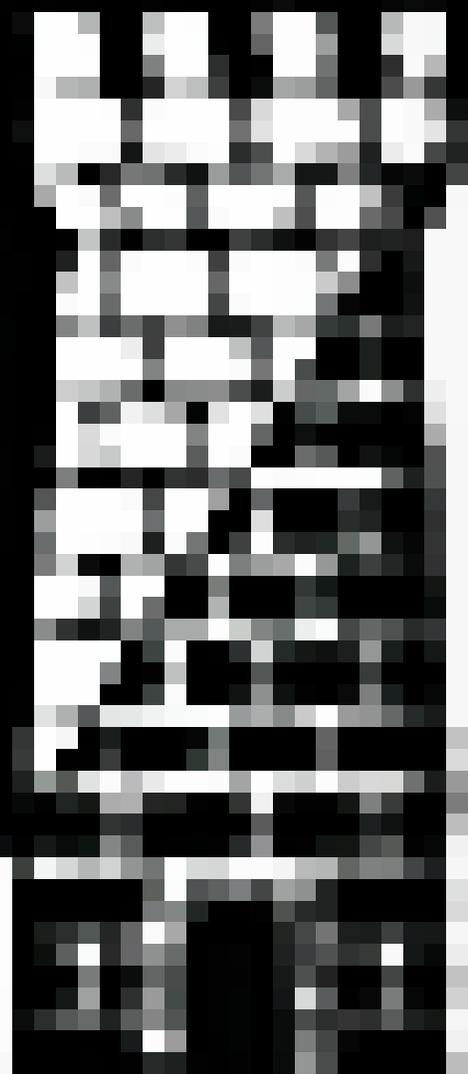
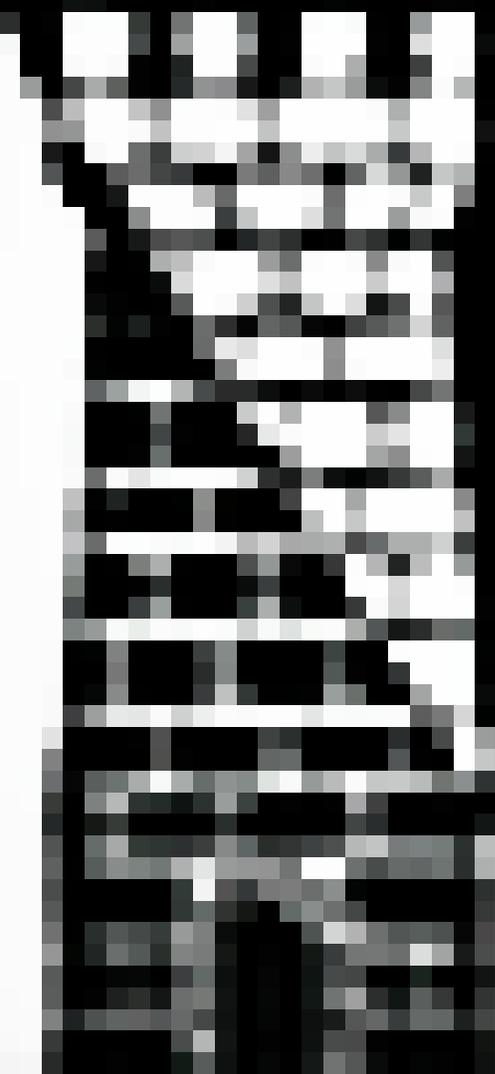
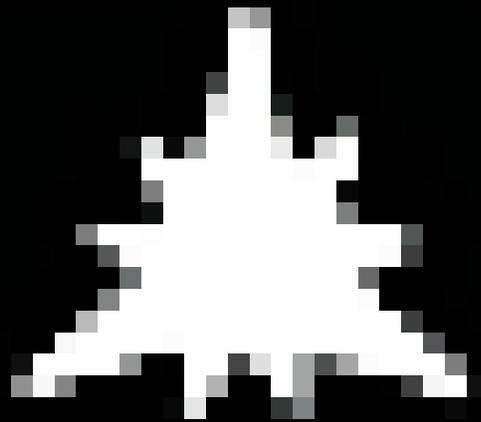


