



# Two Towers

December 2006

## From the Baron & Baroness

Yuletide Greetings from Ihon & Isabeau,

We trust this missive finds all recovering from your over indulgence during the Thanksgiving holiday. We certainly did our share of excess consumption of tasty treats.

Yule is fast approaching. We hope you have made your plans to join us for the fun and festivities of the day. In addition to choosing our Baronial Bardic and A&S Champions we'll also be having an elevation to the Order of the Pelicans. The day promises to be full of activities for everyone. Some of the planned activities are costume and table decorating contests along with classes. So pull out your finery and your most impressive table décor. You never know, you may be the lucky winner.

The month of November found us traveling to Bordermarch's Autumn Melees where we witnessed an impressive knighting during morning court and a beautiful wedding that evening. As a side note, the weather was most wonderful too.

Plans are underway for Stargate's inaugural Tower Watch. Applications will be accepted shortly after Yule. We'll ask Lady Merewyn to post the application requirements on Stargate's website with notification posted to Hou-Announce and Stargate lists. It is our intent to have the Watch in place for April's Baronial.

Our Progress:

December 3	Stargate Picnic in the Park (CANCELLED)
December 9	Stargate Yule (gate opens at 10am)
January 6	Kingdom Eisteddfod and Steppes 12th Night (??)
February 10	Kingdom A&S

In closing, those who are traveling this Yule season, please be careful and come back to us safe. We wish all a joyous holiday and prosperous New Year.

Seasons greetings,

ihon & Isabeau

Baron & Baroness

### Special Dates of Interest

- *December 3 Stargate Picnic in the Park (Memorial Park)*
- *December 4 Stargate Populace at Ryan's Steakhouse on 34th St.*
- *December 9 Stargate YULE (see pg 9)*
- *December 5 & 19 Stargate Scribal Guild Meeting at UH*
- *December 21 Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting*
- *December 10 European Dance (NW) 2-4 pm*
- *Every Tuesday is fighter practice at UH*



## From the Seneschal

Good day all,

As I write this, our Yule celebration is quickly approaching. Gerald and his crew are doing a spectacular job preparing a grand celebration for us! Last night at our business meeting we had the opportunity to sample our sumptuous feast. It promises to be delectable.

On another note. Several years ago I served our barony as the Minister of Children. It was a pleasure to get to know our young people and to work with them. I was able to teach them and find ways to entertain them. As a teacher by trade, I found it very rewarding to work with children who knew self discipline and who were learning honor from their parents. Often I see these young people in their teenage years and have concluded that they have grown into nice people. My four years of serving the Barony in that capacity has left me, and I hope them too, with fond memories and a sense of accomplishment.

Why am I telling you this?! The Barony needs someone who enjoys working with

youngsters to step up to the plate as our Minister of Children. If you are fairly new to the SCA, it's OK! There are lots of people willing and able to help you with ideas.

One of my fondest memories was when I helped the kids make their own stick horses and then had them race around the fountain for a prize!!! The kids and their parents had a blast. That idea came from Mistress Kaitlyn. The commitment is to host children's activities at our Yule Celebration and at Baronial. You would submit a post event report, and would attend business and populace meetings. The commitment is light, and the rewards are great!

So, if you have a heart for children, and a desire to serve your barony, PLEASE step forward. We have been without a Minister of Children long enough!!!

Thank you in advance,  
Lady Vasilisa  
Stargate Seneschal

## STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

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

- **Hospitaler**-Serves the Barony by welcoming new members and introducing them to the art and traditions of the SCA and Barony.
- **Waterbearer**-Serves the Barony by organizing water and other hydrating supplies for use by the populace during Baronial events.
- **Children's Minister**-Serves the Barony by encouraging the growth and skill of the future of the SCA, the children, through activities and education.

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 Stargate Seneschal, Lady Vasilisa, at [Lisa@flyinglions.com](mailto:Lisa@flyinglions.com). You can also contact her for more information on these positions. **Please submit your application by January 6th.**

## Herald's Harkings



Now accepting applications for a Deputy Herald.

Have you ever wanted to be the **VOICE** of the Barony? This position is an opportunity to test the waters and show us your stuff. If you are interested, contact me by email or phone.

