



# Two Towers

Newsletter of The Barony of The Stargate  
April 2006



Unto the Populace of Stargate do Baron Ihon and Baroness Isabeau send greetings,

We trust everyone that traveled to Gulf War had an enjoyable and safe trip. Weather this year was typical - a little rain, cold, cloudy and warm/hot days. All in all it was fun war, much quieter than years past. We, unfortunately, didn't make it to Grand Court as we decided early Saturday evening to head home with the threat of thunderstorms predicted to hit Sunday morning. And, of course, it didn't rain with sunny skys most of the day Here's what's known about War Points:

## Heavy Weapons

Town Battle: Ansteorra/Trimaris

Ravine Battle: Ansteorra/Trimaris

Fort Battle: Ansteorra/Trimaris (Less than 5 Minutes)

Champions List: Ansteorra/Trimaris

Bridge Battle: Meridies/Gleann Abhann

Open Field: Ansteorra/Trimaris

Archers Only Battle: Ansteorra/Trimaris

## Rapier Combat

Ravine: Ansteorra/Trimaris

Open Field: Meridies/Gleann Abhann

Champions List: Ansteorra/Trimaris

## Queen's Tourney

Don Alesando

## A&S

Ansteorra

## Volunteer Point

Ansteorra/Trimaris

As you can see, it was tie so it was decreed that we must meet next year. It was announced in Anstorra's Friday court that (our very own) Sir Godwin of Eddington will be Gulf War XVII (2008) Autocrate. Please consider offering your services to help make his task a little less burdensome. Lastly, the basket presentation to Glenn Abhann was received with much gratitude and thanks. Vivat Mistress Annes for your hard work in gathering the items.

Baronial is just around the corner. It was decided at the March's populace meeting that we'd cancel First Sunday in the Park (4/2) to have a sewing day at our house making Chupas. Watch for postings on the Stargate list.

The demo at the St. Andrew's Celtic Festival was a great success thanks to Lady Maria and Lord Antonello.

Lady Vasalisa announced that she is accepting bids for Yule 2006. We ran into a bit of problem last year finding an available site. We want to avoid a repeat this year, therefore, we are looking for sites now. The date for this year's Yule is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a place in mind, please let Vasalisa or us know.

Last but not least, the next Revel has been scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> at our house. So mark your calendars. We'd really like to see some old familiar faces we've missed in the recent past as well as those who have been too long absent. If you have contact information for any of these folks, please forward it to us so that we might especially invite them.

Our regards to our populace,

*Ihon & Isabeau*

Baron and Baroness

## *From the Chronicler*

Populace and officers please get to me your submissions for the Two Towers before the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Every month we have submissions coming in after the date, please make due diligence to have them to me by the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month before you want it in.

*Nel servizio che rimango,*

*Signora Lisabetta Micola da Monte*

## *Stargate Armorers Guild*

Meets at Vaclav's shop on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 8pm until 11pm. Please call ahead at 713-686-9883 to get directions and see if the meeting has been cancelled.

Metal working and leatherworking tools and armor making advice for both chivalric and rapier fighters.

All Hand tools, forge, anvil, metal punch, slip roller, leatherworking Materials available.

Vaclav

## *From the Herald*

Your Name or Device could be gone in a

**FLASH**

If you don't have them registered.

If you're ready to protect yourself from this nightmare, give me a call, or send me an email.

Let's get together soon!

In Service,

Dietrich Strobelbart

mka Steve Scott

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Schwöre dem Warum ab und suche das Wie

Abjure the why and seek the how.

## *Dance Guild*

Classes are informal and are open to beginners and experienced dancers alike. We focus on English Country Dance primarily from Playford's first edition, Court dances, 15th and 16th century Italian dance, and French dances from Arbeau.

We meet on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 2pm - 4pm at Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly. This is near W 43rd and Ella in northwest Houston.

Contact Antonello (email [antonello\\_AT\\_integrity.com](mailto:antonello_AT_integrity.com) or cell 281-850-2443) for directions and inquiries.

There is also a Dance Guild in southwest Houston each Thursday night from 7pm - 9pm. Contact Perronnelle for information: 281-277-4055 (no calls after 9pm).

