

Chronus Draconum

Newsletter for the Barony of SunDragon

November 2024, Monthly Issue



Baronial Missive

From Their Excellencies of SunDragon

Greetings populace of mighty SunDragon, we are delighted to say we had two wonderful Champion events, one archery and one overall Champions with the Barony of Atenveldt. We are filled with so much stardust that we are bleaming. We look forward to continuing to serve you until we step down. We are working very hard with our Baronial Seneschal Office to get fighter practice up and going strong again. We are close in finding a location.

We wanted to take the time to say goodbye to our Champions that have been with us this past year. It was an honor to serve with you. We hope that your year of being a SunDragon Champion was amazing. We are honored that you choose to be part of SunDragon history.

- YOUR Baronial Champion YOUR Baronial Chatelaine
- Lady Siraj Farhadzedah Dama Nastas'ia Volkovicha
- Hardsuit Champion Rapier Champion
- Lord Finnan Fannach Lord Cullen Ellis
- Archery Champion Thrown Weapons Champion Lord
- Robert MacIain Master Gefroi le Gris
- A&S Champion Bardic Champion
- Lady Ermesinde de Champagne Master Ra'id Ibn Al Za'rur

- Youth Fighting Champions
- m'lady Charlie and Jupiter – co-youth fighting champions SunDragon
- Youth A&S Champion
- m'lady Saren of SunDragon (second time!)

Elizabeth, Baroness,
Duncan, Baron

Elizabeth *DNKAK*

Attention SunDragon

Bannthegn Valdisa Alarsdottir has stepped up as our Barional Seneschal.

We thank Mistress Mattea for serving the Barony for the past year.

The Barony is looking for bids for Fabric War June 21, 2025 Due Date for bids are January 15th, 2025

Coronation & Champions (BTM) November 16-17th, 2024

When: Saturday, November 16th-Sunday November 17th, 2024 Site opens at 9:00am on Saturday

Locations:

Saturday: Basha High School, 5990 S Val Vista Dr, Chandler, AZ 85249

Sunday: Paseo Vista Archery Range, 3850 S McQueen Rd, Chandler, AZ 85286 (Archery and Thrown Weapons)

Sunday: Kyrene Aprende Middle School, 777 North Desert Breeze Blvd E, Chandler, AZ 85226

Event Fees: \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members, youths 17 and under are free

Event Stewards: Lady Skadi Addaeson

Come one come all to Basha High School as we celebrate the successful reign of Their Royal Majesties Baldric and Hürrem and welcome their Heirs, Morgan and Elizabeth, to the Solar Throne. This Coronation day will be one of joy and tears and laughter and love. Sunday will start at Paseo Vista Archery Range opening at 9AM to determine the future Handbow and Crossbow Champions. Also at 9AM, Kyrene Aprende Middle School will be open to start setting up pavilions for Kings Heavy Champion and Queen's Cut & Thrust Champion Tournaments. Staking will be allowed at this site! Court will begin at Kyrene Aprende at Their Majesties' discretion. C

Solstice

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

Location: Friendship Park; 12325 W McDowell Rd, Avondale, AZ 85323 Ramadas 1, 2, 3, and 4,

Event Fees: *Gate:* Members \$15; Non Members \$25 *Preregister:* Pre-Pay available with PayPal link (coming soon)

Autocrat: Lady Katharina von Augsburg, katrinasoper@gmail.com, (623) 414-0957, no calls after 11pm

Co-Autocrat: Baas Kandace Van de Libel, kandacevandelibel@gmail.com or Kandace Belford to DM on Facebook

Wet Site, canned only

On Sunday, December 8th, 2024 the Baroness and Baron of SunDragon invite everyone to join the revelry for the Barony of SunDragon's Solstice: Frohes Fest. Friends and family will gather 'round to celebrate the holiday season in a joyful and German themed atmosphere.

Bring your feast gear and a side dish or dessert to share for our potluck (ingredient list required!). The Baroness and Baron of SunDragon will provide the main dish! There will be a Crafty Gift Exchange & Swap, A&S Showcase, an Artisan Auction, and youth activities. Bardic is encouraged throughout the day!

Schedule:

1pm Site opens to the populace

2pm Opening Court


2:30pm Feast & and Activities begin

4:30pm Closing Court





Crafty Gift Exchange & Swap: Unlike a traditional white elephant gift we ask you to bring a wrapped item that can be used

to inspire others to craft (i.e., supply, kit) or a wrapped item you've crafted to participate (\$20 value max suggested)! We will meet at 3:30pm to pile the presents and draw numbers for selection precedence! Each gift can be stolen a maximum of twice, and populace #1 retains the last chance to swap within the "stolen twice bounds." Hosted by Lady Katharina von Augsburg

 A&S Showcase: Bring the items you're most proud of making, or learned the most from this year! Documentation encouraged, but not required.

