

Two Towers

May 2007

From the Baron & Baroness

Unto the populace and friends of Stargate do Ihon & Isabeau send their best wishes and felicitations.

We express our gratitude to all who made our second anniversary a wonderful and memorable day. His Royal Majesty and His & Her Royal Highness all graced us with Their presence and we had many travelers from distant lands who shared their praise for the event and the day's festivities. HL Caitlin bean Ghearailt garnered a superb supporting cast of coordinators and, as always, the Canton of Westgate supported the event with especial service and participation. We especially thank those who gave their Friday and Sunday to set-up and take-down. We've noticed over the last several years that the numbers of those willing to help in these critical areas has dwindled and so the numbers this year were especially pleasing and those who gave so much were not unnoticed.

HL Alden Drake deserves all the compliments he received as head cook and for assembling a remarkable crew of cooks and servers. The Feast was among the top five or so of which we have had the privilege of partaking.

It appeared that everyone, with the possible exception of Sir Alexis, got all the fighting they could possibly desire and we are most pleased to announce that our new Chivalric Champion is Sir Godwin of Edington, whose love for Stargate now has a new avenue for expression. Don Alesandro Andretti will now defend Her Excellency once again, should some dastard chose to seek her ill. It gladdens your Baron know she will be well protected. We are pleased to announce our new archery champion is Lord Padrick of Kilkenny, a dear and trusted friend of long standing. Sir Alexis LaBouche, undoubtedly one of Ansteorra's premier defenders takes on the mantle of Equestrian Champion. Each has pledged to enrich their respective communities within Stargate during this next year.

This Baronial witnessed the inauguration of the Tower Watch. We owe each member a debt of gratitude for their service during the event. Many people commented on the magnificent 'color' they added to the ambiance.

On a personal note, We thank Stargate's newest SSG, HE Gwen McIver, and Lord Dietrich Strobelbart for the beautiful flowers to mark our second anniversary. We also desire to give Word Fame to HL Mea Passavanti and Lady Christyana Lambrecht for the Champion Scrolls presented at Baronial. There are so many deserving of mention. We would undoubtedly miss naming someone or ones should we try to list all who served to make Baronial successful. Please know that we greatly appreciate you.

Our next endeavor is to serve the Kingdom by hosting King's College, June 8-10th. Classes will be all day Saturday. We will need as many as can to help set up Friday. There are almost 50 classes registered. We will need as many period pavilions as we can secure to serve all the venues for this truly unique King's College. The King and Queen have each registered to teach classes and we are led to expect Their Heirs will be teaching as well.

We will have our first demo in quite some time June 7, 2007 from 4:30 to 8:30 P.M. We have been invited to show examples of dance, combat, A&S and to teach, as well. Ihon will be able to attend all of the demo and Isabeau intend to join him as soon as other duties permit. The demo is for the Boy Scouts. If you know of English classes, History classes, or other venues that we might contact about providing demos, please let either Lady Ciarnet, your Hospitaler, or us know -- especially be on the lookout for demos that might have the possibility for attracting interested persons.

We will celebrate Stargate's 35th Anniversary at Yule this year. Please provide us with any names and contact information of inactive Stargaters and those who have left our lands for other lands. Also, please let us know the names of any Stargaters who have passed through the veil to whatever lies beyond. Yule will, likely, host Kingdom Dance & Musicians this years, as well.

Yours in service

Special Dates of Interest

- *May 7 Stargate Populace Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.*
- *May 21 Stargate Business Meeting begins at 7:30 pm*
- *May 13 & 27 European Dance (NW) 2:00-4:00 pm*
- *May 27 Madrigal Singing begins at 4:00 pm*
- *Every Tuesday is fighter practice at UH*



From the Seneschal

Greetings,

Applications are now being accepted for Stargate's Seneschal position. I will be stepping down in July. All applications should be sent to Lady Brenna MacDonald, Coastal Regional Seneschal, and cc'd to Baron Ihon, Baroness Isabeau, and to Lady Vasilisa as a courtesy.

Yours in service to the Great Barony of Stargate and our Kingdom,

Lady Vasilisa
Stargate Seneschal



From the A&S Minister

After more than a year of serving as Stargate's Minister of Arts & Sciences, it is time for me to step down.

