



Two Towers

Autumn * A.S. I

Message from the Baron & Baroness

Greetings Wonderful Stargate and Friends!

We had a great A&S Mini Revel on Aug 27! Thanks to all who participated, and a special thank you to our A&S Minister for all her hard work, and all she has done for the office. The office of A&S Minister is now open and accepting applications. If you believe you have the enthusiasm to encourage our baronial artisans, then please apply!

It's not too soon to start planning for Bordermarch Melees! The Barony is going to host the soup kitchen again at BAM, and if you want more information or would like to help out, you can contact the Baroness. We are also planning to have a Saturday night taco feast at the Stargate camp - watch for more information on that yummy tradition!

Finally, it's not too soon to be thinking about Stargate Yule, which this year is a combined event with the Kingdom's Tournament of Champions. We will be announcing a work weekend as there is much to do to prepare for this event. Brenna MacDonald is the autocrat and Alden Drake has agreed to be the feastocrat. Please contact either or both of them if you're interested in lending a hand. This event is big enough that everyone in the barony will have an opportunity to help in some way!

Thanks to all,

Baron Robert and Baroness Cristyana

Barony of Stargate

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. Wherever you are, we're a friendly group of people, so why not visit us all?

Tournaments

In honor of the Kingdom's Tournament of Champions being held in conjunction with Stargate's annual Yule Revel, here are some images from medieval tournaments.



Henry IV of Silesia - between 1305 and 1340
Meister des Codex Manesse (Nachtragsmaler I)



A tournament for Christian I of Denmark and Bartolomeo Colleoni, by Romanino (1467)



Bavarian engraving of a medieval tournament from the 1400s.

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Stargate Events Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	10a Gates Edge Chiv 4p Scribes	7:15p Populace Meeting		7p Rapier ²	7p Chivalric		
Week 2		7p UFO ¹			7p Chivalric		Oct 8 Gate's Edge Fall event Dec 10 Stargate Yule
Week 3	10a Gates Edge Chiv 4p Scribes	7p UFO ¹		7p Rapier ²	7p Chivalric		Nov 17-20 War of the Rams (BAM)
Week 4		7p UFO ¹			7p Chivalric		Oct 22 Archery
Week 5	4p Scribes	7p UFO ¹		7p Rapier ²	7p Chivalric		
Notes		1: Check first – not held every week		2: Practice held every other week			

- ✦ **Stargate Scribes Guild** 1st/3rd/5th Sundays - 4-7 pm @ Central Mkt on Westheimer
- ✦ **Gates Edge Fighter Practice** 1st/3rd Sundays - 10 am @ Meyer Park
- ✦ **UFO Guild** Usually weekly (always check) on Monday except Pop Mtg week - 7-9 pm @ Brenna MacDonald's home
- ✦ **Business & Populace Meeting** Monthly on 1st Monday (2nd if holiday) - 7:15 pm @ Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd.
- ✦ **Stargate Rapier Practice** Every other Wednesday - 7-10 pm @ Hermann Park
- ✦ **Stargate Chivalric Combat Practice** Weekly on Thursday - 7:30-10 pm @ Hermann Park
- ✦ **Houston/Beaumont area Official Youth Chivalric Practice** Irregular weeks on Sunday - 4 pm @ changing locations
- ✦ **Archery Practice** Monthly on Saturday - 9-11 am @ Spring Creek Park, Tomball
- ✦ **An Artist's A'faire** (Gate's Edge fall event) on Saturday Oct. 8 from 9:00 am -8:00 pm @ American Legion, 708 E Parker Rd, Houston, Texas 77076
- ✦ **Stargate Yule & Tournament of Champions** on Saturday Dec. 10, at Sallas Show Barn in New Caney, TX, just off of Hwy 59 at Hwy 99.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Populace meetings during the third quarter of 2016 will be held on October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th at Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX. We have a private room. Please check the lobby bulletin board.

UFO Guild

HL Brenna MacDonald hosts UFO (Unfinished Objects) Guild at her home, every Monday night except the first Monday of the month (Populace), from 7pm to 9pm. Please send her a message for the address if you'd like to come.

Chivalric and Rapier Practices

Stargate's Chivalric fighter practice is held weekly on Thursday evenings, and Rapier practice is held bi-weekly on Wednesday nights. Both happen by the parking lot behind Miller Outdoor Theater in Hermann Park. Check the Barony's Facebook page for last-minute updates.

Gate's Edge Fighter Practice

Our neighbor to the north, the Shire of Gate's Edge, holds its fighter practice on the first and third Sunday of the month at Meyer Park in the Cypresswood section of Spring, Texas from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Archery Practice

Practice has been scheduled for 9 am at Spring Creek Park in Tomball on the following dates:

- ✦ July 23
- ✦ August 20
- ✦ September 24
- ✦ October 22
- ✦ [November: no practice - go to BAM!]
- ✦ December 10



St. John (depicted as a scribe)
Bodleian Library MS Auct. D. 1.17

Scribes Guild

Come learn the ancient and beautiful arts of calligraphy and illumination. The Stargate Scribes Guild is for learning the scribal arts, as well as to provide a service to the Barony and the Kingdom by creating award scrolls. The Guild meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month from 4-7 pm.

The primary site is in the 2nd floor Community Room at the Central Market, 3815 Westheimer Rd (at Wesleyan Ave, inside Loop 610), Houston, TX 77027. Bring your paint supplies; some loaner items will be provided. All are welcome, newcomers and masters alike. Contact: Mistress Hillary Greenslade.

Make a Contribution to the Two Towers!

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. Please send your contributions to the Stargate Chronicler, Lady Ingrid the Mended, at chronicler@stargate.ansteorra.org, with copy to Lady Merewyn de Laugharne, Acting Deputy Chronicler, at webminister@stargate.ansteorra.org.

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 if you would like to illustrate articles!

Stargate Domesday Book

Stargate is compiling a Domesday Book to help our members keep in touch, and we have made it quick and easy to submit your information online at <http://stargate.ansteorra.org>!

Stargate Facebook Page

Stargate also has a Facebook page, which is a good place to check for last-minute updates on practices and events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/56697227816/>

Accepting applications for these offices:

- » Hospitaller
- » Seneschal
- » Minister of Arts & Sciences
- » Minister of Children
- » Youth Rapier Marshal

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 carry out their new office.

Please send your application to the Stargate Seneschal, the corresponding Regional officer, and the Baron and Baroness.

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