

From the Baron & Baroness

Unto the fair Populace of Stargate do Ihon and Isabeau send greetings,

Gulf War is just few short weeks away. Have you pre-registered? Remember pre-registration is the determining factor on how much land Ansteorra is allotted. Baron William from Loch Sollier is the Landocrate for the Coastal region make sure you send him all the required information (size of tent, number of people in said tent, etc.) Be watchful for postings to the lists for more complete information.

After returning from Gulf War we will be looking forward to Stargate/Loch Sollier combined Baronial. Because Loch gave up their PED for Squires & Cadets we offered to share our Baronial. The format of this special event will be forthcoming. The Championships to be decided will remain as they have been: Chivalric, Rapier, Equestrian and Archery. We are excited about the special event and hope you plan to attend us for a day of fun. Our event steward is Lady Sabine from Gate's Edge. We know she would appreciate any help you would be willing give.

February populace is Court so, if possible please garb. Since it seems to somewhat difficult to go as a group to dinner. Lord Dietrich checked with the site and they have no problems with us using the kitchen. Therefore, we have decided to have a potluck dinner after populace. So, plan to attend February's populace for court and to enjoy each other's company during dinner.

As you know we have been looking to fill the Castellan's office for few months now. We are pleased to announce the Baron Godwin as been selected. We'd also like to congratulate all of our Officers for their hard work this past year. Stargate was among the groups that were recognized at Round Table last weekend as having no outstanding reports due. Vivat!!

In closing, if you are traveling to Gulf War please drive carefully and have wonderful time.

Warm regards,

ihon & Isabeau

Baron & Baroness

Special Dates of Interest

- Feb 1-3 Candlemas (Bryn Gwlad)
- Feb 3 & 17 European Dance (5:30 pm @ Central Market)
- Feb 4 Populace Meeting (7pm@ Hope Episcopal Church)
- Feb 5, 12, 19, & 26 Fighter Practice (7 pm @ UH)
- Feb 8-10 Kingdom A&S (Northkeep)
- Feb 15-17 A Day at the Grand Melees (Raven's Fort)
- Feb 18th Business Meeting (7:30 pm @ Ihon/Isabeau's)
- Feb 22-24 Kings Lancer/Coastal Invasion (Seawinds)
- Feb 24 Madrigal and Polyphonic Singing Practice (4 pm @ Ihon/Isabeau's)
- Feb 29-Mar 2 Academy of Defense III (Bjornsborg)

From Our Seneschal

Greetings Stargate, Neighbors and Friends:

Happy Valentine's to all. I hope all of you are well. Gulf War is just about a month away. If you are planning to attend Gulf War this year and have not pre-registered you have until February 14, 2008 to online register. See the Gulf War site for instructions. If you plan to camp in Coastal region lands at Gulf War, please email Baron William of the Loch Soilleir no later than Feb. 14th with tent dimensions and other needed information.

Also, our Stargate/Loch Soilleir Baronials is coming up in April, a combined event. Lady Sabine is our Autocrat and she needs a set up and take down coordinator(s). If you are able to help, please contact her or me. This year we are celebrating Stargate 35th.

At Round Table in January, our Exchequer was noted for his excellent reports and exchequer skills. Congrats to Lord Leofwine!! Stargate as a whole was also noted as a group in excellent standing. Thanks to all officers for all your hard work!

We are also opening Stargate's A&S minister position in February. For all of those interested in the position please, email Lady Elies, the B&B and myself your application (see officers page in the Two Towers for contact information). Applications are open for A&S minister position until March 1st. Thank you Lady Elies for your work in this office.

At the business meeting in January: Due to the holiday, only a brief meeting was held. Exchequer is completing monthly report. Member of populace inquired about open officer positions.

Next Populace meeting will be February 4, 2008.

