have been recognized for their talent and skills by the crown, many awards and recognition have been granted to Ayreton members, successful events have been enjoyed by both staff and attendees alike as we share hospitality and responsibility throughout our cantons.

I am confident that THL Alexander Adelbrecht von Markelingen will do an excellent job as he embraces the office of interim seneschal and continues to lead us onto even greater accomplishments. Thank you everyone for your support, trust, and patience.
Sgt. Gareth Ostestly

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Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	Dec. 1
Chatelaine	Nov. 1
Chronicler	Jan. 1 (Domesday)
Exchequer	Oct. 31
Herald	Dec. 31 (Domesday)
Knights Marshal	Dec. 1 (Domesday)
Minister of Arts & Sciences	Jan. 1
Baronial MoAS	Jan. 15
Minister of Youth	Oct. 15 and Jan. 15
Rapier Marshal	Nov. 1
Equestrian Marshal	Nov. 14 (Domesday)
Seneschal	Nov. 15
Baronial Seneschal	Nov. 30
Webminister	Nov. 15

Calendar of Events

Go to www.midrealm.com/calendar for a complete list.

***Foxhunt XI – Rikhard’s Feast** – Oct. 10

Canton of Foxvale – Big Rock, IL

Fall Crown Tourney – Oct. 17

Barony of Brendoken, Wooster, OH

Rendezvous at the Bridge – Oct. 23

Riviere Constelle, – Lincoln City, IN

***All Soul’s: Collars, Ruffs and Gorgets (A Neckwear Event)**

– Nov. 7

Canton of Vanished Wood, Roselle, IL

Crystal Ball– Nov. 13 – 15

Barony of Shattered Crystal, Mulberry Grove, IL

***Known World Academy of Rapier and Costume Symposium**

– Nov. 13 - 15

Barony of Ayreton – Mundelein, IL

Midrealm Fall RUM – Nov. 21

Shire of Narrental, – Peru, IN

Boar’s Head: A Traditional Yule – Dec. 5

Kingdom of Northshield, Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr, West Bend, WI

Toys for Tots – Dec. 12

Barony of White Waters, South Bend, IN

***Tree-Girt-Sea’s Twelfth Night** – Jan. 16

Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea, Chicago, IL

*- Denotes Ayreton/Canton Event

Greetings from the Pursuivant

Sain It has been Bainu!

a pleasure and a privilege to attend Their Excellencies, Nadezda and Henry and conduct their courts, and I thank them for their patience and humor. Wetsu and Huzzah for Their Excellencies, as well as for Their soon-to-be Excellencies, Hilary and Gareth!

Your Baronial Heraldic Corps has been hit with an outbreak of ‘interesting times.’ Of course all of us have this situation known as ‘real life’ that can interfere mightily with our SCA time, but we seem to be experiencing a concentrated patch, affected most of the Canton Pursuivants in one way or another. At least one is stepping down. I have had my own issues as well and have not been as attentive as I would like to have been.

So – to the populace of Ayreton, if you have matters of a heraldic nature that for whatever reason are not being addressed by your Canton Pursuivant, please let me know. As in so many other areas, there is a wealth of heraldic knowledge available in our fair barony, and we will do our best to get people the help they need in the absence or indisposition of a Canton Pursuivant.

But wait, there’s more... my newly-appointed deputy will be out-of-barony for a while, and although she intends to continue to act as my deputy as she is able, an additional deputy would probably be a good idea. An interest in eventually succeeding me as Baronial Pursuivant is recommended but not required.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our Baronial Signet, TLH Erc Glaison, on his impending elevation to the Order of the Laurel. Wetsu and Huzzah!

Living the Code, Serving the Dream

Berngard Solgai

The Personas in Your Neighborhood

Thinking it may be a cool idea to get to know each other's personas I asked a few of our members the following persona questions of mostly random Ayreton members. I was truly impressed with their answers and their knowledge about their persona and am looking forward to continuing this with other personas in upcoming Zephyrs:

These are the answers I received. Thank you to the following gentles for their willingness to share.

Personas - Adella of Ayreton

1)Full SCA name and titles - Adella

2)Location and date for your persona - Europe, 15th Century

3)Why did you choose that time and place - Honestly, I don't really have a great answer. I always had an interest in the Renaissance Era so why not start in the beginning of that? Plus in my opinion it was exciting times, there was Joan of Arc, Johannes Gutenberg with the printing system and trade merchant's were on the rise to name a few examples. Oh and the clothing was so diverse in that area/timeframe, the garb possibilities are endless!

