



THE ZEPHYR



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Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Greetings Ayreton,

This missive comes to you not from Their Excellencies but from a guest writer, your humble Chronicler, Philippa.

Their Excellencies are experiencing an attack of real life and dealing with many things at once, so it seemed unfeeling to hound them for their usual letter. I know they extend their best wishes and support to the Populace of the Barony as we engage in fighting, A&S, attending events, etc. So, know that you are supported and loved.

Her Excellency, Baroness Hillary's father is in the hospital, so their time is understandably being dedicated there for now. In the recent Baronial Meeting, Her Excellency just wanted everyone to know that because of her father's situation, they may not be attending far flung events at this time. They will try to attend local events, even if only one of Their Excellencies can attend, but at the moment, they won't be at any local events in the coming weeks. Please keep Their Excellencies and our Baroness' father in your thoughts as they weather this situation. Let's support them, the way they have always supported us. I'm sure that they will regale us all with words of wisdom and support in the next edition.

"Thank you Ayreton for being wonderful." Their closing comment from last edition's letter and seemed appropriate to close with that again.

Hilary & Gareth
Baroness & Baron, Ayreton
(Guest writer Philippa)
Chronicler, Ayreton



Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings good cousins,

I hope everyone continues to be well. It's hard to hang onto what the current news of the moment is, but it may be that we are finally beginning the last phase of this pandemic. There are several events coming up, including Rokkehealdan's Day of Playe, Coronation (in Carriag Ban) and Crown Tourney. If you are planning on attending any events in the near future, please make sure you preregister. There's been some (minor) issues with the preregistration system, so maybe print off your confirmation. I've been getting confirmation emails, but it seems like maybe everyone isn't. It might depend on how you've got your SCA account set up.

Also, please remember that at least for now, the Middle Kingdom is requiring masks for all indoor activities, including practices and other gatherings. I was getting tired of my "mask wardrobe" choices, so I'm making some more.

I hope your summer activities were productive. As we move into cooler weather and our thoughts turn to more indoor pursuits, I imagine our online activities may continue to help us stay connected and learning. Keep tuned into Facebook for word on fun things online.

I hope to see you all soon. Please stay well.

YIS,

Evzenie
Seneschal, Ayreton



Greetings from the Chronicler

Greetings fair cousins of Ayreton,

I hope everyone is doing well and has enjoyed the summer, a few of the regular events have been happening, more are yet to come. Enjoy and stay safe.

This edition is listing the dates for the Ayreton 2021-2022 meeting schedule. These dates at this point are not confirmed so please know there may be updates in the coming months. I simply followed the standard meeting rotation for hosting group and the custom of the last Sunday of the ending quarter month. These may need to be adjusted once Their Excellencies have time to think about next year's schedule and also may need to be altered depending on the canton's meeting schedules.

I would like to thank everyone who submitted an article or item for The Zephyr's regular features and some other interesting and useful articles. Again, The Zephyr depends on your participation. If you have anything you would like to submit for publication or any ideas you'd like to see featured, please let me know at

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YIS,
THL Philippa of Otterbourne
Chronicler, Ayreton



A Medieval Miscellany

By Librarian Alexandria

Picts or It Didn't Happen – Part Two

Everyone knows the Romans officially abandoned Britain in 410 AD, but in essence the Roman imperial presence had been deteriorating by 383, when Magnus Maximus claimed the purple and took a large chunk of the Romano-British troops to the continent with him. Over the course of the next 30 or so years there would be much back-and-forth between the mainland and the island, each time reducing the number of troops stationed there. Add to this a number of revolts among the non-native troops, eager to return to the Empire from this backwater, and the island was ripe for trouble.

Incursions by the Irish, the Picts and even barbarians from the continent further weakened the power of Rome on the island, and when Constantine departed with some 6,000 troops in 407, en route to the capital, the Britons were more or less on their own.

For the next several hundred years any semblance of cohesion among the Romano-British was gone, battered by barbarians who not only came to raid, but, in the case of the Anglo-Saxons, to stay. It would be several hundred years before the disparate regions now ruled by the invaders would develop anything like established kingdoms.

In the north, however, things were rather different. Since they had never been ruled by the Romans and, in fact, were in more or less constant conflict with them (and later, with the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms that replaced them), the Tribes Formerly Known as Caledonii were already in the process of uniting under a single umbrella. By the early fifth century, while their southern cousins were losing their lands, the Picts were establishing a political structure that would carry them forward. The people of the lands known during this era as Alba, Pictland or Pictavia were still broken into several different kingdoms, but they all paid homage to a single overking (much like the bretwaldas the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms would later have). Later (beginning in the 6th century) the

kingdom of Fortriu (the name possibly derived from the name of one of the major tribes, called the Verturiones by the Romans) would form the basis of the future Scotland.

Meanwhile, on the west coast...

