
From Our Seneschal

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

Stargate Yule is only one month away! In addition to our regular event activities, this year we are once again honored to host Kingdom Eisteddfod, where many of the kingdom's finest performers will compete for the honor of being the Premier Bard of Ansteorra. If you aren't entering the competition, please schedule some time to enjoy the performances. Bards from around the kingdom will be coming to compete and likely there will be people and pieces you've never heard before. So come and enjoy!

Baroness Genevieve is always in need of volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out, please get in touch with her and find out what you can do. I will be heading up feast this year, so if you're interested in being part of the kitchen crew, please contact me.

REMINDER: We will be taking up a special donation collection at December's Populace for Hope Episcopal Church, where we hold our populace meetings. Many of us contribute a few bucks each month, which we give to the church to thank them for the use of the hall. For the December donation, let's extend our charity further and show the church our appreciation during the holidays.

Applications are open for the position of Exchequer. Please talk to Lady Brenna about the office if you are interested. Applications should be sent to the Regional Exchequer and copy Lady Brenna, Their Excellencies, and me.

Applications are being sought for a new A&S Minister. Please apply to the Regional A&S Minister and copy Lady Petronia, Their Excellencies, and me.

In Service,

HL Alden Drake
Stargate Seneschal

Upcoming Events & Meetings

<i>Nov. 1</i>	<i>Business/Populace Mtgs. (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)</i>
<i>Nov. 6</i>	<i>Coronation (Shadowlands)</i>
<i>Nov. 13</i>	<i>Queen's Champion (Loch Soilleir)</i>
<i>Nov. 18-21</i>	<i>Bordermarch Autumn Melees</i>
<i>Nov. 25</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<i>Dec. 4</i>	<i>Stargate Yule & Kingdom Eisteddfod</i>
<i>Dec. 6</i>	<i>Business/Populace Mtgs. (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)</i>
<i>Dec. 11</i>	<i>Baronial College (Elfsea)</i>
<i>Dec. 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>

VIP Passes

Exciting news! Beginning in October 2010 the SCA will test a newcomer recruitment initiative that will run until July 1, 2011. During this time the SCA will include a VIP Pass in the envelopes containing membership cards sent out to the first 6,000 participants who renew their memberships. This benefit of membership allows a renewing SCA member to give a VIP Pass to a single newcomer.

The holder of the VIP Pass is exempt from paying the Non-Member Surcharge (NMS) for their first three events they attend while exploring the SCA. The VIP Pass is not a free admission to an SCA event; it simply excuses the Pass holder from paying the NMS.

At the third event, these passes will be collected by Gate personnel and sent on to the SCA NMS deputy. The SCA will then follow up with these newcomers with membership literature. Instructions for handling the VIP Pass at Troll/Gate can be found at both the Society Exchequer and Corporate Treasurer websites at <http://www.sca.org/officers/exchequer/> and <http://www.sca.org/officers/treasurer/>.

To validate the Pass, the newcomer must fill it out, sign and date it at Gate at the first event they attend. Passes are good until redeemed fully at a total of three events. Each pass can be used only by the single newcomer whose name is put on it at the time of the first use. Passes are not transferable. All VIP Passes expire on July 1, 2011.

The VIP Pass is meant for use only by first time newcomers, not for folks who are current or past members of the SCA. The VIP Pass is NOT valid for the following Inter-Kingdom events: Pennsic War, Gulf Wars, Estrella War, Lilies War and Great Western War. At these events, newcomers must still pay the NMS.

As the Society is based on the concepts of honor and Chivalry, it is assumed that the good gentles using the VIP Pass will not seek to abuse the hospitality of the SCA. Any person abusing the system will be subject to sanctions.

If you have additional questions please email chatelaine@sca.org or exchequer@sca.org.

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

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Box 360789
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You may also email comments@lists.sca.org.

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SCA Census 2010

There is a project that impacts future of the SCA in a very real way. It is the SCA Census 2010 project.

The SCA Census 2010 Committee was asked by the Board of Directors to develop a census-level survey to help the SCA to move forward into the next decade; to identify, address and work on current issues; to gain a deeper understanding into what makes the SCA what it is today; and to delve into the reasons for joining, remaining in, and leaving the SCA.

So far we have heard from over 10,000 past and present participants, a good first step. Of these 10,000, only 1000 are folks who no longer participate in the SCA. We need to hear from you all, especially the folks that no longer actively participate. We would ask each of you, if able, reach out to those past participants who left the SCA and ask their assistance by taking this survey.

The only way we can understand what is important is by hearing from you, so please take the time to complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCA2010Census or visit www.sca.org.

The Survey will remain open until December 1st. Once the data collection is completed, the results of this survey will be made available on the SCA 2010 Census website. Be assured that the survey data collected or published will remain completely anonymous and will not be sold or shared beyond this survey's purpose. You will never be asked for information that will identify you.

If you would like to learn more about the SCA 2010 Census, if you have questions or ideas about the project, please contact the committee at scacensus2010@sca.org.

With your help we can create an SCA which will last another 4 decades.