# The Two Towers

August 2021



## From the Baronesses

**Greetings Wonderful Barony,**

**As summer is starting to wind down (Where did the time go?), we are looking forward to our annual Summer Revel.**

**On August 21st, Stargate is joining Loch Soillier in hosting our annual summer revel at a site in Huffman. We are very excited to participate in classes and learn all the new things! Since we have outdoor space at the site, we can also have fighting classes, fighter practice, or classes that need to be held outdoors. The Facebook event page will have all the details on location and what classes are going to occur.**

**As discussed at Populace in July, we will be stepping down at Stargate Yule. If you have any questions on the process or even what the job entails, we are happy to answer any questions. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.**

**In Service to the Dream,**

**Baroness Brenna and Baroness Sarra**

# Announcements!

Their Excellencies will be stepping down at Stargate Yule, which is the first weekend in December. Applications for B&B will be open from now until August 31st. Polling will occur at our October populace meeting (04Oct2021).

If you have the experience, the fortitude, the time and other necessary resources, and are willing to serve Stargate and Ansteorra in this high-energy, critically important role, please send your application to Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses, with cc to Kingdom Seneschal and the Baronesses of Stargate. See their e-mail addresses below:

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Their Highnesses: [coronet@ansteorra.org](mailto:coronet@ansteorra.org)

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Baronesses of Stargate: [bandb@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:bandb@stargate.ansteorra.org)

## Missive From the Seneschal

Greeting Populace!

We're now officially meeting in person at populace, using a hybrid format in conjunction with Zoom. Populace is held the first Monday of the month at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center from 7:15-8:15 pm. Please note that masks are still required.

Please feel free to reach out with your ideas! The Barony is only as successful as we collectively make it, so if there is anything you're interested in please let me know. I'll see you at the revel!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

YIS,

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Stargate Seneschal  
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## Missive from the Baronial Exchequer

Greetings from your Friendly Baronial Exchequer!

As there has not been a baronial event so far during my seat in this office, there has not been much to do, so it's been a good time to learn. Well, that is about to change as we have events coming up in the last quarter of this year. So, if you ever wanted to learn about the office of Exchequer, I am in need of a deputy. This is a good time to volunteer to be deputy Exchequer and learn about it. If you are interested, please send an email to me at [Exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:Exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org) and to the Seneschal and to their Excellencies as well.

Fastrada the Furious

## Missive from the Baronial Hospitaler and Social Media Deputy

Greetings!

This is Margot, one half of Team Hospitaler. I'd like to take a moment to warmly welcome again the newcomers that we have been seeing in the past couple of months. Your presence is appreciated, and we all look forward to getting to know you all better. For any other newcomers who may read this, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself, or Ciarnet, if you have any questions or need help with anything.

Additionally, I am still seeking out good gentles who would be willing to assist with some videos for our YouTube. These can be a great source for newcomers, and I would love help from the populace on this endeavor. The topics of said videos can be as simple as an interview about your journey in the SCA, an informational video about an interest you have within the SCA, or really anything you can think of. I will do 90% of the work as far as filming and editing, I just need y'all to talk and look wonderful! Please email me (or contact me on Facebook) if interested.

Margot de la Marche

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## Missive from the Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings,

July brought with it some exciting A&S developments. With the SCA cautiously opening up to in person activities, Stargate held in-person sewing guild and armoring guild meetings. Sewing guild plans to meet the 1st Saturday and the 3rd Sunday of the month going forward. There is a Facebook page for the sewing guild, search "Stargate Sewing Guild" if you would like to join. Armoring guild is still organizing, but plans to have monthly meetings alternating between the west and east side of town. If you have an interest in organizing a guild please let me know how I can help.

It was also announced that kingdom A&S will be held in September at our neighbors in Bordermarch. I would like to encourage everyone to see what others are working on, but also to submit entries. If you have something you would like to submit and would like help please let me know. Documentation seems daunting, but there are plenty of knowledgeable people willing to help.

Lothar

## **Missive from the Baronial Knight Marshal**

Greetings all!

