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Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Greetings Unto Ayreton,

We have mixed emotions writing this. The letters of intent have been received and polling will begin shortly. So strong are the candidates that we are sure Ayreton will continue to be a Barony to be proud of no matter which are chosen.

Between now and the end of polling, seek out these candidates, ask them questions, hear the answers, and advise the crown via the polling as to your thoughts on who the next baron and baroness should be. This is a right and good thing.

The melancholy side of this is it means our time as Baron and Baroness is coming to an end. We have truly enjoyed the last five years and hope we leave you with as many great memories as you have given us.

Henry and Nadezda
Baron and Baroness Ayreton

Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	June 1
Chatelaine	May 1
Chirurgion	June 1
Chronicler	July 1
Exchequer	July 31
Herald	June 30
Knights Marshal	June 1
Minister of Arts & Sciences	July 1
Baronial MoAS	July 15
Minister of Youth	July 15
Rapier Marshal	June 1
Seneschal	May 15
Baronial Seneschal	May 30
Webminister	May 15

Calendar of Events

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

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Letter of Intent: Mistress Acelina of Derelei and the Honorable Lord Alexander Adelbrecht von Markelingen



Unto Your Royal Majesties Ragnvaldr & Arabella, Midrealm Seneschal, The Group Transitions Deputy of the Middle Kingdom and the Barony of Ayreton, do we, Herr Alexander Adelbrecht von Markelingen and Mistress Acelina of Derelei, send warm greetings and we do seek your consideration for the honor of serving as the next Baron and Baroness of Ayreton.

We put ourselves forward after much careful consideration of the responsibilities and obligations of the Landed Nobility of this Great Kingdom. We are motivated to serve by our love of the Middle Kingdom and the Barony of Ayreton.

As we look around us we are constantly reminded that Ayreton is home to a great wealth of diverse talents and cultural traditions at both the Canton and Baronial levels. We are humbled to be part of a group with such a rich history within the Kingdom and place great importance on honoring the people and that history; at the same time recognizing that the people of Ayreton are constantly leaving their own marks on the pages of that great tome, which resides in the hearts, and minds, of the Dragon Realm and her Populace.

As of the writing of this letter, we have a combined history in the Society of more than 40 years. We have also held several offices within the Society, at many levels in those years, as we will outline below.

Herr Alexander has been a member of the Society since A.S. 30 (May 1995 C.E.). He is an Authorized Rattan Fighter, Warranted Court Herald and is often engaged in multiple A&S Projects and Events at any given time. He has held offices as Minister of Dance, Minister of Arts and Sciences and Deputy Seneschal in his original group, the Shire of Dark River. Alexander has served the Barony of Ayreton as Baronial Pursuivant and at the time of this Letter, he is the Current Meadows Herald (Crown List Herald), Deputy Seneschal to the Barony of Ayreton and Deputy Webminister to the Barony of Ayreton. He has been granted an A.o.A., Purple Fret & Dragons Heart. All of his Awards have been given for his Service to the Society and the offices he has held. In addition, Alexander is a Companion of the Order of Atlas of Ayreton for his service to the Barony as Pursuivant.

Mistress Acelina has been a member of the Society since A.S. 27 (Her first Event being Spring Coronation, 1992 C.E.). Her Former Offices include Regional Youth Combat Marshal to the Midlands, Middle Kingdom Youth Combat Marshal, three time Seneschal to her local Canton of Vanished Wood, Vanished wood Chatelaine for 5 years, Minister of Arts and Sciences for Vanished Wood for 2 Years and Mayor of the Town of Ayreton before it became a Barony. She is the current Seneschal of Vanished Wood and the Current Minister of Arts and Sciences for the Barony of Ayreton. During her tenure as Kingdom Youth Marshal, she was part of the administration team for Youth Combat at Pennsic, being the Marshal in Charge of Youth Combat for two Pennsic Wars. She was also on the winning team of the premiere Golden Seamstress event. Acelina was elevated to the Order of the Pelican (at Pennsic, during Lutr and Tessa's reign) and she has also received her A.o.A, Purple Fret, Dragon's Heart and is a Companion the Order of Atlas of Ayreton for her service to the Town of Ayreton as one of its past Mayors. She was also recognized for her skill in the Arts with a Willow following the first Golden Seamstress event, and has been active in the Arts on and off for some time, being a Scribe, a novice tablet weaver, a seamstress, and more recently a musician. She has also judged A&S competitions at both the Regional and Kingdom levels.

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We have given careful consideration to the responsibilities of serving the Barony in this capacity, and how best we can serve. We are prepared to serve as representatives of The Crown to Their Populace here in the Barony. We are also prepared to serve The Citizens of Ayreton as representatives to the Crown and Kingdom. The Barony exists because of the support of the People, the Cantons and the Officers of the Barony, so we would work to ensure that the support they give to Ayreton is appreciated and returned. To nurture and grow the Cantons of Ayreton is to nurture and grow the Barony itself; so we would make it our mission to not only know and support the Citizens who are here and their efforts to enrich the Barony and their local groups, but to welcome those who first set foot upon these lands and to embody the joy that we feel in being a part of this, our home, to welcome them into Ayreton and the Dragon family of the Middle Kingdom.

