



# THE ZEPHYR



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## Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Hello Ayreton!

First and foremost, we wish everyone Happy Holidays in whatever flavor you and your family celebrate. We hope that you are able to spend time with those you love, doing what you love and that you find joy in doing so. We also say thank you to those who participated in the Toys for Tots Throw Down with the other Midlands and Constellation baronies. Over 300 toys were given in the spirit of Christmas and good old fashioned bragging rights. The event doubled the amount of toys gifted from last year to this year, a huge win for kids local to the Constellation Barony of White Waters. Achievement unlocked!

During the winter season, we would challenge all of you to add to our sense of community. Attend events together, road trip together, take classes of interest together. Tag team teach together. Find ways to share the might that is Ayreton with the rest of the kingdom. Celebrate Ayreton pride. We would like to hear new ideas of how the populace badge may be displayed within Ayreton and at events outside of Ayreton. We'd also like to find a new source for Ayreton spirit wear; t-shirts and hoodies. Please share ideas if you have them.

Scribin and Imbibin will mark the end of our passport program and we will provide prizes and praise for those who were able to attend all of the local Ayreton events. If you were able to do so, please remember to let us know at 12 th Night and during the morning of Scribing. We would love to hear feedback from those people who participated in the Ayreton Passport event crawl, even if you didn't complete it. What worked, what didn't work and what would you change if we do it again?

Moving into the new year we have Tree-Girt- Sea's 12 th Night, Scribing and Imbibing, and Grey Gargoyle's Stone Dog Inn to look forward to. While we really enjoy taking the baronial road show to other group's events, coming home to Ayreton is always special. If at any time, anyone wants to chat, either to share a good idea, to share a story of awesome deeds, or to address a concern, please feel free to grab us at an event. We'd be happy to listen. Happy New Year Ayreton! We are joyfully anticipating celebrating it with you.

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, Ayretonians!

By the time you read this, the mad rush of the holidays will be over, and we'll be into the New Year. Hooray for surviving 2017! I always love the cyclical nature of the SCA year - favorite events like 12th Night, Maidens, Simple Day, etc. It marks out times to see friends, laugh, enjoy great food, and enjoy this hobby we all love.

It's important to remember, especially on social media, that we all do this because we love it. The exact activities might be different. The path you've chosen in the society will not be the same as another's. But there's something about this group of wonderful people in funny clothes that binds us all together.

Remember the people that you love - they're always the ones who make it worth it.

Yours in service,  
Tieron Alainn

## Greetings from the Chronicler

Gentle Cousins!

I hope this missive finds you enjoying this season of winter festivities. As the weather turns our thoughts to indoor pursuits, I invite you to share word of your activities and projects with the barony. This newsletter is a venue for us to share stories, projects, event reports, etc, in a friendly and conversational way. Documentation, although interesting and useful, is not necessary here. If you are doing some kind of cool thing and just want to let folks know about it, please do so—I will publish (almost) anything!

In this issue we have Baron Andreas' poetry from award scrolls given in the last few months and some event announcements! I've also put together a little report from the visit of the students from Elmhurst College to All Souls back in November, which some excerpts from their journal entries about their experiences.

On a more business-related note, can I please ask that officers of the Barony (including Their Excellencies) please check the emails listed on the contact page below and let me know if the listed emails are correct? I think we need to update to the midrealm.org emails but I'd like to be sure. Thank you for your help.

I'd love to have more stuff for April—what can you send me?

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.

- \*January 13** Twelfth Night Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea, Chicago, IL
- January 12-15** Meridies 40 Year Kingdom of Meridies, Perry, Georgia
- January 20** Festival of Maidens XLV Shire of Wurm Wald; Incipient Caer Gwynt, Champaign, IL
- January 27** A Regular Event in Cleftlands XXIII Barony of the Cleftlands, Parma, OH
- February 10** St. Valentine's Day Massacre Canton of Three Hills, Kalamazoo, MI
- February 24** Courting on the River Shire of Dark River}, Moline, IL
- March 9-11** Known World A&S Symposium Shire of Hartshorn-dale in the Kingdom of the East, Plymouth Meeting, PA
- March 10-18** Gulf Wars XXVII, Lumberton, MS
- \*March 17** Scribin and Imbibin: A Monk's Life, Barony of Ayreton, Mundelein, IL
- March 24** Rites of Spring, Barony of Illiton, Peoria, IL
- March 31** Better War Through Archery Barony of Sternfeld, Danville, IN
- \*April 7** Stone Dog Inn 14 Canton of the Grey Gargoyles, Midlothian, IL



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!



