



THE ZEPHYR



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Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Hello Ayreton!

Ayreton has a lot to celebrate from the summer, and a great deal to look forward to in the coming Fall and Winter months. We would like to thank everyone who attended Pennsic and went out of their way to volunteer time to make Pennsic a safe and well run place for all. We love that we had members step up to volunteer to help provide water in the woods battle. Members volunteered, not only there but throughout Pennsic making the load of a ten thousand plus person, two week event work well. There were Ayreton members who signed up to volunteer before Pennsic and Ayreton members who stepped in and volunteered when a need presented itself. We honor you. For all of those people

who worked to help make sure we got where we needed to be, when we needed to be there, thank you. You are appreciated more than you will ever know.

We love that there were so many friendly Ayreton faces who attended the Feathered Fox event. Fun was had, silly things happened and companionship and esprit de corp were achieved! Thank you to all who helped, taught classes, attended classes and enjoyed the day.

We know that the esprit de corp and Ayreton solidarity will continue as we work together to make the Royal University of the Midrealm a success. For those of you already volunteering we are grateful. There are many opportunities to help out, and all who are interested should be able to find an activity to volunteer for that fits individual interests. We (Jane the Tall and Hillary) know that help making Newcomer's Point a reality would be welcome.

We are looking forward to Twelfth Night this year and would like to revisit an Ayreton Holiday party, and other Winter activities that we can enjoy together. We are eager to travel with you to upcoming events in the Midlands and beyond. If anyone has questions, or needs assistance getting to events, please reach out to us and we will help. Remember, at events where space allows, we will have an Ayreton day camp available for people to sit, relax and enjoy each other's company. We are excited for the renewed energy, excitement and joy that we have witnessed and rejoice with all of you. As always, Ayreton, you have our hearts.

Hilary & Gareth
Baroness & Baron, Avreton



Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings, Ayreton!

I hope you have all had a great summer event season. I know I was very busy, including returning to Pennsic for the first time since before the pandemic. And while Pennsic was challenging (as it almost always is) I had the great pleasure of seeing many Aryetonians while I was there, including some new folks enjoying their first war.

We have several exciting things coming up in the fall, including a couple of demos, but most exciting is that we are hosting the Fall Session of the Royal University of the Midrealm on November 18th at the Union Church of Hinsdale (where Rokkehealdan did the last Day of Playe event in April). This should be a great day of learning and fun, so if you can pitch in and help out—including teaching a class?—please consider. We will be putting out some signups in the coming weeks to get people connected with jobs, so watch for those.

Finally, I would like to open up an invitation to anyone who would like to be my deputy to reach out. As a reminder, I will not be running again in the summer of 2024, and while being my deputy doesn't necessarily mean you must run for the job, it's a good way to get to know what the job entails. I have one very able deputy in Lord Keaton Caitdroven, but the more the merrier. Please let me know if you'd like to talk.

YIS,

Mistrovska Evzenie
Seneschal, Ayreton



Greetings from the Chronicler

Greetings Ayreton,

As you can see I have muddled my way through my first solo edition of the Zephyr. Thank you Phillipa for your ongoing support and guidance.

Going forward, I hope that you all will make time to submit your stories and photos. The Zephyr can only be as good as the submissions you share.

The next issue of The Zephyr will be published January 1 so the deadline for submissions will be December 22 2023.

NOTE: There is a HARD DEADLINE for submissions that is the 22nd day of the MONTH PRIOR to publication.

We are looking for a volunteer to feature in our “Meet the Populace” feature. Please consider filling this form out for next issue: <https://forms.gle/Y1v1NUJNrYn9Cefv5>

Please send submissions to ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org

YIS,
Baroness Jane the Tall
Chronicler, Ayreton





Ayreton Gathering

Get to know your Ayreton Populace

Would you like to introduce yourself in the next edition of *The Zephyr*? Click this link to fill out the questionnaire. <https://forms.gle/upr9Kc1vYfEytMAy2> and then send a picture of you in garb to ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org



A&S
"Craft Faire"

The A&S "Craft Faire"

Featuring the original works of our talented populace. If you would like Your work or project featured here, please send a copy of the item and what it was based on, time period, country if known to ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org

Would you like to feature your project here?

Please send submissions to

Ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org

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.

Ayreton Leatherworks Guild

The Leatherworkers Group is now an official Baronial Guild of Ayreton

The Guild has a Facebook Page. 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 Nights

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 ayreton.signet@midrealm.org for more information or meeting schedule..





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

Grey Gargoyles Fighter Practice

Contact: THL Susanna the Short (Susan Mickelson) – mickel14@att.net

Monday

Consort Music

Contact: Master Robyyan Torr d'Elandris (Dennis Sherman) - (773) 797-9506 or – robbyan@gmail.com

Tuesday

Fencing Fighter Practice in Glen Ellyn

Contact: Katrina dei Herrliche (Rachel Kerner)- ayreton.rapier@midrealm.org

Wednesday

Archery Practice

Contact: Forester Forester AEthelwulf of Dover (Tom Scrip) - ayreton.archery@midrealm.org

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 GianettaAndreini da Vicenna (Jen Small) – Jenrsmall@gmail.com

Ayreton Groups Online

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) 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.ayreton.org> and <http://www.sca.org> for more information. Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/71826746135>

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. 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.

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.

Ayreton Scriptorium : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AyretonScriptorium/>

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

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

The Ayreton Leatherworks Guild group on Facebook 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. Feel free to join and share some of the leatherwork you do and tell us a little about yourself when you join the group.

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)

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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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Seneschal: Lady Alys of Grey Gargoyles (greygargoyles.seneschal@midrealm.org)

The Canton of Rokkehealden (Southwest Chicago Suburbs)

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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 Acelina 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

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*Baronial Monthly Virtual Business Meeting**

Date:	TBA
Address:	TBA
Contact:	ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org
Meeting Time:	7 :00 – 8 :00 PM
Important Highlights:	TBA

*Baronial Quarterly Business Meeting & Socail**

Host Location:	TBA
Date:	September 24, 2023
Address:	TBA
Contact:	ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org
Gathering Time:	1:00 – 5:00 PM
Meeting Time:	1:00 – 2 :30 PM
Important Highlights:	TBA

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

**Ayreton 2022-2023
Meeting Schedule**

Where	When
TBA	September 24

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