In Service,

Herr Dietrich Strobelbart  
Sentinel Pursuivant  
Mka Steve Scott  
281-731-7726 cell  
[Dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoo.com](mailto:Dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoo.com)

## Hospitaler's Hideaway

Hi all.

It's been a really busy month for everyone, with events and such.

We've got a few more busy months coming.

We had a family of newcomers for the meeting this month. I'm still looking for someplace to have the meetings. If

anyone knows of someplace I can have the meetings, please let me know.

If anyone has some suggestions for classes for the Newcomers meetings, please let me know. I'm trying to put a list of people who can teach different classes so we have it for events and meetings like this. It will

give us an easy way to look it all up.

Any other suggestions, let me know.

In Service to the Dream,  
Lady Elizabetha Maria dei Medici  
Maria Buchanan  
Hospitaler - Barony of the Stargate  
281-433-0347

# Equestrian Guild

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Greetings Equestrians and friends,

We have come to the end of a long run of events. We will have one more equestrian competition before the New Year, but, for now, with that one exception, we can put down the saddle and the sword, and feast with friends. Upcoming, Seawinds has a Pas de Arms type event planned for us on December 1-3.

The past month has been very busy. Battle of Three Kings, 11/3-5, had a very fun scenario of pillaging a village, and burning it. Sir Alexis was the winner, but I believe everyone who competed had a blast! Thanks to Fergus Khan.



The very next weekend 11/10-12 was the Defenders of the Rose. With a head to head competition, Lady Cristyana Lambrecht was declared the winner and became the newest Defender for Equestrian as well as winning

the A&S.

Last but by all means not least, 11/17-19 was Bordermarch's Autumn Melees, where we had a problem with dragons that had escaped from Gatesedges event. They were defeated by the very same equestrian who won at Draconstitch, Lord Charles Fraser.

I've noticed the number of equestrians hauling to events has dropped off. I would like some input from the populace as to what might we do to encourage participation.

Happy holidays to all,

HL Lorraine Fraser CGL

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## Bardic Guild

The NEW Stargate Bardic Guild shall meet 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. Experienced bards will be encouraged to teach pieces, and all are welcome to bring suggestions for pieces to learn. If you are interested in joining the guild, please email the guild principal, HL Alden Drake at [alden\\_drake AT sbglobal.net](mailto:alden_drake@sbglobal.net). For directions, contact Lady Mea at [Ldy\\_passavanti AT ev1.net](mailto:Ldy_passavanti@ev1.net) or 713-299-6046. Everyone from the Greater Houston Area is invited to attend.

With thanks,  
HL Alden Drake

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## Scribal Guild

Join us for Stargate Scribal Guild and paint for Kingdom and Barony. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at the UH fighter practice 7:30 pm. We have a challenge by the Coastal Scribe to get as many chapters painted as possible and the group with the most wins a prize. So join us on our regular nights and at Stargate Yule for painting.

For more information on the guild contact Lady Mea at [Ldy\\_passavanti AT ev1.net](mailto:Ldy_passavanti@ev1.net) or Lady Cristyana at [Clambright2000 AT yahoo.com](mailto:Clambright2000@yahoo.com).



Ladies Mea and Cristyana are waiting for you, come paint!!

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## From Around The Barony

This section is awaiting your notes, challenges, glad tidings, and joys! So fill me in with Barony, friends, and household news.

- Lord Leofwine was victorious at the Defenders of the Rose event and is the newest Defender for Archery and Lady Cristyana for A&S and Equestrian.
- Lord Charles Fraser won the Equestrian title at Bordermarch Autumn Melee.
- Welcome to our (soon to be official) new Knight Marshal, Lord Kristrodr Bjarnarson.



# DECEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <i>Stargate Populace</i> 7:30 pm	5 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> <i>Scribal Guild at UH</i>	6 Chivalric Armoring	7	8 <i>Stargate Yule Set-up at</i> 2:30pm	9 <b><i>Stargate Yule</i></b>
10 <i>European Dance (NW)</i>	11	12 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>Stargate Business</i> <i>Meeting 7:00pm</i>	19 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> <i>Scribal Guild at UH</i>	20 Chivalric Armoring	21 <i>Stargate Bardic Guild</i>	22	23
24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>						

