

ZELDERS [GENTRY]

A doc for zelder details in the year of our holy mother and saviour 8295, except Delverne took the L so 99% is irrelevant Update 01/19/2024: added mun-family relation blurbs, negligible formatting & wording edits

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™ Miscellanea

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A gentry family in Delverne with a history of knighthood, raised with the virtues instilled in that service. Currently, the main branch married with a songstress family and knightly expectations have lessened over the generations.

Formerly Chevaliers, after continued, consistent service to their Belrose Vidames, within the past century the Zelders were promoted to Bannières.

tradition & home



In recent times of war, with the advent of goddess Aurea, a weaponbearer from their midst, and most of their name now oathbound or answering Her call, the question of what happens next lies upon every remaining mind.

For what does paradise entail? How much of Her future would echo the same as what they know?

Do any of the elves' ancient traditions matter, in this time of shifting trials?

Divine war is a momentous occasion to mark one's faith upon the annals of history; For they of humble roots to soar to renown, proving of their virtues and chivalric loyalty...

or so it goes in song and story – perhaps less so in the rest!





Humble in both name and scale, with a habit more for idealistic duty than for ambition, the Zelders as a whole possess a reputation of passionate Chivalry™ and dauntless geniality.

More suited to the arts of warfare than the shrewdness of mercantile affairs, they carved their niche amongst those of similar professions: within the vidamie of Rosières, they mind their lords' guests as their own; within the Templars of Aurea, they shadow them to better serve close at hand.

♦ Eteriel, maternal side	
Songsters trained and teaching in harmonic healing.	Knights trained in paladin arts or wizardry.
Several are luthiers, extending their range of crafting expertise to other instruments (harps & pianos).	A relatively young cadet branch, of good rapport with the Belroses in prior histories under different names.
Involved in Delverne's performing arts scene & missionary ventures. Rarely in military service.	Despite lessening knighthoods in peacetime, they continue to attend to their lords' lands on small scales.
Artisans possessing of neither title nor land, the Eteriels continue to nurture ties with fellow healing Houses, and offer their music to the church and anyone seeking healing care or harmonic training.	Gwenaël's family is the main branch, but 'Zelders' at large pursue service under their lords or the Templars. [Roots: Zeldarys]
mun-family relations	mun-family relations
- Cielos [dusty's bannières], healing practitioners - Dokeîn'Ma [rabu's baronnes], healing practitioners - Champfleurs [emi's magistres], commissions - Delacroix [sei's camille] thru camille / francoise - Beaufort (???)	Belrose [akia's vidames], their lords - Levesque [muff's vidames], thru belroses - Neuveigne [tara's vidamesses], thru belrose / templars - Champfleurs [emi's magistres], thru templars - Arlandis / Therpetor [shock's barons], thru templars - Beaufort [merio's], thru templars, doctow visits - Dokeîn'Ma [rabu's baronnes], thru employment - Aeraviel [luu's baronnes], thru templars - Thoregar [luffy's], thru templars

Mun-Family Relations



- Belrose [akia's vidames], their lords.
- A history of service, and exceedingly familiar, friendly ties that those of more decorum might pale at. [Adel]
- Familiar also with the Mirian Umbriuses, as the Belroses' family relations. [Anastasia]



- Levesque [muff's vidames], via the Belroses' familial ties.
- Through the Templar wing, acquainted with one chaplain of open-hidden circumstances. [Carine]
- The unshadowed facet, years younger, treated as all well-to-do children are. [Searlas]



- Neuveigne [tara's vidamesses], via the Belroses and Templars.
- A new face and new arrival, like a whirlwind drawing both awe and amusement. [Sarain]
- The endearing Templar squire of their lord, charmingly easy to rile and yet with great expectations. [Lucen]



- Champfleur [emi's magistres], via the Templars and mother's commissions.
- Childhood friends and welcome presences in templar or magic educations, lovingly teased. [Virsche]
- Acquainted through sibling antics and battlefield bonding both. [Lloyd]



- Arlandis / Therpetor [shock's barons], via the Templars' connections.
- The masked idols of childhood, and the terrifying drillmasters of young adulthood. [Lorenzo]



- ♦ Beaufort [merio's], via the Templars, and Laverne's doctow visits.
- A fellow squire of unfellow ambition, turned family painter alongside elders in recognised doctors. [Julizia, Chito]



