



# THE ZEPHYR



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## Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Hello Ayreton,

We have all been forced apart for over ten months now, and saying this hasn't been easy is an understatement. Be gentle with each other, be kind to yourselves. For those of you who want to reach out, to connect through Zoom and other online activities we will keep trying to find activities that interest baronial members. Currently, there are opportunities for online Dungeon's and Dragon's, a general chat, medieval drama night and occasional focused A and S nights. We ask that if you have ideas for something you'd like to see, or an activity you would like to try or share please let us know. We really want to hear your ideas and suggestions of what you would like to participate in. We are all hoping that as vaccinations roll out and with the coming

summer our lives, both modern and SCA will be able to begin to return to normal.

At the last baronial meeting attendees discussed the possibility of an Ayreton virtual event. This could take many forms and be focused on a variety of different activities. It could be a shorter time frame for four hours or longer and last for most of a day. We will soon be putting a call out for suggestions, ideas and asking for people who want to help plan the event and help run the event. We are looking forward to Ayreton working together to bring more SCA to the Midrealm and beyond. Please keep an eye out for requests asking for volunteers and join in if you are so inclined.

Many of you have heard the news that Gareth and I have been named by their Majesties Felix and Madeleine as the baronial seats of Ayreton for one more term. Looking ahead we would like to ensure that the barony has strong candidates from which to choose, as we will most assuredly not be continuing on after our next term is over. If at any time individuals are interested in learning more about the position and duties of landed barons we will happily answer questions. Once we are back to attending events we will instigate a shadowing program for people interested in learning more about the job.

Please remember Ayreton, feel free to contact us at any time to share ideas, wishes and baronial hopes. We want to work together with all to make Ayreton the barony we all would like to live in. We truly do want to hear from you and your ideas have merit and are worth exploring. Thank you for supporting each other, for helping each other and being there for each other. We see it every day in social media and conversations and emails. You are amazing and we are honored to be a part of Ayreton.

Hilary & Gareth



## Greetings from the Seneschal (and also the Chronicler, being one and the same)

Good Cousins, greetings!

Boy, it feels weird to write that. And I need to start by apologizing for both the lack of a proper October issue and the brevity of this issue. I fear the current plague conditions are preventing much creative thought or input from not, and I suspect most of you as well.

The BoD has directed that in-person activities are suspended until (at least) June 2021. This date seems very far away, but it will be here before we know, and we can hopefully then once again rejoin each other in our favorite pursuits.

In the meantime, our Baronial D&D game continues, as do the Drama Nights on Tuesdays. As a community, we might discuss our online activities and see what else we'd like to be doing to support and entertain ourselves until this is over. "E-SCA" isn't working for everyone, although it's working very well for others. I'd ask you all to think about what other activities you would like to see happening or take a leadership role in running.

Finally, both your Seneschal and your Chronicler would like to recruit a volunteer to take over as Baronial Chronicler. There's no rule against one person holding both offices, but I would like you give someone else an opportunity to exercise their creativity and take over publishing the Zephyr. Please reach out if you'd like to know more.

I hope everyone is staying safe and well, masked and handwashed. I can't wait to see all of you again in person.

YIS,  
Evzenie

### *Baronial Business Meeting*

**When:** Sunday January 31  
**Host Location:** Foxvale (but online)  
**Address:** Zoom (see call info below)  
**Contact:** ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org  
**Gathering Time:** 3:00pm  
**Potluck & Meeting Time:** Online this time  
**Important Highlights:** Ongoing Online Activities

### Ayreton 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>
1/31/21	Foxvale
5/23/21	Rokkehealden
8/29/21	Tree-Girt-Sea
11/29/21	Vanished Woods

## Info for January 31 Barony Meeting on Zoom

Ayreon Senschal is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ayreon Quarterly Meeting

Time: Jan 31, 2021 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92002422191...>

Meeting ID: 920 0242 2191

Passcode: 977078

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Find your local number:

<https://zoom.us/u/abdEU7fwRq>

## Group Information for the Barony of Ayreton

**The Barony of Ayreton** (Chicagoland area) Website: <https://ayreton.midrealm.org/>  
Email list: groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton Seneschal: Tieron Alainn  
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### **The Canton of Foxvale**

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### **The Canton of Grey Gargoyles**

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**Ayreton Activities—NOTE: In-person activities are suspended through May 2021. Check out our Facebook page (link below) for info on virtual activities.**

Always check with the organizer of an activity before attending. **DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

The best way to find updated info about Baronial Activities is to check out the Barony website (<https://ayreton.midrealm.org/>) or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/baronyofayreton>

### **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 Robyyan - (773) 764.1920

### **Tuesday**

*Rapier Fighter Practice in Glen Ellyn*  
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### Wednesday

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

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

*Rapier Fighter Practice in Chicago*  
Contact : Kevin Purtell [kpurtell@yahoo.com](mailto:kpurtell@yahoo.com)

*Renaissance Dance*  
Contact: Rob Hicks [darclan28@yahoo.com](mailto:darclan28@yahoo.com)

### Thursday

*The Pippins – Madrigal and Early Music Singing Group*  
Contact: Mistress Gianetta – (312) 259.6688

## Baronial Office Election Cycle

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

## Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	March 1
Chatelaine	May 1
Chronicler	April 1
Exchequer	April 30
Herald	March 30
Knight's Marshal	March 1
MoAS	April 1
Baronial MoAS	April 15
Minister of Youth	April 15
Rapier Marshal	Feb 1
Equestrian Marshal	Feb 14
Seneschal	Feb 1
Baronial Sen.	Feb 15
Webminister	Feb 15

## Calendar of Selected Events

Go to the Midrealm calendar at

<https://a12c.encyva.com/apex/f?p=331:33:5737690411520:&tz=-5:00>

for a complete list.

**In-person events have been cancelled until the end of May 2021. Stay safe, everyone.**

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

*If your group has an online presence, let us know and we'll list it here!*

**Barony of Ayreton:** <https://www.facebook.com/baronyofayreton/>

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:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/118977078211315/>

This is a group to help spread information to the AyretonArea Archers. Practice times are listed under the Calendar link. Shooting hints and tips are under the Files link.

**Ayreton Brewers Guild:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334422661748/>

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.



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