 Artisan Auction: Details at a later date. Hosted by THL Aurora Faw

 Youth Activities: One of our many crafts will be making ornaments. Hosted by Baas Kandace Van de Libel

 Bardic: Open stage, please limit your performance to 5 minutes (max) and allow the next person or group to step forward. Multiple performances can be given in turn, if there is no one that steps up after a 3 minute window you may go again.

Spring Crown Tournament (BTY) March 7-9th, 2025

When: Thursday, November 7-Sunday November 10th, 2024 Site opens at 12:00pm on Thursday and closes at 12:00pm Sunday

Location: Catalina State Park, Gila Monster, Granite, and Flycatcher Group Sites; 11570 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85737

Event Fees: *Pre-registered:* \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, youth 17 and under free *At the Gate:* \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members, youth 17 and under free

Event Steward: Lady Emma Knope, and Sir Khalil ibn Azwar al-Khalid

The single most important duty of any Crown is to ensure the succession of their royal line. To that end, their most magnanimous and benevolent Majesties Morgan Æthelwulf, and Elizabeth Æthelwulf, King and Queen of Atenveldt, do invite all who find these words to attend the Crown tournament of glorious Atenveldt. This will be a weekend event full of fun, fighting, and pageantry located in the Barony of Tir Ysgithr. Saturday: you will witness the most Glorious Tournament of our Kingdom where the heirs of Their Royal Majesties of Atenveldt will rise in victory. Join us as we welcome the new heirs while enjoying companionship and revelry in the beautiful lands of southern Atenveldt in the Barony of Tir Ysgithr. We look forward to your attendance!

Site Information: Showers are available as well as stone privies! There are 3 shower stalls in each bathroom. There is potable water onsite and dumpsters for trash. The site is a Wet site, glass is allowed, but as always, clean up after yourself. Pets are welcome on a leash, and fires are in designated spots as well as any propane fires elevated from the ground. Quiet Hours are from 10 PM to 7 AM. Please be respectful of the other sites.

RV Campers – Reserve your spot online at <https://azstateparks.com/catalina/camping-and-rvs/rv-and-tent-camping>. There are limited RV sites available with electric, sewage, and water hookups. You will have to book your campsite separate from the event. Reservations can be cancelled 60 days prior to the event, though there is a \$3.20 non-refundable reservation fee. Sites are \$35 per night.

Equestrian – There is camping at the Equestrian Center for an additional \$25 per night, though you do not have to camp with your horse if you choose to stay at the registered group sites. There are 16 corrals for horses at the park available as a first come, first served basis. There will not be any formally organized equestrian activities at the event, however, the park boasts many horse friendly trails, and horses are welcome to attend the event, but cannot stay in the group campgrounds overnight. Please refer any additional questions about equestrian facilities and reservations to the park (520) 628-5798.\

Parking: When you arrive at the gate, you do not have to pay for parking, simply explain that you are here for the SCA event, and you will be given a parking pass. If you have a state park pass, we ask that you use that instead to help with event costs. Parking for this event is limited. We ask everyone to please carpool whenever possible. Just across the street, there is an In and Out Burger with a huge parking lot. We strongly recommend that you park there and carpool on the way into the park.

For fighters that choose to sleep in nearby hotels: The Holiday Inn Express Oro Valley- Tucson North is the closest hotel, 3 miles from the park (average rates under \$100/night).

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)

November 2nd Kingdom Scriptorium-BGM

November 7-10th Melee Camp-BTY/BMMT

November 16-17th Coronation-BTM

November 19th Atenveldt Newcomers-On line through zoom

December 7th-Baronial Anniversary/Investiture-BOA

December 8th-Solstice-BSD

December 14th-Northern Yule-BES

December 17th-Atenveldt Newcomers-Online

December 21st-Southern Yule-BMMT

SunDragon Activities

November 3rd,10th,17th, and 24th at 9am Archery-El Oso Park & 1pm Thrown Weapons(look on the calendar for location)

November 4th 7pm Populace Meeting at Peoria Community Center

November 5th,12th,19th, and 26th at 6pm Scribal (look on the calendar for locations)

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

A Letter from Their Excellencies to the Populace of Sun Dragon

We, Elizabeth and Duncan, Baroness and Baron of SunDragon have made the decision to step down early. Our Majesties, Beau and Hurrem, and Atenveldts Heirs, Morgan and Elizabeth, have graciously accepted our letter.

Our SunDragon family, it has been an honor to serve you. We have had a wonderful two years supporting you. We have strived to support, encourage, and uphold SunDragon's traditions, and the populace. We had stardust filled events, like 40 year. We have watched our populace be recognized for their talents, service, and their love for the Barony and Kingdom. The next few months are going to be busy. The Kingdom and the Barony request letters of intent from those that would like to be the next Baroness and Baron of SunDragon. The letters are due by December 12th, 2024. There will be a meet and greet, question and answer for those that have put a letter of intent in. Our Baronial Seneschal Banntheign Valdisa will be planning this for the populace. The polling will be held at Central War practice on January 12th, 2025. The investiture will be held at Border Wars March 22nd, 2025.

