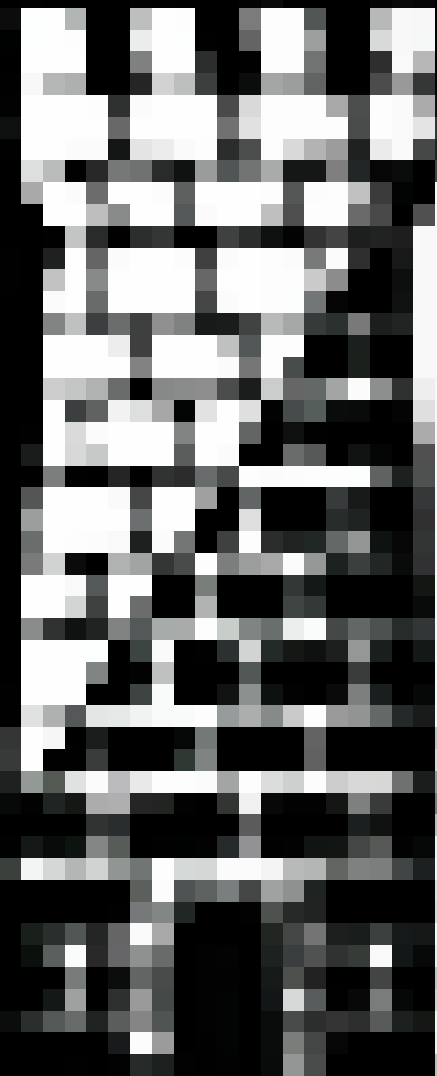
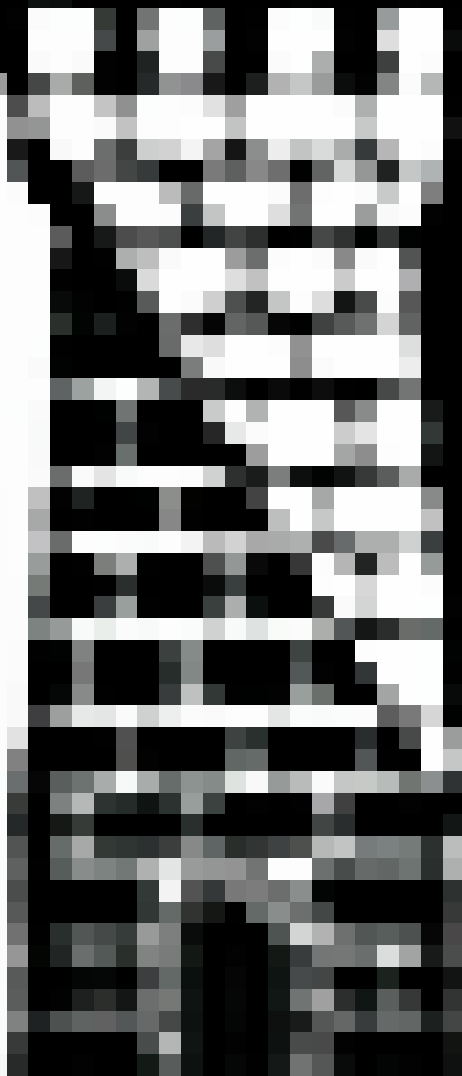
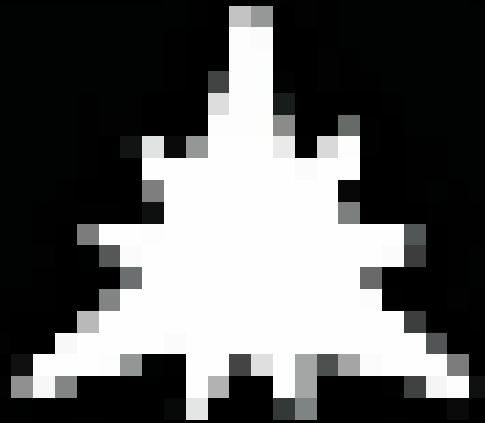


# The Two Towers

February 2022



## From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings Stargate!

We hope this missive finds everyone healthy and well thus far and are excited to see all of you when the time comes to do so. There are many exciting things coming up in the future to discuss. First, we do need to clear up some confusion on which event we are hosting in the spring. We will be hosting Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius the weekend of April 15<sup>th</sup> and will be needing an autocrat for that event. Loch Soilleir will be hosting the Co-Baronial event the weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup>. We also will be holding Stargate's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Yule on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are looking for an autocrat to make the day grand for the barony! For any or all of these, please reach out to Baroness Lessandra or us to help assist you in your undertaking.

Next, we have Gulf Wars on March 12-20, and Baron Alden is the landocrat for the Coastal group camp. If you are attending and camping with our group, please send him the following camping details ASAP:

- names of attendees
- contact phone number
- dimensions of tent with AND without ropes
- period or modern tent

Lastly, we are still looking for people to take on baronial projects, such as the travel bags for the thrones and making banners for our past landeds to be represented at our 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration and Yule. If you are interested in heading up these projects, please let us know!

Yours in service,  
Alden and Ceara



# Announcements!

- ❖ **The Office of Webminster is now open for applications!**
- ❖ **We need a deputy exchequer. Please email Fastrada at [Exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:Exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org) if you are interested.**
- ❖ **We need a deputy seneschal. Please email Lessandra at [seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org) if you are interested!**
- ❖ **We need a deputy Minister of Children. Please contact Lady Áoife inghean Mícheál Ui O'Domhnaill via facebook if you are interested.**

# Missives

## Missive From the Seneschal

Good day Stargate! I hope everyone fared well after our recent cold snap. Thankfully it was not as frigid, nor as long lasting as last year's was. I am thrilled to begin in-person activities again this month. Please be aware that all in person activities require a mask to be worn at this time and that if the activity is indoors, a N95, KN95 or NF94 mask is required.

