

# Two Towers

October 2010

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## From Our Baron and Baroness

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Greeting to the Populace of Stargate,

Here we are only two short months from Yule. Where has the year gone? With that in mind, Baroness Genevieve is our Event Stewart for Yule with a theme of holly and ivy. She has most of her staff assembled but we know she would greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer. The Crown will be in attendance and there will be a Pelican Circle. We look forward to see you.

Congratulations to Sir Karl and Mistress Kasilda who were granted an Augmentation of Arms from TRM at Three Commanders. Well deserved. VIVAT!!

Stargate will again host hospitality at BAM this year. The following people have agreed to cook: Lady Maria, Lady Isolde, HL Caitlin (the Celt), Lady Maureen, Baroness Genevieve, HL Ciarnat, HE Ihon and me. Thank you.

Stargate, along with the all the Baronies of Ansteorra, will offer hospitality on Tuesday after opening ceremonies at Gulf Wars XX. More information will be forthcoming in the months to come.

This month, Arts 4th Sunday is on October 24th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5900 Pinemont. Bring your arts project and join us for an afternoon of fun and the company of good friends.

Warm regards,

Ihon & Isabeau  
Baron & Baroness

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### Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Oct. 1-3 Battle of 3 Commanders (Rosenfeld)*
- Oct. 4 Business/Populace Mtgs. (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)*
- Oct. 8-10 Gate's Edge Fall Event (Gate's Edge)*
- Oct. 15-17 The Judgment of Paris (Bjornsborg)*
- Oct. 22-24 War of Ages (Ffynnon Gath)*
- Oct. 29-31 A Celebration of Virtues (Bryn Gwlad)*
- Nov. 1 Business/Populace Mtgs. (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)*
- Nov. 6 Coronation (Shadowlands)*
- Nov. 13 Queen's Champion (Loch Soilleir)*
- Nov. 18-21 Bordermarch Autumn Melees*
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day*
- Dec. 4 Stargate Yule*

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## From Our Seneschal

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

September is a busy month on the Kingdom Calendar, as the summer winds down and the autumn event season begins to pick up. Close to home, the Barony of Raven's Fort will be holding their Defender event the weekend of the 17-19th and Loch Soilleir will be hosting Lochtoberfest the 24-26th. I hope to see many Stargaters supporting our good neighbors!

Bids for Stargate Yule were due August 31. The financial committee will be reviewing the bids received and will announce our decision as soon as we can to get the ball rolling for Yule. It's only 3 months away! I would like to encourage everyone to step up and volunteer to make it a fantastic event.

September Populace is going to be on September 13th, due to the first Monday being a holiday (Labor Day). Be sure to mark your calendars!

Lastly, I am still looking for ideas of fun activities we can do as a group. These can be SCA activities or non-SCA things. Email me any ideas you have and let's plan an activity!

In Service,

HL Alden Drake  
Stargate Seneschal

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## Silent Auction at Gate's Edge Celtic Harvest Faire

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At the upcoming Gate's Edge Celtic Harvest Faire & Royal Huntsman Tournament (October 8-10, 2010), Cynthia of Gate's Edge, Ciarnat of Firethorn, and Leofwine of Summersaetum will be hosting a silent auction. Engenulf de Vienville's son Brendan is in transition as a patient at Texas Children's Hospital and TIRR (a rehabilitation facility). Brendan has been afflicted with life-threatening conditions in conjunction with a serious incident that occurred in June 2010. He has been hospitalized since then and is currently a patient at both previously mentioned medical facilities. The proceeds of this silent auction will go to Engenulf to assist with the payment of his son's medical expenses.

How you can help? Please look in all of your closets, garages, cabinets, beneath beds, and in attics and storage rooms for items you can donate to the silent auction. Look for items that SCAers would like to purchase. We have many newcomers entering our area and they could use any of your surplus items. Please e-mail Cynthia (cymills@baronbows.com) or Ciarnat (ciarnat@consolidated.net) with a list of the items so we can begin to prepare auction sheets to accompany the donated items. Then, please bring the donated items to the Gate's Edge event. Find the tables we will have set up for the silent auction and one or more of us will help you locate the auction sheets with your item's description printed on them.

Early thanks for any and all help in this project!

With a grateful spirit and in service,

Ciarnat of Firethorn

## 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.**

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## VIP Passes

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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](mailto:chatelaine@sca.org) or [exchequer@sca.org](mailto:exchequer@sca.org).

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

SCA Inc.  
Box 360789  
Milpitas, CA 95036

You may also email [comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:comments@lists.sca.org).

