

Chronus Draconum

Newsletter for the Barony of SunDragon

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Baronial Missive



From Their Excellencies of SunDragon

SunDragon, remember the rainbow is always guiding us to be one and to be a family. We know the clouds are out and are making it gloomy but the sun always comes back out. We will be having our populace gathering and fighter practice soon. We are trying to host a gathering every Thursday so we can spend time together until our gathering becomes official again.

SunDragon hosts scribal every Tuesday and Archery is every Sunday. Please look on the book of faces for upcoming news for Thursday gatherings and fighter practice. We will have a weekly event post for our populace to see what is going on in our Kingdom.

Atenveldt has Heirs. Our Crown Prince and Princess are Morgan and Elizabeth. All of the fighters fought honorably and their consorts were breathtaking. Thank you Barony of March of Mons Tonitrus and the autocrats for hosting Crown. It was such a beautiful event as always.

Our very own Lady Fionnahuala of SunDragon is the winner of the Queens A&S prize for weighted card weaving. She has taught classes before and I am sure she will teach another if there is any interest.

October is very exciting for the Barony of SunDragon. We have Champions at the end of the month with our cousins the Barony of Atenveldt. Our current Champions have done such a wonderful job and we are sad to see them retire. October 13th is our Archery Shoot at 9am at El Oso Park. On October 26th at 9am at Hollis Park. We will be seeking new Champions for Overall Champion, Chatelain, Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, A&S, and Bardic. Please come declare in person, email, or book of faces.


October 31st is the last day for the early bird discount for the War of Phoenix. Please register now so we can start getting information on who is camping with the Barony and what size area you will need. Master Edward Harrison is our Baronial Land Coordinator.

WAR NEEDS YOU

War of the Phoenix; Forged in Flames

We will not have a specific day this war for the Baronies for volunteer hours. They ask that you volunteer 2 hours to help the War. For your help you will receive a token of appreciation.

Elizabeth, Baroness,
Duncan, Baron

Elizabeth 

Kingdom A&S

When: Friday, October 18-Sunday 20, 2024; Site opens 1:00pm on Friday and closes 4:00pm on Sunday **Location:** Chauncey Ranch: 18970 E. Old Sycamore Rd. Mayer, AZ 86333

Event Fees:

Pre-registered Weekend: \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members, youth 17 and under free.

Pre-registered Day: \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members, youth 17 and under free.

At the Gate Weekend: \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members

At the Gate Day: \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members

Event Steward: Master Gunnar Skullsplitter & Thegn Angus Macairt

We have heard the call for more arts, more science, and more time to do both. This October we will answer the call with a brand new format for A&S Collegium. Up in the beautiful north of Arizona at Chauncey Ranch we will have a 2 and half day collegium. The location will provide us the space and time to have longer classes and classes that most indoor facilities will not allow. There will be hot stuff, cold stuff and things of many colors.

The planned tracks will include cooking, but not just cooking, those who take the classes will have the opportunity to show off what they learn that day by providing a feast. You love music we would like you to not only learn a song, a dance or to drum but to share that in the evening as we dine and celebrate. Metal has always fascinated you then come learn to shape that metal to your desires. These are just a few of the activities we want to share.

Site Details: Cabin rental is separate: Cabin with bathroom \$350, without bathroom \$300, and covered wagons \$150 contact Tom Highline (Gunnar Skullsplitter) gnomewyrks@gmail.com

Baronial Champions

When: Sunday, October 13th, 2024 for Archery, October 26th, 2024 9:00am-6:00pm

Location: Hollis Park; 3421 S. Kenneth Pl. Tempe, AZ 85282

Event Fees: Event is free

Event Stewards: Dama Nastas'ia Volkovicha

Honoring our Heritage, looking to our Future The Baroness and Baron seek new Champions for their styles and the BSD Champion and Chatelain wish to retire. To that end please join us on October 26th, 2024 at Hollis Park, (3421 S. Kenneth Pl, Tempe, AZ 85282 at 9 am to 6pm to determine our Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, A&S, and Bardic Champions.

Solstice

When: December 8th, 2024, 1pm-5pm

Location: Friendship Park; 12325 W McDowell Rd, Avondale, AZ 85323

Event Fees: Members \$15; Non Members \$25

Event Stewards: Lady Katharina von Augsburg and Co-Autocrat THL Kandace Van de Libel

The Baroness and Baron invite you to Frohes Fest, our annual SunDragon Solstice event. Join us on December 8th, 2024 from 1pm-5pm at Friendship Park (12325 W McDowell Rd Avondale, AZ 85323) for a day to feast with friends and family. There will be youth activities, a white elephant gift exchange (crafted items or items to craft with), bardic, A&S showcase, an auction, and a potluck! Bring your feast gear and a side to share! Members \$15, non-members \$25. Hope to see you there!