If you are interesting in serving your barony in an official manner, I recommend this office which serves to promote our artists in Stargate. A simple report is required each month as is with all offices. The rest of the position is to keep in touch with the guild leaders and help with their needs and encourage new artists to gather and show their creativity.

Please inform Caitriona, Coastal Region MoAS (prand@swbell.net, 361-992-1826) if you wish to apply and send a copy to Baron Ihon, Baroness Isabeau and our Seneschal Vasilisa. They will be accepting applications until the June 4 Populace meeting and I will step down at the June 18th Business Meeting.

Thank you for letting me serve,
HL Caitlin bean Gheairait

From the Canton of Westgate

Greetings from the Canton of Westgate!

Our Hospitaller will step down at the end of July. Please apply as soon as possible by sending an application to the regional Hospitaller, with a copy to Maureen Faulkner, Alison MacCay, Lady Vasilisa, and TE Ihon and Isabeau.

We are planning our Westgate Winter (ahem) Collegium event for August 4. The theme is Bards and Garb. It will be a day of classes organized by Alden Drake (for the bardic classes) and Rondinella (for the garb-related classes). WWC 07 will feature some wonderful classes, so please plan on attending.

In Service,
Maureen, Seneschal of Westgate

STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

For those individuals who wish to serve the Barony, we have the following positions open.

- **Seneschal**-Serves the Barony by administering the day-to-day activities of the Barony. Please send resume to Lady Brenna MacDonald, Coastal Seneschal and copy the Baron and Baroness of Stargate and Lady Vasilisa.
- **A&S Minister**-Serves the Barony by coordinating the arts and sciences guilds and promoting the arts in the Barony. See article left/below for submission details.
- **Waterbearer**-Serves the Barony by organizing water and other hydrating supplies for use by the populace during Baronial events.
- **Children's Minister**-Serves the Barony by encouraging the growth and skill of the future of the SCA, the children, through activities and education.

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 Stargate Seneschal, Lady Vasilisa, at Lisa@flyinglions.com and the corresponding Regional officer. You can also contact Lady Vasilisa for more information on these positions.

Please submit your application ASAP.

Herald's Harkings

The Barony has a new Deputy Herald. Many thanks to Don Cristoforo for volunteering for the position. His contact information is on the Stargate web site and pg 10.

There will be a Heraldic Commentary meeting at the home of Herr Dietrich's home. Please bring your Heraldry books and Gazettes. Please RSVP to Herr Dietrich at Dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoo.com

In Service,
Herr Dietrich Strobelbart, Sentinel Pursuivant



Bardic Guild

The Stargate Bardic Guild will be meeting on Thursday-May 17th. No experience in Bardic arts is necessary.

The purpose of the guild is to learn and have fun. Experienced bards will be encouraged to teach pieces, and all are welcome to bring suggestions for pieces to learn. If you are interested in joining the guild, please email the guild principal, HL Alden Drake at alden_drake AT sbcglobal.net. For directions, contact Lady Mea at Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net or 713-299-6046. Everyone from the Greater Houston Area is invited to attend.

With thanks,
HL Alden Drake

Scribal Guild

Join us for Stargate Scribal Guild and paint for Kingdom and Barony.

In May, we hope to change our meeting times to include a Sunday afternoon painting time. Watch for this announcement of where and when in email blasts. So join us for painting and fun.

For more information on the guild contact Lady Mea at Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net or Lady Cristyana at Clambright2000 AT yahoo.com.

HL Mea and Lady Cristyana



Equestrian Guild

Greetings equestrians and friends,

I am writing for our Equestrian Officer and deputy. There has been much activity in the Equestrian Community Kingdom-wide. Our Kingdom Equestrian Officer, HL Bridget, is coordinating us to be more in line with Society Equestrian rules.

This has included a re-authorization process for all riders and marshals. The process for authorizing or re-authorizing can be found by contacting your local Equestrian Officer or the Kingdom Equestrian Marshal.

At Stargate Baronial, we had many riders take the field on a quest to "sack the market" (sheep and all). After much

sacking, Sir Alexis on Brooker is Stargate's newest Equestrian Champion. Congratulations Sir Alexis and thanks to former champ, HL Lorraine for her continued service on the EQ field.