From the desk of the Knight Marshal comes this missive:

The month of July has been a good one for our fighters. We had one very successful armor workshop and have now included a Tuesday night fighter practice in Hermann Brown Park. In the month of July we had six fighter practices, with an average of 4 fighters per practice. As we continue to return to the SCA, please make sure you are following all guidelines and procedures outlined by the Kingdom. At practices, please make sure to drink plenty of water and stay cool. That's all for now, friends. Stay Safe!

In Service,  
Friendly neighborhood Baronial Knight Marshal Rafael

## **Missive from the Baronial Rapier Marshal**

Greetings Stargate, from your Baronial Rapier Marshal!

Rapier practice is still at 10am at Ray Miller Park - west of the city center. I will continue to post to the Stargate FB group a day prior whether practice is still happening that week-or held off due to weather, availability of marshals, or availability of local officers.

Information about COVID-related restrictions is here - <https://ansteorra.org/martial-kingdom/ansteorra-martial-practices-reopen-plan/>.

Stay stabby and safe!  
Your Rapier Marshal Charles Alexander

## **Missive from the Baronial Minister of Children**

Greetings,

As we move forward carefully with in person activities we are looking forward to youth fighting! It is currently allowed with precautions set in place by the SCA for safety of all involved. Askar, our Youth Combat Marshal, and I are currently working on getting reauthorized for youth fighting. We are also looking forward to Co-Baronials and will keep you updated on what we have planned as we get closer to the event.

Unfortunately, due to a new society law, our online youth classes are no longer possible. Thank you to all who participated and taught over the last year. It's been a pleasure getting to know some our youth and learning more myself.

Lady Aoife

## **Missive from the Baronial Chronicler**

Greetings Stargate!

I am very happy to have added our Guild spotlight to this month's newsletter. Each month a different guild will be highlighted. In addition, next month we will have a new column called "Dear Abigail" where answers to submitted questions will will be published. I have created a form that you may use to submit questions. You may choose to be anonymous or to allow your question to be selected for publication in this newsletter. To submit an inquiry please, use this link: <https://bit.ly/DearAbigail>. I am looking forward to answering your burning questions about the SCA in general or Stargate specifically!

In Service,  
Talia

# News!

**What's that? No Pennsic again this year?**

**That just means you have time for THE SCA event of the year...  
the Star-Loch Summer Revel.**

**The revel will be held on the northeast side at 23019 FM-2100, Huffman, TX 77336. Site opens at 10am, there is no site fee and garb is optional, but encouraged for evening court. We have indoor space for classes (please bring your own chairs) and outdoor space for fighting (popups are welcome). There will not be an organized feast or potluck, however you are welcome to bring food and drinks for you and your family. If you would like to teach a class or want more information please search for our event on Facebook "Stargate and Loch Soilleir Summer Revel".**

**Stargate now has an up and running sewing guild!  
Lady Margot and Lady Aoife are the co heads of the guild and invite anyone of any skill level to join us.  
Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3pm in Humble and at 1pm on the 4th Sunday in Richmond.**

# Guild Spotlight

## **Stargate Bardic Guild**

The Stargate Bardic Guild meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Originally, we met at the home of Master Alden Drake, but when Covid-19 shut things down, Honorable Lady Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann, the guild leader, moved the meetings to the virtual world and began hosting the meetings on Zoom. Not only did this move keep the guild going, but it also allowed for people from far outside the barony to be able to attend. Visitors from several different kingdoms have joined us, to share their passion for bardic performance, whether as performers themselves, or just to be audience members. We are still meeting virtually, but hope to resume in-person meetings when we feel it is safe to do so.

The Barony of Stargate has a rich history of bardic arts and it has been the proud home of some of our kingdom's finest bards. From among our populace, Sieglinde Syr, Eleanor Fairchild, Katrina of Coventry, Alden Drake, Andre de Saint Michel (called Scarhart), and Tenochcacuictl Delmar have had the great honor of being named Premier Bards of Ansteorra!

