



THE ZEPHYR



April 2018- Anno Societatis 52

Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Greetings Ayreton!

We would like to extend our thanks to all of you (and it's really all of you) who attend events within the Barony and lend a needed hand. You all teach classes, help cook, help set up, help clean up, you all help each other making Ayreton stronger. And then you travel beyond Our borders and do the same at regional events and at kingdom events. We have seen you working at Val Day, at Maidens, at Courting on the River and at Better War. We have seen your efforts at Twelfth Night, and Scribin and Imbibin and at Stone Dog. We see your work, your love and your joy and We celebrate you. Thank you for all you do. You have our gratitude and our respect. We are singing your praises so that Ayreton is renowned for its generosity of spirit and time.

As the days become warmer and our events shift to outdoor, please remember to hydrate, to add sun block and to care for yourselves and each other. We will have water, snacks, sun block and a first aid kit available for all who need it at events we attend. Look for the banner, please join us when you are able. Share your deeds with Us and share the deeds of others. We love reading your stories and viewing your photos of your successes as you journey throughout Ayreton and beyond.

We have a boon to ask of the people of Ayreton. If there are populace within the cantons that we may not know by name, please someone take the time to introduce them to us at upcoming events. We truly want to be available to all of Ayreton and as new members come in, they may not be as comfortable stopping by to say "hi" as more experienced populace. If there are people that are doing the "thing" and should be recognized in some manner, please let us know. Be Our eyes and ears so that We can make all feel welcome and appreciated. In respect, service and love....

Pro vi Ayreton

Gareth and Hillary

(photo by Evzenie at Baroness Wars, TE's are wearing garb made by Lette de Cherselawe of the Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea)

Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings,

Due to a scheduling error on my part, the Spring meeting will be on SUNDAY, May 20th, beginning at 2pm.

The site is: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, [14700 Kildare Ave, Midlothian, Illinois 60445](http://www.14700KildareAve.com). The format will be: Fight practice at 2pm. Baronial meeting at 4pm. Canton meeting/potluck immediately to follow. The site has a kitchen, and is wet! Please, plan on having a good time!

Next... It's that time again. Elections will be taking place at the Summer meeting!

If you are interested in running for an office, *and are not the incumbent* please submit a written statement of interest to ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org BY MAY 13TH. Paper copies of all statements will be available for all members of the populace to read. I will be sharing with Their Excellencies and the incumbent. If you are an officeholder and wish to continue holding that office, please e-mail me with a brief note saying so.

Finally...

As is required, I've been reviewing the Baronial Charter. I'm working on revisions, particularly the section on Elections - it's a bit vague and open to interpretation. I will be revising it, with proposed text sent to the populace before the meeting, and available for review *at* the meeting. It will also be published in the Zephyr, as required.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

YIS,

Tieron

Greetings from the Chronicler

Gentle Cousins!

Greetings from the Chronicler. As April warms us and Spring begins to show signs of life, our thoughts turn to preparation for war, camping, and diverse summer activities. Please think about writing up some of these things. We have much to learn from each other.

This issue contains a very important document. The Baronial charter is under review, and our Seneschal THL Tieron has provided a copy in this issue for all to see. Please send him any comments or questions you may have. There will be a discussion at the next Baronial meeting on May 20.

As we gear up to travel to many lands for events, remember to be safe. Drink water (especially as it gets warmer). Remember to pack your sunscreen. Be careful out there (in the spirit of nostalgic cultural references).

See you out in the sun.

In service,
THL Evzenie (known as Zanie)

Calendar of Events

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

- *April 7** Stone Dog Inn 14 Canton of the Grey Gargoyles, Midlothian, IL
- April 20-22** Border Raids, Barony of the Flame, Eminence, KY
- April 21** 3 Saints and a Tournament of Defence Barony of Rivenstar, West Lafayette, IN
- April 21** Midlands A&S Faire Shire of Ravenslake, Lake Villa, IL
- April 28** The Awakening: Armored Easter Egg Hunt Shire of Baile na Scolairi, McLean, IL
- May 5** Spring Coronation Barony of the Middle Marches, Marysville, Ohio
- May 11-13** Crystal Chamfron Barony of Shattered Crystal, Wood River, IL
- May 19** Quest for No-Man's Land III Shire of Runvidarstadr, Warren, IL
- May 26-27** Spring Crown Tourney and Kingdom A&S Shire of Mynydd Seren, Martinsville, IN
- June 8-10** Border Skirmish Shire of Ravenslake, Elkhorn, WI
- June 15-17** Ragnarok Rampage! Barony of Carraig Ban, Dixon, IL
- June 23** Performing Arts Symposium Shire of Wurmwald, Champaign, IL
- *July 7** Day of Playe 3: Tilting At Windmills Canton of Rokkehealdan, Gilberts, IL

Next Baronial Meeting:

Sunday May 20th

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, [14700 Kildare Ave, Midlothian, Illinois 60445](http://www.ststephenlutheran.org)

(Stone Dog Inn site)

Fight Practice starts 2pm

Baronial Meeting 4pm

Grey Gargoyles Canton Meeting & Potluck immediately following

The site has a kitchen and is wet.