We have a few new officers to welcome. PADRAIC OF KILKENNY is our new Archery Marshal, SLYSINN GEITBRÜ is our new Chatelaine, and HUBERT D'AIGUES-MORTES is our new Court Herald.

Also please be aware that the webminister position is open for applications. The Exchequer and Seneschal are seeking deputies and our Minister of Children is also seeking a deputy.

I look forward to seeing everyone again, as soon as safely possible.

In Service,

Baronessa Lessandra della Torre  
mka - Mary McFarland Black  
Stargate Seneschal  
713-584-5655



## Missive from the Baronial Exchequer

Greetings to the lovely populace of the Barony of the Stargate!

January brought us no real financial activity to speak of. As we are at the start of the year, I would ask that populace take stock of any baronial property you may have in your possession and email that information to me so I may update our inventory.

At populace we discussed getting set up to do pre-registration via PayPal for our next baronial event. I will be working on getting this set up.

It is a couple of months before our next event, so it is a good time to learn about the office of Exchequer. I am still in need of a deputy, so this is a good time to volunteer to be deputy Exchequer. If you are interested please contact me at [Exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:Exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org) , and copy the Seneschal and their Excellencies as well and complete an application for office.

In service,  
Fastrada the Furious



## Missive from the Baronial Hospitaler and Social Media Deputy

Bonjour à tous!

We have an event coming up and you know what that means? That's right! It's the perfect time to invite newcomers to events. We as a barony do have several newcomers and I would like to not only see them at events but to also see anyone that y'all can get out too. We are all hospitallers.

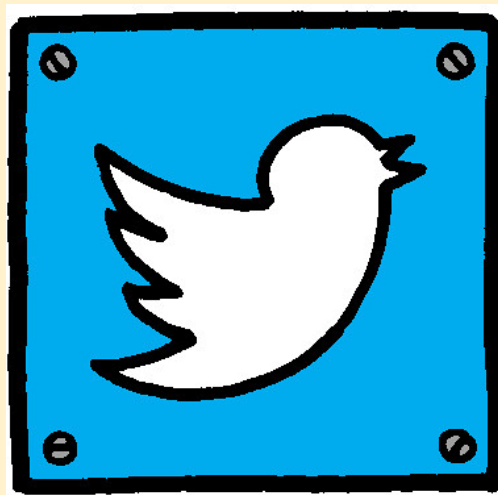
Additionally, I need at least one volunteer for the demo we're doing at The Village School on March 11th. If your interested please reach out to me.

Merci!

L'amour est le seigneur de tous!

Mme Margot de la Marche – Hospitaler

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## Missive from the Baronial Knight Marshal

Greetings all!

From the desk of the Knight Marshal comes this missive:

The month of January has come to an abrupt halt due to Covid Safety protocols. Practices are called until further notice from the crown. If this persists, keep an eye out for "online" fighter practices taking place in our Discord server. That's all for now friends.

Stay Safe! In service, Friendly Neighborhood Knight Marshal,  
Lord Rafael Fernando Montes del Castillo



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## Missive from the Baronial Archery Marshal

Greetings to the populace of Stargate,

I am your newly appointed Baronial Archery Marshal. As I pen this missive I have a list of items that I need to address.

1. Plan a calendar of archery related activities for the following year. Should anyone have any archery related activities they would like to learn, please let me know.
2. Go through my loaner equipment and make any necessary repairs. These repairs would include making bow stings, knocking points, straightening arrows, adding knocks, points and fletching. Anyone have an interest in this?

Look for future posts for proposed archery activities on the baronial webpage and newsletter.

In Service,  
HL Padraic of Kilkenny CAO



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# Stargate Scribes Guild



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**Scribe Guild Meetings:** Currently on hiatus due to Covid, but you can still paint and work on scribal projects at home.

**Want to paint?** Get award charters to paint, please contact Hillary.

**Turn in Charters:** Arrange a date/location to hand them back to Hillary. Ansteorran Crown can go through between 100 to 300 Award Charters per reign.

**Scribes Guild Principal:** Hillary Greenslade  
email: [hillaryrg@yahoo.com](mailto:hillaryrg@yahoo.com)

## What is an Award Charter?

In Ansteorra, an artisan will create a master design with calligraphy using the approved award texts for an award document for the Crowns of Ansteorra to present to worth populace. Once that master design is approved, it's then mass copied onto high quality papers to be hand painted by scribes of Ansteorra, then returned through the College of Scribes officers to gift to the Crown for their use.

Those mass produced award charters are sometime referred to as *Pre-Print* or *Pre-Paint*. Paints used are Gouache (a high pigmented opaque watercolor) but Acrylics are acceptable.

Here is a link to the Ansteorra Charter Library:

<https://ansteorra.org/scribal/charter-library/>

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## **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** 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays - 3-6 pm @ Central Mkt on Westheimer. (Not currently meeting. You make get Scrolls from Hillary Greenslade for painting. 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.

- **Populace Meeting** Monthly on the first Monday @ Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd. (Currently online via Zoom)

- **Stargate Chivalric** is every Sunday at 10 AM at Ray Miller Park in Houston. 1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077. (See FB for Updates)

- **Rapier Combat Practice** is every Sunday at 10 AM at Ray Miller Park in Houston. 1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077 (See FB for updates)

- **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 <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](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 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

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**Vivat  
Stargate!**