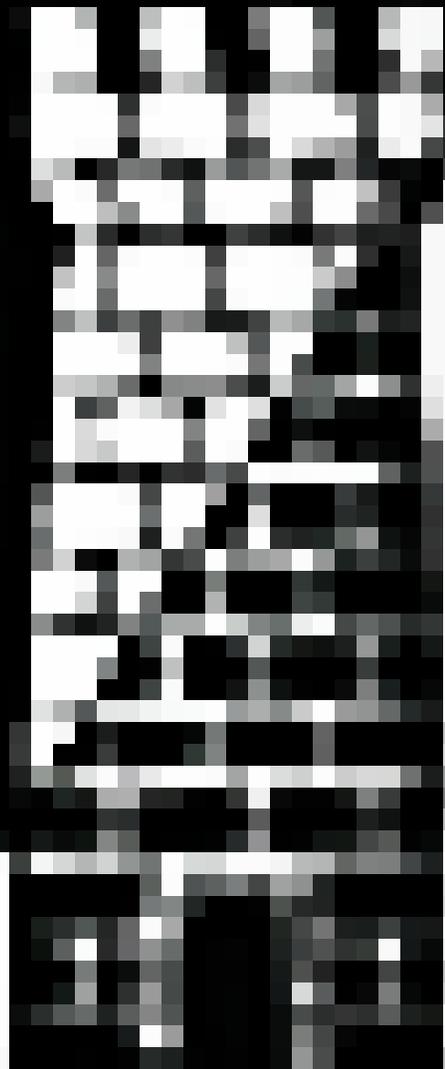
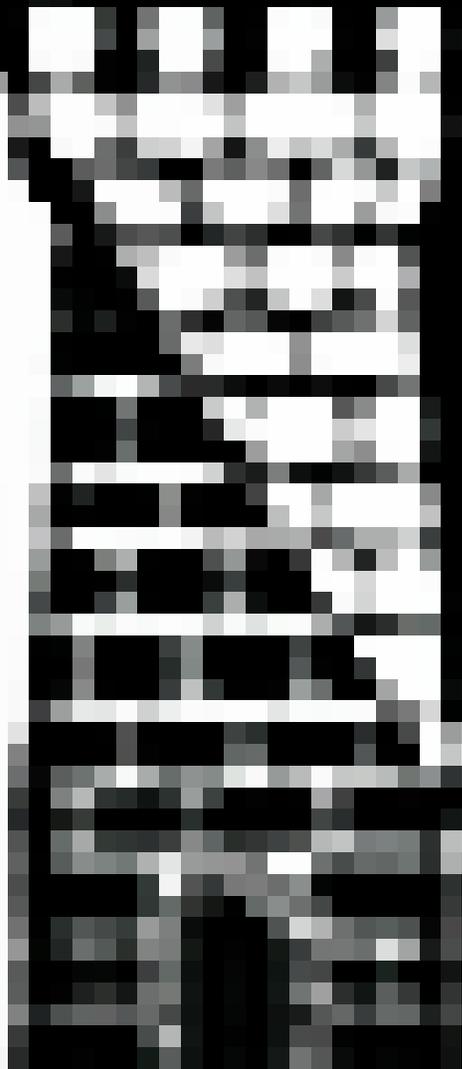
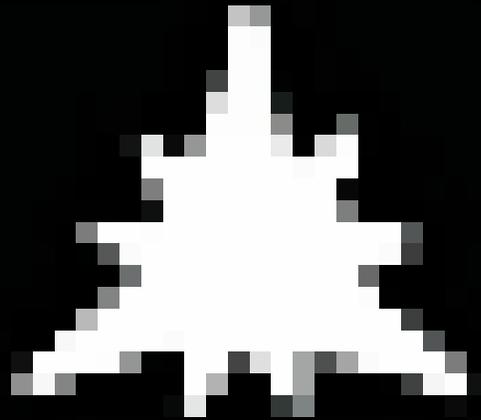


The Two Towers

September 2021



From the Baronesses

Greetings Wonderful Barony,

What a wonderful Revel we were able to have! Thanks so much to Lothar for planning and hosting the revel! We were so excited to see everyone that attended and enjoyed the classes that were given. We were also able to give out kingdom awards to those that earned them, but weren't present previously to accept them. It's always a pleasure to be able to recognize all the efforts that happen within the barony.