In Service and for the EQ officer,
Lady Cristyana

From Around The Barony

This section is awaiting your notes, challenges, glad tidings, and joys! So fill me in with Barony, friends, and household news.

- HL Alden Drake was awarded the Star of Merit. Congrats!!
- HE Gwen McIver was awarded a Sodality of the Sentinels of Stargate.

MAY 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 <i>Loch Guardian at Camp Camwood</i> |
| 6 | 7 <i>Stargate Populace Meeting</i> | 8 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 <i>Lysts of Castleton (Austin, Tx)</i> |
| 13 <i>European Dance (NW) 2-4 pm</i> | 14 | 15 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> | 16 <i>Chivalric Armoring, 8:00 pm</i> | 17 <i>Stargate Bardic Guild 7:00-ish pm</i> | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 <i>Stargate Business Meeting</i> | 22 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 <i>Steppes Warlord (Canton, TX)</i> |
| 27 <i>European Dance (NW) 2-4 pm Madrigal Singing 4pm</i> | 28 | 29 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> | 30 | 31 | | |

Schedule of Events

- May 7-Stargate Populace Meeting, 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Meeting, location is Hope Episcopal Church at 1613 W. 43th St.
- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29-Figher Practice, 7:00 pm, location is UH main campus, site is off Cullen Rd at UH Entrance 13
- May 16-Chivalric Armoring, 8:00 pm, at Lord Vaclav's house (see page 6 for contact information)
- May 17-Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting, See us at Stargate Baronial!
- May 21-Stargate Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, location is Baron and Baroness' home (contact B&B for directions)
- May 13 & 27-European Dance (NW), 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, location Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Ln
- May 27-Madrigal Singing at their Excellencies' home, 4:00 pm
- Heraldic Consultation is by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the Herald (see pg. 10) for more information.

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.net.

Populace Meeting

The first Monday of each month from 7-9 pm, at Hope Episcopal Church (formally St. Michael's Episcopal Church) at 1613 W. 43th St. in Oak Forest. If the first Monday of a month is a public holiday, Populace will be held the second Monday. Garb is optional. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal, Lady Vasilisa, at lisa AT flyinglions.com.

Business Meeting

Stargate's Business Meeting is normally held on the third Monday of the month, at their Excellencies' house. The meeting is open to the populace, but their Excellencies request that anyone who would like to attend contact them in advance for direction (contact info on page 10).

Fighter Practice (Chivalric and Rapier)

Every Tuesday night from 7-9+ pm at the University of Houston (main campus). This is a combined chivalric and rapier practice held in conjunction with the Barony of Loch Soilleir. **Directions:** From I-45S south of I-59, exit and turn right onto Cullen, through two lights, turn left at UH Entrance 13, which is across the street from the stadium. Turn left into the parking lot, and look for us in the field next to the parking lot. It is a controlled-access faculty/staff parking lot, but is open after about 6 pm. Most practices focus on individual instruction and tournament (one-on-one) style combat, but the first Tuesday of each month is devoted to practicing melee skills and small unit tac-tics. Contact Knight Marshal for more information.

NOTE: Parking lot is open to attendees at 7:00pm, campus officers patrol the lot until that time.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal lisa AT flyinglions.com for more information

Equestrian Practice

As Tourney season is upon us with so many Equestrian activities, practice is on hold until after the season. For information on the Equestrian community in Stargate, contact Lady Annalies Pferdehirt (lcai_lcai AT yahoo.com) or HL Lorraine Fraser, CGL (mbetenbaugh AT houston.rr.com).



Guild Meetings



European Dance (NW)

Practice is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Lane, from 2 to 4 pm. For more information contact Lord Antonello del Bello at (281) 850-2443 or antonello.sca at sbcglobal dot net. Please, no calls after 10 pm. Garb is optional (most folks wear regular clothes).

European Dance (SW)

Is on a break. Please contact Mistress Perronnelle at perronnellec AT earthlink.net for more information on this guild. Garb is optional.

Madrigal and Polyphonic Singing

Practice is held every fourth Sunday at the Baron and Baroness' home starting at 4:00 p.m. No experience necessary -- sight reading helpful, but not required. For more information contact HE Master Ihon Vinson MacFergus at (713) 896-0026 or bandb.stargate AT gmail.com. Please, no calls after 10 pm. You can also check out the Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group.

