

Two Towers

Newsletter of The Barony of The Stargate
August 2005

**From Our Baron & Baroness
Unto the Populace of Stargate do we send
Greetings,**

We would like to thank all those who attended Coronation and helped us make a Stargate presence by wearing black and white. We were quite impressive to see a whole row of black and white. Mesterinde Annes' elevation to the Order of the Pelican was quite spectacular and an honor well deserved. Vivat Mesterinde Annes. We must admit though we had some concerns about a Viking invasion. The Viking tent and sideboard were something to behold.

Mark you calendar to join His Excellency on Sunday, August 5th for 'Practice in the Park' from 2 to 5 across from the tennis courts in Memorial Park. His Excellency will need some assistance in setting up our pavilion as I'll be out of town visiting my son, who will be home on a 2-week R&R from Iraq, and my new granddaughter, Mikayla Reese born July 26th. Please contact him by email (bandb_stargate@ev1.net) should you be able to assist.

Another calendar item is our last demo weekend, August 27 & 28, at the Lord of the Rings exhibit at the Museum of Natural Science. Let's make this last weekend as great as the first two. Contact Lady Maria to volunteer at scarlettmb@sbcglobal.net.

For those who have not heard yet, we'll soon be loosing another three members of our Barony. Sir Rhodri, Mistress Katilyn and M'Lady Alex are moving the College Station (Shadowlands). Sir Rhodri has recently secured a job with Texas A&M and is presently commuting. Even though they won't be going far and we will probably see them quite frequently at events, they will be sorely missed. They have been great assets to Stargate for many, many years. Good luck and we'll miss you.

In closing, tourney season is fast approaching. Make sure to drink plenty of water and use sunscreen as you attend these events.

Ihon & Isabzau
Baron & Baroness

From the Seneschal,

My name, for those of you who don't know me is Lady Vasilisa. I have been playing with the SCA since 1994. You may have seen me in the kitchen at events where I help out my husband Vaclav as feast steward.

I am excited to serve you and the Barony of Stargate. If you have any issues that you need to discuss, please feel free.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Vasilisa

From the Hospitaler

Well the Newcomers meetings are going well. We have about 4 people who are showing up regularly. I'm pleased with that.

The Houston Museum of Natural Sciences Demo will conclude on August 28. We still need more fighters, both Chiv and Rapier, to show up. We'll also be needing lots of A&S there, including some Male clothing and other stuff. I'd like to have some chainmail and maybe leather work there. Let's really show the Museum what we're made of this last weekend.

I also want to announce that the contest for garb to be donated to the hospitaler was opened at Queens Champion. The rules go as follows: each piece of clothing I receive will be counted as one piece. Meaning if I get a dress it's one piece, if I get a matching skirt and blouse it's 2 pieces. I am looking for basic garb and this has to be something that you made specifically for the contest. What you made several years ago and want to donate now doesn't count. I'm in need of kids, men's and larger women's sizes. I have more than enough smaller women's sizes. The winner will be announced at Stargate Yule. And Laura Anne the Plaid Weaver is donating the prize

That's about it for now.

Lady Elizabetta "Maria" de Medici

From the Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace,

I have set a deadline of the 20th of every month to have your submissions for the Two Towers, this includes event ads and Officer reports. Officers, we have lots of newcomers coming in I would love to see a missive from each officer every month.

The collection of data for the next domesday has started. It will be arranged Alpha by SCA name. Please send me as much or as little info you want included. SCA Name, Mundane Name, Primary Phone, Secondary Phone, Email address, Postal address, Birthday.

I am also looking for someone to assist me in collecting this data that attends various meetings and gatherings throughout the Greater Houston Area. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Nel servizio che rimango,
Signora Lisabetta Micola da Montz**

From the New Stargate Herald

Greetings, good Gentles of Stargate!

Heraldic Consultation Nights will resume on the second Thursday of each month, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, beginning in August, or by appointment. Please contact me by email or phone for directions. It is an honor and a privilege to be your new Herald.

Yours in Service,
Dietrich Strobeltart

From the Virtual Scribe,

Greetings from your Virtual Scribe! After a bit o' vacation, I'm back to updating the site pretty much in real-time. If you have an event to announce - including a local unofficial happening that you think would be of interest to your fellow SCAdians, please e-mail me at merewyn AT att.net with the specifics. You can also post it yourself to the interactive baronial calendar, using the link on the home page. I invite your suggestions for additions to the Links page - if you know of a website you think might be of interest to your fellow SCAdians, please send it along. Finally, if you notice something you think is missing or in error, please let me know about it - I try to keep everything accurate and up-to-date, but I don't always have all the information I need.

