

From the Baron & Baroness

Grace & peace unto the populace of Stargate from Ihon & Isabeau,

We just returned from an excellent tourney at Legacy of the Lions in Bjornsborg. Fighting from our area were Sir Godwin of Edington, newly returned and renewed from his death at Hastings at the hands of those bloody Normans (or brave, liberating Normans, if you prefer), Don Robert McFarland, Centurnian Thorgard inn Svarti, Brother Michael of Gravesend CSS, and Lord Gorges le Breton, each of whom acquitted himself with honor and prowess. We returned before court so we have no knowledge whether any were recognized, specifically.

Our gratitude is extended to HL Gerald of Leesville and HL Caitlin bean Gherailt for hosting this quarter's revel. A great crowd was present. Alas, our journey to Bjornsborg diluted much of our revel starch and we left early what promised to be a grand time.

October's Picnic in the Park was a bit thin. Here is your Baron's challenge for the December Picnic. BASH THE BARON Mini-Tourney: Newbie fighter Ihon Vinson macFergus, welcomes all comers and challenges them to as many rounds of combat as he can stand. The price of entry for each round is to teach the Baron some offensive or defensive tactic that will make him a better fighter. Of course, should you desire more challenging combat, you may also fight one another. (We still plan Picnic in the Park for November – His Excellency's armor simply wont be ready.)

Our November-December progress is as follows:

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| November 4 | Battle of the Three Kings (Rosenfeld) |
| November 11 | Defenders of the Rose (Shadowlands/Emerald Keep) |
| November 18 | Bordermarch Autumn Melees |
| December 9 | Stargate Yule |

That's right! Stargate Yule is just around the corner. We take great joy in this event and we hope you will be with us to welcome Their Royal Majesties to medieval Russia. Please lend a hand to your event stewards, head cook and their coordinators. Many hands make for light work. This is a wonderful opportunity to show Ansteorra the hospitality of our illustrious barony.

Expect information at populace on the formation of the Stargate Baronial Guard. We thank all those who have given us their wonderful ideas and suggestions.

Lastly, don't forget Practice in the Park on the first Sunday in November (the 4th). Come join us for fun and good company.

Yours in service,

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Baron & Baroness

Special Dates of Interest

- *November 5 Stargate Picnic in the Park (Memorial Park)*
- *November 6 Stargate Populace at Ryan's Steakhouse on 34th st*
- *November 7 and 21 Stargate Scribal Guild Meeting at UH*
- *November 16 Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting*
- *November 12 an 26 European Dance (NW) 2-4 pm*
- *Every Tuesday is fighter practice at UH*



From the Seneschal

Greetings fellow SCAdians,
I'd like to extend my deepest and heartfelt thanks to two individuals who have stepped up to service. Lady Cristyana Lambrecht has taken over as our new chronicler, and so far is doing a great job! Her expertise will be an asset to our Barony. Lord Kristrodr Bjar-narson is our new Knight Marshal. I am pleased with his enthusiasm and look forward to having our chivalric fighters rallied. He's here to "PUMP YOU UP!"

Yule Revel is coming together, and HL Gerald and his crew are

going to create a wonderful celebration. Everyone is looking forward to it. Thank you Gerald. He is still looking for someone to coordinate take down. Please look into your hearts. It is only a couple of hours of time. We have volunteers ready to help, we just need someone willing to spearhead it.

To those of you who helped Lady Ciarnet with waterbearing, thank you!!

Yours in service,

Lady Vasilisa

Herald's Harkings



Now accepting applications for Deputy Herald.

Have you ever wanted to be the **VOICE** of the Barony? This position is an opportunity to test the waters and show us your stuff. If you are interested, contact me by email or phone.