Scribes Guild

Scribal Guild will see you at Baronial. In May we will be changing our meeting times to include Sundays. Watch for more information on time and place. If you have paints, please bring them. Some supplies will be provided. Site has tables BUT NO CHAIRS so bring yours. Newcomers to painting are welcome. Please contact Lady Mea Guilianna Passavanti (Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net) or Lady Cristyana Lambrecht (clambright2000 AT yahoo.com) for more information.

Weaving Guild

The Stargate Weaving Guild meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Lancaster Community Center, located at 19831 Stoney Haven Dr., Cypress, TX 77433, from 7:00 to 9:00. We actually work on an assortment of things, from weaving, sewing, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, and many other activities. If anyone is interested, they are most welcome to come. Contact Lady Annalies (lcai_lcai AT yahoo.com) for more information.

Bardic Guild

The Stargate Bardic Guild normally meets on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month at the home of Lady Mea Passavanti, from 7-9:30pm. No experience in Bardic arts is necessary. The purpose of the guild is to learn and have fun. If you are interested in joining the guild, please email the guild principal, HL Alden Drake at alden_drake AT sbcglobal.net. Everyone from the Greater Houston Area is invited to attend.

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 if you have any questions.

Workshops

Heraldic Name and Device Consultation

Heraldic Consultations will be held by appointment only. Tuesday and Thursday nights usually work best. Contact Herr Dietrich Strobelbart by phone 281-731-7726 cell or email dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoo.com.

Chivalric armoring

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 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.

The Arts

This page is dedicated to artists, bards, scientists or those who create and research. Articles in this section are here to spark the creative spirit in our readers. If you have an article, recipe, how-to's, or other show-n-tell projects, please submit them.



Our artisan for the month of May is HL Thomas atte Woode. I believe many in our Barony know our Castellan, HL Thomas. He is a tireless servant of our group, but he is also a fine woodworker. HL Thomas was commissioned by the Barony to produce new thrones for the Baron and Baroness of Stargate. What he produced is the envy of many a Baron and Baroness in our Kingdom. I encourage all to take a look at these beautiful pieces of art!



Stargate Tower Watch

From the Captain of the Watch

Greetings all,

At April's Populace, Their Excellencies announced the premier members of the Tower Watch. I would like to thank Sergeants Baroness Gwendolen McIver and Don Christoforo Antonio Passavanti, and Guards HL Thomas atte Wood,, HL Lorraine Fraser, Lady Brenna MacDonald, and Lady Alisone McCay for their willingness to serve the Baron and Baroness and the Barony of Stargate.

If you are interested in serving in the Tower Watch, there is still a need for additional guards. Application letters should be sent to Their Excellencies and me. Details on what is required in the applications can be found in the March issue of the Two Towers, or by contacting Their Excellencies or me.

The principal role of the Tower Watch is to serve as escort to Their Excellencies and such visitors to which Their Excellencies assign us. It is a good venue for persona play and service. Over the next couple months, I will be consulting with the premier members of the Watch and Their Excellencies to further develop duties, responsibilities, and other areas of participation for the Tower Watch.

I would like to thank Baroness Isabeau and Lady Cristyana Lambrecht for their work on the Tower Watch uniforms. They look very sharp. The "prototype" uniform will be worn at Baronial. Thanks also go to Lady Anne Barrington, of Barrington & Co., for providing the pattern used.

In service,
Captain Drake



Guard on Duty: At Stargate Baronial, Baroness Isabeau is being protected by Guard Lady Brenna MacDonald.

Picture by Michael Dudley. To re-print, contact Chronieler for photographer contact.

King's College & Royal Huntsman Tourney

Unto the great populace of Ansteorra do Baroness Isabeau and Lady Cristyana, event stewards of King's College, send greetings



Their Stellar Majesties Romanus and Deanna and the Barony of Stargate invites you to a day of scholarship, learning and camaraderie at King's College on June 8-10, 2007 at Camp Camwood in Hockley, TX. To that end, we are in search of Ansteorra's fine scholars and teachers. This year's format is "King's College in the Rough". You might ask, what does that mean? Those who have been to Camp Camwood know it is an "outdoor" site. Using this type of site/format not only allows for the "usually" King's College classes, but would also afford us the opportunity to include classes not normally held at an indoor site, the goal being to include as many Anteorran scholars and teachers as possible giving something of interest to everyone. We are also proud to host their Royal Highnesses, Ulsted and Ebergardis' Royal Huntsman tourney.

