



THE ZEPHYR



January 2024/March 2024- Anno Societatis 58

Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Greetings, Ayreton!

We hope that your holidays and the winter solstice was spent with loved ones doing what you enjoyed. We thank you all for your hard work at the Royal University of the Midrealm, as well as in preparation for the 12th Night hosted by the Cantons of Rokkehealden and Tree-Girt-Sea. While we appreciate and recognize the hard work of both Cantons we also know that the Barony has come together in order to support the leadership of those Cantons and Sir Fern and Lord Keaton as they strove to develop an event that was welcoming to our visitors as enjoyable for Barony members. We thank you all for your efforts.

We are excited to approach the late winter and early spring events, with the focus on arts and sciences and are looking forward to enjoying traveling throughout the Kingdom with many of you. If anyone needs assistance getting to events, please reach out and let us know. Our event schedule is posted on the Baronial webpage, and even if we aren't going to the same events, we may be able to do outreach if needed for rides or other concerns. If we are at an event and if the event allows we will have a day camp at which all are welcome to join us. Wishing the upcoming months leading to Spring see a renewal and celebration of all we are and all we are capable of.

Thank you Ayreton for all you do, your strength, generosity, and brightness would shame the very stars.

Hilary & Gareth
Baroness & Baron, Ayreton



Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings Ayreton!

I hope this missive finds you warm and merry in the spirit of the season.

Ayreton Twelfth Night hosted by the Cantons of Tree Girt Sea and Rokkehealdan fast approaches. I hope that you are able to attend and that if you are able you can lend a hand to help the event be successful.

Also coming up is the Festival of Maidens, organized by our friends in Caer Gwyn. It's always a fun event and one worth putting on your calendar (January 27).

As discussed at our Zoom meeting on December 21st, the schedule for 2024 Baronial in-person meetings is as follows:

January 28, 2024: Hosted by Grey Gargoyles

April 7, 2024: Hosted by Rokkehealdan

June 30, 2024: Hosted by Foxvale

September 29, 2024: Hosted by Vanished Wood (to be confirmed).

Baroness Hillary has an idea for an activity for the January meeting, but ideas are always welcome.

We will continue to have monthly Zoom meetings on the 3rd Thursday of months where there is no in-person meeting, with the option of canceling if there is no pressing business.

Facebook events will be created with location and time information for each meeting.

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.

Stay well!

Mistrovska Evzenie Apolena Vitkovic
Seneschal, Ayreton



Greetings from the Chronicler

Greetings Ayreton,

I'm excited to share this edition of the Zephyr because it is full of helpful information such as news on the upcoming 12th Night sponsored by Rokkhealden and Tree-Girt-Sea (with support from the rest of the Barony). We have an introduction to Magnus White Hair via our "Meet the Populace" feature as well as a map of the State of Illinois from an SCA perspective created by Marketa z Prahy (Tricia Dean) which I think everyone will find helpful. I hope this flurry of submissions is a trend that continues throughout the calendar year!

NOTE: The deadline for submissions is the 22nd day of the month prior to publication.

We are always looking for volunteers for our "Meet the Populace" feature. Please consider filling this form out for next issue: <https://forms.gle/Y1v1NUJNrYn9Cefv5>

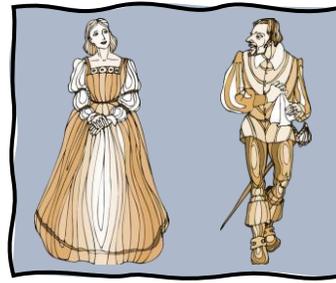
Please send submissions to ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org

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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

Introducing Magnus White-Hair

Name: Matt Pudnos

How long have you been in the SCA?

I went to my first event in June 2022 and I became a full member this August after coming home from Pennsic 50.

What drew you to the SCA?

