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Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Greetings Unto Ayreton,

As many of you know, my Pennsic trip this year was shortened by extenuating circumstances. I was only able to be there for just a few short days, at the beginning of war, but I tried to make the most of it.

With the support of Herr Alexander Adelbrecht von Markelingen, Mistress Acelina, and Sir Lief we had a showing of Ayreton during opening ceremonies. Lord Leland & Lady (as of a few days after opening Ceremonies) Hildegunner were also close at hand.

Later during champions battles I got to see many of our our fighters & touch base a little. There was kind support offered from many people, including Warder Andrew McBain and Sgt.Gareth Oswestly. I appreciate each and every such offer.

Congratulations to Herr Alexander for participating in his first war battles in over 19 years. Also, as part of the midlands, our fighters were given a field award of dragons teeth for their performance during the Bridge Battles.

I know many of our own taught a number of classes and helped out in many ways, including Dame Nicholla coordinating food for our royalty on site.

I was welcomed with great hospitality at the encampment for our Canton of Foxvale, where I was heartily impressed with the new viking tents HL Richard de Scolay crafted, as well as the rest of their lovely encampment that they share with a Canadian household.

Greetings from the Seneschal

I would first like to thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your seneschal. I am always amazed at the way the people of Ayreton pull together in order to support each other at events, working outside of our own cantons to assist our neighbors.

Thank you for continuing that support of each other while at Pennsic. Your support of our Barony and our kingdom is inspiring.

I look forward to seeing us continue to work and attend canton events this fall and winter and prepare for our upcoming Brewer / Scribal event this February.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, questions or concerns.

THL Gareth Oswestly

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Seneschal	November 15
Baronial Seneschal	November 30
Chatelaine	November 1
Chirurgion	December 1
Chronicler	January 1
Exchequer	October 31
Herald	September 30
Domesday	December 31
Knights Marshal	December 1
Archery Marshal	December 1
Minister of Arts & Sciences	October 1
Baronial MoAS	October 15
Minister of Youth	October 15
Rapier Marshal	December 1
Webminister	November 15

Calendar of Events

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

Coronation of Cadogen and AnnMarie

Barony of Flaming Grypon- Dayton, OH
September 27, 2014

Fields of Cloth and Gold

Barony of Illiton - Metamora, IL
October 3 - 5

Fall Crown Tournament

Shire of Greyhope – Hammond, IN
October 18, 2014

All Hallows Revel

Canton of Lochmorrow – Glasford, IL
October 25, 2014

All Soul's

Canton of Vanished Wood, Roselle, IL
November 1, 2014

Crystal Ball XXXI Dance of the Deadly and Divine

Barony of Shattered Crystal, Highland, IL
November 8-9, 2014

Bardic Madness

Shire of Ravenslake, Lake Villa, IL
November 15, 2014

Royal University of the Midrealm

Shire of Wurmwald, Urbana, IL
November 22, 2014

Greetings from the Chatelaine

From the first, I discovered that everyone in the Barony of Ayreton is a better chatelaine than I could ever hope to be. I learn so much from each of you. The enthusiasm of this barony is joyful and sincere. While demos, events and group activities introduce us to new people, the real gift is when they make a home with us, as friends and chosen family. You master this gift. Thank you all for your example.

Demos accomplished this Summer

Fern (Laurie Erickson), Chatelaine of Tree-Girt-Sea, organized separate demos for four Cub Scout groups. The woman is a wonder, as are all of the people who volunteered their time and expertise to make each of the demos a hit: Vixxie, Melly, Susanna, Godryk, Guerric, Gillian, Acelina, Thomas and his sons Curtis, Alan, and Bradly; Cezara, Sarasvati, Hyacinth, Margaret, Anna. Thank you all!

Events and demos this Fall

There will be two demos the first weekend of October. Each is expected to have visitors numbering in the hundreds. The annual RSO fair at University of Chicago is Friday the 3rd. A demo at a new location this year is on Saturday the 4th, during Manekineko Con, this year hosted in Matteson. Both of these events are organized by Chatelaine of the Canton of Grey Gargoyles, Vixxie (Jennifer Bradley), who no doubt will welcome volunteers. Finally, a much-loved annual event provided by the Canton of Vanished Wood, All Souls, will have a New Persons Walkabout and Table, so invite new people!

Most of you have heard the phrase that every member is a chatelaine. In our barony, it's true. There are a number of group pages with good discussion and ideas on Facebook, for the chatelaine-minded:

- SCA Middle Kingdom Chatelaines
- SCA Newcomers' Point
- SCA Middle Kingdom Demo Coordinators
- SCA Chatelaines - The SCA Welcome Wagon
- SCA Recruitment
- Dragon Army Recruitment

Please let Chatelaine Deputy Brigid (Bridget Murphy), Chatelaine Deputy of Demo Coordination Dunstan (Rob Hicks), myself or any Canton Chatelaine know if you have questions, advice, comments, or cookies... May you continue to reach out to others and welcome them, teaching and including them, fueling the dream.

Medb, Ayreton Baronial Chatelaine

Several people kept the (electronic) carrier pigeons busy with updates on events for those of us who could not attend. Thank you Banamhaighstir Hillary for being one of them. So many wonderful things happened and were joyfully recounted by many. Beyond Lady Hildegunner's new status and first Pennsic battles, this war saw our first two baronial champions made knight (Sir Alexandru, & Sir Seamus). So there was quite the full range of things for Ayretonians going on.

