
From Our Baron and Baroness

Season's Greetings Unto the Populace of Stargate!

First and foremost we'd like to thank all those Stargaters who offered their time and cooking talents for BAM. Without you, Stargate's Hospitality tent would not have been the success it was. The positive comments and thank yous were abundant for the hot soups and other yummy tidbits. The weather was somewhat of a factor in that was a bit on the chilly side and bonny moist. Hence the soups were a welcome delight, but we could have done without the rain. We thank the following individuals: HG Ebergardis, HE Genevieve, HL Anne Barrington, HL Fedelm, Lord Malachi, Lady Maureen, Lady Ciarnet, Lady Lorien, Lady Maria, M'lady Isolde, Faelon and another Shadowlander whose name we misfiled. If we forget anyone, please forgive us, but know that your help was greatly appreciated. We could not have done it without you. We do have one regret: that the Stargate pavilion proved too small to share with all who would have like to stay dry.

Gulf War is on the horizon (ACCEPS is now open) and shortly behind that will be Baronial. The plan is for a joint Baronial with Loch with the possibility of Bordermarch being included this year. We will keep you posted as things develop. We hope to know for sure shortly. Regarding Gulf War, remember to pre-register indicating you're camping with Stargate; this will determine who much land we are allotted. When you register, please notify Baron Ihon, as he will pass on all information from the Coast to Lord Adolph of Bordermarch, who plans to get on site early to claim our land.

In closing, We wish you and yours a joyous holiday season and prosperous New Year. If your plans include traveling, please be mindful and come back to us safely.

Happy Holidays,

Ihon & Isabeau
Baron & Baroness

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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| <i>Dec. 5</i> | <i>Stargate Yule</i> |
| <i>Dec. 7</i> | <i>Business/Populace Meeting (7:00/7:45pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)</i> |
| <i>Dec. 11</i> | <i>Hanukkah begins</i> |
| <i>Dec. 12</i> | <i>Guardian of the Gauntlet/Yule Revel (Bryn Gwlad/Ffynnon Gath)</i> |
| <i>Dec. 25</i> | <i>Christmas Day</i> |
| <i>Jan. 2</i> | <i>Twelfth Night (Steppes)</i> |
| <i>Jan. 9</i> | <i>Crown Tournament (Raven's Fort)</i> |
| <i>Jan. 15-17</i> | <i>Centurian War College (Austin, TX)</i> |
| <i>Jan. 23</i> | <i>King's Round Table (Namron)</i> |
| <i>Jan. 23</i> | <i>Fall Ball in the Small Hall Take II (Shadowlands)</i> |
| <i>Jan. 29-31</i> | <i>Coastal Invasion (Seawinds)</i> |
| <i>Jan. 30</i> | <i>Bonwicke's Artisan (Bonwicke)</i> |

From Our Seneschal

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

At Bordermarch Autumn Meles, the hospitality of Stargate was shared with all as Their Excellencies coordinated an outstanding hospitality pavilion, where wonderful hot soups and a variety of sides were served. Many people stepped up to assist in this effort, and it was truly wonderful to see how successful it was. The weather was chill and wet the entire morning and afternoon – perfect soup weather!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in making Stargate Yule a fabulous event, and to our co-autocrats, Lady Petronia (Lorien) and Lady Isolde a hearty Vivat! The event was well attended and there were a good number of activities throughout the day for everyone's enjoyment. It was AWESOME to have His Majesty join us for the day and recognize members of our populace for their efforts. Congratulations to Lady Isolde die Waeyer, who received her Award of Arms; Don Corvin Fenarro and Lady Petronia Casta, newest members of the Sodality of the Sentinels of the Stargate; Lady Sarra Asshton of York, for her Sable Thistle in Weaving, and Honorable Lady Magdalena von Hallenberg, who was elevated to the Order of the Iris of Merit. Congratulations to all!

Most of my time was spent witnessing some of the best bardic the kingdom has to offer in the Kingdom Eisteddfod. While the field may have seemed small with only six competitors, the performances were anything but! HL Mea Passavanti and I did our best to represent Stargate, as did our own outgoing champion, Lord Goldweard. HL Mea was one of the three finalists in the competition. All of her performances were outstanding. After Eisteddfod, the Stargate Bardic Championship was held. Five competitors entered – several who had just competed in Eisteddfod as well, and the new champion is none other than the former Premier Bard herself, Honorable Lady Catrin ferch Maelgwn.