- Dokeîn'Ma [rabu's baronnes], via Laverne's employment, and as healing practitioners.
- Young ward to mind, daughter of an employer best left unquestioned. [Bianca]



- Aeraviel [luu's baronnes], via the Templars.
- Fellow templar, worldly wizard, the apple of secretly held affections for one too many decades. [Naevys]



- Thoregar [luffy's], via the Templars, by way of Naevys.
- Adopted fledgling of a friend, half-blooded child who left the nest far too soon. [Floran]



Cielos [dusty's bannières], fellow healing practitioners.



- The youth incompetent in family arts, yet willing to learn, devoted to the point of pilgrimage. [Beatrice / Heaven]



Delacroix [sei's camille] via Laverne's Dokeîn'Ma employment, and Adel Belrose's childhood relations.



- Apple and oranges, water and oil, diligent doctorly coworker and 'knight in robes' both. [Françoise]
- Their little lordling's littler friend, sweet of voice and a prospective bard. [Camille]
- Tarlath [mod NPCs, vidamesses], via Liam's missionary work.
 - The charming (in spirit) fellow missionary, turned fellow sibling in mourning, to fellow ascende— [Cerlen]
- Rathare, Bishop of Tirais / Archbishop of Alesse [num's]
 - Genial and charismatic of humble origin, neighbourly position granted by merit and kindly worth.

♦ Emblem & Summa ♦



Emblem : Cameo Seal [Zelder]

Center Symbol: Sword over White Rose, White Lily

Shape: Kite Shield

Border: Wings, Oak-leaf Antlers

Colours: White, Gold, Blue backing Pale Blue insets (white rose & blue backing occasionally coloured red)

White Rose to represent the Belroses and new beginnings; White Lily for Delverne and purity
Sword and Kite Shield for the paladin arts, and as knights of their lord
Oak leaves for courage, honour, truth
Antlers and Wings for their military & historical roles as mounted cavalry



Aint finishin this wip anytime soon lol

♦ Baron Knights [Zeldarys] ♦

Center Symbol: Crossed Weapons over White Lily

Shape: Winged Tower Shield Border: Wings, Oak-leaf Antlers

Colours: White, Gold, Red? backing, Pale Blue insets

White Lily for Delverne as a whole and traits of purity, eternity

Crossed weapons for blade and magic vocations

Tower Shield for the paladin arts, and as the main bastion of the name

Oak leaves for courage, honour, strength

Antlers and Wings for their military roles as mounted cavalry



♦ Roots : Zeldarys ♦



The Zelder name is a gentry cadet branch from previous baron knights. The old name passed out of use as it fell from relevance and its last members merged to other families or the monasteries, but the Zelders maintained several emblem motifs in their own.

As a relatively young branch in terms of elven generations, their (overly) friendliness with their Vidame lords is due in part to relaxed etiquette, but rooted in old amiable airs the families had prior. While this branch is now a distinct lineage of a humbler scale, they seek to maintain the goodwill and service provided to the Old Blood who regarded their ancestors with courtesy.

And perhaps one day, by virtue and merit of their own hand, prove of far more to both lord and State!



Eldredge is a fellow cadet branch alongside the Zelders, that focused on wizarding magic and their academic circles over the military. Other cadet branches dispersed among commonfolk or settled in farther corners of the State.



The Eteriel name began as travelling troubadours, penning song and stories. Some ventured out of State as church missionaries, bringing back curios and trinkets in words.

While a few carry on the roaming or missionary traditions, currently the name has settled more as harmonic practitioners and artisans, still with composers and entertainers among their numbers. They've retained most of their repertoire, but perform classics and others' pieces regularly.



Tradition & Home



Joined Names

A child is named with both a new first name and a second given after their grandparents.

The names are treated as one, but are commonly verbally addressed by the first given. Their (unwritten) middle names are loosely after a Delvan Saint whose auspice or traits are wished for the child. Any following names to honour are usually left unwritten except in formal matters.

((I don't know the delvan saint names, so I couldn't assign any. But they are There. Knights gotta do as knights do))

Papa Gwenaël allowed his wife to choose their childrens' first names (takes the L).