We also have candidates for the next Landed Nobility of Stargate. They are Master Alden Drake and Honorable Lady Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann AND Lord Lothar the Easily Amused and Lady Fastrada the Furious. Their candidate letters have been posted on the Stargate webpage at ansteorra.org/stargate and are also located in this newsletter. Polling will be conducted at our October Populace meeting on 10/4. Details around this will be forthcoming from Mistress Myfanwy ferch Eifion. Feel free to contact the candidates directly with any questions you may have. The populace is encouraged to send words to the Ansteorran Crown to let them know your thoughts on the candidates and the future of Stargate. Please be respectful to all candidates in any missive that you might send.

There are several events scheduled in September, but please keep an eye on the lists for any last minute announcements on event updates. Raven's Fort will be holding their Defender of the Fort along with an Investiture for their new Baron and Baroness. Coronation for Their Highnesses will be happening on the 25th along with the Shire of Rosenfeld's 30th Year Celebration.

We are moving our populace back to virtual meetings. As the current COVID situation and associated Kingdom rules are regularly changing, we will try and keep everyone posted on any changes to schedules or activities as soon as possible.

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 have been submitted and letters of intent may be found below. Polling will occur at our October populace meeting (04 Oct., 2021).

Letter of intent from Master Alden Drake & Honorable Lady Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann

Unto Their Stellar Majesties, Jason and Margherita, King and Queen of Ansteorra, Their most noble heirs, Floki and Elizabeth, Crown Prince and Crown Princess, Their Sentinel Excellencies, Baroness Brenna MacDonald and Baroness Sarra Asshton of York, His Excellency Master Brian O'hUilliam, Kingdom Seneschal, and as alike unto the most wonderful populace of the Barony of Stargate do we, Master Alden Drake and Honorable Lady Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann, send our most sincere and heartfelt greetings.

Please receive and consider these words, from your dutiful and humble servants, as our expression of intent to serve the Kingdom of Ansteorra, the Barony of Stargate, and all those good friends and neighbors who abide therein, as Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Stargate, premier barony of the Kingdom of Ansteorra.

It is our great desire to serve as the landed nobles of the Barony of Stargate, that we might represent the Crown to the wonderful people of the barony and be the voice of the populace to our noble Crown. In this role, we wish to foster and encourage growth and engagement of the populace and officers that serve the barony, while preserving the rich history and traditions that have evolved as the barony approaches its 50th anniversary.

Together we bring over 42 years of SCA experience. In that time, we have served the Barony of Stargate as Seneschal, Knight Marshal, A&S Minister, Herald, Hospitaler, and as Financial Committee Members. Additionally, we have served the barony in stewarding events and feasts, various coordinator positions at events, and as entourage for past landed nobles. In addition, both have served in kingdom level offices: Star Principal Herald (Alden) and Kingdom Minister of Children (Ceara). We understand the necessity of maintaining solid relationships with the baronial officers and populace and will use all our skills in this endeavor.

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We recognize that while the roles of baron and baroness come with great prestige and honor, they are roles of service. We will serve, not only on the baronial thrones, but in the thick of things, where there is work to be done.

Stargate is our home. We will see it be a place that welcomes all those who come here. We will see it be a place that is safe for all people of diverse backgrounds. We will see it be a place that others are proud to call home.

Thank you, from the bottoms of our hearts, for considering us for this great opportunity to serve the Barony of Stargate.

In service to The Dream,

Master Alden Drake

Companion of the Order of the Pelican

Companion of the Order of the Laurel

Sentinel of the Stargate

Honorable Lady Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann

Companion of the Order of the Star of Merit

Companion of the Order of the Iris of Merit

Sentinel of the Stargate

Letter of intent from Lothar the Easily Amused and Fastrada the Furious

Greetings unto Their Royal Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses of Ansteorra!

We, Lord Lothar the Easily Amused and Lady Fastrada the Furious, wish it be known to you and to the current Baronesses of Stargate, the Kingdom Seneschal and the fair populace of the Barony of the Stargate, of our desire to serve as Baron and Baroness of Stargate. We humbly request you consider this declaration of our intent to vie for this great honor and responsibility.