Yours in Service,
Merwyn de Laugharne
Stargate Virtual Scribe

Notes & Challenges

I would like to announce that any interested in obtaining Middle-Eastern garb for a male persona (LARGE male...), please contact me at: (713) 231-4111 and ask for Dallas. I have several caftans and abbas, as well as other odds-and-ends I would like to sale. Thank you. **Khalil the Wanderer**

Snorri & Groa have requested their information in their new kingdom be added. Here is their email if you would like to reach them Snorri Hallsson snorri@polarturtle.com and Gróa Úlfsdottir groa@polarturtle.com

Request for Volunteers

Lady Valeria has asked me to organize a committee or volunteers for the worthy cause of supplying toys for children for Christmas. In the past, the tradition started with collecting toys at Stargate Yule. This year we are trying to gather toys at other events to provide a good Christmas for more children. At Kingdom Dance in June 2005, Lady Valeria tried something new. She organized a raffle to encourage attendees to bring toys. She was very successful and wants to continue encouraging attendees to continue bringing toys through out the year.

I am looking for volunteers to either organize this activity at an event or sit at the table and gather toys at an event.

In Service of the Dream
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Stargate Scribes Guild

Charter Painting meetings will be held this month on August 2nd, 16th and 30th. If you can paint between the lines, you can paint charters for Ansteorran awards. Bring your own supplies, or some will be provided; along with instruction. Newcomers are welcome, costumes are not required.

Location: University of Houston Chapel, 2nd floor main lobby. **Time:** 7-9pm.

Directions: I-45S, exit Cullen, past Elgin, before Wheeler. Take UH Exit 13, parking is free after 6pm., chapel is on the south side of the parking lot.

Charter Painting Party!

Tentatively scheduled for August 6th, from 10am till 4pm, bring your charter paint supplies, and join the fun, as we paint all day. Some supplies will be provided, newcomers are welcome, costumes are not required; bring a lunch. The location will be posted to the Stargate e-list, once confirmed.

Ansteorran Heraldic and Scribal Symposium

August 20th in Middleford. Great classes presented by the Ansteorra. If interested in carpooling or sharing hotel space, please contact Hillary. Site fee is free!! See details at website: <http://middleford.ansteorra.org/scribal.htm>

Scribes Table at 'Lord of the Rings' Demo
There will be a scribe's demo and display table at the 'Lord of the Rings' exhibit at the Museum of Natural Science on Saturday and Sunday, 7/27-28th. Bring your scribal work to demo. If you have *framed* original scrolls, please consider bringing them for display. Costumes are required for the demo.

Inkily yours,
Hillary Grønsladø
Stargate Scribes Guild
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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 (e-mail antonello@integrity.com or call 281-850-2443 (cell) for directions and inquiries.

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

Antonello

Applications are being accepted for the following offices:

- Waterbearer - contact [Lady Yasilisa](#)
- Knight Marshall - contact [Andrew Scarhart](#)
- Chronicler - contact coastal regional chronicler
- Exchequer -- contact [Brenna Clare](#)
 - o Deputy exchequer --to attend meetings (see Brenna Clare)

From The Equestrian Marshal

Equestrian practice will be held at the Sugarland location, this month on Saturday, August 27th. from 9:00 to 5:00 at Fort Bend County Stables, 10115 Belknap Rd., Houston, TX 77083. If you need directions, contact Lady Annalies at lancastercommunity@sbcglobal.net or call at 281-858-1449, or contact Lady Lorraine at 832-646-6162. The dates for the following practices are Sept 10, 2005-Katy, October 15, 2005, Sugarland, November 19, 2005-Katy, and December 17, 2005, Sugarland. We hope to see as many of you as possible, at practice.

Chirurgon

Anyone that is interested in becoming a Chirurgon needs to simply have a valid CPR and a valid First Aid Credential. Then they need to fill out the forms on the Chirurgonate Group web site and mail them in with a copy of your CPR and First Aid Certifications. You will then need to work with a journeyman or master Chirurgon as an apprentice, until you are elevated to Journeyman Chirurgon. I will be happy to help anyone that needs assistance in becoming a Chirurgon. You can get your Certifications either through the Red Cross, the American Heart Association or through the SCA Contact Lady Annalies at 281-858-1449 or lancastercommunity@sbcglobal.net.

U of H School of Theater Presents

2005 HOUSTON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

31st season includes:

As You Like It

directed by Sidney Berger

August 3, 5, 11 & 13

Hamlet

directed by Carolyn Boone

August 4, 6, 10 & 12

All performances are at 8:30 pm at the Miller Outdoor Theatre-Located in Hermann Park. Performances are free to the public, but tickets are required for covered seating. Tickets are available (four per person) on the day of performance at the Miller Box Office between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm and again one hour before performance. All unclaimed seats are released 5 minutes before curtain. For information, contact the Miller Theatre Box Office at 713 284-8352.

Our Own Lorien is a costume shop apprentice for both shows.

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Open - accepting applications

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