Laverne & Arietta lack second givens as unexpected / unnecessary children.

Léoneider (Eider, paternal grandmother), Liammaël (Maël, paternal grandfather), Leithaurélien (Aurélien, maternal grandfather)

Zelders foregoing knighthood traditions may alter surnames when marrying elsewhere.



Nicknames

The younger generation all call their vidame lord Jeanbob whenever he's not listening. Entirely out of affection.

(A very necessary section)



Knighthoods

The firstborn child is traditionally expected to devote themself to their lords, a period in the Templars, and marry, earning themself a Chevalier designation to maintain possession of the property.

- With the promotion to Bannière, the land is now inheritable to their line.

The second is to devote themself to a knighthood and the Templars, to maintain the family's ties in the wider State's military. Being of gentry rather than noble standing, for a templar title they often must seek recommendation from their lords to be placed as theirs or another's Squire.

Other children bear less expectations, as a knight's armaments are costly, but all train in hunting, riding, magic & weapons-handling in youth. They study and work as they wish, occasionally following their elder siblings' course.

Home [pinboard]



The bannerie and main family estate lay outside of the capital, within the Tira Forest by a small lake bordering the edge of the Belroses' Vidamie.



Lush in lakeside forest, the family home stands humbler as their land's resources are poured into service – weapons, stables, mounts, barracks, accommodations at outposts separate from family halls.

Landed as Chevaliers, the Zelders are more conservative in leisure than those of wealthier industries. With dark furniture against pale interiors, the mansion is sparse in decor save for damask furnishings & ornamented hosting areas, a tell of austere military roots.

loose exterior inspo : <u>Château de Challain/Chanzeaux</u> symmetry, gardens
loose interior : <u>Haddon halls-esque</u> in the <u>darks & lights</u>
aesthetic : <u>classical</u> x <u>gothic</u> dark academia x <u>elfy</u>



Within Delverne capital the Zelders own scattered dwellings from gentry fathers and cousins, and a smaller, middle-class quaint residence on their mother's side.

More comfortable than opulent, but built for Acoustics, the airy parlour of the Eteriel home presents their pedal harps and the best furnishing (& plenty of Julizia's <u>paintings</u> upon the walls), as Aeliana hosts music tutoring here for students of all backgrounds.

Unlike their <u>father's residence</u> <u>in the capital</u>, their mother's humbler abode was frequented and lived-in by the Zelder twins.

aesthetic: rococo but subdued, airy but cozy and warm





Gwenaël Anselme Zelder [oathbound, ascended]

An amiable man, if predictable in all his straightforward ways off the training grounds. Not quite a connoisseur of dad jokes, but getting there with age and his dad-ly peers. Heavy-handed in his teachings, be it academic or through the sword, laden with idealised virtues and the belief that duty and pride in one's blood ought to stand above whimsical fancies and fictitious imaginings, a point that drove a wedge between him and several of his sons in formative years. He enjoys a good drink and nap of late.

With time in service to both the Templars, his lords, and strengthening connections with other families, Gwenaël retired from active duty to focus on tending to his new bannerie and training aspirants in the paladin arts. At Aurea's call, he left minding family matters to his youngest children. [ascended in Rains 8294]



Aeliana Zelder, née Eteriel

Troubadour, 258 [19/03/8037] Songstress Mother.

Sweet-voiced, introverted and absent-headed, but a constant caring presence nevertheless. While not the most devoted mother, Aeliana does offer her children advice when consulted... though rare, as she has more a mind for music and the arts and less for wielding swords and courting ladies. They appreciate her all the same.

She married young, so hadn't built a reputation before minding children, but has since tutored family and students in her craft, volunteering her harmonic healing performances to local festivities and churches.

But if all thoughts are occupied with music, what does she think of the Holy War?...

With faith in her husband's Duty™ (however it went), all will pan as it should (whatever that means).

[sin & sacrifice] Alas, she must now face that nebulous concept of war in her own way, in all that it took from her.



Léon Eider Zelder [oathbound, ???]

Paladin, 179 [25/12/8115] 🧇 Eldest son.

Léon had all the parents' attentions as the first-born and Capable Son, quick to learn and quicker to perform. Whatever inheritance one was to have, although it had to be earned, nevertheless was for him to start. Naturally, that drew the competitive ire or adorations of his emotional younger siblings, but with the clarity of adulthood, they no longer antagonise or idolise him to unnecessary degrees. Still, some envy his qualities and settled life.

