

Chronus Draconum

Newsletter for the Barony of SunDragon

December 2024, Monthly Issue

Baronial Missive



From Their Excellencies of SunDragon

We say goodbye to Baldric and Hurrem, and I am positive that we will see them on the throne again. Huzzah to our new King and Queen, Morgan and Elizabeth. Their reigns have always been busy and fun. Her majesty mentioned to look out for sticker drops.

Our retirement is coming soon and with that said we all have a lot of moving parts in the next few months. We have fighter practice starting soon. We have Solstice where we will enjoy lots of merriment with family time. The Archery Christmas Toy Drive, where we will have fun and get lots of toys for the kids. War Practices and then War of the Phoenix. Then we will have Border Wars where we will welcome a New Baroness and Baron of SunDragon. The Kingdom also has lots of events and we encourage you all to attend them.

We also said goodbye to our Champions. We are saddened but also very happy to welcome our new Champions of SunDragon. Let's give our Champions three Huzzahs.

Overall Champion- Lady Elizabeth Schumacher

Chatelaine- THL Ceallach Colquhoun

Hardsuit- Lord Roland de Rhys

Rapier- Capt Eirik Ising Steingrim

Bard- THL Aurora Faw

A&S- Her Grace, Mistress Fiona Wiggins

Archery- Lord Finnan Fannach

Thrown Weapons- Lady Aine inghean Chuinn

Youth A&S- m'lady Jacklyn of SunDragon

Youth Archery- m'lady Ellie of SunDragon

With the weather getting colder, what are you working on that will keep you warm? We challenge you all to work on warm clothing and keep us posted on the book of faces with the process of your new items. We are also having a contest for the craziest pj ensemble for our annual PJ Court at WOP on Feb 16th, 2025.

Elizabeth, Baroness,
Duncan, Baron

Elizabeth MTKAK

Attention SunDragon

- Fighter Practice to be held at Sunnyslope Park 9280 N 71st Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 7pm-10pm on Thursdays *starting this Thursday, December 5th.*
- Border Wars & BSD Investiture at the Payson Rodeo Grounds- March 20th-23rd, 2025-The Legend of Border Wars: A Link to Our Past; Remember BSD is Triforce of Courage-the color green
- The Barony is looking for bids for Fabric War June 21, 2025 Due Date for bids will be set for January 8th, 2025.

Solstice (BSD) December 8th, 2024

When: Sunday December 8th, 2024 from 1:00pm-5:00pm

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

Event Fees: Pre-registered and at Gate: \$15 for members; \$25 for non-members

Event Steward: Lady Katharina von Augsburg

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 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! Hope to see you there!

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).

Central War Practice (BSD) January 12th, 2025

When: Sunday, January 12th, 2025 from 9:00am-4:00pm

Location: Cheyenne Elementary School, 11806 N 87th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345

Event Fees: Free

Event Steward: THL Aurora Faw & Lady Kathryn of Sundragon

As the winter winds start to blow, it brings the distant sounds of the beating of war drums and the call to prepare for war begins. Please join Barony of SunDragon at Central War Practice for some fighting and melee fun!

We will be offering the Soup Kitchen ran by THL Ceallach Colquhoun. Donations for the soup kitchen are requested, soups, breads, bowls, paper towels and plastic ware. People willing to serve are also requested.

We will be having a Populace Arts and Sciences Display. Come and display your works of art. We will have multiple prizes.

This will also be the location and site for SunDragon polling for the new Baroness and Baron. More information to come.

This is a dry site. No staking. No pets unless they are service animals. No smoking/vaping on site.

Repeating Baronial Events

Fighter Practice - Thursdays from 7-10pm

Sunnyslope Park - 9280 N 71st Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345

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 Dates to Remember

Dec 1st-Archery @9am at El Oso Park Thrown Weapons @1pm look on the book of faces

Dec 2nd-Populace Meeting @7 at Peoria Community Center

Dec 3rd- Scribal- THL Aurora's Home

Dec 5th- Look to see if Fighter Practice and Populace Gathering is up and running

Dec 8th-Archery @9am

Dec 8th- SunDragon Solstice 2pm-6pm @Friendship Park

Dec 10th- Scribal- Lady Marion's Home

Dec 12th- Letter of Intent for Baroness and Baron are due

Dec 12th- Fighter Practice and Populace Gathering

Dec 15th- Christmas Archery Tournament- This is a toy drive to give children that are in the hospital a toy

Dec 17th- Scribal- Master Gregoire's Home
 Dec 19th- Fighter Practice and Populace Gathering
 Dec 22nd- Archery @9am, Thrown Weapons @1pm

