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## From Our Baron and Baroness

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Happy Holidays one and all,

As we ring in the New Year so is the Barony of Stargate as it looks for a new baron and baroness. Please make every effort to attend the populace meeting on Monday, January 3rd for candidate introductions and polling.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the barony for its support these past five and half years. Know that your support made our job much easier and a great pleasure and honor. We plan to step away briefly for much needed rest, but not disappear altogether, in order to give the barony and your new baron/ess the best possible transition.

Thank you to Baroness Genevieve McCullum de Caen for the great job of stewarding our Yule at a new site. Everything was well handled with no problems that we are aware of, except for maybe the broken toilet seat. Congratulation to our new champions: Baroness Genevieve McCullum de Caen/A&S; HL Magge MacPherson/Bardic; and to Duchess Julia de Montoya, Ansteorra's newest Lion.

As the New Year begins we turn our thoughts to Gulf War in March. Remember to pre-register, as this determines how much land Ansteorra/Stargate will be allocated. Online ACCEPS registration is open until February 18th and mail-in registrations must be postmarked no later than January 31st.

Again, remember the baronial polling is at populace on Monday, January 3rd.

Happy New Year,

Ihon & Isabeau  
Baron & Baroness

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### Upcoming Events & Meetings

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| <i>Jan. 3</i>     | <i>Business/Populace Mtgs. (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)<br/>7:45 pm—Polling for New Stargate Baronial Landed Nobility</i> |
| <i>Jan. 8</i>     | <i>Steppes Twelfth Night &amp; Guardian of the Gauntlet</i>   |
| <i>Jan. 15</i>    | <i>Crown Tournament (Bryn Gwlad)</i>  |
| <i>Jan. 22</i>    | <i>King's Round Table (Stargate)</i>  |
| <i>Feb. 5</i>     | <i>Candlemas (Bryn Gwlad)</i>   |
| <i>Feb. 12</i>    | <i>Kingdom A&amp;S (Bjornsborg)</i>   |
| <i>Feb. 25-27</i> | <i>Jagermeister (Ffynnon Gath)</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!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and is ready for all that 2011 will bring with it. We have a very active calendar ahead of us in Stargate, and like you, I am eager to see the people of Stargate come together to make our barony a shining example for the kingdom over this next year.

To start, we have two pairs of baronial candidates to consider as the successors to Their Excellencies Ihon and Isabeau. Please give the candidates your full consideration and let the Crown know what you think about them and the direction you would like to see the barony take. Baroness Cristyanna will be overseeing the polling process. Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions or concerns about the selection process.

This month, Stargate will be hosting King's Round Table. Baroness Isabeau will be stewarding the event. While there isn't a lot of coordination to be done for this event, please be sure to offer any help you can to Her Excellency. Please also consider offering crash space to friends who will be coming from out of town. This is a free event, but with travel and lodging costs, it can still have an economic impact on folks. Please consider helping out where you can.

I hope everyone is able to attend Gulf Wars this year. Now is the time to get your registrations in and start making sure your camp equipment is in good working order. Remember, online registration ends on February 18, 2011. Keep an eye on email lists and future *Two Towers* for camp registration information if you are planning to camp with Stargate. Once I know who the regional and camp land coordinators are, I will pass along that information.

Looking ahead on the calendar, Stargate is hosting the Joint Baronial event in April. We are still in need of an autocrat for the event. Loch Soilleir will again be coordinating feast for the event. If you are interested in autocratting please submit a bid. If you need assistance in preparing a bid, please contact either Their Excellencies or me. This event will be the investiture of our new baron and baroness, and there is also a Laurel Circle on the schedule. Let's all make sure we put our best effort into this event!

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.

- **Exchequer**
- **Minister of Arts & Sciences**
- **Knight Marshal**
- **Youth Rapier Marshal**

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 Exchequer

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Coastal Regional Exchequer is accepting applications for Stargate Exchequer until January 15th. Please send your application to Coastal Exchequer, Stargate Seneschal, and Their Excellencies. If you have questions about the job, please don't hesitate to ask!

