



Two Towers

Spring ❄️ A.S. II

Message from the Stargate Seneschal

Greetings Team Stargate!

What a great finale for 2016! At Stargate Yule/Tournament of Champions we showed the kingdom the pride, efficiency and teamwork of the premier barony of Ansteorra. Thank you HL Brenna MacDonald for ringmastering a kingdom plus local event. Thank you Master Alden Drake for creating such a great feast. And, thank you to everyone who lent a hand or a truck that helped us reach so high.

As 2017 begins, several baronial offices are available. We are looking for:

1. Knight Marshal - Lord Orin Kettilson had done yeomen's labor over the past5... years as knight marshal. The man needs a break. We are looking for someone with the enthusiasm and dedication to taking over oversight of our fighter practices.
2. Minister of Arts and Sciences - Thank you Lady Ingrid Bjornsdottir for your time in office and the enthusiasm you brought to the office. Now, we are not necessarily looking for an artisan but a cheerleader for the artisans of the barony. The job of the A&S minister is to report and encourage. If you think you can report and encourage, consider this office.
3. Seneschal - I am enjoying this office but I also want to give others a chance to participate. If you have a desire to be on the ground floor of how the barony works on a daily basis, contact the B&B and myself,

Lord Hywel goch Penbras

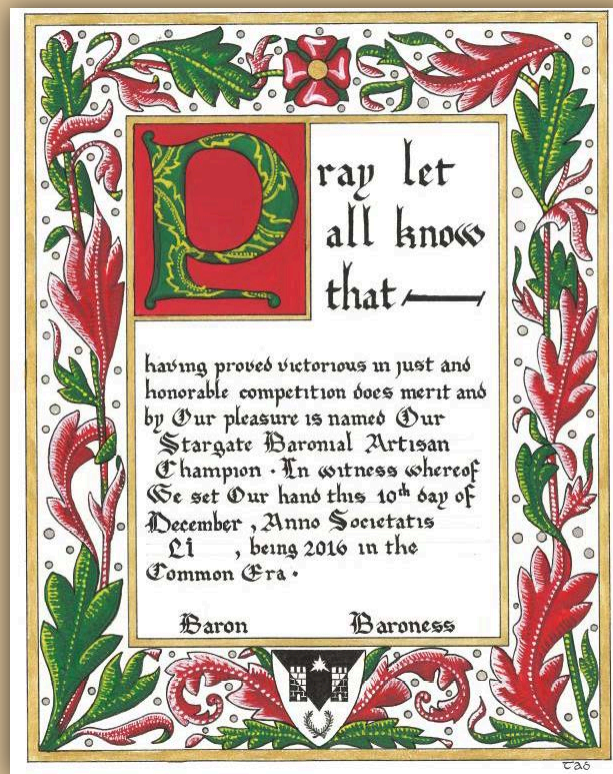
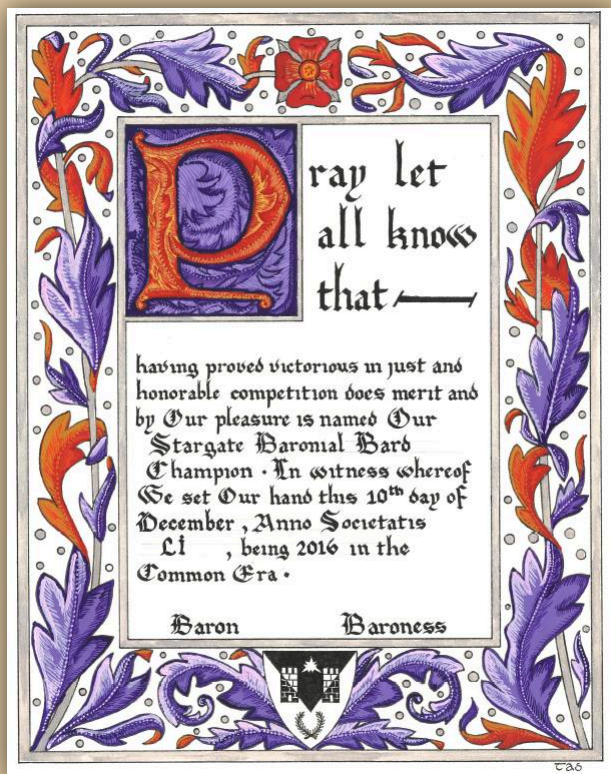
Who are we?

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?

Award Scrolls

Enjoy the beautiful work of Stargate scribes Thomas Atte Woode, Elynwy of Stargate, and Rayne of Stargate, who work under the guidance of Stargate's Scribe, Hillary Greenslade.



These two Champions scrolls were presented at Stargate Yule to the new Artisan and Bard of Stargate. Scroll design and calligraphy originally created by Thomas atte Wood as a charter master; painted by Rayne of Stargate (purple/orange) and Elynwy of Stargate (red/green).



