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## From Our Baron and Baroness

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Ihon & Isabeau, Baron & Baroness of Stargate, send warm greetings unto the populace of Stargate.

The first month of 2010 is behind us and we now look forward to Gulf Wars and Stargate/Loch Baronial. Remember if you plan to attend Gulf War to pre-register. Indicate the kingdom and which group you plan to camp with. If you're camping with Coastal make sure you let Baron Ihon know so we are allotted enough land to accommodate everyone.

Stargate/Loch Baronial is April 16-18<sup>th</sup>. For those not aware, this event will also be the investiture of Loch's new baron and baroness, along with the standard championships and a Pelican Circle.

The deadline for bids for King's College has been extended to February 28<sup>th</sup>. It is the hope of Their Highnesses that this event be held in Coastal. If you have an interest in stewarding this Kingdom event please speak to us.

Warm regards,

Ihon & Isabeau  
Baron & Baroness

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### Upcoming Events & Meetings

<i>Feb. 6</i>	<i>Candlemas (Bryn Gwlad)</i>
<i>Feb. 13</i>	<i>Kingdom A&amp;S (Steppes)</i>
<i>Feb. 20</i>	<i>Academy of Defense IV (Bjornsborg)</i>
<i>Feb. 26-28</i>	<i>Quest for the Round Table IV (Tir Medoin)</i> <i>Equestrian War College (Ffynnon Gath)</i>
<i>March 14-21</i>	<i>Gulf Wars XIX (Gleann Abhann)</i>
<i>April 2-4</i>	<i>Elfsea Defender (Elfsea)</i>
<i>April 9-11</i>	<i>Lysts at Castleton (Bryn Gwlad &amp; Hell's Gate)</i>
<i>April 16-18</i>	<i>Loch Soilleir &amp; Stargate Baronials (Stargate)</i>
<i>April 23-25</i>	<i>Bordermarch Baronial (Bordermarch)</i>

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## From Our Seneschal

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

I suspect many of you are busy preparing for Gulf Wars next month. Now is the time to check over your packing lists, restock your consumables and first aid kits, unpack and check your camping equipment (make sure nothing leaks!), and get any last minute projects knocked out. Also, if you're planning on fighting at war, make sure your authorization cards are current! Good preparation for Gulf Wars goes a long way towards having fun once you're there. Don't forget to contact Baron Ihon if you are camping with the Coastal-Stargate group!

The Stargate/Loch Soilleir Baronial event is shaping up well. If you are interested in helping at the event, be sure to contact Mistress Annes and Baroness Genevieve to find out where people are needed. Let's all pitch in and do what we can to make this event the best we can. Our good neighbors in Loch Soilleir will be investing their next baron and baroness, so let's make this truly memorable for them.

In May, Loch Soillier will be hosting the joint spring event, and it will be our turn to provide a feast steward and kitchen crew. If you are interested in stepping up to this role, please contact me, so we can start getting information together and shared with the Loch.

In Service,

HL Alden Drake  
Stargate Seneschal

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## From Our Hospitaler

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Due to the kind generosity of SCAers far and near, (especially with the recent donations from Brenna, Antonello & Fedelm), we now have a vast array of men's, teen boy's and boy's loaner garb. We will NOT be accepting any more donations of men's, teen boy's and younger boy's garb at this time.

Instead, please check your closets for un-needed coat hangers on which we can hang the recently donated garb. We will have them hanging on the racks for use at the upcoming Baronial event.

Also, if anyone has any large safety pins to spare, they are needed to keep the garb on the coat hangers for transport to various locations.

With gratitude for the generous populace of our Barony!

Ciarnat  
Stargate Hospitaler

## STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

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

- **Minister of Arts & Sciences**  
Serves the Barony by ensuring that everyone who wants to learn, teach, study, demonstrate, or practice some medieval art or science may do so.
- **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.**

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## From Our Historian

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Greetings to the Barony of Stargate, Their Excellencies - Ihon and Isabeau, Officers and Populace,

I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Chellaigh (pronounced kaht-leen een-yen Ronain ee Chel-ee), basically translated Caitilin, daughter of Ronan of the O' Kellys.

Whooh! Long name. Easier just to call me Caitilin, Cat for short.

Who am I ?

Society wise, I am a returning player originally from Raven's Fort (1980-1982). I returned to the SCA in April of last year.

I hope not only to be a historian, but also a herald and artisan in Stargate and Ansteorra.

Mundanely, I am a Library Paraprofessional with 30+ (cumulative) years experience in Libraries and Library Services. Most recently, I have worked for almost 17 years in Interlibrary Loans in Academic and Corporate Libraries. I have also been a Knowledge Specialist and researcher with 40+ years in researching multiple subjects, including History, Linguistics, Heraldry, Genealogy, Geography and Onomastics.

With all that experience and knowledge, I hope to use it to be your Baronial Historian. If you have any stories of Stargate, Ansteorra, or the Society as a whole, I would love to have them in emails, written or if possible in recorded form. Also, if you have literature, event documentation, etc., I would love to have that too. When you go to events, bring back your observations and photos, etc. of our Stargate members and the fun you had enjoying the time together.

Well, that is all for now. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Yours in Service,

Caitilin  
Stargate Historian

## 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.

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# From Our Minister of Children

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Greetings!