In truth, Léon rebelled in subtler ways, resigned to a marriage, a child, and responsibilities he didn't care for but desired to make the best of anyway. Yet growing distant to his families as the holy war progressed, spending most days in the navy... –strangely, no one can say with certainty where he is now, as those who can are long gone.

Perhaps he went with them, as duty to the goddess called? [missing / ascended(?) as of 8294/5]



Liam Maël Zelder [oathbound, weaponbearer, ascended]

Cleric, 158 [11/06/8136] ❖ Identical twin son.



The most sensitively stubborn of the Zelders, possessing a bleeding heart and honest voice. While he had his virtues, his vices often caught more eyes. So with a youth spent alongside his twin, his desired persona was to be as distinct and kindly a healer as his idols – yet perhaps ended with detrimental habits instead!

Renewed dedication after failures in his healing studies spurred him to philanthropic[™] and devoted[™] ways, as both a mender and a templar. But he inevitably, constantly rewound upon mundane cycles of fervent growth, comfortable stagnance, whimsical indulgence and callous mistakes. As one to seek Aurea for guidance, reassurance, yet hold onto failings, pointedly basking in trivialities to allay issues, time taken for granted – he was bound to falter at what fate chose for him.

[chosen by staff of cyndril; ascended in Rains 8294]



Leith Aurélien Zelder [oathbound]

Paladin, 158 [11/06/8136] � Identical twin son.

For most of his youth Leith followed his twin, quick to drop duties and dedications to accompany his best friend. But as Liam found his calling, Leith turned back to the sword and its demanding expectations that might've simply sucked out half of his personality, replaced with Yessirs and the Templar Pokerface.

Somehow, he made it to templar knighthood without disappointing his father like his twin had, thanks to the encouragements of his mentor and family friends among the ranks. Joining the regiment under the Belroses' command, Leith could then serve their lords here as necessary, while eldest Léon attended to their borders.

The arrangement scarce changed through the decades. But with the grander events of recent years, Leith soon questioned his position and ability to continue as such. While devoted to seeing the war through, he still struggles in contending with the battlefield, with divine and awing presences, and a quieter lack of one.

[sin & sacrifice] All that cost their people, their home, their faith, struck so quickly behind lowered guards. Leith reeled without the time or will to parse his guilt and grief; instead, he swiftly latched onto gentle words and thin threads of hope, for strength and solidarity is the face they all need now more than ever.



Laverne Zelder [deceased]

Sage, 140 [09/04/8155] 🏵 Youngest son.

As the fourth son, Laverne was a temperamental and sharp-tongued child of well-meanings, as quick to compliment his siblings as he was to disparage. With prodigious passion, he embodied what the Zelder Spirit™ valued in a chivalrous knight.. which only led to his self-imploding crippling.

Strange, for a Zelder to be plagued with persistent ills, when they possess the blood of paladins and healers both!

Now, he is a rather different person in the current century; more cynical than idealistic, more skeptical than hopeful.

Divine Miracles could've swayed him... but family obligations held fast. As he was the fourth, a mere librarian, a back-up and a crutch!

Yet with missing family and the oathbounds' return without his co-worker <u>Françoise</u>, Laverne, for once, held no decisive arrogance about what he knows, what he doesn't, what he is beholden to do.

[sin & sacrifice] A shame, then, in his patient gathering of life's old strewn pieces, as he resolved in reconciliations and promises – not as a backup, not as a crutch, merely as a son of a different path denied to so many others– that he had no such time to spare himself, after all. A future, a family, a betrothed all left behind... once more.



Arietta Zelder

Gunner, 121 [29/06/8173] **♦** Youngest daughter.

More brazen than her brothers but mannered in the ladylike acts, as much as she is prone to willful spoiledness. The coddled daredevil of the family, all of sweet, optimistic, yet so irresponsibly flighty that everyone has since given up on guiding her any which way, as she will simply veer off as she pleases!

With a most indulged and eccentric education of this and that, Arietta lacks dedication to pursue knighthoods, or honour marital arrangements, or do much of anything aside from (in great reluctance) minding the House and ledgers while everyone's Off To War. Yet she loves crooning about Chivalry™ beneath a fair dame's window...

