 The Zephyr

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**Greetings from the Chronicler**

*Hillary of Langeforde*

Thank you to Baroness Sarafina for her amazing work as Chronicler, and to Lady Margaret who came before her. All of your efforts creating the Zephyr make my job a thousand times easier.

Thank you all for the opportunity to publish our newsletter. Hope you like it, but always, if you have ideas, want to see certain articles or have suggestions email me at Jeffnaggie@aol.com. I want this to belong to all of us and to represent the amazingly wonderful populace of Ayreton.

As Sarafina so aptly stated in April:

I’m happy to receive submissions of any sort for our newsletter. If you write it or draw it, I’ll find space to publish it. We are publishing on a quarterly basis, and the next issue will come out in August, with a submission deadline of July 25th. I look forward to your contributions!

**Greetings from the Seneschal**

Greeting Ayretonians,

As per our last baronial meeting on this past Sunday, it was announced that there will be Officer elections in June. If you are interested in running for office, or are a Baronial Officer already and wish to maintain your position, please declare your intent here within the next few days. Elections will take place at the June meeting scheduled for June 29 at Ghita's house in Bensenville. Attendance for candidates for office is strongly recommended.

 YIS

 Etienne

Greetings from the Youth Minister

Greetings, good people of Ayreton! The need for youth services in our young barony has made itself apparent, and so we are creating a Ministry of Youth. We need to know which services are most needed, so if you are a parent, please email Lady Byrgithe Muller (Katje Sabin, mamagotcha@gmail.com) with a list of the ages of your children that might be interested in participating, and what they'd like to do at events. At this time, we are looking at Page School (A&S/service), and Youth Combat (boffering) programs. Is there anything else you'd love to see added? Let us know! Also, if you know of a family that has bowed out of local SCA events because of lack of youth activities, would you please forward this request to them? With much gratitude for your assistance, Lady Byrgithe

Greetings from the Herald

Baronial Pursuivant Report

Serving in the Kitchens and at Feasts, she has a heart of Dragons fire and it shows in her joyful Greetings Friends,

The long winter is past us, knock on wood; and we are looking forward to what I know will be a fun and active campaign season. Coronation is fast upon us, Their Highnesses will ascend the throne and we welcome them as the Midrealm always does, with bravery and courage befitting the Dragons we are.

As we step forward into this future, I am preparing to step aside as your pursuivant I have come to know this Barony for the marvelous collection of personalities that it is. You are all such incredible, spirited and beautiful people. It has been an honor to serve Ayreton and Their Excellencies and I would gladly do it for many more years.

As I declare my intent to yield the office to a successor, I would ask you to look to my Deputy, Lady Berngard Solgai (Called Moose). Lady Berngard has served the Barony faithfully since she took up the mantle of Deputy Ayreton Pursuivant. At my request she compiled a Full Baronial Order of Precedence and throughout the project she maintained excellent communication and was faithful to the needs of the office in time and energy. It is my fervent belief that she has proven herself worthy of becoming the next Baronial Pursuivant. You will recognize Lady Berngard from the past few Baronial Courts, where she has served as Herald in Charge, giving the service of her voice to Their Excellencies in those Courts. She is a recognized face among the Fox Vale Unit, often joining her Canton in service to events both at home and among the rest of our Baronies Lands.

I pray you will consider Lady Berngard Solgai to be a worthy successor to the role of Ayreton Pursuivant. I know in my heart that she will serve faithfully and admirably.