Stone Dog Inn

April 7, 2018 St Stephen Lutheran Church, 14700 Kildare Ave, Midlothian

Autocrats: Etienne le Couteau des Roches & Berngard Solgai, called Moose

We're still working out most of the details, but a few things we have nailed down. The feast will be presented by **The Amazing Samii, Feastocrat for Life** (no pressure), and the event will include ... (drum roll) ...

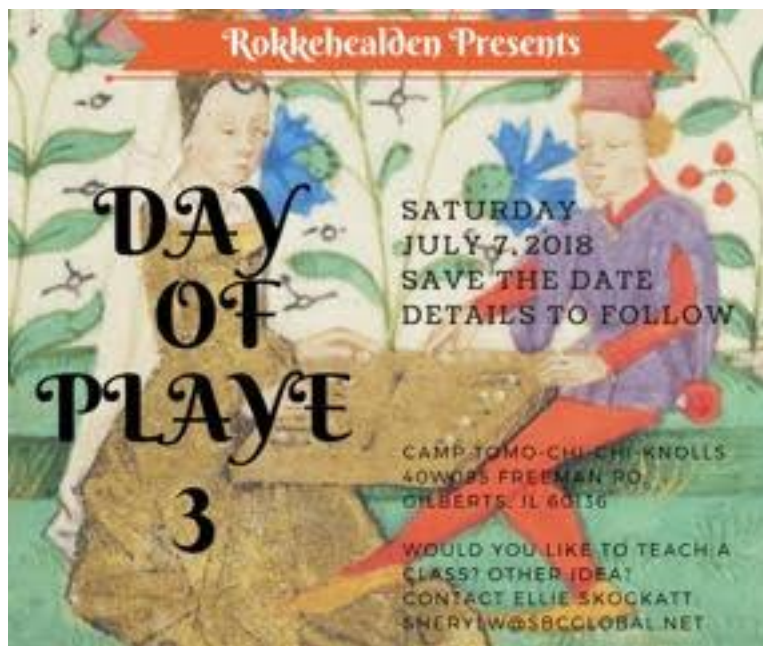
Our Big Fat SCA Wedding!

When we started talking about getting married, a number of people suggested we do it at an event. It made sense -- not only had we been SCA friends for a long time prior to becoming a couple, but it would save us the trouble of trying to find a weekend when our friends wouldn't be going to an event. We love all our local events, but there was really only one choice. We met at the very first Stone Dog Inn, after all.

The wedding is not going to take over the event. There will be some wedding-related elements, but this is, first and foremost, an SCA event, and it's not going to be all about the wedding.

Of course, it will feature the usual games and some variety of auction and tavern brawl, and it sounds like there may be classes as well. If anyone has ideas for things they'd like to see at Stone Dog (wedding-related or otherwise), or things they've seen in the past that they really enjoyed (or really didn't), we'd like to know about it. A Facebook event page and an event website will be forthcoming shortly.

We would love to get our hands on any pictures from early Stone Dogs -- the older, the better. Pictures from the first auction would be pure gold. Start gathering your goodies for the Pawn Shop and finding last year's event money!



AYRETON BARONIAL CHARTER

Proposed April 2018

Preamble

Whereas the purpose of a Barony is to provide new opportunities for fun in the SCA and to create new traditions, let it be known that the Barony of Ayreton claims no jurisdiction over the internal activities of the Cantons, with respect to Canton events, officers, and financial decisions, as long as the Cantons remain sanctioned. The Barony of Ayreton will respect and honor the traditions and customs of the Cantons. All participation in the Baronial activities is strictly voluntary and cooperative.