Serving as the next Baronage is our wish; but if we should not be selected to serve, we are resolved to continue lending our support to those individuals that are chosen and to the Barony as a whole. We believe in Ayreton, we support its people and we support the Baronage of this land of Yours.

Thank you for the time and consideration; we look forward to speaking with you more in the future, should You desire, and welcome any questions you may have of us.

In Service,

Herr Alexander Adelbrecht von Markelingen, A.P.F., O.D.H.

Erminois, a heart and on a chief sable a stag's attire Or

Mistress Acelina of Derelei, O.P., A.P.F., O.D.H., O.W.

Azure, a chevron inverted between two roses argent barbed and seeded proper and a bald head in profile couped argent



Letter of Intent: Mistress Hillary of Langeforde and Sergeant Gareth Ostwestly

Greetings to Your Majesties, Your Highnesses, Your Excellencies Ayreton and to the Populace of Ayreton. From Gareth Ostwestly and Hillary of Langeforde come greetings and our official announcement of our intention to be considered as candidates for Baron and Baroness of Ayreton. We have been part of the Ayreton community since before the five original groups began forming the Barony of Ayreton. We were part of that commitment attending all of the original charter meetings, and working alongside members from all ends of the barony to create a charter that allowed us to move forward as a barony.

Since investiture, we have joyfully offered our assistance to all cantons in roles such as marshals, as servers, as event stewards and as part of the cleanup, set up and grunt crew. We have contributed in some way to every event that the cantons and barony have offered to the populace of the Midrealm. We serve as officers both within our canton and within the Barony, Gareth as the current seneschal and Hillary as the current Chronicler, for the barony and Gareth as the Knight's Marshal for our canton and Hillary as Seneschal for the canton. We cherish the promise that is Ayreton; the promise to welcome newcomers and support established members, to value the skill and talent that all of the people of Ayreton demonstrated at every demo, event and meeting. We are eternally proud to be part of a barony in which the cantons are respected individually and esteemed for the characteristics that make them part of a greater whole.

We wish to continue the tradition of the cantons and of the populace, advocating for and cheerleading for the populace, the cantons and the barony. Gareth served as the kingdom deputy seneschal for new groups and is the current regional marshal for the Midlands. Hillary has been the Midland's regional and kingdom chatelaine and is the current minister of new groups. We were founding members of Foxvale and understand the sense of identity and community that makes a group more than a group, but makes that group a home. These experiences will facilitate our ability work with the baronial curia and populace to increase and educate newcomers, to encourage and strengthen both guilds and individual artisans, and to champion all of the baronial militia towards continuing as a fighting force that is terrible to behold.

Our barony is known in the Middle Kingdom as being one of service and talent. Ayreton has sponsored gifts to our kingdom and other baronies. We would encourage such largesse to continue so all may know the strength and generosity that is Ayreton. We will continue to promote activity days around the arts and sciences in which we can all share in each other's knowledge and talents. We will promote and support baronial members who make such proposals that further allow our populace to shine. We will encourage the continued growth and development of guilds within the barony. We will promote archery, armored and rapier combat in all its forms and engage in the joy that can be found on the field. We will continue, as we have always done to travel throughout the barony and the kingdom, attending guild meetings, business meetings and social events in order to sing the praises of the great works being accomplished by the people of Ayreton.

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We would willingly commit ourselves to the five years that being baron and baroness would require with love, with enthusiasm and with tenacity. We would remain open to the populace and with heartfelt passion share their achievements, desires and goals with the Crown of the Middle Kingdom whenever appropriate. We will continue to do what we have always done, cheerlead, celebrate, support and honor the Barony of Ayreton.

With service and love,
His Lordship, Sgt. Gareth Ostwestly
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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@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

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

(Chicagoland area)

Website: www.ayreton.org

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

Seneschal: Sgt. Gareth Ostwestly

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The Canton of Foxvale

(Aurora IL area)

Website: www.foxvale.org

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

Seneschal: Mistress Hillary of Langforde (jeffnaggie@aol.com)

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: Lady Susanna the Short

(mickel14@att.net)

The Canton of Rokkehealden

(Southwest Chicago Suburbs)

Website: www.midrealm.org/rokkehealden

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

Seneschal: Lady AElfreda aet AEthelwealda

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The Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea

(North Side of Chicago)

Website: www.treegirtsea.com

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

Seneschal: Master Robyyan Torr d'Elandris

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The Canton of Vanished Wood

(Northwest Chicago Suburbs)

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