



THE ZEPHYR



November 2022/January 2023- Anno Societatis 57

Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Greetings Ayreton,

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who worked to make Coronation a success. We received many compliments throughout the day from people who attended and would like to share that with all of you who made that happen. If you are so inclined, reach out to the members of the Barony of Carraig Ban, the Barony of Shadowed Stars and the Shire of Dark River to say thank you as well. There were so many people who came together to assist, it was truly a kingdom level event.

We have other Ayreton events to look forward to, All Soul's is being offered by the Canton of Vanished Wood on November 5th, we are Coming Home to the Manor! April 1st, the Canton of Rokkehealden is hosting a Day of Playe. We are looking forward to seeing Ayreton and friends of Ayreton as we enjoy events at home, and travel to events throughout the Middle Kingdom.

We are also excited that Ayreton Scribal nights are up and running. The next Scribal Night will be held on Thursday, November 17 at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S Garfield St, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Anyone is welcome, regardless of experience. We have materials to share so all anyone needs to bring is themselves. We will discuss and do a show and tell concerning the Ayreton Great Book project that is in the works at our next Scribal Night

The Ayreton Brewers Guild has a get together planned at Primrose Brewing for Sunday, November 6th. Primrose Brewing is located at 509 Stevens St, Geneva, IL 60134. We would like to share information about upcoming brewing opportunities at events as well as to discuss ways we can support brewers in Ayreton. We would like to continue to meet with guilds, or groups that have a focus in order to discuss baronial support for your favorite activity, whether this is an activity, a canton, or a guild, we would love to hear ideas for outreach. Reach out to us and we will find a time and place that we can get together.

We also want to make plans for an Ayreton 12th Night party, because spending time together is one of our SCA favorites. Keep supporting each other, keep having fun, and keep being you. Thank you Ayreton for all you do!

Hilary & Gareth
Baroness & Baron, Ayreton



Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings gentle cousins,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the beautiful fall weather. As we look forward to the end of the year and seasonal holidays, thoughts turn to indoor pastimes. We had our first Scribal Night hosted in Rokkehealdan this last Thursday, and I understand it was a hit! Look for more such in the future.

I'd like to thank Raedsman Andreas and Captain Hjalmer for their hard work on our Coronation event. The weather smiled on us, and we had a lovely and successful event. I'd also like to thank all Barony members who contributed in large ways and small to the success of the event. We did a great job! Pro vi Ayreton!

Our next Baronial Meeting will be Sunday December 4, 1-5 pm at St Stephens Church in Midlothian. Thanks to Grey Gargoyles for hosting! We are going to try a "hybrid" format for this meeting, so if you cannot attend in person, look for a Zoom link on Facebook and in the Ayreton email. We will be meeting concurrently with fighter practice, so if anyone wants to check that out as well let Godfrey know!

I was thinking about suggesting we also have a holiday party theme for the meeting. I'll start that conversation on Facebook and the email list soon.

Keep following on social media/email for updates about meetings.

Finally, we have had a lot of new folks interested in joining us. Please keep your eyes/ears out as you attend local events, gatherings, meetings, and practices for new folks and help them feel welcome!

See you out and about!

Evzenie
Seneschal, Ayreton



Greetings from the Chronicler

Greetings fair cousins of Ayreton,

Happy Fall everyone!

I know some of the information regarding group seneschal and activity groups/contacts need updating. I have asked for updates to be sent to me but since the mountain won't come to me, I'm going to the mountain and have asked each group seneschal to contact me so I can verify it. The Baronial Officer Page should be up to date and correct, if now, please advise ASAP. By next issue I hope to have the Activity page sorted out. Some groups may no longer exist, may have different contacts, and or not me meeting regularly so expect major changes on this page, I think the current format of who meets on what weekday no longer suits our post-Covid (or near post-Covid) age.

Remember, 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 ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org

YIS,
THL Philippa of Otterbourne
Chronicler, Ayreton



A Medieval Miscellany

By Librarian Alexandria

Miscellany...

