

# From the Baron & Baroness

Unto the wonderful people of the Stargate do we, Robert and Simone, Baron and Baroness, send warmest greetings!

We wish to thank all of you who helped to make Defenders of the Rose such a successful event! We had Stargaters sitting gate, judging A&S, fighting, shooting, marshaling, water-bearing, performing bardic, riding horses, cooking feast, serving feast, cleaning up, taking pictures, and just plain having a good time! Thank you all for coming out to support the Loch and our Roses; we couldn't have done this without you!

Thank you as well to those of you who made the trips to Coronation, Queen's Champion, and Steppes Warlord. We know it's tough to travel much with gas prices so high, so we really appreciate that you were able to join us at those events.

The BIG thank you this month goes to Sir Godwin, HL Alden and Lord Collwyn for transporting the baronial pavilion to Warlord, setting it up, taking it down, and helping Robert to tetris it into the back of our truck for the return trip. We really enjoyed having a shady spot right by the list field for our people to gather and visit, and we couldn't have done it without you!

And yet more thanks—to our champions Sir John of Severn, Don Simone Nichols, and Roger of Cornwall for representing Stargate so well on their respective fields at Warlord, and to Mistress Hillary for entering her beautiful investiture invitation scroll into the A&S competition.

Now for some wordfame:

Congrats to HL Leofwine for winning the archery title at Defenders of the Rose, to Don Simone for winning Queen's Champion, to Sir Godwin for making the finals at Steppes Warlord, and to HL Alden for winning the Bardic title at Warlord!

Here's where we will be the next couple of months. Please come out and join us if you can, we look forward to seeing you!

- June 6 Populace meeting
- June 11 Champions of Bonwicke (just Simone)
- June 18 King's College
- June 25 Bordermarch Baronial - "just down the road a piece" in Winnie!
- July 16 Round Table
- July 23 Fiber Arts College (unofficially, of course!)

As always, if you want to attend one of these events but don't really have the vehicle/finances to do it, let us know. We will work on building carpools and caravans to get as many Stargaters to these events as possible.

Best regards,

Robert and Simone  
Baron and Baroness of Stargate

P.S. June 15th is the last day to pre-register for Pennsic. Are you going?

## Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- June 6 Business/Populace Meetings (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)
- June 11 Champions of Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
- June 18 King's College (Fort Worth, TX)
- June 25 Bordermarch Baronial (Winnie, TX)
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 9 Crown Tournament (Mobeetie, TX)
- July 11 Business/Populace Meetings (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)
- July 16 King's Round Table (TBD)
- July 23 Fiber Arts College (Tyler, TX)

## Who are we?

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The Barony of the Stargate is a local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA), within the Coastal Region 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?

We're on the Web at:

<http://www.stargate.ansteorra.org>

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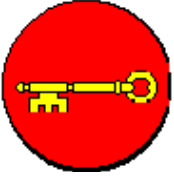
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## From the Officers

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### Seneschal

HL Alden Drake

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

June is here and the temperatures are creeping upwards. If you're attending outdoor events, be sure to dress for the heat, stay hydrated, and wear sunblock and hats!

Last month, Sir Godwin, Mistress Elissena, and crew provided a great feast for Defenders of the Rose. Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to help! Everything was delicious and I heard many compliments to the cooks.

At Coronation, Their Majesties Ulsted and Ebergardis gave out several Golden Stars to members of our barony for aiding them in their reign: Brenna MacDonald, Cristyana Lambrecht, Isabeau Quiquandon, Isolde die Waeyer, and Sarra Asshton of York. They recognized Thomas atte Wood's service as their Sable Scroll and presented him with a King's Gauntlet. And for her continued service to the Kingdom, Sarra Asshton of York was elevated to the Order of the Star of Merit! Congratulations to everyone!

At Queen's Champion, Don Simone Nicholls, Stargate's Rapier Champion, proved himself once again, this time defeating Don Iago in the finals to become Queen Gwen's Champion. Vivat, Don Simone!

Last weekend at Steppes Warlord, there was a small contingent of Stargaters present with Their Excellencies, but our presence was certainly made known. Sir Godwin fought his way to the finals of the Warlord tournament, where he faced Duke Aaron and Jarl Hrafn. Ultimately, Jarl Hrafn proved the victor, but Sir Godwin fought fiercely and represented our barony well. I fought in the Warlord list as well, but it was my strength of voice over my strength of arm that carried me that day. I was honored by Baron Duncan and Baroness Genevieve to be named their 27th Steppes Bardic Champion.

Lastly, a reminder that applications for the office of Seneschal are being accepted until June 15. Please be sure to send your application, including all of the following items to the Coastal Seneschal, with copies to Their Excellencies Stargate and me.

