

Two Towers

From the Baron & Baroness

Unto the premier populace of Stargate and other friends do Ihon & Isabeau send their best wishes and felicitations.

Kudos to the Canton of Westgate for a truly outstanding, albeit seasonally challenged, Winter Collegium. In addition to many great classes, and as has become delightfully common, Lady Melody MacGregor and Lord Askeff de Loucelles provided a wonderful lunch and Lord Malachi Morgan (and crew) an incredible dinner. The evening ended with a number of great performances from a bevy of bards.

Also, our congratulations to the Shire of Gates Edge for introducing us to the pleasures of the new world and to Baron William's cousin for a truly flavorsome feast. Alas, the paunch is paying the price for the plethora of piquant provender.

We are of a mind to begin two non-armigerous awards, one for arts & sciences excellence, the other for hospitaler service/recruitment. We invite your input on what these awards might be called and any text you believe would be appropriate for awards of these ilk.

We will attend Laurel Prize and Crown Tournament. Her Excellency will attend Elfsea Defender for the installation of their new baron and baroness. It is our plan to attend Bryn Gwlad Baronial.

Our thanks to the Watch for their attention to our persons. Captain Alden Drake has gained approval for purchases that will raise the Watch a few notches. We'll leave that as a surprise. We continue to invite applications for the Watch.

Yule planning is going well. Please respond favorably to the requests the coordinators for your talents.

Yours in service

Baron Ihon Vinson macFergus & Baroness Isabeau Quiquandon

Lord & Lady of Stargate

Special Dates of Interest

- *Sep 10 Populace Meeting CANCELLED*
- *Sep 4, 11, 18 & 25 Fighter Practice (7 pm @ UH)*
- *Sep 14-16 Defender of the Fort (Raven's Fort)*
- *Sep 17 Business Meeting (7:30 pm @ Ihon/Isabeau's)*
- *Sep 9 & 23 European Dance (2 pm @ Oaks Presbyterian)*
- *Sep 21-23 Shadowlands 3rd 10th Year Celebration (Quest for the Pretty Good Mug)*
- *Sep 23 Madrigal and Polyphonic Singing Practice (4 pm @ Ihon/Isabeau's)*



From the Seneschal

Greetings Stargate, Neighbors and Friends;

This is my first missive as the Seneschal of Stargate. For those who do not know me, I have lived and participated in the barony for about five years now. I have served as Stargate's Deputy Seneschal, Scribal Guild Co-Principal, and as Chronicler. I enjoy working in the Equestrians arts, A&S community, and a new one for me, siege weapons and archery. Cross your fingers for me as I have two left feet.

For the Barony, I hope to encourage an enhanced sense of connection between officers and populace and between members. I hope to work with the B&B, officers, and guilds to provide ways in which members can re-connect and re-establish a family atmosphere. I would also like to work with the Hospitaler to recruit new members and draw back members who have "gone missing". Lofty goals I know, but with your help I know we can be a greater success.

Now for a little change. Don't worry, it is good change. I would like to welcome Lady Elies le Galice as our new A&S Minister and Lady Alessandra Giovanna dei Medici as the new Chronicler. Welcome Ladies, I know you both will do a great job for the Barony.

To all who are interested, Stargate is seeking bids for the 2008 Baronial event—35th year. Bids are due by October 1, 2007. All bids should include an estimated budget with the final budget due 30 days after the bid is awarded. If you are interested and need more information, please contact me.

In Service,

Lady Cristyana Lambrecht

Stargate Seneschal

From the A&S Minister

Greetings,

I am really looking forward to serving the Barony as A&S minister. This month I will be trying to attend as many guild meetings as possible. You will also see a survey coming out just to help me sort out the desires of the populace are. I will be sending it over Houston Announce so I can get the broadest range of answers. (Hard copies at populace). My goal is to help the guilds as I can and find fun evening projects for those that are interested in something new. Hopefully a field trip from time to time. So, please take a minute and fill out the survey. I'll be including a website or two each month. If you have any please drop me a line. his month it's about Pod-cast. Try this one out! <http://www.bbchistorymagazine.com/podcast.asp> There is an interview with Allison Weir this month and more. August interviews include Longship sailing from Norway to Ireland.

Thank you,

Elies le Galice

STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

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

- **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 new Stargate Seneschal, Lady Cristyana, at clambright2000@yahoo.com, the corresponding Regional officer and B&B. You can also contact Lady Cristyana for more information on these positions.

Please submit your application ASAP.

From the Captain of the Watch

Greetings all,

I am pleased to report that the Stargate Financial Committee approved funds for the Tower Watch to purchase five spear heads and a period drum. To help reduce costs, we will look for spear hafts locally and avoid shipping costs. This will bring our spear count to seven, matching the current number of guards. This will give us enough spears and a drum to begin working on drills.

I have also spoken to Lady Anne Barrington, who has graciously taken over the construction of our cassocks. I expressed to her my desire to have three cassocks ready in time for Stargate Yule. I will also be getting in touch with Lady Elies Galice, Stargate's new A&S Minister, to have some pins commissioned that we will use to denote ranks within the Watch.

