

From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings unto our wonderful Populace!

August is gone already and with it (hopefully) the worst of the heat! This past month we enjoyed our trip to Pennsic in spite of a few “technical difficulties”, Robert taught at Steppes Artisan/Central Region Academy of the Rapier, then travelled to Trimaric Coronation to support his knight, and Simone joined the Ansteorran contingent at Dragon*Con. We look forward to hearing stories and reports of your travels this past month, especially those of you who went to LPT or the Last Gothic.

Now that September is here we all need to take a deep breath and get ready for Tourney Season! Hopefully all of you have been honing your fighting skills at our practice in Memorial Park (2nd and 4th Sundays starting at 10am), or joining the Gate’s Edge folks at Meyer Park (1st and 3rd Sundays starting at 10am), or visiting the Loch practice at Centennial Park (Tuesdays starting at 7pm). We look forward to seeing your deeds of prowess on the fighting fields!

Our travels this month were set to start with Bring Out Your Dead, hosted by the Shire of Gate’s Edge, but they had to cancel their event due to the raging wildfires licking around the edges of the event site, and even around some of their homes! I know it was a hard decision for them to make since they have been working so very hard to make it an awesome event but with the safety of so many at stake - it really was the right choice and we applaud them for it. We hope that all the Shire folk pass through this current danger unharmed and we look forward to attending BOYD when it gets rescheduled. Please join us at that time so we can all show our support for the Shire that helps us so much!

So - barring any other catastrophes - here is where we plan on being the next month or so:

- 9/17 Defender of the Fort, at the Stones in Raven’s Fort
- 9/24 Championships of Bryn Gwlad, at the village of Castleton
- 10/1 Coronation/King’s Champion, in Burnet
- 10/8 Lochterfest! hopefully at Camp Camwood (depending on fire and vandals)
- 10/15 Legacy of Lions 35th Anniversary, in Seguin

We will be bringing out the Baronial Pavilion so that we all have a home base during the day. Please join us for setting it up, taking it down, and filling it with camaraderie all the time in between!

We look forward to seeing you all out and about!

Robert and Simone
Baron and Baroness of Stargate

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- Sept. 12 Business/Populace Meetings (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)*
- Sept. 16-18 Defender of the Fort (Barony of Raven’s Fort, Huntsville, TX)*
- Sept. 23-25 Bryn Gwlad Fall Event (Barony of Bryn Gwlad, Austin, TX)*
- Oct. 1 Coronation/King’s Champion (Burnet, TX)*
- Oct. 7-9 Lochterfest (Barony of Loch Soilleir, Camp Camwood, Hockley, TX)*
- Oct. 14-16 Legacy of Lions 35th Anniversary (Barony of Bjornsborg, Seguin, TX)*
- Oct. 22 Queen’s Champion (Stronghold of Hellsgate, Killeen/Ft. Hood, TX)*
- Oct. 28-30 Seawinds Defender (Shire of Seawinds, Corpus Christi, TX)*

Who are we?

The Barony of the Stargate is a local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA), within the Coastal Region 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?

We're on the Web at:

<http://www.stargate.ansteorra.org>

We're also on Facebook as
Barony of Stargate.

Join our email list at:

<http://lists.ansteorra.org/listinfo.cgi/stargate-ansteorra.org>

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Meetings

Business & Populace Meetings

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, Lady Nicolet Deuville at seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org.

Newcomer's Meetings

Newcomer's meetings provide information about 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, HL Ciarnat of Firethorn, at 281-693-6441, or send an email to hospitalier@stargate.ansteorra.org.

Practices—Martial Activities

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 Stargate Seneschal, Lady Nicolet Deuville at seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org.

Stargate Practice in the Park

There will be both Chivalric and Rapier practice in Memorial Park on August 14 and 28, 2011, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Loaner armor/gear is available upon request. For more information, please contact the Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org or the Acting Rapier Marshall, Lord Collwyn O'Snodwon, at rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org.

Stargate / Loch Soilleir 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. Loaner armor/gear is available upon request. Additional/alternate practice opportunities may be arranged upon request. For more information, please contact the Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org.

Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice

Stargate's Knight Marshall, Sir Godwin of Edington, will be at the Gate's Edge armored combat practice at 3:00 pm on the first and third Sundays of June (5th and 19th). The Gate's Edge practices are held at Meyer Park in Spring, TX. The fighters will be on the south side of the park just to the to right (west) of the entrance between the parking area and Cypresswood Drive. Meyer Park is located at 7700 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas 77379. For more information, please see the Gate's Edge website and calendar at <http://gates-edge.ansteorra.org/>.

