

From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to Our Stargate Populace,

As we write this Gulf Wars is right around the corner with Baronial close behind. We hope those of you who are attending Gulf Wars have pre-registered. This year's Gulf Wars will be a grand celebration as it is GW XX.

As we look ahead toward Baronial we know Lady Maureen would appreciate any and all help you are willing to give; please contact her to offer your services. As we turn our thoughts toward Baronial we find ourselves with mixed feelings. We are sad of heart to know that we will no longer be your faces of Stargate but look forward to whatever lies ahead of us. Please give Simone and Robert the same support you have give us these

past six years. We ask that any of our populace who served as a champion, officer or a guard member please make every effort to be present for stepping down court.

Arts Sunday on February 27 was attended by Lady Isolde, HL Thomas, Lord Orin, Baroness Simone, Lady Kathleen, Lady Janette, Baroness Genevieve, His Excellency and me. If this is something you'd like to see continued, be sure to let Simone and Robert know so they may take it into consideration.

Warm regards,

Ihon and Isabeau
Baron and Baroness of Stargate



Exemplum balistae quadrirotis. Notitia utraque cum orientis turn occidentisultra Arcadii Honorique Caesarum tempora, A.D. MDLII, De Rebus Bellicus (1522). Example of a four-wheeled ballista.

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- March 7 *Business/Populace Meetings (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)*
- March 13-20 *Gulf Wars XX (Kingdom of Gleann Abhann)*
- March 25-27 *Baronial Investiture (Raven's Fort)*
- April 1-3 *Elfsea Defender (Elfsea)*
- April 4 *Business/Populace Meetings (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)*
- April 8-10 *Stargate/Loch Soilleir Joint Baronial & Stargate Investiture*

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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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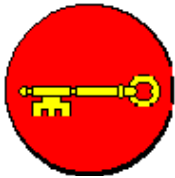
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From the Officers



Seneschal

HL Alden Drake

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

The time for war is nigh! Time to get those last few projects finished and start looking at packing lists and getting things in order. Don't forget to have your vehicle's/trailer's: oil changed, tires checked/rotated, fluids topped off, etc. before you get on the road. Every year I hear about somebody breaking down somewhere between here and there. Don't let it happen to you! Once you get there, Baron Ihon, Sir Galen, or I should be able to help you find space to set up your camp. Don't forget, Stargate is hosting a hospitality pavilion at Gulf War and people will be needed to help. Please contact Baron Ihon for information.

Congratulations to Master Robert and Baroness Simone, heirs-apparent to the Barony of Stargate. Their investiture will take place at the Stargate/Loch Joint Baronial Championship in April. Lady Maureen Faulkner is stewarding the event, and many of her crew are already lined up. If you haven't volunteered yet, please do so! There's always work to be done and more hands make it easier for everyone. Baron William and the Loch will be coordinating feast! ACCEPS should be open soon for people to begin registering for the event.

Sir Godwin and Mistress Lissa will be feast stewards for the May event and will be calling on people to help in the kitchen. If you're interested in helping, please contact them.



Hospitaler

HL Ciarnat
of Firehorn

Empty 2 liter soft drink bottles are urgently needed for Fighter Support at Gulf Wars XX. Please rinse, drain till dry and save all empty bottles. Bring them to Gulf Wars and drop them off in marked containers at Fighter Support main point (usually located on Hastings Field). The bottles will be used to refresh tired and thirsty fighters, marshals and spectators. Let us show our support for the fine job that the Fighter Support (formerly Waterbearing) volunteers do by helping them gather a large number of bottles. Well-hydrated war attendees and participants are less likely to have a heat-related reason to visit the churgeon station.

Also, please consider volunteering some time at Fighter Support or one of the other bunches of stations or jobs that help the workings of Gulf Wars: the watch, nastycrat, the gate, parking, etc. Please go to Volunteer Point, look at the schedule of job slots, choose one or more and jump right in to help out. You may meet your next best friend while helping at the war. Ansteorra could possibly beat Gleann Abhann, Meridies and Trimaris in volunteer points.

Travel safe and be smiling ambassadors representing the great Kingdom of Ansteorra.