Lady Brenna MacDonald  
Stargate Exchequer

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## From the Outgoing Minister of Children

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As announced at the December populace meeting, I am stepping down as MOC for the barony. If you are interested in submitting an application, please be sure to copy Lady Cait O'Hara, Kingdom MOC(moc@senescha;.ansteorra.org) as well as Their Excellencies and HL Alden. Once approved, you will need to go through the required background check, which is handled through the kingdom and the corporate office (the kingdom puts you on the list and the corporation runs the background check and sends the letter advising approval).

I would like to thank Lord Germanicus de Atlan for conducting a fun and informative session on youth boffer at Stargate Yule, and Lord Askeel and his young fighters for providing role models and demonstrations.

I would also like to thank Baroness Genevieve for her donation of paints, HL Caitlin nan Cnoc Airgead for various donations (book and supplies) and HE Gwen McIver for donations of books, bubbles and puzzles.

A heartfelt thank you to all those kindly individuals who have helped me schlepp all my bags and boxes to and from the car, especially Ciarnait and Leofwine, and my lord, Fenris of Twycross (who has been telling me for YEARS that I bring too much stuff, but continues to help me load and carry it). Also thanks to Lady Valeria and Mistress Hillary for feedback and good advice.

I would be happy to assist anyone interested in taking over the office, but other activities are taking up more of my time. Fenris also reminds me frequently that I have a lot of supplies and "stuff" that can be donated to the office, and I never did get around to checking out the stuff in the baronial storage area.

Thank you also to the children who have been participating in activities. I hope you have had fun, and also had an opportunity to learn something new or interesting.

Your servant,

Fedelm ni Uidhir  
Stargate Minister of Children

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# From the Coastal Regional Seneschal

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Greetings to Stargate:

This is a reminder that the polling for the new Stargate Baronial Landed Nobility is Monday, January 3, 2011 at the Stargate populace meeting, which begins at 7:45pm. Find more polling details as well as candidate letters and the polling form example at the Stargate website--[http://stargate.ansteorra.org/BandB\\_selection.shtml](http://stargate.ansteorra.org/BandB_selection.shtml).

Also, Their Royal Majesties encourage all commentary from the populace. Any commentary about the baronial candidates can be emailed directly to the Crown at [crown@ansteorra.org](mailto:crown@ansteorra.org). Please do not send any commentary to the Kingdom, Regional, or local Seneschals.

Thank you,

Cristyana Lambrecht  
Coastal Regional Seneschal

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## Timeline for Stargate Baronial Polling and Selection

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The following timeline is for the selection of the next Baron and Baroness of Stargate.

- **Monday, December 6, 2010:** At Stargate's populace meeting, informational discussion on the polling process and encourage candidates to submit letters of intent by December 22, 2010. Polling date (January 3, 2011) is announced in Stargate regular populace meeting.
- **Wednesday, December 22, 2010:** This is the deadline to declare baronial candidate status—no new entrants are allowed after this date. Final letters of intent by baronial candidates are due to the Crown by email ([Crown@ansteorra.org](mailto:Crown@ansteorra.org)). Brief, single-page candidate letters with full contact information for publishing in Two Towers and to Stargate website are due to Regional Seneschal by email ([coastal@seneschal.ansteorra.org](mailto:coastal@seneschal.ansteorra.org)).
- **Monday, December 27, 2010:** The final opinion poll form with candidate names is posted to the baronial website and notice sent to group's email list. Brief, single-page candidate letters with full contact information are also posted to the website.
- **Friday, December 31, 2010:** The January edition of the baronial newsletter is posted online. It includes the final opinion poll form with the names and candidate letters of the baronial candidates, the same as found on the baronial website.
- **Monday, January 3, 2011:** Polling Day. Polling occurs during the regular populace meeting, 7:45 pm at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W 43rd St, Houston, Texas. The Kingdom or Regional Seneschal or the designee of the Kingdom will be there to conduct the polling. Per the Crown's will, each set of candidates will be allowed 5 minutes to address the populace before the polling begins.
- **Monday, January 10, 2011:** All mail-in opinion polls are due by regular mail to the Regional Seneschal or designee. All email with commentary about the baronial candidates is due to the Crown ([Crown@ansteorra.org](mailto:Crown@ansteorra.org)).
- **Saturday, January 22, 2011 (King's Round Table):** All baronial candidates meet one-on-one with the Crown at a designated event.
- **February 2011:** The Crown announces their final decision.
- **Saturday, April 9, 2011 (Stargate Baronial):** Investiture of new Baron and Baroness.

