
From Our Baron and Baroness

Unto the Sentinel populace of Stargate do Ihon & Isabeau send greetings

July was a busy month for Ansteorran. We started off with Ansteorra's 30th Year Anniversary. If we were unable to attend you missed a spectacular court which started with a grand procession with all the Baronies represented. In addition, the Landeds were invited to sit in Their Majesties court. It was indeed a sight to behold. Two long overdue awards were given that evening – Mistress Sandra was elevated to Court Barony and Baroness Druinne was elevated the Order of the Pelican. The following weekend found us at Round Table for a day of meetings and classes with Westgate Winter Collegium the following weekend. We'd like to congratulate Mistress Hillary and her staff for a wonderful day of "How To" classes. Lord Malachi served up a tasty lunch of chicken pies, tomato basil soup, fresh fruit and bread. And, the last weekend found His Excellency and me at a Laurel's Retreat. I can say without a doubt that we are looking forward to recuperating the month of August.

We hope those who are traveling to Pennsic have a safe and uneventful drive. But, have an absolutely wonderful time.

September finds the following events on the calendar: Gothic War; Known World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium; Laurel's Prize; Grand Archers and Defender of the Fort/King's Lancer. We would like to encourage your attendance at Defender of the Fort to support our dear cousins Raven's Fort. For those unaware, their two events last year had to be cancelled because of weather issues one of which was due to Ike. We know they would greatly appreciate your attendance.

Last but not least, also in September we'll celebrate the wedding of HL Antonello del Bello and Lady Jenette Makepays. Please join us in sending them best wishes for a happy future.

Ihon & Isabeau

Baron & Baroness

Special Dates of Interest

- *August 1-9: Pennsic War (Coopers Lake Campground, PA)*
- *August 3: Business/Populace Meeting (7:00/7:45pm@ Hope Episcopal Church)*
- *August 15: Steppes Artisan (Steppes)*
- *August 29: Jagermeister (Ffynnon Gath)*

From Our Seneschal

Greetings to the Populace of Stargate and all good neighbors near and far!

It is my great honor and pleasure to write my first missive to you as the new Seneschal of Stargate. I would like to thank HL Cristyana and Their Excellencies for giving me this opportunity to serve the barony. HL Cristyana has done a fantastic job over the past two years, and I hope to continue on in similar fashion, working with the other outstanding officers and populace members who make this barony truly exceptional.

For those of you who missed Ansteorra's 30th Anniversary, it was quite an event! There were numerous lysts, A&S competitions, bardic, heraldic consultation, dancing, music, volunteering, a hafla, and to cap off the weekend, Crown Tournament! Saturday night was a very impressive court with Their Majesties Ansteorra, Their Majesties Gleann Abhann, Their Royal Highnesses Gleann Abhann, and all the landed nobles of Ansteorra, who processed into Their Majesties' presence, starting with our own Baron Ihon and Baroness Isabeau. Quite a bit of business was conducted, and several awards were bestowed. Stargate's own HL Anne Barrington was awarded the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra for Silk Banner Painting. In addition, Stargate's Champion, Madog of Glastonbury was elevated to the Order of the Centurions of the Sable Star, and Centurion Lochlan Dunn (former Stargate Champion) was awarded the King's Blade of Chivalry by King Hrafn. Also in court, I was released from service as Star Principal Herald and given very kind words were said by Their Majesties.

Vivat! to the Canton of Westgate, for their seasonally challenged Winter Collegium, stewarded by Mistress Hillary Rose Greenslade. Lady Jennette Makepays coordinated a variety of classes this year, and the canton chose their new champion from among the teachers at the event. This year, a popular vote of the event attendees resulted in Master Francois la Flamme being named Westgate's Champion. Well done Francois! Also, my compliments go to Lord Malachi Morgan and Lady Maureen Faulkner, and their kitchen crew, who put on a very tasty lunch.

Stargate Yule preparations are underway, under the direction of the co-stewards, Lady Lorien and M'lady Lauren. Please be sure to contact these ladies to offer your service for the event, or find out who the various coordinators are that you can contact for specific areas.

Thank you everyone who attended the "baronial brainstorming" session held by Their Excellencies on July 30th. Some very good ideas were presented, and the ideas which are chosen to go forward with will need everyone's support. More information will be posted about the ideas discussed next month.