## Schedule of Events

- December 3-Stargate Picnic in the Park, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Cancelled this month, join us at Yule (see pg 9)
- December 4-Stargate Populace Meeting, 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Meeting, location is Ryan's Steakhouse @ 34th St off Hwy 290
- December 5 & 19-Stargate Scribal Meeting, 7:30 pm, location is UH main campus, where fighter practice is held
- December 5, 12, & 19-Figher Practice, 7:00 pm, location is UH main campus, site is off Cullen Rd at UH Entrance 13
- December 6 & 20-Chivalric Armoring, 8:00 pm, at Lord Vaclav's house (see page 6 for contact information)
- **December 9-Stargate Yule-See event ad on page 9, Set-up is Friday from 2:30 pm to 10:00 pm, come and help!**
- December 10-European Dance (NW), 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, location Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Ln
- December 21-Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm, location is Lady Mea's home (see article on page 3 for directions)
- December 18-Stargate Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, location is Baron and Baroness' home (contact B&B for directions)
- January 28-Madrigal Singing, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, location is Baron and Baroness' home (contact B&B for directions)

# 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 Elizabetta "Maria" de Medici at 281-433-0347 or send an email to Scarlettmb AT sbcglobal.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 can not 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.

## 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 for direction (contact info on page 10).

## 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. **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 tac-tics. Contact Knight Marshal for more information.

**NOTE: Parking lot is open to attendees at 7:00pm, campus officers patrol the lot until that time.**

## Youth Rapier Practice

In conjunction with the Tuesday night combined fighter practices (above). A parent or legal guardian must also attend. Please contact the seneschal lisa AT flyinglions.com for more information

## Stargate Picnic in the Park

Stargate has now started a Picnic in the park , on the **first Sunday of the month**, from 2-4 pm, at Memorial Park across from the Tennis Courts. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal for more information ([lisa AT flyinglions.com](mailto:lisa AT flyinglions.com)). **Cancelled for December!! See you at YULE!!**

## Equestrian Practice

As Tourney season is upon us with so many Equestrian activities, practice is on hold until after the season. For information on the Equestrian community in Stargate, contact Lady Annalies Pferdehirt ([lcai\\_lcai AT yahoo.com](mailto:lcai_lcai AT yahoo.com)) or HL Lorraine Fraser CGL ([mbetenbaugh AT houston.rr.com](mailto:mbetenbaugh AT houston.rr.com)).



# Guild Meetings

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## European Dance (NW)

Practice is held the 2nd 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. Please, no calls after 10 pm. Garb is optional (most folks wear regular clothes).

## European Dance (SW)

Is on a break. Please contact Mistress Perronnelle at perronnelle AT earthlink.net for more information on this guild. Garb is optional.

## Madrigal and Polyphonic Singing

Practice is held every fourth Sunday at the Baron and Baroness' home starting at 4:00 p.m. No experience necessary -- sight reading helpful but not required. For more information contact HE Master Ihon Vinson MacFergus at (713) 896-0026 or jhirling AT houston.rr.com. Please, no calls after 10 pm. You can also check out the Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group.

## Scribes Guild

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Tuesdays of the month for charter painting at the University of Houston (Entrance 13 off Cullen, far end of the parking lot where the fighters are practicing), from 7:30-9 pm. If you have paints, please bring them. Some supplies will be provided. Site has tables BUT NO CHAIRS so bring yours. Newcomers to painting are welcome. Please contact Lady Mea Guilianna Passavanti (Ldy\_passavanti AT ev1.net ) or Lady Cristyana Lambrecht (clambright2000 AT yahoo.com) 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 (lcai\_lcai AT yahoo.com) for more information.

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# Workshops

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## Heraldic Name and Device Consultation

Heraldic Consultations will be held by appointment only. Tuesday and Thursday nights usually work best. Contact Herr Dietrich Strobelbart by phone 281-731-7726 cell or email dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoo.com.

## 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.

# The Arts in Stargate

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This page is dedicated to artists, bards, scientists or those who create in our area. The thought is to showcase and celebrate what we are doing. Here is the Artist of the month!

## SONNET 8

by Alden Drake

The muses have all gone and left me here,  
A poet staring at an empty page.  
No inspiration comes to me | fear,  
The words are locked inside a mental cage.  
The ink dries slowly now upon my pen  
As countless words have stuck upon my tongue  
And yet | know not where | should begin  
For all good words have far too oft been sung  
Still staring down upon this field of white  
That mocks me as | now begin to weep  
Just fourteen lines is all | have to write  
So | can finally go and get some sleep  
Yet nothing moves to cause my arm to bend  
And it's too late, for now here is the end.

