



# THE ZEPHYR



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## Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Hello Ayreton!

With summer ending, Pennsic over and a new King and Queen sitting on the Dragon Throne we turn our attention back home to Ayreton. We are so proud of what you have accomplished over the summer and look forward to renewing our commitment to our barony. We would like to thank His Excellency, Henry of Exeter for his work as baronial seneschal and also thank his successor THL Tieron Allain for stepping into the office. Also a huge thank you to THL Evzenie for taking over the chronicler's position. We look forward to upcoming editions of the Zephyr and the enthusiasm and skill she will bring to the barony's newsletter.

Over the winter we will be working with an ad hoc committee to review the charter to ensure that the wording is clear, concise and easily understood. We will also be working with all of Ayreton to determine a better process for organizing group projects and gaining a better understanding of

which projects we wish to commit to as a barony. It is our hope to renew social events and social gatherings and are always looking for ideas to make these happen so please feel free to share any ideas with us about cool things we can do together and cool places to do them. As always, feel free to grab us at an event, or at a meeting. To PM us on Facebook or email us with ideas, thoughts, concerns. Let us know the direction you want to see Ayreton grow. We will continue to have day camps at events throughout the year and are looking forward to Foxhunt, All Soul's, Twelfth Night, Stone Dog and Day of Playe 3. Thank you all for making Ayreton the best barony to come home to.

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, my Lords and Ladies!

His Excellency Henry of Exeter has decided the Barony would be best served if he stepped down from the post of Seneschal to concentrate on other areas of his life. I have agreed to step up as Acting Seneschal in his stead. I wish to thank him for his many years of work and dedication to the Barony!

For the next meeting, please bring ideas (concept art for bonus love!) for Ayreton promotional material in the future. Business cards with a map of the cantons, vinyl banners for long-term use, flyers explaining what the SCA is, and so on!

Speaking of meetings... The next meeting will be Sunday, November 19, at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings, Chicago IL 60630. It will once again be a Baronial Moot, then a potluck, then a Tree-Girt-Sea meeting.

No later than that next meeting, I will be releasing a calendar for 2018 showing the planned dates for the 2018 quarterly Baronial Moots. Each of those meetings will be of a similar format - Baronial Meeting, potluck, Canton Meeting. Since TGS will be hosting two meetings in a row, it is my HOPE that we will be able to rotate the 4 meetings next year through each of the other Cantons. I'm working with the Canton Seneschals to iron out details.

In addition to the quarterly meetings, her Ever-Enthusiastic-Excellency Hillary feels that one meeting a quarter is too infrequent to get masses of Ayretonians together without an event. So once the quarterly business meetings are scheduled, I'll be taking input on what kinds of get-togethers would be fun to do in months that don't have a business meeting. Bring me ideas! Crafting bees, recipe demonstration-and-swaps, etc!

My door is always open, and I'm always willing to listen to our Populace. Please feel free to contact me on Facebook, e-mail(qat@newdreamer.org), or phone (773-531-4107) if I can help with something.

I'm delighted to be working for, and with, so many awesome people. 😊

Don't forget to be awesome!

Yours in service,

Tieron Alainn

## Greetings from the Chronicler

Gentle Cousins!

I'm almost embarrassed by the riches I have to offer you in this new edition of the Zephyr! We have a series of Baron Andreas' letters home from Pennsic War. We have poetry by Lady Hildigunnr. We have an update from one of our baronial archery champions on his quest. We have period photojournalism contributed by one of our youngest members. We have an informative article about the Dark Horde Moritu from Solgai. We even have a heads-up about the next Stone Dog event. I'm very proud to be the one bringing you all this evidence of our wonderful Barony's talents!

The only question is—how will we surpass ourselves next time? I can't wait!