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# Selection of the New Stargate Baronial Landed Nobility

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## **Rules for Baronial Candidates:**

Kingdom Law Article III, Section 3, Subsection 1: Territorial Barons and Baronesses addresses the eligibility requirements and duties ([http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/Kingdom\\_Law\\_2010\\_11\\_6.pdf](http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/Kingdom_Law_2010_11_6.pdf)).

Landed nobles must be paid members of the SCA with access to the Black Star (Kingdom newsletter).

Landed nobles cannot hold the office of seneschal or treasurer at any level in the SCA during their term as landed Baron and Baroness.

Final letters of intent by baronial candidates were due to the Crown by email (Crown@ansteorra.org) on Wednesday, December 22, 2010.

Candidates' Letters of Intent should minimally address the following items:

1. Where do you see the Barony in 5 years?
2. What is your mission statement for your time as Baron and Baroness?
3. What five things will you do to promote your vision?
4. What five things will you do to promote unity within the Barony?

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# Baronial Candidates

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## Candidate Letter - Herr Dietrich Strobelbart and Her Excellency Gwendolen McIver

Unto the Coastal Regional Seneschal and the Populace of the Barony of the Stargate do we, Herr Dietrich Strobelbart and Her Excellency Gwendolen McIver, send greetings.

With this missive we wish to make clear our intent to be considered for the Noble position of Baron and Baroness of the Barony of the Stargate.

Herr Dietrich has been a member of the SCA since 2005. He served the Barony of the Stargate as it's Local Herald. For his service to the Barony he received an Award of Arms. He was further honored for his service when he was inducted into the Sodality of the Sentinels of the Stargate. He continued to serve the Kingdom as Coastal Regional Herald, for which service he was awarded a Sable Crane. He has been an Event Steward and a Feast Steward. Most recently he was Feast Steward for Gate's Edge's Celtic Harvest fall event. In his mundane life Steve has held many positions of responsibility, including supervisory and management positions, in both paid and voluntary organizations.

HE Gwendolen has been in the SCA since about 1984. In that time, she has held just about every office as a Warranted, Acting, or Deputy Officer, excepting only the Office of Exchequer. She has been awarded an Award of Arms, Sable Comet (Shire of Bonwicke), Order des Cotes Anciennes, (Eldern Hills), Western Cross (Bonwicke), Russian Thistle (al-Baran, Outlands), Sodality of the Sentinels of the Stargate, Sable Crane, Sable Thistle (Costuming), Argent Hart (Outlands), and Stag's Heart (Outlands). She has been granted the Star of Merit, Iris of Merit, and Flower of the Outlands. She received her Court Barony from the Kingdom of the Outlands. She has also received, for her diligence on Retinue in the Outlands, four Queen's Cyphers from four different Queens of the Outlands. She was also on Retinue for Hakon and Anna, Founding Baron and Baroness of Bonwicke. In her mundane life, Paulette is a housewife and Sole Proprietor of her own Embroidery business.

We would like to see a return to more ceremonious courtesy paid and respect given where it is due in order to enhance the Medieval atmosphere we feel has been slipping away. We will pay respect to the Crown and anywhere else it is due. We will actively and publicly reward courteous role play with real and valued praise and largess. We would both like to become Warranted Marshals in Chivalric, Rapier, and Archery to free up others so that they can Play. We want to remind everyone that this is their Barony and restore their pride in the oldest Barony in the Kingdom of Ansteorra.