## *Stargate Scribe Guild*

Lady Mea and Lady Cristyana will be holding Stargate Scribal nights at the UH fighter practice on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights (7pm) in the UH Chapel (next to the area where the fighters practice).

Come and help paint charters. No skill or materials needed, but bring them if you have them.

The goals for these nights are to have fun, serve the barony, and learn a bit about scribal arts. During March, we will be working on award scrolls for Stargate's Baronial event in April.

Thanks

Cristyana & Mea

## *Hospitaler's Hideaway*

Hi all. April's Newcomer's meeting is at my house on April 12 starting at 7:30 pm. We're doing an Events 101 type class. Please feel free to come and share your ideas with our newcomers.

I'd like to thank everyone who came to the St. Andrew's Celtic Festival demo. Great Job!!

That's about all I have for now.

In Service to the Dream,  
Lady Elizabeta Maria dei Medici,  
Hospitaler - Barony of the Stargate

## *From the Reeve*

Just a brief note that there are new cash disbursement request forms disseminated by the Kingdom, which will be provided to the website shortly, or are available from me which must be used going forward.

We are also looking for a replacement. Please contact me for more information.

Thanks  
Brenna Clare  
Stargate Reeve

## *From the Virtual Scribe*

This month I'm starting a new feature:  
**Link of the Month!**

I hope to encourage our populace to explore some of the links on the website, and inspire you to submit more links that you find educational and entertaining.

This month's featured site from our [Links](#) page is of particular interest to the bards and music lovers among us: Cantaria (<http://www.chivalry.com/cantaria/>).

Cantaria is a library of "bardic" folk songs, mostly from Ireland, Scotland, and England, intended to be an educational tool for propagating the living song tradition through passing on folk songs. Cantaria is unique among lyric web sites because almost every song in the archive has an accompanying recording of the song being performed.

The library currently contains lyrics for over 225 songs. Recent additions include a pair of traditional songs (Barbara Allen and Ash Grove) and an outstanding original piece, Rogue of Dundee, all submitted by Leza Messiah, and upgraded versions of I Care Not For These Ladies, Wild Rover and Wild Mountain Thyme, submitted by Stargate's own Andrew Scarhart.

What links do you use often? Write your Virtual Scribe and I will share them with the Barony!

Yours in Service,  
Lady Merewyn de Laugharne  
Stargate Virtual Scribe



## *2006 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium*



Hosted by the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann  
And the Gleann Abhann College of Heraldry

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Four Points By Sheraton New Orleans  
6401 Veterans Memorial  
Metairie, LA 70003  
June 16-18, 2006

The Known World's Youngest Kingdom invites heralds, scribes, scholars, and those who want to learn to the 2006 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium. Come to the verdant River Valley to celebrate the heraldic and scribal arts and the revival of the New Orleans area.

The event will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton New Orleans ([www.fourpointsneworleans.com](http://www.fourpointsneworleans.com)) in Metairie, Louisiana - a short trip from the French Quarter and other area attractions. Free shuttle service will be available from the New Orleans International Airport to the hotel. There is free parking at the hotel. A negotiated price of \$82 a night is available - please call (888) 627-9017 and ask for the SCA rate.

There will be a meet and greet Friday night at the hotel, classes during the day on Saturday, and the ever popular Laurel Road show Sunday morning. Instead of a traditional feast, you may choose to dine at one of New Orleans' many great and famous eateries.

Articles and classes are still needed. Contact our Class Coordinator and Proceedings Editor for details.

Merchants are welcome, but must pre-register.

### Site Fees:

Before 05.01.06: \$20

After 05.01.06 and at the door: \$22

\$3 surcharge for non-members

Children 6-11: half price

Children under 6: free

Please check [www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/kwhs](http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/kwhs) back for class listings and for information on ordering your copy of the Proceedings.

# Stargate Baronial 2006

“Travels with Marco Polo”

**April 21-23 at Camp Camwood, Hockley, TX**

Site opens at 6:00 pm Friday, and closes 2:00 pm Sunday

Join the Barony of the Stargate on our new weekend in April as we decide our new Chivalric, Youth Boffer, Rapier, Youth Rapier, Archery, Equestrian and Children's Champions. Merchants are Welcome ~ please Contact the Co-Steward.