In Service,

Herr Dietrich Strobelbart
Sentinel Pursuivant
Mka Steve Scott
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Hospitaler's Hideaway

Well all, the Newcomer's meeting was quite nice. We had 3 newcomers at the meeting. I'm still researching where to have the next Newcomer's meeting since I am no longer the Hospitaler for Gate's Edge also. I want to have it some place closer to the center of things. I may do it at one of the

libraries.
I'm also starting to take applications for the Stargate Hospitaler position. If you are interested, please email Maria at scarlettm@sbcglobal.net, Vasilisa, Ihon and Isabeau and the Kingdom Hospitaler at hospitaler@ansteorra.org.

We will be closing the applications

STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

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

- **Hospitaler**-Serves the Barony by welcoming new members and introducing them to the art and traditions of the SCA and Barony.
- **Waterbearer**-Serves the Barony by organizing water and other hydrating supplies for use by the populace during Baronial events.
- **Children's Minister**-Serves the Barony by encouraging the growth and skill of the future of the SCA, the children, through activities and education.

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 Stargate Seneschal, Lady Vasilisa, at Lisa@flyinglions.com. You can also contact her for more information on these positions. **Please submit your application by November 20th.**

at the end of November.
If anyone has any questions please feel free to email or call me.

In Service to the Dream,
Lady Elizabeta Maria dei Medici
Maria Buchanan
Hospitaler - Barony of the Stargate
281-433-0347

Equestrian Guild

Greetings Equestrians and Friends,

I want to congratulate a few Stargaters, Ravensfort's new champion Equestrian, Mistress Janet' of House Morningstar, and Gate's Edge new champion equestrian champion, Lord Charles Fraser. Check back here next month for results of the remaining October events.

We are well into our Fall tourney season by now. We have finally gotten some cooler weather! This month we have equestrian events each weekend until Nov. 19th.

We start off with:

- November 3-5 Battle of Three Kings
- November 10-12 Defenders of the Rose
- November 16-19 Bordermarch's Autumn Melees

I hope to see you out on the list field soon.

Ride well,

HL Lorraine Fraser



Bardic Guild

The NEW Stargate Bardic Guild shall meet on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of each month at the home of Lady Mea Passavanti, from 7-9:30pm. No experience in Bardic arts is necessary. The purpose of the guild is to learn and have fun. Experienced bards will be encouraged to teach pieces, and all are welcome to bring suggestions for pieces to learn. If you are interested in joining the guild, please email the guild principal, HL Alden Drake at [alden_drake AT sbglobal.net](mailto:alden_drake@sbglobal.net). For directions, contact Lady Mea at [Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net](mailto:Ldy_passavanti@ev1.net) or 713-299-6046. Everyone from the Greater Houston Area is invited to attend.

With thanks,
HL Alden Drake

Scribal Guild

Join us for Stargate Scribal Guild and paint for Kingdom and Barony. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at the UH fighter practice 7:30 pm. All skill levels are welcome including, youth who are interested in scribal arts and painting. We always have a great group come out to paint including the Baron and Baroness.

For more information on the guild contact Lady Mea at [Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net](mailto:Ldy_passavanti@ev1.net) or Lady Cristyana at

[Clambright2000 AT yahoo.com](mailto:Clambright2000@yahoo.com).



Ladies Mea and Cristyana are waiting for you, come paint!!

From Around The Barony

This section is awaiting your notes, challenges, glad tidings, and joys! So fill me in with Barony, friends, and household news.

- At the Gate's Edge Drachenstich event in October, Sarra Asshton of York received her Award of Arms, Ladies Natalia and Cristyana, received their Sable Thistle in Illumination and Lady Sabine in Calligraphy. Ladies Alesone Leslie and Cynthia of Gate's Edge and Lord Tora received the Sable Comet.
- Don Christoforo Passavanti received the Arc d'Or at Queen's Champion (July 2006).
- At Gothic, Lord Leofwine was victorious and is the new Royal Huntsman.
- At the Lyst at Castleton, HL Lorraine Fraser was victorious and is the new King's Lancer.