In service,  
THL Evzenie (known as Zanie)

## Calendar of Events

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

**September 23**, Fall Coronation, Barony of White Waters, South Bend, IN

**September 28-1** Vikings Come Home XXVI, Barony of Donnershafen, Boyne City, MI

\* **September 29-1** Fox Hunt XIII, Canton of Foxvale, Big Rock, IL

**September 30** Brendokenfest, Barony of Brendoken, Dalton, OH

**September 30** Haunted Tower 3.5: Purgatory, Shire of Dernehealde, Logan, OH

**September 30** Reign of Arrows VI, Shire of Stormvale, Flint, MI

**October 6-8** Middle Kingdom Rose Tourney Shire of Swordcliff, Taylorville, IL

**October 13-14** Cook's Symposium Barony of Cynnabar, Saline, MI

**October 13-15** Rendezvous at the Bridge XXVIII Shire of Riviere Constelle, Gentryville, IN

**October 21** Fall Crown Tourney Barony of Carraig Ban, DeKalb, IL

**October 27-29** Day of Discovery Gives you RUM Shire of Cuil Cholium, Columbus, IN

\***November 4** All Souls Canton of Vanished Wood, Roselle, IL

**November 10-12** Crystal Ball 34 Barony of Shattered Crystal, Mulberry Grove, IL

**November 18** Bardic Madness XIX Barony of Rivenstar, Lafayette, IN

**December 16** St. Nicholas Tourney for Tots Barony of the White Waters, South Bend, IN

\***January 13** Twelfth Night Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea, Chicago, IL

**January 20** Festival of Maidens XLV Shire of Wurm Wald; Incipient Caer Gwynt, Champaign, IL

## Baron Andreas' Letters Home from Pennsic

*My darling wife,*

*After many hours, I have arrived at the Pennsic Wars. There are many hundreds of people here already, and the Kings will have a conclave with all Their advisors and warriors and other people tomorrow night. We will see if that keeps the peace or if negotiations will fail, and we go to war.*

*The rains have come harder than we expected; many camps have been destroyed and rebuilt, and then swept away again. As often happens, all people are assisting each other, no matter where their origin. The torrent and thunder bring not fear, but laughter and community. I have already seen many friends here.*

*Tomorrow I will assemble with King William and Queen Isolde and the MidRealm Army, and we will sing and process and stake our claim to these lands. Pray that our rightful requests are met, or there will be many battles in the coming week.*

*When the storms abate and our camp is safe, I will sleep, and dream of you. I pray the gods keep you, our sons, and us all.*

*Your loving husband,*

*Andreas*

*Mid evening, on the last day of peace week, at the Great Pennsic Wars*

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*August 5*

*My love,*

*Today was a day of negotiations, but to no avail. There will be war. Tomorrow champions from each kingdom will vie for victory, counting coup, but in the new week, hostilities will commence on a massive scale.*

*I made preparations today, buying a new fighting tunic that should help me hang my harness more comfortably. I marshaled rapier war games and our fencers are in good form for tomorrow. The tent city was more crowded today, with new arrivals entering at a faster pace than yesterday. Nearly 9000 people from all the Known World have arrived.*

*This evening I marched with the King and Queen to see war declared. After that I was invited to sing, and discovered that my old friend Kari was also here preparing to fight.*

*My clerk duties increase every day, but I am glad of it. Even in the face of war, our King and Queen still wish to recognize Their people, and see the joy in their faces. Tomorrow will be no different.*

*I must sleep now, for tomorrow will be a long day, and soon after, I'm sure I will be called to fight. I think of you and our boys nearly every waking moment, and will do until I am released and return home to your embrace.*

*My love to you,*

*Andreas*

*Saturday of Peace Week  
At the Great Pennsic Wars  
AS two and fifty*

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*August 6*

*My loving wife,*

*Today was a good day. The Mid-Ealdormere-East alliance took all the war points for the day. There were special awards given to fencers and fighters to help build camaraderie between the kingdoms.*

*The Kings and Queens of the Known World, the leaders of both Dark Hordes, the King and Queen of Acre and the Chief of the Tuchux gathered for dinner and friendship this night. It is good to*

*see the work of King William and Queen Isolde, in concert with the Royalty of the East and Aethelmarc, come to such fruition.*

*I've been lucky to visit some vigils and listen to beautiful singing.*

*Tomorrow the war will begin in earnest. Hundreds of soldiers on each side will strive to set their Kingdoms above all others. I pray for the strength to fight well and honorably, for I would see Asgard some day. Maybe not tomorrow though.*

