

Two Towers

Newsletter of The Barony of The Stargate
November 2005

From the Baron & Baroness,

To Ansteorra's premier populace do Ihon & Isabeau send greetings.

We write this on the day of Stargate's first Interested Persons meeting in recent memory. (The last one Ihon recalls was back when Ansteorra was discussing the "P" word). Tonight's meeting continues a process that began with our promises before we stepped up as Baron & Baroness to listen to the populace and your ideas for making Stargate all she can be. That promise was first kept at the June business meeting and again at the October Populace Meeting. We are excited by the energy in the populace and believe we are on the verge of a new dawn for Stargate - one that builds upon the efforts of our predecessors and serves Stargate well into the future. If you missed this meeting, fear not. This is a process that will be ongoing. Your input will be welcomed as it continues.

One request that can be implemented immediately is to let you know what events we will attend in the future. This is our immediate plan:

Battle of the Three Kings - November 11-13
Autumn Melees - November 18-20
Tourney by the Loch - December 2-4
Stargate Yule - December 10th
Steppes 12th Night - January 7th
Coronation - January 14th

Yule is right around the corner. Please answer the call to serve our co-stewards, Lady Annalies and Lady Christeina, and/or Lord Vaclav, or any of their coordinators. And please attend!

We had the privilege of representing Their Royal Majesties, Jason and Saereid, at Gate's Edge's Harvest Faire and to present some good friends much deserved recognition: to Carluccio di Baia, a Sable Thistle for Cooking, and to Engenulf de Vienville and Alesone Leslie (awarded at Queen's) their Awards of Arms. Gate's Edge offered a wonderful event with excellent hospitality and simply stunning weather. Apparently, Eadric and Iden have the ear of whatever powers control the elements.

We look forward to seeing you all at Populace, November 7th.

Grace & peace

~i&I~

B and B

From the Seneschal,

Greetings and Salutation to the people of Stargate!

I'm sitting here in this pumpkin patch contemplating the Great Pumpkin.

I know once the Great Pumpkin leaves, the Yule season will be fast approaching. I also know that many of you will be helping to make our Yule celebration a great success.

To get ready for Yule, there will be food tasting get togethers, pre feast cooking parties, and planning parties. If these activities sound like fun, join us!! The more the merrier!!! Your help will enhance everyone's celebration. Check out the Stargate website for times and dates. Oh, by the way. . . I do, I do, I DO believe in the Great Pumpkin.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Vasilisa

From the Herald,

Heraldic Consultation Night is the Second Thursday of each month.

If you want to register your name, device, or badge, this is the place to do it! This is the ONLY way to be sure that someone else will not be able to use your name, device, or badge, or even prevent YOU from using it!

If you have a time conflict, call me and I'll make an appointment to meet with you some other time. The process is easier than you might think!

If you are interested, call or email for directions.

Yours in Service,

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Dance Guild,

Classes are informal and are open to beginners and experienced dancers alike. We focus on English Country Dance primarily from Playford's first edition, Court dances, 15th and 16th century Italian dance, and French dances from Arbeau.

We meet on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 2pm - 4pm at Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly. This is near W 43rd and Ella in northwest Houston.

Contact Antonello (email antonello@integrity.com or cell 281-850-2443) for directions and inquiries.

There is also a Dance Guild in southwest Houston each Thursday night from 7pm - 9pm. Contact Perronelle for information: 281-277-4055 (no calls after 9pm).

Lord Antonello

Stargate Armorers Guild

Meets at Vaclav's shop on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8pm until 11pm. Please call ahead at 713-686-9883 to get directions and see if the meeting has been cancelled.

Metal working and leatherworking tools and armor making advice for both chivalric and rapier fighters.

All Hand tools, forge, anvil, metal punch, slip roller, leatherworking Materials available.

Vaclav

From the Virtual Scribe,

Greetings from your Virtual Scribe!

Instead of my usual plea for suggestions, links, etc., I thought I'd update you on what is now available on your Baronial website:

* **News from the Barony** - always in view on the right side of the website - 'news you can use' about current happenings in the Barony, and word fame for members of the populace who have achieved honors, as well as a link to the current issue of this publication.

* **Information on Local Gatherings** - Details, maps, and contact information for all local gatherings, including populace meetings, guild meetings, demos, and fighter practices.

* An **Event Calendar** with live links to the next two months of upcoming local and area events, as well as the occasional kingdom event of general interest, such as Gulf Wars. Local area events upcoming in the next month are also listed/linked at the bottom of the home page, for even easier access!

* **Links** to useful information on the Middle Ages and Renaissance, as well as SCA-specific links to member resources and the ACCEPS system for event registration.

* In the wake of **Hurricane Katrina**, links on the home page for those who want to help, either locally or through donations, including links for the two SCA Yahoo groups set up to coordinate activities and share information.

Okay, now that I've filled you in on some of what you can find at stargate.ansteorra.org, make your Scribe happy and send me a suggestion for a link, or content you'd like to see, or just a comment if you've got one to share! My e-mail address is at the bottom of the home page, and I'm always interested in your input!