Chronicler

HL Anne Barrington

Last month I published an announcement that I would be stepping down from the office of Chronicler early and opened the office for applications. Since then, I have received encouragement and support from both the Kingdom and Coastal Regional Chroniclers and decided to remain in the office if no one else applied; I made an announcement to that effect at the February populace meeting. No one else has applied for the office and I have demonstrated that I have overcome the issues I had with filing reports late, so I will remain in the office until the end of my warrant.



Herald

Lord Bernard
ben Moshe ha Kohen

My warrant expires May 1, 2011, therefore applications are being accepted for Stargate Herald until April 15, 2011, to facilitate a transition during the last half of April.

To apply for the office, fill out the Application for Office form found at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf> and send it, along with a copy of your photo ID and current proof of membership, to myself, the Coastal Regional Herald (aka Solstice Herald), Stargate's Seneschal, and Stargate's Baron and Baroness.

From the Officers (continued)



Rapier Marshall

Don Corvin Fenarro

Applications are being accepted for the office of Stargate's Rapier Marshall until April 15, 2011.

To apply for the office, fill out the Application for Office form found at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf> and send it, along with a copy of your photo ID and current proof of membership, to myself, the Coastal Rapier Marshall, Stargate's Seneschal, and Stargate's Baron and Baroness.



Minister of
Children

HL Fedelm ni Uldhir

Greetings!

Just a reminder that I am stepping down from this office as of the Baronial Investiture, April 9. Anyone interested in the office should contact the Kingdom MOC, Lady Cait O'Hara, their Excellencies Stargate, and Lord Alden Drake. I have lots of "stuff" that could be given to the next MOC. Fenris is probably going to insist on it.

I will be coordinating children's activities for the Baronial Investiture and would like to ask assistance from the populace in planning a treasure hunt/quest of some sort. Somebody who is willing to *run* the treasure hunt/quest would be even better, but any help would be appreciated. This is something that was specifically mentioned by one of the children as something they would like to do, so I would really like to be able to do it. I expect the kind of treasure hunt where everyone has a chance to get *something* would be best (don't want to have children in tears, after all), but any ideas, suggestions, offers to help (including being a person with a basket of clues by their chair) would be great. The treasure hunt or quest would be a time and space limited one.

Of course I can always use any sort of other help anyone is willing to offer with the children's activities. If you have something you are willing to teach (dancing, singing, juggling, whatever), please let me know. I can usually come up with supplies or whatever you might need.

Thank you very much!



Historian

Lady Caitilin inghean
Ronan ui Cheallaigh

Greetings to the Populace of Stargate.

March is upon us and Gulf Wars XX is near. Where has the time flown?. Time for History to made, seen and enjoyed at Gulf Wars. This will be my first Gulf Wars and I hope to experience a lot of history in the form battles to watch, classes to take, volunteering wherever I can and just enjoy visiting with the good gentles from other Kingdoms. Please everyone take a lot of pictures and share with your Barony and your Historian, hint, hint. Also share your experiences in writing, if you can.

In April, I will have a Stargate Historical Display at the Stargate/ Loch Soillier Championships. The theme will be the Lineage of the Baronage from the first Baron and Baroness to the present Baron Ihon Vinson MacFergus and Baroness Isabeau Quiquandon to their successors, Master Robert MacPharland and Baroness Simone Valery la Rouse. Please, good gentles of Stargate, I need stories, photos and artifacts that you can share about the Barons and Baronesses that you know or have known throughout the history of the Barony of Stargate. Loan me as much as you can and I will take good care of them and return them in good condition.

I will have more history to report after Gulf Wars in the April *Two Towers*.

Onward to War ... or where did I put my packing list. Hmm ...

Yours in Service,

Lady Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Cheallaigh
Historian, Barony of Stargate

From Baroness Gwendolen McIver and Lord Dietrich Strobelbart

Your Excellencies (all of them), Your Lordship Alden, and the Populace of the Barony of Stargate:

Hi. I'm reading this so I don't miss anything we felt was important to say.

We want to say Congratulations to Robert and Simone; we know the Barony will be in good hands.

We will not stand here and lie. Yes, we are disappointed. But going into this we know that whichever couple was chosen would do the barony good. Robert and Simone will carry the good name of Stargate to the far reaches of the Kingdom as well as outside of it. We know that is important to the future of the Barony. They will also be observant of the things here in the Barony as well.