Digging through the rubble of last edition's chaos, your humble Librarian found some real miscellany.

Alfred the Great's family was sort of single-minded about names. His dad Aethelwulf named all of his kids with the beginning name "Aethel," which means "Noble." I.e., Aethelstan, Aethelbald, Aethelberht, Aethelred, and their sister Aethelswith. "Aelfred," which was the original of his name, means "Elf Counseled." He was a very sickly kid, so it might have been they thought he was a changeling, so he got a different style of name.



Emma of Normandy was the great-granddaughter of Rollo, first Duke of Normandy (the Viking that took over that part of France) and the great-aunt of William the Conqueror. She was also queen of England, Denmark, Norway, queen to two kings (Aethelred "the Unready," and his successor, Cnut), and mother of two kings (Harthacnut and Edward the Confessor). You probably never heard of her.



War horses were smaller than we think, probably averaging 14.5 - 15 hands.

They didn't become a major part of battles till about 1300. Prior to that, in pitched battles, knights usually dismounted. That went on until improvements in infantry weapons and armor evened the odds a bit.

Muslims preferred mares in battle.

Sidesaddles were invented in the 13th century but rarely used. Women rode astride until tech improvements to the sidesaddle in the late 18th century.

The name "Dracula" means "Son of the Dragon." Dracula's father belonged to a knighthood called the Dragons.

Dracula had a younger brother named Radu the Handsome.



Chimneys weren't invented until the 11th century. Fireplaces as we think of them didn't exist until then; they were just a hearth in the middle of the floor with a hole in the roof above them.



Spanish names like Hernandez, Rodriguez, Lopez, and Fernandez are descendants of Visigothic names, not Latin.



Claude, Ludovic, Clovis, Ludwig and Louis are all the same name.



Any one of these subjects may show up in a later story...

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

*Contact us at:
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Ayreton Gathering

Get to know your Ayreton Populace



Introducing Walerian Podróznik (pictured above).

Would you like to introduce yourself in the next edition of *The Zephyr*? Click this link to fill out the questionnaire. <https://forms.gle/upr9Kc1vYjFytMAy9> and then send a picture of you in garb to ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org

Name:

Rowan Woodcock-Girard

How long have you been in the SCA?

Just a few weeks.

What drew you to the SCA?

My interest in historical textiles and dress

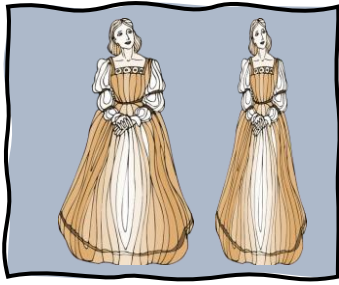
What activities do you participate in?

I love learning new things through the classes and I'm interested in getting into combat archery

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

I am a professional cartoonist and in my spare time I knit, weave, spin, read horror paperbacks, and play strategy videogames

This month we have TWO new people to introduce so see the next page for another new person in our Barony!



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Name:

Anna

How long have you been in the SCA?

5ish months?

What drew you to the SCA?

I've always been fascinated by everything the SCA is about, but I didn't know it existed until my cousin told me about the amazing community of people with similar interests.

What activities do you participate in?

Crafting sometimes, chatting, and I'd like to get into fencing and archery.

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

I'm a high school senior at Batavia High School in Batavia, IL. I'm determined to be a costume designer and will accept no compromises when it comes to colleges! I love to draw, sew, and talk to people! I'm also kind of a gym rat, since my noodle arms just won't do for the things I enjoy; like archery, crafting, and fencing. Even in everyday life, my style is quite "out there" and extra. I've never been content with "normal" clothes because as we all now, normal is boring! I'm eager to learn and grow and become more involved in the community!

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 ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org



This issue we feature a scroll by THL Mikhail of Lubelska. . It is based on the Lindisfarne Gospels, early 8th Century, Northumberland, England.