NOVEMBER 2006

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 <i>Chivalric Armoring</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Battle of Three Kings in Shire of Rosenfeld</i> |
| 5 <i>Stargate Picnic in the Park</i> | 6 <i>Stargate Populace 7:30 pm</i> | 7 <i>Fighter Practice at UH Scribal Guild at UH</i> | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 <i>Defenders of the Rose Shires of Shadowland/ Emerald Keep</i> |
| 12 <i>European Dance (NW) Defenders of the Rose Shires of Shadowland/ Emerald Keep</i> | 13 | 14 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> | 15 <i>Chivalric Armoring</i> | 16 <i>Stargate Bardic Guild</i> | 17 <i>Bordermarch Autumn Melees</i> | 18 <i>Bordermarch Autumn Melees</i> |
| 19 | 20 <i>Stargate Business Meeting 7:00pm</i> | 21 <i>Fighter Practice at UH Scribal Guild at UH</i> | 22 | 23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> | 24 | 25 |
| 26 <i>European Dance (NW) Madrigal Singing Practice</i> | 27 <i>UFO Guild</i> | 28 <i>Fighter Practice at UH</i> | 29 | 30 | | |

Schedule of Events

- November 1 & 15-Chivalric Armoring, 8:00 pm, at Lord Vaclav's house (see page 6 for contact information)
- November 5-Stargate Picnic in the Park, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, location is Memorial Park across from tennis courts.
- November 6-Stargate Populace Meeting, 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Meeting, location is Ryan's Steakhouse @ 34th St off Hwy 290
- November 7 & 21-Stargate Scribal Meeting, 7:30 pm, location is UH main campus, where fighter practice is held
- November 7, 14, 21, & 28-Figher Practice, 7:00 pm, location is UH main campus, site is off Cullen Rd at UH Entrance 13
- November 12-European Dance (NW), 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, location Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Ln
- November 16-Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm, location is Lady Mea's home (see article on page 3 for directions)
- November 20-Stargate Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, location is Baron and Baroness' home (contact B&B for directions)
- November 26-Madrigal Singing, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, location is Baron and Baroness' home (contact B&B for directions)

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 Elizabetta "Maria" de Medici at 281-433-0347 or send an email to Scarlettmb AT sbcglab.net.

Populace Meeting

The first Monday of each month from 7-9 pm, at Ryan's Family Steakhouse, 5601 W. 34th Street, about 1/2 block west of 290 on the south side of 34th (on your left if you are coming from 290). It can not be seen from the freeway (the sign is quite small and close to the ground). If the first Monday of a month is a public holiday, Populace will be held the second Monday. Garb is optional. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal, Lady Vasilisa, at lisa AT flyinglions.com.

Business Meeting

Stargate's Business Meeting is normally held on the third Monday of the month, at their Excellencies' house. The meeting is open to the populace, but their Excellencies request that anyone who would like to attend contact them in advance for direction (contact info on page 10).

Fighter Practice (Chivalric and Rapier)

Every Tuesday night from 7-9+ pm at the University of Houston (main campus). This is a combined chivalric and rapier practice held in conjunction with the Barony of Loch Soilleir. Garb is encouraged. **Directions:** From I-45S south of I-59, exit and turn right onto Cullen, through two lights, turn left at UH Entrance 13, which is across the street from the stadium. Turn left into the parking lot, and look for us in the field next to the parking lot. It is a controlled-access faculty/staff parking lot, but is open after about 6 pm. Most practices focus on individual instruction and tournament (one-on-one) style combat, but the first Tuesday of each month is devoted to practicing melee skills and small unit tactics.

Youth Rapier Practice

In conjunction with the Tuesday night combined fighter practices (above). A parent or legal guardian must also attend. Please contact the seneschal lisa AT flyinglions.com for more information

Stargate Picnic in the Park

Stargate has now started a Picnic in the park , on the **first Sunday of the month**, from 2-4 pm, at Memorial Park across from the Tennis Courts. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal for more information (lisa AT flyinglions.com).