Come to the exotic Orient as we follow in the footsteps of Marco Polo! Shop our bazaars overflowing with unusual wares ~ Feast on delectable foods from faraway lands ~ Marvel at contests of strength and skill, courage and chivalry ~ Be entertained by beautiful dancers and talented Bards ~ Join us for a Day to Remember!

Site fees: Adult 13 & over, \$10; Child 6-12, \$5; 5 & under free; Family Max, \$30. Feast fees: Adult 13 & over, \$8; Child 12 and under free; Special Children's Feast available. Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Barony of the Stargate. ACCEPS available. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or old adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents. Horses must have proof of negative Coggins. No pets except service animals. Site is Wet in Period Containers ~ Beer & Wine Only.

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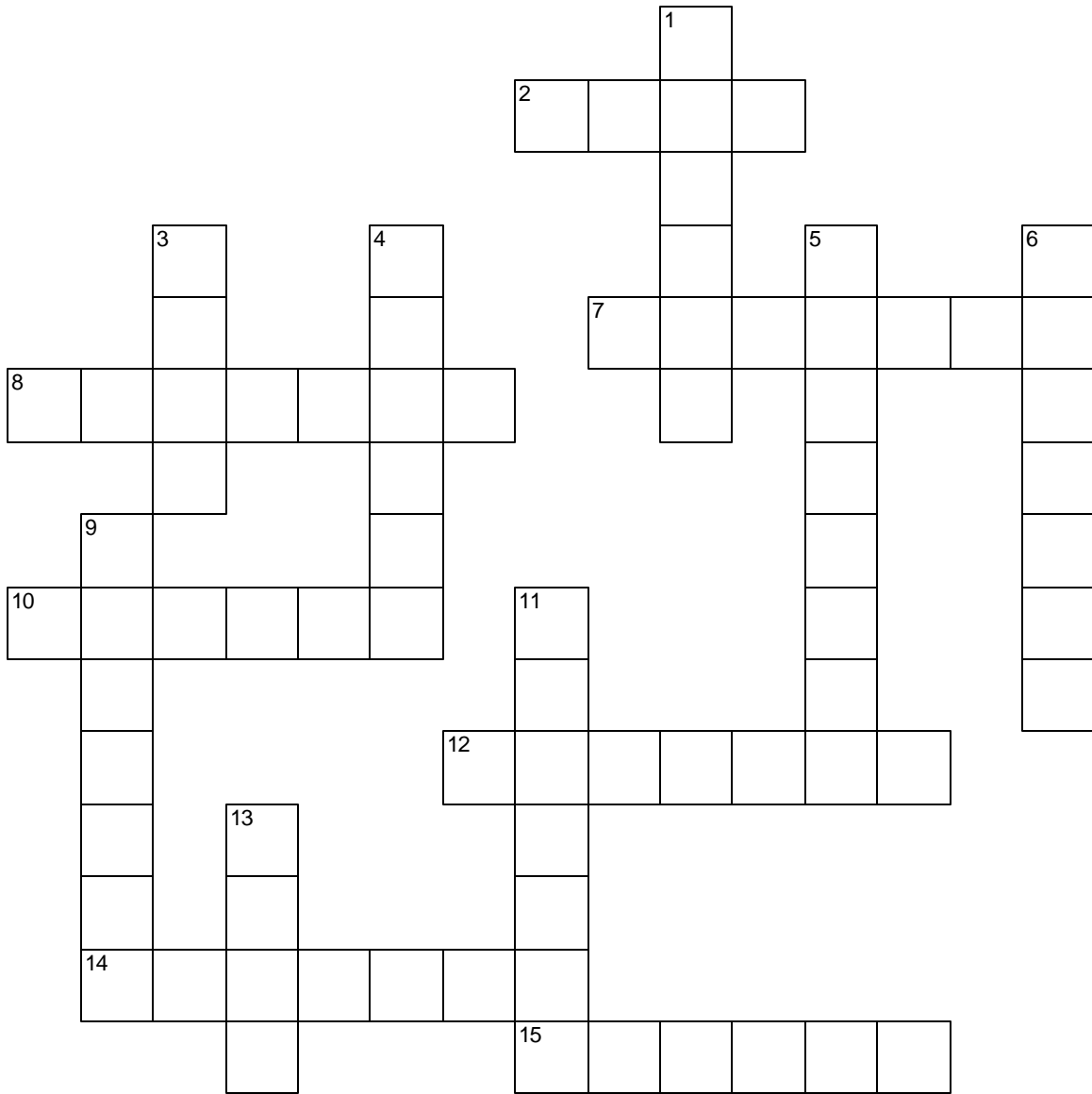
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Directions from I-45: Take the Spring Cypress / FM 2920 exit off I-45. Go west on FM 2920 about 13 miles to Hwy 249. Do not turn, continue on 2920 about 8 miles, to Robert's Cemetery turn right, go 3 miles to the Stop sign. Turn left on Magnolia/Nichols sawmill road and go 1.5 mile to clear creek and turn right. Camp Camwood's entrance is a short way down on the right.