*My love for you and the boys grows stronger every day. I miss you deeply. I believe that the war will not last long, and I will be home soon.*

*In love,*

*Andreas*

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*August 8*

*My love,*

*Today was a mixed day. The Mid-Ealdormere-East alliance took three of the seven battles. I fear that the war may stretch out farther than I originally thought.*

*We first battled on the field, and try as we might we were driven back through four fields, until we came to a series of bridges. While we were driven from the first bridge, we rallied, and held the second and third bridges. Tomorrow our commanders plan to deploy our fencers. The Queen of Ealdormere is the very same who reigned over the Midrealm nearly 30 years ago; I remember Her fondly and have asked to join Her rapier forces upon the field, since I was not able to fight for Her back then.*

*This afternoon and tonight many more puissant and honorable people were acknowledged by William and Isolde. Of particular note was Corvus, elevated to knighthood, and Valharic, made pelican. I am very fond of both men, and it was a great honor to Herald the court of their elevations.*

*Later in the evening, Gavin McFergus was made a Court Baron! He was most surprised. Now we shall have to salute him, which will be quite enjoyable.*

*One way or another, this war will end. When that happens I will come home to you on the swiftest horse I can procure. Until then, my love to you and our sons.*

*Andreas*

*Early in the morning on Wednesday of War Week  
At the great Pennsic War*

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*August 9*

*My sweet wife*

*The gods are good. The Mid-Ealdormere-East alliance took two heavy woods battles, and swept all the rapier woods battles. Aethelmarc and their allies won the siege battle.*

*I fought in the morning conflict, and participated in the defeats of many of the tuchux, a barbarian force who has become a growing mercenary force. In the afternoon I marshaled, and got to witness many acts of heroism and leadership on the rapier field.*

*Later this evening, Zuriel Nightshade was elevated to Pelican in a funny and emotional ceremony near the Runestone and Forgan's Tree.*

*Tonight King William and Isolde have opened camp, and will speak with all visitors. It is good to have rulers such as these.*

*Tomorrow is a day of peace, and I hope our kings will take the time to pursue armistice. Otherwise. We will all have to take to the fields of violence again.*

*Soon I will be home with you and our boys again. It cannot come soon enough.*

*In love,*

*Andreas*

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August 9

My darling Laura,

Today was a fine day. The morning began with the Mid-Ealdormere-East alliance sweeping the rapier field battles. I fulfilled my promise to fight with Ealdormere, and indeed, they were such puissant and fierce warriors that I begged my King to give them a Dragon's Teeth, which he kindly did. The alliance also was victorious in the Ruins.

Later that evening I assisted TRM with the elevation of Lorelei Skye to Laurel. It was good to see. After that I went with my friends Oswyn, his wife, Halla and Eliane to The Enchanted Grounds, where good Duke Cariadoc holds court, telling stories and inviting others to entertain the circle. Oswyn told a good story of the Franks, although I don't think he has a proper appreciation for Norman order and discipline.

Now I am in bed, awaiting sleep and the new day. Tomorrow the stakes rise, as both sides have laid claim to the forest to the north of camp. There will be much fighting tomorrow.

Though the war drags on, I become more sure every day that I will see you soon. My love sustains me.

Andreas

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August 10

My love,

Peace! We will have peace! The kings have conferred, and the war is over! Tomorrow we will have a series of grand melees, and then I will come home!

Today was an auspicious day in other ways. There was a great court held, and many people were recognized by Their Majesties; too many to name.

So many people have asked me why I work for William and Isolde the way I do. I have told them the same thing I have told you: William of Fairhaven stood by me when almost no one else would. Thus, I stand by Him. And today, Their Majesties made me a Baron of Their Court.

You are the air in my lungs and the blood in my heart. I love you beyond measure, and soon I will be home.

Andreas

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August 11

My darling,

The war is over, and soldiers and their families are slowly returning to their homes. I will leave in the morning, after making sure that my king and queen have made ready for his own homeward journey. I long to hold you in my arms again.

