



THE ZEPHYR



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Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Happy Summer Ayreton!

We would like to say thank you to everyone who worked hard on making the canton and Ayreton events happen this year. We have seen so many people from different cantons helping each other by marshalling, assisting in kitchens, teach classes and helping with set up and clean up. This is what makes Ayreton great, and we thank you for it. We also thank you assisting other groups outside of Ayreton. We have heard of your generosity and kindness from others.

With Pennsic coming up we would love to have those of you who are going to walk with us during opening ceremonies. It is scheduled for 6 pm on the battlefield on Saturday, August 6th. We would all need to meet at Midrealm Royal about a half an hour before we start walking towards the field. If you are able, please join us in blue and green and rock the Ayreton pride. People may leave once the march to the dais is completed, while everyone is welcome to watch the completion of opening ceremonies, no one is expected to stay for the duration.

Remember summer events means sun, and heat. Stay hydrated, pay attention to what your body is telling you and take care of you.

We will also be doing an Ayreton get-together at Pennsic right before Midnight Madness. We will not be holding a Pennsic court this year, this will be a relaxed social event for people to hang out and share Pennsic stories. Details to follow. We will post information on both social media as well as the Ayreton Yahoo groups email.

We would like to thank THL Elaine Ladd who has served for years as one of the Largess Coordinators on our staff. She has worked diligently to organize and create gift baskets for incoming royalty and for other baronies. Her work has been beautifully received and we are grateful for her efforts. If anyone wishes to step into that position in order to assist Sir Fern, the other hard working Largess Coordinator please contact us.

Congratulations to the newly formed Ayreton Metal Workers and Jewelers Guild, they premiered at Rokkehealden's Day of Play and have already taught classes, held a demonstration and gifted largess items to the barony. We also say thank you to all canton and baronial officers. Many times your work is unseen, but we appreciate all that you do.

Remember that anyone can contact us at anytime to throw out an idea, to make award recommendations or to offer opinions. Your viewpoints matter and have value.

Thank you everyone! You have our love and respect.

Gareth and Hillary



Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings, Ayretonians!

First, I want to say how delighted I was by the Ayreton presence at Midrealm 50. Our display in the History Hall was a beautiful showcase for how Ayreton and its Cantons have contributed to the Midrealm for 5 decades now. Ayretonians were also everywhere, volunteering in every capacity. It made me proud!

Second, I wish to apologize for the confusion over elections and their schedules. Recordkeeping wasn't always as good as it could have been, and there were inconsistent records for various offices. Their Excellencies, my amazing deputy Andreas, and I have come up with a consistent policy, and will be seeing it published regularly, and adhered to. Andreas and I have also identified opportunities for improvements and clarifications in the Baronial Charter, and we will be working on those in the future.

Third - congratulations to the Ayreton Metal Workers & Jewelers Guild for becoming officially established as a Guild of the Barony! I'm sure they will be creating wonderful items for years to come!

Finally, safe travels and a wonderful War to those of the Barony who are journeying to Pennsic! His Majesty was very successful in securing allies, and I'm sure our combined forces will triumph over the East!

Yours in Service,
Tieron Alainn

Ayreton 2019 Meeting Schedule

3/31/19: Tree Girt Sea
6/30/19: Vanished Woods
9/29/19: Grey Gargoyles
11/10/19 Foxvale

The first three meetings are on 5th Sundays, to avoid conflicts with recurring meetings. The last 5th Sunday of the year is Dec 29, but that didn't seem practical.

Look for meeting details on the Barony Facebook Page & Group.

YIS, Tieron
Seneschal, Ayreton

Greetings from the Chronicler

Gentle Cousins!

Are you going to Pennsic? Dietrich and I are, for the first time in 12 years. I'm terrified and excited. If you are going to Pennsic, remember to hydrate, wear sunscreen, and remember that it's your vacation—and think about writing something up for the October Zephyr!! If you're not going to Pennsic,, stay safe in the summer weather and think about writing up something for the October Zephyr!

We also have some fun filk songs by our own Berengard (aka Moose) to sing around some campfire or other in the coming months.

Please excuse the general look of this quarter's issue. I'm getting around to playing with the formatting of things and it's a work in progress.

A bit of exciting news is that our Tanists, Seto & Ynes, hail from the Barony of Illiton in our own region of the Midlands. This should provide us with lots of opportunities for fun royally attended events, the next of which should be Duchess/Baroness Wars in Swordcliffe on August 23-25. The Barony is also working on hosting Twelfth Night in January. their Highnesses have been invited and have indicated they would like to come. THL Dietrich von Hamburg and a yet-to-be-named co-steward are working on plans, let him know if you're interested (see the blurb below).

I'd like to interview someone for the October issue for the Ayreton Pastimes column, could it be you? Reach out if you're interested.

Finally, I've updated the official emails on the contact page at the end of the issue. Please use these official emails when you're trying to connect with an officer of the Barony. If you notice an error in the emails please let me know.

See you out in the world!

In service,
THL Evzenie (known as Zanie)



*A Brace of Lyrical Diversions for the Historical & Cultural Edification and/or
Amusement of the Populace, Rendered by the Friendly Neighborhood Mongol
Berngard Solgai, called Moose*

CRISPIN'S DAY

(a filk of Yesterday, by paul MacCartney)

Crispin's Day

English army marching toward Calais

Fighting dysentery all the way

To Agincourt, on Crispin's Day

Aquitaine

Henry vowed he'd take it back again

Likewise Normandy, Anjou, and Maine

At Agincourt, he pressed his claim

Oh, you happy few

Band of brothers, in the fray

All will know you stood with your king

On Crispin's Day!

