

The Two Towers

December 2021



From the Baronesses

Greetings Barony,

This is our last missive as the Baronesses of Stargate. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time as your Baronesses for the last 4 years and have lots of wonderful memories to look back on.

Loch/Stargate Yule is our last event as the sitting Baronesses. We hope that everyone enjoys the day of classes, Championships, and most importantly, the fellowship that is shared with friends.

Thank you to all the officers that have served during our term. You really made the job so much easier with your support. Thank you to all of our champions for helping to support the Barony in your fields. We hope that we can continue to build on the relationships that we started while you were our champions.

Thank you to HE Cristyana Lambrecht for all of the advice and support over the years. It was truly invaluable to have your help.

Thank you to HE Krag von Berghen and HE Hennessey O'Donoghue for your support and guidance during all of our joint events. It made us feel that much more comfortable coming into our positions knowing that we would be working with those that had done the co-event process before.

We also want to say congratulations to our heirs who will be invested at Loch/Stargate Yule, Master Alden Drake and HL Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann. We know they will do a great job at leading the Barony! We have truly treasured our time as the Baronesses of Stargate and hope that they will receive the love and support that we have received over the years.

Yours in Service,
Brenna MacDonald and Sarra Asshton of York

Announcements!

- ❖ **Congratulations to Fastrada on being chosen as our new Thrown Weapons Marshal!**
- ❖ **The office of Seneschal is still open for applications!**
- ❖ **The office of Chatelaine is still open for applications!**
- ❖ **The Office of Herald is still open for applications!**
- ❖ **We need a deputy exchequer. Please email Fastrada at Exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org if you are interested.**

Missives

Missive From the Seneschal

Greetings Stargate!

This is my last missive as your Seneschal. In a few short days, Alden and I will have our investiture to be the next Baron and Baroness of Stargate, and I couldn't be more proud. I'm thrilled to serve the barony in this role and am looking forward to working together to make this a fantastic reign for everyone.

I'd like to congratulate Fastrada for being our thrown weapons marshal, and also applications are open for the next 30 days for chatelaine. Please get those applications in ASAP! If there are any filled offices that your interested in applying for in the future, please talk to the officer in place about being a deputy so we can get you trained.

I'd also like to thanks Brenna and Sarra for all of their hard work over these past four years. They have been such wonderful baronesses and I have thoroughly enjoyed working for them. Thank you two for everything that you are.

I'm excited to see all of you at Stargate Yule. I want to celebrate all of you at that event and the bond we have as a barony. I am honored to serve you and along with you.

Sláinte! YIS,

HL Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann

Stargate Seneschal

Missive from the Baronial Exchequer

Greetings from your friendly baronial Exchequer!

All goes well for the treasury of Stargate. Coastal Grand Baronial was a great time and we even received a share of the proceeds from the event's gate fees.

A new budget for the new fiscal year was reviewed and approved by the financial committee.

Each officers' budget is intended to be used for basic maintenance or administrative costs for your office. Budget is available/applicable through October 30, 2022. The budget will be made available for viewing via a link on the Stargate web page as soon as possible.

Expenses beyond the budgeted amount must be requested in writing to the financial committee through the office of the exchequer. Details on the purpose, item(s) needed, cost (including tax) and vendor should be included in an email to exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.net .

I am still seeking a deputy to this office, so if you have questions or want to know more about the office of Exchequer please contact me. As deputy you would be able to shadow my efforts over most of the next year. 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.

Yule is likely to be behind us as of this missive, and surely a wonderful time.

Any request for reimbursement check(s) for Yule expenses must be submitted for approval by Sunday, December 12, 2021. You must **include receipts** along with the request.

If possible, checks received should be deposited promptly, preferably by December 23, 2021.

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

Missive from the Baronial Hospitaler and Social Media Deputy

Bonjour Barony,

We have entered the Yule season! Where did the year go? Let's remember to continue to be hospitalers in our own right. We are all part of the welcome wagon machine so when you see new people or someone who may be interested in what we do, do your best to help them feel welcomed into our unique family.