Soon enough, my responsibilities will take me away again, but never for so long. And coming in the fall, the new King will stand ready. He will take the throne, the Dragon will be renewed, and I will be home for good.

Soon. I will be home soon. This is my mantra and my prayer.

I love you,

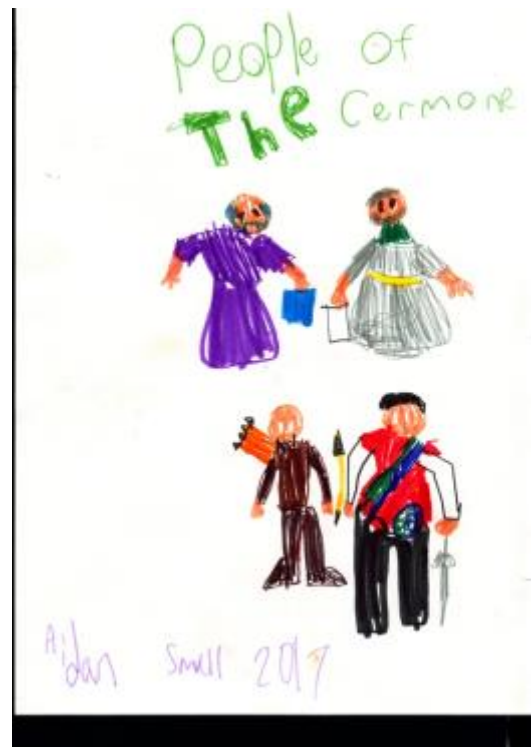
Andreas

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## Some "Photojournalism"-- , by Aidan Stone Dog Tavern Brawl April 1, AS 51



## Court Procession at Stone Dog, April, AS 50



## "My First Melee"

A Sonnet by Lady Hildigunnr

As I rest drowsily, prepared for bed  
I think with fondness on my first melee.  
Prepared to face hard blows to limbs and head  
I sallied forth, my enemies to slay.

Fierce knocks I got, though few gave I in turn;  
Bemused was I at combat rough and wild.  
Th'experience I gained my greatest boon,  
At much defeat my temper was not riled.

I did my best my comrades close to aid  
To keep in right formation, hard I tried.  
Though halt my feet and most my blows mislaid,  
'Twas not for lack of courage that I died.

The mem'ry stirs my heart to long for when  
I may taste melee battle once again!



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...

# The Dark Horde Moritu for Beginners

By Bergard Solgai, called Moose

An earlier version of this piece was published some years ago in the newsletter of what was then the incipient Shire of Foxvale. I decided to dust it off and tidy it up because I have had a few people asking questions recently. It's no secret that the Great Dark Horde has a numerical advantage over the Moritu in Our Fair Barony, and some people might not be aware that not all the people wearing Horde cords around here belong to the same Horde.

If you have been around the SCA for any significant length of time, chances are you've met some Hordemen, or at least heard of the Dark Horde; however, what you have heard may be incomplete, inaccurate, or out-of-date. Misconceptions and apocryphal tales flourish around the Dark Horde (as, indeed, around many SCA institutions). This is not a comprehensive account of the Dark Horde(s), but rather an overview of the Moritu and the answers to some frequently-asked questions. Additional information is available for the asking from most Hordemen, and can also be found at [www.moritu.net](http://www.moritu.net).

It should be borne in mind that SCA history is a rich oral tradition. What follows has been condensed from three decades' worth of stories told by numerous Hordemen (of both varieties) as well as my own experience. It is a digest of what I remember hearing and what I have witnessed over the years; I do not put it forth as the definitive summary of the origins and development of the Dark Horde(s), and if you ever encounter something being presented as such you should regard it with due caution. Rich oral tradition, after all -- if you have been around the SCA for any significant length of time, you know what that means... The Dark Horde was founded in the wee, small years of the SCA by a handful of reasonably good-natured malcontents who observed that some people were perhaps taking themselves a bit too seriously, and quickly established a reputation as a 'Medieval motorcycle gang.' Their historical antecedent was the Mongol Horde of the 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> centuries -- from Genghis Khan to Tamerlane -- and their attitude was irreverent towards Kingdom authority and institutions. Within the context of the game, they adopted the role of foreign mercenaries (re-creating the relationship between the Mongols and Europeans without some modification would've been...impractical), functionally if not actually outside the Kingdom political structure.