In Service,

HL Alden Drake
Stargate Seneschal

STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

For those individuals who wish to serve the Barony, we have the following positions open.

- **Stargate Historian** -Serves the Barony by recording happenings and displaying and collecting memorabilia from it's history.
- **Knight Marshal** -Serves the Barony by ensuring the safety of our fighters and that the SCA rules of combat are followed, reporting on fighting activities for the Barony, and maintaining the loaner equipment.
- **Youth Rapier Marshal** -Serves the Barony by training our young rapier fighters and maintaining the youth rapier loaner equipment.
- **Chronicler** - Serves the Barony by organizing and publishing the Two Towers newsletter. The office will vacate in October.

Holding an office is a great way to become involved and meet your fellow Stargaters. Eligible applicants must have enthusiasm and a wish to learn and carryout their new office.

Please send your application to the new Stargate Seneschal, Lady Cristyana, at [clambright2000yahoo.com](mailto:clambright2000@yahoo.com), the corresponding Regional officer and B&B. You can also contact Lady Cristyana for more information on these positions.

Please submit your application ASAP.

From our Equestrian Marshal

Greetings to all who love horses,

We have 2 practices scheduled for August. They are at Little Moon Farm in Needville, on Sunday, Aug. 16 & 30.

Due to the Summer heat, we will be saddling up at 5:00 PM, so that we still have good daylight, but it will get cooler as we warm up.

This is the time and place to practice your skills, learn new ones, and work on equestrian authorizations.

If you have a horse of your own, make sure you bring a copy of a current, negative coggins test. If you don't have a horse, loaners are available.

Minors over the age of 10 can ride, and authorize, with a parent at hand, an approved riding helmet, closed toed shoes, and a signed waiver.

Come out and play,

HL Lorraine Fraser

Notes and Challenges!! - Mistress Annes

Mistress Annes, becoming old and feeble in her dotage, is seeking one or two able bodied persons to serve as her Event Servants. These gentle persons, male or female, must be able to help her pack her truck before the event and unpack after the event; accompany her to events of her choosing; help to set up and take down her camp (if camping) and/or her list pavilion. Other duties negotiable. Persons seeking her patronage need to be prompt; reliable and regularly bathed. Employment as her servant(s) may be for a single or multiple events.

In return for this service, she offers a most handsome award. She offers to give you transportation to the chosen event (or gas money if in your own vehicle); site and feast fee paid plus food and drink during the duration of the event. If garb for these gentles is needed, this too may be arraigned. Her tentative progress for the next 5 months is as follows: Jagermeister; Laurel's Prize; Defender of the Fort; Battle of 3 Queens; Gatesedge; Usae-Lyons; Brwyn Gwlad; Tourney by the Loch; Coronation; Bordermarche Melees; Stargate Yule.

Please email her your interest in being an Event Servant at [annescvb AT gmail DOT com](mailto:annescvb@gmail.com).

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION!

The Two Towers is the reference for members of the Barony, but it also serves as a bit of Baronial history. The Chronicler would love to see one and all contribute in some way to the publication. Here are some of the ways in which you can be a part of the Baronial Newsletter.

- **Event Stories**-Let everyone hear your recollection of a great time or special occurrence at a Stargate event by putting it in our newsletter!
- **Photographs**-If you have taken some photos at Stargate events and would like to get them published, please send them along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form for yourself and any identifiable individuals in the photos.
- **Word Fame**-Has someone you know done something worthy of bragging about? Publish it!
- **Articles**-Care to share your expertise, or enlighten others on a subject you feel passionate about? Send your article along for publication along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form found on the Ansteorra website!
- **Art**- Send your finest artwork along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form found on the Ansteorra website. Or let us know you'd like to illustrate articles!

Please send your contributions to the Stargate Chronicler, Lady Alessandra, at:

[stargate.chron AT yahoo DOT com](mailto:stargate.chron@yahoo.com)

Baronial Brainstorming—HL Alden Drake

Greetings to the Populace of Stargate and friends,

On July 30th, Their Sentinel Excellencies hosted a brainstorming session to come up with a list of ideas/projects for improving various aspects of our barony. Below are five lists targeting the topics of Identity, Fun, Retention, Recruitment, and Communication. Please take some time to review the ideas. At SEPTEMBER'S Populace meeting, we will conduct a polling to identify the key projects the barony would like to address. If you were not at the brainstorming meeting, but have other ideas you think should be considered. Please send them to Stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com by August 22nd and they will be included for the polling. Merits/Flaws of ideas are not being addressed at this time, nor what has (or has not) worked in the past. All ideas are welcome!