If you need more business cards, please do let me know. I would love to give you more so that you may give them to any and all persons you think would be interested.

Make sure that you have also signed up for our mentorship program as well. There has been a trickle of newcomers coming in, so we need to make sure there are enough mentors to help guide our newbies as they dive into our world.

Rappelez-vous, l'amour est le seigneur de tous,

Madame Margot de la Marche

Stargate Hospitaler

hospitaler@stargate.ansteorra.org

Missive from the Baronial Chronicler

Greetings Stargate!

Please submit your questions for our Dear Abigail column here: <https://bit.ly/DearAbigail>. The Guild Spotlight will start up again in January. Guild leaders get your typing finger ready!

In Service,
Talía

Missive from the Baronial A&S Minister

Greetings Stargate,

We have lots of activity going on within the Barony. Besides our active guilds we have wood working, armoring and brewing going on by individual artisans. We could certainly use some demonstrations of those crafts at the Texas Viking Festival. If you have time please come and share you love of all things SCA with others.

This is Lothar,
Keep it crafty Stargate

Missive from the Minister of Children:

Although official children's activities are still at a stand still, there will be a take and make heraldic shield competition at Yule. Please bring your young ones for a day of fun!

Lady Áoife inghean Mícheál Ui O'Domhnaill

Missive Regarding Sewing Guild:

Sewing guild is continuing to meet via discord for the time being. Our sewing guild leaders are currently working on the investiture gown and assessories for our incumbent baroness.

Lady Áoife inghean Mícheál Ui O'Domhnaill

Missive from the Baronial Knight Marshal

Greetings all! From the desk of the Knight Marshal comes this missive: The month of November has been a busy one for the Barony. Practices have held steady and two of our local fighters have become champions of other baronies! The "Roaming Practices" have been postponed until the new year due to the Holiday Season. Beginning in February, we will try to hold monthly tournaments at local practices--more information to come later. That's all for now, friends.

Stay Safe! In Service,

Friendly neighborhood Baronial Knight Marshal

Lord Rafael Fernando Montes del Castillo

Missive from the Baronial Rapier Marshal

Greetings Stargate, from your Baronial Rapier Marshal!

The sun is still shining, but temps are cooling, and RAPIER IS ON

Rapier practice is still at Ray Miller Park, but the time has changed to 11:30am. 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 continue to occur on Tuesdays at Hermann Brown Memorial Park alongside heavy practice at 6:45pm provided two people can confirm attendance in advance.

Loaner gear is available on request. I bring the loaner sword and a couple loaner doublets and masks with me to each practice, but no guarantees unless I hear from you in advance. Loaner gear is washed and disinfected between uses. Stay stabby and safe!

Your rapier marshal,
Constanza de Talavera

Missive from the Baronial Submissions Herald

November 29, 2021

Greetings to the Populace of the Barony of Stargate from Your Submissions Herald, THL Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Cheallaigh. Here is the Current Heraldic Progress of the Populace of the Barony of Stargate for November 29, 2021

In Process for Submission to Ansteorra College of Heralds

- Christopher Karcher

Submissions sent to Asterisk – Internal Submissions - Ansteorra College of Heralds

- Fastrada the Furious

- Lothar the Easily Amused

- Jason Koontz - Bjørn Úlfarsson

- Barony of Stargate – New Badge

Submissions In Commentary at Ansteorra College of Heralds Internal Letter of Intent

None at this time

Submissions – In Commentary at the SCA College of Arms (takes 3 months)

- Cristyana Lambrecht aka Cristyne Lambrechtin -New Device Augumentation

- Rayne Sanschaucés -New Name, New Device, New Badge

LoAR Being Proofread- at the SCA College of Arms (takes 1 month)

- Aoife inghean Mhíchíl Uí Dhomhnaill - Ansteorra: Name and Device

- Caitilin inghean Rudhraighe ui Cheallaigh - Ansteorra: Device - Vert, a bend Or fretty sable cotised argent between two domestic cat's heads cabossed Or