Stargate Siege Guild

The Stargate Siege Guild 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 Stargate's Seneschal, Lady Nicolet Deuville, at senschal@stargate.ansteorra.org.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal, Lady Nicolet Deuville, at stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org for more information.

Practices—Performance Arts

Aleasar

Aleasar is a multi-group SCA Middle Eastern drumming and dancing guild for the Greater Houston Area. We have members from Stargate, Loch Soilleir, Gate's Edge, and Raven's Fort. Drummers, musicians, and dancers of all skill levels are welcome, as always. For more information, please contact Dietrich Strobelbart by email at dietrich.strobelbart@yahoo.com or call him at 281-731-7726 (phone calls between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm only).

Aleasar will have only one Practice in August, on the 18th at 7pm, at Antonello's house.

We are looking forward to hosting Hafas at Gates Edge's Fall Event, Loctoberfest, and Bordermarch Autumn Melees. All three Hafas will include refreshments for the performers. It has been rumored that there will be small tokens of appreciation for the performers distributed as warranted. On-lookers and performers are invited to bring small items of largess to reward those you deem worthy! Drummers and Dancers of all levels of experience are welcome! All Middle Eastern musicians are welcome to bring any and all of your instruments! Dancers are encouraged to bring and use Zills and any other items you may enjoy using to enhance your performance. All three Hafas are scheduled to be held under canvas pavilions. We will NOT be using the metal pavilion at Camp Camwood.

Bardic & Madrigal Guilds—ON HIATUS

Stargate's Bardic Guild is 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 Lady Nicolet Deuville at seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org.

European Dance Guild—ON HIATUS

The Stargate European Dance Guild is on hiatus as we work out a new time and place for practices. For more information, please contact Lady Nicolet Deuville at seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org.

Middle Eastern Dance Guild

The Middle Eastern Dance guild meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Ballam Belly Dance Studio, located in the adjunct building behind Grace United Methodist Church, at 1245 Heights Blvd. in Houston. No prior belly dance experience is necessary, nor is garb. If you get lost, call Lady Gwenfrewi ferch yr Albanwer, at 832-875-8013.

Workshops

Armoring Workshops

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on Thursdays, from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm. Please call ahead for directions and to be sure we haven't cancelled. Contact Lady Nicolet Deuville at seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org.

Fourth Sunday Arts

Bring your project and enjoy the company of your fellow artisans at Fourth Sunday Arts from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Sunday, August 28, 2011. Located in the fellowship hall of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5900 Pinemont Drive, Houston, TX 77092. For more information, contact the Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Isolde die Waeyer, at moas@stargate.ansteorra.org.

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 1st and 3rd 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@yahoo.com.

In August, the Scribes Guild will meet on August 7th at the HEB Community Center Room at I-10 West and Bunker Hill and on August 21st at the Central Market at Westheimer and Wesleyan. Activities will include charter painting. Also, a new series of classes on illumination techniques will begin. Bring your own scribe's paint supplies; some will be available to loan.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice 3:00 pm Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 pm	5	6 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	7	8	9	10 Gate's Edge Fall Event
11 Practice in the Park (Chivalric & Rapier) 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	12 Business/Populace Mtgs. 7:00/7:45 pm Coffee & dessert @ IHOP (after meeting)	13 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	14 West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	15	16	17 Defender of the Fort (Raven's Fort)
18 Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice 3:00 pm Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 pm	19	20 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	21	22	23	24 Bryn Gwlad Fall Event
25 Practice in the Park (Chivalric & Rapier) 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	26	27 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	28	29	30	

- Sept. 12—Stargate Business/Populace Meetings, 7:00 pm for Business, 7:45 pm for Populace, at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W. 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018
- Sept. 12—Coffee & Dessert after Populace Meeting, at IHOP, 13388 Northwest Fwy (just west of Hollister)
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- Sept. 4 & 18—Stargate Scribes Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027
- Sept. 11 & 25—Practice in the Park, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Memorial Park, Houston, TX
- Sept. 25—Fourth Sunday Arts, 2:00-5:00 pm, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5900 Pinemont Dr., Houston, TX 77092