In Faithful Service to the Barony, The Dragon and The Dream,

Herr Alexander Adelbrecht von Markelingen, C.D.H., A.P.F.Ayreton Pursuivant

*Herr Alexander Adelbrecht von Markelingen*

*Pursuivant, Ayreton*

**From the Deputy Pursuivant**

Sain Bainu, good people of Ayreton! For the last two years I have provided what assistance was asked of me and within my ability to our esteemed Baronial Pursuivant, and done my best to carry out the tasks with which I was charged in my capacity as his deputy. Sadly, the day is rapidly approaching when Herr Alexander will vacate the post of Baronial Pursuivant, and it is my intention to take his place, if it be Their Excellencies’ and your own good gentles’ will. I would not have answered Herr Alexander’s call for a deputy if I was not eager for the opportunity to serve the Barony in this capacity as well as to enrich my understanding of the heraldic arts, but I approach this transition knowing that I still have much to learn. I would like to publicly commend Herr Alexander for all his excellent work while he held the office, building a strong foundation for all who come after him, and also for the guidance, support and assistance he has provided me during my tenure as his deputy, and I hope to carry on as his successor following his example of service. Therefore I ask for your support not only in the upcoming election, but also afterwards, that I may continue to learn from the greater knowledge and experience of others to the benefit of all.

Living the Code, Serving the Dream

Berngard Solgai, called ‘Moose’

Deputy Pursuivant

**Greetings from our Baron and Baroness**

Greetings Unto Ayreton,

With Spring here & summer just around the corner, along with new crops in our fields there are a new crop of opportunities for Ayretonians to shine. Coming up soon is the kingdom A&S fair at Crown tourney (May 24-25). Boarder Skirmish (June 13-15), a local favorite, is not long after. In fact most upcoming events will have some A&S activity. Many are relatively nearby.

Fighters looking for area practices would find it worthwhile to check the *Ayreton Area Fight Practice* Facebook Page. Though Facebook pages are not meant to be anything 'official' in the eyes of corpora, they do offer us a very dynamic way of communicating changes in schedules to those people interested in them. As the summer arrives, schedules change to take advantage of weather where possible. It should be noted that wherever 'heavy' marshall activities are held, there is generally an option for 'light' marshal activities as well. Likewise archers can check *The Companie of Ayreton Archers* page to stay up to date on those practices.

Let's talk up activities on our yahoo list so that we can coordinate Ayreton attendance at events, coordinate rides to get people there, as well as coordinating other things...such as sun shades.

Lastly, please bear in mind that we have 2 wars looming on the horizon. First is Pennsic (7/25-8/10), and we hope to have at least some presence there. If you are planning on attending know that the Canton of Grey Gargoyles is would love to have you join them. If their location does not appeal for whatever reason, please talk to HE Nadezda for other options.

And the other war... Baroness Wars 2 is brewing. (August/22-24 aka Feast of St. Ethyl) Keep an eye out for some of our favorite baroness' --those of the Midlands, specifically--adding fuel to their favorite summer tiff. HE Nadezda is staying out of this one...for now...We'll see how that works out. The upshot is that everyone had so much fun last year, that we had to come up with a reason to do it again!

Henry and Nadezda

*The Honorable Lady Nadezda ze Zastrizl*

*Captain. Henry of Exeter*

*Baroness & Baron Ayreton*

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**Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule**

Archery Marshal June 1

Chatelaine May 1

Chirurgeon June 1

Chronicler January 1

Exchequer July 31

Herald June 30

Knights Marshal June 1

Minister of Arts & Sciences July 1

Minister of Youth July 15

Rapier Marshal June 1

Seneschal May 15

Webminister May 15

**Calendar of Events**

Go to [www.midrealm.com/calendar](http://www.midrealm.com/calendar) for a complete list.

**Coronation of Cameron and Amalie**

Shire of Mynydd Seren - Martinsville, IN

May 3, 2014

**Crown Tournament and Kingdom A&S**

Barony of Sternfeld - Tipton, IN

May 24 – 25, 201

**Border Skirmish**

Barony of Carraig Ban – Byron IL

June 13 – 15, 2014

**Ragnarok Rampage**
Barony of Carraig Ban – Big Rock, IL

June 10 – 22, 2014

**Swine and Roses**
Barony of White Water Elkhart, IN

June27 – 29, 2014

**Pennsic War**
Cooper’s Lake Campground – Slippery Rock, PA

July 25 – August 10, 2014

The Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey

Reviewed by Berngard Solgai

It’s one of those bits of history that everybody knows – the innocent little princes in the Tower, secretly murdered by their wicked uncle the grotesque king Richard III, whose brief and unlamented reign brought to an ignominious end the once glorious Plantagenet dynasty. In The Daughter of Time, classic British mystery writer Josephine Tey turns her considerable talents to a story about which, at the beginning of the novel, there seems to be very little mystery, and gives is us an examination of the episode through the eyes of a modern-day detective (more or less – the book was published in 1951).