Sincerely,

Erik Langhans, Director, SCA Inc.
(Sir Modius von Mergentheim, KSCA, OL, OP)
On Behalf of the SCA 2010 Census Committee
www.sca.org/scacensus2010

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Breakdown by Kingdom — Approx. 10,000 completed surveys

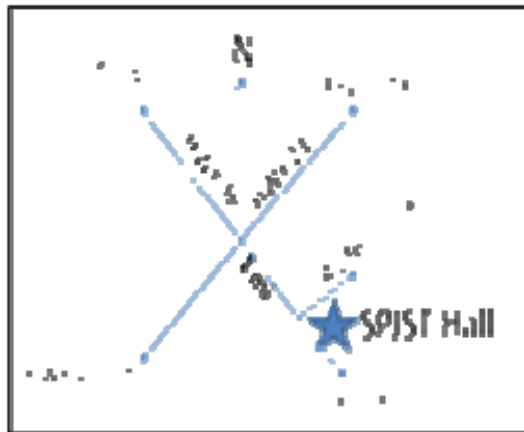
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The Shire of the Shadowlands presents
CORONATION IN THE CAPITAL

November 6, 2010 at the SPJST Hall, Caldwell, TX
(30.516058, 96.604537)

Come gather in the mead hall to celebrate the coronation of
ULSTED & EBERGARDIS



Directions: From the intersection of TX-21 and TX-36 in Caldwell, TX. Go south 1 mile on TX-36. The site is on the left at Rodeo Dr.

- *Site opens 8 AM to 10 PM. *Chairs and tables provided.
- *Alcohol allowed. *Merchants please contact
- *No pets allowed. the event stewards to
- reserve space.

09 AM: King's Champion Tournament

11 AM: Feasting begins

Activities include Court, silent auction, feasting, games, feasting, Great Officers meeting, feasting, and Court.

Fees (site and feast included): Adults (ages 18 and up) - \$16.00; NMS - \$5; Minors (ages 10 to 17) - \$8.00; Child (<10) - Free; ACCEPS available through 11/1/10.

Event Stewards

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Lady Morina O'Donovan
Renee Pitcock
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More information may be found online at <http://theshadowlands.austonia.org/coronation>

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents. Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. - Shire of the Shadowlands.

Upcoming Events

Here is some information about events that are local, are within a four hour drive from Stargate (the greater Houston metropolitan area), or have particular significance for Stargaters.

What: Coronation in the Capital

When: November 6, 2010

Where: Shire of the Shadowlands (Brywn/College Station, TX) at SPJST Hall, Caldwell, TX

What's happening: TRM Jean Paul de Sens and Gilyan Clonmacnoise will step down from the throne and HRH Ulsted the Unsteady and Ebergardis von Zell will be crowned the new King and Queen of Ansteorra; a chivalric tournament will be held to determine the new King's Champion; feast will be served in multiple courses spanning the entire day; there will be merchants and a table for charter painting.

About the site: Court and feast will be inside the hall; restrooms are indoors; alcohol is allowed; no pets are allowed; chairs and tables are provided.

For more information: <http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/coronation/>

What: Queen's Champion

When: November 12-14, 2010

Where: Barony of Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX) at Camp Camwood, Hockley, TX

What's happening: A rapier tournament will be held to determine the new Queen's Champion; a sideboard lunch is included in the site fee; there will be a meeting of the Order of the White Scarves of Ansteorra.

About the site: Camping available; portable chemical toilets; potable running water at main pavilion; large permanent pavilion with electric lighting; site is wet for beer and wine only (in period containers); no pets (service animals welcome); trash must be carried off site.

For more information: <http://loch-soilleir.ansteorra.org/queens2010.html>

What: Bordermarch Autumn Melees

When: November 18-21, 2010

Where: Barony of Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX) at Border Keep of Jones Country, Colmesneil, TX

What's happening: Ansteorra welcomes Gleann Abhann for fighting and revelry. Chivalric and Rapier melees with Combat Archery and Siege Weapons; Baronial championships for Bardic (adult & youth) and Target Archery (adult & youth); Rapier Cut & Thrust tournament; InterKingdom Brewers competition; hafla (Middle Eastern dancing and music); Equestrian activities; classes; children's activities; merchants; taverns (bring your own feast gear); Centurion's Circle; Arc d'Or Circle; Golden Lance Circle.

About the site: Camping available; spigots with potable water at camp sites; limited number of RV hook-ups and camp sites with electricity; flush toilets & portable chemical toilets; showers with hot water; potable water on site; ground fires allowed only in fire ring area (unless burn ban in effect); alcoholic beverages permitted in period containers; pets on leash allowed (pick up after them); owners of horses must provide proof of negative Coggins.

For more information: <http://www.bordermarch.org/Melees/index.html>

November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00 / 7:45 pm</i> <i>Coffee & Dessert w/ Alden & Alessandra (after meeting)</i>	2 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Coronation—Shadowlands</i>
7	8	9 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	10 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i>	11	12 <i>Queen's Champion Tournament—Loch Soilleir</i>	13 <i>Queen's Champion Tournament—Loch Soilleir</i>
14 <i>Queen's Champion Tournament—Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	15 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	16 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	17	18 <i>Bordermarch Autumn Melees — Bordermarch</i>	19 <i>Bordermarch Autumn Melees — Bordermarch</i>	20 <i>Bordermarch Autumn Melees — Bordermarch</i>
21 <i>Bordermarch Autumn Melees — Bordermarch</i>	22	23 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	26	27
28 <i>Arts Sunday at St. Giles?</i> <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	29 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	30 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	1	2	3	4 <i>Stargate Yule & Kingdom Eisteddfod</i>

- Oct. 4—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
- Oct. 4—Coffee & Dessert with Alden & Alessandra, after Business/Populace Meeting, at IHOP, 13388 Northwest Fwy
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Chivalric & Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- Oct. 11 & 25—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the home of HL Mea Passavanti
- Oct. 6—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- Oct. 10 & 24—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

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. Loane 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 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.

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 Mea Passavanti, 1425 Waseca, Houston, TX 77055. For more information, join the Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group and/or contact HL Mea at mea DOT passavanti 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?



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 chronicler AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

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