Repeating Baronial Events

Fighter Practice - Currently on Hold. Get togethers are being held weekly to support the barony;

****Check the book of faces for information.***

Archery Practice - Sundays 9 am

El Oso Park - 3451 N 75th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85033

Thrown Weapons - The 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month @ 1pm

****Check the book of faces for location information***

Scribes - Tuesdays 6-9 pm

****Address changes Weekly, Check the book of faces for updates to the location***

Populace and Officer Meeting - Usually 1st Monday of every month 7 pm

****This month the meeting will take place on September 9th, due to Labor Day.***

Peoria Community Center - 8335 W Jefferson St, Peoria, AZ 85345 (Available for virtual participation)

Baronial Call for Bids

Are you passionate about Baronial Events? Do you have a knack for event planning? Are you wanting to learn? Sun Dragon only functions due to the service of its populace. Due dates for Bids for upcoming events such as Fabric Wars and Sun Dragon Champions are fast approaching. The Barony needs your creative and logistical efforts to pave the way for pageantry and celebration in the future. Come to an officer's meeting on the first Monday of every month to learn more.

Event Bids:

Kingdom A&S, April 19th, 2025 - bids are due to Kingdom by October 15th

Baronial Awards

Their Excellencies are looking for award recommendations for members of the populace of Sun Dragon. Please review the award descriptions below and recommend those who excel in the ways they contribute to the dream.



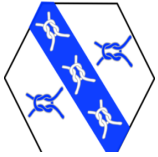
Order of the Prisma Draconus

There shall exist in the Barony of Sun Dragon an award known as the Order of the Prisma Draconis which shall be given by the Coronet to those who continue to give years of faithful service to the barony. This award may be given at any Barony of Sun Dragon event.



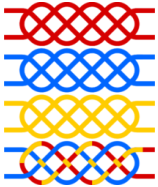
Honor of Sun Dragon

There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Honor of Sundragon. It may be given by the Baron/ess to those people who have toiled in service to the Barony, or otherwise have excelled in merit. The holder of this award shall be entitled to place after their names C.H.S.D and shall be styled Companions of the Honor of Sundragon.



Commander of the Honor of Sun Dragon

There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Commander of the Honor of SunDragon. It may be given by the Baron or Baroness to full Companions of the Honor of SunDragon who have demonstrated high merit and continued service and duty to the Barony of Sundragon and its populace.



Order of the Dragon's Fury

There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Order of the Dragon's Fury. It may be given by the Baron and/or Baroness to those people who have displayed excellence in the fighting arts, both in the use and the teaching of the Weapons of Society for Creative Anachronisms, Inc.



Commander of the Dragon's Fury

There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Commander of the Dragon's Fury of Sundragon. It may be given by the Baron or Baroness to full Companions of the Dragon's Fury of Sundragon who have demonstrated high merit and continued activity in fighting arts within the Barony of Sundragon.



Order of the Dragon's Scale

There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Order of the Dragon's Scales. It may be given by the Baron/ess to those persons who have excelled in the Arts in the Barony of Sundragon. The holders of this Award shall be entitled to place after their name CDS; and shall be styled as Companions of the Order of the Dragon's Scales.



Commander of the Dragon's Scale

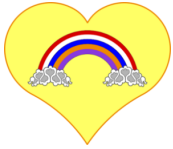
There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Commander of the Dragon's Scale of Sundragon. It may be given by the Baron or Baroness to full Companions of the Dragon's Scale of Sundragon who have demonstrated high merit and continued activity in the

area of the arts and sciences within the Barony of Sundragon.



Order of the Dragon's Heart

There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Order of the Dragon's Heart. The Order of the Dragon's Heart may be given by the Coronet of Sundragon to individuals who have shown the worthy qualities of courtesy and courtly behavior with such consistency that they are recognized to be an example of gallantry to all.



Commander of the Dragon's Heart

There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Commander of the Dragon's Heart of Sundragon which shall be given by the Baron or Baroness to full Companions of the Dragon's Heart of Sundragon who continue to show the qualities of courtesy and courtly behavior with such consistency that they should be recognized as an example of gallantry to all.



Order of the Rainbow's Promise

There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Order of the Rainbow's Promise. The Order of the Rainbow's Promise may be given by the Coronet of Sundragon to individuals under sixteen years of age who are a radiant example of the promise of the Dreame by their efforts in the many aspects of the Society, which may include arts, service, the fighting arts, and who display a good knowledge of the courtly graces.

