

Two Towers

November 2009

From Our Baron and Baroness

From Ansteorra's premier populace do Baron Ihon and Baoness Isabeau send their best wishes and felicitations.

We had a most enjoyable time with our good friends at Lochtoberfest. The competitions had some interesting scenarios and Ihon got to participate in the Witches Quest as the "wise woman" who removed curses. Our congratulations to HL Alden Drake, Loch's new Bard and Premier Novice Brewer. Their Graces Ulstead and Ebergardis prepared an outstanding German feast with a variety of sausages and krauts and some truly delicious desserts. Their Graces were aided by HL Cristyana and Lady Sarra.

We also enjoyed Bryn Gwlad's 30th Anniversary event. It was interesting to see some of the old-timers back again, including Her Excellency Bryn Gwlad. You really missed something if you didn't get a chance to see Mistress Kasilda's teaspoon. The highlight for us was former Stargate Champion ochlann Dunn's knighting.

Thanks to everyone who is getting behind our effort to make things in Stargate more fun and meaningful. An especial thanks to Mistress Annes and her bookmark project and to all who have come forward to support the hospitality tent at BAM.

Yule is a little over a month away. We still haven't heard whether Eisteddfod will be part of our event but we should know soon. Please add your support to Lady Lorien and Ysaulte in whatever areas they need.

Bids are due by the next populace meeting for Baronial in April. This year, we will host the baronial competitions and Loch Soilleir will prepare the feast. We may be joined by Bordermarch, making this a truly colossal event.

Yours in service,

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Lord & Lady of Stargate and Westgate

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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| <i>Nov. 2</i> | <i>Business/Populace Meeting (7:00/7:45pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)</i> |
| <i>Nov. 7</i> | <i>Coronation/King's Champion (Eldern Hills/Brad Leah)</i> |
| <i>Nov. 14</i> | <i>Queen's Champion (Northkeep)</i> |
| <i>Nov. 19-22</i> | <i>Bordermarch Autumn Melees (Bordermarch)</i> |
| <i>Nov. 26</i> | <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> |
| <i>Dec. 5</i> | <i>Stargate Yule (Stargate)</i> |
| <i>Dec. 7</i> | <i>Business/Populace Meeting (7:00/7:45pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)</i> |
| <i>Dec. 11</i> | <i>Hanukkah begins</i> |
| <i>Dec. 12</i> | <i>Guardian of the Gauntlet/Yule Revel (Bryn Gwlad/Ffynnon Gath)</i> |
| <i>Dec. 25</i> | <i>Christmas Day</i> |

From Our Seneschal

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

October was a very active event month for many of us. At Bjornsborg's Ursae-Lyons event, Sir Godwin of Edington was named one of the eight champions, fighting for the Lyon field. Well done, Sir Godwin! At Bryn Gwlad's 30th Anniversary event, Stargate's former champion, Lochlan Dunn was elevated to the Order of Chivalry. Congratulations Sir Lochlan! Both of these events had beautiful weather and wonderful attendance from Stargate. Unfortunately, Lady Alessandra and I were out of kingdom when Gate's Edge held their Harvest Faire, but I did hear that Baron Ihon is the newest Titled Bard, HL Leofwine is the new Thrown Weapons Champion, and Lord Charles Fraser is the newest Equestrian Champion of the shire. Vivat to all and well done!

November brings Coronation, Queen's Champion, and Bordermarch Autumn Melees. If you are travelling to these events, travel safe and consider carpooling. Coronation and Queen's Champion are quite a ways distant, and good company on a road trip does wonders to help pass the time. Also, please don't forget, the Barony is hosting a hospitality pavilion at BAM. Baron Ihon is coordinating this effort and volunteers will be needed to help serve soup and a variety of tasty morsels. Anyone who wants to help should contact His Excellency.

Now is the time to send in bids for the Baronial event! As before, this will be a joint effort with the Barony of Loch Soilleir. Bids should be sent to Their Excellencies and me. We're also available for anyone who has questions about this event. The deadline for Baronial bids is December 7 (Stargate Populace).

In Service,
HL Alden Drake
Stargate Seneschal

From the Minister of Children

I am planning (with the permission of the event stewards) to have some activities for children at Stargate Yule. If you or your children have any suggestions, they would be appreciated. Decorating cookies and making ornaments will be included, along with the dreidel game. My big wooden castle will probably make an appearance. I am trying to come up with some seasonal songs that are not explicitly religious. Would anyone be offended by "Good King Wenceslaus"? Following HE Gwen's previous example, we will plan to have a coloring book and crayons for children attending the event.

My email is pdkrieke AT sbcglobal DOT net. My home phone is 281-856-0118 (no calls after 9:00 pm please).

Thank you!

Fidelm ni Uidhir
Stargate Minister of Children

STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

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

- **Historian**
Serves the Barony by recording happenings and collecting and displaying memorabilia from its history.
- **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.