In recent times, she was whiplashing with FOMO, but also, like, she doesn't care to see terrible ugly war up close! So Arietta was honing her Gunner skills to Protect the Home if a Bad Guy Nation attacks again... while friends are cool enough to hold their own on the warfront... but why'd darling Virsche run off to said Terrible Ugly War? Agh!

[sin & sacrifice] Whatever the case, Etta wouldn't question it – and now she has far more to deal with! In such dark, grungy cave times, she recognises the need to grieve, the spaces given for such loss. But she herself can't– won't– wallow in misery. What's done is done. She'll carry others' weights for them, and shine doubly for all if she must!

Mathilde Poirier [deceased]

Acolyte, 311 [25/09/7983]

The family nanny and caretaker, with general Housekeeper privileges as Aeliana's favoured friend.

The children view her closer to a mother than their actual own in terms of affection and nagging attachments. She tends to have a habit of eavesdropping, though... (or the children are just Noisy).

While she has been getting on in years, she, alongside Aeliana, are now minding Léon's child, little Noël Gwenaël, as his grandmothers in the absence of the Sillevoir family and Léon himself.

[sin & sacrifice] At home in the countryside estate tending to little Noël and household affairs while the others celebrated in the capital, Tharoneos' rising came upon them as swiftly as it did the rest of the State.





Liliéthel Gardinier-Vauquelin

Illusionist, 138 [9/03/8157] � Laverne's betrothed.

A middle child, the daughter of the Bannière Gardinier family. Childhood friend of Laverne and Kienelm.

Passive-aggressive and retiring, but she has been improving on being more forthright, less pessimistic, and overall a more agreeable, sensible young lady about her wishes in these times. Ah, maturity.

She worked as a missionary until the holy war, but as her household upheaved with their missing eldest son and ascending parents, she dealt with the unexpected responsibilities laid upon her in the comfort of old friendships, forgiven bonds. Petty disagreements of foolish years made way for admissions, long-awaited reconciliations. Yet...

[sin & sacrifice] Dissociating hardcore after losing her soon-to-be-husband before her eyes.

Maybe she'll wake up from such a terrible dream once everything is over!



Kienelm Maere

Cleric, 130's [--] � Laverne's childhood friend.

[paddywaddle's NPC]

'A childhood friend of the Zelders. He is also the only son of a Bannière family (though this is a fact he mostly keeps to himself, and which usually goes undetected based on his woobish and clumsy way of carrying himself).'

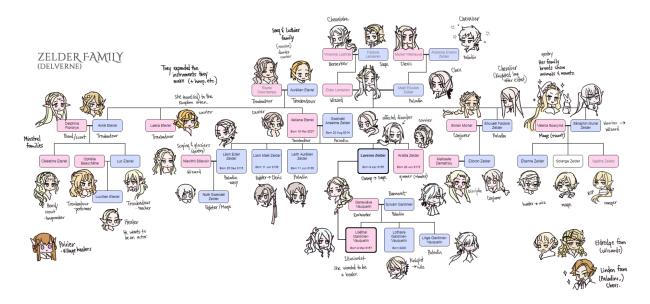
The glue in the trio with Laverne and Liliéthel, close in age if further in personality and bravado.

Although in distant youth Laverne paid less regard to Kienelm's particular strengths, seemingly meek and hidden as they were, nowadays he can appreciate the man's attentive manner and patience. Even if Keane is still a little dweeby. And even if Laverne doesn't show said appreciation very clearly, or outwardly, or at all still. He acknowledges their differences in life, and that is what matters. (probably)

Keane worked as a missionary alongside Lilie for a period, centering her in her aimless years after the trio's falling out. He also has a pet black Pyre Dragon named Sardior and they love each other very much. Keane is best papa!!



Miscellanea



(old) family tree (~2018)

[Unnecessary for AA main stories, more for self-reference]

[sin & sacrifice update, may 2022] unlabelled, but most extended family are now deceased or scattered.

nts: twins' relations (old)

relatives of immediate family.