Next Business meeting will be February 18, 2008

Thanks to all,

Lady Cristyana Lambrecht

Stargate Seneschal

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 found on the Ansteorra website 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@yahoo.com

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Candlemas(Bryn Gwlad)</i>
3 <i>European Dance Guild 5:30 pm</i>	4 <i>Stargate Populace Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	5 <i>Fighter Practice 7:00 pm</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Kingdom A&S (Northkeep)</i>
10	11	12 <i>Fighter Practice 7:00 pm</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Grand Melees(Raven's Fort)</i>
17 <i>European Dance Guild 5:30 pm</i>	18 <i>Stargate Populace Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	19 <i>Fighter Practice 7:00 pm</i>	20	21 <i>Bardic Guild 7:00 pm</i>	22	23 <i>King Lancer/ Coastal Invasion (Seawinds)</i>
24 <i>Madrigal 4:00 pm</i>	25	26 <i>Fighter Practice 7:00 pm</i>	27	28	29	

- February 4 -Stargate Populace Meeting , 7:30 PM, location Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W 43rd St, in Oak Forest
- Every Tuesday night-Fighter Practice, 7:00 pm, location is UH main campus, site is off Cullen Rd at UH Entrance 13
- February 18 -Stargate Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, location is Baron and Baroness' home (contact B&B for directions).
- February 21 -Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm, location HL Mea's home (see page 4 for directions)
- February 3& 17 -European Dance (NW), 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, location Central Market, Westheimer & Wesleyan
- February 24-Madrigal Singing at their Excellencies' home, 4:00 pm
- Chivalric Armoring at Lord Vaclav's house (see page 8 for contact information and times)
- Heraldic Consultation is by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the Herald (see pg. 8) for more information.

Bardic Guild

The Stargate Bardic Guild will be meeting on Thursday, February 17th, 7:00 pm. 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 sbcglobal.net](mailto:alden_drake@sbcglobal.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

Scribal Guild

The guild has found a new leader in the form of Mistress Hillary Greenslade. HL Mea and Lady Cristyana did a fine job with this guild and we thank them for their service.

For more information on the guild contact Mistress Hillary at [Hillaryrg AT yahoo.com](mailto:Hillaryrg@yahoo.com).



From the Chronicler

Greetings and Salutations,

My inbox has been very empty of submissions to the newsletter. To encourage some content from the populace, I will be bringing an article/submission sign up sheet to populace in the coming months. If you have artwork, poetry, a story, or something written up about a craft, hobby, or history lying around, please sign up to share it with the rest of your Barony through the Two Towers. I will have release forms with me as well.

I will also be putting together a bit of an "About Me" questionnaire for willing populace members to fill out and give back to me. It will be a sort of "getting to know you" thing, and I will feature one or two of the participants in upcoming newsletters. If you have been blogging about events and would like to share your recaps, please let me know and we can work up a release form for a specific entry I can then paste into the newsletter. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Always,

Lady Alessandra Giovanna dei Medici
Stargate Chronicler

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.

Populace Meeting

The first Monday of each month from 7:30-9 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, Populace will be held the second Monday. Garb is optional. For more information contact the Stargate senechal, Lady Cristyana at clambright2000 AT yahoo.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 directions (contact info on page 9).

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 tactics. 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

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

Equestrian Practice

As summer is here, 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) or HL Lorraine Fraser, CGL (mbetenbaugh AT houston.rr.com).

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

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 bandb.stargate AT gmail.com. Please, no calls after 10 pm. You can also check out the Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group.

Scribes Guild

Scribal Guild will see you at Baronial. In May we will be changing our meeting times to include Sundays. Watch for more information on time and place. 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 Guild

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, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, 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.

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.

Word Fame

These are the congratulations and thank yous for this month for the members of our barony and our neighbors!

- Congratulations to our neighbors in **Loch Soilleir** who won the regional charter competition. They turned in an amazing 76 charters Well done!

Special Notices



From the Coastal Regional Chronicler

As an incentive to raise submissions to the local newsletters, I have instituted a contest.

The contest rules are as follows:

Contest will start with the March newsletter.

Contest runs for 6 months until the August newsletter.

Each submission will count as 1 point.

Officer and Guild Leader reports DO NOT count.

At the end of the contest a \$20 Gift card to Barnes and Noble will go to the submitter who has the most points.

At the end of the contest the Chronicler with the most points for submissions to their newsletter will also get a \$20 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

Please give your local Chroniclers the help they need to make your newsletters the best they can be.



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Winter Coronation and King's Champion



STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

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

- **A&S Minister**-Serves the Barony by coordinating the arts and sciences guilds and promoting the arts in the Barony.
- **Youth Rapier Marshall** -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, Lady Cristyana, at clambright2000yahoo.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.

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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!

Submission Deadline: 27th 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. 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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