In the field of Arts and Sciences, there were several exceptional entries in the championship. Honorable Lady Cristyana Lambrecht did once again prove the victor with a fine body of work entry that included costuming, pottery, and hat making. There is just no end to her amazing talents! Well done! Mistress Hillary Greenslade was also recognized in court for her outstanding enamel work.

Gulf Wars looms now on the horizon and ACCEPS is now open! Time to start looking into our war chests, mending our arms and armor, stocking up on supplies, and making camp plans. Ansteorra benefits from everybody who goes to war – those who fight, serve, educate, entertain, merchant, etc. ... there's something for everybody, and every one of us adds to the might of Ansteorra!

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.

- **Historian**
Serves the Barony by recording happenings and collecting and displaying memorabilia from its 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.

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, HL Alden Drake at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com, **the corresponding** Regional officer and B&B. You can also contact HL Alden for more information on these positions.

Please submit your application ASAP.

Meeting Minutes—November Populace

Newcomers: Anisah MacEohn, Ahongus MacEohn, Hans Hofmeister

Wordfame: Tourney by the Loch – Alden Drake, Titled Bard of Loch Soilleir

Gate's Edge Harvest Faire – Leofwine of Summersaetum, Thrown Weapons Champion of Gate's Edge

Baron & Baroness: Their Excellencies greatly enjoyed watching the debut of Lochtoberball at Tourney by the Loch – a combination of smashing fighters and smashing pumpkins. Stargate hosting hospitality pavilion at BAM and could use help from volunteers. See Baron Ihon to help. An email should follow with more information

Seneschal (Alden): Gave update on baronial improvement projects. Still need more volunteers. Efforts on bookmarks for libraries, populace favors and the Domesday are under way.

Exchequer (Brenna): Reminded all that donations are being collected for the church where Populace is held.

Chronicler (Anne): Looking for anyone to send her wordfame, event stories, personal recollections, articles, artwork, etc. She will be contacting people directly.

Herald (Bernard): Offered to assist anyone needing help with name or armory submissions.

Hospitaler (Ciarnat): Reports that she is up to par on newcomer baskets, which will be given out to newcomers at Yule.

Knight Marshal (Acting) (Godwin): Absent

MOAS (Thomas): Reminds everyone of the ongoing honor shield project. Current guilds that are meeting include scribal and madrigal guilds.

Rapier Marshal (Corvin): Practices are still going in Friendswood on Tuesday nights.

Equestrian Marshal (Lorraine): Absent

Minister of Children (Fedelm): Coordinating childrens' activities at Stargate Yule.

Castellan (Godwin): Is planning to have a store room workday. Anyone interested in helping should keep an eye on the Stargate email list for notice.

Historian (Open for Applications): Vacant

Scribe (Hillary): Absent

Virtual Scribe (Merewyn): Working on the Domesday form so people can update their information online.

Guilds: Scribal guild's last meeting had a productive calligraphy class and will continue with the rest of the letters of the alphabet. 2&4th Sun 5:30-8pm @ Central Market.

Event: Yule (12/5/09) [Lorien & Lauren]
33 days 'til Yule. All hands needed for set-up. Bardic and A&S championships,

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 if you would like to illustrate articles!

Please send your contributions to the Stargate Chronicler, HL Anne Barrington, at stargate DOT chron AT yahoo DOT com.

December 2009

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 29 | 30 | 1 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 <i>Stargate Yule</i> |
| 6 | 7 <i>Supper with Annes 6:00 pm Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00/7:30 pm Coffee & Dessert w/ Alden & Alessandra (after meeting)</i> | 8 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 9 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i> | 10 | 11 <i>Hanukkah Begins</i> | 12 <i>Guardian of the Gauntlet/ Yule Revel (Bryn Gwlad/ Eifynnion Gath)</i> |
| 13 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm Equestrian Practice 5:00 pm</i> | 14 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i> | 15 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> | 26 |
| 27 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm Equestrian Practice 5:00 pm 4th Sunday Arts in the Park</i> | 28 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i> | 29 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 30 | 31 | 1 <i>New Years Day</i> | 2 <i>Twelfth Night (Steppes)</i> |