I wish that I could have spent more time, seen more people, but alas there was only so much.

I'm sure I am missing a great number of things and people, but for now all I can say is a heartfelt thank you to all who did Ayreton proud.

Nadezda
Baroness Ayreton

Demo Announcement

Come One, Come All!

On Sunday, October 5, the Canton of Foxvale will be holding an open demo at the Batavia Public Library. Library hours are 12 – 5; we can't start setting up before noon, the demo starts when the first modern person wanders in, and we have to be out by 5. Past demos in this space have included heavy fighting and group dancing; tables and chairs will be available that can be used for displays, demonstrations or activities. The room is equipped with several projection screens, but projection equipment is not available from the library. There is also a kitchen which can be used to store and serve food but not to prepare it. Outside food can be brought in but not catered (that is, we can buy bread and cheese and fruit and make them available to the public, but we can't bring in a Subway party tray). The library has an onsite coffee shop.

If you have a particular presentation you would like to schedule please contact either Bergard Solgai, Foxvale Chatelaine, or Hillary of Langforde, Foxvale Seneschal, both of whom are listed in the Baronial Officers' directory elsewhere in this publication. If you have something you would like to display or demonstrate it would be helpful to know about it in advance so that we make sure we have enough tables and chairs, but we will do our best to accommodate last minute additions (it's live theatre, after all). You do not need to have a particular display or demonstration in order to come out and be part of things, however – the more people in costume we have wandering around, the better.

Watch the Ayreton Facebook page and Yahoo group for updates.

Court Report

Lots to Report – Stay tuned!

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@yahogroups.com

Grey Gargoyles Fighter Practice

Contact: Lady Susanna – mickel14@att.net

Monday

Consort Music

Contact: Master Robyyan - (773) 764.1920

Tuesday (Every other)

Silver Thimble Guild

Contact: Mistress Juliana – (773)750.2180

Wednesday

Court and Country Music Group

Contact: CourtAndCountry@gmail.com

Archery Practice

Contact: Forester Aethelwulf of Dover –

Athelwulf@Dizzywulf.com

Midweek Fighter Practice

Contact: Lord Kith - kith3609@sbcglobal.net

Ayreton Leatherwork

Contact: Seamus – jon@armlann.com (708) 344.8320

Thursday

The Pippens – Madrigal and Early Music Singing Group

Contact: Mistress Gianetta – (312) 259.6688

Vanished Wood Sewing Circle

Contact: Mistress Katherine – knwkwf@yahoo.com

Greetings from the Herald

Sain Bainu! I am honored to have been chosen by unanimous acclaim to succeed the worthy & Honorable Lord Alexander Adelbrecht von Markelingen as the Ayreton Pursuivant (although it should perhaps be noted that I ran unopposed...). Herr Alexander has graciously consented to stay on as my deputy for the beginning of my tenure, but he has his own office to which to devote his energies, so my first order of business is to ask if there is anyone among you who would have an interest in serving in that capacity. I became the deputy two years ago equipped with little more than an interest in Heraldry – I had some knowledge of book Heraldry but no experience with voice Heraldry beyond making one announcement at an event, and a background in theater. Contact me via Facebook or email me at danceswithwords42@yahoo.com and thank you in advance for your willingness to serve our lovely Barony.

Huzzah to all good gentles of Ayreton whose service to the Kingdom was publicly acknowledged at the recent Wars! The official reports are not yet published, but in the fullness of time the awards and honors will be enumerated. Watch this space.

This is my first experience with holding a Baronial office, so I entreat your kind indulgence while I find my feet, as it were, as well as your pardon in advance if I stumble. I welcome the good counsel of any who would offer it, especially those more experienced in the Heraldic arts. I would also like to commend to your notice the incoming Baronial Signet, THL Ercc Glaison, who has assumed the mantle so admirable filled by THL Elianora Saunfayle. Many thanks to them both.

In closing I would like to once again recognize the excellent service of my predecessor – a tough act to follow, to be sure – may Tengri smile upon my efforts; may I disappoint neither him, Their Excellencies, nor the gentle populace of Ayreton.

Living the Code, Serving the Dream

Berngard Solgai, called 'Moose'
Ayreton Pursuivant
Canton of Foxvale
Dark Horde Moritu

Quotes About the Middle Ages

"It is seldom possible to say of the medievals that they *always* did one thing and *never* another; they were marvelously inconsistent."

— **Thomas Cahill, *Mysteries of the Middle Ages: The Rise of Feminism, Science and Art from the Cults of Catholic Europe***

"Those darling byegone times, Mr Carker,' said Cleopatra, 'with their delicious fortresses, and their dear old dungeons, and their delightful places of torture, and their romantic vengeances, and their picturesque assaults and sieges, and everything that makes life truly charming! How dreadfully we have degenerated!"

— **Charles Dickens, *Dombey and Son***

"Magic begins in superstition, and ends in science. ... At every step the history of civilization teaches us how slight and superficial a structure civilization is, and how precariously it is poised upon the apex of a never-extinct volcano of poor and oppressed barbarism, superstition and ignorance. Modernity is a cap superimposed upon the Middle Ages, which always remain."

— **Will Durant**

Emma

by Nadezda ZeZastrizl



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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The Canton of Foxvale

(Aurora IL area)

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The Canton of Grey Gargoyles

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(Southwest Chicago Suburbs)

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The Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea

(North Side of Chicago)

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