Article I. Baronial Curia

- A. The duly designated representatives of the Crown, Their Excellency(ies) Ayreton, shall be referred to in this document as the Baronage. One person may be selected, or two individuals of any relationship.
- B. The Baronial Curia is composed of the Baronage, Seneschal, Exchequer, Pursuivant, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Knights Marshal, and Chronicler.
- C. A Quorum of the Baronial Curia shall consist of the Baronage, Seneschal, and two additional members of the Baronial Curia. A quorum is required for all decisions made by Baronial Curia. Written proxies may be counted to achieve a quorum for decisions.
- D. Additional officer positions may be established by the Baronial Curia, and such additional officers will not be members of the Baronial Curia. The Baronial Curia will define the qualifications necessary to hold additional officer positions they may create in their discretion.
- E. Officers
- a. All Officers are expected to send copies of reports required by their office to the Baronial Seneschal and to the Baronage.
- b. Officers are expected to present a briefing on their area of responsibility at every Baronial Meeting, either in person or through a designee.
- c. All Officers are encouraged to select and train a deputy, that they may assist with the duties of the office, act as a successor should the officeholder need/desire to step down, and retain institutional knowledge of the position.
- d. All officers must pass along all materials and files of the office to their successor, along with access to electronic accounts.
- F. Terms of Office
- . All Baronial positions will have a term of two years from their election, which may be extended by one year no more than twice, with the approval of the Baronage.
- a. After a maximum of 4 years, an officeholder may run for that office again, to be voted on by the Populace.
- G. Officer Transitions
- . Officer selection will be done annually at the Summer Baronial Meeting. Those selected will take office at the next Baronial Curia Meeting.
- a. Officer selection is done by either voice vote or a show of hands, at the Seneschal's discretion, unless someone requests a secret ballot. If a secret ballot is requested, a paper ballot will be collected and counted.
- b. If an officeholder must step down voluntarily out of cycle, they may name their successor (generally expected to be their deputy), for approval by the Baronage. The replacement will then serve out the remainder of the term for that office, as subject to I.F.a-b.
- c. If an officeholder is removed for cause, the Baronage may offer the role to the deputy. If the deputy is found to be unsuitable, or there is none, the Baronage will have the Seneschal issue a call for volunteers, and the Baronage will select from among the available candidates. The replacement will then serve out the remainder of the term for that office, as subject to I.F.a-b.
- d. People interested in taking office or intending to step down from office must:
- i. announce their interest/intention by the Spring Baronial Meeting;
- ii. submit an application in writing to Seneschal, who will provide courtesy copies to the appropriate Baronial officer and the Baronage; and
- iii. meet all requirements for the position they are applying for as defined by the Baronial Curia.
- e. The Barony acknowledges that the Crown and Kingdom Curia have the right to approve or disapprove any local officer. This procedure for selecting an officer is how we choose who we will recommend that Kingdom approve, but Kingdom has the right to accept or reject our recommendation without comment.
- H. Officer Conduct

. Concerns about the official conduct of any Baronial officer other than the Exchequer or Seneschal should be referred to the Seneschal and the Baronage for resolution.

a. Concerns about the official conduct of the Baronial Seneschal should be referred to the Baronage. If the complaint is found to have merit, the Baronage may ask the Seneschal to step down, may terminate the Seneschal for cause, and will refer the matter to the Regional Seneschal, and the Kingdom Seneschal.

b. Concerns about the official conduct of the Baronial Exchequer should be referred to the Baronage and the Seneschal. If the complaint is found to have merit, the Baronage may ask the Exchequer to step down, may terminate the Exchequer for cause, and will refer the matter to the Regional Exchequer, and the Kingdom Exchequer.

Article II. Decision making

A. When a decision is required of the Baronage, it must be made with the agreement of both individuals, if appropriate. When both are not in agreement on a matter which requires resolution, either individual may refer the matter; to the Crown for resolution of an external matter, or to the Baronial Curia for resolution of an internal matter.

Article III. Meetings

A. The members of the Barony shall meet at least quarterly.

B. The Baronage will conduct the Baronial Meeting, or they may delegate the Seneschal to conduct the meeting on their behalf.

C. Proxy voting

a. An officer or member of the Barony of Ayreton who wishes to vote on an issue when they cannot physically attend the meeting may provide a written proxy to a specific individual covering a specific topic. A proxy vote must be in writing. A hard copy of a written electronic communication is acceptable. The written proxy shall be given to the Seneschal for inclusion with the records of that meeting.

b. An officer or member of the Barony may also attend a meeting electronically, for example via telephone or video conferencing, if the officer or member makes the appropriate arrangements at his or her own expense.

Article IV. Changes and Amendments to the Charter

A. The Ayreton Baronial Charter shall be reviewed by the Seneschal or designated deputy at least once during each Baronial tenure. The review process should be scheduled so as to be completed prior to Baron and/or Baroness investiture or renewal.

B. All proposed changes and amendments to the Baronial Charter must be published for comment at least once in the Zephyr. The commenting period must then be open for at least 30 days, and any changes or amendments must be discussed at a Baronial Meeting before being approved.

C. Approval of changes or amendments to the charter shall be by a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of the members attending the Baronial Meeting at which it has been announced that decisions are to be made on proposed changes and amendments. Proxies will not be accepted for Charter change or amendment decisions.

Article V. Ceremony

A. Awards and Orders

a. The Baronage will create, name and bestow awards and orders as they see fit. These awards and orders will be created primarily to encourage and recognize achievement, as well as to foster group identity and ceremony.

i. A Baronial Award may be given repeatedly to the same recipient unless otherwise noted.

b. The Award of the Pleiades of Ayreton is given to an individual for any form of general service to the Barony.

c. A Baronial Order may be given only once to a single individual.