My wife's sister had been trying to get us into it for years before she successfully got us to go to Lilies War with her in 2022. Beyond the simple spectacle of everything as a mundane person stepping into the Known World for the first time, the thing that struck me was the appreciation everyone shared for the ways and methods of the past. One of the hallmarks of our modern world is how quickly things are advancing, developing, and changing at breakneck speeds. It's exhausting! But at Lilies, I saw people celebrating where we had come from with a level of detail I had never seen before. They weren't just preserving the past by sticking it into a glass box, they were *living* the past. I remember a blacksmith who had worked on a completely faithful recreation of a Norse chest from the 10th century who, by applying his own mastery of period techniques to the project, was able to glean new insights about how the real thing might have been made — insights that helped historians and archaeologists make new discoveries about the actual real find. It made history come alive

What activities do you participate in?

I spend all my time and resources on A&S, especially leatherworking (I'm "Medieval Outfitters" on Facebook & Instagram!), plus a little bit of woodworking during momentary delusions of grandeur. I've been known to sing at Bardic circles but no one can prove it.

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

I live in Ravenswood with my wife and partner and I work in advertising as a copywriter. When I'm not holed up in my study or working on a leather commission you can usually find me playing video games, cooking, tinkering with my computer, or annoying the cat with my love.

Twelfth Night 2024

A Day of Gifts, Gaming and Glamor!

The Third Ayreton Twelfth Night, presented by the Cantons of Tree Girt Sea and Rokkehealden

On Saturday, January 6, 2024 we will gather to celebrate Twelfth Night at the Union Church of Hinsdale. The event, led by Event Stewards Sir Fern de la Foret and Lord Keaton Caitdroven, is intended to be a comfortable gathering of friends after the hectic events of the holiday season.

Where: Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S. Garfield Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521

When: Saturday, January 6, 2024
10:00 am – 7:00 pm

For all other information, including regarding the day-long buffet in lieu of feast and the activities and salons based on the traditional gifts of Twelfth Night, please visit the event website at <https://rokkehealden.midrealm.org/ayreton-12th-night/>. It promises to be a relaxing time with friends old and new.



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

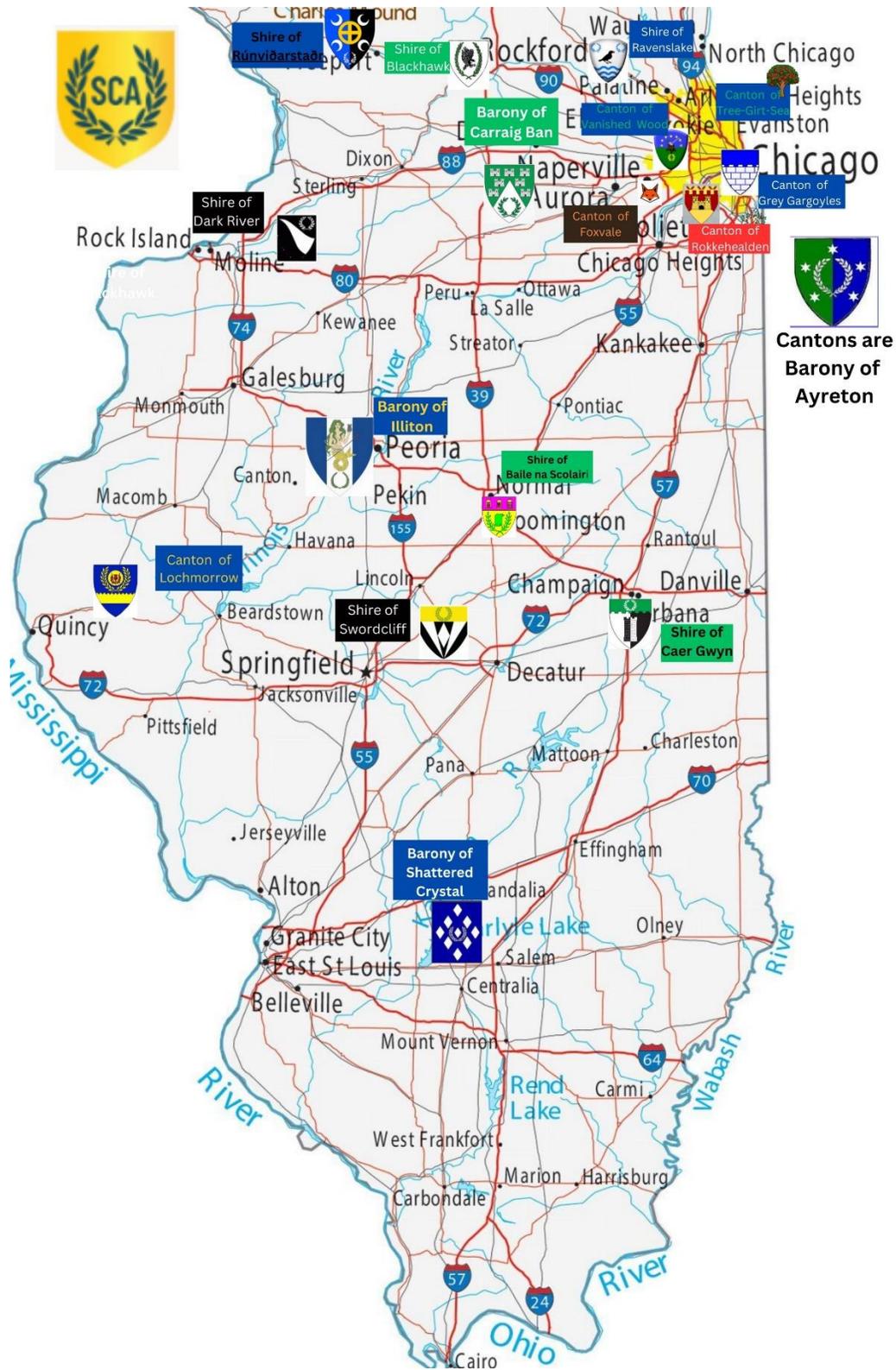
Would you like to feature your project here?

