



Two Towers

November – December 2018

From the Baronesses

Greetings to the Barony,

September and October were fairly quiet months for the barony. We want to say congratulations to our chivalric champion, Peter Makintare who was invited to join the Order of the Chivalry and to Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann for making it into the final rounds for Kingdom Bard.

As we move into November and December, there are quite a few activities to look forward to. In November, Stargate will be running the soup kitchen for War of the Rams. We look forward to supplying all those on the field of battle with soup and desserts, so that they can enjoy the fighting scenarios and keep going throughout the day. Mistress Christyana is coordinating the effort and will need volunteers as we get closer into the month. Please check the facebook group for updates on what is still needed for the day.

The barony will also be doing our annual Salsa and Taco Saturday potluck dinner at our encampment at War of the Rams. We will be posting on the facebook page to see who will be camping with us, so we can ensure we save enough camping space. We will also post about the potluck dinner, so people can post what they are going to bring. .

December brings the Barony's 45th Anniversary Celebration with HL Caitilín inghean Ronain uí Cheallaigh as the autocrat and Solmundr Mac an Ghabhann as the feast steward. Not only will we be celebrating our anniversary, but we will also be choosing the next Bardic and A&S Champions. The requirements for competing in these competitions will be posted soon by our current champions, Master Brian O'hUilliam and Mistress Cristyana Lambrecht. If you are interested in helping with the event, please let HL Caitilín know. We always need help with set up and take down for the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone out and about over the next two months!

In service,
Baroness Brenna and Baroness Sarra

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/>

Note Regarding Stargate Yule

This December's Stargate Yule Revel will be a celebration of Stargate's 45th Anniversary. HL Kat, our Historian, will have a display at Yule Revel.

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 Yule Revel 2018

Their Excellencies, Sarra Ashton of York and Brenna MacDonald invite All to join in a Celebration of the Barony of Stargate's 45th Anniversary & Yule Revel on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

Join us for a day of fun and revelry in the setting of a Medieval English Yule Revel. Join in the spirit of the Season with Dancing, Music, and Fellowship within Our Baronial Hall. There will be a Bountiful Feast to Enjoy on this Day of Celebration..

Our Annual Table Decorating Contest will take place during the Celebration.

Their Excellencies invite All to Compete for the honor of being chosen as Stargate's Baronial Bard or Our Baronial Artisan.

Location: St Christopher Episcopal Church
1656 Blalock
Houston, TX 77080

Site Fees: Adult Registration Fee: \$17,
Adult Member Discount Rate: \$12;
Children (5-12 yrs): \$6
Children under 5 yrs : Free
Feast Fee: \$10

Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc. , Barony of Stargate.
In deference to our hosts, the site is dry. No alcohol will be permitted.
Feast Reservations will close 2 weeks before the event and only a limited number of feasts will be available at the door. Please reserve early with the Feast Steward (feastreserve@gmail.com)
Ingredient lists will provided on the website for those with dietary and allergy concerns. Menu forthcoming.

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 waver form from the parents. No pets, expect service animals.

Stargate November Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2. Passion for Peerless Pursuits (Royal Lancer & Royal Huntsman) Shadowlands	3. Passion for Peerless Pursuits (Royal Lancer & Royal Huntsman) Shadowlands
4 12 AM Stargate Chivalric Practice 3 PM Scribal Guild at Central Market on Westheimer	5 Business & Populace Meeting at Trini Mendenhall Community Center	6	7	8	9 QUEEN'S CHAMPION - Hillsboro, Tx	10 QUEEN'S CHAMPION - Hillsboro, Tx
11 12 AM Stargate Chivalric Practice	12 7p UFO	13	14	15	16 WAR OF THE RAMS	17 WAR OF THE RAMS
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November Calendar Notes

- ✦ Stargate Scribes Guild 1st/3rd Sundays - 3-6 pm @ Central Mkt on Westheimer
- ✦ Gates Edge Fighter Practice 1st/3rd Sundays - 10 am @ Meyer Park
- ✦ Dance Guild 2nd and 4th Thursdays 6:30 PM Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd.
- ✦ 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 November 5 @ 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 @ Carter Park in Spring, Tx
- ✦ For updates,
see the calendar at <http://stargate.ansteorra.org/>

Stargate December Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events & Meetings

Populace Meeting

Populace meeting during November 2018 will be held on November 5, at Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX. We have a private room. Please check the lobby bulletin board. The August Meeting will be on August 6th.

UFO Guild

HL 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 Carter Park. Check the Facebook page for possible 2018 dates.

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**. Please send applications to the applicable Southern 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 some photos to share, 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.
<http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/library.html#forms>

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.
<http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/library.html#forms>
- ✦ **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!
<http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/library.html#forms>
- ✦ **Art** - Send your finest artwork along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form found on the Ansteorra website.
<http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/library.html#forms> Or let us know if you would like to illustrate articles!

Stargate Officers

(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): November 5, and December 3.

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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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