FUN:

1. Variation on newcomers' revel for those with 3 or less years within the baronial community.
2. Move around the location of meetings.
3. More social events/activities (revels, movie night, bowling, dinners, etc).
4. Encourage everyone to come out to activities, even if they aren't direct participants (like fighter practice where people came to socialize even if they didn't fight).
5. Encourage more indoor group activities during summer (instead of Arts in the Park, try Arts in the Hall).

BARONIAL IDENTITY:

1. Belt favors for Stargate populi
2. Encourage the wearing of Stargate livery
3. Camping together at camping events/wars
4. Stargate sign (in development)
5. Stargate pavilion to serve as the baronial "community center" at events
6. Encourage a baronial persona unity (Stargate was largely a Celtic group when it started)
7. Webpage development: show more, rather than tell more. (add more pictures: officers, activities, guilds, etc)
8. Stargate hospitality
9. Tower showers

COMMUNICATION:

1. Domesday update
2. Encourage better attachment to new people in area
3. Newcomer household
4. Newsletter mailed out again w/ no paid subscription
5. Demographics study
6. Phone Tree
7. Postcards

RECRUITMENT:

1. Engaging newcomers as retinue
2. Public flyers at shops/colleges/workplaces
3. Bookmarks to take to libraries/bookshops/etc
4. Weekend demos (rather than weekday demos)
5. Dress up for walkathons and begathons
6. Newcomers meetings (not just for newcomers!)
7. Newcomer revels (persona development parties)
8. College clubs

RETENTION

1. Annual raffle with tickets given throughout the year
2. More hugs
3. More wordfame (for more than just awards)
4. More "pats on the back"
5. More social interaction at Populace - hospitality table
6. Classes, skits/morality plays, show & tell populace activities

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>Pennsic War</i> <i>(Cooper's Lake Campground, P.A)</i>
2 <i>European Dance Guild</i> 5:30 pm	3 <i>Stargate Business Meeting</i> 7:00 pm <i>Stargate Populace Meeting</i> 7:45 pm	4 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	5	6	7	8 <i>Pennsic War</i> <i>(Cooper's Lake Campground, P.A)</i>
9 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild</i> 5:30 pm	10	11 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	12	13	14	15 <i>Steppes Artisan</i> <i>(Steppes)</i>
16 <i>European Dance Guild</i> 5:30 pm <i>Equestrian Guild</i> 5:00 pm	17	18 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	19	20 <i>Bardic Guild 7:00 pm</i>	21	22
23 <i>Arts in the Park 2:00 pm</i> <i>Stargate Scribal Guild</i> 5:30 pm	24	25 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	26	27	28	29 <i>Jagermeister</i> <i>(Ffynnon Gath)</i>
30 <i>Equestrian Guild</i> 5:00 pm	31					

- August 3 -Stargate Business and Populace Meeting . 7:00 PM for Business, 7:45 PM for Populace, location Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W 43rd St, in Oak Forest
- Every Tuesday night– Stargate/Loch Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, location is Centennial Park in Pearland, 3219 McLean Road Pearland, TX.

- August 20 -Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm, Everyone welcome regardless of skill level. Location TBA.
- August 16 & 30 - Equestrian Guild, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, location Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbelow Rd, Needville, TX, 77461

- August 2 & 16 -European Dance (NW), 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, location Central Market, Westheimer & Wesleyan.
- August 9 - Scribal Guild, 5:30pm, location Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027

Meetings



Newcomer's Meetings

Newcomer's 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 Ciarnat of Firethorn at 281-693-6441 or send an email to dragonlaw1 AT nww.net.

Business & Populace Meeting

The Business meeting is the first Monday of each month from 7:00 - 7:45 pm. The meeting is open to the populace. It is followed immediately by the Populace meeting from 7:45 - 9:00 pm, at Hope Episcopal Church (formally St. Michael's Episcopal Church) at 1613 W. 43th St. in Oak Forest. If the first Monday of a month is a public holiday, meetings will be held the second Monday. Garb is optional. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal, Lady Cristyana at clambright2000 AT yahoo.com.