Equestrian Practice

As Tourney season is upon us with so many Equestrian activities, practice is on hold until after the season. For information on the Equestrian community in Stargate, contact Lady Annalies Pferdehirt (lcai_lcai AT yahoo.com) or HL Lorraine Fraser (mbetenbaugh@houston.rr.com).



Guild Meetings



European Dance (NW)

Practice is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Lane, from 2 to 4 pm. For more information contact Lord Antonello del Bello at (281) 850-2443 or antonello.sca at sbcglobal dot net . Please, no calls after 10 pm. Garb is optional (most folks wear regular clothes).

European Dance (SW)

Is on a break you can contact perronnelle at perronnelle AT earthlink.net for more information and directions. Garb is optional.

Madrigal and Polyphonic Singing

Practice is held every fourth Sunday at the Baron and Baroness' home starting at 4:00 p.m. No experience necessary -- sight reading helpful but not required. For more information contact HE Master Ihon Vinson MacFergus at (713) 896-0026 or jhirling AT houston.rr.com. Please, no calls after 10 pm. You can also check out the Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group.

Scribes Guild

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month for charter painting at the University of Houston (Entrance 13 off Cullen, far end of the parking lot where the fighters are practicing), from 7:30-9 pm. If you have paints, please bring them. Some supplies will be provided. Site has tables BUT NO CHAIRS so bring yours. New-comers to painting are welcome. Please contact Lady Mea Guilianna Passavanti (Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net) or Lady Cristyana Lambrecht (clambright2000 AT yahoo.com) for more information.

Weaving

The Stargate Weaving Guild meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Lancaster Community Center, located at 19831 Stoney Haven Dr., Cypress, TX 77433, from 7:00 to 9:00. We actually work on an assortment of things, from weaving, sewing, crocheting, knitting, creweling, embroidery, needlepoint, beading jewelry and clothing, and many other activities. If anyone is interested, they are most welcome to come. Contact Lady Annalies (lcai_lcai AT yahoo.com) for more information.

Workshops

Heraldic Name and Device Consultation

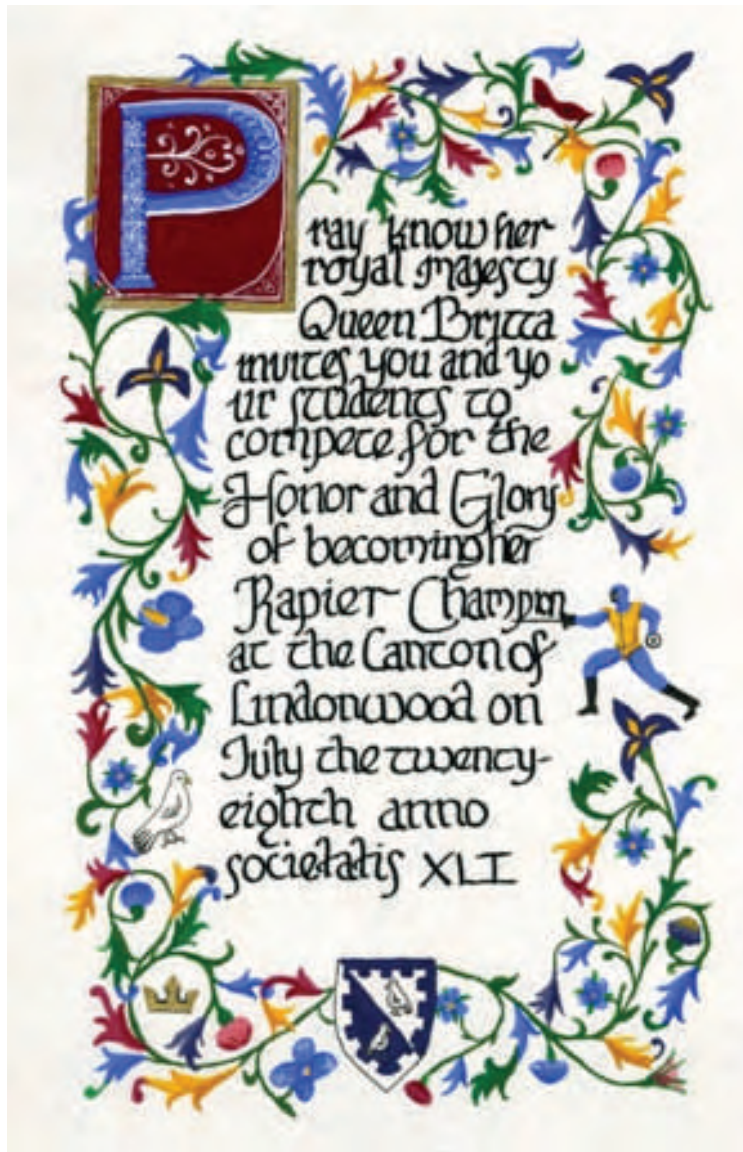
Heraldic Consultations will be held by appointment only. Tuesday and Thursday nights usually work best. Contact Herr Dietrich Strobelbart by phone 281-731-7726 cell or email dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoo.com.

