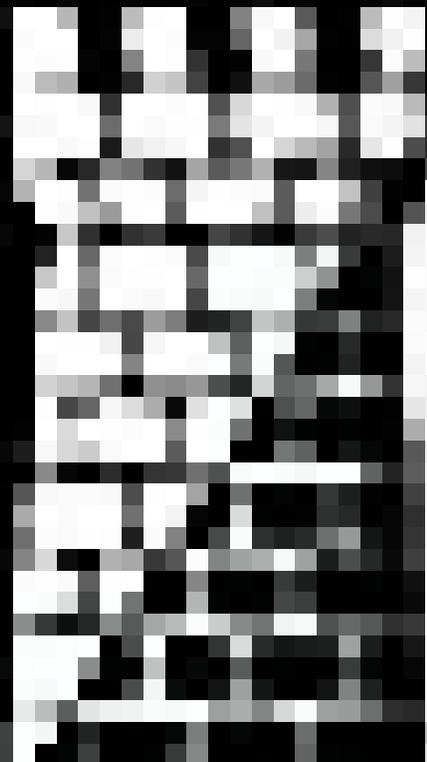
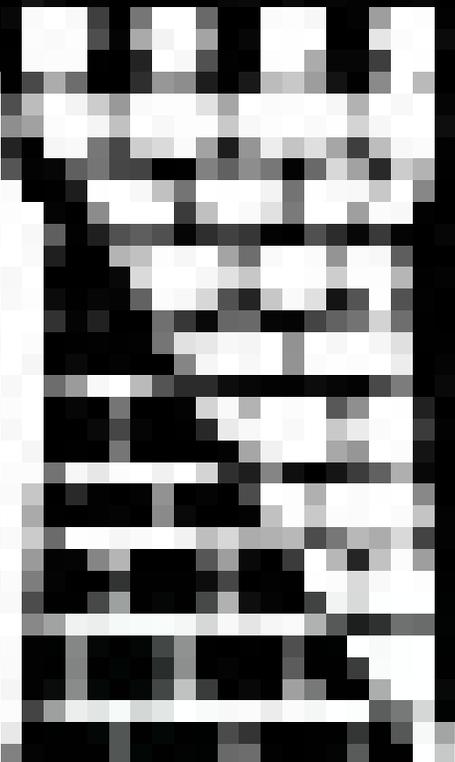
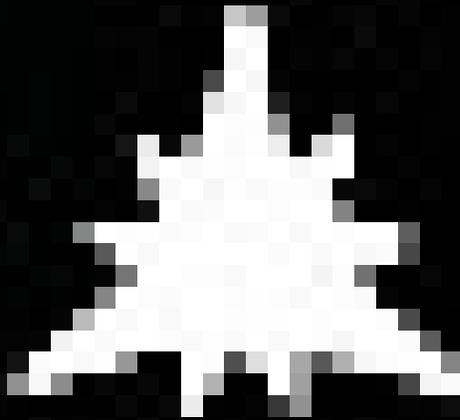


The Two Towers

November 2021



From the Baronesses

Greetings most wonderful Barony,

Coastal Grand Baronial was amazing. We had a great time with the Baronies of Loch Soilleir and Bordermarch. We appreciated all those working so hard to ensure that we had a great event.

Thank you for all of those that came out to help with setup and take down. Your efforts make it easier to get all of the hard work completed. We also appreciate all those that stepped up to sit a gate shift or volunteered for other roles throughout the weekend. Without all your hard work, the event would not have been as successful as it was.

Thank you to our outgoing champions - Rosalia del Espinar, Johanna Buchanan, and Michelle Sutura for the tournaments they helped to run and for helping to support the barony over the last few years. All three of these wonderful champions created new pieces to include with the champion pass-down regalia. Rosalia worked with her mother to replace the previous Rapier champion baldric with a brand new hand woven baldric. Johanna made a brand new pass down crossbow for the Archery Champions. Michelle made a new saddle pad for the Equestrian Champion.

Congratulations to our new champions: Geoffry Scott (Chivalric), Layla bint Yusuf (Rapier), Nickolai Vladislav (Archery), and Michelle Sutura (Equestrian). We are really looking forward to working with these champions over the next few months.