As the size and complexity of the Household increased, factions developed out of ideological, political and personal differences. Matters came to a head in 1985; after the dust settled, there were two separate groups, both of whom called themselves the Dark Horde and claimed the red and black cord as their token and the red and black yin/yang with a lightning bolt as their symbol. The larger of the two was the Great Dark Horde, the smaller, the Dark Horde Moritu. We never actually agreed to share the cord and the banner; neither side yielded and everybody got on with doing the Mongol thing in their various ways.

The present Moritu looks rather different from the Household that I joined shortly after The Split; the passage of time and turnover in membership have inevitably resulted in changes to the way we do what we do, although our underlying principles remain the same. New blood brings new vision, hot blood cools, young blood matures... We aren't as 'rude, crude, and socially

unacceptable' as we once were, but we will still withhold our respect from anyone we feel has not earned it (or has forfeited it), regardless of headgear, alphabet-soup or other equipage. The Dark Horde has always provided a service to the SCA in presenting an alternative way to play; over the years, the Moritu has become increasingly service-oriented. We have developed from a household of mercenary fighters to bringing the warrior spirit to all areas of SCA activity. The inherent iconoclasm of the Dark Horde is moderated by the recognition that we all serve the same Dream, although sometimes in very different ways. Research and scholarship have taken an increasingly important role; while 'Medieval Mongolian culture' might once have been considered an oxymoron, we are exploring and demonstrating the richness of the supposedly barbarian culture we honor.

The Moritu is governed by a brief, simple Code of Conduct that has endured essentially unchanged throughout our history, and a set of Traditions that has developed in response to specific situations. Our philosophy toward law-making is that we don't do it until we've exhausted all the other options. We address issues as they arise, case-by-case and without legislation whenever possible. We use the word 'Traditions' because it has different connotations than 'The L Word,' or even 'Yasa', which was the name of Genghis Khan's law. Every Moritu Brother is part of a Khanate and every On-Watcher is sponsored by a Khanate. The nominal leader of the Khanate is the Tarkhan, an office that consists of very little, most of the time. Tarkhans run meetings, represent their Khanates to the other Tarkhans and the rest of the Household as needed, and address problems within their Khanates. There is no special token of office or form of address that goes with being Tarkhan, it's just the job done by one person in each Khanate, as chosen by the members of that Khanate. Where there are multiple Khanates in close geographic proximity, they may form a Yasun, overseen by an Agatarkhan. The Khan could be described in similar terms, raised to the Household level -- leader and voice, as needed, but not above any other Brother. The Khan is chosen by election -- I find it amusing that the civilized Kingdoms select their leaders by combat, while we barbarians elect ours by popular vote. The only other regular officers we have are the Gurkhan (the warlord, leader of the fighters and archers) and the Bichigichi (editor of the newsletter, keeper of the archives). Other offices are created, filled and discarded on an as-needed basis. When the midden hits the windmill, there is authority in the offices of Tarkhan, Agatarkhan and Khan, but it is exercised only when necessary. In fact, the ultimate authority in the Moritu is the Kuraltai, or K'tai, the assembly of Brothers. The will of the majority of the K'tai can overturn any decision by a Khan, Agatarkhan or Tarkhan; it is the only authority that can change the Traditions or the Code of Conduct. Brotherhood does not preclude us from joining other groups or holding Kingdomer offices or titles. We would be barred only from that which would put us in conflict with the Code of Conduct or the Traditions. Moritu Brothers hold offices at all levels, an idea which was once frowned upon (by both Hordemen and Kingdomers). Some of us belong to other Households. We include Squires, Apprentices, Proteges, and Peers. While we do not seek Kingdom awards, neither do we shun them.

The Moritu is a collection of strong-willed individuals who must be able to subordinate their personal goals to the good of the group when necessary, who can cooperate or work independently as the situation requires, who aren't afraid to speak their mind, and who respect others based on their actions, not their titles. We have a healthy appreciation for shtick, and never forget that this is a game and we're here to have fun. We take the idea of 'family by choice' very seriously; we call each other Brother and we mean it.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How many Hordesmen are there?