Please send submissions to

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The State of Illinois from an SCA Perspective

Created by Marketa z Prahy



Ayreton Groups

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

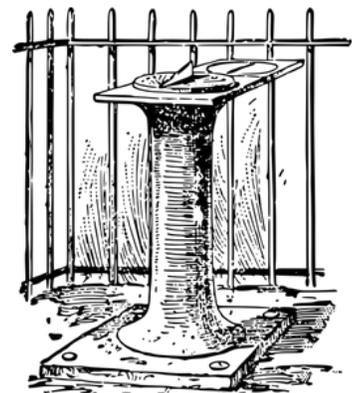
The Pippins – Madrigal and Early Music Singing Group

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

Curious about Upcoming Kingdom Events?

Please find more information here:

<https://midrealm.org/>



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.

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)

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

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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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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

Baronial Office Election Cycle

Office Title	Election Cycle	Next Election	Notes
Archery Marshall	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2025	Announce 2 nd meeting 2025
Chatelaine	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2024	Announce 2 nd meeting 2024
Chronicler	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2025	Announce 2 nd meeting 2025
Exchequer	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2025	Announce 2 nd meeting 2025
Herald	Even Years	3 rd Meeting 2024	Announce 2 nd meeting 2024
Knight Marshal	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2025	Announce 2 nd meeting 2025
MoAS	Odd Years	3 rd Meeting 2025	Announce 2 nd meeting 2025
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 2025	Announce 2 nd meeting 2025

Baronial Monthly Virtual Business Meeting*

Schedule: Third Thursday of Months with no In Person Meeting (subject to cancellation if there is no pressing business).

Timing: 7 – 8 pm

Contact: ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org

2024 Dates: February 15, 2024
March 21, 2024
May 16, 2024
July 18, 2024
August 15, 2024
October 17, 2024
November 21, 2024
December 19, 2024

Baronial Quarterly Business Meeting & Social*

Gathering: 1 – 5 pm

Meeting: 1-2:30 pm

Contact: ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org

Location: TBA

2024 Dates: January 28, 2024 – Hosted by Grey Gargoyles
April 7, 2024 – Hosted by Rokkehealden
June 30, 2024 – Hosted by Foxvale
September 29, 2024 – Hosted by Vanished Wood (Subject to Confirmation)

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

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