

Chronus Draconum

Newsletter for the Barony of SunDragon

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Baronial Missive

From Their Excellencies of SunDragon

Greetings unto the Barony of SunDragon

We miss everyone. It is hard not having practice and seeing all your beautiful faces and wonderful warm hugs. We did have another amazing court night where we got to spend time at Sir Etienne and Mistress Morgan du Marc's home for a potluck. They have lived in our Barony for about a year. It was a pleasure to get to know them better. If you have not met them you are missing out. Fun fact they were Prince and Princess of the Principality of Artemisia when it was still part of Atenveldt. Another wondrous event happened last month, our very own Duchess Fiona Wiggins is now a Mistress of the Laurel. We are so honored that their Majesties and the Order of the Laurels of Atenveldt saw fit to elevate her.

We are still looking for a new site for fighter practice. Anyone can help locate a new site and send over the information to our email-coronets@barony of sundragon.org and to our Senechal-senechal@baronyofsundragon.org.

Polaris was so relaxing and beautiful. Thank you to everyone who came and visited Granite Mountain. It is always nice to get out of the Sun. We hope to see everyone at the Fall Crown Tournament & Warlords Weekend, Sep 14 – 15, 2024, Hosted by the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus. Location at Holy Trinity Monastery, 1605 S St Marys Way, Saint David, AZ 85630. This event is one of our favorites. Come out and support your Kingdom, along with your Barony. Duncan and I will be camping but there are hotels nearby.

It's that time of year again where we get ready for Champions. We look forward to everyone putting their intent in for a Champion role. You can declare your intent on the book of faces, in person when you see us, or through email.

The competition for Archery is a zero out shoot: there will be positive and negative numbers on the targets, the goal is to get as many arrows on the target while getting as close to zero as possible. This will be held on October 20th.

On October 26th

For Champion: We wish for competitors to participate in Armored combat, Rapier combat, Bardic, and A&S.

For Chatelain/Steward: participate in Bardic, A&S, the Dessert competition, and the Dreaded written test.

For Armored Combat: double elimination with the B&B choice weapons, limited to two swords, single sword, or sword and shield.

For Rapier Combat: Bear pit with 4-6 finalists

For Arts & Sciences:

Adult-3 items to enter and a note about the inspiration for each one

Youth-Bring your favorite creation and write about what inspired you to make it.

Bardic:Bring you best through dance, poem, story or song

For the Dessert Competition, no segmented berries please

We are combining our Champions with the Barony of Atenveldt. For the finals for Armored Combat, and Rapier both Baronies will have separate finalists.

War of Phoenix is only months away, please start thinking about how you are going to help the War. Through volunteering, teaching, or manning a watch.



Image of Largess made by Her Excellency Elizabeth of Sun Dragon, Lady Ermesinda, Mistress Moira, and Mistress Mattea by Her Excellency Elizabeth of Sun Dragon

Elizabeth DDKAK

Elizabeth, Baroness

Duncan, Baron

Fall Crown Tournament (BMMT) September 13-15th, 2024

When: : Friday September 13-Sunday September 16, 2024; Site opens 2:00pm on Friday and closes 6:00pm on Sunday

Location: Holy Trinity Monastery, 1605 S St Marys Way, Saint David, AZ 85630

Event Fees:

Pr-registered Weekend: \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members, youth 17 and under free.

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

At the Gate Weekend: \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members

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

Event Steward: Lady Ysolde Eileen de Lorraine & Kerwyn Cnoic an Mhadhaidh

Hail travelers from across our fair lands, and witness the tournament that will determine Their Majesties' heirs! All Attendees are encouraged to bring banners, displays, and any items to enhance the pageantry of the event. Participants in the Crown Tournament are encouraged to bring tokens for their Honorable Opponent's Consorts

Event Activities:

Friday: Game Night

Saturday: Crown Tournament, Evening Hafla

Sunday: Warlords, Cut & Thrust/Rapier Champion, Equestrian

Site Details: Camping is discreetly wet, staking is allowed, and above ground fire pits in designated areas are permitted (with extinguisher). There is an on site Gift Shop and Coffee Shop (limited hours). ADA Stone privies and porta johns with hand washing. A limited number of on-site accommodations are available for rent, including lodging, and full and partial RV hook-ups for a fee. Limited Dry RV sites are available for no charge. Please contact the site stewards to coordinate on-site accommodations and all RV space

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 (BSD)

When: Sunday, October 20, 2024 for Archery, October 26, 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.

Repeating Baronial Events

Fighter Practice - Thursdays 7-10pm

Marley Park

**Check the book of faces for updates to location*

Court Night - Burning Ship Rapier Tournament- September 12th, 7pm

Archery Practice - Sundays 7 am

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

**September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th*

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

**Check the book of faces for location information*

**September 8th & 22nd*

Scribes -Tuesdays 6-9 pm

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

**September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th*

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:

Central War Practice - January 12, 2025

Project Bids:

Baronial Throne Covers - *Discuss details with His Excellency Duncan*

New Clips or D-rings for the Baronial Pavillion Canvas

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.