What to look for in the Kingdom of Atenveldt

Dec 4th- BOA Melee Night
 Dec 7th- Barony of Atenveldt Anniversary/ Investiture
 Dec 12th- Barony of Granite Mountain is hosting a Meet and Eat for those running for B&B
 Dec 14th- Northern Yule in BES
 Dec 15th- BMT-Combined Fighter Practice
 Dec 17th Knight Light Tournament
 Dec 18th Melee Night and Cookie Potluck
 Dec 21st Southern Yule in BMT
 Jan 4th-BTY Baronial 12th Night
 Jan 5th-Southern War Practice
 Jan 11th-Kingdom Archery Event
 Jan 12th-Central War Practice and SunDragon's Polling
 Jan 25th-Northern War Practice
 Feb 1st-2nd-Great Helm
 Feb 10th-17th-War of Phoenix
 Feb 14th-Combined Baronial Court

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:

The Barony is looking for bids for Fabric War June 21, 2025 Due Date for bids will be set for January 8th, 2025.

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 Seneschal@Atenveldt.org

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.



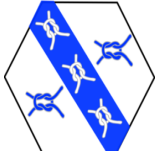
Order of the Prisma Draconus

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

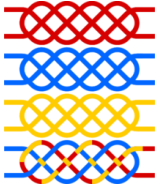
There shall exist in the Barony of Sundragon an award known as the Honor of Sundragon. It may be given by the Baron/ess to those people who have toiled in service to the Barony, or otherwise have excelled in merit. The holder of this award shall be entitled to place after their names C.H.S.D and shall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

Announcement from War of the Phoenix Land Coordinator

Greetings unto the Barony of Sundragon,

I hope everyone had a great time during the holiday and now it is time!

I am your land coordinator for war and if you will be camping in baronial lands then I need your numbers and please indicate if you purchased the additional land.

Accurate numbers give the war staff the opportunity to allocate the proper amount of land for our barony. I have received a few messages already and those are accounted for.

For those that are newer or have limited experience in this process let me know and I can help you. My door is always open.

Please reach out to me either at PM, Edward.harrison@cox.net or track me down at an event.

I will need everyone's numbers by December 14th please.

In Service to the Dream,

Master Edward Harrison

Defining Your Personal SCA Journey

By Baron Raven Mayne, OL

What is a SCA resume? A SCA resume is something to help remind you of all the things you have accomplished and done. Come in handy when applying for an SCA office, running for B&B, entering Crown list, etc. It also has the following, but not limited to, the following information.

1. SCA name
2. Mundane name
3. SCA membership number and expiration date
4. List of any Kingdom awards in order received
5. Baronial Awards in order of received
6. Offices held from when to when
7. Events Run/Classes taught/Tournaments participated in.
8. Everything else: Things you made and when, for who/ volunteer event for what activity/ anything worthy of note, etc,

Peer Review

Sun Dragon has a rich and vibrant history full of members of our populace who have gone above and beyond in service to the dream. In order to capture some of that history and inspire star dust in the current iteration of Sun Dragon's Populace, the Chronicler has invited the peers of Sun Dragon to share a bit of their journey's, perspectives, and insight with the barony. For this edition I would like to thank Mistress Kandace Van de Libel for agreeing to be featured.

What is your SCA name?

Kandace Van de Libel

What type of peerage are you a part of?

Pelican

How long have you been a peer?

I was elevated on May 4th 2024.

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

I had several. Alyster was my belted peer, but I grew up with the key stakeholders, as my pseudo aunts and uncles and my mom, who founded our kingdom from principality onwards so that is a lot of inspiration to be fueled by.

What was the biggest lesson you learned from them?

Encourage and recognize others.

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

It hasn't really. It was just characteristic of what I was doing and what I plan to continue doing. It is how I fit into the SCA naturally.

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

On my path I had to learn to trust other people and build teams, delegation and facilitation are important especially if you are running any level's event.

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

To avoid burnout and balance my time with my family. I tend to work in some capacity no matter what event I attend so I think I need to learn how to step back appropriately.

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

I was surprised that I cried.

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

I advise people to ask themselves "Why are you doing this? Will you/are you enjoying this? Would you continue to do this?" If you do not answer yes to the last 2 questions, get out of the task respectfully with grace and find something you can respond "yes" with.

What advice do you have for newcomers?

Try the things at least twice with different instructors/small groups, we are all learners in the beginning. If something isn't fun then find something that is.

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

Humbleness and accountability. Service does not have to be grand gestures but it should be consistent and freely given.

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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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