Class registration will begin in May so watch for email blast and check the website. The King's College website is: <http://sca.clancircle.com> . Current list of class topic includes: rapier/chiv. arts, siege weapons, pottery, dyeing, bardic, knitting, middle eastern, cooking, casting, woodworking, Equestrian, archery, C&I, and much more.

Yes, it is Stargate (Houston) in June, but we will have cooling Roman pools to cool your feet and misting temples around the site to cool the body as minds race with inspiration. Site directions are on the website and hotel information are on the website. A sideboard lunch of cold delicacies is included in your site fee. Be sure to check the website for additional information and frequently for new information as it becomes available.

So come join us for what is sure to be a day of great learning and most importantly fun.

Regards,

Event Stewards

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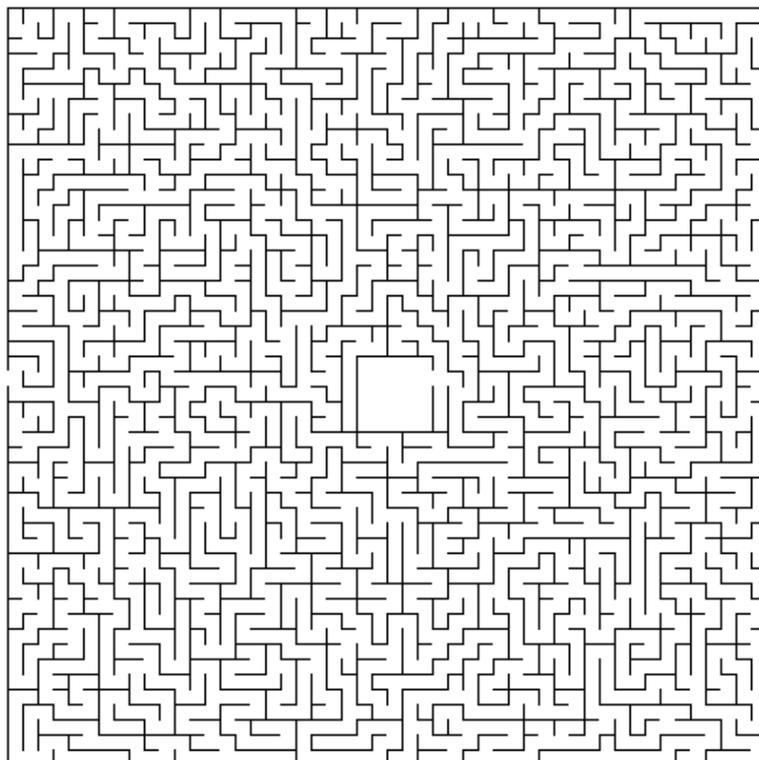
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Escape from the Center

Finish



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Children's Minister

OPEN-Accepting Applications

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. 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?

We're on the web!

[http://
stargate.ansteorra.
org/index.shtml](http://stargate.ansteorra.org/index.shtml)

Chronicler's Notes

Greetings to all!

Stargate Baronial was a blast. Thanks to our Event Steward for making it so. Also, congrats to the Feast Steward, HL Alden, and his team of cooks on a fine polish meal. If you missed it you, truly missed out. And a happy CONGRATS to all our new champions and the newest holder of the Sodality of the Sentinels of Stargate, HE Gwen.

On the horizon is King's College. Stargate is the sponsor and the schedule is filling out nicely. There is a need for coordinators, please see HE Isabeau or I if you would like to help. Thanks to all who have already offered to help!!

I am looking for an Artist of the month for June. Please submit your art or encourage others to do so. Lets celebrate the great works of our Barony. Submissions can be anything from a poem to how to create a camp bed to your favorite period recipe. Also do not forget to send me a permission to print form.

Submission Deadline: 20th of each month. Please submit either a legible hardcopy or electronic MS Word File to me or at stargate.chron AT yahoo.com. Remember to turn in a permission to print form for each of your submissions. I am open to all ideas on creating a newsletter that better serves the Barony and her populace. Let me know your ideas.

In Service,

Lady Cristyana Lambrecht

Stargate Chronicler

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