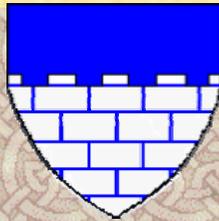
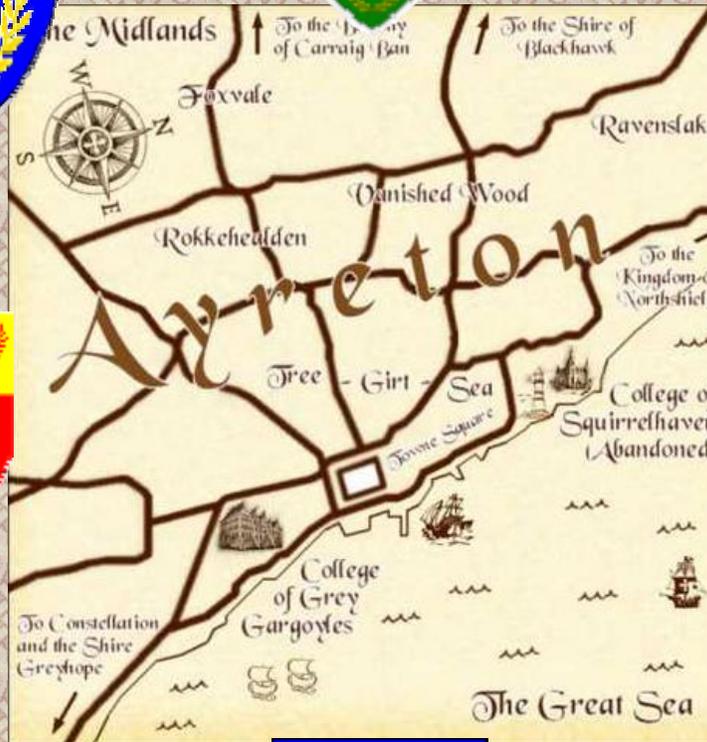


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Greetings unto one and all.

The Honorable Lady Mayor of Ayreton does wish it to be announced and known to all who may know that **The Ayreton Carnivale and Midlands Regional A&S Competition** will take place March 24, 2007 at Glenbrook North High School located at 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, IL 60062.

The site is absolutely BONE DRY as it takes place at a public school and Federal Law disallows alcohol.

Site fee is \$5 for ages 13 and over, \$2.50 for ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are free. There is a \$20 family cap.

Please visit the Website for the Event at www.ayreton.org

What's going on at the event?

JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING!! !

- The Midlands A&S Competition
- Lots of Classes!
- Arts Martial area is indoors and huge. We will be taking up the inside of a 1/8 mile indoor track. Rapier, Heavy and Boffer could all have good sized melees going on at the same time and never run into each other! We can also drop heavy duty curtains between each area and possibly allow for combat missile weapons to be used as well!
 - * Arts Martial including:
 - * Heavy and Rapier Tournaments, Heavy and Rapier Melees, Heavy and Rapier regional and war practice.
 - * Rapier Champions team tryouts!
 - * Youth Boffer!
 - * Archery and Thrown weapons are weather dependent.
- Shopping!

Feast is \$10 plus there will be space for people to bring their own food and drink and have a table as well.

Please come and join the Towne of Ayreton and have fun! There is something for almost everyone at this event.

Please visit the website for complete details. There is a lot going on and we greatly wish for you to be a part of it!

Website www.ayreton.org

In preparation for this Ayreton Issue of the Glyph Notes, Your Humble Editor had sent out a plea for members of the Ayreton populace to share their experiences with the Ayreton group, especially those experiences having to do with the growth of the Towne of Ayreton. Jale, Ian the Green, and the Lady Mayor herself responded. First, Lady Jale's contribution...

I was one of two people involved with creating the Lord Mayor: doing some research, writing the original charter, talking to all the local groups about the idea, and creating/moderating the first Lord/Lady Mayor election.

The other person was Christian (cray-te-en the fencer guy). Most of the research was done online due to time constraints.

Originally, we were contacted by two local peers with the idea - they wanted us to champion it and gave us the hint that there was a "Lord Mayor" in period in England. So, armed with that tidbit, we moved forward.

We gathered information on the history of "Lord Mayor," put together some guidelines and made contact with all the local peers we could find, plus went to every existing group's local meetings to pitch our plan. As you can imagine, reviews were mixed - some hated the idea, some were merely skeptical and few said "hey! sounds like fun!" We took it all into consideration, and having no real strong arguments as to why people didn't think it was a good idea, we moved ahead and announced the First Lord/Lady Mayor Election! It took place at a Ravenslake event and was administered by myself. Each nominee (it was completely open to anyone who wanted to 'run') pulled a fabric wrapped stone from my bag. The one with the 'marked' stone was to be Lord Mayor! It happened that the last person to pull a marker was Alexander de Seaton and that also happened to be the marked stone! Many have accused me of fixing the draw over the years and steadfastly denounce my argument against their accusations in a 'wink-wink, nudge-nudge' manner. It's simply not true - fate really did play into our hands that day.

