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From the Baron & Baroness

Happy New Year, Stargate!

We hope everyone had good holidays over the past month, and you are as eager as we are, looking at the calendar ahead. The next big things we have on our radar are Gulf Wars and Baronial.

Gulf Wars: March 11-19

Baron Alden will be coordinating land for the Coastal group again this year, so please be sure to send him the following information when you register for war. You must pre-register for your land allotment to be added into the Stargate/Coastal group's land size! Pre-registration ends February 17, 2023 11:59PM CST. Check the Gulf Wars website (gulfwars.org) for the most current information.

Mundane Names

SCA Names

Contact Number/Cell Phone

Number of Individuals in your Group

Arrival Day

Tent Dimensions (without ropes & with ropes)

Period Pavilion or Modern Tent

Group Camping With (Stargate, Loch Soilleir, etc.)



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Baronial: April 14-16

We have a reservation for Joe Pedigo Park in Livingston for the event. We need an autocrat! If you are interested in autocrating, please reach out to the seneschal, Madame Margot, or us, for more information. Historically, this has been a joint event with Loch Soilleir and Bordermarch. We have reached out to see if they want to continue co-eventing with us but have yet to get a confirmation. We will provide more information on that as it becomes available. We will be holding championships for our martial activities (chivalric, rapier, equestrian, and archery) and will have a variety of other activities to enjoy as well.

We will be out and about at various kingdom events this spring, and whenever possible, we will continue to bring a pavilion for the populace to join us. We really enjoy doing this and getting to spend time with you all at events that are more casual for us. We will announce the events we will be attending at Populace and on social media.

Yours in Service,
Alden and Ceara



Missive From the Seneschal

Dearest Barony,

It's the new year! It's the time for resolutions and revival. I hope that you all had a safe and happy New Years filled with love and joy.

As we look forward in the new year we have some exciting events coming up. Our Co Baronials is coming up and we are still looking for an autocrat. Please let myself or Their Excellencies know if you're interested.

We also have Gulf Wars coming in fast. It will be here before we know it.

Additionally, we are still looking for an Minister of Children. While this is not what's considered a "critical" office, we have many newcomers who are bringing their children along with them. We love and embrace the addition of these families and I know we all want to ensure that the children and included in our activities. So please, if you are interested, let us know.

Merci,

Madame Margot de la Marche (Margo Lambert)
Seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org



Missive from the Baronial Hospitaler

Happy New Year everyone,

We had 2 newcomers and no newcomers classes this month because of the Holidays.

That's all for this month!

HL Valeria Marcella De'Martinez
Hospitaler



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.**

Stargate Scribes Guild: 1st Thursdays from 6-8pm at Trini Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Rd, Houston, TX 77055. (See FB for updates)

Dance Guild: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 6:30 PM Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd. (See FB for updates)

Bardic: 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM online via Zoom. (On Hiatus until 2023)

Populace Meeting: Monthly on the first Monday @ Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd. and online via Zoom.

Stargate Chivalric: Every Sunday at 10 AM at Ray Miller Park in Houston. 1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077 (See FB for updates)

Rapier Combat Practice: Every Sunday at 12 PM at Ray Miller Park in Houston. 1800 Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77077 (See FB for updates)

Archery Practice: Usually 3rd Saturday 9-11 AM @ Carter Park in Spring, Tx (See FB for updates.)

For updates, see Facebook 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

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. Oct - Dec, 2022, 1st Thursdays from 6-8pm at Trini Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Rd, Houston, TX 77055.

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 on hold)

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

Join us to learn, and practice, period European dances. On 2nd and 4th Thursdays 6:30 PM Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, 1414 Wirt Rd. (See FB for updates)

Sewing Guild

Meetings are 1st Tuesdays in Richmond. Please contact Lady Aoife for a specific address.

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:

Any 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

Baron and Baroness

Her Excellency Ceara Mac An Ghabhann (Robyn Shelton)

His Excellency Alden Drake (Pau Haines)

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HL Ciarnat of Firethorn (Kim Law)

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Minister of Children

Open for Applications

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Lady Fastrada the Furious (Margarita Prevot)

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Archery Marshal:

HL Padraic of Kilkenny CAO (Patrick Breslin)

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HAVE A WONDERFUL MONTH!

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