- SCA and Modern name
- The name of your local branch
- Address
- Phone number
- Email address (if applicable)
- A copy of your membership card
- A copy of your Driver's License or other picture ID
- The dates you took the Seneschal's and Treasurer's classes
- Your experience and qualifications, both modern and SCA

My successor will be announced publicly at the July Populace meeting.



### Chronicler

HL Anne Barrington

The end of my time as Stargate's chronicler is coming to an end. I published my first issue of the *Two Towers* in September 2009, which should make the August 2011 issue my last. Therefore, with the approval of the Coastal Regional Chronicler, HL Delphnia de Champeaux, I am formally announcing that the office of chronicler for the Barony of the Stargate is open for applications until Monday, July 11, 2011 (at the end of the populace meeting). Ideally, my successor can be selected in time for them to attend the next warranting class for chroniclers at Round Table on July 16, 2011. It would also be helpful if my successor is able to work with me to publish the August 2011 issue of the *Two Towers*.

The successful candidate must be a current member of the Society and should have email access and be familiar with Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Word, and Adobe Acrobat. For more information concerning the responsibilities of the office, please refer to the Chronicler's Handbook for the Kingdom of Ansteorra (Rev. January 2011) at <http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/AnstChronHandbook.pdf>. If you are interested in being Stargate's next chronicler, please complete the application found at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf> and send it, along with a copy of your membership card and photo ID, to the Coastal Region Chronicler ([coastal@chronicler.ansteorra.org](mailto:coastal@chronicler.ansteorra.org)), Stargate's seneschal ([seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org)), Baron Robert and Baroness Simone ([bandb@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:bandb@stargate.ansteorra.org)), and me ([chronicler@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:chronicler@stargate.ansteorra.org)).

## From the Officers (continued)

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### Herald

Lady Caitilin inghean  
Ronain ui Cheallaigh

Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Stargate, your new Sentinel Pursuivant Herald sends greetings.

By way of introductions, my name is Lady Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Cheallaigh and as of this month I become your new Herald.

Heraldry and working as a herald is a passion as well as a vocation for me in the Society. As a herald, I want to help others find that passion in discovering their choice of a name, persona and device as well as in other pursuits. As told to me in conversation by Ansteorra's Eclipse Herald - Your name is your presence in the Society, your device proclaims who you are, and your badge marks what is yours.

As Sentinel Pursuivant Herald, I will bring my passion of heraldry and service to the Barony in being the voice of the Baron and Baroness, the populace and the Kingdom; serving the populace in their pursuit of a name and identification in the Society; and promoting heraldry through education to my fellow Stargate members through classes, newsletter articles, events and participation in the College of Arms of the Kingdom of Ansteorra.

I want to thank Lord Bernard ben Moshe ha Kohen for his excellent service to our Barony as Sentinel Pursuivant Herald for the past two years. I appreciate his encouragement and advice in my pursuit of learning to be a good herald.

Please feel free to contact me any time about your name and device submission concerns. I would love to help you find your name and presence in the SCA. I can be found at most monthly Stargate Business/Populace Meetings and at most of the events happening in Ansteorra.

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### Rapier Marshall

Don Corvin Fenarro

As published in the April 2011 and May 2011 issues of the *Two Towers*, the office of Rapier Marshall for the Barony of the Stargate was open for applications from March 1, 2011, through April 15, 2011. An announcement regarding the selection of Stargate's new Rapier Marshall will be made soon.

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### Historian

Lady Caitilin inghean  
Ronain ui Cheallaigh

June is upon us and the Summer begins (officially it begins on Summer Solstice – June 21), a time for long daylight hours (Huzzah!!!), warm days and busy schedules. The Kingdom schedule is bursting with events for all to partake – King's College, Bordermarch Baronials, Crown Tournament, King's Round Table, Ansteorran Heraldic & Scribal Symposium, and of course, the Big event – Pennsic. If you go to any of these events, bring back your stories and photos to share with the Barony and with your Historian. Hint, hint.

On a side note, as I was wandering through Stargate's archive of *Two Towers* (looking for some information on a heraldic matter and getting sidetracked), I found that past issues of the *Two Towers* hold a treasure trove of interesting features that are informative, amusing, and worth a look.

Did you know that ...

We have many fine artists that have graced the newsletter with beautiful artwork on the cover and inside the pages, including cartoons and art pieces.

Baron Bran de Tintreak wrote a Special Interest section each month for a couple of years (Ephemera (Astronomy) and Festivals) observing events in the heavens, seasons and seasonal festivals.

The Kingdom of Ansteorra had a Queen by Right of Arms as our Ruler for a reign – Sir Rowan Beatrice Von Kampf.

Interesting events that include a Pestilence Ball and a monthly Assassins Guild (?!).

Articles on Sewing, Calligraphy, Heraldry, Archery, Chivalric Arts and SCA topics on living in the current Middle Ages.