Inspector Alan Grant of Scotland Yard finds himself bedridden due to an injury, and to stave off the tedium a friend suggests he turn his skills to various historical persons and episodes. As soon as he sees a portrait of Richard III, he starts to question the well-known tale of villainy. What he perceives in that face is fundamentally dissonant, to his trained policeman’s mind, with what ‘everybody knows’ about the man who has been remembered as one of England’s worst kings. When he learns that the most ‘authoritative’ source on the subject is, by evidentiary standards, hearsay, he’s off and running.

Enlisting the aid of a young American scholar to do the legwork, Grant reopens the extremely cold case of Evil King Richard, considering such questions as who actually stood to benefit from the princes’ death (spoiler alert – not Richard) and how the scandal was and was not reported at the time. He is determined to work with only factual evidence and logical deduction, applying 20th century police procedures to this 15th century Tonypandy. What’s ‘Tonypandy?’ It’s a town in Wales that has no direct connection to the fate of the little princes, but the story of what happened there and how it is remembered becomes one of the recurrent ideas in the book.

I already knew that there was some controversy over the indictment of Richard III for the murder of his nephews; even those who have studied the episode more thoroughly than I have and are firm in their conclusions may enjoy this lively little novel. In examining the case against Richard, Inspector Grant is also examining the process of history, of how history happens – not just the events, themselves, but the way they are remembered and recorded – and along the way he renders unpopular opinions on several other episodes and persons. Grant is a policeman, first and foremost, and no sacred historical cow is safe from his jaundiced and unromantic eye if the story doesn’t make sense or jibe with the facts. Tey’s reputation as a novelist is well-deserved; watching Grant pick this case apart and reassemble it is enjoyable not only because of the historical facts (and non-facts) but also because of the characters involved. Certainly, their mannerisms are dated and elicit the occasional cringe – 1951, remember – but they are well-crafted and likeable, overall.

History is written by the victors, so the proverb goes, and the caution implicit therein is never more apt than in matters surrounding dynastic change. The Daughter of Time is, among other things, a meticulous analysis of character, picking out inconsistencies and showing Richard III, Henry VII and a number of other people involved in the founding of the Tudor dynasty not as history has remembered them but as a careful examination of evidence demonstrates them to have been. No source, however revered, is unimpeachable if he wasn’t an eyewitness to what he reports; no ‘fact’ is unassailable if it doesn’t make sense in conjunction with the facts than have already been carefully established. Clocking in a just over 200 pages, it is also deceptively brief – there is a lot of information packed into a narrative that moves quickly. This is a work of fiction and Tey is a mystery writer, not a historian, but her description of the process, Inspector Grant’s approach to reading history, is masterful, and The Daughter of Time has been lauded as one of the best mysteries of all time. In a story in which all the main characters are male, who, then, is ‘the daughter of time?’ According the proverb that opens the book, it is Truth.

**Court Report**

Court of Their Excellencies , Henry and Nadezda, 2, November A.S. 48 (c.e. 2013), held at held at the Feast of All Souls in Their Canton of Vanished Wood. Heralded by Berngard Solgai. Seneschal was Hillary of Langforde.

* Order of Ursus: Guerric der Wilde Fuchs.
* Award of the Pleiades: The Pippins; Phebe Bonadece; Kevin Ambrozijwski

Court of Their Excellencies Henry and Nadezda, , 15 March A.S. 48 (c.e. 2014), held at Stone Dog Inn in Their Canton of Grey Gargoyles. Heralded by Berngard Solgai. Seneschal was Etienne le Couteau des Roches.