This scroll was created for Lord Bernard ben Moshe ha Kohen's admittance to the Sodality for Sentinels of the Stargate.

The unique aspect of this scroll is it was done in Hebrew, in keeping with Bernard's persona.

This original scroll was created by Thomas atte Wood, based after a Hebrew manuscript, and the Hebrew translation was arranged by Rayne of Stargate.

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Stargate Events Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	10a Gates Edge Chiv 3p Scribes	7:15p Populace Meeting		7p Rapier ³	[Chivalric Practice on hiatus]		
Week 2		7p UFO ²			[Chivalric Practice on hiatus]		April 15 – Co-Baronial Championships
Week 3	10a Gates Edge Chiv 3p Scribes	7p UFO ²		7p Rapier ³	[Chivalric Practice on hiatus]	March 12 – 19 Gulf Wars XXVI ⁴	
Week 4		7p UFO ²			[Chivalric Practice on hiatus]		
Week 5	3p Scribes ¹	7p UFO ²		7p Rapier ³	[Chivalric Practice on hiatus]		
Notes	1: 5 th Sunday is only a 'maybe'	2: Check first – not held every week		3: Practice held every other week	4: Note that meetings and practices are often suspended during Gulf Wars week.		

- ✦ **Stargate Scribes Guild** 1st/3rd Sundays - 3-6 pm @ Central Mkt on Westheimer
- ✦ **Gates Edge Fighter Practice** 1st/3rd Sundays - 10 am @ Meyer Park
- ✦ **UFO Guild** Usually weekly (always check) on Monday except Pop Mtg week - 7-9 pm @ Brenna MacDonald's home
- ✦ **Business & Populace Meeting** Monthly on 1st Monday (2nd if holiday) - 7:15 pm @ Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd.
- ✦ **Stargate Rapier Practice** Every other Wednesday - 7-10 pm @ Hermann Park
- ✦ **Stargate Chivalric Combat Practice** is on hiatus until further notice. Contact the Seneschal for more information.
- ✦ **Houston/Beaumont area Official Youth Chivalric Practice** Irregular weeks on Sunday - 4 pm @ changing locations
- ✦ **Archery Practice** Monthly on Saturday - 9-11 am @ Spring Creek Park, Tomball
- ✦ **Co-Baronial Championships** will happen on Saturday April 15; Stargate will be choosing its Archery, Chivalric, Equestrian and Rapier champions.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Populace meetings during the third quarter of 2016 will be held on October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th at Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX. We have a private room. Please check the lobby bulletin board.

UFO Guild

HL Brenna MacDonald hosts UFO (Unfinished Objects) Guild at her home, every Monday night except the first Monday of the month (Populace), from 7pm to 9pm. Please send her a message for the address if you'd like to come.

Chivalric and Rapier Practices

Stargate's Chivalric fighter practice is ON HIATUS until further notice. Stargate's Rapier practice is held bi-weekly on Wednesday nights by the parking lot behind Miller Outdoor Theater in Hermann Park. Check the Barony's Facebook page for last-minute updates.

Gate's Edge Fighter Practice

Our neighbor to the north, the Shire of Gate's Edge, holds its fighter practice on the first and third Sunday of the month at Meyer Park in the Cypresswood section of Spring, Texas from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Archery Practice

Practice has been held in 2016 at Spring Creek Park in Tomball. Check the Facebook page for possible 2017 dates.

Scribes Guild

Come learn the ancient and beautiful arts of calligraphy and illumination. The Stargate Scribes Guild is for learning the scribal arts, as well as to provide a service to the Barony and the Kingdom by creating award scrolls. The Guild meets the 1st, 3rd and sometimes 5th Sundays of the month from 3-6 pm.

The primary site is in the 2nd floor Community Room at the Central Market, 3815 Westheimer Rd (at Wesleyan Ave, inside Loop 610), Houston, TX 77027. Bring your paint supplies; some loaner items will be provided. All are welcome, newcomers and masters alike. Contact: Mistress Hillary Greenslade.



St. John (depicted as a scribe)
Bodleian Library MS Auct. D. 1.17

Make a Contribution to the Two Towers!

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. Please send your contributions to the Acting Stargate Chronicler, Lady Merewyn de Laugharne, at webminister@stargate.ansteorra.org.

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!

Stargate Domesday Book

Stargate is compiling a Domesday Book to help our members keep in touch, and we have made it quick and easy to submit your information online at <http://stargate.ansteorra.org>!

Stargate Facebook Page

Stargate also has a Facebook page, which is a good place to check for last-minute updates on practices and events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/56697227816/>

Accepting applications for these offices:

- » Seneschal
- » Knight Marshal
- » Minister of Arts & Sciences
- » Minister of Children
- » Youth Rapier Marshal

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 carry out their new office.

Please send your application to the Stargate Seneschal, the corresponding Regional officer, and the Baron and Baroness.

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