4)What one cool thing can you share about the time period and location of your persona? - Well being an archer, I thought this was interesting. By the mid 15th century, the English government (Henry VII - Henry VIII) basically mandated that every householder, their servants and kids to have a longbow and know how to use them.

5)What one cool thing are you hoping to learn about your persona? - Wow, this is difficult...I think I'm most excited about is how my persona, would dress in that time. Finding some historical paintings that some ladies also dabbled in archery, I would like to discover period clothing for women archers. Though really I would like to try to discover period appropriate garb that I can shoot in!

Personas cont. -Master Dougale MacAlestyr

1)Full SCA name and titles - His Excellency, Master Dougale MacAlestyr of New Castle, Companion of the Order of the Pelican, Baron of the Court of Ullr and AnneLyse, Companion of the Order of the Dragon's Heart, Forester of the Greenwood Company, Recipient of the Doe's Grace, Recipient of the Purple Fret, Companion of the Order of the Dragon's Barb - Odd-ism: I have two Awards of Arms

2)Location and date for your persona - England, 1485 - 1500

3)Why did you choose that time and place? - A great many would peg me as an Azincourt archer, at 1415. While it's true that I have been known to shoot a bit, the end of the 15th century we saw the development of plate armour at it's pinnacle. Men at arms of the time truly fit my "vision" of medieval fighting. Proper bespoke harness rivals the most extravagant civilian garments. The late 15th century has a style about it that speaks to me unlike other times / places. It is one of the more written about time periods in English history so there is plenty of resources for clothing and there are extant examples of archery equipment.

4)What one cool thing can you share about the time period and location of your persona? - As the Wars of the Roses, WotR, started winding down with the Coronation of Henry Tudor - Henry VII, there was a great deal of political turmoil and fallout, read skullduggery. There is also a wonderful reference to archers and their role in English Military Society with the Creation of the Yeomen of the Guard.

This excerpt is taken from the Yeomen of the Guard's own website:

"A dread of personal violence undoubtedly prompted Henry VII, to form a Body Guard, who would be available to protect him day and night, he had on 22nd August, 1485 won the Crown of England at the battle of Bosworth, and there is evidence in his Ordinances as he came to the throne that both the King and his Council greatly feared treachery, therefore by the day of his coronation 30th of October 1485 he had formed his Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and they made their first appearance at the coronation.

Baron Dougale MacAlestyr persona story continued on page 4

Ayreton Activities

Always check with the organizer of an activity before attending. **DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

Sunday

Silver Thimble Guild for Conspicuous Consumption
Contact Mistress Juliana – (773) 750.2180

Ayreton Authentic Cooking Guild (4th Sundays unless noted)
Contact: ayretoncooks@yahoogroups.com

Grey Gargoyles Fighter Practice
Contact: Lady Susanna – mickel14@att.net

Monday

Consort Music
Contact: Master Robyyan - (773) 764.1920

Tuesday

Thieves of Heart Fighter Practice
Contact: Lord Tedesco - tedesco@ayreton.org

Renaissance Dance
Contact: Lady Margrett Norwoode –
mistressmargrett@ameritech.net

Wednesday

Court and Country Music Group
Contact: CourtAndCountry@gmail.com

Archery Practice
Contact: Forester Athelwulf of Dover -Aethelwulf@Dizzywulf.com

Vanished Wood Sewing Circle
Contact: Mistress Katherine – knwkfw@yahoo.com

Mid Week Fighter Practice
Contact: Lord Kith - kith3609@sbcglobal.net

Thursday

The Pippens – Madrigal and Early Music Singing Group
Contact: Mistress Gianetta – (312) 259.6688

Editor's Note – There appears to be additional activities that are occurring throughout the barony that are not listed in the above column. If you are doing cool activities or hosting meetings, please let me know at chronicler@ayreton.org or at 630-750-0965 for inclusion into the Zephyr.

Thank you.

Master Dougale MacAlestyr persona story continued from page 3

Hall says; "Wherefore for the safeguard and preservation of his own body he constituted and ordained a certain number, as well of good archers as of divers other persons, being hardy strong, and of agility, to give daily attendance on his person whom he named Yeomen of his Garde, which precedent men thought that he learned of the French King when he was in France, for men remember not any King of England before that time which used such a furniture of daily soldiers." Bacon in his life of Henry VII, says he instituted for the security of his person, a band of fifty archers under a captain to attend him, by the name of Yeomen of his Guard, it is thought that Henry followed the precedent of Louis XI, King of France who ten years previously had established himself a Grand Guard of 100 knights and 200 attendants, the latter were armed as archers when in the battlefield, but at State ceremonials they carried a halberd of a peculiar shape, the hook at the back resembling the beak of a crow."