We have our next event coming up the first weekend in December. We will be doing a joint Yule with the Barony of Loch Soilleir along with our Investiture. HE Lessandra will be autocrating the event. Be on the lookout for sign-ups to help at the event.

Lastly, we have Heirs! Congratulations to Master Alden Drake and HL Ceara Inghean Mhican Ghabhann who will be invested as the next Baron and Baroness of Stargate at the December Yule event. We feel that the Barony will be in good hands and we look forward to watching the Barony continue to grow.

YIS,
Brenna MacDonald and Sarra Asshton of York

Announcements!

The office of Seneschal is now open for applications!

The office of Chatelaine is now 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!

As you might have heard, I have been chosen to be the next Baroness of Stargate along with Alden Drake as Baron! 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.

This also means that we need a replacement Seneschal! Applications are now open and are due 30 days from the November newsletter publication date. We will announce the new Seneschal at Yule, which is 12/4. Please get those applications in ASAP!

Speaking of Yule, I'm excited to see all of you there. 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. As there has only been one baronial calendar event during my seat in this office, there has been very little financial activity. We have however updated our bank account, which means everyone that should be on the account as account managers and signers were verified or added and persons who should not be, were removed.

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. 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 and to the Seneschal at Seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org and copy their Excellencies Stargate well.

I will be soliciting volunteers to help run gate at our upcoming Yule event December 4th. I will post a sign-up once a basic event schedule is known. You do not need previous experience, I will teach anyone new to serving at gate check in what to do. Working gate is a great way to meet people and put faces, voices and personas to some of the folks you may only have seen on social media.

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

Missive from the Baronial Hospitaler and Social Media Deputy

Mes très amis,

With Yule fast approaching I encourage you all to bring out any and everyone you know that could be interested in what we do in the SCA. Hand out business cards (let me know if you need more) and let them know that we have an event coming up that they should check out! Yule is the most warm and inviting of all the events we host so it is a great event to invite newcomers to.

Additionally, I'm loving all the attention and traffic we're all contributing to the Discord. If you encounter newcomers, point them in that direction.

Please make sure that, if you're able to, you're all signing up for the Stargate Mentorship Program. This is a great way to help guide and onboard newcomers. The biggest thing that can drive someone away is not feeling involved or welcome. So, if we can get a solid group of volunteers, we can ensure that every newcomer that enters into our fair barony will feel safe and welcomed.

Recevez, je vous prie, mes meiullures amities,

Madame de la Marche – Hospitaler

hospitaler@stargate.ansteorra.org

Missive from the Minister of Children:

Children's activities are unfortunately at a stand still. While numbers begin to decline and vaccine availability for 5-11 year old becomes more imminent, we can hope that things will change soon.

Lady Áoife inghean Mícheál Ui O'Domhnaill

Missive Regarding Sewing Guild:

Sewing guild had it's first virtual meeting and it was quite productive for all. We will continue with discord hosted meetings.

Lady Áoife inghean Mícheál Ui O'Domhnaill

Missive from the Baronial Chronicler

Greetings Stargate!

If you would like to submit an inquiry for our Dear Abigail column, 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. I have decided to start the Guild Spotlight in January in the hopes that more things will be up and running by then so guild leaders get your typing finger ready!

In Service,
Talía

Missive from the Baronial Knight Marshal

Missive for August: Greetings all!

From the desk of the Knight Marshal comes this missive:

The month of October has seen our attendance at level out and include 1 or 2 to our number! Furthermore, due to new Kingdom policy, spectators and newcomers are welcome yo attend practices to watch and enjoy each other's company. To that effect, please be mindful of others' comfort level, and be respectful of their wishes in regard to social distancing and mask wearing.

Things to watch out for: starting in November, we will be having a "Roaming Practice" to support our friends in local baronies; Loch Sollier, Ravens Fort, and Bordermarch. We are still coordinating on exact dates, but please watch out for this information--these promise to be lots of fun!

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!

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.

Stay stabby and safe!

Your Rapier Marshal Constanza de Talavera.

