



Two Towers

March - April 2018

From the Baronesses

Greetings Stargate,

We want to thank those that came out to the demos that occurred in January and February. Stargate had a good showing at the demos and we really appreciate all the work that went into helping with the displays! We also had a great time at the Revel in the Park and are hoping to continue the revel on a quarterly basis.

Gulf Wars is coming and we hope to see everyone there. We look forward to spending a week fighting, shopping, taking classes, and just spending time with our extended family!

In April, we have our first of two co-events with the Barony of Loch Soilleir. We are hosting A Shakespearean Festival and are excited to see all the fun scenarios that will be happening in Archery, Chivalric, and Rapier. There will also be classes on performance, cooking, and scribal. Come and join us for a fun day of fighting and learning!

Brenna and Sarra
Baronesses of Stargate

Missive From the Seneschal

Happy New Year, denizens of Stargate!

Greeting Stargate! This year has been great so far and we are looking forward to many more amazing things as we move ahead. Revel in the park was a rousing success with many participants, interested bystanders, and lots of food, fun, and fighting! We are so pleased with how it went that plans are in the works to have one every three months or so.

This coming week is Gulf Wars! For those of you going, please be safe on your travels and have a great time! After Gulf Wars we will have a brief intermission while everyone recuperates and then we are kicking into high gear again for our April event - the Shakespearean Festival.

There are some amazing activities in the planning stages and I think it's going to be an amazing weekend! We can use all the help we can get so please keep an eye on our Facebook page and see where you can help out. Many hands make light work!

If you haven't been able to make it to populace, please check the Facebook page for the minutes. I try to put them up within a couple of days of populace so anyone who can't make it can still get the information. They are under the files section.

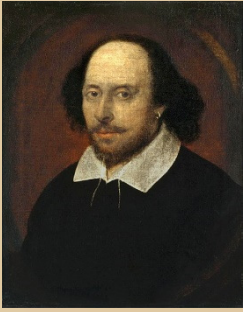
Next month we'll talk about the April event again and look forward to the Co-Baronial event as well.

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?



Barony of Loch Soilleir and
Barony of Stargate's Shakespearean Festival
April 20-22, 2018
Coushatte Recreation Ranch
2812 Nelius Rd, Bellville, TX 77418
www.coushatterv.com



The Barony of Loch Soilleir & the Barony of Stargate invites you to celebrate William Shakespeare's birthday, April 23, 1564.

The festival will be a day of competition of Chivalric Combat, Rapier Combat, and Archery, featuring scenarios around the theme of the event. It also features Arts & Sciences Classes with a focus on Cooking, Performance, and Scribal Arts.

Event Registration: Make checks payable to SCA Inc. - Barony of Stargate

Adult Registration: \$20.00

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$15.00

Youth (5-15): \$5.00

Youth (0-4): Free

Family Max: \$45.00

Electric Outlet per site: \$5.00

The event opens at 6 pm Friday, April 20th and closes Sunday, April 22nd at noon. Lunch feast will be a tavern hosted by Loch Soilleir. Dinner feast will be a potluck, and there are plenty of outlets in the hall for crock pots. Camping electricity is limited, requires an adapter for a 30 amp outlet, and are reserved for campers only. Splitters are allowed if you would like to share the outlet. Accepting merchants for both inside and outside the hall. Please send in electric reservations and merchant requests to the event steward.

Directions:

From Houston: I-10 west, exit 720 to Sealy, 36 north 5 miles to FM 331, take a right down 331, go 5 miles, turn left on Coushatte road, 1 mile to Nelius road, take a left on Nelius road, go 1 mile and you will see the campground entrance.

From Bellville: 36 south to Coushatte road, at the light, take a left, go over railroad tracks, take a right you are on Coushatte road, go 5 miles to Nelius road, take a right, go 1 mile to campground entrance.

The site is wet in period containers. Leashed pets are allowed with proper vaccinations. Owners are liable for pet damages. A fire ban may be in effect. Please obey all local fire laws. Camping only in designated areas. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents. Parents/Guardians are responsible for children at all times. Parents/Guardians may not leave site without their children without a notarized waiver.

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Stargate March Events Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	4 10AM Stargate Chivalric Practice 10AM Gates Edge Chivalric Practice 3p Scribes	5 Populace Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
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	18 10AM Stargate Chivalric Practice 10a Gates Edge Chivalric Practice 3p Scribes	19 7pm Bardic	20	21	22	23	24
	25 10AM Stargate Chivalric Practice 3PM Cooking Guild	26	27	28	29	30	31

- ✦ **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 the first Monday **Stargate Chivalric and Rapier Combat Practice** is every Sunday at Noon 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** February 24th, 9-11 am @ Carter Park in Spring, Tx

Stargate April Events Calendar

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	1	2 7PM Populace Meeting	3	4	5	6	7 9 AM Archery Practice
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Upcoming Events & Meetings

Populace Meeting

Populace meeting during March 2018 will be held on March 5th, at Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX. We have a private room. Please check the lobby bulletin board. The April meeting will be on April 2nd.

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 starting back up in April. 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 2018 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:

Minister of Children

Rapier Marshal

Please send applications to the applicable 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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