Jale



As a person who lived in the Ayreton area, and being interested in Arts Martial of many sorts I attended fighter practices. And there was the most confusing schedule going on. The Province of Tree Girt Sea and the Shire of Grey Gargoyles would have a combined fighter practice every other week and no one could remember whose turn it was to go to which practice place. The schedules were posted but it was hard to follow for some. It was not unusual for people to show up to the wrong practice site or simply just not come to fighter practice for the confusion that was prevalent.

I made the offer at one practice to try keeping people up to date as to which fighter practice was when and where. That way we could all be on the same page and have more people to play with on a regular basis. Countess Sir Fern being the Knights Marshal for the Province of Tree Girt Sea gave me the e-mail list she had and said I was more than welcome to do so. I was happy to do such and was told it had been tried before but it had always died of attrition previously. I said I would not.

And so I made announcements to the e-mails I was given. Then I was asked to make announcements to various groups lists and so I added those as well. Then I was asked to make announcements for Arts and Sciences as well as any other activities and demos going on in the Ayreton Area. At this point I asked the reigning Honorable Mayor of Ayreton if I may have the title of Ayreton Towne Crier. At the time that was THL Cerian, now a Master of the Order of the Laurel. I received the response that he would happily give me the title of Ayreton Towne Cryer and thus the position and title were born.

I have had the pleasure of working as the Ayreton Towne Cryer now under two mayors and soon to be three mayors. Often people seem to think I am a decision maker when it comes to Ayreton things. I am not. I am merely a humble announcer and occasionally am asked for advice. The actual decision makers have been the Seneschals of the area and the populace of Ayreton.

It is my pleasure to serve as the Ayreton Towne Cryer and to be there throughout its development. This position has had twists and turns in it that I did not expect. It has had a few that I even disagreed with but in the end agreed they were for the better. I am but a servant to the Ayreton Area doing my best to help everyone know what is going on in one easy to find, access and understand source.

I do not announce anything I am not asked to announce. So if you, your friends or group would like to have an announcement of anything SCA related I will happily make it for you.

Yours in service,

Lord Ian the Green
Ayreton Towne Cryer

A Mayoral Perspective on the History of the Towne of Ayreton

Greetings to all from the current Lady Mayor of Ayreton—

The history of Ayreton has yet to be put on to paper. I will give as much of that as I can, realizing that my understanding of the early days of Ayreton may be somewhat hazy. The name Ayreton was proposed several years ago. While it was not unanimously accepted, no other names were proposed that caught on as well, and Ayreton as a name for this particular area of the Knowne World has now been established. Early on, it was suggested that establish an Ayreton forum for discussion, and Village Green was proposed for that. It never really evolved in that form.

About 5 years ago now, a proposal was put forth by Jale and Christian, the then Chatelaines of Tree-Girt-Sea and Grey Gargoyles, to have a Lord Mayor for the area. My understanding is that others were involved in the idea, but I know that Jale and Christian were the up-front, enthusiastic people who traveled to any of the local groups that would have them to promote the idea. The discussion at my home group, Vanished Wood, was that this person would have no actual “power” or authority, nor have any official title within the SCA. Rather, this would be a person that would help promote events within the area. A figurehead, as you will. As it was initially proposed, the “title” would travel to a person from each of the groups, and be voted on at TGS’ 12th night annually.

The first vote was held 5 years ago now, and Master Alexander de Seton was the chosen one to “lead” us. Since then, that honor has gone to Master Alan Fairfax and Master Cerian Cantwr, and then to me. While the idea was to have the office change at 12th night, other things have happened, and I have remained in office. (Hmmm....does this sound like an evil plot? Mayhap things will be happening at the 1st annual Ayreton event....). As no good Lord Mayor can survive without a staff, staff positions have been filled by members of the populace of Ayreton in a variety of ways (yum....some of the “gifts” to the Mayor have been quite tasty). We now have our own form of communicating, and my Towne Cryer has done a great job of announcing the activities of the area. As the office has gone on, a Staff and Chain of office has been provided (and trust me, they both are, um....well....noticeable. Yea, that’s it, noticeable).

There has been talk of Ayreton as a Barony. Talk is all that it is at the moment, as I have no reliable crystal ball or soothsayers to predict any future events. However, it was noted by an outside source that the groups in Ayreton were perceived as not playing well together. This outraged many in the area, and the idea to prove those that dare to defame us so wrong was born. After all, many of us who have been doing things locally KNOW that we can indeed play together well. Many of the annual local events, while mainly run by people in those local groups, do ask and receive help from other groups. However, much of this has been more subtle with things such as borrowing supplies (i.e., things such as roasters), or one or two people to help out (i.e., rapier activities, boffer activities, lunches, etc.). But how could we prove this to others?