Chivalric armoring

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 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.

The Arts in Stargate

This page is dedicated to artist, bard, scientists or those who create in our area. The thought is to showcase and celebrate what we are doing. I have used myself as the first volunteer to get us started, but will be looking, begging, hounding all of you to showcase your work.



ABOUT THE ARTIST

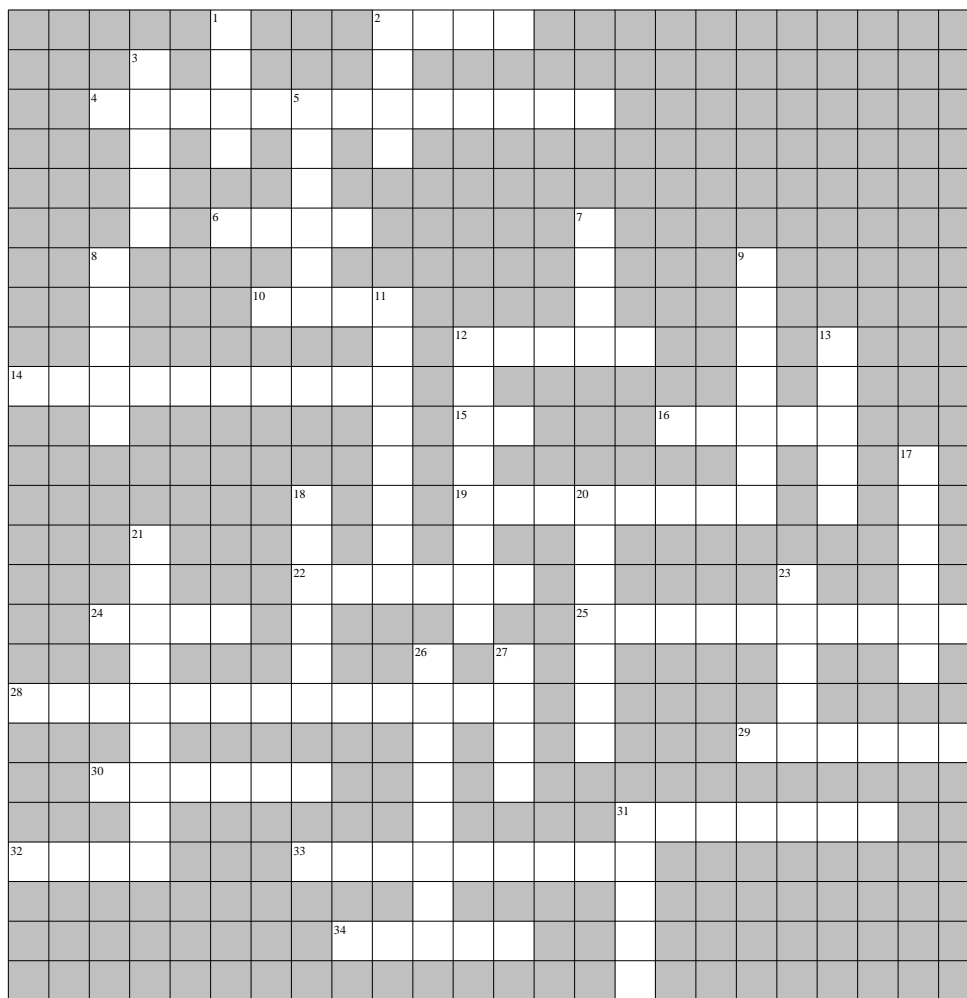
Lady Cristyana Lambrecht

We, Lady Mea Passavanti (created the calligraphy) and I, created the invitation for HRM Queen Britta's Queens Champion event in July 2006. This is my second original illumination work. I used Winsor Newton Gouache watercolor and Strathmore Hot press paper. Within the folding leaves and flowers I have hidden several images that reflect Queen Britta's device and love of iris flowers, rapier, and the masked ball theme of the event.

Just for Fun

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| 2. The color green | 1. Vertical Stripes or bars may be described |
| 4. A star that has a hole | 2. Blue and white fur 'bells' |
| 6. A sheaf of wheat | 3. The color red |
| 10. A horizontal division or charge | 5. A division of the field into three roughly equal segments |
| 12. The top of the shield | 7. An ordinary that follows the shield shape but is somewhat inset |
| 14. A flower with five petals | 8. Orange, or a mixture of orange and red; a rare colour |
| 15. The metal gold, often displayed as yellow | 9. The color purple |
| 16. The color blue | 11. A cross of any size appears diagonally |
| 19. A mixture of purple and red; a rare color | 12. A small cross |