Yours in Service
Lady Merewyn de Laugarne
Stargate Virtual Scribe

Stargate Scribes Guild:

Stargate Scribes 'Charter Paint' meetings:

Time: 7-9pm,

November 1st - Tuesday

November 15th - Tuesday

November 29th - Tuesday

Held at the Chapel of Univ. of Houston, 2nd floor lobby, adjacent to fighter practice at UH. Entrance #13 parking lot, on Cullen, between Elgin and Wheeler.

Held rain or shine, if you can 'Paint by Numbers' then you can paint charters. Bring your scribal paint supplies, or some will be provided for you. Novices welcome, SCA-garb not required. An alternate meeting location is being sought in the event the 2nd floor lobby in the chapel is used; and will be posted to the Stargate list soon.

Scribal Class: 'Mixing Paints, Shading and Tones'

Set your calendars for Nov. 6th, Sunday, 2-4pm, to learn from Lady Natalia Auvert how to mix gouach paints, mix colors for shading, tones, and complementary colors. Natalia has been training with a professional artist and will share some tips. Many scribes are novices to the art mediums of paints, so this should be a great way to gain some skills to better your scrolls.

Please let me know if you have a class to offer or a topic you are interested in for future classes.

Stargate Yule Revel is fast approaching, and there are scrolls in need of commissions. If you are interested in creating an original scroll for the Stargate Artisan prize, the Stargate Bardic prize or the Children's Artisan prize, please contact me immediately.

Additionally, I have it on good authority, that some 'Sodality of the Sentinals of the Stargate' awards maybe possible, and original scrolls will be wanted. Please advise if you are interested in a commission.

Remember, you can't get better as a scribe if you don't practice and do original work. We need your skills.

Keep Scribing,
Hillary Greenslade,
Stargate Scribes Guild Principal
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From the Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace,
I will have at November Populace a check sheet
Please get me your information unless I get information from you; you will not be included in the new domesday.

The collection of data for the next domesday has started. It will be arranged Alpha by SCA name. Please send me as much or as little info you want included. SCA Name, Mundane Name, Primary Phone, Secondary Phone, Email address, Postal address, Birthday.

*Nel servizio che rimango,
Signora Lisabetta Micola da Monte*

Notes & Challenges

Toys for Tots is looking for some volunteers to attend the tables, and provide prizes for the raffle, at various events.

Please contact me for more information.

We will be at the following events: Tourney by the Loch, Stargate Yule

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Lady Valeria Marcella Martinez vbrown@houston.rr.com

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Hygiene Kits for Disaster Relief

In coordinated efforts with GA and Meridies we are making small Hygiene kits. I am in need of donations of items or cash to purchase the items with. Please contact me for locations and further information. lisabetta@kjsl.com cell is 281-658-5687 home is 713-747-4282

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Stargate Yule

Saturday, December 10, 2005

Their Sentinel Excellencies, Master Ihon Vinson macFergus and Honorable Lady Isabeau Quiquandon invite all to the Barony of the Stargate's Yule Revel-Festival of Constantinople.

The Festival is set in 12th c. Byzantine Constantinople during a year of peace between the first and second crusade. People from many lands have traveled to the city to trade, learn of new crafts, and enjoy the grand feast.

Championships: Compete for the honor of being the Stargate's newest champions in Bardic, A&S, and Children's A&S (16 yrs and under).

Activities: Entertainers throughout the known world are invited to compete in a special competition voted on by the populace. Largess will be given to the best acts with the top three entertainers/groups competing for a grand prize basket. Classes, games, and Scribal tables will also be available to all those interested. See the Stargate website for more information.

Toys-for-Tots will also be collecting toys to be given during the holiday season. Bring an unwrapped toy and for each toy donated receive a ticket for the prize raffle.

Feast: Constantinople is a center of spice trade. Feast Stewards Lord Vaclav Namatko and Lord Kenny of Stargate are planning a feast to spice up your life! They will be mixing European, Greek, and Arabic dishes that explore the cultures of this diverse area. Feast is limited, please reserve early!!!! Site is Dry.

Site: Site opens at 10:00 am on Saturday and closes that evening at 10:00 pm.

Site fee: \$10; \$5 (age 5-12); No charge under 5 yrs; \$30 Family max.

Feast fee: \$8; \$5 age 5-12; No charge under 5 yrs Make checks payable to SCA Inc., Barony of Stargate. Pre-pay through ACCEPS. Non-members \$3 additional surcharge. No pets, expect service animals. Merchants welcome!

Directions:

Yule will be held at the Resurrection Metropolitan Church at 2025 W. 11th Street/Houston, Texas. Take I-10 (to Downtown) and exit T.C. Jester. Turn north on to T.C. Jester and turn left onto 11th street. Church is on 11th and T.C. Jester on the left (SW) corner. Map on Stargate website.

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