We also wanted to let Robert and Simone know Dietrich and I will still be around and doing what we can in the Barony. We still plan on camping with the Barony at Gulf Wars, and will be getting with Their Excellencies about some of the ideas we had for the Barony. Things like that will not be changing. We will do, with Their Excellencies' input and permission, everything we had said we would do. It is still important to us.

We would like to encourage everyone to support Robert and Simone as they go through this difficult time of transition, even though they both have been in the SCA for a while they have never been landed B&Bs. This will be a change in their lives and with any change help and support is important.

So let us all stand and give cheers to the new incoming Baron and Baroness, Robert and Simone. Thank you all.

— Read by Baroness Gwendolen McIver at the Stargate Populace Meeting on February 7, 2011

Children's Books Written by Rosemary Sutcliff by HL Fedelm ni Uidhir

Some months back, there was considerable discussion of a small hoard of coins from the time of Marcus Aurelius Carausius that had been discovered in Britain ... and I was muttering to myself and wondering why that particular name sounded so familiar. Then I remembered, and hunted up my copy of Rosemary Sutcliff's *The Silver Branch*, and was back in Roman Britain. You may remember the maps, and the list of Roman /modern place names that accompanied that book, as well as *The Lantern Bearers*, *Eagle of the Ninth*, and so many more. After checking out some of the websites, I was considerably surprised to find out just how many more. There were something like 49 books for children, plus nonfiction and books for adults. Sutcliff (who was born in 1920) apparently was still writing up until the day she died in 1992, and is quoted as writing her books for "children of all ages, from eight to eight-eight".

In addition to the books about Roman Britain and the stories of the Romano-British/Welsh Arthur, other books retell *The Iliad (Black Ships Before Troy)*, *The Gododin (The Shining Company)*, *Tristan and Iseult*, *The Hound of Ulster*, *The High Deeds of Finn Mac-Cool*, and many other tales and traditions

from the British Isles. I still have a lot more of them to read (though I'm working on it!) and my personal opinion is that the least of them is still "a good read", and a book to keep.

Sutcliff writes about dangerous times, battles, betrayals, loss and death, but she also writes of bravery, loyalty, nobility, and hope. This is the stuff of legends, and she passes the legends on to us in her own words. In *The Lantern Bearers*, almost at the very end of the book, the character Eugenius says, "I sometimes think that we stand at sunset" ... "It may be that the night will close over us in the end, but I believe that morning will come again. Morning always grows again out of the darkness, through maybe not for the people who saw the sun go down. We are the Lantern Bearers, my friend; for us to keep something burning, to carry what light we can forward into the darkness and the wind." For me, those words evoke very powerful images of all those who kept the "light of civilization" burning during the "Dark Ages".

[Quote from Rosemary Sutcliff's *The Lantern Bearers*, p. 279, A Sunburst Book, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, c 1959, renewed 1987, third printing, 1998.]

Did you know ...

That the movie *The Eagle*, released in US theaters on February 11, 2011, is based on the book *The Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliff?





4th Annual Stargate/Loch Soilleir
Championships
and
Stargate Baronial Investiture
April 8–10, 2011



The baronies of Stargate and Loch Soilleir invite you to attend their joint championship event and Stargate's baronial investiture. In the presence of Their Excellencies Caelan and Rhiannon of the Loch, Master Robert Michael MacPharland and Baroness Simone Valery la Rousse will step up to succeed Baron Ihon Vinson MacFergus and Baroness Isabeau Quiquandon as Baron and Baroness of Stargate.

In addition to the investiture, there will be tournaments to determine chivalric, rapier, archery, and equestrian champions for both baronies. A Laurel's Circle is planned during the day.

Visit us at <http://stargate.ansteorra.org> for the latest information.