The Tower Watch is still recruiting! I am especially eager to find a youth (or two) who is interested in taking a special position as my Aide-de-camp and Watch Drummer. Please send applications to Their Sentinel Excellencies and myself. Being a member of the Watch is a great way to show your support for, and serve, our barony.

In service,

Captain Drake

From the Chronicler

Greetings one and all,

I am very pleased to have been chosen to take on the office of Stargate Chronicler. Thank you to all the kind people who prompted me to apply. I look forward to everyone's future contributions, and hope to encourage everyone to add to what is a piece of our Barony's written history. I would like to ask all of you to send me word fame, stories, and photographs you have of your SCA experiences and would like to have published. If you would like to send an article about an area of your expertise or personal SCA passion please do. Also, I am putting out a call for all local artists who might want to illustrate some articles or just show off your fabulous artwork. In the future there will be a monthly drawing for a prize from non-mandatory contributors to the newsletter!

Thank you,

Lady Alessandra Giovanna dei Medici

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 found on the Ansteorra website 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 new Stargate Chronicler, Lady Alessandra, at:

stargate.chron@yahoo.com

Herald's Harkings

There is Heraldic consultation with Herr Dietrich and his deputy by appointment. Come and discuss registering your name and device. You can contact Herr Dietrich at [Dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoohoo.com](mailto:Dietrich.strobelbart@yahoohoo.com)

In Service,
Herr Dietrich Strobelbart
Sentinel Pursuivant



Bardic Guild

The Stargate Bardic Guild will be meeting on Thursday, August 16th, 7:00 pm. 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 sbcglobal.net](mailto:alden_drake@sbcglobal.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

The guild is looking for a new leader or leaders. HL Mea and I are at the end of our term and wish to pass on the torch to a new leader(s). We will always enjoy our time as Guild Principals. If you are interest in this guild position let us know.

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).

Painting happily,
HL Mea and Lady Cristyana



September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>Labor Day</i>	4 <i>Fighter Practice at UH 7:00 pm</i>	5	6	7	8
9 <i>European Dance Guild 2:00 pm</i>	10 <i>Populace Meeting- Cancelled</i>	11 <i>Fighter Practice at UH 7:00 pm</i>	12	13	14 <i>Defender of the Fort (Raven's Fort)</i>	15 <i>Defender of the Fort (Raven's Fort)</i>
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23 <i>European Dance Guild 2:00 pm</i> <i>Madrigal 4:00 pm</i>	24	25 <i>Fighter Practice at UH 7:00 pm</i>	26	27	28	29
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- September 10-Stargate Populace Meeting has been cancelled for the month due to scheduling conflict.
- Every Tuesday night-Fighter Practice, 7:00 pm, location is UH main campus, site is off Cullen Rd at UH Entrance 13
- September 17 -Stargate Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, location is Baron and Baroness' home (contact B&B for directions)
- September 20-Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm, location HL Mea's home (see page 4 for directions)
- September 9 & 23-European Dance (NW), 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, location Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Ln
- September 23-Madrigal Singing at their Excellencies' home, 4:00 pm
- Chivalric Armoring at Lord Vaclav's house (see page 7 for contact information and times)
- Heraldic Consultation is by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the Herald (see pg. 10) for more information.

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.net.

Populace Meeting

The first Monday of each month from 7-9 pm, at Hope Episcopal Church (formally St. Michael's Episcopal Church) at 1613 W. 43th St. in Oak Forest. 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.

NOTE: September Meeting is CANCELLED due to scheduling conflicts.

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. **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 tac-tics. Contact Knight Marshal for more information.

NOTE: Parking lot is open to attendees at 7:00pm, campus officers patrol the lot until that time.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal lisa AT flyinglions.com for more information

Equestrian Practice

As summer is here, 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, CGL (mbetenbaugh AT 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).

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 bandb.stargate AT gmail.com. Please, no calls after 10 pm. You can also check out the Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group.

Scribes Guild

Scribal Guild will see you at Baronial. In May we will be changing our meeting times to include Sundays. Watch for more information on time and place. If you have paints, please bring them. Some supplies will be provided. Site has tables BUT NO CHAIRS so bring yours. Newcomers 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 Guild

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, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, 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.

Bardic Guild

The Stargate Bardic Guild normally meets 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. If you are interested in joining the guild, please email the guild principal, HL Alden Drake at alden_drake AT sbcglobal.net. Everyone from the Greater Houston Area is invited to attend.

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 if you have any questions.

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.



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Children's Minister

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Who are we?

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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!

There has been a changing of the guard and I have taken over the position of Stargate Chronicler from our fantastic former one, Lady Cristyana. She is now serving as our Seneschal!

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. Please see the sidebar of page three for ways in which you can contribute to the newsletter, and feel free to send me more ideas!

Always,

Lady Alessandra Giovanna dei Medici

Stargate Chronicler

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