According to Bede, the kingdom of Dal Riata (or Dal Riada, your results may vary), spanning the northern part of what is now County Antrim in Ireland and Argyll (which name comes from Airer Goídel, "coast of the Gaels") in Scotland, with many islands between, including Iona, the center of Celtic Christianity, was founded in about 500 CE. The Irish were no strangers to the island of Britain, though—the Romans called the pirates and raiders from Ireland the "Scoti" and that is where the term "Scotland" originates. Not long afterwards, St. Columba founded the monastery at Iona and began the task of Christianizing the inhabitants of Scotland.

There were continuous conflicts between Fortriu and Dal Riata through the next few centuries, but intermarriages as well. One of these resulted in the birth of the heir to the Dal Riata crown, one Cináed mac Ailpin, in 810. Better known today as Kenneth MacAlpin, the first king of a united Scotland (called Alba in those days), he was the son of the Dal Riata king and a Pictish princess. Although at that point the Picts and the Dal Riatans were by no means united (and wouldn't be until about 50 years after MacAlpin's death, honestly), he did have a legitimate claim to the Pictish throne. Because the Picts were matrilineal—royal blood flowed through the female line. He still had to fight for the throne, though, not only because the Picts were scrappy, but because by then, the Vikings had started their careers of raiding.

To be continued...

Have a question about some aspect of medieval history or culture? Let your Librarian help!

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Ayreton Gathering

Get to know your Ayreton Populace



Introducing Forester Renzokuken of Ayreton (pictured above).

Thank you, Renzo for your participation!

Would you like to introduce yourself in the next edition of The Zephyr? Send your answers to the questions below and a picture if so desired to ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org

Name:

Miguel Villa

How long have you been in the SCA?

7 years

What drew you to the SCA?

I found the SCA through archery and my local practice range.

What activities do you participate in?

Obviously, my activities in the Society include archery, but I also like introducing newcomers to the sport and running shoots. I am also the Baronial Archery Marshal.

A bit about your life outside of the SCA? Job? Hobbies?

Aside from archery, I'm also a big fan of disc golf and if not at the archery range practicing, I'm out on the golf course. I also enjoy reading. Some of my favorite subjects are paranormal and ancient civilizations. Think ancient aliens but not the TV show. LOL!

The Quill and Brush

The Quill and Brush

Featuring the original work of our talented and industrious scribes. If you would like a scroll of your creation featured here, please send a copy of an unawarded scroll (no calligraphy) or a completed scroll that has already been presented in court. Send submissions to

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Scroll created by Captain Arnora in Skarpa (Becky Hubert) and is based on Norse Runestones, test written by Her Excellency, Hillary, Baroness of Ayreton and is based on the Poetic Edda.

The test is as follows:

“Where,” asked Hjalmr, “is the chief seat of Ayreton?”

“It is the people of Ayreton,” replied Gareth, “here they assemble to do good works.”

“What is there remarkable in regard to that place?” said Hjalmr.

“That people,” answered Hillary, “is the greatest and best of all of Ayreton. The people like yourself whose gifts and skills spread over the whole Midrealm, and even reach above heaven. People like you, Hjalmr, who create from metal objects of great beauty that can be given to say thank you to kings and lords, queens and ladies alike. You are people like a Lion, whose roar extends to the Æsir, given selflessly to share by teaching, in which wisdom and wit is known. You are a Leo in the sky that shines upon the Barony and makes it brighter than the gold you smith.



Two days ago, at Baroness Wars, THL Oswyn of Baðon stepped down as Chancellor of the RUM and was given an Honorary Degree as a Sage of the Royal University.

The RUM thanks him for his service to teaching and learning during his six+ years first as a member of the RUM staff, then as Chancellor, including leading the way with the Ethereal SCA during the last 18 months. We wish him well. With the conclusion of the transition, I now take up the mantle of RUM Chancellor.

As my first act, I am pleased to welcome Elisabeta Fischer to the role of Vice-Chancellor. Elisabeta has been helping the RUM for a while now as a member of the General Staff, and I am pleased that she will be moving into this position to back me up.

As you all know, Fall RUM is scheduled for November 13th. Please sign up to teach or come to learn! THERE WILL BE SOME LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING AND VIRTUAL LEARNING!

RUM is being hosted in the Barony of Roaring Wastes! <https://fallrum2021.weebly.com/>

Need help registering your class? Check out this video: <https://youtu.be/YY5pBWNyeHk> on the RUM YouTube channel, or use our guide at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1huvFaaZLnYxdB_BWjqCaPW_MUnDAdb0KO5MmCP377U0/edit?usp=sharing

Fall Rum info can also be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/892883847977427/?ti=ls>

I look forward to the next three years as Chancellor with all of you!

In service, Andreas, Chancellor



Upcoming Ayreton and Canton Events



Known World Cooks & Bards 9

Sep 10 – 12, 2021 On-Line via Zoom
Sponsored by the Barony of Ayreton.

