



THE ZEPHYR



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Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Greetings Ayreton,

We would like to take a moment to celebrate with you the upcoming year of Ayreton Royalty! Congratulations again to Ayreton's own, His Highness, Kilian Fendrich and Her Highness, Jalida al-Hasannah. We would like to encourage all to use the Middle Kingdom Awards recommendations page: <https://midrealm.org/award-recommendations/> in order to help Royalty recognize those deserving individuals that we see doing amazing work. Don't be afraid to look at the people of Ayreton and beyond Ayreton's borders to those friends we have made in order to assist TRM in acknowledging others' efforts. Please feel free to reach out to us if there are questions about the award recommendation process. We'd be happy to help. We will be

planning award recommendation parties throughout the summer and into early September. We would love to see you there!

For those of you who are attending Pennsic we will be setting up Facebook and Discord events for both opening ceremonies as well as the Ayreton Cocktail Party at our camp. For opening ceremonies we hope that we can have a sea of blue and green marching with Ayreton so that Ayreton pride is abundant for all to see. We will also give definitive times for the cocktail party. In the past it has been offered as an open house that people are welcome to swing by, hang out for a drink and a snack and then carry on to other Pennsic offerings, or stick around for companionship and conversation.

Coming back from Pennsic we will have Mounted War Games, Midlands Academy of Defense, Baroness Wars and Fall Coronation to look forward to. When space allows there will be an Ayreton Day Camp available for all comers to enjoy a space and each other's company. As always, please share good ideas and thoughts for Ayreton's continued growth and development. We look forward to moving forward with all!

Hilary & Gareth
Baroness & Baron, Ayreton



Greetings from the Seneschal

I hope this missive finds you all well.

This is my last letter for the Zephyr as Ayreton Seneschal. It has been my great privilege to serve this group of extraordinary people. We've accomplished a lot together over the last few years, including surviving and thriving during a global pandemic, and pulling together to increase our recruiting and activity levels. Kudos to us!

By the time this letter is published, Ayreton will have a new seneschal. I feel confident that whichever candidate is elected I am leaving you all in good hands. I am sure that you will all give either THL Marketa or Forester Aethelwulf your full confidence as well.

As many of you know, Dietrich and I are planning on moving to Northshield in the coming months. I'd like to extend an open invitation to any Ayretonian visiting Northshield to drop in and see us. We will likely still attend Midrealm events as opportunities arise as well, so this isn't so much "farewell" as "see you around"!

Stay hydrated and use your sunscreen for summer events!

Mistrovska Evzenie Apolena Vitkovic
Seneschal, Ayreton



Greetings from the Chronicler

Greetings Ayreton,

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Zephyr. As always, I hope that you will take the time to submit something for the next edition. As discussed at our business meeting, anything you would like to read about is appropriate for the newsletter. Event recaps, projects you're working on, random Medieval stuff... this newsletter belongs to all of us and is only as interesting as we make it!

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

YIS,
Baroness Jane the Tall
Chronicler, Ayreton



A Message to the Barony

Dear friends –

Earlier this year, I became the seneschal of Grey Gargoyles when health issues forced the previous seneschal to resign. The canton had been struggling for some time, with attendance and activity at troubling lows. I asked for a census, to determine the actual engaged membership, and the results reflected a group that was no longer viable. The idea of folding into the barony had been suggested and discussed before; at our last meeting, the assembled few voted unanimously to take that step. Many of the people who lived within the boundaries of Grey Gargoyles already considered themselves simply members of the barony, without canton affiliation, so clearly this was the direction that the canton was already going. We are grateful for the support and encouragement expressed by many of you when we announced this decision on social media, and we look forward to lending our strength to other cantons and/or the barony as a whole.

I would not presume to advise other seneschals and other cantons on how to manage their own situations, only to consider all options carefully and as dispassionately as possible. This is an emotional topic, past discussions have become heated at times, and we are all very attached to our history, naturally. Grey Gargoyles has not abandoned or forgotten or erased its history, only recognized that our past is not our future.

Living the Code, Serving the Dream
Berngard Solgai, called Moose

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/upr9Kc1vYjFytMAy2> and then send a picture of you in garb to ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org



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](mailto:ayreton.chronicler@midrealm.org)

Ayreton Groups

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.

Viento Antiguo is actively seeking new members. We are a vocal and instrumental ensemble, but it is not necessary to both sing and play an instrument in order to join. We do not represent a specific region or time period; we choose our music from anywhere/anywhen within SCA parameters (and maybe a little bit outside...) We rehearse every other Monday at the home of one of our members. Please contact Berggard Solgai, called Moose (Dori DesRoches) through the Ayreton Facebook page or Discord, or email dori.becker@gmail.com.



Ayreton 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

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

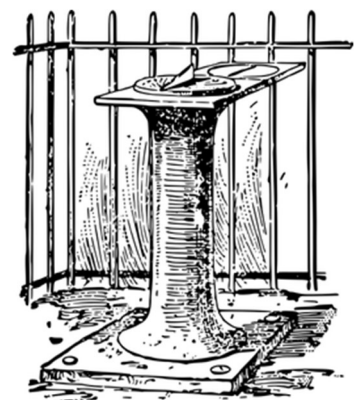
The Pippins – Madrigal and Early Music Singing Group

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)

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

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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 Rokkehealden (Southwest Chicago Suburbs)

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

Seneschal: Lord Keaton Caitdroven (rokkehealden.seneschal@midrealm.org)

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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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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