This goes to show that archers were not just shooters, but trained in the use of arms as well, and I'm assuming, had to be pretty good at it too. They also had to be schooled in the Courtly arts and Protocol in order to be effective as a Royal Attendant.

5) What one cool thing are you hoping to learn about your persona's time period? - I would very much like to learn what really happened to the Princes in the Tower, Edward V and Richard of Shrewsbury, 1st Duke of York.

I think there could be a whole CSI:WotR that could happen were there funding for it.

Persona's continued - Master Robyyan Tor d'Elandris

1) Full SCA name and titles - Robyyan Torr d'Elandris

Master of the Laurel, Baron of the Court of Atlantia, retired Windmaster's Hill, Master of the Pelican
That's plenty... please don't stack them, one is enough. Pick your favorite.

2) Location and date for your persona - France, 1375-1450.

But now I live in the Current Middle Ages, where there are all kinds of interesting ideas, crafts, clothing and activities from other times and places.

3) Why did you choose that time and place? - The clothes, and later, the music.

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The Personas in Your Neighborhood (cont.) - Lady Hildigunnr Hallsordottir

1) Full SCA name and titles - Lady Hildigunnr Halldorsdottir (Often called Hildr, Hilda, or even Hildy, as well as mistakenly called Hildegarde by nearly everyone!)

2) Location and date for your persona - 7th century Scandinavia. (I haven't narrowed it down more than that yet.)

3) Why did you choose that time and place? - The reason I went with Norse was an accident! A few months after joining the SCA, I bought a Norse helm from John Kellum. Later, chatting with a friend on facebook, she said to me, "So, you're probably going to do a Viking armor kit, right?" Startled, I said, "Why would you think that?" She told me that one's helm is generally the defining piece of one's armor kit. I groaned and said, "I didn't know that! Okay, then, I guess I'll do Norse armor." Later, when choosing a name with help from a herald, I figured, "Well, I'm fighting like a Viking, so I guess I'd better BE a viking!" I picked a Norse name, and my fate was sealed.

I wanted to be in 7th century Scandinavia because that's close to the time some scholars believe Beowulf was composed, and near the location of the story as well, and I really love Beowulf!

4) What one cool thing can you share about the time period and location of your persona? - See question 3!

5) What one cool thing are you hoping to learn about your persona's time period? - I want to know what my people were doing then. Were they in Scandinavia yet? (My time period is supposed to be just after the Vikings were driven from the British Isles, but I have not yet researched when that would be, so I might eventually need to change from 7th century to a more accurate time.) If so, were they mostly settling, or were they doing lots of raiding and exploring? And when they came to Scandinavia, were there already people living there? And if so, did they drive them out, enslave them, or mingle with them? And who drove them out of the British Isles in the first place? And (see above) when?

Persona's continued - Master Robyyan Tor d'Elandris Pge 4

4) What one cool thing can you share about the time period and location of your persona? - Houppelandes. Short, long, in-between, baggy sleeves, open sleeves... there's endless variety. And now I'm thinking I might need a new one.

5) What one cool thing are you hoping to learn about your persona's time period - I'm quite honestly more interested in learning cool things in general and not limiting to time and place, although that's a nice bonus. Activities of daily life are endlessly fascinating - how did people really do the things that needed to be done? And then there's music notation - did they really read the fancy artwork, or was that just for show? See <https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/09/CordierColor.jpg> or https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/51/Cordier_circular_canon.gif for example.

Personas cont. - Sir Fern de la Foret

1) Full SCA name and titles - Fern de la Foret (the name is registered as Fernanda, but only the heralds use that name!) Titles: Countess Sir Fern. In my understanding of etiquette, the highest title goes first, and then you choose your next favorite title(s), until it becomes an unmanageable mouthful.

2) Location and date for your persona - born 1445, in the Burgundy region of France, at the end of the 100 years' war.

3) Why did you choose that time and place? - Burgundy was the richest region of France in those days, and had close alliances with England (intermittently). I choose it for the wealth and the arts. Wonderful clothes, wonderful illuminated manuscripts (the Book of Hours), and a successful army and political structure.

4) What one cool thing can you share about the time period and location of your persona? - Houppelands! for men and women! Short for men, long and flowing for women! Great headdresses, too!

5) What one cool thing are you hoping to learn about your persona's time period - I have trouble keeping track of the family tree of the Dukes of Burgundy, due to their many intermarriages with the Kings of France. I need some flash cards for them!