New Groups Forming

Announcing some new groups forming in the Barony:

Dramatis Personae

If there isn't already enough drama in your life, come join us and make some -- in a good way! We are looking for experienced theatrical types of all varieties -- actors, directors, writers, and crew -- as well as those who are interested in learning, regardless of formal training or background, or lack thereof. We envision a flexible ensemble that will adapt to a variety of event venues and performance niches, from dramatic monologues at Feast to 'flash mob' scenes in the Populace Room to fully staged plays. For more information, contact Caitilin Maxuell de Calderwood at michaellemcclowry@gmail.com.

Unofficial Ayreton Leatherworks Guild

Since we do not have a group for it yet, RJ Jermanowicz has created the "Unofficial Ayreton Leatherworks Guild" group on Facebook. If there is interest, he would be like to make it an official Guild of the Barony eventually . Ideally, this Facebook group will be a place to build a community within our community and offer a place to teach, chat, and show off the fun things we make.

However, for now, here is the link, feel free to join and share some of the leatherwork you do and tell us a little about yourself when you join the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/299956151570591/?ref=share>

Ayreton Scriptorium Baronial Scribal Rights

Ayreton Scribes are meeting at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield, Hinsdale, IL. A place for scribes and aspiring scribes to hang out and work on scrolls together. No experience necessary, there are supplies to share if you are just getting started or wanting to dip your toes in the scribal arts.

Contact Baronial Signet, Ambr Stormwatch at ldyambr@comcast.net for more information or meeting schedule..



3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes

I. Officer reports

A. Seneschal -

1. Covid rules changing
 - a) Restrictions will be dropped
 - b) Use own discretion when attending events
 - c) If sick - the expectation is don't come to a planned event and wait ten days before attending an SCA activity
2. Meeting schedule for upcoming year
 - a) Meetings should be hybrid with in person and zoom if at all possible
 - b) Schedule:
 - (1) Grey Gargoyles - Dec. 4
 - (2) Foxvale - March 26th
 - (3) Vanished Wood - June 25
 - (4) TGS - Sept 24
3. Unfinished projects
 - a) Baronial award
 - b) Shade fly repair
 - c) Great Book

B. Exchequer

1. We have \$500 in account
2. If we don't make money at Coronation will take a hit
3. Pre-reg numbers only at 140and
 - a) 12 of those are kids, and 18 teens under 18 (non-pay)
 - b) Need 250 to break even
4. As of this moment there will be no expenditures without exchequer approval per Middle Kingdom
5. Also per Middle Kingdom - no kingdom level event with less than \$15 member fee
6. Will be a post mortem after this event
7. Need to consider fund raising

C. Web minister (per notes to Grace)

1. Reports up to date
2. Per Midrealm - web page must be Word Press
 - a) Not mobile friendly
 - b) Contact email for any changes needed - ayreton.webminister@midrealm.org

D. MoAS - officially updated

E. Chatelaine

1. New people are in contact (2 at the meeting !!)
2. Will bring Gold Key to Coronation

F. Knight's Marshal

1. Running event next Saturday
2. Once every 2 to 3 months will hold a "fight night" to bring all local practices together

G. Rapier

1. Jana stepping down
2. Katerina (MKA Rachel) stepping up

H. Archery

1. Renzo stepped down
2. Office is vacant
3. MIT can start with intent to take over once MIT is completed

I. Thrown Weapons - office is vacant

J. Chronicler -

1. Zephyr is being produced
2. Please send article to Philippa
3. Email - ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org

K. Herald -

1. Still active
2. Looking for a deputy

L. Youth minister - currently Alice - no report

M. Signet

1. There will be a court at All Souls
2. There will be a Baronial Scribe Night at Union Church of Hinsdale

N. Baron and Baroness

1. Ambr has taken over as Baronial Signet
 - a) Is doing a fantastic job
 - b) Proactively problem solving
2. Coronation
 - a) Please volunteer
 - b) Will be dark at night so please bring camp lights, LEDs, solar, candles - etc.
 - c) Pop ups only - no pavilions
 - (1) Can stake the pop ups
3. Baronial changeover
 - a) If interested in the job feel free to job shadow at an event
 - b) All are welcome
4. Write in Award Recs
 - a) Write people in for both baronial and kingdom level
 - (1) Baronial is easy - contact Gareth or Hillary or use this link: <https://ayreton.midrealm.org/award-recommendation/>
 - (2) Kingdom - use the following link: <https://midrealm.org/award-recommendations/>
 - b) If you want an assist or backup for award recs let G and H know
5. Thank you to all who gave suggestions for Baronial Gifts at Coronation