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Honorable Lord Alden Drake

Well met, good neighbor! I am Alden Drake, the son of an English merchant, born in the 1500's in Calais during England's occupation. Taking advantage of my family's business on the sea, I spent many years sailing about the Atlantic and Mediterranean in search of learning and adventure. My travels have brought me to Ansteorra, where I met my lady wife, Alessandra Giovanna dei Medici. With many interests, such as heraldry, archery, sewing, thrown weapons, armed combat, and service, my arrival in Ansteorra was a blessing, for here in this fair kingdom can I enjoy not only those activities, but also good people with whom to share them.

**STARGATE AND YULE WORD SEARCH**

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**KING**

**QUEEN**

**SCIENCE**

**STARGATE**



# STARGATE YULE

*Saturday, December 9, 2006*

*Their Sentinel Excellencies, Master Ihon Vinson MacFergus and Honorable Lady Isabeau Quiquandon invite all to the Barony of the Stargate's Yule Revel. The Revel is set in the 15th century after the first Sovereign of Russia, Ivan the Great, has asserted his independence from the Golden Horde. Celebrations are in order as the time for Father Frost approaches.*

## Championships

Compete for the honor of being the Stargate's newest champions in:

● **Bardic Competition**

● **A&S Competition**

● **Children's A&S (16 yrs and under)**

Please see website (<http://stargate.ansteorra.org/yule2006.shtml>) for competition formats.

## Activities

Their Excellencies entreat performers throughout the land to come and practice their crafts for the populace.

### CLASSES:

We are planning to offer classes during Stargate Yule, and invite you to teach a class and pass on your knowledge! Please e-mail Lady Maria at [scarletmb AT sbcbglobal.net](mailto:scarletmb@sbcbglobal.net) or call 281-433-0347.

### TABLE DECORATING CONTEST:

The theme is Russian and will be judged by Yule Revelers. Bring your imaginations and frivolity. Lady Vasalisa, coordinator.

### COSTUME CONTEST:

As mentioned above, this year's theme is Russian (any SCA time period). The winner will be selected by the populace. Contest is open to high and low born alike. Baroness Isabeau, coordinator.

You may register with the respective coordinators or at gate.

## Toys-for-Tots Collection.

Bring an unwrapped toy and for each toy donated receive a raffle ticket .

## Site

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

**Site fee:** \$12; \$6 (age 5-12); No charge under 5 yrs; \$30 Family max.

**Feast fee:** \$6; \$3 age 5-12; No charge under 5 yrs. Make checks payable to SCA Inc., Barony of Stargate. Pre-pay through ACCEPS. Non-member \$3 additional surcharge.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized minor event waiver form from the parents. No pets, expect service animals. Merchants are welcome!

## Directions

Yule will be held at the Resurrection Metropolitan Church at 2025 W. 11th Street/Houston, Texas. Take I-10 (to Downtown) 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.

## Event Steward:

HL Gerald of Leesville  
Gerald Norris  
281.773.7922  
[jerryn AT houston.rr.com](mailto:jerryn@houston.rr.com)

## Feast Steward:

Lady Anne Delamare  
Kim Smith  
[smithfamily AT aspect1.net](mailto:smithfamily@aspect1.net)

## Feast

Lady Anne Delamare has assembled a fantastic array of dishes to warm the heart and fortify the body. A sideboard lunch is included as part of the site fee. Feast is limited. **Please reserve early with Feast Steward or ACCEP!s!!!** Site is Dry.

## Menu

*White and brown bread with 4 flavored butters*

*Beef and barley soup*

*Monastery lentils cooked in sherry wine for vegetarians*

*Beef stroganoff*

*Homemade noodles*

*Pork loin stuffed with garlic*

*Greens with bacon*

*Steamed cabbage with butter and paprika*

*Baked root vegetables in red wine*

*Herb tea*

*Baklava*



*Barony of Bryn Gwlad  
The Celebration of Light & Courtly Love  
Saturday, February 3, 2007  
St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
10205 Ranch Road 620 North  
Austin, TX 78726-2210*

Baron Thomas of Tenby invites all to come to Candlemas in the great barony of Bryn Gwlad. The theme this year is "The Celebration of Light and Courtly Love."