- Sarra Asshton of York - Ansteorra: Augmentation of Arms Change - Gyronny of ten ermine and vert, for augmentation on a base Or a star of Ansteorra sable

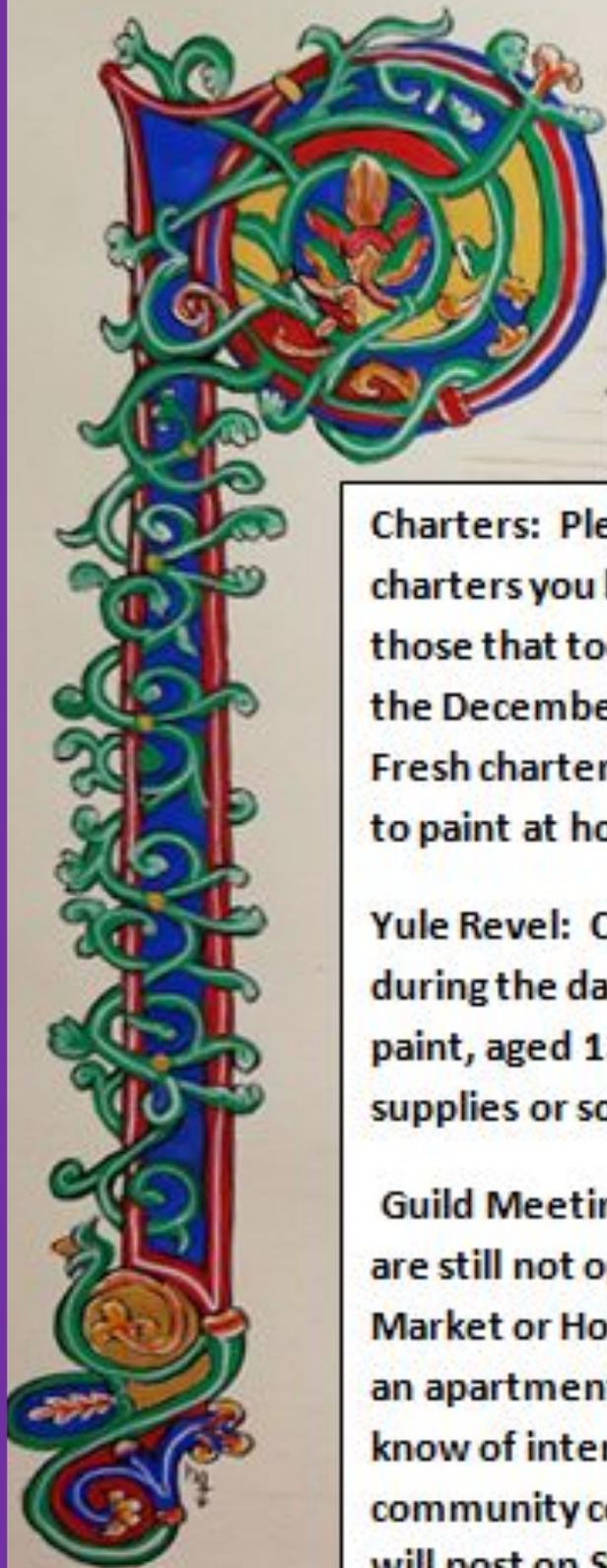
- Talia di Grazia di Amadore - Ansteorra: Alternate Name - Nisha al-Zahra

- Talia di Grazia di Amadore - Ansteorra: Device Change - Azure, a double-headed phoenix argent issuant from flames proper and in chief three compass stars argent

LoAR - REGISTERED - at the SCA College of Arms

- Margot de la Marche - Ansteorra: Name

- Margot de la Marche - Ansteorra: Device - Per bend Or and sable, a crow rising sable maintaining a slip of holly vert fructed gules and a Bowen cross argent.



Greetings Scribes and Artisans

Charters: Please plan to turn in the painted charters you have been working on this year, for those that took some home during 2020-21, at the December Yule Revel event on 12/4/21. Fresh charters will be available for those wanting to paint at home.