. The Order of Atlas of Ayreton is a high service honor, given to a person for any form of service to the Barony.

i. The Order of Ursis of Ayreton is a martial arts order, given to a person who excels in any form of martial art.

ii. The Order of Leo of Ayreton is an arts and sciences order, given to a person who excels in any field of the arts and sciences.

iii. The Order of Scorpius of Ayreton is an archery order, given to a person who excels in the field of archery.

iv. The Order of Réalta Ríáin (also known as The Order of Ríáin's Star) is a youth order, given to a person for service and dedication to the youth of the Barony and/or Society.

B. Champions

. Baronial Champions are chosen by the Baronage and serve at Their discretion.

C. Regalia

. The Baronage is responsible for the design of Regalia, with the sage counsel of the Baronial Curia.

a. The Baronial Exchequer shall maintain an inventory of all Baronial regalia in accordance with Midrealm policy

Article VI. Events

- A. Upcoming Baronial Events will be announced sufficiently in advance to allow all members of Ayreton the opportunity to submit an Event Bid for running the event.
- B. An Event Bid shall include the proposed date, location, Event Steward, Feast Steward, and budget.
- C. Baronial Events will be approved by a simple majority of members in attendance at a Baronial Meeting at which the final bid is presented.

Article VII. Guilds

- A. The Barony of Ayreton supports its artisans in their Arts and Sciences endeavors. To that end, the Barony encourages the formation of Guilds. Approval by the Baronial Curia is required to use the name "Ayreton" in the name of any Guild.



Using the 3 word mapping system at the war

Pennsic 31 was my first war. In those days there was, adjacent the dance tent, a small alcove that contained a large blow up map of the war, and written in were the varied encampments and a reference system so you could locate them easily.

Since that time the alcove has disappeared, google maps is slow going, and finding a various encampment can be a real pain.

Three words can be a solution to this.

Three words is procedurally generated mapping of every 3 meter square on earth which means that you can point to a specific tent at a specific a specific encampment.

In other words, you can point to the front gate of the Midrealm encampment (recollect.irrigated.crash), or distinguish the location of the barn camp store (thrashed.sweetner.prodigy) and Aunt Pat's Restaurant which is in the same building and adjacent (typed.blatant.talent).

With 3 words you can point to your favorite store, favorite bardic circle, even map your vehicle location on iron hill.

So take a look at the mapping system and let us know any good Ideas you can come up with.

Yours in service

The Honorable Lord Dunstan Bramblette

Humble camper at House Raeburn (organic.graduating.mosaic)

<https://map.what3words.com>

https://www.ted.com/talks/chris_sheldrick_a_precise_three_word_address_for_every_place_on_earth

Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	June 1
Chatelaine	May 1
Chronicler	July 1
Exchequer	April 30
Herald	June 30
Knight's Marshal	June 1
MoAS	July 1
Baronial MoAS	July 15
Minister of Youth	July 15
Rapier Marshal	May 1
Equestrian Marshal	May 14
Seneschal	May 1
Baronial Sen.	May 15
Webminister	May 15

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

Future Article Ideas – Your cool stuff HERE!

- Event reviews
- Recipes from events
- Movie/Book reviews
- “How to” articles
- No “kidding” there I was stories
- SCA administration reports
- Upcoming event ads
- History reports
- Poetry/stories/song lyrics
- Museum/exhibit reviews
- Newcomer articles
- My SCA Life stories
- Pictures of events
- Pictures of you, your family, your friends
- Other great ideas I haven't thought of yet

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 vintning. 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

The Barony of Ayreton

(Chicagoland area)

Website: www.ayreton.org

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The Canton of Foxvale

(Aurora IL area)

Website: www.foxvale.org

Email list: Contact Banamhaighstir Hillary of Langforde for information (jeffnaggie@aol.com)

Seneschal: THL Yamamura Kitsune

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The Canton of Grey Gargoyles

(South Side of Chicago and Southeast Chicago Suburbs)

Website: <http://midrealm.org/greygargoyles/>

Email list: groups.yahoo.com/group/GreyGargoyles

Seneschal: Mistress Helewyse de Birkestad

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The Canton of Rokkehealden

(Southwest Chicago Suburbs)

Website: www.midrealm.org/rokkehealden

Seneschal: Lady AElfreda aet Aethelwealda

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The Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea

(North Side of Chicago)

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Email list: groups.yahoo.com/group/SCA-Tree-Girt-Sea

Seneschal: Mistress Gianetta Andreini da Vicenza

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The Canton of Vanished Wood

(Northwest Chicago Suburbs)

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Minister of Youth: Vacant

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