
From Our Baron and Baroness

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

What a great month! First, a most excellent combined baronial that witnessed the investiture of Caelan MacRob and Rhiannon verch Bryan, including a procession of previous Loch barons and baronesses and their very first Court. Katya and William moved toward some well deserved rest, having completed seven years in service to Kingdom and Crown. Their rest lasted all of the time it took to get from the list field to the cooking area at the main pavilion to provide a truly excellent feast. Mistress Annes and Baroness Genevieve, along with ALL of their coordinators, did the Barony proud. I hope you all had an opportunity to partake of the nobles' luncheon prepared by Lady Giselle. Wonderful! HL Eadric came to the rescue to overcome the event's only major challenge – dirty port-o-pots. It did get a bit bonny moist Sunday morning and Their Graces Rowan and Hector set up all the pavilions in their yard to dry.

We saw a small but aggressive chivalric field that produced our new champion, Lord Wayland of Durloch from Seawinds; there was keen competition on the rapier field so that at the end of the day; we welcomed Don Robin of Gilwell as rapier champion; we witnessed sharp shooting by Gulf Wars Arc d'Or Champion m'Lord David of Gates Edge who was named Archery Champion; and there were equestrian feats from our newest Champion of Horse, Lady Mirabelis Genevah Zabaneh. Our thanks to our outgoing champions who served us this past year and a special thanks to Mistress Seraphina Moslovska for once again providing our champions with personal favors featuring their area of command.

Congratulations to our award winners, outgoing Equestrian Champion Arian Ashcroft of Lincolnshire, and Dee Dee of Stargate, recipients of Golden Bridles; HL Cristyana Lambrecht, Lady Sarah Asshton of York and HL Alden Drake, recipients of Sable Talons; and HL Thomas atte Woode, who received a Sable Thistle for Calligraphy and Illumination. We also named our newest Pearl, Fedelm ni Uidhir, and newest Sentinel of the Stargate, Patrick of Kilkenny. Ansteorra greeted her newest Lord, Koet von Stuurman. Vivat! And Vivat again!

We had a wonderful time at Bordermarch's Baronial, a small laid back event. We are very pleased with the wonderful relationship we share with all our Coastal cousins.

Then there was last weekend as Stargate joined once again with the Loch, on this occasion, to wish the SCA a happy entry into AS 45. Again, another relaxed event with lots of fun with an incredible feast stewarded by HL Anne Barrington.

Now ... It's onward to June's King's College. We trust you will heed the call to help HL Thomas atte Woode, our Steward and Lady Petronia Casta qua Petra, Class Coordinator. The Crown will be present and there will be a Laurel's vigil and elevation.

WOW! We wonder what it would be like if Stargate ever got busy! We are blessed to serve this wonderful Barony!

Yours in service

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Upcoming Events & Meetings

<i>Apr. 30—May 2</i>	<i>SCA May Day Birthday Bash (Loch Soilleir & Stargate)</i>
<i>May 3</i>	<i>Busineses/Populace Meetings</i>
<i>May 8</i>	<i>Children's Books Celebration Demo</i>
<i>May 15</i>	<i>Coronation / King's Champion (Mooneschadowe) Robin Hood Demo</i>
<i>May 21-23</i>	<i>Queen's Champion (Glaslyn)</i>
<i>May 28-30</i>	<i>Steppes Warlord/Royal Huntsman (Steppes)</i>

From Our Seneschal

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

Stargate/Loch's Joint Baronial event was fantastic! Many thanks to Mistress Annes and Baroness Genevieve, as well as all their coordinators and crew, for putting on a very fine event. Baron William, HL Hedwig, and the crew from Loch Soilleir provided everyone with a fabulous feast. Their Excellencies Stargate and Loch's championships were wonderfully attended, and both baronies now have many new champions to defend our baronies, and inspire others to great feats. Vivat! to our southern neighbors' newest baron and baroness, Their Serpentine Excellencies Caelan and Rhiannon! And to Baron William and Baroness Katya, thank you for all your hard work and serving as such a fine inspiration to so many. While they are not gone, their presence on the Serpentine Thrones will be missed. Congratulations to all the new champions, and many thanks to the former champions for their service. Quite a few awards were given:

Alden Drake - Sable Talon (Chivalric Combat)
Arian Ashcroft of Lincolnshire - Golden Bridle
Caelan MacRob - Baron of Loch Soilleir
Cristyana Lambrecht - Sable Talon (Siege Weapons)
Dee Dee of Stargate - Golden Bridle
Ebergardis von Zell - Sable Talon (Siege Weapons)
Koet an Stuurmann - Award of Arms
Kolfinna in Kyrrii - Award of Arms
Modius von Mergentheim - Knight
Philippe LeChanceux - Sable Falcon
Rhiannon verch Bryan - Baroness of Loch Soilleir
Sarra Asshton of York - Sable Talon (Siege Weapons)
Thomas Atte Wood - Sable Thistle (Calligraphy and Illumination)

Congratulations to everyone!

In May, HL Anne Barrington and her feast staff will be providing a wonderful feast for the joint May Day/SCA Birthday Bash event out at Lake Houston Park. I look forward to seeing as many of you out there as possible. This event is all about having fun, so come on out and enjoy time with good friends.