(mother's side)	(father's side) - most oathbound / ascended
Grandfather. Aurélien Eteriel, Troubadour (deceased) - Married to Éliane Deschamps (deceased)	Grandfather. Maël Elluvien Zelder, Paladin (deceased) - Married to Eider Lemairen (deceased)
Uncle. Aimé Eteriel, Troubadour - Married to Delphina Floronys Aunt. Laelia Eteriel, Troubadour (whereabouts unknown) Mother. Aeliana Eteriel, Troubadour - Married to Gwenaël Anselme Zelder	Father. Gwenaël Anselme Zelder, Paladin - Married to Aeliana Eteriel Uncle. Elluvaël Faidore Zelder, Paladin - Married to Elirien Michel Uncle. Séraphin Muriel Zelder, Wizard - Married to Valeria Sowrynis
(cousins) Luc Eteriel. Troubadour teacher - Married to Ophélie Beauchêne - Lucillien Eteriel, healer child Célestine Eteriel. Bard harpmaker	(cousins) Eiloron Zelder, Conjurer - Married to Mailiselle Demetriou Étienne / Estienne Zelder, Wizard Solange Zelder, Mage Agathe Zelder, Ranger (deceased as of Holy War 8293)

relevant surnames of recent history to immediate family.

Deschamps	Zeldarys

(mother's maternal side) Songsters, Songstresses.

A recessive physical disorder is carried in Eteriel lines.

- the nature / source / diagnosis is relatively unknown; current generation afflicted is Laverne Zelder; carrier Arietta

A family the Zelders branched off from multiple generations ago. There was consideration to rejoin and revive the dead name at some point in the future should any of the cadet branches ever prove of Worth™ to their lords once more.

Poirier

Village healers & midwives. (Clerics)

Mathilde Poirier is Aeliana Zelder's close older friend. confidante and long-time caretaker of her many children... and of course, absent-minded Aeliana herself!

Lodhriel (father's maternal side)

Chevalière Vivienne Lodhriel, Berserker. deceased.

While a chivalric face of beauty in her time, great-grandmother's legacy was comically recounted more as broken cups, terrible singing, and... stunning wordscraft.

Beauchêne

Performers (Troubadours)

Ophélie Beauchêne, married to Luc Eteriel (Zelder's cousin). Massive Princess Curls. Lots of Make-up. Big Presence.

Lemairen

(father's maternal side)

Faidore Lemairen, Sage. Great-grandfather, deceased. Vivienne's mild, nerdy husband of scholarly background.

Floronys

Luthiers, performers. Dephina Floronys, Bard. Married to Aimé

Villeneuve

(father's paternal side)

Muriel Villeneuve, Cleric. Great-grandmother, deceased. Married into the family to Anselme Erwion Zelder, Chevalier. Had a serious case of RBF but was a sweet bookish woman.

Eldredge

A wizarding family related to the Zelders.

Wenaidil

Calanthe Wenaidil

Liam's favourite severe-faced study buddy during his time in churchy healing skool. The disinterested but affirmative-grunt sort of person. Great nose.

♦ Sillevoir

A gentry family with artisanal roots in scrying magics, glass-making and glaziers. Many are tied to the church.

Nievithil Sillevoir, Wizard. Wife to Léon Eider Zelder. Rather unreceptive to her husband's behaviour...

Danallyn

(Sister) Eulalie Danallyn (we don't talk about her)

Their child **Noël Gwenaël** is currently under Zelder care, as the Sillevoirs' entire household has since ascended(?).

Sowrynis, Michel, Demetriou

The spouses' families of Gwenael's Zelder brothers & nephew. The **Sowrynis** have an established animal husbandry practise and regularly breed both battle mounts and show-pets.

Gardinier-Vauquelin

Bannière Sylvain Gardinier, wife Geneviève Vauquelin Children: Lilige (paladin, heir, missing), Liliéthel (illusionist, laverne's betrothed), youngest Lothaire (wiz, his first century).

Maere

Kienelm Maere [paddy's npc Bannières, childhood friends]

All prone to passive aggression..

Household upheaved by recent events

Aristeives

A former contemporary gentry family with a history in weaponsmithing. Has since disappeared from society the past century due to rumoured debts... or...?!

Dubois

Sir Linden's family, gentry friends of Gwenael's. His son is childishly antagonised by the Zelder twins.

(believe someone else had Dubois as well, so perhaps a cadet branch or repeated locational name)