Stargate/Loch Rapier Practice

We are now practicing with Loch Soilleir at Centennial Park in Pearland, TX. The address is 3219 McLean Road Pearland, TX. Practices are Tuesdays at 7:30PM. If there are any questions, please contact the Stargate Rapier Marshal.

Stargate Armored Combat Practice

The University of Houston has informed us that we are not allowed to use the site we've been using for fighter practice. **Until further notice, the Tuesday evening practice is on hiatus.** We hope to have an alternative, possibly including the forming of a student group at UH, or finding a different location for the weekly Loch/Stargate fighter practice. If there are any questions or suggestions, please contact the Acting Knight Marshal.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal, Lady Cristyana at clambright2000 AT yahoo.com for more information.

Equestrian Practice

Equestrian practice occurs on announced dates (See Calendar) at Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbelow Rd, Needville, TX, 77461. Contact our Equestrian Marshal, HL Lorraine Fraser with questions at 832-646-6162.

Guild Meetings



European Dance (NW)

Practice is held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the 2nd floor Community Room of Central Market on the corner of Westheimer and Westlayan, from 5:30 to 8 pm. For more information contact Lord Antonello del Bello at (281) 850-2443 or antonello.sca at sbcglobal dot net. Please, no calls after 10 pm. All skill levels welcome. Garb is encouraged. Come out and Dance!

Madrigal and Polyphonic Singing

ON HIATUS. NEW PRACTICES TBA.

Scribes Guild

The Stargate Scribes Guild members learn the ancient and beautiful arts of calligraphy and illumination, as well as provide a service to the Barony and the Kingdom by creating award scrolls. 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. 5:30pm till 8:00pm the Central Market Community Room. Address: 3815 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027 (Westheimer near Wesleyan, inside Loop 610. Food and drink available in deli, food August not be brought in). For further information, please contact Hillary Greenslade, Phone: 281-855-9447 OR [hillaryrg AT yahoo DOT com](mailto:hillaryrg@yahoo.com)

4th Sunday Arts in the Park

The Stargate 4th Sunday Arts in the Park meets on the fourth Sunday of the month, on S. Picnic Lane in Memorial Park. Bring your current project or work on a baronial project. Our Knights & Rapier Marshals will determine whether to hold a practice at the same time.

Bardic Guild

The Stargate Bardic Guild normally meets on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month at the home of Lady Mea Passavanti, from 7-9:30pm. No experience in Bardic arts is necessary. The purpose of the guild is to learn and have fun. If you are interested in joining the guild, please email the guild principal, HL Alden Drake at alden_drake AT sbcglobal.net. Everyone from the Greater Houston Area is invited to attend.

Stargate Siege Guild

The Stargate Siege Guild is a new guild in Stargate and is for those interested in the art and science of tossing objects. If you are interested in siege weapons and their use in the SCA contact Lord Miguel (Mike Meyers) at desweds AT gmail.com if you have any questions.

Workshops

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.

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Who are we?

The Barony of Stargate is a local chapter of the [Society for Creative Anachronism](#) (SCA), within the [Coastal regional](#) subdivision of the [Kingdom of Ansteorra](#). The SCA is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to learning more about the Middle Ages through reenactment. There are SCA chapters worldwide and they hold regular feasts, tournaments, balls and battles.

Ansteorra includes all of Oklahoma and most of Texas (except El Paso). Stargate includes most of greater Houston. Stargate's sub-chapter is the [Canton of Westgate](#), which includes the western and Southwestern portions of Houston. Wherever you are we're a friendly group of people, so why not visit us all?



Chronicler's Notes

Greetings to all!

It has been a very quiet month in the Chronicler's mailbox. Please don't hesitate to send me anything you might wish to have published, from poetry to artwork to stories or tales from events. I'd love to include some word fame from around the Barony, so if you know something someone did that is worth giving them a tip of the hat for, please send it along!

Newsletter Submission Deadline: 28th of each month. Please submit either a legible hardcopy or electronic MS Word File to me or at stargate.chron AT yahoo.com. Remember to turn in a permission to print form (located at: <http://www.ansteorra.org/publications/forms/>) for each of your submissions. Please see the sidebar of page three for ways in which you can contribute to the newsletter, and feel free to send me more ideas!

Always,

Lady Alessandra Giovanna dei Medici

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