

2018 House Kheperu Gather Schedule

	Ballroom	Boardroom
4:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	
4:30 PM	Warrior Caste Class HK Members	Sigils: Squares to Spare, Seals to Songs Ges
6:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	
6:30 PM	✚ Dark Mirror Ritual Michelle Belanger	Spirit Communication Jackie Williams
8:00 PM	<i>Dinner Break (90 mins)</i>	
9:30 PM	Club Khep DJ Eclipse	Spiritual Healing and Exchange Sam Sanfratello
June 24 Sunday		
10:00 AM	Energetic Constructs Eilfie Music Edwards	Open Discussion Session HK Members
11:00 AM	<i>Break (hotel checkout before noon)</i>	
11:30 AM	Energetic Troubleshooting HK & Friends	Psychic-Sensitive or Medium? Ellen Dugan
12:30 PM	<i>Break</i>	
1:00 PM	Closing Ritual	
1:30 PM	<i>Break</i>	
2:00 PM	Lunch	
<p>✚ Denotes Advanced: Classes marked with this symbol are not well suited for some individuals with limited energetic experience. Individuals who attend these classes should be aware that they may experience energetic strain while participating.</p>		

Additional Hours of Operation

Registration

Friday: 3:00PM - 6:30 PM, 8:00 PM - 10:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Hospitality

Friday: 5:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 AM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Merchandising

Our merchandising area will be different this year. Merchandising will be located on the central balcony near registration, between our two class spaces. Presenters are encouraged to set up any items they are offering for sale after each class they teach. Each presenter's items will be available for limited amounts of time, so please make sure to stop by the tables often to support our teachers and learn more about what they have to share. Items may be available for purchase from presenters by request if you miss them at the merch tables.

Hotel Hours

Check-in Times: 4:00PM - 4:00AM

Check-out Times: 12:00PM

1833 Restaurant Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 6:00AM-10:00PM

Friday-Sunday: 7:00 AM-11:00 PM

Gather Policies

During Gather weekend we expect all participants to adhere to our policies. Lack of adherence to policies will result in being asked to leave Gather spaces for the duration of the day without refund. If we witness repeated violations of policies, participants could be permanently banned from our events.

Biases or Disputes

Please do not disrupt our classes with any disputes. Gather is a place of tolerance and discussion. If you have issues with others based off of your own personal beliefs, please keep those opinions to yourself or raise them in a constructive manner. Please also refrain from any personal drama. Arguments and disputes need to be taken somewhere private and out of designated Gather spaces.

The Law of the Land

Please obey all local, state, and national laws. Failure to do so will lead to removal from the event and a permanent ban from future events.

Drugs / Alcohol

Please note that illegal drug use is strictly prohibited at our events. Please refrain from using any drugs or alcohol. If you are planning to participate in the use of any inhibiting substance, confine that usage to your own rooms. Please do not enter Gather spaces while intoxicated. Please refrain from using tobacco products and e-cigarettes within hotel. Tobacco products may be used in designated smoking spaces at least 25 feet from the hotel entryway.

Decorum

Please remember that there may be other guests in the hotel. During the weekend, be respectful of volume levels while in and outside of Gather spaces, particularly in corridors where rooms are located. While you may be an experienced energy worker, please respect those who are new and trying to learn. Remember to ask questions rather than only sharing your own stories or experiences.

Personal Boundaries

Please respect personal boundaries while at this event. Sexual advances towards others are not appropriate in public. Always ask *before* making physical contact with someone. Heightened energy can overwhelm even the friendliest of us. Do not hesitate assert your own boundaries with other attendees as well.

Dress Code

3-2-1 Rule

Energy at our events can be heavy. This is why we recommend the 3-2-1 rule. For your own well-being, make sure to get at least three hours of sleep a day, eat at least two meals, and take at least one shower. Take care of your mind and body while at Gather. By doing so, you are likely to have a much better experience.

Permission

Do not enter into any type of energy work or energy exchange without permission.