Meeting Minutes—October Populace

Newcomers: None

Wordfame:

Three Queens: Baron Ihon won the bardic competition; Don Caelan MacRob was elevated to the Order of the White Scarf

Defender of the Fort: Lady Brenna MacDonald competed in her first equestrian competition; HL Mea Passavanti won the title of Ravenskald; Mistress Annes Clotilde von Bamberg won the banner competition.

Baron & Baroness: B&B went to Three Queens, where Baron Ihon won the bardic competition for Duchess Ebergardis. Thanks were given to everyone who has so far volunteered to help with the hospitality pavilion for Bordermarch Autumn Melees. There will be several soups, ginger bread, brownies, bread and butter, and anything anyone else would like to contribute. Their Excellencies will be at events all month.

Seneschal (Alden): Gave update on baronial improvement projects. Still need more volunteers for:

- Social Committee
- Bookmarks
- Annual Participation Raffle
- Belt Favors

Exchequer (Brenna): Will be working on the budget this month and next month. If you run a guild and need a budget update, see Lady Brenna.

Chronicler (Anne): HL Anne published her first Two Towers. It will be updated before posting to the website. She is approaching people to get submissions/articles. Looking for anyone to send her wordfame, event stories, personal recollections, articles, artwork, etc.

Herald (Bernard): Absent

Hospitaler (Ciarnat): BP wind energy promotion – Ciarnat and Leofwine wrote SCA advertisements (as part of a BP sponsored activity) on windmill blades that would be trucked across state. She is looking for silverware for newbie gift baskets.

Knight Marshal (Acting) (Godwin): Absent

MOAS (Thomas): Absent

Rapier Marshal (Corvin): Practice is still happening. There were 2 practices last month in Friendswood; 2 others were rained out.

Equestrian Marshal (Lorraine): Absent

Minister of Children (Fedelm): Absent

Castellan (Godwin): Absent

Historian (Open for Applications): Vacant

Scribe (Hillary): Absent

Virtual Scribe (Merewyn): Domesday form will be updated to website. Officers, please send a suitable photo of you to be uploaded to the officers' webpage.

Guilds: Scribes will not meet on second Sunday this month. Will be on Oct 25 – beginning calligraphy and charter painting.

Event: Yule (12/5/09) [Lorien & Lauren]

Black Star ad is in. Financial information being sent for Eisteddfod bid. Needing someone to coordinate the costume contest. Will need volunteers for set-up and decorations. Will send website info to Merewyn.

Event: Baronial (4/16-18/10)

Open for bids. Anyone interested should contact Their Excellencies and HL Alden.

Other Business: N/A

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 you'd like to illustrate articles!

Please send your contributions to the Stargate Chronicler, HL Anne Barrington, at stargate DOT chron AT yahoo DOT com.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <i>Stargate Business Meeting</i> 7:00 pm <i>Stargate Populace Meeting</i> 7:45 pm	3 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	4	5	6	7 <i>Coronation/</i> <i>King's Champion</i> <i>(Eldern Hills/Brad Leab)</i>
8 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild</i> 5:30 pm <i>Equestrian Practice</i> 5:00 pm	9 Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm	10 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	11 <i>West Houston Lunch</i> <i>Bunch 11:30 am</i>	12	13	14 <i>Queen's Champion</i> <i>(Northkeep)</i>
15	16	17 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	18	19 <i>Bordermarch Autumn</i> <i>Melees (BAM)</i> <i>(Bordermarch)</i>	20 <i>BAM (Bordermarch)</i>	21 <i>BAM (Bordermarch)</i>
22 <i>BAM (Bordermarch)</i> <i>Stargate Scribal Guild</i> 5:30 pm <i>Equestrian Practice</i> 5:00 pm	23 Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm	24 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27	28
29	30	1 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir</i> <i>Rapier Practice</i> 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5 <i>Stargate Yule</i>

- Nov. 2—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
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- Nov. 8 & 22—Equestrian Guild, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbe-low Rd., Needville, TX 77461
- Nov. 9 & 23—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm, at the home of HL Andrew Scarhart, 903 Highland St., Houston, TX 77009
- Nov. 11—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- Nov. 8 & 22—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 Lady Ciarnat of Firethorn at 281-693-6441 or send an email to dragonlaw1 AT nww DOT net.

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 stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com.

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 University of Houston has informed us that we are not allowed to use the site we've been using for fighter practice. **Until further notice, the Tuesday evening armored combat practice is on hiatus.** We hope to have an alternative, possibly including the forming of a student group at UH, or finding a different location for the weekly Loch/Stargate fighter practice. If there are any questions or suggestions, please contact the Acting Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at djurgens AT swbell DOT net.

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

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. Practices are usually held twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Equestrian Marshal's farm, Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbelow Rd, Needville, TX, 77461. For more information and to verify the date and time of the next meeting, please contact the Equestrian Marshal, HL Lorraine Fraser, at 832-646-6162.

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 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 available in 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. 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?



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