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# SCA Census 2010

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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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCA2010Census) or visit [www.sca.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.sca.org/scacensus2010)

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

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## Breakdown by Kingdom — Approx. 10,000 completed surveys

363 Aethelmearc Member Participants 269 Non Member Participants 40 Not Current Participants 54	847 East Member Participants 555 Non Member Participants 135 Not Current Participants 157
823 Ansteorra Member Participants 541 Non Member Participants 119 Not Current Participants 163	220 Gleann Abhann Member Participants 171 Non Member Participants 25 Not Current Participants 24
1079 An Tir Member Participants 767 Non Member Participants 155 Not Current Participants 157	555 Lochac Member Participants 388 Non Member Participants 87 Not Current Participants 80
170 Artemisia Member Participants 124 Non Member Participants 27 Not Current Participants 19	498 Meridies Member Participants 345 Non Member Participants 80 Not Current Participants 73
424 Atenveldt Member Participants 304 Non Member Participants 46 Not Current Participants 74	839 Middle Member Participants 589 Non Member Participants 101 Not Current Participants 149
824 Atlantia Member Participants 581 Non Member Participants 99 Not Current Participants 144	493 Northshield Member Participants 297 Non Member Participants 44 Not Current Participants 152
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336 Drachenwald Member Participants 241 Non Member Participants 57 Not Current Participants 38	496 West Member Participants 343 Non Member Participants 85 Not Current Participants 68
284 Ealdormere Member Participants 174 Non Member Participants 37 Not Current Participants 73	

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*Celtic Harvest Festival*  
*&*  
*Royal Huntsman Tournament*

**October 8-10, 2010**

The Shire of Gate's Edge invites you to our annual Faire to celebrate the harvest and select our Champions. Champions will be chosen for the following endeavors:

Archery	Arts & Sciences	Armored Combat
Bardic Arts	Thrown Weapons	Rapier Combat

A Faire Champion will also be chosen. The Faire Champion will be chosen from those participants who enter at least 4 of the individual competitions.

At the pleasure of Their Royal Highnesses, Ulsted and Ebergardis, a tournament shall be held to select their Royal Huntsman.

Herr Dietrich Strobelbart promises a delicious feast. Feast is limited so reservations are encouraged. To reserve feast please pay via ACCEPS.

Site fee is \$10 for adults, ages 6 – 12 is \$5, and children 5 and under are free. There is a family maximum of \$30 for site fees. Feast fee is \$9. There is a \$5 Non-member surcharge without proof of membership. Make checks payable to SCA Inc. / Shire of Gates Edge. 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. Site opens 5 PM Friday and closes at Noon Sunday.

Our site is again beautiful Camp Camwood in the rural Magnolia/Hockley area. Beer and Wine are allowed in period containers only. Pets are NOT allowed, service animals only.

Directions: From Tomball take FM2920 west approx. 8 miles to Roberts Cemetery Road. Turn Right on Roberts Cemetery and go 3 miles to the STOP sign. Turn Left on Magnolia/Nichols Sawmill Road and go 1.5 miles to the entrance on Right.

For more information, maps, and directions please see the Shire web pages at <http://gatesedge.ansteorra.org>

**Event Steward**

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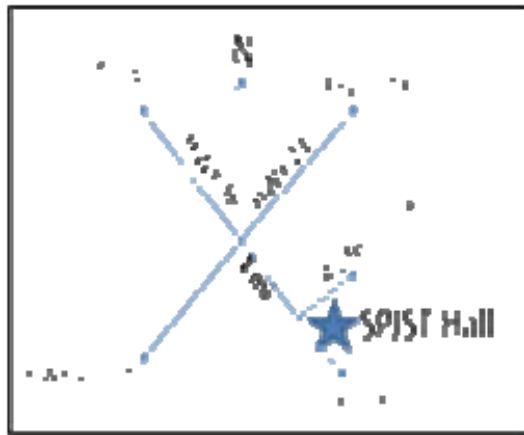
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The Shire of the Shadowlands presents  
**CORONATION IN THE CAPITAL**

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 the event stewards to reserve space.
- \*No pets allowed.

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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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 parent. Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. - Shire of the Shadowlands.

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## Upcoming Events

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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.