Who Are We?

We are Jonathan and Margarita Prevot in the modern world, parents to three wonderful, talented children. Our SCA careers began in the mid- and late 1990s, primarily in the Gate's Edge/Stargate area. After a period to raise our children, we returned full force to the SCA and Stargate.

I, Lothar, have been involved in the SCA since 1996 under the name Bowen. Over the years, I have served the Shire of La Marche Sauvage and the Canton of Gates Edge as autocrat, feastocrat, hospitaler and knights marshal. When the SCA participated in the Texas Renaissance Festival, I was active with the SCA booth, including as Liaison in 2002. The purpose of our presence was not only providing an education experience for guests, but for the recruitment of new members. I am also Squired to Duke Ulsted the Unsteady. Since returning in 2019, I have been active in Stargate using the name Lothar. I am active in the local fighting community, attending practice and hosting armorers guild helping my fellow fighter build and improve that equipment. I am also greatly interested in arts and sciences. During the Barony's 2020 virtual summer revel, I organized a brewing class and hosting Stargate's summer revel 2021. I currently hold the office of Minister of A&S.

I, Fastrada, began my SCA journey in 1998 as "Serin" with the Canton/Shire, of Gates Edge in the Barony of the Stargate. In the next 7 years, I served as Hospitaler, Herald, autocrat and feastocrat of various events and ran gate at Texas Renaissance Festival every weekend for 3 years. I was active in equestrian, archery and thrown weapons activities. Then my two toddlers became a full time job at events and my ability to serve/participate was greatly reduced. I retired to background support whilst my lord husband continued on for a while more. In 2019, I returned to participate with the Barony of the Stargate. In 2020, I assumed the office of Exchequer for the Barony and currently host the sewing guild once a month.

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Goals for Stargate

We have a great passion to support our fellow SCAdians, whether new or existing, to find their way in the SCA. As with most volunteer organizations, what concerns us the most for the next few years in Stargate and the SCA as a whole is membership and cultivating an inclusive, fun-making society. A place for everyone, no matter who they are, to enjoy and grow in their chosen SCA path and have fun.

Reaching out to the existing and previous members to refresh their interest is extremely important in a post-COVID SCA. These gentles are important to re-establish traditions and SCA mentors. This foundation will help when seeking out and fostering new members to the Barony and making sure everyone is having fun, a priority for us. We hosted a regional fighter practice in March 2020 before everything shutdown and plan to start having those quarterly once everything is truly back to normal. This will help build community with existing members and neighboring groups. We want to encourage not only fighters to attend, but also those who are arts and service minded to share. Quarterly gatherings provide a low barrier of entry for newcomers to get to know us, establish time to work on baronial service projects and an opportunity to have fun together.

It is also our intention to seek out more opportunities for demonstrations at events and locations that attract folks who are more likely to be interested in the SCA. The Houston-region is the home of over 4 million people. There is a great opportunity to grow. We believe strongly in raising awareness of the Society via positive social media exposure and will work with, and support our Hospitaler, social media officer and web-minister in this area.

We have worked closely with the current and past landed nobility of Stargate to understand their role both locally and within the Kingdom. We feel the landed nobility have a responsibility to maintain a pulse on the service and fiscal responsibility of baronial officers and provide appropriate support to them as needed. Landed nobility also have a responsibility to our Crown to let them know about the great deeds of the populace and promote them through award recommendations and word praise.

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Awards and Acknowledgements

I, Lothar, (aka- Bohin Scheurer le Taureau) was honored to have received the following awards:

Award of Arms-02/27/99, Sable Crane-09/09/00, Sodality of the Sentinels of the Stargate 12/08/01, Sable Comet-08/02/03, King's Gauntlet of Ansteorra-01/10/04

I, Fastrada, (aka- Serin la Rapp) was honored to have received the following awards:

Award of Arms-06/12/99, Sable Comet-06/03/00, Sable Thistle, appliqué-12/08/01, Sodality of the Sentinels of the Stargate 12/08/01, Sable Crane-06/29/02, Sable Thistle, costuming-10/09/04

Mundane Experience

Lothar/Jonathan Prevot

Graduated University of Houston with degree in civil engineering. Worked several years in Public Works for the City of Houston. Currently, I own my own established businesses that afford me flexibility of schedule and very good financial stability.