Badges

Please remember to wear the badge you pick up at registration while attending Gather events. This helps us identify who should be there and who should not. If you forget your badge, we may ask you to leave the event or retrieve it.

Red Badges

Our security personnel will be present at all times and are easily spotted by their red badges. If you feel that someone is making you uncomfortable, please seek out someone with a red badge. If you are unable to find someone with a red badge any of our Gather staff will be happy to find someone for you.

Weapons

Use of weapons outside of state laws is strictly prohibited. If you are visiting from out of state, please take the time to look up our state laws on weapon use. If you are in doubt, best policy is to leave it behind.

In Sum

Adherence to these policies will help ensure that Gather is enjoyable for all.
Thank you.

Class Descriptions ~ Gather 2018

Opening Ritual

FRI 6:00 PM

Please join the members and allies of House Kheperu in opening the Gather weekend. We will go over Kheprian roles in ritual, the shape of the weekend, and our recommendations to make Gather as productive a convention as possible. We will then move into our opening ritual, create sacred space, and sync up the energies of all attendees. Strongly recommended for all Gather-goers.

HK Members ~ Ballroom

Beginning & Intermediate Energy Work

FRI 9:00 PM

What is vital energy and how can we consciously harness it? Join House Kheperu members and allies as they lead you through an introductory-level workshop. Recommended for those who are new to energy work and related concepts, including grounding, centering, and shielding.

HK Members ~ Ballroom

Protection Magick & Psychic Self Defense

FRI 9:00 PM

Here's a topic that winds up both magick users and psychics alike: psychic self defense and protection magick. So, did you get sloppy with your personal protection? Were you complacent? Maybe you've been busy dealing with mundane life and family. But suddenly all hell has broken loose and you need to get to work. We'll talk about fresh and creative ways to get a grip, and tackle both magickal and psychic attacks. This class covers psychic strengths and weaknesses, personal ethics and neutrality, and the distinctions between active and passive magickal personalities. A variety of magickal techniques and traditions will be discussed as well. Learn how to identify a hex, or a crossed condition and creative ways to push back, and take control. Author, psychic, and clairvoyant Ellen Dugan won't pull any punches. If you're looking for some honesty and down-to-earth advice, then you've come to the right place.

Ellen Dugan ~ Board Room

Reading The Energy Body For Yourself

FRI 11:00 PM

You've probably seen energy body drawings. Maybe you've gotten an energy body reading. But do you know how *you* perceive other people's energy bodies? In this experiential class, members of House Kheperu invite attendees to practice "reading" our energy. A small panel of presenters will start by talking about how we perceive energy bodies, how we talk about our perceptions (if we do), and how we developed the techniques we use now, from art to poems to just finding words to talk about our impressions. Then we'll open it up for attendees to practice "reading" different members of the panel, and give feedback on what you pick up on.

Michelle, Paul, Elyria, Cat ~ Ballroom

Self-Hypnosis and The Trance State

FRI 11:00 PM

Sam Sanfratello ~ Board Room

Sigil Drawing

SAT 10:30 AM

Come to experience the aspects of creating art in the altered state of consciousness. We will set up ritual space, go over techniques that are helpful in this practice and spend most of the time drawing. Bring your own supplies, or we will provide the basics. This will be a discussion- based class so bring your thoughts and your questions.

Rez ~ Ballroom

The Subtle Art of Sacred Space

SAT 10:30 AM

In this class we will discuss the currents in sacred space, both our own personal and communal spaces. Discussions over mapping out the flow of power through a space in order to gain information to better maintain or create the space will be covered. This is essentially the energy body portrait of spaces and how that benefits those within the chosen environment. There will also be discussion on applying the same technique to ritual in order to reinforce visualizations for more honed results.