Hence, the first annual Ayreton event was planned. This has the potential to do a number of things, most good. Rather than have individual groups run specific things (i.e., Grey Gargoyles run lunch, Ravenslake run feast, or some such thing), it was proposed that the local talent, of which there is a great deal, do what each individual wanted to do. The feast is being planned and cooked by not one group, but by individuals from a couple of groups. The marshal staff will be composed of people from varied groups as well. The potential from Ayreton is unlimited.

At this event, there will something new and exciting happening. That is the determining of the first ever Ayreton champions. Initially, the plans were to have not only martial champions but A&S champions to compete at the Ayreton event. However, as the Regional A&S Faire is also happening at this event, that may well put too much stress on the local artisans. So, while there will be A&S champions, I am open to ideas for when and where these can be determined. However, tourneys are being planned right now for the martial combatants in the area to display their prowess in the early morning hours of the event, so that they can be acknowledged by Myself and the populace as the rightful champions of Ayreton (well, at least until the next tourney).

During my tenure as Mayor, a number of Towne meetings were held. The last two I was unfortunately unable to attend, due to life circumstances. However, I am hoping that that is one tradition that will continue, as the creative energy that I have seen within those meetings is truly inspiring to watch. And it is in such forums that the future of Ayreton will eventually unfold.





Oyez! Oyez!

Regularly Scheduled Shire Events

Social Gathering/Monthly Moots/ A&S Nights

The following dates in March through June have been reserved for the shire's social gatherings, A&S nights, and moots - All these dates are on Thursdays except where noted:

Thursday, February 1

Thursday, February 22 (moot)

Thursday, March 1

Thursday, March 22 (moot)

Thursday, April 5

Thursday, April 19 (moot; please note this is the THIRD Thursday)

The room at the library is available for our use from 6:30-8:45 pm.

Moots are now beginning at 7:30 pm.

The library is located on Oak Brook Road (31st Street) between York Road and Route 83. Very easy to find!

Oak Brook Library
600 Oak Brook Road
Oak Brook, Illinois
630-990-2222

Fighter Practice

Fox Vale - Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Aurora Community Center

Ayretton - sponsored by Grey Gargoyles, Sundays, 2:00 - 5:00 pm,

Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago Campus (near the Museum of Science & Industry).

Arts and Sciences / Calligraphy & Illumination

First and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, at the Oak Brook Library. See 'Weekly Shire Gatherings/Moots' above.

Contact Fiona (svalentine-98@yahoo.com) for more information.

Archery

Archery has concluded for the season. It will resume in the spring.

Moot Minutes January 25, 2007

Moot called to order at 7:31 pm.

Johannes read out an award left over from Tree-Girt-Sea's Twelfth Night Court: A well-deserved Order of the Willow granted to Mikhail of Lubelska. Hoobah!

The Knights Marshal (read by Johannes, as the Knights Marshal and WebMistress not present due to mundane issues) announced that Henry of Exeter had been authorized as a fighter.

New Business: None

Officers' Reports: Seneschal: Per Exchequer, we have about \$2000 in our account, \$1700 of whose is FoxVale's. Upcoming events include Stone Dog Inn (Grey Gargoyles) in March; Gulf Wars in Mississippi; and the Ayreton Carnivale and Regional A&S. In re the Carnivale: This is an all-Ayreton event, but individuals are encouraged to volunteer rather than groups as has been done at events in the past, to encourage mingling of the groups within the "Greater Ayreton Prosperity Sphere." Per Johannes, there have been many examples of cooperation between the groups but apparently these have not been recognized in the past.

Also, the Seneschal's report has been filed.

Archery: Better War Through Archery is this weekend, just east of Indianapolis.

Pursuivant: Domesday report is in. Three people received awards at Twelfth Night: Johannes received a Silver Oak, Fiona a Purple Fret and Mikhail the Order of the Willow. Gwynhyvar is on vigil for Laurel. There are new forms on the web for badge and device submissions. Old forms will not be accepted after the May Letter of Intent.

MoAS: Report was filed on time. Akiko has been posting copies of scrolls from events, but does not post the names of the creators. If you see your work up there, step up and take credit.

Chatelaine: A couple that is from Calontir has moved into the area.

Chronicler: Still needs articles and artwork for the Ayreton issue.

Other business: Per Ottokar, FoxVale is putting together a brewing and vinting Yahoo group/guild/whatever.

Per Xavier, the incipient shire of St. Fintans Moor is hold a "Cooking in the Corn Kettle" at the end of February. See the Midrealm calendar for details.

Also, Vanished Woods is working on two demos in February, and is looking for help.

Moot adjourned at 7:59. Like you'd know any different if I were to lie to you.

February 22, 2007

No moot held - not enough officers, or for that matter, warm bodies, to make a quorum. So we shot the breeze instead for a while and then went out to eat. Pffft!! :P