Editor's Note – The author requested that they remain anonymous, but believed that this story was important enough to share. The SCA, the group of family and friends that we create for ourselves has the ability to change lives for the better. We greatly affect those around us, by becoming a support system, a place to breathe and just be ourselves. This is invaluable.

The Year I Went to Pennsic

Most stories about Pennsic start out "no sh*t there I was...." and continue to tell a story of amazing victory on the battle field or some amazing feat. My Pennsic "victory" was quieter but at the same time probably one of the greatest victories to come out of "war".

The summer of 2003 was one of the darkest periods in my life. I had just graduated college. I was stuck in a dead end job that left me beyond miserable every shift that I was there. I had moved home with my parents after college and while they really meant well they treated me like I was still in high school instead of someone who had just finished college. Some of that was warranted. I have severe ADHD. When I mean severe, I mean severe. It affects my schooling, my work life, my social life, in fact - all aspects of my life in a negative manner. I'm much better medicated, but at the time I refused meds. My parents and I fought frequently and in addition to the ADHD, I developed a bleak and unrelenting depression that I hid behind a facade of hyperactive ADHD cheerfulness.

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What I spent the week doing, is not so important but what happened to me is- In the middle of Pennsylvania, out in the middle of nowhere with a bunch of other people who were "oddballs" just like me, I realized life wasn't so awful after all and I could go on. I had no idea what the future had in store, but all of a sudden, waking up the next day was not so awful of a prospect.

I had friends in the SCA and decided to go to "war". My parents were not pleased about it. They have always been very overprotective and were convinced something awful would happen to me. I had to go on this trip. I had to. It was either go, or... a really bad other alternative that my current therapist refers to as "a permanent solution to a temporary problem" because things were bad.

I caravanned with friends, and camped for a week. While I am absolutely positive I made my fellow campers crazy, (thank you un-medicated ADHD) and possibly everyone I traveled with crazy, they kindly put up with me. During the week for the first time in my entire life, I had nobody telling me what to do and I was completely my own person. Yes, I had gone away to college, but the college I attended was my parent's "alma mater". My school and parents were 20 minutes away from each other and I always felt like they were over my head watching me.

So, while up until now, nobody has known about this "victory" it did happen. And while it may seem small or insignificant, it wasn't to me. Going to Pennsic literally saved my life.

Quotes from the Middle Ages

Christine de Pisan - 14th C Poet and philosopher

A wise man has said that there is nothing that wins over the hearts of a ruler's subjects more nor that draws them to their lord so much as when they find gentleness and kindness in him.

Gregory of Tours – 6th C Bishop

Now take heed, what love may do, for love will not nor may cast fault nor peril in no thing.

Jacques de Vitry, 13th C Bishop

Some [students] studied merely to acquire knowledge, which is curiosity; others to acquire fame, which is vanity; others still for the sake of gain, which is cupidity and the vice of simony. Very few studied for their own edification, or that of others.

Ayreton Groups Online

If your group has an online presence, let us know and we'll list it here!

Barony of Ayreton: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton/>

The Barony of Ayreton is the name for the Chicago area within the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), a non-profit historic research and educational organization devoted to the study and reenactment of past people and cultures, concentrating on pre-seventeenth century Europe during the Medieval, Middle-Ages, and Renaissance periods, and to reproduce the skills and arts of this era. This is in the Midlands region (Illinois) of the Middle Kingdom (Midrealm, the Great Lakes area of the Midwest of the United States). Go to <http://www.ayreton.org> and <http://www.sca.org> for more information.

Ayreton Archers:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AyretonArchers/>

This is a group to help spread information to the Ayreton Area Archers. Practice times are listed under the Calendar link. Shooting hints and tips are under the Files link.

Ayreton Brewers Guild:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton_Brewing/

This group is for all those gentles who wish to get together and pursue their interest in brewing and vinting. We are located in the Barony of Ayreton, in the Kingdom of the Midrealm. You do not need to be a member of the Barony to be a member of the group.

Here we discuss all matters pertaining the brewing of ales, mead, wines or cordials. We share recipes and tips, support and encouragement. This list is also the primary method for the guild to plan and disseminate information about upcoming meetings and workshops. So whether you are an expert brewer or complete beginner, come join us, ask questions, learn, teach and share your experiences with those around you.

Ayreton Cooks Guild:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ayretoncooks/>

Our mission is to bring delicious, authentic, researched food to the eaters of Ayreton and beyond.

Ayreton Scriptorium:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AyretonScriptorium/>

This is a discussion group for scribes in the SCA Barony of Ayreton located in Chicago and suburbs.

Group Information for the Barony of Ayreton

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