| 22. A star | 13. An arrowhead |
| 24. The bottom of the shield | 17. A rectangle |
| 25. Wide strips that follow common field partitions in shape | 18. A white fur with black 'tails' |
| 28. A black fur with white 'tails' | 20. Multiple segments achieved by dividing the field equally through the center like a pizza. |
| 29. The shield-bearer's right | 21. Four roughly equal segments |
| 30. The metal silver, often displayed as white | 23. The color black |
| 31. An ordinary that follows the shape of the shield in a border | 26. The shield-bearer's left |
| 32. When a small charge is repeated in a pattern of staggered rows | 27. Diagonal division or charge leading from the upper left to the lower right. |
| 33. A rectangle with rounded corners | 31. Diagonal Stripes or bars may be described as |
| 34. Horizontal Stripes or bars may be described | |

Come show your Ansteorran Pride
Now over 200 feet of walls - bring your seige weapons!

Welcoming all to join the fun!

Bordermarch Autumn Melees

November 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20th

Official Ansteorra War Practice

Chivalric & Rapier Melees with Combat Archery

Donate Bricks for extra lives! Feast on Saturday night

Merchants and Taverns (bring feast gear to eat)

Classes & MOC Activities. Kingdom Mideast Dance Championship
Championships in Equestrian & Bardic (Adult & youth)

Site Fees: Adults: \$18 for Thursday or Friday arrival, \$16 for Saturday or Sunday arrival

Teens (13-17) \$14 - Children (6-12) \$6; Under 5 free. \$3 surcharge without proof of membership.

Family max \$54 (not including non-member surcharge.) Electricity: \$14/10 for tents and \$10 **per day** for RV's.