Baroness's Cavaliers

There shall exist, in the Barony of Sundragon, an order known as the Order of the Baroness' Cavaliers which may be given at the pleasure of the Baroness to members of the populace of Sundragon who have demonstrated all of the following qualities:

- A. Exceptional skill and chivalry in combat with the weapons of the duello. Duello shall be taken to refer to rapier combat.
- B. Knowledge of the Courtly Graces, such as music, dance and other gentle arts.
- C. Obedience to the laws of the Society for Creative Anachronism, the Kingdom of Atenveldt, and the Barony of Sundragon.
- D. Consistent, courteous and noble behavior.
- E. Authenticity in dress, equipment and behavior, in keeping with their chosen "Persona".
- F. Show a willingness to share their knowledge and skills with others.

Rainbow's Gold

There is a checklist available for those interested in putting themselves forward as candidates for the Rainbow's Gold. Those interested should research the requirements in relation to the following;

- A. Combat
- B. Heraldry
- C. Dancing
- D. Games
- E. Calligraphy
- F. For the Pleasure of Others
- G. Courtly Behavior
- H. Know Thyself
- I. Service To Others



Order of the Dragon's Talons

There shall exist in the Barony of SunDragon an award known, subject to approval by the College of Arms, as the Order of the Dragon's Talons, for Youth Combatants, which may be given by the Baroness and the Baron to individuals who demonstrate skill, enthusiasm and responsibility in the fighting arts and understanding the codes of chivalry.

Baronial Want Ads

We have open officer positions available! If you are looking for a way to get more involved in Sun Dragon, are service-oriented, or want to invest your time into your hobby, consider submitting a Letter of Intent to Their Excellencies to start your journey as an officer of Sun Dragon. It takes several people to run a Barony well. We need you to make that happen.

If you have any questions, please ask a current or past officer. We would be happy to answer any questions you have.

To submit a letter of intent simply email the Baroness & Baron (sundragoncoronet@atenveldt.org) and BSD Seneschal (sundragonseneschal@atenveldt.org) stating that you would like to be considered for the position. Be sure also to include both your SCA and mundane names, membership ID number, a working phone number, and your local address.

The Barony of SunDragon is soliciting applications for the following positions:



Deputy Exchequer & Emergency Deputy Exchequer

Often assists the Exchequer by helping to manage gate at baronial events (Mixed Weapons War, Fabric War, Champions, and Solstice) or kingdom events hosted by the barony (e.g., coronation). These positions will require a couple of hours of work at those events.

Being a **deputy** is a great way to get a taste for what responsibilities the office holds without committing to the office fully or to learn the role while the current officer still occupies the position so you could possibly take over for them in the future. If you have held the primary role before but do not want to currently fill the position an **Emergency or "drop dead" deputy** might be the spot for you. These positions are in case the current officer needs to step back from their responsibilities due to any reason they may have and allows the barony to have someone step in while we look for someone new to fill the office. May be asked to help in training the new officers.



Waiver Secretary

The **waiver secretary** ensures that all participants have signed the waiver required for participation at local practices/meetings. You will maintain a membership roster and collect non-member insurance waivers and verify memberships at all baronial events and meetings as well as submit a monthly report. This position is a great way to meet people.

Arts & Sciences Overview

In the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), we are more than just a bunch of people who like to dress up as medieval folks that hang out and party. We are a 501C3 non-profit because we also try to authentically replicate all aspects of life as it was done pre 1600, with all the modern convenience of good medical care and hygiene thrown in. How do we learn about these things? We study arts, books, notes, gravesites, extant surviving examples to figure out what the day to day lives of these people might look like.

One of the great things about participating in the SCA is that you too can learn about the history and try your hand at many of these arts and science aspects for very little cost or initial investment. We have many people who are enthusiastic about sharing their passions for the past and are willing to teach others for free or at cost of the materials. We call these our "Arts and Sciences" classes and this encompasses a wide variety of activities, from fiber arts such as sewing, weaving, dying, embroidery, to everything else, leather working, brewing, cooking and baking, making armor, making bows and arrows, creating illumination and calligraphy, glass working, block printing and the list goes on and on.

Our Arts and Sciences classes are taught in various types of ways, in person or on-line, lecture, panels, workshops, one on one or group settings. It is likely that if you are interested in something from the Middle Ages or earlier, there is someone who knows about it and can get you the help you need. Baronies and Kingdoms often have an Arts and Sciences (A&S) Minister that can help direct you to the help you need.

-Her Honorable Ladyship Aurora Faw

Get to Know your Sun Dragon Officers! - A Miniseries

Her Excellency Elizabeth has requested a special series in the Chronus Draconum newsletter, that will focus on the officers laboring in service to the Barony of SunDragon. We hope you enjoy and are inspired to join the "in service to the dream team"!

This edition highlights our Mistress of Arts and Sciences, THL Aurora Faw.

Responsibilities:

➤ I help support the Arts and Sciences Champion, I help put on A&S displays and competitions, I organize teachers and classes for the Barony. I organize workshops and baronial projects.