Performers of all experience levels are welcome, whether you are a classically trained professional vocalist, or a secret shower singer. If singing isn't your thing, tell us your stories, or share your poetry! If you don't think you're a bard, but you are often found telling "No \$#!t there I was..." stories in camp at events, guess what...you're a bard!

If you want help honing your craft, we have several experienced bards ready and waiting to help you. They are happy to observe your performance and provide constructive feedback to help you take your art to the next level or add just the right amount of final polish.

Bardic guild isn't just for performers. We are nothing without an audience! If you don't fancy yourself a performer, but love to be entertained, you are absolutely welcome to attend bardic guild. You can easily find three to four hours of free entertainment from some of the kingdom's top bards!

Our goal as a guild is to provide a safe and welcoming space for performers and patrons of the art to come together and share in fellowship and performance. We hope to see you soon.

In service,  
Honorable Lady Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann, Guild Lead  
Master Alden Drake, Host

## **Items of General Interest**

### **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/>

**Thank you for all the great submissions! Don't forget, we are always looking for more submissions and suggestions from the populace with which to improve the Two Towers. We look forward to reviewing and reporting on your contributions!**

### **Who are we?**

The Barony of Stargate is a local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), within the Southern 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?

## Ongoing Calendar Notes

Please note that guidelines have been set forth by the Society regarding safety precautions.

Please see the Kingdom webpage for more details.

<https://ansteorra.org/covid-19-information/>

- ◆ **Stargate Scribes Guild** 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays - 3-6 pm @ Central Mkt on Westheimer. (Not currently meeting. See FB for updates)
  
- ◆ **Dance Guild** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 6:30 PM Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd. (Not currently meeting. See FB for updates)
  
- ◆ **Bardic** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7:00 PM online via Zoom.
  
- ◆ **UFO Guild** Usually (always check) on Mondays except Pop Mtg week 7-9 pm @ Brenna MacDonald's home. Postponed until TBD.
  
- ◆ **Populace Meeting** Monthly on the first Monday @ Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd.
  
- ◆ **Stargate Chivalric** is every Sunday at 10 AM at Ray Miller Park in Houston (1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077) and on Tuesday nights at 6:45 in Hermann Brown Park (400 Mercury Dr. Houston, TX 77013).
  
- ◆ **Rapier Combat Practice** is every Sunday at 10 AM at Ray Miller Park in Houston. 1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077
  
- ◆ **Archery Practice** Usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9-11 AM @ Carter Park in Spring, Tx (Not currently meeting. See FB for updates.)
  
- ◆ **For updates** see the calendar at <https://ansteorra.org/stargate/home/calendar/>

(Please note that the calendar is in the process of being updated. If you do not see an event, meeting, or practice please double check the Stargate Facebook page or email the officer in charge. Contact information can be found in the newsletter on the officers list.)

# Guilds and Meetings

## **Unfinished Objects Guild (currently on hold)**

The UFO (Unfinished Objects) Guild may be held at the home of Her Excellency 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. Currently, guild meetings are postponed until further notice

## **Scribes Guild (currently on hold)**

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](#).

## **Cooks Guild (currently on hold)**

We learn and practice the art and science of period food. Each month we discuss a different topic or recipe. Please contact the Minister of Arts and Sciences for location.

## **Bardic Guild (currently online)**

Bardic Guild is held irregularly, but typically the third Tuesday of the month. We sing, we visit, we tell tales, and sing some more! We trade info and discuss resources. Please contact the Minister of Arts and Sciences for location and times.

## **Dance Guild (currently on hold)**

Join us to learn, and practice, period European dances.

## **Sewing Guild**

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3pm in Humble and at 1pm on the 4th Sunday in Richmond. Please see FB for details.

## 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 at [chronicler@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto: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>
- ◆ **Event Stories** - Let everyone hear your recollection of a great time or special occurrence at a Stargate event by putting it in our newsletter!  
<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!

### Of Special Note:

Positions open for application have been open for more than 30 days and will remain open until filled. Please send applications to the applicable Southern Regional officer, and cc Stargate's Baronesses and Seneschal (e-mails listed below).

# Stargate Officers

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**Thrown Weapons Marshal: Open for Applications!**

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**Vivat  
Stargate!**