

# Chronus Draconum

## Newsletter for the Barony of SunDragon

January 2025, Monthly Issue

### Baronial Missive



From Their Excellencies of SunDragon

Do you hear that? What is that noise? It is getting closer. The sound is getting louder. There is smoke over the horizon, it is coming toward us. Duncan sent spies out and they have come back to us. There is another Kingdom coming toward us. Who in the Barony of Sundragon is going to help protect our land? Who is going to help defend our Kingdom? Both our King and Queen will defend us, who will be out with them? Who will be on the sidelines to help mend them?

**WAR IS COMING**

**ARE YOU**

**READY?**

Have you checked your garb? Have you patched your holes? Have you checked your gear? Have you fixed it? Do you have enough camping gear? It's going to be cold. Do you have a fire or enough blankets? Do you have camp wells or banners ready? Start thinking about what you need for war. Start looking for updates about land for War of Phoenix. War is about having fun but it does not make war happen, you do. Please volunteer at war.

Greeting Sundragon, we had a couple of fun filled tournaments recently. Our annual Caveman and our Burning Ship tournament. Both have audience participation and it is always fun to hear their laughter and watch the fighters have a good time not just fighting in the tournament but with the audience too. Lord Mitsuhide was our Caveman winner and Lady Siraj was the victor for Burning Ship. Who took the Grinch home at Thrown Weapons? It's a secret because the Grinch does not want anyone to know where he is living now. So if you hear about his new home don't tell anyone.

We, Duncan and Elizabeth wish to spend time with each and every one of you. We encourage you to join us for these last few months before our retirement to hug, laugh, and have a wonderful time together. We encourage you to join us at

events throughout the Kingdom. We hope to see you at one of SunDragons monthly gatherings. We have a new fighter practice and populace gathering location. It's at Sunnyslope park at 71st ave between Peoria and Olive in Peoria.

### **Things to look forward to**

*January 4th-BTY- Baronial 12th Night*

*BSD- A&S project day at THL Aurora Faws' home*

*January 5th-Sunday Archery with BOA @8 and Thrown Weapons @1*

*Southern War Practice (BTY)- There will also be a circle for The Order of Defense and Chivalry.*

*January 6th-Populace Meeting and Q and A- Meet and Greet with those that would like to be the next Baroness and Baron of BSD*

*January 7th-Populace gathering with the scribes and those that want to work on A&S projects*

*January 8th- BOA Melee Practice*

*January 9th-Court Night at Fighter Practice and our Populace Gathering-Do you have questions about how scerios run. Come out and ask.*

*BTM's also has practice*

*BGM is hosting a meet and eat for those interested in talking with couples going for the next B&B of Granite Mountain*

*January 11th-Kingdom Archery Event (BTM)*

*January 12th-Central War Practice we are hosting. There will be a soup kitchen and artisan display. What are you working on? This will also be the polling for BSD*

*January 14th-Populace gathering with the scribes and those that want to work on A&S projects*

*January 15th-BOA fighter practice*

*January 16th- Fighter Practice and our Populace Gathering*

*January 19th- Sunday Archery with BOA @8 and Thrown Weapons @1*

*January 21st- Populace gathering with the scribes and those that want to work on A&S projects*

*January 23rd- Fighter Practice and our Populace Gathering-Melee Practice*

*January 25th- Northern War Practice (BGM) also will be the polling for the next B&B of BGM*

*January 26th- Sunday Archery with BOA*

*January 28th- Populace gathering with the scribes and those that want to work on A&S projects*

*January 30th- Fighter Practice and our Populace Gathering*

Elizabeth, Baroness,  
Duncan, Baron

*Elizabeth MONTAK*

## Attention SunDragon

- Fighter Practice to be held at Sunnyslope Park 9280 N 71st Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 7pm-10pm on Thursdays
- 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.

## 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.

## War of the Phoenix February 11th - 17th, 2025

**When:** Saturday, February 11th-17th, 2025

**Location:** Phoenix International Raceway, ISM Entry M, Goodyear, AZ 85338

**Event Fees:**

-Full Event Preregistered: \$85 for members, \$95 for non-members, youth 17 and under are free (Preregistration closes January 26, 2025)

-Weekend Preregistered: \$75 for members, \$85 for non-members, youth 17 and under are free (Preregistration closes January 26, 2025)

-Full Event at the Gate: \$100 for members, \$110 for non-members, youth 17 and under are free

-Weekend at the Gate: \$85 for members, \$95 for non-members, youth 17 and under are free

-One Day Pass: \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members, youth 17 and under are free

**Event Stewards:** Mistress Thyri ingen Aedain ui Rigain, Mistress Tetinka Ribbing, and Sir Donegal Buchanan

War of the Phoenix is coming February 11th - 17th, 2025.