- a) Enough
- b) None of your damned business
- c) Ignorant Mongol can't count that high
- d) Inscrutable Mongol won't give straight answer
- e) All of the above, because it's fun

The correct answer is A, but if you picked E you've got the right idea. The traditional answer to any question that begins 'How many Hordesmen ...' is 'Enough.'

2. You all call each other 'Brother' – isn't that sexist?

No. We don't differentiate our form of address by gender, to indicate that we don't regard each other any differently based on gender. One supposes that a gender-neutral term might have been chosen, but the concept of Brotherhood carries the desired connotations.

3. If there are two Dark Hordes with the same symbols, how we tell you apart? Do you have trouble telling each other apart?

Everyone in the Moritu is personally acquainted with everyone else in the Moritu. Anyone else who wishes to know someone's affiliation is welcome to ask.

4. Aren't you against the Kingdoms?

As a general philosophy, no. Do we sometimes find ourselves opposed to certain Kingdom policies or actions? Of course. Are there aspects of the nature of Kingdoms that we find less than appealing? Yeah, otherwise we wouldn't be here. Does that make us anti-Kingdom? No.

5. Do you have to have a Mongolian persona?

No. Certainly not before you join, and it is not necessary to change afterwards. Some have just Mongolian-ized their names; others are perfectly happy just being some foreigner who got picked up on one of the European or Near Eastern campaigns. The original Mongol Horde ranged far enough that you can be from almost anywhere in the Medieval world and make a convincing story for winding up with Mongols.

6. What's that word you holler when everyone else is hollering 'Hoobah!' or 'Vivat!' or whatever?

Wetsu! It's an acronym for 'We Eat This \*Stuff\* Up!'

7. Somebody called me 'chagua.' Should I be flattered or insulted?

Depends. The origins of the word are apocryphal (of course), but generally ascribed to Yang the Nauseating (our founder) to designate those outside the Dark Horde. There's *anda* (Brothers) and *chagua* (not-Brothers), and everyone is either one or the other. It's just Horde-ish for 'us and them.' However, as with so many things of this nature, context means a great deal. 'Chagua' just means 'other,' but there are 'degrees of chagua,' as it were. Often, it's neutral. If you're not sure how it was meant, there may be a reason.

8. Will I offend somebody if I wear red and black?

Possibly, but it wouldn't be us unless you were trying to pass yourself off as one of us (it's been known to happen...). Does anyone have exclusive claim to any color combination?

9. What about the Ninja?

Ninja? What Ninja? There are no Ninja. Who told you about Ninja? Ha, ha, that rich oral tradition, those wacky apocryphal stories...pour a few beers into some people and they'll say anything...

10. How to I join?

First, make friends with the nearest Hordesmen, then wait to get kidna ...ahem, asked over to meet the family... Brotherhood is by

invitation only, and involves a period called Watch. This is not just elitism on our part (although there is an element of that -- after all, any fool can send his money to California, and there are so many who have...), it is to ensure that you are right for us and us for you. There have been those who were merely looking for a license to be rude; those who thought our image was cool but weren't interested in doing the work; those who had a grudge against their Kingdom or some other political axe to grind. There are always those who we like well enough but who just aren't right for Brotherhood, for less easily definable reasons. We have a great deal of trust and affection for each other, and sometimes expect a lot of each other; it isn't easy finding the right match. Being On Watch is a necessary step towards being offered a cord, but does not guarantee that a cord will be offered.

## The Newest Ayreton Foresters at Baroness Wars, August, AS 52



Photo by Evzenie

## A Champion's Quest

### By Dietrich von Hamburg

As one of the Barony's archery champions, I have been given a quest by our Baron and Baroness. Each Baronial Champion has been tasked with creating for themselves a task to undertake during their time as Champion. I had been contemplating what mine would be when fate intervened. On Memorial Day, after Crown Tournament our vehicle was broken into and all of my archery equipment was stolen. This unfortunate and infuriating event has motivated me to learn how to make my own replacements. My goal has been to make as much as I can in the most "period" way I could.

