

To Their Royal Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses,

HL Sarra Asshton of York and HL Brenna MacDonald would like to declare our intent to serve as Baroness and Baroness of Stargate. We have both been active members of Stargate for 10+ years and have held various baronial offices.

Brenna started actively playing in the Canton of Westgate in 2002, which introduced her to the Barony of Stargate. She has served as Westgate Seneschal, Coastal Regional Seneschal, Westgate Webminister, Stargate Exchequer, NMS Deputy, Kingdom Webminister, and is currently Stargate's Castellan and webminister.

Sarra started playing in the Shire of Thamesreach in the Kingdom of Drachenwald in 2004. As she was a student in vet school at the time, she only got to periodically play until she graduated and returned to the states. She started actively playing in Ansteorra in 2005, in the Shire of Gates Edge, and played in both Gates Edge and Stargate until 2013, when she started playing exclusively in Stargate. She has served as the Gate's Edge Exchequer, Coastal Regional Exchequer, Deputy to the 30th Year Exchequer, and Deputy to the ACCEPS Exchequer. Currently, Sarra is Stargate's Seneschal and has a deputy seneschal in place and ready to take the office, as needed.

As with most groups in the kingdom, recruitment is a big issue, which we will make our primary focus. As B&B we will work with our fellow groups in the area to encourage our populace to participate in the following activities to increase our member recruitment:

- Graphic banner for fighter practices and demos
- Demonstration at Owl Con
- Develop a plan to renew engagement with Texas Ren Faire
- As new members often need to be encouraged in order to continue participating, we would like to help our new members become more active in the barony. We would do this by:
 - Having a Stargate presence at events, such as a baronial pavilion that is welcoming to everyone, particularly those of the barony
 - Encouraging any interest in becoming officers, by matching newcomers up with active officers in the barony
 - Helping new members get matched up with any activities that they might be interested in participating in, such as archery, scribal, fighting, etc.

The Barony of Stargate currently has a robust set of officers that have recently stepped into the office. We fully believe in our officers and will support them in finding deputies to train, so that our new members feel that they can become officers and there is a clear path for any potential officer transitions.

We also are interested in having additional revels or fighter practice kill and grills. We have had summer revels in the past and these have gone over well to promote unity within the group. We feel that it would help to have more of these revels (maybe twice or more a year) to encourage

our group to bond and support any fighters that might be attending practice. As our practices are also held in an area that has an amtgard group, this could also help with recruiting new members.

Due to the fact that we are not a couple in a single household, we have the financial stability to support this role. Both of us have secure careers in the Oil & Gas and Medical industries and do not run the risk of not being able to afford the travel that is required to be B&B. We feel that having a presence in the Kingdom is an essential part of being the B&Bs and want to ensure that we can attend as many events as possible.

We are active participants in the barony and would love the opportunity to serve our barony as Baroness and Baroness.

Yours in Service,

HL Sarra and HL Brenna