HL Thomas atte Wood and Lady Petronia are well underway with preparations for King's College. Stargate is hosting the event in June at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Let's once again show the kingdom Stargate's fine hospitality and volunteer to assist HL Thomas on site, and all you artisans are highly encouraged to contact Lady Petronia about teaching classes. I'll be teaching. Will you?

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.

- **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.

Upcoming Demos

What: Children's Books Celebration Demo

When: Saturday, May 8, 2010
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Where: Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney Street, Houston, TX 77002

Check your calendars, wear your finest garb, bring your banners. Dancers, bring your music; artisans, bring your crafts; and scribes, bring your equipment and extra for the children to use. The SCA will NOT be demonstrating any martial arts at this demo.

T.A. Barron, author of the Lost Years of Merlin series, will be the featured guest. The child library patrons participating in this program will be between the ages of 8 and 12. All of the events for the day will take place inside the library. Remember that this is a public building and children will be present. Therefore, please dress modestly, avoiding excessive exposed flesh or exposed bosoms.

The library contact person, Jane McNair, and committee have asked the following from us: banners to decorate the library, two different artisans demonstrating one craft each (children will NOT be doing the craft with you), a station manned by SCAers that work on scribal things where the children would learn and practice writing their names in calligraphy.

No one has come forward yet to positively volunteer to attend the demo or to show the children how one does their craft. Please check your calendars — artisans, we need you! Please email me if you would like to help out as I will need a head count.

What: Robin Hood Demo

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010, Noon to 4 or 5 pm

Where: Lobby of Edwards Cineman, I-10 @ Silber, Houston, TX

We invite everyone to join us for all or part of the afternoon. Drop in and hang out with your friends. Show the public what we do best. Artists, bring your art; craftspeople, come demonstrate your crafts; dancers, come show some court and country dancing; singers and musicians, put forth angelic tones; chivalric and rapier fighters, all are needed to demonstrate martial art skills. We are asking for a roped-off section in which the martial arts can take place.

Archers, though there is NOT a safe location at the theatre to do any archery, please bring your bows and arrows to show the public, tell them about both target and combat archery, wear your finest garb, and shine! Robin Hood chose your weapons of war as his own.

In addition to literature about the SCA, I will bring archery equipment, leather items, and armor for a static display. I might also bring a cheap laptop to play a SCA DVD in a continuous loop. We will be asking the theatre for some tables on which to display items. If you have items to display, please bring them.

Maybe we can attend a showing of the film after the demo. It's always fun to view a period film while wearing garb!

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me if you have any questions. I am looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces at the demo. Spread the word and come join us!

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Hospitaler, Stargate
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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.

King's College (June 26)

As class coordinator for King's College, June 26th in Stargate, I'm looking for Teachers on nearly any subject to fill the day with learning. Any subject is welcome: archery, dance, music ... anything you want to teach us. I'm looking for those willing to teach advanced classes as well as beginner level courses.

This is your opportunity to educate the future of Ansteorra. All I need from you is the following information, and I'll secure a space for you to teach.

Name, both SCA and mundane, including any titles you may wish listed

Email address

Telephone number

Title of the class

Length of class

Brief description of the class

Age Range if applicable

Class Size if you plan to limit it

Class fee, (if any) and what the fee covers

Preferred time of day to teach

And any requirements for your class, (electricity, extra tables, running water, etc.)

All this information ensures you teach at your convenience, with the least amount of trouble to get there.

At your service,

Lady Petronia Casta

lorihaigh AT gmail DOT com

King's College Class Coordinator

May 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					30 <i>SCA May Day Birthday Bash (Loch Soilleir/ Stargate)</i>	1 <i>SCA May Day Birthday Bash (Loch Soilleir/ Stargate)</i>
2 <i>SCA May Day Birthday Bash (Loch Soilleir/ Stargate)</i>	3 <i>Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00/ 7:45 pm Coffee & Dessert w/ Alden & Alessandra (after meeting)</i>	4 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	5	6	7)	8)
9 <i>(Bryn Gwlad/ Bjornsborg) Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	10 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	11 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	12 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i>	13	14	15 <i>Coronation/ King's Champion (Mooreschadowe)</i>
16	17	18 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Queen's Champion (Glaslyn)</i>
23 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	24 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	25 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	26	27	28 <i>Steppes Warlord/ Royal Huntsman (Steppes)</i>	29 <i>Steppes Warlord/ Royal Huntsman (Steppes)</i>
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- May 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
- May 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
- May 10 & 24—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 903 Highland Street, Houston, TX, 77009
- May 12—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- May 9 & 23—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 Stargate's Hospitalier, Lady Ciarnat of Firethorn, at 281-693-6441 or send an email to hospitalier AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

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.

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 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. 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.

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

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.

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.

Shadowlands Inter-Group Italian Dance Practice

The Shire of Shadowlands hosts an Italian dance practice that is open to members of all groups. All skill levels are welcome. Garb is encouraged. Usually the practice is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the lobby of A&M's General Services Complex in College Station (paid parking is \$1.50). The group is currently working on Bella Gioiosa and La Vita di Cholino. For more information, please contact Mistress Perronnelle at charlene281 AT gmail DOT com..

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 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.

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?

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?



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