Autumn Melees registration at gate or **save \$2 each** through **ACCEPS** on **www.ansteorra.org**

Additional info at: www.bordermarch.org/Melees or Melees page linked off the Kingdom Calendar

Site policies:

1. All domestic pets welcome. Horses must have proof of negative Coggins.
Pets must be leashed at all times & current vaccinations.
2. Site is wet, period containers only please.
3. Ground fires allowed only in a pit in camping area - unless a burn ban is in effect.
4. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian;
they may also attend with a signed & Notarized Minor's Event Waiver Form from the parent or legal guardian.
5. Children under 18 yrs. allowed on the Castle, only with a parent or legal guardian present.
6. Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc., Barony Bordermarch

Site Opens Noon Thursday Nov. 16

Closes Monday at noon Nov. 20

Merchant steward:

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m'Lord Adolf the Bear &

Lord Aaron Whitewolf

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Baron and Baroness

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Youth Rapier Marshal

Accepting Applications

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HL Lorraine Fraser (Deputy)
Laura Betenbaugh
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Chirurgion

Lady Annalies Pferdehirt
Linda Bratina
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Knight Marshal

Lord Kristrodr Bjarnarson
James Flynn
Information pending

Children's Minister

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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?

We're on the web!

[http://
stargate.ansteorra.
org/index.shtml](http://stargate.ansteorra.org/index.shtml)

Chronicler's Notes

Greetings to all!

I am most happy to be serving as your new Chronicler. Thank you to Lady Lisabetta for all her work and getting me up to speed.

As you may have noticed the Two Towers has under gone a bit of a change. I hope the new format is pleasing to your eye. I, however, need your help to make her even better. I would like to request articles, stories, artwork, jokes, challenges, announcements of special events, recipes, pictures, links, etc. that you think are of note to us Stargaters! Please send them to Stargate.chron AT yahoo.com.

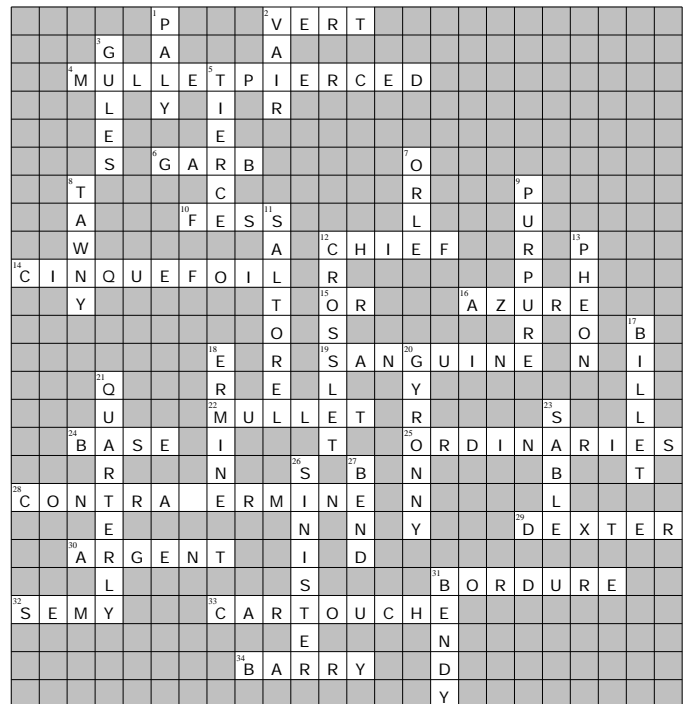
I would like to dedicate one page of the Two Towers to Arts & Sciences projects, bardic pieces, or period games. Submissions can be in the form of patterns, picture/descriptions, poem, step by step how to's, copy of the work...I would also like to know a little about the artist/bard too. Page 7 is an starting off point for the idea. Please submit your art!!!

Submission Deadline: 20th of each month. Please submit either a legible hardcopy or electronic MS Word File to me or at stargate.chron AT yahoo.com. Remember to turn in a permission to print form for each of your submissions. I am open to all ideas on creating a newsletter that better serves the Barony and her populace. Let me know your ideas.

In Service,

Lady Cristyana Lambrecht

Heraldry Answers from page 8.



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