

Two Towers

Newsletter of The Barony of The Stargate
December 2005

From the Baron & Baroness,

To Ansteorra's premier populace do Ihon & Isabeau send greetings,

Another year is almost behind us as we look forward to Stargate Yule, December 10th. Please offer your assistance to this year's Co-Event Stewards, Lady Annalies and Lady Christina, if you haven't done so already. With that in mind, its time to submit award recommendations. Please use the on-line form at ansteorra.org with a courtesy copy to us. While we appreciate those of you who have asked our opinion on award recommendations, we will always advise you to make your recommendations to the Crown (or, in the case of baronial awards, to us). Our duty and joy is to advise the Crown if and when they seek advice. Chances are good that we already agree with your recommendation but there may be rare occasions when we have a concern that should only be expressed to the Crown.

Tourney by the Loch is December 2-4, make plans to attend to show your support for our neighbors to the south.

Please note your calendars for February 5, 2006. That will be our next First Sunday in the Park and it will be a potluck. General feelings expressed at Populace indicated that the holidays were too hectic to add a Sunday in the Park in December or on New Year's Day.

On October 23rd we hosted an "Interested Parties" meeting at our home with approximately 15 in attendance. There were a lot of good ideas expressed and we are looking at how we can implement some of those soon. If you were unable to attend but have ideas of your own you'd like to share, please let us know.

Baron & Baroness Cont,

With the year coming to a close Gulf War is not far off, a mere three and half months. Remember, if you plan to attend it is strongly suggested that you pre-register as will determine how much land each kingdom is allocated.

We attended Autumn Meles this past weekend and would like to give word fame. Lord Leofwin is Bordermarch's Archery Champion; Don Brian received the Queen's Blade of Honor; Baron Armand (Bordermarch) was made a Don, Sir Alexis was elevated to the Order of the Laurel and last but not least, my lord husband is Bordermarch's Equestrian Champion.

Below is our progress for the next three months, subject to change, of course.

Tourney by the Loch – December 2-4
Stargate Yule – December 10th
Steppes 12th Night – January 7th
Coronation – January 14th
Candlemas Feast ??? – February 3-5
Guardian of the Guantlet ??? February 10-12
Kingdom A&S ??? – February 17-19

In closing, with the holiday season upon us be mindful to be safe while enjoying friends and family.

Happy Holidays,
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Baron & Baroness

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@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).

Lord Antonello

Stargate Armorers Guild

Meets at Vaclav's shop on the 1st and 3rd 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

Hospitaler's Hideaway

Merry Christmas everyone. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and is looking forward to Stargate Yule Revel. I know I am. I'll be hosting a Newcomer's Table at the event. Until then, everyone take care and have a safe and Merry Christmas.

In Service to the Dream,
Lady Elizabetta Maria de Medici
Maria Buchanan
Official Worrier of House Starfire
Hospitaler - Barony of the Stargate
Hospitaler - Shire of Gate's Edge
In the Stellar Kingdom of Ansteorra
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From the Herald,

Heraldic Consultation Night is the Second Thursday of each month.

If you want to register your name, device, or badge, this is the place to do it! This is the ONLY way to be sure that someone else will not be able to use your name, device, or badge, or even prevent YOU from using it!

If you have a time conflict, call me and I'll make an appointment to meet with you some other time. The process is easier than you might think!

If you are interested, call or email for directions.

Yours in Service,

Dietrich Strobelbart
mka Steve Scott
281-731-7726 cell

Stargate Scribes Guild:

Stargate Scribes 'Charter Paint' meetings:

Time: 7-9pm,

December 6th - Tuesday

December 20th - Tuesday

Held at the Chapel of Univ. of Houston, 2nd floor lobby, adjacent to fighter practice at UH. Entrance #13 parking lot, on Cullen, between Elgin and Wheeler.

Held rain or shine, if you can 'Paint by Numbers' then you can paint charters. Bring your scribal paint supplies, or some will be provided for you. Novices welcome, SCA-garb not required. An alternate meeting location is being sought in the event the 2nd floor lobby in the chapel is used; and will be posted to the Stargate list soon.

Stargate Yule has lots for Scribes:

All-day-charter-paint-party - bring your paints and brushes (some supplies provided), and grab some scrolls to paint in the company of scribal friends. Chocolate will of course be provided.