<http://tilted-windmill.com/kwcb2021/>

Zoom links will be posted to the website on the day of the event.
Registration: Free

Join us for a weekend with classes, concerts, and bardic circles! In addition to cooking and bardic, we will also have brewing & vinting, along with instrumental & choral music classes –and more!

Attendees are encouraged to make an account on the website to offer classes, suggest classes, request stage time, or create your personal schedule.

Event Steward: Cerian Cantwr (Charles Grab)
cerian@minstrel.com 630-272-8514

Canton of Rokkehealden Day of Playe 5

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

*ex. Collections Arundelliana **

Pre-Registration link at:
<https://dayofplaye.weebly.com>



September 11, 2021

**DAY OF
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The Canton of Rokkehealden  Plowmens Park, Big Rock, IL



Ayreton Activities

Always check with the organizer of an activity before attending. **DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE! And many are not holding these meeting/activities because of COVID.** 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 (4th Sundays unless noted)

Contact: ayretoncooks@yahoo.com

Grey Gargoyles Fighter Practice

Contact: Lady Susanna – mickel14@att.net

Monday

Consort Music

Contact: Master Robyyan - (773) 764.1920

Tuesday

Rapier Fighter Practice in Glen Ellyn

Contact: Lord Tedesco - tedesco@ayreton.org

Wednesday

Court and Country Music Group

Contact: CourtAndCountry@gmail.com

Archery Practice

Contact: Forester Renzokuken of Ayreton ayreton.archery@midrealm.org

Vanished Wood Sewing Circle

Contact: Mistress Katherine – knwkwf@yahoo.com

Rapier Fighter Practice in Chicago

Contact: Kevin Purtell kpurtell@yahoo.com

Renaissance Dance

Contact: Rob Hicks darclan28@yahoo.com

Thursday

The Pippins – Madrigal and Early Music Singing Group

Contact: Mistress Gianetta – (312) 259.6688

Ayreton Groups Online

Please note: this info is undergoing review. If you see any errors, please let the Chronicler 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 Ayreton Area 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 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 Metalworkers and Jewelers Guild:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AyretonJewelersMetalworkersGuild>

This group is for all those gentles who are interested in creating jewelry and or doing metalwork.

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 Seneschal	Feb 15

Calendar of Selected Events

Go to the Midrealm calendar at <https://midrealm.org/> for a complete list.



Group Information for the Barony of Ayreton

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The Canton of Foxvale (Aurora IL area)

Website: <https://foxvale.midrealm.org/>

Seneschal: THL Yamamura Kitsune (foxvale.seneschal@midrealm.org)

The Canton of Grey Gargoyles (South Side of Chicago and Southeast Chicago Suburbs)

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The Canton of Rokkehealden (Southwest Chicago Suburbs)

Website: <http://rokkehealden.midrealm.org/>

Seneschal: Lady AElfreda aet AEthelwealda (aelfreda6@gmail.com)

The Canton of Tree-Girt-Sea (North Side of Chicago)

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Seneschal: Lady Lette de Cherselawe (treegirtsea.seneschal@midrealm.org)

The Canton of Vanished Wood (Northwest Chicago Suburbs)

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Seneschal: Mistress Aclina of Derelei (vanishedwood.seneschal@midrealm.org)

Baronial Office Election Cycle

Office Title	Election Cycle	Next Election	Notes
Archery Marshall	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2022	Announce 2 nd meeting 2022
Chatelaine	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2021
Chronicler	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2022	Announce 2 nd meeting 2022
Exchequer	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2022	Announce 2 nd meeting 2022
Herald	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2021
Knight Marshal	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2022	Announce 2 nd meeting 2022
MoAS	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2022	Announce 2 nd meeting 2022
Rapier Marshal	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2021
Seneschal	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2021
Thrown Weapons Marshall	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2021
Webminister	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2021
Youth Minister	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2022	Announce 2 nd meeting 2022

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Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Evzenie Apolena Vitkovic

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Ayreton Officer elections for 3rd Quarter 2021 were held at the Baronial Meeting this past weekend.

Huzzah for the newly elected Baronial Officers.!

Exchequer – Lady Matilda Ann Stevyn Slyfield

Minister of Arts & Sciences – Sgt. Hjalmr Njalsson

Knigh't's Marshal – Lord Godfrey of Clovenshield

Archery Marshal – Forester Renzokuken of Ayreton

Chronicler – THL Philippa of Otterbourne

Youth Minister – Lady Alys of Foxrose

Baronial Business Meeting

When: Sunday, November 29th
Host Location: Vanished Wood
Address: TBA
Contact: ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org
Gathering Time: 3:00pm
Potluck & Meeting Time: TBA
Important Highlights: TBA

Ayreton 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

When	Where
11/29/21	Vanished Woods
3/27/2022	Grey Gargoyles
5/29/2022	Foxvale
8/28/2022	Rokkehealden
11/27/2022	Tree-Girt-Sea

These dates are NOT yet confirmed

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