



Two Towers

January – February 2018

From the Baronesses

Greetings to the most wondrous Barony. We want to start out with a thank you to everyone who helped out with the soup kitchen at BAM as well as Salsa Saturday in camp.

Yule was a great event, which couldn't have happened without Hywel and crew. We also would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who helped with setup and takedown as it really helped to get the decorating and clean-up done quickly. Congratulations to our newest champions for bard and A&S, master Don Brian O'huiilium and Her Excellency Mistress Cristyana Lambrecht. Congratulations also to Honorable Lady Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann as the newest member of the Order of the Sodality of the Sentinels of the Stargate, Honorable Lady Caitlilin inghean Ronain uí Cheallaigh on her Star of Merit, and His Excellency Master Robert on his Augmentation of Arms.

Tournament of Champions was a very exciting event. Lord Ozar Svensson (Chivalric), Master Don Corvin Fenarro (Rapier)m and Her Excellency Mistress Cristyana Lambrecht (Arts & Sciences) represented the Barony well. Everyone did an amazing job and we were proud to have them represent us at our first kingdom level championship!

We are looking forward to the coming year and all the activities that will be upcoming. There are a lot of events going on throughout the kingdom in the next two months, so there are plenty of opportunities to participate in the SCA.

One event that will be coming up is Winter Roundtable. This is a free event that is held in mundane clothing.. It is a time for all the officers in the kingdom (or those interested in holding an office) to come and learn about the different offices and take any required training. If you have any questions on Roundtable, please ask us or Lady Talia (the Stargate Seneschal).

Gulf Wars is also coming up and we will be camping with the Loch and Seawinds again this year. When registering for G, please select the Kingdom of Ansteorra and then put in that you are camping with Coastal. HE Brenna will be coordinating land for the Coastal group and will be asking for tent information closer to Gulf Wars. There is also a facebook event page setup to assist with GW encampment planning (camping, food, etc). The facebook event is called Coastal Goes to GW. If you are interested in camping with Stargate, please join the facebook event,

Brenna and Sarra
Baronesses of Stargate

Missive From the Seneschal

Happy New Year, denizens of Stargate!

As we move into the New Year, we have several people in new offices, myself included! I am so happy to be able to serve our community this way! I will do my best and ask that you help me along the way!

I look forward to getting to know each of you better and to helping Stargate continue to grow and prosper.

Vivat Stargate!

Talia di Grazia di Amadore
Stargate Seneschal

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?

Stargate January Events Calendar

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	7 10a Gates Edge Chiv Practice 10AM Stargate Chivalric Practice 3PM Scribes	8 Business & Populace Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
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- ✦ **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 the first Monday. This month January 8th - 7:15 pm @ Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd.
- ✦ **Stargate Chivalric and Rapier Combat Practice** is every Sunday at 10 AM at Ray Miller Park in Houston. 1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077
- ✦ **Houston/Beaumont area Official Youth Chivalric Practice** Irregular weeks on Sunday - 4 pm @ changing locations
- ✦ **Archery Practice** Monthly on Saturday - 9-11 am @ 9-11 am @ Carter Park in Spring, Tx

Stargate February Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events & Meetings

Populace Meeting

Populace meeting during January 2018 will be held on January 8th, at Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX. We have a private room. Please check the lobby bulletin board. The February Meeting will be on February 5th.

UFO Guild

HE 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 Sundays at 10 AM. 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 is held in 2018 at Spring Creek Park in Tomball. Check the Facebook page for possible 2017 dates.

Items of General Interest

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/domesday.shtml>

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/>

Guilds

Unfinished Objects Guild

The UFO (Unfinished Objects) Guild may be held at the home of Lady Brenna MacDonald on any 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 attend a UFO Guild meeting.

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 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](#).

Of Special Note:

Applications are being accepted for the following offices:

Herald

Minister of Children

Please send applications to the applicable Coastal Regional officer, and cc Stargate's Baronesses and Seneschal (e-mails listed below).

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.
- ✦ **Photographs** - If you have taken some photos, please send your contributions to the Stargate Chronicler, Baroness Elisena de Bayonne, at chronicler@stargate.ansteorra.org. The Chronicler would love to have all contributions. Please remember to send a release form.

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! If you have taken 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!

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(Please no calls after 10 pm)

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Check out Stargate's [Facebook page!](#)

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Upcoming Populace Meeting dates (first non-holiday Monday of the month): January 8th and February 5th.

Make sure you are included in Stargate's Domesday Book - submission is quick and easy through our [online form!](#)

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Archery Practice is held once a month, usually at [Carter Park](#) in Spring, TX. [More details](#)

Have a youth fighter looking for a practice? Check out the Houston/Beaumont area Official Youth Chivalric practice! [More details...](#)

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