Fastrada/Margarita Prevot

Along with jobs in customer service and hospitality, I worked many years for a contract security company as an Operations Manager. I was responsible for 51 accounts, including hi-rise buildings, malls and arenas. My responsibilities included liaison to property owners/managers, hiring, training and placement of staff, conflict resolution, crisis management and documentation of my actions. Later as a full-time mom of 3 kids on the autism spectrum, I managed their medical, counseling & therapy appointments and assisted with their individualized education plans at school. The two oldest are adults now and youngest is in high school. For the last 11 years, I have served on 1 to 3 Executive Boards at any given time with various non-profit groups. Serving as Vice Presidents, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Volunteer Coordinator, and Event Coordinator.

We would endeavor to be voice and ear between the Kingdom and the Barony and strive to assist both through communication, action and earnest example.

Sincerely in service,

Lothar the Easily Amused and Fastrada the Furious

Missives

Missive From the Seneschal

Greeting Populace!

Due to the covid delta variant, we're stopping all indoor activities and are requiring masks at outdoor activities. Also due to the labor day holiday, populace will be held on 9/13 over zoom only. Populace is normally held the first Monday of the month.

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.

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

YIS,

HL Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann
Stargate Seneschal
seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org

Missive from the Baronial Exchequer

Greetings from your friendly baronial Exchequer!

As there has not been a baronial calendar event yet during my seat in this office, there has not been much financial activity, so it's been a good time to learn. 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 , to the Seneschal and to their Excellencies as well.

Fastrada the Furious

Missive from the Baronial Hospitaller and Social Media Deputy

Hello from your Hospitaller!

We're rolling into the eventing season and that means we have an excellent opportunity to bring newcomers out to events! With the temperatures changing from boiling to regular-hot it also means that any newcomer we bring out won't melt under the blazing Ansteorra sun. Now is the time to double down on recruitment efforts in our communities. We are all hospitalers in our own right and we all can make small efforts to introduce people to our amazing hobby. If you still need a business card, please let me know and I will get them to you. If you're still sitting on some business cards, pass them out! Do you have a family member, friend, or neighbor that you think would have a good time at an event? Bring them out!

We have two events coming up that would both be very excellent to bring newcomers out to:

-Coastal Grand Baronial Championship—Oct 23rd

-Stargate Yule—Dec 4th

And now for me to switch hats and speak to you all as your Social Media Deputy! Send me pictures for the socials! Have a picture of you at an event that you loved! Send me it! Did you make something super cool that you're proud of? SEND ME IT!!! :) I would love to showcase on our socials how amazing you all are. Plus, our socials are really great recruitment tools...

Thank you!

Margot de la Marche

Social-media@stargate.ansteorra.org or hospitaller@stargate.ansteorra.org

Missive from the Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings,

We had a successful revel in August. Thank you to everyone that came out, you are what made it successful. I would like to send special thanks to those that taught classes and organized activities:

HE Brenna Macdonald

Master Avatar of Catsprey

HL Katrina of Coventry

Lady Aoife inghean

HL Caitilin inghean Rudhraighe ui Cheallaigh (Kat)

HE Ellisena de Bayonne

HE Curstaidh Magorlick

Lady Margot de la Marche

Míchéil Elisabeth Steves

Due to increased COVID activity, both sewing guild and armorers guild are back on hiatus. However, both are active on Facebook. I encourage everyone to reach out on Facebook or to me regarding these or any other A&S discussions. Even distanced, we can still have fun and be creative.

In service,

Lothar

Missive from the Baronial Knight Marshal

Greetings all! From the desk of the Knight Marshal comes this missive:

The month of August has seen our attendance at practice dip--with the changing landscape of what we are facing as a community in regards to The Plague, it is to be expected. To that effect, we will be enacting further restrictions at our local Fighter Practices in the name of precaution and comfort.

Starting in September and until further notice: practices will be open ONLY to fighters and pertinent officers. This means that spectators will not be allowed. Also, unfortunately we will not have loaner armor available for newcomers.

Nonetheless, I remain hopeful that these restrictions will not be necessary for very long.