We love our Barony and our Kingdom and we want to show it the best way we know how. We want to show our pride in the Barony of the Stargate and the Kingdom of Ansteorra, by leading by example as the Baron and Baroness of the Stargate!

Our contact information is:

Home Phone: 832-295-3763  
dietrich.strobelbart@yahoo.com  
[gwendolenmciver@yahoo.com](mailto:gwendolenmciver@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Herr Dietrich and HE Gwendolen

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# Baronial Candidates

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## Candidate Letter - Master Robert MacPharland and Baroness Simone Valery la Rouse

Unto the populace of the Stargate do Master Robert MacPharland and Baroness Simone Valery la Rouse send warmest greetings at this Holiday Season. Please accept this letter as an indication of our willingness to become Baron and Baroness of the Stargate.

Robert attended his first SCA event in 1975 and has been playing steadily since 1981. He has received many awards during that time for many things, including prowess on the fighting fields and service to his Kingdom. He has held numerous offices from the local through the society level over the years. Robert also travels. A LOT. If you have ever been to a Kingdom event in the past 30 years or so, chances are you saw Robert there. Additionally, he has attended all of the Gulf Wars events, 22 straight Pennsics, a couple of Estrellas, some Panhandle Skirmishes and numerous KWARs. He looks forward to adding Lilies to that list as well. Robert is a well-known ambassador for the Kingdom of Ansteorra throughout a great part of the Knowne World.

Simone found the SCA at the Texas Renaissance Festival in Plantersville in 1993 and started playing with the then-canton of Gate's Edge in 1994. She has held offices at the local, regional and kingdom levels. She, too, has received awards for her fighting and her service, and for her skills in the arts. Since meeting up with Robert, Simone has taken to traveling as well — racking up 13 Gulf Wars, 7 Pennsics, several KWARs and a Panhandle Skirmish of her own. Together we make a pretty good team. As Robert is fond of saying, Simone provides the brains (planning and organizing) and Robert drives long distances and carries heavy boxes.

As Baron and Baroness of Stargate, we feel that our mission would be to embrace the glories of Stargate's past and aid its people in adding to that proud legacy. To accomplish this mission we would:

- re-establish a central fighter practice actually within the Barony to promote and improve our martial community.
- continue to encourage and support current arts activities (such as 4th Sunday in the park).
- encourage populace members to venture out into Regional and Kingdom offices.
- promote more off calendar get togethers with neighboring groups to increase community interaction and provide opportunities for all to add to their SCA experience.
- provide as much encouragement and assistance as possible to get more members of the Barony interacting with the rest of the Kingdom.

In an effort to promote unity within the Barony we would seek to:

- make sure the standard of hospitality set by Baroness Lissa is maintained (see Legacy above).
- make ourselves available to the populace to assist them in all their SCA endeavors, whether it be finding the right help on a project, locating a particular project item, or providing a sounding board for an idea.
- be present at as many functions as possible and be that central gathering point for the populace.
- encourage group travel. In our eyes the trials and tribulations of the journey are half the story.
- engage past territorials and peers to actively encourage, teach, train and sometimes just to be there to supply a strong link to our shared past: Baronial, Kingdom and Society.

We look forward to being able to add our individual strengths and talents to those of the populace to help this Barony continue to grow and prosper within our fine Kingdom, and to spread its fame throughout the Knowne World. If, however, we are not selected at this time we will continue to support our Barony in whatever ways we are needed.

Yours in Service,

Robert and Simone

Master Robert MacPharland

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# Selection of the New Stargate Baronial Landed Nobility

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## POLLING THE BARONY

**Polling Day will be January 3, 2011.** Polling will occur during the regular populace meeting, 7:45 pm at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W 43rd St, Houston, Texas. The Kingdom or Regional Seneschal or the designee of the Kingdom will be there to conduct the polling. Per the Crown's will, each set of candidates will be allowed 5 minutes to address the populace before the polling begins.