I am planning to have children's activities at our Baronial event in April. I welcome suggestions and/or assistance. Do you have a skill or craft you would be willing to teach or demonstrate to our children? I would love to hear from you. My home phone is 281-856-0118 (no calls after 9 pm please).

I would really like to know how many children we actually have in the barony, so I am going to have a drawing for a copy of *A Knight's City* by Phillip Steele, which has pop-ups of a castle, cathedral and London Bridge. I plan to have the drawing at the March populace meeting. To enter, PARENTS, please send your child's name and age, and yours. You can email to pdkrieke AT sbcglobal.net. You do not have to be present at the March populace meeting to win

Many thanks to Caitlin for the donation of dowels for future activities, and to Ciarnait, Cailean, and the several large and one small gentlemen (whose I names I did not get, alas) who helped pack and move all the "stuff" from children's activities at Yule to my vehicle.

Thank you!

Fedelm ni Uiodhir

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## Make A Candle for Candlemas

You can make a "cookie candle" for Candlemas with three different kinds of cookies, a marshmallow and some icing.

Start with a flat, round cookie for the base (like a Scandinavian "snap"). Put some icing on it, and then top with the next layer, which should be a different cookie with a hole in the middle. Into the hole (use more icing to hold it) put a cookie like Pepperidge Farm's "pirouette" rolled cookie. Cut a marshmallow diagonally in half, and roll in red (or yellow or orange) sugar. Stick this on top of the "pirouette" cookie (with a little more icing), and add a few artistic drips of icing to represent the candle wax.

(I saw this in *Family Fun* magazine).

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February 1 is the Feast Day of St. Brigid (Bridget, Bride) of Kildare, who is one of the three patron saints of Ireland. The others are Patrick and Columba or Columcille. As February 1 is also the Celtic Festival of Imbolc, and the pagan goddess Brigid or Bride, you can take your pick of how you want to interpret the day!

St. Brigid is supposed to have been the daughter of a pagan chieftain and a Christian captive, and drove her father to rage by giving away his sword to a beggar, not to speak of her generosity in giving away the milk and butter from his cows (she is also the patron saint of milkmaids). There are stories and poems about her hospitality, miracles (hanging a damp cloak to dry on a sun-beam, teaching a fox to dance) and learning. Her abbey at Kildare (the cell of the oak) was a dual house, and the abbesses enjoyed unusual authority. Brigid herself is supposed to have been consecrated as a bishop by St. Mel, and obtained the land for the abbey by asking for what was covered by her cloak. Of course she then unraveled the cloak and enclosed a considerably larger area! The sacred fire maintained at Kildare, and the plaiting of "St Bridget's crosses" on her feast day are also part of the legends surrounding her life.

# February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <i>Supper with Annes 5:45 pm</i> <i>Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00/7:45 pm</i> <i>Coffee &amp; Dessert w/ Alden &amp; Alessandra (after meeting)</i>	3 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Bryn Gwlad Candlemas</i>
8 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	9 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	10 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	11 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i>	12	13	14 <i>Kingdom A&amp;S (Steppes)</i>
15	16	17 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Academy of Defense VI (Bjornsborg)</i>
22 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	23 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	24 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Quest for the Round Table (Tir Medoin)</i> <i>Equestrian War College (Ffynnon Gath)</i>

- Feb. 2—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
- Feb. 2—Supper with Annes, 5:45 pm at Jason's Deli, 34th St. @ Hwy 290
- Feb. 2— 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
- Feb. 9 & 23—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm, at Baron Ihon's home, 7219 Majestic Oaks Dr., Houston, TX 77040
- Feb. 11—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- Feb. 8 & 22—Scribal Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027



## Meetings

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Youth Rapier Practice

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

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## Workshops

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### 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

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## Equestrian Guild

### **ON HIATUS DURING WINTER.**

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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.



## **Baron and Baroness**

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## **Youth Rapier Marshal**

*OPEN - Accepting Applications*

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## **Knight Marshal**

*OPEN - Accepting Applications.*  
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David Jurgens  
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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?



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## Metal Piercework Class

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Save the date! February 28th

By request, Mistress Hillary Greenslade is offering a one-day workshop on Metal Piercework. The class will include a discussion on historical process, followed by hands-on instruction using a modern process to create your own small medallion of a kingdom insignia. Contact Mistress Hillary at hillaryrg AT yahoo DOT com to reserve a space in the class.

Date: February 28, 2010  
Time: 1:30pm to 5pm  
Location: B&B's home, 7219 Majestic Oaks Drive, Houston, TX 77040  
Fee: \$5.00  
Class Limit: 6-8 persons

Loaner supplies will be available for those who want to try-before-they-buy. Those who want their own tools should contact Mistress Hillary for a list of supplies/tools and vendors. Expect a supply kit to cost \$35.00 to \$50.00.

Bring your own chair. Baron Ihon will offer table space, but plan to bring your own chair, more like a metal or solid chair at regular height, not a director's chair.

As a bonus, a demo on 'Rivets' will be shown during the last half of the workshop (around 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm). If time permits, individuals will be allowed to try their hand at doing rivets. Let Mistress Hillary know if you plan to come for that only, so that she can plan accordingly.

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