Crossword puzzles, guessing puzzles – Do You Know this Persona?, poetry, and other fun pieces.

Take a look at past issues of the *Two Towers*, it is a time capsule view into Stargate's colorful History. For Newcomers, it is view into the life of our barony and good way to learn about who's who in our barony.

Also a Future Note - Stargate's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is next year in 2012.

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## Meetings

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### Business & Populace Meetings

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@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Newcomer's Meetings

Newcomer's meetings provide information about 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, HL Ciarnat of Firethorn, at 281-693-6441, or send an email to [hospitalier@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:hospitalier@stargate.ansteorra.org).

## Practices—Martial Activities

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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@seneschal.ansteorra.org](mailto:coastal@seneschal.ansteorra.org).

### Stargate Practice in the Park

There will be both Chivalric and Rapier practice in Memorial Park on June 26, 2011, from Noon until 3:00 pm. Loaner armor/gear is available upon request. For more information, please contact the Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at [marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org) or the Rapier Marshall, Don Corvin Fenarro, at [rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Stargate / Loch Soilleir 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. Loaner armor/gear is available upon request. Additional/alternate practice opportunities may be arranged upon request. For more information, please contact the Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at [marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice

Stargate's Knight Marshall, Sir Godwin of Edington, will be at the Gate's Edge armored combat practice at 3:00 pm on the first and third Sundays of June (5th and 19th). The Gate's Edge practices are held at Meyer Park in Spring, TX. The fighters will be on the south side of the park just to the to right (west) of the entrance between the parking area and Cypresswood Drive. Meyer Park is located at 7700 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas 77379. For more information, please see the Gate's Edge website and calendar at <http://gates-edge.ansteorra.org/>.

### Stargate / Loch Soilleir 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 [rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org) with any questions.

### Stargate Siege Guild

The Stargate Siege Guild 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 Stargate/s Seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at [senschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:senschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at [stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org) for more information.

## Practices—Performance Arts

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### **Aleasar**

Aleasar is a multi-group SCA Middle Eastern drumming and dancing guild for the Greater Houston Area. We have members from Stargate, Loch Soilleir, Gate's Edge, and Raven's Fort. Drummers, musicians, and dancers of all skill levels are welcome, as always. For more information, please contact Dietrich Strobelbart by email at [dietrich.strobelbart@yahoo.com](mailto:dietrich.strobelbart@yahoo.com) or call him at 281-731-7726 (phone calls between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm only).

### **Bardic Guild—ON HIATUS**

Stargate's Bardic Guild is 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@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### **European Dance Guild—ON HIATUS**

The Stargate European Dance Guild is on hiatus as we work out a new time and place for practices. For more information, please contact HL Alden Drake at [seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### **Madrigal Guild—ON HIATUS**

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.passavanti@gmail.com](mailto:mea.passavanti@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Middle Eastern Dance Guild**

The Middle Eastern Dance guild meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Ballam Belly Dance Studio, located in the adjunct building behind Grace United Methodist Church, at 1245 Heights Blvd. in Houston. No prior belly dance experience is necessary, nor is garb. If you get lost, call Lady Gwenfrewi ferch yr Albanwer, at 832-875-8013.

## Workshops

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### **Armoring Workshops**

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on Thursdays, from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm. Please call ahead for directions and to be sure we haven't cancelled. Contact HL Alden Drake at [stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org) for more information.

### **Fourth Sunday Arts**

Bring your project and enjoy the company of your fellow artisans at Fourth Sunday Arts from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 26, 2011. Located in the fellowship hall of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5900 Pinemont Drive, Houston, TX 77092. For more information, contact the Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Isolde die Waeyer, at [moas@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:moas@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### **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@yahoo.com](mailto:hillaryrg@yahoo.com).

# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>5</b> Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice 3:00 pm Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 pm	<b>6</b> Business/Populace Mtgs. 7:00/7:45 pm Coffee & dessert w/ Alden & Alessandra (after meeting)	<b>7</b> Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	<b>8</b> West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Champions of Bonwicke
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> King's College
<b>19</b> Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice 3:00 pm Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bordermarch Baronial
<b>26</b> Practice in the Park (Chivalric & Rapier) Noon to 3:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

- June 6—Stargate Business/Populace Meetings, 7:00 pm for Business, 7:45 pm for Populace, at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W. 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018
- June 6—Coffee & Dessert with Alden & Alessandra, after Populace Meeting, at IHOP, 13388 Northwest Fwy (just west of Hollister)
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- June 5 & 19—Stargate Scribes Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027
- June 26—Practice in the Park, Noon to 3:00 pm, Memorial Park, Houston, TX
- June 26—Fourth Sunday Arts, 2:00-5:00 pm, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5900 Pinemont Dr., Houston, TX 77092