Yule Revel: Charter Painting tables will be setup during the day's activities for those wanting to paint, aged 13+ please. Bring your own paint supplies or some provided.

Guild Meeting Space: our usual meeting spaces are still not open for Guild gatherings at Central Market or Houston Public Libraries. If you have an apartment clubroom to offer, please let me know of interest. Checking schedules at the community centers also. Once dates/sites found will post on [Stargate book-of-faces](#).

News!



Stargate and Loch Soilleir Yule Celebration

Stargate Investiture

Frascone Winery
308 Bayside Dr. Anahuac, TX 77514
Saturday, December 4, 2021
8:30 am to 7:00 pm



Their Excellencies, Sarra Asshton of York & Brenna MacDonald, and Their Excellencies, Hennessy O'Donoghue & Krag von Berghen, invite all to join in our annual Yule celebration; a day that will be comprised of fun and revelry.

You are also invited to join Their Excellencies of Stargate in the investiture of their heirs, Honorable Lady Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann and Master Alden Drake.

Their Excellencies of Stargate & Their Excellencies of Loch Soilleir invite all to compete for the honor of being chosen as the newest Stargate or Loch Soilleir, Baronial Bard and Artisan Champions.

Site Information:

Site is wet. **Only alcohol purchased from the winery may be consumed.** Please note this is a legal restriction based on permits. Period containers only.

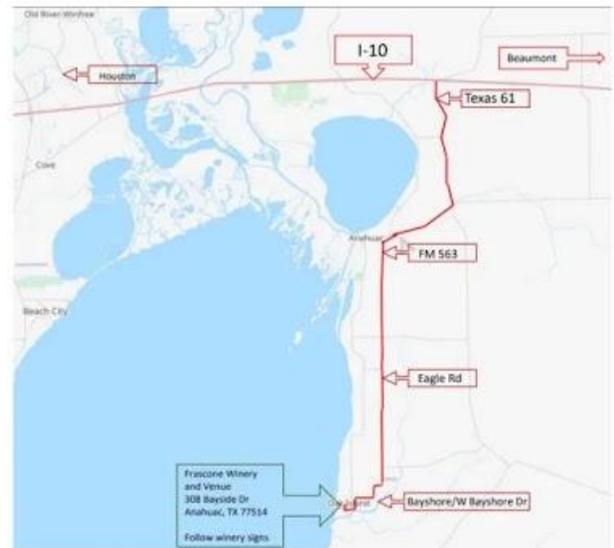
No Pets, except service animals

Directions:

If coming from the West (Houston)
take I-10 to exit 812
If coming from the East (Beaumont)
take I-10 to exit 813

Follow TX-61 S, FM563 S and Eagle Rd to W Bayshore Rd (15.0 mi)

Continue on W Bayshore Rd. Drive to Bayside Dr (0.7 mi)



Event Registration:

Adult Registration \$15
Adult Member Discount Rate \$10
Children 18 and under Free

Event Steward:

Baronessa Lessandra della Torre
Mary McFarland Black
4202 Deerfield Village Dr.
Houston TX 77084
713-584-5655
lessandra@sablestitches.com

For More information please visit : <https://ansteorra.org/Stargate>

Make Checks Payable to : SCA Inc., Barony of Stargate

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adults with a signed and notarized minor event waiver form from the parents.

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.

- **Populace Meeting** Monthly on the first Monday @ Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd. (Currently in –person and 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 Facebook page or 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

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 online via Discord)

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 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

Her Excellency Brenna MacDonald

Her Excellency Sarra Asshton of York

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Seneschal: Open for Applications!

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Exchequer

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Chronicler

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Knight Marshal

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Rapier Marshal

Lord Charles Alexander

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Minister of Arts & Sciences

Lord Lothar

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Herald (Sentinel Pursuivant): Open for Applications!

Don Brian macCael

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Team Hospitaler

Madame Margot de la Marche
HL Ciarnat of Firethorn

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Minister of Children

Lady Áoife inghean Mícheál Ui O'Domhnaill

Chatelaine: Open for Applications!

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Have a wonderful month!

**Vivat
Stargate!**