The year is 1170 in Poitou, a province of France where Eleanor of Aquitaine has established a temporary court. Eleanor has sent word of her plans to hold a great celebration of courtly love and the advent of light, an event which will last all day and into the night.

The day will be filled with classes, an A&S competition for both adults and children, a rapier tournament, and, just added by Baron Thomas, a bardic competition. The A&S, the rapier tournament, and bardic competitions will each decide whom the next baronial champions for Bryn Gwlad in each of these fields of endeavors.

In accordance with our theme of Courtly Love, an all-day competition will be held and decided by our most honored guest, Eleanor. She will determine the winners in the three different categories - best male, best female and best couple — who most impresses her and her ladies with their skill of displaying and/or performing courtly love acts during the day. Eleanor and her ladies will also decide from the rapier tournament which combatant impresses them the most with their skill of displaying and/or performing courtly love acts on and off the rapier field. Eleanor and her ladies will also be advising Baron Thomas and the judges who they think should be the new A&S and Bardic baronial champions for Bryn Gwlad.

The evening will feature Bryn Gwlad's traditional lighting dance to illuminate the hall followed by a fabulous feast prepared by Mistress Gwyneth Blackrose and her staff. During the evening feast, Eleanor and her ladies will choose the winner(s) of the Evening Table Setting contest. After Evening Court, dancing and merriment will follow.

Site opens at 9AM and closes at 12 Midnight

Adult Site Fee: \$12.00 Adult Feast Fee:\$8.00

Children (6-11) Site Fee: \$6.00 Children (6-11) Feast Fee:\$4.00 Family Site Max:\$36.00

Site & Feast for Children 5 years old and under are Free.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany minors. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

Please Note: \$3 non-member surcharge not included. Site Is Very Dry. ACCEPS is available for the event online.

Make check payable to: SCA Inc./The Barony of Bryn Gwlad

**Event Steward:** Lady Alina Mitchell (Alice Morrow Harris)  
alicesmorrowharris@austin.rr.com  
512-719-4489

**Feasterat:** MistressGwyneth Blackrose (GailYoung)  
gwynethb63@yahoo.com  
512-259-2369

Bryn Gwlad's Candlemas Website- <http://bryn-gwlad.ansteorra.org/Candlemas/>



## LOCH SOILLEIR YULE 2006

*December 16, 2006  
9:00AM-10:00PM*

*League City United Methodist Church  
1411 W. Main St.  
League City, TX 77573*

### *Activities for the Day Include:*

*Period Golf  
Annual Boar hunt  
Iron Bard Competition  
Costume Competition  
Dessert Competition  
Table setting Competition  
Heraldic Scavenger Hunt  
A "Gentle" Hunt  
Toys for Tots benefiting the "Devereaux Kids"  
Bring stockings to hang  
Music and Dancing  
Feast  
Chivalric and rapier pick-up rounds!*

**All minors must be accompanied by a related adult unless a signed and notarized wavier has been provided at gate.  
Service animals only please...this is a tobacco and alcohol free site. Enclosed flames only!**

#### Event Steward

Herrin Hedwig von Luneborg  
(Melissa Carter)  
[lochherald@gmail.com](mailto:lochherald@gmail.com)

#### Feast Steward

Lady Katharyn Clatworthy  
(Michelle Adams)  
[Hiyoag24@AOL.com](mailto:Hiyoag24@AOL.com)



**Baron and Baroness**

Their Excellencies  
Master Ihon Vinson MacFergus &  
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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!

I hope I find you and your family well and truly stuffed from a happy T-day. Yuletide is coming and I would ask each of you to give the gift of knowledge by submitting an article to the Two Tower.

The TT is your document so help make it the best!

I am looking for an Artist of the month for January. Please submit your art or encourage others to do so. Lets celebrate the great works of our Barony. Submissions can be anything from a poem to how to create a camp bed to your favorite period recipe.

Thank you, HL Alden Drake for being the December artist. You are GREAT!

**Submission Deadline:** 20th 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 for each of your submissions. I am open to all ideas on creating a newsletter that better serves the Barony and her populace. Let me know your ideas.

In Service,

Lady Cristyana Lambrecht

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