Cat Mason ~ Board Room

Counselor Caste Class

SAT 12:00 PM

In the Kheprian system, counselors are tasked with maintaining the connections that allow all the castes to work together. And the counselor caste is a diverse group itself. How do we overcome our differences to connect not only with other counselors, but also with warriors, priests, and non-Kheprians to move metaphysical mountains? Join the counselor caste for discussions of how we honor our individuality while remaining connected, and how we understand and use our energetic abilities to support what we do, both within and outside the Kheprian system.

HK Counselors ~ Ballroom

Tantric Tech and the Tarot	SAT 12:00 PM
<p>The Tantric system of Tibetan Buddhism has a highly developed method of passing initiations and performing evocations and invocations, but the figures in this tradition are foreign and esoteric to most people. The tarot is a complex system of archetypes which can be used for divination, but also as forces to embody and work with. In this class learn some of the history of both systems, how the tantric system can mesh with tarot archetypes to make something more accessible for non-Buddhist practitioners, and even receive an initiation into a triad of tarot figures. You do not need to have attended the previous Tantric Tech classes to attend this class.</p>	
<p><i>Ges ~ Board Room</i></p>	
Priest Caste Class	SAT 2:30 PM
<p>As Priests, we tend to have the most pronounced need for energy of any Kheprian caste. Is that high energy need present because we do so much energy-intensive work, or is it simply who we are? How do we play well with others to channel energy and turn it to productive ends, both in and out of ritual? How can we manage our own energy, whether we identify as priests, psychic vampires, or simply energy workers who need a lot of fuel? And as strong-willed beings, how do we work with other Priests to fill our designated roles in ritual? Join Michelle, Jackie, Stefanie, Paul, and Gryph for discussions of these questions and more.</p>	
<p><i>HK Priests ~ Ballroom</i></p>	
Panel: Empowering the Upcoming Generation	SAT 2:30 PM
<p>For those of us that spend time around young adults, whether that is our own children or through our professions, it can be a challenge to maintain our own energy levels, boundaries and shields. At the same time, working with youth can be immensely fulfilling and allows us to assist in the development of youth into strong, thoughtful adults. Join us in a panel discussion about our experiences and perspectives on working with young adults.</p>	
<p><i>HK Members ~ Board Room</i></p>	
Warrior Caste Class	SAT 4:00 PM
<p>What does it mean to be a Warrior in today's world? What roles do Warriors take in our community? How do we function in the practical and metaphysical worlds? What are our natural strengths? How do we relate to the other castes? This class will be mix of discussion and energy work as we discuss the importance of Warriors, and practice techniques for grounding, shielding, and ritual work.</p>	
<p><i>HK Warriors ~ Ballroom</i></p>	
Sigils: Squares to Spare, Seals to Songs	SAT 4:00 PM

Sigils are magickal symbols that can be used to shape our reality but despite their popularity many people who know of and/or use them don't understand them. Come learn the history of the modern sigil and the ancient predecessors and the theories behind them. Why are sigils banished and destroyed? Why forget them? We'll uncover this as well as how to craft sonic, automatic writing, and pictogram sigils and learn how to make sigils with the Qabalistic Squares. Sigils are highly adaptive and practical, and are appropriate for beginners and seasoned magickians alike.

Ges ~ Board Room

Dark Mirror Ritual

SAT 6:00 PM

Are you afraid of your own power? Are you the one holding yourself back? Guided by Michelle Belanger, look into a dark mirror to meet the parts of yourself that you have buried, ignored, and pushed aside. What will you say to yourself?

Michelle Belanger ~ Ballroom

Spirit Communication

SAT 6:00 PM

How do you see a spirit? How do you hear them? What do they want? How do you know if it's real? Jackie Williams, Elder of the Priest Caste of House Kheperu and spirit medium, will share her own experiences and offer insight into the nature of spirits and effective methods of communicating with them.