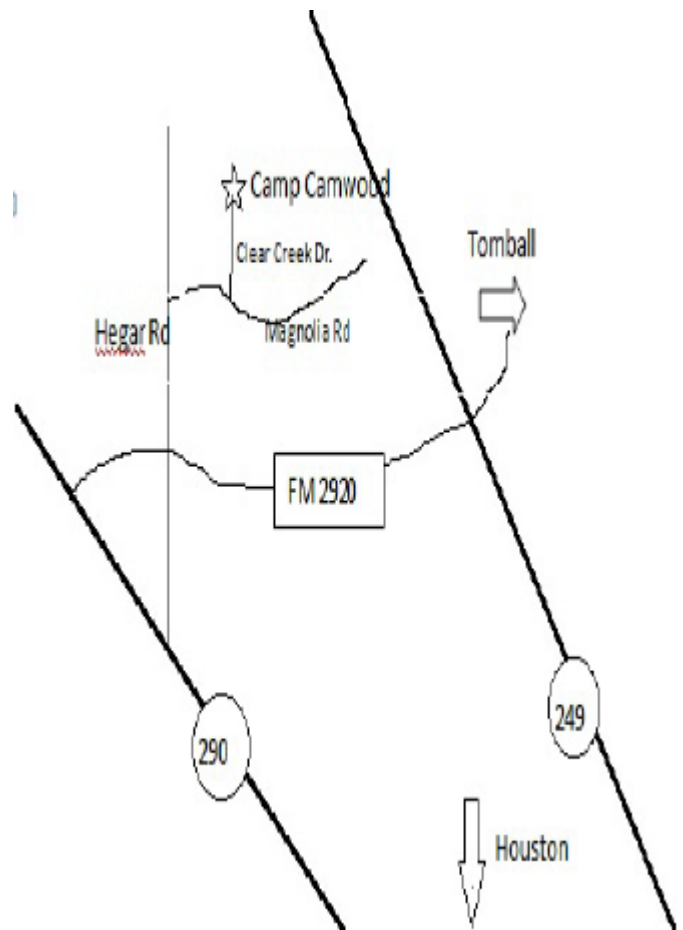
The site fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12; family max of \$30. A non-member surcharge of \$5 will be applied to those without proof of SCA membership. The feast fee is \$7. Make checks payable to SCA Inc., Barony of Stargate. You may register before the event at ACCEPS: <http://acceps.ansteorra.org/index.php>.

Site opens at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and closes at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized minor event waiver from the parents.

Merchants are welcome but must e-mail the event steward at least a week before the event.

The site is Camp Camwood at Magnolia Road and Clear Creek Drive in Hockley, Texas. Sorry, no pets allowed. Service animals are permitted. Horses must have proof of current negative Coggins test.

Directions: From 290 West, exit Hegar Rd. Turn right (north) on Hegar. Proceed 5.5 miles to Magnolia Rd. and bear right on it. Continue 2.5 miles to Clear Creek Rd. Turn left on



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Meetings

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.

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.

Practices—Martial Activities

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.

Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice

Chivalric fighters from Stargate are welcome to attend 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 and to verify dates and times of practices, please refer to <http://gates-edge.ansteorra.org/home.htm>.

Stargate / Loch Soilleir Armored Combat Practice

Centurion Madog of Loch Soilleir will bring his armoring kit to the first couple of practices in March to help armored combat fighters make repairs to their armor and prepare for Gulf Wars.

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 Acting Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at marshal@stargate.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 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.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org for more information.

Practices—Performance Arts

Aleesar

Aleesar 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. There will be no practices in Houston during March. We will be drumming as much as possible at Gulf Wars though, so if you hear drumming coming from the Stargate encampment, feel free to drop in and join us! 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 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.

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.

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.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

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 for more information.

Fourth Sunday Arts Day

The Stargate Fourth Sunday Arts Day is held on the fourth Sunday of the month at a location to be determined. Contact Stargate's Minister of Arts & Sciences, Lady Isolde die Weyer, at moas@stargate.ansteorra.org if you are interested in attending a Fourth Sunday Arts Day in March.

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). Due to Gulf Wars, there will be no scribal activities in Houston on the 3rd Sunday this month (March 20th). 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.

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 pm	7 Business/Populace Mtgs. 7:00/7:45 pm Coffee & dessert w/ Alden & Alessandra (after meeting)	8 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	9 West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	10	11	12 K
13 Gulf Wars XX	14 Gulf Wars XX	15 Gulf Wars XX	16 Gulf Wars XX	17 Gulf Wars XX	18 Gulf Wars XX	19 Gulf Wars XX
20 Gulf Wars XX	21	22 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	23	24	25	26 (
27 4th Sunday Arts Day?	28 Stargate Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm	29 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	30	31		

- Feb. 7—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
- Feb. 7—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
- Feb. 6—Stargate Scribes Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027
- Feb. 28—Stargate Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm, 1425 Waseca, Houston, TX 77055