Join us for an incredible week of all the things you look for in a signature camping event - War of the Phoenix has all this and more for you! Our site is a large area of land on the PIR-Phoenix International Raceway - located in Avondale, a western suburb of Phoenix, Arizona.

In this, our third year, we have made some improvements in land layout-putting camping in the areas least likely to pool water, positioning the main battlefield, merchants row, and A&S activities closer together so as to make it more convenient to get to all the activities the war has to offer.

Go to our Website for all the information on dates, location, fees, activities and volunteering. (Seek out the Rabid Hamster Army!). For more information, you may reach them at: [main@phxwar.atenvelt.org](mailto:main@phxwar.atenvelt.org)

## 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)***

## What to look for in the Kingdom of Atenveldt

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.

## Polling Information

A polling of the current paid members of the Barony of Sundragon will be conducted on Sunday Jan 12th 2025 at Central War practice 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. There will also be a virtual polling offered beginning a week prior on January 5th leading up to the in person polling.

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.

For those that do not reside within the listed zip codes for the Barony of Sundragon a waiver is required to be signed indicating the following:

"I consider myself a member of the populace of the Barony of Sundragon and promise the Crown of Atenveldt that I will not cast a ballot in any Populace Pollings held in any other Barony for 3 years following the date of this polling"

Questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Kingdom Seneschal at [Seneschal@Atenveldt.org](mailto:Seneschal@Atenveldt.org)

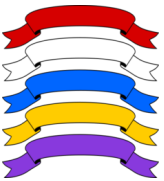
## Baronial Awards

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.



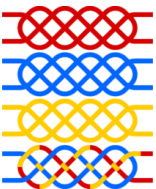
### Honor of Sun Dragon

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.



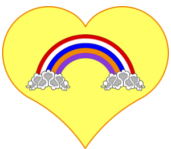
#### Commander of the Dragon's Scale

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](mailto:sundragoncoronet@atenveldt.org)) and BSD Seneschal ([sundragonseneschal@atenveldt.org](mailto: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.

## My Advice of General Good Habits:

By Master Raven Mayne, OL

1. **Be cognitive of your reputation:** You do not have to worry about what everyone thinks about everything you do, but keep an eye, and or ear, out to what is being said about you. If there is a fire. For example someone took something wrong or with unintended meaning.
2. **Be hospitable - forever welcoming:** Share some food, some shade from the elements outside, or offer a seat to sit and just have a good conversation.
3. **Be a Participating member of the SCA-** (my definition): Attend local groups officer meetings and attend all the events that you can easily do financially. Be somehow helpful in any available SCA activities, to ease any collective workload. If able, do it on a regular basis as one can manage, while balancing overall happiness. Dress up, show up, lend a hand, pay your dues, and most importantly HAVE FUN!
4. **Be a resource and or know who is.** Try to be a resource for good information, and or know who it is. Never be a dead end for an inquiring individual.
5. **Conduct:** try to emulate those good qualities that are looked up to and admired by a majority of the populace as a whole.
6. **D-E-L-I-G-A-T-E:** I know some, or all, of the time you want to show what you could do. It is also a good idea to sometimes share the spotlight. Give others opportunities to feel useful. Most cases it will help with everyone's stress level.
7. **Do you want to be a Boss or a Leader?** Trick question. No one wants to be bossed around, instead be a good/amazing leader. We are all volunteers. Remember more often than not: you can find “inspiration” from a good leader.
8. **Dress for the job you want:** If one of your goals is to have a high status position someday: No time like the present to try and dress for like station. It is a possibility that If you look like you do not care how you look, you may be perceived as being serious about your goals.
9. **How to know if someone is/are on the right road?** The best sign is when a person is humbly mistaken for a station they do not currently have.
10. **If you are in charge-try not turn away anyone willing to help:** There is a job for everyone. “More hands, less work”. If there is no room to help, teach what you are



doing. This is a chance to make a friend

11. **Make friends “BE NICE”:** As the time goes by you may need help with something. It is better to have people you can count on, and or just look around and pull out of a crowd, to lend a helping hand.

12. **NO opportunities? Create opportunities:** Want to show your skills (Or know of someone else who should be noticed). Find a way to make that happen. No showcase, No tournament, No event, find a way to make one happen (Official or unofficial).

13. **Think about first impressions: SMILE!** If you are not in the mood to even smile a little, then maybe think about maybe taking a small break, or better yet seek out what/who can help you find your smile. Try to leave the world’s weight on your shoulders at the door.

14. **Treat people how you want to be treated:** Most will give you chances to be a good person, but it is unavoidable that some might never forget that one thing you said or did that one time.

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