### Polling Clarifications

Baronial pollings are not a democratic vote and do not necessarily determine who will be chosen for a position. Rather, pollings provide a way for the Crown to hear and consider the opinions of the populace on the matter of Baronial succession. The Crown considers many factors when choosing new landed nobility, including the results of the polling.

### Candidate Discussion

Try to avoid candidate discussion on email lists. If you have questions for the baronial candidates, contact them directly by email, not on a list, or talk to them in person.

### Candidate Meetings

If baronial candidates have an overwhelming reason not to be available to meet with the Crown at the designated event on Saturday, January 22, 2011, they must contact the Crown and request another date and time by January 5, 2011 .

### Where to send commentary

The opinion poll form does not include space for written commentary, so any commentary about the baronial candidates should be emailed directly to the Crown at [crown@ansteorra.org](mailto:crown@ansteorra.org). Do not send commentary to the Kingdom or Regional Seneschal.

### Who can fill out an opinion poll form?

Everyone: member and non-members, residents of the barony and non-residents. If you are a member, bring your membership card with you to the polling on January 3, 2011.

### Mail-in opinion poll forms

Mail-in opinion poll forms will be accepted only if they are filled out completely, signed, and accompanied by a letter explaining the dire and pressing issue that prevented the author from attending the physical polling on Monday, January 3, 2011. Mail-in opinion poll forms should be mailed directly to the Regional Seneschal at the address listed in the Black Star.

### Results of the polling

The results of the baronial polling will not be made public. This is the norm for opinion polls conducted in Ansteorra. The results of the polling will be known only by the Kingdom Seneschal, the Crown, and the Coronet. The results will not be shared with anyone else: not the candidates, not the current local landed nobility, not the populace, no one. If anyone hints that they know the numbers, they are not from this plane of existence.

Please understand that the poll is a measure of your opinions, not a democratic vote. The Crown alone makes the decision, in consultation with their Heirs if applicable.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If anyone has any questions, contact Baroness Cristyana Lambrecht directly at [coastal AT seneschal DOT ansteorra DOT org](mailto:coastal@ansteorra.org) or see additional contact information in the Black Star for the Coastal Seneschal.

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# Selection of the New Stargate Baronial Landed Nobility

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## Polling form

### Opinion Polling: Barony of Stargate Landed Nobility

Results of this opinion poll will be shared only with the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown. The results of this baronial opinion poll will not be made public. This is the norm for opinion polls conducted in Ansteorra. Please understand that this poll is a measure of your opinions, not a "vote." The Crown alone makes the decision.

The following candidates have declared their intent to run for the position of landed nobility of the Barony of the Stargate. Please rank each couple or candidate in order with 1 being your **first** choice. Remember that the final decision rests with Their Majesties.

Candidates	Rank (with 1 being your <b>first</b> choice)
Herr Dietrich Strobelbart and Baroness Gwendolen McIver	
Master Robert MacPharland and Baroness Simone Valery la Rousse	

Please enter your information below.

Legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

SCA name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are not an SCA member, please use the yellow form.)

Signature (legal name): \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

SCA group of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Upcoming Events

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What: Steppes Twelfth Night & Guardian of the Gauntlet

When: January 8, 2011

Where: Barony of the Steppes (greater Dallas area, TX)  
at Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, 5550 Fm 2495, Athens, TX 75752

What's happening: Activities include Guardian of the Gauntlet (rapier tournament), Tafl Competition, Feast Siege Weapon Tourney, Costume Competition, Table Decorating Competition, Brewing Competition. Laurel circle. Feast is available.

About the site: Indoor facilities available. Site is dry before 5pm, wet in period containers after 5pm. Service animals are welcome with proper documentation; pets are not allowed. No camping.

For more information: <http://steppes.ansteorra.org/12thnight>

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What: Crown Tournament January 2011

When: January 14-16, 2011

Where: Barony of Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)  
at Castleton, 4378 Coldwater Canyon Rd., Austin, TX 78730

What's happening: The Heirs to the Crown of Ansteorra will be determined by right of combat (armored/chivalric combat). Chivalric Circle. Food vendors will be on site in lieu of feast.