Scribal Classes:

Scribal classes in a variety of subjects will be offered from 11am till 5pm, at Yule. List of subjects will be posted on the Scriptorius and Stargate e-mails. Currently scheduled:
Beginning Calligraphy, Paint Mixing Techniques, and others.

Check out the University of Houston main campus, MD Anderson Library, exhibit of a Historical Manuscript exhibit, which will be on display till Feb. 17th. While the exhibit is small, 40-ish books, it presents a nice timeline of historical books, and displays some books from private Houston collections, as well as from the UH Special Collections Library, which will be available for study after the exhibit (Special Collections now open Saturday Noon - 4pm for the upclose and personal study). The exhibit is FREE!! Photo's are permitted.

<http://info.lib.uh.edu/sca/exhibits/current.html>

If planning to be in the Houston area for an event, be sure to check out this exhibit.

Hours are listed at:

<http://info.lib.uh.edu/about/hours.html>

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Scribes cont.

Stargate Yule Revel is fast approaching, and there are scrolls in need of commissions. If you are interested in creating an original scroll for the Stargate Artisan prize, the Stargate Bardic prize or the Children's Artisan prize, please contact me immediately.

Additionally, I have it on good authority, that some 'Sodality of the Sentinals of the Stargate' awards maybe possible, and original scrolls will be wanted. Please advise if you are interested in a commission.

Happy Holidays - may you get paints and brushes under the Yule tree!

Keep Scribing,
Hillary Greenslade,
Stargate Scribes Guild Principal
hillaryrg@yahoo.com

From the Chronicler

Populace and officer's please get to me your submissions for the Two Towers before the 19th of each month.

Also if you want to be included in the domesday you have till December 7th to get me the following information.

Mundane Name
Sca Name
Address
Phone 1
Phone 2
Email
DOB

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

Notes & Challenges

Congrats to Kasinda & Max on their Wedding!

Stargate Yule

Saturday, December 10, 2005

Their Sentinel Excellencies, Master Ihon Vinson macFergus and Honorable Lady Isabeau Quiquandon invite all to the Barony of the Stargate's Yule Revel-Festival of Byzantine Constantinople. People from many lands have made the pilgrimage to the city to trade, compete, learn of new crafts, and enjoy the grand feast.

Championships: Compete for the honor of being the Stargate's newest champions in Bardic, A&S, and Children's A&S (16 yrs and under).

Activities: Entertainers throughout the known world are invited to compete in a special competition voted on by the populace. Largess will be given to the best acts with the top three entertainers/groups competing for a grand prize basket. Classes, games, and Scribal tables will also be available to all those interested. See the Stargate website for more information.

Toys-for-Tots will also be collecting toys to be given during the holiday season. Bring an unwrapped toy and for each toy donated receive a ticket for the prize raffle.

Feast: Constantinople is a center of spice trade. Feast Stewards Lord Vaclav Namatko and Lord Kenny of Stargate are planning a feast to spice up your life! They will be mixing European, Greek, and Arabic dishes that explore the cultures of this diverse area.

Feast is limited, please pre-pay early!!!! Site is Dry.

Site: Site opens at 10:00 am on Saturday and closes that evening at 10:00 pm.

Site fee: \$10; \$5 (age 5-12); No charge under 5 yrs; \$30 Family max.

Feast fee: \$8; \$5 age 5-12; No charge under 5 yrs Pre-pay through ACCEPS.

Make checks payable to SCA Inc., Barony of Stargate. Non-members \$3 additional surcharge.

No pets, expect service animals. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or leagl guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

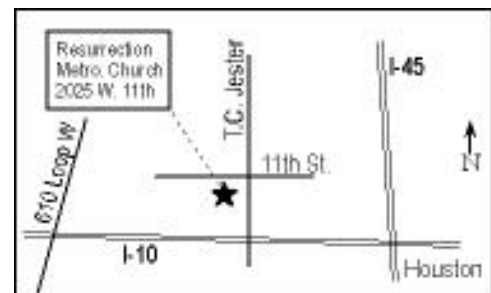
Merchants are welcome!

Directions: Yule will be held at the Resurrection Metropolitan Church at 2025 W. 11th Street/Houston, Texas. Take I-10 and exit T.C. Jester. Turn north on to T.C. Jester and **turn** left onto 11th street. Church is on 11th and T.C. Jester on the left (SW) corner.

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Please pre-pay ACCEPS or arrange pre-payment with above email.

Stargate Website: <http://stargate.anssteora.org/index.shtml>



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Open - accepting applications

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