Directions from Hwy 290: From 290, exit FM 2920 Go East, toward Houston for approximately 1/2 miles and turn left onto Hegar Rd.. Turn right and proceed 5.5 miles to the intersection with Magnolia road bear right onto Magnolia road, go 2.4 miles to Clear Creek rd. turn left. Camp Camwood is a short way down on the right.



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

## Crossword ~ Stargate Names

### ACROSS

- 2 Vinson Macfergus
- 7 Silverhands
- 8 Quiquandon
- 10 Sigmundsdottir
- 12 of Weir
- 14 ap Rhys
- 15 the Soother

### DOWN

- 1 of Edington
- 3 de Tintreak
- 4 the Obstreperous
- 5 of Rookhaven
- 6 of Aylsford
- 9 Fitzwalter of Wallingsford
- 11 de Bayonne
- 13 Mapt



# MEETINGS



## **Newcomer's meetings**

Newcomers meetings provide information on local activities, how the SCA functions and what you can do to participate in the fun. To get more information and meeting dates, contact Lady Elizabetta "Maria" de Medici at 281-433-0347 or send email to [Scarlettmb AT sbcglobal.net](mailto:Scarlettmb@sbglobal.net).

## **Populace meeting**

The first Monday of each month from 7-9 pm, at Ryan's Family Steakhouse, 5601 W. 34th Street, about 1/2 block west of 290 on the south side of 34th (on your left if you are coming from 290). It cannot be seen from the freeway (the sign is quite small and close to the ground). If the first Monday of a month is a public holiday, Populace will be held the second Monday. Garb is optional. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal, Lady Vasilisa, at [lisa AT flyinglions.com](mailto:lisa@flyinglions.com).

## **Business meeting**

Stargate's Business Meeting is normally held on the third Monday of the month, at their Excellencies' house. The meeting is open to the populace, but their Excellencies request that anyone who would like to attend [contact them in advance \(contact info on last page\)](#) if possible.

## **Fighter practice (Chivalric and Rapier)**

Every Tuesday night from 7-9+ pm at the University of Houston (main campus). This is a combined chivalric and rapier practice held in conjunction with the Barony of Loch Soilleir. Garb is encouraged. **Directions:** From I-45S south of I-59, exit and turn right onto Cullen, through two lights, turn left at UH Entrance 13, which is across the street from the stadium. Turn left into the parking lot, and look for us in the field next to the parking lot. It is a controlled-access faculty/staff parking lot, but is open after about 6 pm. Most practices focus on individual instruction and tournament (one-on-one) style combat, but the first Tuesday of each month is devoted to practicing melee skills and small unit tactics.

**Stargate** has now started a second fighter practice, on the **first Sunday of the month**, from 2-5 pm, at Memorial Park. [Click here for a PDF map](#). For more information contact the Stargate Knight Marshal, Lord Andre de St. Michel (Andrew Scarhart), at (713) 869-7733 or (832) 524-4444.

## **Youth rapier practice**

In conjunction with the Tuesday night combined fighter practices (above). A parent or legal guardian must also attend. Please contact the Youth Rapier Marshal, Lady Juliana Blacke at [DogDogCat AT aol.com](mailto:DogDogCat@aol.com) for more information.

## **Equestrian practice**

For information, call Lady Lorraine at (281) 983-5339. You don't need to have your own horse to come out and play. Garb is optional but suggested. Closed toe shoes are required. Minors must have a parent in attendance, and wear an approved riding helmet. Equestrian Guild Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month. We meet at Lady Lorraine's home or at the stables in Sugarland, in our Tackroom. Call for directions.



