

# Two Towers

Newsletter of The Barony of The Stargate  
January 2006

## *From the Baron & Baroness,*

To Ansteorra's premier populace do Ihon & Isabeau send greetings and our wishes of a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yule XL was tremendous. There are only two ways people would not have had fun at Yule – either they decided not to or they weren't there!

Our gratitude to Ladies Annalies and Christeina, Event Stewards, for their hard work and for assembling tremendous coordinators. Our gratitude to those coordinators for their hard work and for assembling tremendous crews. Our gratitude to those tremendous crews for their hard work and to all who pitched in. (We had a tremendous time! – can you tell?) Stargate can always count on a great effort for all who are present. To Lord Vaclav, and all in the kitchen, Well done! A most delicious and plenteous feast. A special 'thank you' to all who helped with take down. You were noticed and much appreciated. A final thank you to King Jason and Queen Saereid for gracing us with Their presence.

Congratulations to Lady Mea Passavanti and HL Clara von Ulm, our newest Bard and Artisan, respectively, and to our newest members of the Sodality of the Sentinels of the Stargate -- Kemma Delamare, Elizabetta Maria de Medici and Mea Passavanti (there is a fourth who was not present who we hope to recognize at populace). We were also pleased to recognize the enormous contribution of HE Ellisena de Bayonne to the Barony with a Pearl of Great Price. Bianca de Vale became our first second generation Rook of Stargate.

Our congratulations to Alden Drake – now, HL Alden Drake – who became Ansteorra's newest Companion to the Iris of Merit, to Paul of Loch Raven, awarded Arms, and to Brenna MacDonald, for a well deserved Sable Comet.

## *From the Baron & Baroness,- cont*

We will be attending the following events if at all possible:

Steppes 12<sup>th</sup> Night – January 7<sup>th</sup>

Coronation – January 14<sup>th</sup> (Isabeau may travel to Meridies to welcome her son home from the conflict in Persia)

Academy of Defense II/ Guardian of the Gauntlet – February 10-12 (Isabeau)

Coastal Invasion – February 24-26

Gulf Wars – March 12-19

If you are not already doing so, make your plans now for Gulf Wars. For information and pre-registration see:

<http://www.gulfwars.org/>

We look forward to seeing you all at Populace, January 2nd and February 6th.

Grace & peace

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## *From the Herald,*

Heraldic Consultation Night is the Second Tuesday 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,

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## *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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

Well all ... we have the opportunity for a Demo coming up. It's going to be at Klein Intermediate School. I'm still working on the exact date. I'll need to know when everyone is available.

They have a book club that meets on Thursday's and would like us to come in to do a demo of some Rapier fighting. The demo participants will need to put together a list of books that they have read and feel are worthy of reading for the kids. No sex in the books, so ladies, leave off the "Girlie Porn". Violence is kind of unavoidable in many books but it needs to be written in a way that 12 - 14 year olds won't be tarumatized by it. (Eg: Lord of the Rings - OK, Hellraiser - BAD)

On a more personal note, I'm going to be slightly unavailable over the next 6 months of so. I just got a job as a Photographer and will have to work weekends. I'll be getting a few weekends off, but I won't be able to take every weekend off. This is a fantastic opportunity for me and I couldn't pass it up. I will be at meetings and I'll be at Coronation, Stargate Baronial and possibly another couple of events. Wish me luck. When the 6 months is over, I hope I can take my experience to another studio and have some better hours.

In Service to the Dream,  
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## The Historian's Corner

Greetings unto the Populace!

A new year is upon us and now is the time when we all make those silly resolutions that we never keep. However, as your Historian I would like to suggest the following resolutions for your consideration.

1. Instead of resolving to diet, resolve to eat as mediievally as possible. People in period didn't know about calories and seldom suffered from a weight problem (except for Henry VIII, but then again he was considered a man ahead of his time anyway).

2. Instead of taking up those anger management courses, go straight to your local fighter practice, don some armor and let your marshal and friends help you through those nagging little problems!

3. Instead of resolving to buy fewer clothes, get over to your local A&S meetings and sew LOTS more garb! Become an old "sew and sew" as it were.

4. Instead of sitting back and letting the other guy worry about it, peruse your local newsletters for offices that need filling and get up and do something about it! Ed Anger will love you for it and your group will be better for your participation.

Yes, there is a theme here. Resolve to keep your membership paid! Resolve that THIS year you will be more active in your chosen family with service and with the arts! Attend those meetings and bond with those who truly understand you from the inside out. I will be watching.....and believe me....that old man called Santa has \*nothing\* on a dedicated historian!

Until then, I remain...  
Forever in Service,  
Mesterinde Annes  
Stargate Historian

## Words from the Virtual Scribe

Happy New Year from your Virtual Scribe!

There are some new doings at the Stargate website in this new year:

- Check out the new Scribes Guild page! There's a new link for it in the left column menu. We invite Stargate's scribal community to send in suggestions for content you would find useful and interesting. We are planning to add examples of the work of some of our fine scribes.
- You can find a link to the current issue of the Two Towers (in PDF format) at the very top of the right-hand column on every page of the website. You can also find PDF copies of previous online issues of the Two Towers on the History page of the website.
- The expected Progress of the Baron and Baroness for the upcoming months is now posted on the home page of the website, at the bottom of the center section, below the Local Event Calendar information. Note that this is just their \*expected\* progress, and double-check with them before you count on their presence!
- Finally, watch for a planned expansion of the History section of the website!

As always, your Virtual Scribe solicits your suggestions, comments, and favorite web links!

Yours in Service,  
Merewyn de Laugharne  
Stargate Virtual Scribe

## From the Chronicler

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

If you were not able to pick up your domesday at populace please contact me.

I have a new townhome. As per requirements of this office I am publishing this address.

The new address is  
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*Nel servizio che rimango,  
Signora Lisabetta Micola da Monte*

## Notes & Challenges

**Lady Maria is looking for a deputy**

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### **Open - accepting applications**

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