I have the luxury of being able to use old stuff I had lying around, as well as good friends and family who have lent me extra that they had until I could replace everything. My great thanks go to Sir Gueric for the loan of his long bow until I can replace my bow.

The first thing I made was an arm guard. I had been using a beautiful hand tooled arm guard I had won as a prize at A Warriors Day Event more than 25 years ago. What I made is much simpler. A piece of leftover leather scrap and some lacing is all that is needed to protect my arm.

I then set out to replace my arrows. I was offered good advice by many of the Barony's archers. Aethelwulf was generous in instructing me in the process and allowing me to use some of his materials. I had thought about trying my hand at fletching many times before, but never did more than gluing a loose fletch back on. I purchased parts and a few tools that I didn't have. I still had a couple of old arrows to use as a pattern. I cut the shafts to length and tapered the ends. I lacquered the wood, glued the tips and nocks and glued on the fletchings. They fly true and look fine. I am not as good as some at fine details, so they do not look perfect. The next ones I make will be "self knocked" I think.

I next worked on a quiver. I had some things I wanted to include so I took some time to plan it out. I prefer a back quiver. I wanted it to be on the large side and an oval shape. I also wanted a large enough pocket to keep accessories in. I laid out the size and shape on a leather piece I had. I cut it out and used waxed thread to sew it together. I dyed the leather, strangely it did not take the dye evenly. I like the result even if it was unplanned. The base holds the shape at the bottom. I experimented with hardened leather to hold the shape at the top. It took a couple of tries to get it to work right, but I did manage to get a piece that holds the shape. It is sewn into a trim piece of suede around the top. I also used a piece of hardened leather at the shoulder to stiffen the strap in order to keep the whole thing from sliding down my back. So far this has been somewhat successful. I may need to modify the strap in the future.

More scrap leather has been turned into a shooting glove. I, again used waxed thread to sew the pieces. An old glove served as a pattern, fit to my hand.

I am planning on learning to make a bow next. This is a much more complex project so I expect it to take longer than I will have the honor of being a Baronial Champion. I would like to try

making a traditional Long Bow. It is right for my persona and is, in theory, simpler to make than some of the other types of bows.



Quiver & Arrows, by Dietrich (photo by Evzenie)



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## Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	December 1 (Domesday)
Chatelaine	November 1
Chronicler	January 1 (Domesday)
Exchequer	January 31
Herald	December 31 (Domesday)
Knight's Marshal	December 1 (Domesday)
MoAS	January 1
Baronial MoAS	January 15
Minister of Youth	October 15
Rapier Marshal	November 1 (Domesday)
Equestrian Marshal	November 14 (Domesday)
Seneschal	November 15
Baronial Sen.	November 30
Webminister	November 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* (4<sup>th</sup> Sundays unless noted)  
Contact: [ayretoncooks@yahoo.com](mailto:ayretoncooks@yahoo.com)

*Grey Gargoyles Fighter Practice*  
Contact: Lady Susanna – [mickel14@att.net](mailto:mickel14@att.net)

#### Monday

*Consort Music*  
Contact: Master Robyyan - (773) 764.1920

#### Tuesday

*Thieves of Heart Fighter Practice*  
Contact: Lord Tedesco - [tedesco@ayreton.org](mailto:tedesco@ayreton.org)

*Renaissance Dance*  
Contact: Lady Margrett Norwoode –  
[mistressmargrett@ameritech.net](mailto:mistressmargrett@ameritech.net)

#### Wednesday

*Court and Country Music Group*  
Contact: [CourtAndCountry@gmail.com](mailto:CourtAndCountry@gmail.com)

*Archery Practice*  
Contact: Forester Athelwulf of Dover -[Aethelwulf@Dizzywulf.com](mailto:Aethelwulf@Dizzywulf.com)

*Vanished Wood Sewing Circle*  
Contact: Mistress Katherine – [knwkfw@yahoo.com](mailto:knwkfw@yahoo.com)

*Mid Week Fighter Practice*  
Contact: Lord Kith - [kith3609@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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/](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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