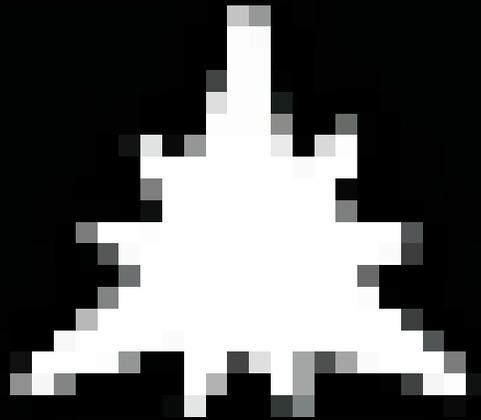


The Two Towers

October 2021



From the Baronesses

Greetings Wonderful Barony,

We have new Majesties!! In September, Their Majesties, Jason and Margherita, were able to finally step down from a long wonderful reign. Their new Majesties, Floki and Elizabeth, had a wonderful Coronation and we are looking forward to their reign.

Polling for our next Landed Nobility of Stargate will start on October 4th. During the October Populace meeting, there will be a chance to hear the candidates respond to questions that have been provided by the populace. This is a great way to understand the candidates' plans for the Barony and help to determine who you want to vote for. Also, please reach out to the candidates via email if you have any direct questions for them. They have provided their emails on one of the pinned posts on the facebook page.

We also look forward to the Grand Baronial Championships being held on October 22nd - 24th in Crosby, Tx. This event will be for the Baronies of Bordermarch, Loch Soilleir, and Stargate to choose their next set of champions in the fields of Chivalric, Rapier, Archery, and Equestrian. For those that attend and compete, they will have the opportunity to become one of the champions for one of the three baronies or the overall Coastal Champion for that field! We look forward to seeing everyone out at the event.

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.

Polling regarding the applicants for our new B&B has begun and will end on October 11th. Please use this [link](#) to make your opinion known!

Missives

Missive From the Seneschal

Greeting Populace!

The Kingdom Seneschal is implementing the Society COVIDSafe policy effective October 15th. Please be on the lookout for more information on this policy and how it will be handled on a baronial level as I gather more information. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

As always, populace is the first Monday of the month at 7:15 over zoom. Be on the lookout for how the November populace will be handled, however we will keep the zoom element moving forward in perpetuity.

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
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Missive from the Baronial Exchequer

Greetings from your friendly baronial Exchequer!

All goes well for the treasury of Stargate. As there has not been a baronial calendar event yet during my seat in this office, there has not been much financial activity. It is time though, for the financial committee to meet and work out a new Baronial Operational Budget for the coming fiscal year.

That being said, if you are an officer and have a budget you have not spent yet, you might consider doing some of that spending before the end of the month of October and arrange for submitting your receipts and requesting reimbursements.

I am seeking a deputy to this office, so if you have questions or want to know more about the office of Exchequer please contact me. This is a good time to volunteer to be deputy Exchequer. As deputy you would be able to shadow my efforts in the duties as exchequer in preparation for, during and post wrap up of our Yule event in December. If you are interested please send an email to me at Exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org, to the Seneschal at Seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org and copy their Excellencies Stargate well.

Stay well,
Fastrada the Furious,
Exchequer, Barony of the Stargate

Missive from the Baronial Hospitaler and Social Media Deputy

Salut Fair Barony!

We're now in the evening season so keep your eyes peeled for any newcomers at events. They're easy to spot; just look for the people filled with the shock of dazzled wonderment. Or, even better, bring your own newcomer to events!

We as a Barony have just launched our Stargate Mentorship Program. The link to sign up is on the Facebook and I encourage you all to sign up if you feel you have the time. Mentoring a newcomer is a great way to encourage them to stay with us. Nothing makes someone feel more welcome than having someone be invested in their interests and their future in our society. So, sign up!

If you need more business cards, please let me know. I have so many. So so many.

-Madame Margot de la Marche

Missive from the Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings Stargate,

With Covid easing and new kingdom policies, we are hoping for more activities starting this month. European Dance Guild will be reopening. If you are interested in meeting for armoring, brewing, or organizing a guild meeting please contact me.

Stargate and Loch Soilleir will be choosing new A&S Champions at Yule which is only 2 months away. So please start getting entries together. If you need help, please contact me.

In service
Lothar

Missive from the Baronial Rapier Marshal

Greetings Stargate, from your Baronial Rapier Marshal!

People are getting vaccinated, COVID-19 is on the decline, and RAPIER IS BACK!

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.

Rapier practice will also occur on Tuesdays at Hermann Brown Memorial Park alongside heavy practice at 6:45pm provided two people can confirm attendance in advance.

COVID restrictions have changed this month as a result of a recent Board decision that has been adopted by Kingdom of Ansteorra law. As of October 15th, either proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test (within the past 72 hours) will be required for attendees over 12. COVID masks are optional, but rapier armor masks of helms are still required 😊

We had two Sunday practices last month, and one Tuesday practice. The small number of practices this month is due to weather and planned vacation from the Rapier Marshal (sorry). Practices were enjoyed by all who attended. We had some newer folks drilling with swords and sparring, and people with years experience drilling with swords and sparring.

Stay stabby and safe!
Your rapier marshal Charles Alexander

Missive from the Baronial Chronicler

Greetings Stargate!

Please note that our new column called "Dear Abigail" has been pushed back another month due to my continued difficulty in typing 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 for a while without my hand cramping.

😊

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).

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Thrown Weapons Marshal: Open for Applications!

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**Vivat
Stargate!**