Missive from the Baronial Submissions Herald

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 2021

In Process for Submission to Ansteorra College of Heralds

- Fastrada the Furious
- Lothar the Easily Amused
- Christopher Karcher
- Jason Koontz (Norse name)
- Barony of Stargate – New Badge

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

- Cristyana Lambrecht aka Cristyne Lambrechtin -New Device Augumentation
- Rayne Sanschaucses -New Name, New Device, New Badge

Submissions – In Commentary at the SCA College of Arms

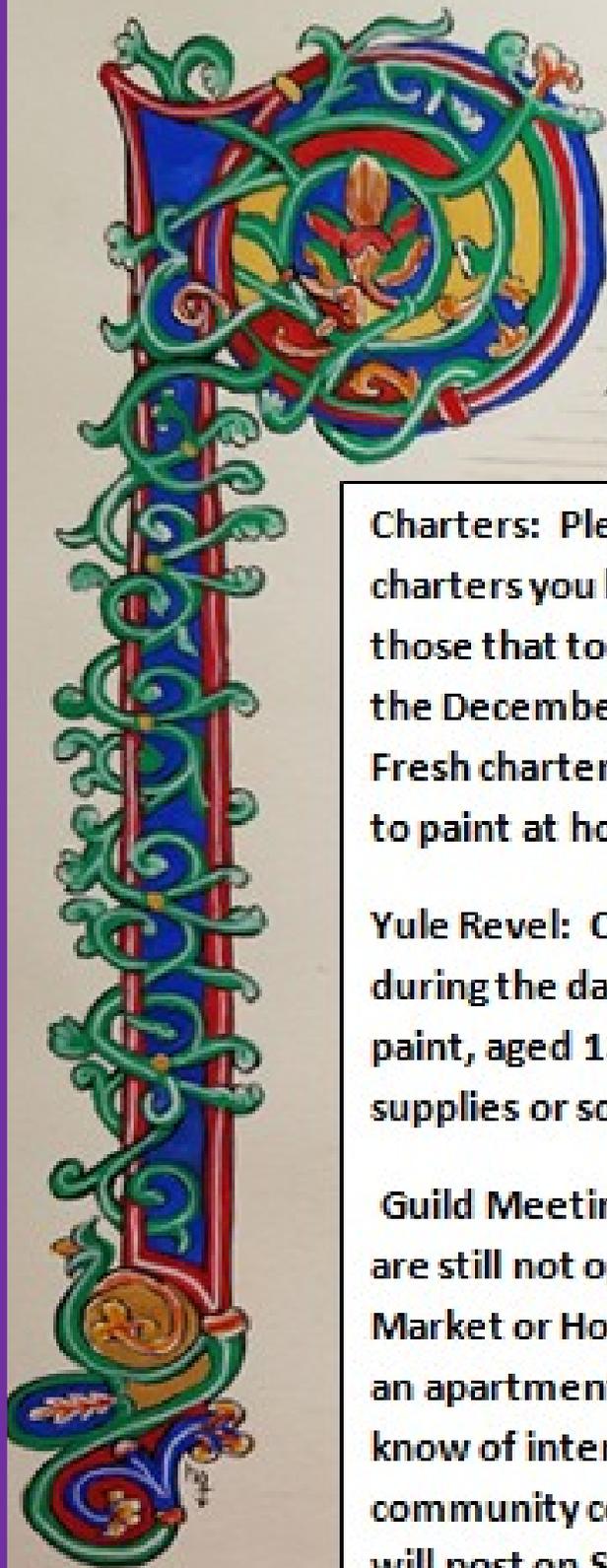
None at this Time

Being Decided - at the SCA College of Arms

- Aoife inghean Mhíchíl Uí Dhomhnaill - Ansteorra: Name and Device
- Caitilin inghean Rudhraighe ui Cheallaigh - Ansteorra: Device - Vert, a bend Or fretty sable cotissed argent between two domestic cat's heads cabossed Or
- 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 Being Proofread: (takes 1 month) - 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](#).

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 in –person anvia 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 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 will be 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

Lady Talia di Grazia di Amadore

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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)

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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HL Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Chellaigh

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Scribe

Mistress Hillary Greenslade

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Webminister:

Jacques de Morlanne

webminister@stargate.ansteorra.org

Social Media Deputy

Madame Margot de la Marche

Social-media@stargate.ansteorra.org

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Open for Applications!

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Vivat

Stargate!