Stats:

- A little over a year in current office
- First Event was Estrella 2005
- With Sun Dragon for about 11 years

Who brought you to the SCA?

➤ My aunt invited us to our first event. She said it was camping in funny clothes. We had a great time and kept going! I really got into the belly dancing aspect for many years.

What is your favorite part or what interested you most about your current officer role?

➤ I love A&S and I love learning. It's exciting to help people do their "first" sewing, scroll, etc.

Have you held any other baronial or kingdom offices, which ones & where?

➤ I have been Deputy Exchequer, Social Media, and "secret" Webminister for SunDragon. I have also been Deputy Social Media for Kingdom. I am an archery marshall and have ran youth archery at the last 4 War of the Phoenix/Estrella events. Currently Kingdom Deputy Arts and Sciences Minister.

What is your persona/ how do you play in the SCA?

➤ My name is based on late period English Romani. But I time travel to whatever time frame and attire I like.

What is one of your most fond memories from your time in the SCA?

➤ I have been working on scrolls for a long time. Last year I was asked to do my first perage scroll for someone. Literally cried that someone thought I was worthy.

What are your favorite SCA related activities &/or skillets that you regularly participate/study?

➤ Belly dancing, illumination and calligraphy on scrolls, sewing, helping people register their name and device, making cordials, running events, and shenanigans!

Do you participate in other hobbies beyond the SCA?

➤ I like reading, personal craft/sewing projects, swimming with my doggo, Princess Dillie.

What advice would you like to give to the baronial populace in general?

➤ There are SO many Arts and Sciences in the SCA. You can try almost anything at little to no cost. Just let us know what you'd like to try. Then once you decide you like something, you can then spend your money on supplies

When does your warrant expire, and are you looking to run again or find a successor? ➤ Warrant expires 3/2025, I am hoping to have a successor.

What advice or support would you like to offer your successor?

➤ I try to schedule a class a month based on local interest, teacher, and location availability. It's a lot of hearing cats. And don't be discouraged if not too many show up. Sometimes it works out and sometimes it doesn't.

Peer Review

Sun Dragon has a vibrant history full of members of our populace who have gone above and beyond in the service to the dream. To capture some of that history and inspire stardust in the current iteration of Sun Dragon's Populace, the Chronicler has invited the peers of Sun Dragon to share a part of their journeys, perspectives, and insight with the barony. For the publication of this series, I would like to thank Mistress Jacquelin de Normandie for taking part in this series.

What is your SCA name?

Jacquelin de Normandie

What type of peerage are you a part of?

"Pelican."

How long have you been a peer?

"Around 9 years, not really sure. Seems like forever at times, then others just last year."

Who was your biggest mentor prior to being invited to your peer group?

"I have had a few, Master Yehuda was my first peer and Dame Jepsa has been instrumental. I think tho, it was everyone who believed in me, especially when I didn't always believe in myself."

What was the biggest lesson you learned from them?

"That I didn't need a peerage to do what I wanted in the SCA."

How has being a peer evolved the game or dream of the SCA for you?

"I feel more responsible to teach, lead, and be a part of the whole. To set that "dream" aspect for new people."

What has been your biggest struggle or learning point in your peerage?

"Sometimes when you get your 'dream,' it isn't always what you think it should be and that is okay."

What future goals do you have for your continued participation in the SCA?

"I want to still be relevant, useful, and to continue to have fun. I want to teach others and guide where guidance might be needed."

Describe what went through your mind when you were offered to join your peerage?

"I really had given up on being a peer, however, when it did happen, all I could think of was that I had a feast to do the day I was going to set up."

What advice do you have for those aspiring toward a peerage?

"Understand why you want to be a peer. It does not matter what peerage you strive for, just understand that you will be a peer to all, and that you will be someone's first contact as a peer."

What advice do you have for newcomers?

"Make this your dream, what you want. Some goals, just like in anything, take a bit to achieve. Dont be afraid to talk to us. Ask your questions."

In your perspective, what qualities do you look for in someone when contemplating them for your peerage?

"Being of the service peerage, service is essential. What kind of service is not necessarily defined "What can you do" type of thing. I listen to others and what they have to say about the person. I also listen to what the person I am thinking of for the peerage has to say."

What is the most impactful lesson you have learned since becoming a peer?

"To let go. It is okay to let others do the work. That doesnt mean to stop being of service, change as you have changed. I am aging, so things like lifting and toting, doing feast, other such ways is harder, so let go. Let someone else be of service."

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For content to be considered for the next quarter's issue of Chronus Draconum, the deadline for submissions is on the 15th of the month before (i.e., December, March, June, and September). Submissions may be emailed to the baronial chronicler in nearly any file format (without fancy fonts or only minor formatting). Typed submissions may also be given to the baronial Chronicler in person at any SunDragon event, although email is preferred chronicler@baronyofsundragon.org

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