Thank you for the love and support during this process

Baroness Elizabeth and Baron Duncan

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT *POSITION BARON AND BARONESS OF SUNDRAGON*

The Baron and Baroness of Sundragon are preparing to conclude their tenure and enjoy a much deserved retirement. It is time to request Letters of Intent. On Sunday, January 12th 2025 at Central War Practice there will be a polling for the next pair to lead the barony who will step up at Border Wars March 20th - 23rd 2025.

Below are the Guidelines for Participation as a Baronial Candidate:

1. Baronial candidates must be current paid members and must receive their Southwind or have an SCA membership in a Zip Code belonging to the Barony of Sundragon.
2. Candidates must be at least 18 years old.
3. Candidates must have Letters of Intent in the hands of the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, & the Baron & Baroness no later than Midnight December 12th. Letters should be written with the understanding that (if accepted by the Crown), the letters will be published in the Baronial Newsletter for the populace to review prior to the polling.
4. Candidates must include the below information in their Letter of Intent:
 1. Full contact information, including SCA & modern names, addresses, phone numbers, email, & membership numbers & expiration date
 2. Their reasons for seeking the position
 3. Their history of participation in the SCA & the Barony of Sundragon
 4. Their plans for the future of the group
 5. Their understanding of the responsibilities of the position of Baron & Baroness.
 6. Their statement that they are willing to be installed with a two or three year warrant in the position, & understand their Letter of Intent will be published in the Baronial Newsletter if their candidacy is accepted by the Crown.

Questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Kingdom Seneschal at Seneschal@Atenveldt.org

In addition, please review the following information regarding your participation in the Barony of Sundragon Polling

A polling of the current paid members of the Barony of Sundragon will be conducted on Sunday Jan 12th 2025 to determine their support of candidates for Baron & Baroness. The populace should be aware that if the first polling does not show a clear preference of the populace, a second polling may be held immediately following the closing & tabulation of ballots for the first poll. Members are encouraged to plan to remain onsite to participate should a second poll be necessary.

To participate in all pollings held that day, you must be a Sustaining, Associate, or Family member who is 18 years old or older, & must receive a Southwind or have an SCA membership in a Zip Code belonging to the Barony of Sundragon.

1. Current paid memberships will be verified on a membership list at the polling site, or you may present an online membership renewal dated after the date the membership list was generated by the Milpitas Registry. The Kingdom Seneschal recommends you bring proof of membership with you to ensure participation in the poll.
2. You must reside in zip codes belonging to the Barony of Sundragon, & this will be verified on the membership list at the polling site.
3. NOTE: Paid members who play in the Barony of Sundragon, but do not reside in the zip codes belonging to the Barony, may not cast ballots. However, they are encouraged to make their views on candidates known to the Crown by sending personal letters to the Crown & Kingdom Seneschal expressing their candidate selections & preferences. The Crown will consider such letters when reviewing the polling results.
4. You must be 18 years old or older & present a picture ID at the polling site that shows your date of birth or age.

Questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Kingdom Seneschal at
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In Service,
Master Edward Harrison
Kingdom Seneschal

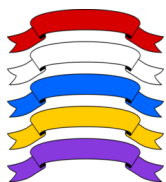
Baronial Awards

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.



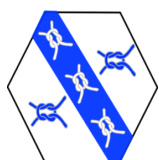
Order of the Prisma Draconus

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.



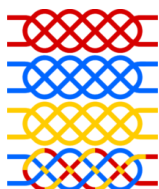
Honor of Sun Dragon

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.



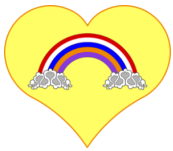
Commander of the Dragon's Scale

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.



Defining Your Personal SCA Journey

By Baron Raven Mayne, OL

Introduction

My hope in writing this is to help you show a perspective on what your individual SCA path is, and that it can be informative in keeping track of where it leads from and to.

Journey of the SCA

As we are all unique human beings, it makes sense that every person in the Society has their own ideas of what they would like to happen and how. Since there is no one way to get to any goal, the best thing is to put more time and energy into all the things that keep you happy, all the while remaining an active and participating member of the SCA. Ultimately your journey should consist of learning, exploration, and having fun with friends.

Keeping track of your personal journey:

What "ONE Activity" in the SCA, gives you the most Enjoyment? _____

Will you be able to enjoy an Event when _____ is not an option? (Answer should be yes)

Do you have any goals in the SCA? _____

What steps do you think will assist you in accomplishing your goals?

What do you think might alter your path in the future? _____

As a member of the Populace, "How would you Share your Knowledge?"

- All levels of arts and sciences night/ days?
- All levels of collegiums?
- All places with showcases?
- Any non-official SCA meetings/ get togethers?
- Sharing your knowledge adequately on the fly?

In the future

Sometime from now review all the answers you marked down. Go through what you answered above and compare to see how/if it has changed and how/why. Also go ahead and answer them again to see how your path looks now. Repeat every set amount of time to actually see what your path looks like. If you can, keep a log/diary of highlights as you participate.

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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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