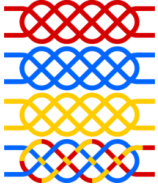
Honor of Sun Dragon

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

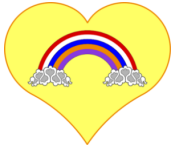
There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Commander of the Dragon's Scale of Sundragon. It may be given by the Baron or Baroness to full Companions of the Dragon's Scale of Sundragon who have demonstrated high merit and continued activity in the

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

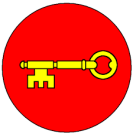
We have open officer positions available! If you are looking for a way to get more involved in Sun Dragon, are service-oriented, or want to invest your time into your hobby, consider submitting a Letter of Intent to Their Excellencies to start your journey as an officer of Sun Dragon. It takes several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

Seneschal



The Seneschal's office handles the business side of our dream. These individuals compile monthly reports, run the officer's meetings, sign contracts, maintain warrants, and more.

Here are just a few of their responsibilities:

- Monthly Reports to the Kingdom Seneschal and Baroness and Baron
- Signing contracts for event spaces
- Run the monthly meetings for the officers and populace.
- Be a signer on the bank account for the barony.
- Keep track of the warrants for the officers
- Attend the annual Calendar meeting with the Baroness and Baron.

You must have regular access to a computer, a printer and be able to use Google Groups and Docs.

Exchequer



The **Baronial Exchequer** is like the treasurer for our local chapter of the SCA. The Baronial Exchequer is the financial administrator for the Barony. They are responsible for tracking and reporting spending and income. This office requires attendance at baronial events (e.g., Mixed Weapons War, Fabric War, Champions, and Solstice) or kingdom events hosted by the barony (e.g., coronation) to manage the gate.

General requirements for this position:

- be a current paid member of the SCA in good standing, & must remain so for the length of the warrant (a minimum of 2 years).
- have a computer capable of running Excel & Word.
- have experience using Excel, including familiarity with formulas & working in large workbooks.

- have dependable access to the internet, the ability to regularly check & respond to email, the ability to send & receive emailed reports & attachments, & the ability to communicate with other SCA Officers using email & mail groups.
- have knowledge of, or willingness to learn (fast), double-entry accounting on a “cash” basis.
- be familiar with Society & Kingdom Financial Policies & the administration of SCA financial guidelines.
- be willing to be a signer on all bank accounts in the Kingdom (your SSN may be required as part of the information given to the banking institution), review bank statements for numerous Kingdom/Baronial Accounts & reconcile bank accounts for the Kingdom/Barony.
- manage & track SCA warranting, reporting, & compliance with SCA financial guidelines by Exchequers & Regalia Officers throughout the Kingdom.
- be willing to be responsible to the Society for all assets held by the Barony.
- create & manage a budget for the Barony of SunDragon & serve as a Chairperson or member on several financial committees.

This position requires regular communication between Society officers, Kingdom of Atenveldt officers, & officers in local groups throughout the Kingdom. Must be available to work with & manage Exchequer Deputies for the barony & manage & coordinate running of the front gate for Baronial & some Kingdom events hosted by the Barony of SunDragon.

For a more complete list of duties, please refer to: [Atenveldt Kingdom Law](#), Atenveldt Kingdom Financial Policy, & Chapter One of the [Society Exchequer’s Handbook](#). All are accessible online via the kingdom & society pages.



Knight Marshal

The Barony is also looking for a Knight Marshal. Please speak to Their Excellencies or another officer for more information.

<https://www.atenveldt.org/sundragon/category/officer-ads/>



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.

Sun Dragon August Court Highlights

Awards:

As of August 2024 the following awards were bestowed upon these members of the Sun Dragon Populace.

A Red Dragon Scale was given to Mistress Morgan.

A Blue Fury was given to Sir Etienne

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 Master Edward Harrison for taking part in this series.

What is your SCA name?

Master Edward Harrison

What type of peerage are you a part of?

The Noble Order of the Pelican

How long have you been a peer?

One Year

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

Count Brian Winterbourne (My Knight) and Mistress Thyri ingen Aedin ui Rigain (My Pelican), and so many others over the course of my 21 yrs in the SCA.

What was the biggest lesson you learned from them?

That is very hard to define. There are many lessons learned over the years that could be described as such. The bottom line is to always have fun.

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

Yes and No. Prior to becoming a peer, I took personal responsibility for ensuring the SCA continues to educate, grow, and develop the populace. Since being elevated I have stayed that course and doubled down on it.

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

My biggest learning point has been navigating relationships with individuals.

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

To continue to serve my local group and kingdom by holding various offices and furthering recruitment opportunities. I would like to run to become the landed nobility of Sundragon.

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

Absolute surprise and shock. I was dealt a wonderful 1-2 punch that left me speechless.

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

Communicate. Begin speaking to the members of the peerage that you aspire to and understand what the path truly means.

What advice do you have for newcomers?

Find one thing that interests you and pursue it. There is always someone that can teach you or can point you in the right direction toward someone who can. I am always available to assist and welcome you to reach out if you need help.

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

I look for an individual that genuinely cares about serving the populace.

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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

For additional information, see the baronial website at <https://www.atenveldt.org/sundragon/>

Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BaronyofSunDragon>

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