Come join us in a day of fun and classes at the **4th annual Scribin' & Imbibin'**! (Link to Facebook event)

Hosted by the Barony of Ayreton, we will have a full day of classes on Brewing and Scribal Arts!

Class Teacher Sign Up: <https://goo.gl/forms/JMHzhLcO4x41Jpb02>

Volunteer Sign Up: <http://signup.com/go/WkCOMLS>

Note: Food and Beverages not purchased at the hotel need to stay in individual rooms. The beverage table will be in room # (TBD).

Hotel block now open! The discounted rate is available until Feb 21. Rate includes full American breakfast buffet. [Link to Hotel Reservations](#)

<p>Fees:          \$17 (\$5 member discount)          Youth 6-17 \$6          Youth 5 and under free</p>	<p>Schedule          Fri 3/16          - Bardic Circle - evening, time TBD</p> <p>Sat 3/17          - Gate Opens 9am          - Classes 10am-12pm          - Lunch 12pm-1pm          - Classes 1pm-4pm          - Court time TBD          - Feast time and menu TBD          - Bardic Circle and social time TBD</p>
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Event Stewards: Lady Siobhán an Einigh of Connacht and Mistress Sarafina Sinclair

## **A Report on our All Souls Visitors**

### **By Evzenie**

Students in the Elmhurst College First Year Seminar class ("Member, Fan, Groupie, Cultist") were participant-observers at Vanished Wood's All Souls event in November. The class studies the social psychology about why people participate in various group activities, from hobby groups to cults. Their instructor has them do some field research at the All Souls event, ie, interview people and participate in activities. The SCA is a particularly good venue for the kind of thing he wants them to do, as our base "rule" for participation is wearing garb, which puts them automatically (at least a little) in the role of participant-observer.

The students write journal entries after their day with us, and I wanted to share some of the things they said about their experience. Some of their observations are sweet, some are funny, some are pointed in that way that college students can be. I'm reporting them anonymously, and although they also took pictures I haven't obtained their permission to use them, but I'd be happy to show people in person--so if you talked to one the students and would like to see the selfies they took with you I'd be happy to share.

Here are some of their observations:

❖ "I learned a lot at the SCA event. Everyone I saw seemed very friendly and very open to talk. Majority of the people at this event have been involved with the SCA for a long time. Each member has a specific role in the program. Some are merchants, some are fighters, and some are considered royalty. It seemed to me that the members were like a big happy family. They mainly do it for themselves and to have a good time. Dressing in costume and reliving past times is fun for the people in SCA."

❖ "Being a part of this experience helped open to my eyes to what sorts of societies are like and to see what being a part of this type of group is like. After this meeting, we went over to see what the fighting was like and hit a dummy. This part was interesting because it helped me understand what all the different types of fighting were like back in those times."

❖ "I think that this event was a great one to go to for our class because it was cool to immerse ourselves."

❖ "It was fun to dress up and become a part of the scene in SCA. all of the people were very nice and happy to talk to you. My favorite part was finger weaving the bracelet. I love learning new things and I love making crafts, so it was fun to learn how to finger weave. What I learned was a basic pattern and I would probably go back and learn more patterns."

❖ "My first thought when I entered the event was "Why are all those old people dressed up in these weird outfits?", but as I began to talk to others I started to understand why they liked participating as a group so much."

❖ "The SCA is a group of people who are fascinated by the renaissance of European culture, without all of the murder and sexism involved in the deep history between 6th and 16th century Europe. "

❖ "I also noticed they take it very seriously and talk as if they were living in that time. I know that is probably how it should be but I found it a little amusing. I overheard one woman say she found the knights to be stuck up and it was funny because you don't hear those sentences everyday."

❖ "Being in the SCA is a form of experiential learning that most students will never get in the classroom. Even college students do not get this much hands on learning experience and she thinks that is key for young minds."

❖ "Another characteristic they share is that they are all very accepting of each other. They do not care where you come from, what interests you have or how you look."

❖ "There was a fencing tournament and that was really cool to watch. They wore protection so they did not get hurt. There was so much technique involved when fighting with swords. You have to go through training before you can fight in tournaments which can take about three months to complete. The fighting was definitely my favorite part of the event. "

Once again I'd like to thank the event staff and members of the Barony who helped make this a good experiential learning activity for the students. I have hopes that one of these times we will get a couple of them interested enough to come back.