* Award of the Pleiades: Byrgithe Muller; Elianora Saufayle.
* Order of Ursus: Gareth of Ostwestly; Thomas Pennyngton.

**Why the SCA?**

Ramblings from Hillary of Langeforde

I was asked this question once by a close friend with whom I used to do regional theatre…it always came down to “the people.” The sense of community that exists within the Society continually amazes me. Of course there is the draw of the medieval world that pulls us all in…

Some of us embraced the stories of King Arthur as a child, gobbling up authors like Mallory, TH White, Tennyson, Mary Stewart and Marion Zimmerman Bradley. Some of us loved movies that encouraged swashbuckling behavior and rescuing damsels (or lords) in distress, movies that were historical in nature, pure fantasy or a mix of both.

Some of us, although we may not admit it too often, were avid gamers, pulling out our broadswords with a roll of a twenty-sided dice hoping against hope that we would not role a zero. Whoops, it seems as if I cut off my own leg and the ear of my teammate. My bad.

We all love history, or at least a specific thousand year time period of history, that bit between the ancient world and the modern era. You know, the eras shoved in, well….the middle. What an incredible thousand years it is. The art, science, the music and theatre, political changes and challenges, religion, cultures, clothing, the list of areas of potential exploration within the medieval period is boggling and has something for everyone to explore….to research …to create…to re-create more than a lifetimes worth of historical research and play. There is something for everyone. That is what drew us in….

We stay because of the people, because we have found not just like-minded individuals who share our interests with enough variation to keep it exciting but because the community, our community is full of caring, giving supportive, incredibly beautiful people who inspire us to be a bit better, to be something more. To strive to try and to succeed and to pick up the pieces and keep going when we occasionally miss.

Merriam-Webster On-line defines “chivalry” as a “system of values” and an “honorable way of behaving.” We have given ourselves our own sense of chivalry that we embrace in our interactions with each other and take with us into the modern world, allowing us to make our own little corner of our world a smidgeon better than we found it, because of and for each other. That is why the Society, why the Middle Kingdom, why the Barony of Ayreton and why our own Cantons. Because of the people who live there with us.

**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 Lukas - Stoutmaker@hotmail.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

**Quotes from the Middle Ages**

Peter Abelard – 12th C French Philosopher

Often the hearts of men and women are stirred, as likewise they are soothed in their sorrows, more by example than by words. And therefore, because I too have known some consolation from speech had with one who was a witness thereof, am I now minded to write of the sufferings which have sprung out of my misfortunes, for the eyes of one who, though absent, is of himself ever a consoler. This I do so that, in comparing your sorrows with mine, you may discover that yours are in truth nought, or at the most but of small account, and so shall you come to bear them more easily.

 -- Historia Calamitatum, translated by Henry Adams Bellows

Albertus Magnus – 13th C German Philosopher and Theologian

The aim of natural science is not simply to accept the statements of others, but to investigate the causes that are at work in nature.

 -- De Mineralibus ("On Minerals")

Abu Bakr – 7th C Arabic Senior Companion to the Islamic Prophet Mohammad

Run away from greatness and greatness will follow you.

Aelfred the Great – 9th C King of Wessex

I desired to live worthily as long as I lived, and to leave after my life, to the men who should come after me, the memory of me in good works.

 -- an interpolation from Alfred's translation of the Consolation of Philosophy by Boethius

Hildegard of Bingen – 12th C German Abbess

When the words come, they are merely empty shells without the music. They live as they are sung, for the words are the body and the music the spirit.



**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

**The Barony of Ayreton**

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**The Canton of Foxvale**

(Aurora IL area)

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**The Canton of Grey Gargoyles**

(South Side of Chicago and Southeast Chicago Suburbs)

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Seneschal: Mistress Sarafina Sinclair (sarafina.sinclair@gmail.com)

**The Canton of Rokkehealden**

(Southwest Chicago Suburbs)

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**The Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea**

(North Side of Chicago)

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**The Canton of Vanished Wood**

(Northwest Chicago Suburbs)

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