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What: Battle of Three Commanders

When: October 1-3, 2010

Where: Shire of Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX) at Hawkins RV Park, Hawkins, TX

What's happening: HE Don Robert MacPharland, OP, is one of the three commanders (Sir Francis Drake) leading troops into battle with scenarios for Chivalric and Rapier Combat, Combat Archery, Equestrian, target shooting, Bardic, A&S; no feast

About the site: Camping available; portable chemical toilets; permanent restroom facility with showers; running water in various locations

For more information: <http://battleof3commanders.com/>

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What: Celtic Harvest Festival and Royal Huntsman Tournament

When: October 8-10, 2010

Where: Shire of Gate's Edge (N Houston, TX) at Camp Camwood, Hockley, TX

What's happening: Champions will be chosen for Archery, Armored Combat, Arts & Sciences, Bardic Arts, Rapier Combat, and Thrown Weapons; Royal Huntsman Tournament (target archery); feast available; children's activities; silent auction to raise funds for medical expenses of member's son

About the site: Camping available; portable chemical toilets; potable running water at main pavilion; large permanent pavilion with electric lighting

For more information: <http://gatesedge.ansteorra.org>

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What: The Judgment of Paris

When: October 15-17, 2010

Where: Barony of Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX) at Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, Seguin, TX

What's happening: Pas d'Armes (judged chivalric tournament); A&S competition; evening tavern; pumpkin carving contest (pumpkins will be supplied, bring your own carving tools); breakfast/lunch tavern on Saturday; feast available for Saturday evening; Ansteorran Longship Company breakfast on Sunday morning for \$5 donation

About the site: Camping available; flush toilets; showers with hot water; potable water on site; large covered pavilion with lights and electricity; fires permitted in above ground contained pits; alcoholic beverages permitted in period containers; pets on leash allowed (pick up after them)

For more information: <http://luridmusestudios.com/SCA/BaronialWeb/JudgementFallEvent/default.htm>

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## Upcoming Events (continued)

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What: War of Ages

When: October 22-24, 2010

Where: Shire of Ffynnon Gath (Central Texas) at Sherwood Forest Faire, McDade, TX (35 miles east of Austin)

What's happening: Chivalric melees; rapier melees; A&S competition; bardic competition; feast available; tavern available; subtleties competition during feast; Centurion circle.

About the site: Camping available in designated areas; parking rules strictly enforced; no ground fires permitted; tiki torches are permitted; pets not allowed, must provide documentation for service animals; horses are permitted, must be SCA equestrian authorized to ride; one set of showers available; portable chemical toilets available; alcoholic beverages permitted in period containers.

For more information: [http://ffynnon-gath.ansteorra.org/woa/Site\\_Info.html](http://ffynnon-gath.ansteorra.org/woa/Site_Info.html)

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What: Celebration of Virtue

When: October 29-31, 2010

Where: Barony of Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX) at Castleton on Lake Austin

What's happening: Baronial championships for chivalric, rapier, archery, and equestrian; feast available; White Scarf circle.

About the site: Camping available; pets allowed on leash; horses are permitted, must provide proof of negative Coggins test; hot water showers; portable chemical toilets; potable running water; limited number of electric outlets; alcoholic beverages permitted in period containers.

For more information: <http://www.bgevents.org/>



# October 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	1 <i>Battle of 3 Commanders— Rosenfeld (Tyler)</i>	2 <i>Battle of 3 Commanders— Rosenfeld (Tyler)</i>
3 <i>Battle of 3 Commanders— Rosenfeld (Tyler)</i>	4 <i>Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00/7:45 pm Coffee &amp; Dessert w/ Alden &amp; Alessandra (after meeting)</i>	5 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	6 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i>	7	8 <i>Celtic Harvest Festival &amp; Royal Huntsman Tournament—Gate's Edge</i>	9 <i>Celtic Harvest Festival &amp; Royal Huntsman Tournament—Gate's Edge</i>
10 <i>Celtic Harvest Festival &amp; Royal Huntsman Tournament—Gate's Edge Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	11 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	12 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	13	14	15 <i>Judgment of Paris— Bjornsborg (Seguin, TX)</i>	16 <i>Judgment of Paris— Bjornsborg (Seguin, TX)</i>
17 <i>Judgment of Paris— Bjornsborg (Seguin, TX)</i>	18	19 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	20	21	22 <i>War of Ages—Ffynnon Gath (Central TX)</i>	23 <i>War of Ages—Ffynnon Gath (Central TX)</i>
24 <i>War of Ages—Ffynnon Gath (Central TX) Arts Sunday at St. Giles? Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	25 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	26 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric &amp; Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	27	28	29 <i>Celebration of Virtues— Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)</i>	30 <i>Celebration of Virtues— Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)</i>
31 <i>Celebration of Virtues— Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)</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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Youth Rapier Practice**

Please contact the Seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com for more information.

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## Workshops

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### **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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

**Baron and Baroness**

Their Excellencies  
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Mistress Isabeau Quiquandon  
John & Terri Hirling  
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**Herald**

Lord Bernard ben Moshe ha Kohen, Sentinel Pursuivant  
Bernard Rich  
713-838-0594 (no calls Sun through Thurs from 7:30-10 PM)  
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