About the site: Camping is available. No unsecured pets will be allowed on site. No ground fires. Alcohol is permitted in period containers. Portable chemical toilets. Potable running water. Hot water showers.

For more information: <http://crown2011.dwarfworks.com/>

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What: King's Round Table

When: January 22, 2011

Where: Barony of the Stargate (Houston, TX)  
at Pope John XXIII High School, 1800 West Grand Parkway North, Katy, TX 77449

What's happening: King's Round Table is a set of semi-annual meetings pertaining to the business of running the kingdom. Anyone who is interested in the behind-the-scenes workings of local groups, regions, and the kingdom is encouraged to attend, including those who are officers or are interested in being officers, on the local, regional or kingdom level. Mundane clothing is usually worn by all who attend.

About the site: No site fee. Indoor facilities only. No luncheon or feast will be served; there are plenty of local restaurants. No alcohol permitted. Service animals are welcome with proper documentation; pets are not allowed. No camping.

For more information: <http://stargate.ansteorra.org/roundtable2010.shtml>

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What: Gulf Wars XX

When: March 13-20, 2011

Where: Kingdom of Gleann Abhann  
at King's Arrow Ranch, 26 King's Highway, Lumberton, MS

What's happening: A competition between the Kingdoms of Ansteorra and Trimaris and their allies, hosted by the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. Most, if not all, activities in the SCA can be found at this huge week-long camping event, including but not limited to archery, melees and tournaments for both armored combat and rapier combat, siege weapons, thrown weapons, live weapons, equestrian activities, hawking, coursing, arts and sciences, dancing, live music, revels, and shopping.

Deadlines for Pre-registration: Mail-in, January 31, 2011  
On-line, February 18, 2011

For more information: <http://www.gulfwars.org/>

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# January 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	29	30	31	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	3 <i>Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00/7:45 pm Coffee &amp; Dessert w/ Alden &amp; Alessandra (after meeting)</i>	4 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Steppes Twelfth Night</i>
9	10 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	11 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	12 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i>	13	14	15 <i>Crown Tournament Brynn Gwlad</i>
16 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	17	18 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>King's Round Table Stargate</i>
23	24 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	25 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	26	27	28	29

- Jan. 3—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
- Jan. 3—Coffee & Dessert with Alden & Alessandra, after Business/Populace Meeting, at IHOP, 13388 Northwest Fwy (just west of Hollister)
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Chivalric & Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- Jan. 10 & 24—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the home of HL Mea Passavanti
- Jan. 12—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- Jan. 2 & 16—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 Stargate's Hospitalier, Lady Ciarnat of Firethorn, at 281-693-6441 or send an email to hospitalier AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

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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 seneschal AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

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### **4th Sunday Arts in the Park – ON HIATUS**

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 chivalric fighters from the greater Stargate / Loch Soilleir area have joined the rapier fighters at Centennial Park in Pearland for armored combat practice every Tuesday night from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Loane armor/gear is available upon request. Additional/alternate practice opportunities may be arranged upon request. For more information, please contact the Acting Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at marshal AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

Also, chivalric fighters are welcome to join the armored combat practice in Gate's Edge on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 3:00 pm at Meyer Park (7700 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379). For more information, please contact the Gate's Edge Knight marshal, Lord Georges le Breton (George Abercrombie) at 504-231-5515 or georgeslebreton AT yahoo DOT com.

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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**

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. For more information, please contact the acting Equestrian Marshal, HL Cristyana Lambrecht at coastal AT seneschal DOT ansteorra DOT org.

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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 Mea Passavanti, 1425 Waseca, Houston, TX 77055. For more information, join the Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group and/or contact HL Mea at mea DOT passavanti 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 1st and 3rd 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 is available in the 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 de-sweds 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. Wherever you are, we're a friendly group of people, so why not visit us all?



## 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.
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Please send your contributions to the Stargate Chronicler, HL Anne Barrington, at chronicler AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

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