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

Ayreon Groups Online

Barony of Ayreon: <https://www.facebook.com/baronyofayreon/>

The Barony of Ayreon is the name for the Chicago area within the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) The Barony is in the Midlands region (Illinois) of the Middle Kingdom (MidRrealm, the Great Lakes area of the Midwest of the United States). Go to <http://www.ayreon.org> and <http://www.sca.org> for more information. Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/71826746135>

Ayreon Archers: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/118977078211315/>

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

Ayreon 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. You do not need to be a member of the Barony to be a member of the group. We discuss all matters pertaining to brewing 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.

Ayreon Metalworkers and Jewelers Guild:

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

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

Ayreon Scriptorium : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AyreonScriptorium/>

This group is for all those gentles who are interested in the Scribal Arts and/or producing Award Scrolls

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Baronial Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	Mar 1, Jun 1, Sep 1, Dec 1
Chatelaine	Feb.1, May 1, Aug 1, Nov 1
Chronicler	Apr 1, Jul 1, Oct 1, Jan 1
Equestrian Marshal	Feb 14, May 14, Aug 14, Nov 14
Exchequer	Jan 31, Apr 30, Jul 31, Oct 31
Herald	Mar 31, Jun 30, Sep 30, Dec 31
Knight’s Marshal	Mar 1, Jun1, Sep 1, Dec 1
Minister of A&S	Mar 5, Jun 5, Sep 5, Dec 5
Minister of Youth	Jan 15, Apr 15, Jul 15, Oct 15
Rapier Marshal	Feb 1, May 1, Aug 1, Nov 1
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Mar 1, Jun 1, Sep 1, Dec 1
Seneschal	Feb 1, May 1, Aug 1, Nov 1
Social Media	Jan 1, Apr 1, Jul 1, Oct 1
Webminister	Feb 15, May 14, Aug 15, Nov 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

The Barony of Ayreton (Chicagoland area)

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The Canton of Foxvale (Aurora IL area)

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

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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/>

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

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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 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2023
Chatelaine	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2024	Announce 2 nd meeting 2024
Chronicler	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2023
Exchequer	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2023
Herald	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2024	Announce 2 nd meeting 2024
Knight Marshal	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2023
MoAS	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2023
Rapier Marshal	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2024	Announce 2 nd meeting 2024
Seneschal	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2024	Announce 2 nd meeting 2024
Thrown Weapons Marshall	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2024	Announce 2 nd meeting 2024
Webminister	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2024	Announce 2 nd meeting 2024
Youth Minister	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2023	Announce 2 nd meeting 2023

Baronial Officers

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Archery Marshal: VACANT

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Rapier Marshal: Katrina dei Herrliche, Armiger

(Rachel Kerner)

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Thrown Weapons Marshal: VACANT

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Chatelaine: Captain Arnora in Skarpa

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Chronicler: The Honorable Lady Philippa of Otterbourne

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Minister of Youth: Lady Alys of Foxrose

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Baronial Business Meeting*

Host Location: Grey Gargoyles
Date: December 4, 2022
St. Stephen's Church
Address: 14700 Kildare Ave.
Midlothian, IL 60445
Contact: ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org
Gathering Time: 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Meeting Time: 1:00 – 2 :30 PM
Important Highlights: Possible Holiday Party after the meeting

**Updates will be posted on the Facebook Group and on the Ayreton Email.*

Ayreton 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

When	Where
Foxvale	March 26th
Vanished Wood	June 25th
Tree-Girt-Sea	September 24

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