Victory

Thanks to awesome English archery

And a bit of French stupidity

At Agincourt, on Crispin's Day

Deo Gracias Anglia...

MAC THE KNIFE

(a filk of Mack the Knife by Kurt Weill)

Oh, the guards have great big swords, sir,

Standing watch throughout the night

Just a boot knife has Lord Macbeth, sir,

And he keeps it out of sight.

In a chamber in the tower

Lies King Duncan, oozing life

And someone's bolting down the stairs, sir,

Could that someone be Mac the Knife?

Well, he named you Thane of Cawdor

As those witches called your fate

But they told you that you'd be king, too

And your wife, sir, can't stand to wait...

SOME SUNDRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you love podcasts? Do you love SCA history, stories and lore? Then check out



Available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2cdjre2>

Twelfth Night Planning Announcement

Good people of Ayreton, greetings from Dietrich von Hamburg,

I am working on organizing a 12th Night event for January 2020. We have Royalty from the region who are interested in coming to this event. The idea was given the “go ahead” at the last business meeting.

The proposed date is January 11, 2020. This should not conflict with the Pentamere event or with Maidens.

There are several possible sites. I am hoping to pick one and reserve it soon.

There are several traditional activities that take place at 12th Night; classes, dancing, feast, music, lunch, as well as Court.

I am looking for feedback and additional ideas for activities. I am looking for people to help organize and run these activities, along with the usual set up, gate, clean up, etc.

I would like to have a co-event steward.

I think it would be lovely to have a Spanish Tapas Feast.

There is a lot to do and only 6 months to plan and put on this event. Please talk to me about your ideas and what you are interested in working on.

In Service

Dietrich (evildietrich@comcast.net)



Be Part of the Ayreton Family Photos!

Their Excellencies Hillary and Gareth are taking this show on the road – And they hope you'll join them! As Ayreton travels around the kingdom (and beyond!), we will be organizing a group photo for folks from Ayreton to come out and represent. Details can be found with Their Excellencies or any members of their staff. (Look for their presence set up at the event!)



Ayreton at Better War Through Archery

Baronial Court Reports

Scribin' & Imbibin':

Dunstan Bramblette (Leo)

Reimar Erickson (Pleiades)

Valdimir, Son of Arne (Pleiades)

Helen of Rokkhealdon was presented with her AOA given at a previous royal court.

Elayne Ladd was the bearer of the Chain of Ayreton.

Daye of Playe:

Ambr Stormwatch (Pleiades)

Etienne Le Counteau DesRoches (Leo)

Yamamura Kitsune (Baron's Cypher)

Anne Lovell (Pleiades)

Edward Quill was presented with his Purple Fret given at a previous royal court.

Hjalmr "The Boulder" Njalsson was given a personal token of esteem by TE for his skill at twerking.

Elli Skogkatt was the bearer of the Chain of Ayreton.

Baronial Office Election Cycle

Office Title	Election Cycle	Next Election	Notes
Seneschal	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Webminister	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Exchequer	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
MoAS	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Knight Marshall	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Rapier Marshall	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Archery Marshall	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Chatelaine	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Thrown Weapons Marshall	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Chronicler	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Youth Minister	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Herald	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020

Group Information for the Barony of Ayreton

The Barony of Ayreton (Chicagoland area) Website: <https://ayreton.midrealm.org/>

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The Canton of Foxvale

(Aurora IL area)

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The Canton of Grey Gargoyles

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The Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea (North Side of Chicago) Website: <http://treegirtsea.midrealm.org/>

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The Canton of Vanished Wood (Northwest Chicago Suburbs) Website:

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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@yahoo.com

Grey Gargoyles Fighter Practice

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Monday

Consort Music

Contact: Master Robyyan - (773) 764.1920

Tuesday

Thieves of Heart Fighter Practice

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Renaissance Dance

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Wednesday

Court and Country Music Group

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Archery Practice

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Vanished Wood Sewing Circle

Contact: Mistress Katherine – knwkwf@yahoo.com

Mid Week Fighter Practice

Contact: Sir Kith - kith3609@sbcglobal.net

Thursday

The Pippins – Madrigal and Early Music Singing Group

Contact: Mistress Gianetta – (312) 259.6688



(Photo taken at Border Skirmish, photo credit THL Evzenie)



Ayreton at Pennsic 47 photo credit Mistress Acelina

Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	Sept 1
Chatelaine	Aug 1
Chronicler	Oct 1
Exchequer	July 31
Herald	Sept 30
Knight's Marshal	Sept 1
MoAS	Oct 1
Baronial MoAS	Oct 15
Minister of Youth	Oct 15
Rapier Marshal	Aug 1
Equestrian Marshal	Aug 14
Seneschal	Aug 1
Baronial Sen.	Aug 15
Webminister	Aug 15

Calendar of Events

Go to the Midrealm calendar at <https://a12c.encyva.com/apex/f?p=331:33:5737690411520:&tz=-5:00> for a complete list.

July 6: A Simple Day in the Country, Sternfeld, Danville IN

July 26-August 11: Pennsic War, Coopers Lake Campground, Slippery Rock PA

August 23-25: Duchess/Baroness Wars, Swordcliffe, Taylorville IL

August 30-Sept 2: Known World Cooks & Bards, Shattered Crystal, Wood River IL

September 14: Artisan's Day, Ravenslake, Lake Villa IL

September 20-22: Foxhunt, Foxvale, Big Rock IL

September 28: Fall Coronation, Illiton, Pekin IL

Ayreton Groups Online—Please note—this info is undergoing review. If you see any errors please let the Editor know.

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 AyretonArea 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.



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