# GUILDS



## **European Dance (NW)**

Practice is held the 2d and 4th Sundays of the month at Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Lane, from 2 to 4 pm. For more information contact Lord Antonello del Bello at (281) 850-2443 or [antonello.sca at sbcglobal dot net](mailto:antonello.sca@sbcglobal.net) . Please, no calls after 10 pm. Garb is optional (most folks wear regular clothes).

## **European Dance (SW)**

Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm at Madame Perronnelle's house. Contact Perronnelle at [perronnelle AT earthlink.net](mailto:perronnelle@earthlink.net) for more information and directions. Garb is optional.

## **Madrigal and Polyphonic Singing**

Practice is held every fourth Sunday at Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Ln at 4:00 p.m. No experience necessary -- sight reading helpful but not required. For more information contact Master Ihon Vinson MacFergus at (713) 896-0026 or [jhirling AT houston.rr.com](mailto:jhirling@houston.rr.com). Please, no calls after 10 pm. You can also check out the [Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group](#).

## **Scribes Guild**

Meets 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month for charter painting at the University of Houston Chapel (Entrance 13 off Cullen, far end of the parking lot), 2nd floor lobby, at the large conference table, from 7-9 pm.

If you have paints, please bring them. Some supplies will be provided. Site has table and chairs. Newcomers to painting are welcome. Monthly scribal classes are being offered on Sunday afternoons. See the News for the details. Please contact [Lady Mea Guilianna Passavanti](#) or [Cristyana Lambrecht](#) for more information.

## **Weaving**

The Stargate Weaving Guild meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Lancaster Community Center, located at 19831 Stoney Haven Dr., Cypress, TX 77433, from 7:00 to 9:00. We actually work on an assortment of things, from weaving, sewing, crocheting, knitting, creweling, embroidery, needlepoint, beading jewelry and clothing, and many other activities. If anyone is interested, they are most welcome to come. Contact [Lady Annalies](#) for more information.

## Workshops

### **Heraldic name and device consultation**

Heraldic Consultation Nights are on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, or by appointment. Please contact Dietrich Strobelbart by e-mail or phone for directions (two miles from U of H Fighter Practice site).

### **Chivalric armoring**

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 8-11 pm. Please call ahead for directions and to be sure we haven't cancelled. Contact Vaclav Namatko (Random) at (713) 686-9883.



# April 2006



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<u>1</u>
						<u>Crown Tournament</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>2:00p -4:00p European Dance (NW)</u>	<u>7:00p Stargate Populace Meeting</u>	<u>7:00p -9:00p Barony of Stargate &amp; Barony of Loch Soilleir Combined Fighter practice (Chivalric and Rapier)</u> <u>7:00p -9:00p Scribes Guild</u>		<u>7:00p -9:00p European Dance Guild (SW)</u>		<u>Defender of the Flame</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
		<u>7:00p -9:00p Barony of Stargate &amp; Barony of Loch Soilleir Combined Fighter practice (Chivalric and Rapier)</u>		<u>7:00p -9:00p European Dance Guild (SW)</u>		<u>Emerald Tourney</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>2:00p -4:00p European Dance (NW)</u>	<u>7:30p Stargate's Business Meeting</u>	<u>7:00p -9:00p Barony of Stargate &amp; Barony of Loch Soilleir Combined Fighter practice (Chivalric and Rapier)</u> <u>7:00p -9:00p Scribes Guild</u>	<u>11:30a West Houston Lunch Bunch</u> <u>7:00p Westgate Canton Populace</u> <u>Deadline for Submissions for the Two Towers</u>	<u>7:00p -9:00p European Dance Guild (SW)</u>		<u>Elfsea Springfaire</u>  <u>And</u> <u>Stargate Baronial</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
		<u>7:00p -9:00p Barony of Stargate &amp; Barony of Loch Soilleir Combined Fighter practice (Chivalric and Rapier)</u>		<u>7:00p -9:00p European Dance Guild (SW)</u>		<u>Champions of Bonwicke</u>  <u>And</u> <u>Bordermarch Baronial</u>

# Stargate Officers

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## Waterbearer

**Open - accepting applications**

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