Thats 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.

Please see information above, from the Baronial KM, regarding spectators.

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 Submissions Herald

Greetings to the Populace of the Barony of Stargate.

Here is the Heraldic Submissions News for the Barony

- Aoife inghean Mhíchíl Uí Dhomhnaill - Name and Device – In Commentary at Laurel – SCA College of Arms
- Caitilin inghean Rudhraighe ui Cheallaigh - Device - In Commentary at Laurel – SCA College of Arms
- Sarra Asshton of York - Augmentation of Arms Change - In Commentary at Laurel – SCA College of Arms
- Talia di Grazia di Amadore - Alternate Name and Device Change - In Commentary at Laurel – SCA College of Arms
- Margot de la Marche - Name and Device – Being Decided at Laurel – SCA College of Arms
- Jaques de Morlanne - Name and Device – in LoAR proofreading. Soon to be published
- Torfi Hallbiarnarson. Name and device. Registered
- Magdalena de Castilla. Name . Registered
- Cristyana Lambrecht aka Cristyne Lambrechtin – Augmentation of Arms – Currently in Process

Yours in Service,

HL Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Cheallaigh aka Caitilin inghean Rudhraighe ui Cheallaigh

Deputy Herald to the Sentinel Herald, Don Brian McCael

Missive from the Baronial Chronicler

Greetings Stargate!

Please note that our new column called “Dear Abigail” has been pushed back a month due to my difficulty in typing this month as I recover from an injury. If you would like 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... as soon as I can type with both hands again!

In Service,

Talia

News!



Coastal Grand Baronial Championships

Chivalric – Rapier – Archery – Equestrian

*Vie for the honor of becoming champion for one of the three baronies or
the Grand Coastal Champion.*

October 22nd - 24th, 2021

The site opens on the 22nd at 18:00 and closes on the 24th at noon.

Location:

22322 FM-2100

Huffman, TX 77336

Directions to site:

From the north:

Make your best way to Huffman TX (intersection of FM 1960 and FM 2100 / Crosby Huffman Rd)
Travel south on FM 2100 for 1.8 miles
Entrance will be on the left, watch for signs

From the south:

Make your best way to Crosby TX (intersection of Hwy 90 and FM 2100)
Travel north on FM 2100 for 8 miles
Entrance will be on the right, watch for signs

Adult Event Registration - \$17

Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$12

Under 18 and Students (with School ID and a valid blue membership card) - Free



Make checks payable to: SCA Inc. Barony of Loch Soilleir

Event Steward:

Her Excellency Narkissa (Katya) Ekaterina Vladimirovna

(Kathy Cofrin)

kcofrin@flash.net

"Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents."

Site is primitive, please bring your own drinking water. Camping is allowed and the site is wet. Pets are allowed on leashes.

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.

****Please see the Stargate facebook page for updates on events as we continue to open up.**

- **Stargate Scribes Guild** 1st/3rd Sundays - 3-6 pm @ Central Mkt on Westheimer. (Not currently meeting. See FB for updates)

- **Dance Guild** 2nd and 4th Thursdays 6:30 PM Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd. (Not currently meeting. See FB for updates)

- **Bardic** 3rd 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. (Currently via Zoom)

- **Stargate Chivalric** is every Sunday at 10 AM at Ray Miller Park in Houston. 1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077.

- **Rapier Combat Practice** is every Sunday at 10 AM at Ray Miller Park in Houston. 1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077

- **Archery Practice** Usually 3rd Saturday 9-11 AM @ Carter Park in Spring, Tx (Not currently meeting. See FB for updates.)

- **For updates,**

see the calendar at <http://stargate.ansteorra.org/>

(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 (currently on hold)

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. 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

Baroness and Baroness

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Her Excellency Sarra Asshton of York

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Seneschal

HL Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabahann

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Exchequer

Lady Fastrada the Furious

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Knight Marshal

Lord Rafael

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Rapier Marshal

Lord Charles Alexander

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Minister of Arts & Sciences

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Don Brian macCael

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Madame Margot de la Marche

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Chatelaine

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Mistress Hillary Greenslade

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Jacques de Morlanne

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Social Media Deputy

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Thrown Weapons Marshal: Open for Applications!

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**Vivat
Stargate!**