### **What follows are poems created by Baron Andreas for award scrolls presented by TRM's to sundry members of the Barony.**

#### **Adella's GreenWood:**

You feel the bow come taught within your grip  
The fletching of the arrow brushes cheek  
The cutting of the string on fingertip  
Release, and to the target missile streaks

From serving on the line e're with a smile  
To standing at Our back or in Our court  
Your manner does unto Our love beguile  
Your wordfame We shall ne'er fail to exhort

Protecting folk like Robin's band of old  
As champion you've worn Our golden hood  
Return We now your service full nine-fold  
Bestowing here upon you a GreenWood.

So let huzzahs ring out beneath the stars  
speaks William et Isolde, at Baroness Wars

### **Galien's Purple Fret:**

William, by right of arms of the MidRealm, King, and Isolde  
Our Queen.

To all people to whome these presents shall come,  
greeting! Know ye that of Our especial grace, certain  
science, and mere motion, We have given and granted, and  
by these presents for Us, Our heirs and successors for ever,  
we give and grant unto our trusted and well beloved  
servant Gailen Alric Ros of Geddes, Master, free liberty and  
license from time to time, and at all times for ever  
hereafter, the Award of the Purple Fret, with all  
prerogatives, commodities, privileges and pre-eminences,  
We by Our letters give.

And We do likewise by these presents, of Our especial  
grace, mere motion and certain knowledge, for Us, Our  
heirs and successors, give and grant full authority, liberty  
and right to the said Gailen Alric Ros of Geddes, that he  
shall and may at all and every time, and times hereafter,  
bear the badge, Or, a fret purple, and that he shall  
hereafter not be restrained by Us, Our heirs or successors.

And further that the said Gailen Alric Ros of Geddes shall  
be known to have received said award from Our hand for  
his excellent and outstanding prowess, support and  
teaching of thrown weapons, being herewith axe and knife  
and spear. Provided always, and Our will and pleasure is,  
and We do hereby declare to all Our praise and love and  
admiration.

In witness whereof, We have caused these Our signatures  
and seal affixed. Witness Our selves, at Baroness Wars, the  
26th of August, being the one hundred and twelfth day of  
Our reign, AS two and fifty.

### **Gavin's Sapphire:**

Behold all this man who before us now kneels  
And know that to recognize him, many appealed  
To Us, Isolde and William, Queen and King fine  
And thus We directed to write down these lines:  
that unto this man, Gavin White of Westburgh  
Of whose efforts at research We have long heard  
A tableau presented, a manor in York  
From feeding the chickens to eating with fork.  
This excellence fine has caused Us to desire  
That We present Gavin White with a Sapphire  
Done by Our hand and seal on this, the last day  
William and Isolde. Therefore, let none gainsay.

### **Renzo's Greenwood:**

The wood does not break  
It only bends from the draw  
Renzo, a Greenwood.

### **Saraswati's Dragon's Heart:**

Can a picture be described thus

with words upon a page, laid down so carefully  
With dedication and heart?

Can an artist be described thus?  
lists of research and scrolls painted put in Our hands  
by friends with love in their hearts?

Can recognition be shown thus?  
So now William and Isolde see Saraswati  
and grant her a Dragon's Heart.

### **Tieron's Dragon's Heart:**

Behold the man who kneels before us now  
His service to the Kingdom given dear  
Our love for him We'll never disavow  
His cooking for events has brought good cheer  
As Steward for Our fencers far and near  
All present know that he has done his part  
His loyalty to kingdom is sincere  
Thus now acclaim to him do We impart  
Declare We Tieron a Dragon's Heart.

## Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	March 1
Chatelaine	May 1
Chronicler	April 1
Exchequer	January 31 (Domesday)
Herald	March 31
Knight's Marshal	March 1
MoAS	April 1
Baronial MoAS	April 15
Minister of Youth	January 15
Rapier Marshal	February 1
Equestrian Marshal	February 14
Seneschal	February 1
Baronial Sen.	February 15
Webminister	February 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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ayretoncooks@yahoogroups.com)

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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

*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*  
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*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 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)

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### **The Canton of Foxvale**

(Aurora IL area)

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(North Side of Chicago)

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