- Dec. 7—Stargate Business and Populace Meeting, 7:00 pm for Business, 7:45 pm for Populace, at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018
- Dec. 7—Supper with Annes, 6:00 pm at Jason's Deli, 34th St. @ Hwy 290
- Dec. 7—Coffee & Dessert with Alden & Alessandra, after Business/Populace Meeting, at IHOP, 13388 Northwest Fwy (just west of Hollister)
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- Dec. 13 & 27—Equestrian Guild, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbe-low Rd., Needville, TX 77461
- Dec. 14 & 28—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm, at the home of HL Andrew Scarhart, 903 Highland St.,
- Dec. 9—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- Dec. 13 & 27—Scribal Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., 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 DOT 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. Both meetings are held at Hope Episcopal Church (formally St. Michael's Episcopal Church) at 1613 W. 43rd Street, Houston, TX 77018. 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, HL Alden Drake, at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT 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, Houston, TX 77007. Bring your current project or work on a baronial project. Our Knight and Rapier Marshals will determine whether to hold a practice at the same time.

Stargate/Loch Rapier Practice

The combined Stargate/Loch Soilleir rapier practice is held every Tuesday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Centennial Park in Pearland, TX. The address is 3219 McLean Road, Pearland, TX 77584. Please contact the Stargate Rapier Marshal, Don Corvin Fenarro, at 281-658-9412 or kevwilson AT swbell DOT net with any questions.

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 armored combat 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, Sir Godwin of Edington, at djurgens AT swbell DOT net.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com for more information.

Workshops

Chivalric armoring

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on Thursdays, 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.



Guild Meetings

Equestrian Guild

The Equestrian Guild is open to all those are interested in learning about the SCA's equestrian games and competitions and the making of garb and gear for riding in events. You do not need to have your own horse, as we have some that we are willing to share. All participants must have closed-toe footwear; heel is suggested but not required. Minors age 10 and up can participate with a parent present, signed waiver, approved helmet, and closed-toe shoes or boots. Practices are usually held twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Equestrian Marshal's farm, Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbelow Rd, Needville, TX, 77461. For more information and to verify the date and time of the next meeting, please contact the Equestrian Marshal, HL Lorraine Fraser, at 832-646-6162.

European Dance Guild

ON HIATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The Stargate European Dance Guild is going on hiatus effective immediately due to several uncontrollable factors. Our plan is to reschedule to Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm beginning in January, but we must find a new site to make this happen. If you have any suggestions, please contact HL Antonello del Bello at antonello DOT sca AT sbcglobal DOT net. We've already received information on several community centers and a few private establishments and are in the process of exploring those now. Please bear with us as we try to maneuver into a different slot. We will report when things have settled and are back on track. Thank you for being so supportive of the dance community here in Stargate.

Bardic Guild

ON HIATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Stargate's Bardic Guild is now on hiatus for the foreseeable future. Those interested in the bardic arts are invited to attend the Madrigal Guild. If you are interested in being notified of any future guild activity, please contact HL Alden Drake at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com.

Madrigal Guild

All those interested in madrigal singing are invited to join the Stargate Madrigal Guild. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the home of local bard HL Andrew Scarhart, 903 Highland Street, Houston, TX, 77009. Contact HL Andrew Scarhart at scarhart AT gmail DOT com for more information.

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. Usually the guild meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Location: Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027 (Westheimer near Wesleyan, inside Loop 610). Food and drink available in deli; outside food may not be brought in. For further information and to verify dates of meetings, please contact Mistress Hillary Greenslade at 281-855-9447 or hillaryrg AT yahoo DOT com.

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.



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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?



From the Minister of Children

I hope that the children's activities at Yule were fun for those attending. Suggestions are always welcome. If you have an idea for something to teach the children, or an activity you think they would enjoy, please let me know. We have upcoming events! Thank you!

Fedelm ni Uidhir

Snow scenes and stories in Stargate? One activity to help tell stories about snowy days is to make a snow scene. You can use a large plant saucer or shallow box, and use common table salt to create a snow area. We used to use tiny wooden houses and other toys in telling stories like "Katy and the Big Snow" and pile up the snow drifts to bury the houses. A period story to tell might involve the "Birch Legs" of Norway, skiing over the mountains with the infant prince Haakon (IV) from one hiding place to another, to keep him safe from his enemies. A box or two of salt costs very little, and you can use paper clips for snowshoes or make craft stick skis (or snow boards!) for your small action figures. If you want to know more about the "Birch Legs", you can check them out on line (or try Birkebeiner, to avoid the furniture hits!).

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