
From Our Baron and Baroness

Unto Ansteorra's Premier Populace do Baron Ihon & Baroness Isabeau send their best wishes and felicitations.

By now, you have probably heard that our Cousins, William and Katya, will be stepping down as Baron and Baroness of Loch Soillier. Because of a scheduling conflict for Their Majesties, the investiture of the new landed(s) will take place at our joint Baronial, April 16-18. We are pleased, both that we get to be a part of this event and that our decision to have joint championships has permitted this to accommodate Their Majesties. Of course, it has kicked the event up a notch. Moreover, the online Kingdom Calendar indicates we will be hosting a Pelican Circle as well. We are pleased that the event will be in the good hands of Mistress Annes and Baroness Genevieve. Please give them the wonderful support you have always provided for Stargate events.

We express our gratitude to LADY Isolde and Lady Petronia for the outstanding job they and their coordinators did with Stargate Yule. His Majesty was quite impressed with the hospitality of Stargate and with the event in general. To Lord Ambrose, we offer our gratitude for a truly remarkable feast. Overheard: "I've been playing for over 20 years and this is the best feast I've ever had." We also welcome our two newest members of the Sodality of the Sentinels of Stargate, Don Corvin Fenarro and Lady Petronia Casta, and congratulate Her Thistleness, Lady Sarra Asshton of York. Contratulations also to our Titled Artisan, HL Cristyana Lambrecht, and our newest Titled Bard, HL Catrin ferch Maelwyn.

We remind you that Crown Tournament is this next weekend in the Barony of Ravensfort. See: <http://www.textilegeek.com/ravensfort/events/WinterCrown2010.htm> We will have a pavilion available for Stargaters and our Champions.

Kingdom A & S is February 13th in the Barony of the Steppes. See: <http://steppes.ansteorra.org/kaands/> Now is the time to finish your projects. We encourage you to have a Laurel or other artisan you trust to review your display and documentation.

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Upcoming Events & Meetings

<i>Jan. 2</i>	<i>Twelfth Night (Steppes)</i>
<i>Jan. 4</i>	<i>Business/Populace Meeting (7:00/7:45pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)</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>
<i>Feb. 6</i>	<i>Candlemas (Bryn Gwlad)</i>
<i>Feb. 13</i>	<i>Kingdom A&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>

From Our Baron and Baroness (cont.)

Registration for Gulf Wars is now open. See: <http://acceps.ansteorra.org/index.php>
The deadline for registering by mail is January 31, 2010; the deadline for registering online via ACCEPS is February 18, 2010. Please indicate when you register that you wish to camp with Stargate-Coastal so we can get all the space we are allotted. Ihon is the Coastal Land Steward; our Coastal early-on deputy is Lord Adolf the Bear, Seneschal of Bordermarch. After you have registered, please send the following information to Baron Ihon at jhirling AT gmail.com:

SCA NAME (please no titles)

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

GROUP CAMPING WITH: Stargate - Coastal

TENT SIZE (if you use ropes, add 5' to each dimension - e.g. a 12' x14' would be listed 17' x 19')

NAMES OF THOSE SHARING IN TENT (to ensure I don't duplicate tent foot-prints)

PERIOD TENT (let us know if your tent in period or not)

DAY ARRIVING

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

WHETHER YOU REGISTERED WITH ACCEPS

CONFIRMATION NUMBER, IF ANY

It is a pleasure to serve this Barony and all the dedicated people who make it the Barony it is.

Oh ... Happy New Year!

Yours in service

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Lord & Lady of Stargate and Westgate

From Our Seneschal

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

Happy New Year! As we change our calendars over, we see many events coming up quickly – the least of which is Gulf Wars in March. It's time to get those war preparations underway so you don't end up scrambling at the last minute. And while we're all busy getting ready for war, there are a number of events around the kingdom that I'm sure many of us will be attending. Please be sure to travel safely, especially if you are travelling solo. Take advantage of sharing transportation costs by travelling with friends. Not only will it cut down on cost, it'll also make the time fly by!

Also, don't forget to pre-register for Gulf Wars. If you are going to camp with Stargate, remember to send your camping information to Baron Ihon, the Coastal Regional Land Steward. It would be outstanding to have a strong showing of Stargaters present at war this year. Whether you are there to fight, serve, teach, merchant, present your arts, or just go to be sociable with your friends, Stargate will be all the stronger for your presence and participation.

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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.

From Our Seneschal (cont.)

After Gulf Wars, the weekend of April 16-18, the Baronies of Stargate and Loch Soilleir will be hosting a joint baronial event. Mistress Annes and Baroness Genevieve have stepped up to co-steward the event. Please be sure to assist these ladies with any time and effort you can volunteer. The Loch will also be having their baronial investiture at this event, as Baron William and Baroness Katya have announced their intent to step down. In addition, Their Majesties will be having a Pelican Circle, so we look forward to a good turnout from around the kingdom. Just two weeks later, The Loch will be stewarding the Spring Event, and it will be Stargate's turn to coordinate the feast. Anyone interested should get in touch with Their Excellencies and me, so we can get the appropriate contacts to The Loch.

In Service,

HL Alden Drake
Stargate Seneschal

From Our Minister of Arts & Sciences

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

My warrant as Minister of Arts and Sciences for the Barony will be up in February. Therefore, we will be accepting applications for my replacement. Those wishing to apply should send applications to the Coastal Regional MOAS, with copies to Their Excellencies Stargate, the Seneschal, and myself. The application form can be found at <http://www.ansteorra.org/regnum/seneschal/forms/Application.pdf>.

What, you might ask, does the MOAS do? The best description of the office comes from the MOAS Handbook: "It is the responsibility of the A&S Minister to ensure that everyone who wants to learn, teach, study, demonstrate, or practice some medieval art or science may do so. While there are many other administrative duties involved in the office, the A&S minister should always strive to support and facilitate the people in their group." In practice, this usually involves being a resource to help people interested in learning new things connect with the people that have the knowledge and skills to teach them. It also means promoting the arts, encouraging and challenging local artisans to better their skills, and seeing that their work is seen by the populace. Finally, the A&S minister serves as the "go to" person for all things related to the arts and sciences. If there is no-one else to run the A&S competition at an event, the MOAS does it. If someone is needed to coordinate classes or recruit (draft) teachers, the MOAS does it. The administrative end of things is simply a matter of keeping track of what the local guilds and artisans are doing, and reporting this to the Regional MOAS on a monthly basis.

Thanks you,

Thomas ate Woode
Stargate MOAS

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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	30	31	1	2 <i>Steppes Twelfth Night</i>
3	4 <i>Supper with Annes 5:45 pm Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00/7:45 pm Coffee & Dessert w/ Alden & Alessandra (after meeting)</i>	5 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Crown Tournament (Raven's Fort)</i>
10 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	11 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	12 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	13 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i>	14	15	16 <i>Centurion War College (Austin, TX)</i>
17	18	19 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>King's Round Table (Namron) Fall Ball in the Small Hall Take II (Shadowlands)</i>
24 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	25 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	26 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>Coastal Invasion (Seawinds)</i>

- Jan. 4—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. 4—Supper with Annes, 5:45 pm at Jason's Deli, 34th St. @ Hwy 290
- Jan. 4—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
- Jan. 11 & 25—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm, Location TBA
- Jan. 13—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- Jan. 10 & 24—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

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.

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?

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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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