Jackie Williams ~ Board Room

Club Khep

SAT 9:30 PM

Join DJ Eclipse(Ash) to dance the night away. We are bringing back a blast from the past and resurrecting the Vampire Club! Put on your dancing shoes, stomp boots, or bare feet and express yourself through fashion and move energy through music and dance. **Beach Legal Clothing Required**

DJ Eclipse (Ash) ~ Ballroom

Spiritual Healing and Exchange

SAT 9:30 PM

This class will offer an introduction to spiritual healing, and provide a safe-space for questions and stories about how energetic/magnetic/spiritual healing has improved our lives. The class will then provide the opportunity for participants to practice/share/exchange non-contact spiritual healing.

Sam Sanfratello ~ Board Room

Energetic Constructs

SUN 10:00 AM

In this class we will be introduced to the different types of energetic constructs, including that of Thought Forms, Tulpas, and Egregores, following their history, the misconceptions, and modern use in Occultism.

Eilfie Music Edwards ~ Ballroom

Open Discussion Session

SUN 10:00 AM

What questions did you forget to ask? Didn't see a class on your favorite magickal topic? Come to our open discussion session to give us your constructive feedback, ask questions, and help brainstorm ideas for next year's Gather.

HK Members ~ Board Room

Energetic Troubleshooting

SUN 11:30 AM

Why do I feel so weird right now? What's going on, and how do I fix it? If energy work sometimes throws you for a loop, this is the class for you. We'll practice all kinds of energetic troubleshooting, from diagnosing problems to putting yourself back in your body to remembering to eat. This hands-on workshop will give you sound, common-sense tools to bring you back to earth after energy-intensive weekends like Gather.

Michelle, Elyria, Spencer, Stef, Kelly ~ Ballroom

Psychic/Sensitive or Medium: What Are You?

SUN 11:30 AM

What is a Medium exactly? In this class author and psychic clairvoyant Ellen Dugan explores the difference between a Psi-Sensitive and a Medium. This will be a lively lecture filled with real life stories, and tips and tricks. Yes, I said tricks. Were you ever curious exactly how a Medium or Psychic does a large group reading? Or why Psychics use tarot cards? I'll show you. Ever wonder how to get the ghosts on this side of the veil to leave you alone? I can teach you. Get ready for an intensive experience where you will have a chance to try these techniques out for yourself. Whether you are a Psi-Sensitive or a Medium there is plenty to learn, to share, and to experience.

Ellen Dugan ~ Board Room

Closing Ritual

SUN 1:00 PM

Please join the Members of House Kheperu in a ritual that closes the Gather.

HK Members ~ Ballroom

Biographies

Cat

Cat Mason is an subtle body artist with nearly fifteen years experience in capturing the metaphysical in art. A graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, she works professionally as a graphic designer and illustrator by day and a subtle artist by night. Works include energy body portraits, sacred space mapping, and ritual flow observations. Set up a reading at aetherbodyart.com.

* Cesare

Cesare is a Counselor of House Kheperu.

* Chris

Wizard. Has not yet been eaten by a grue. Gather 2018 co-chair.

* Cindy

A natural healer and empath for most of her life, Cindy was first exposed to the nature of energy work at 18. Hailing from the Detroit area, she has been working with ConVocation since 2001. With a deep passion for learning and new experiences her interests vary from costuming, music and food to history, science and both traditional and alternative psychotherapies. Her beliefs are that spirituality and religion can and should be a fluid and all inclusive system.

* Dickens

Dickens is a member of House Kheperu's Warrior caste. Father, woodworker, toymaker, and repairman; he looks forward to time with others at the game table.

Dj Eclipse (Ash)

Ash has been studying occult and metaphysical topics for over 15 years. His areas of focus range from shamanism, tarot, and energy work to quantum mechanics and analytical psychology. His more physical interests include music collecting and mixing, theatrical and beauty makeup, costume construction, and prop fabrication. More widely known by DJ Eclipse within Pittsburgh's dark alternative club scene and as Lydia Dahmer within Pittsburgh's drag and sideshow communities.

Biographies

* Eilfie

Eilfie grew up in a Pagan household where the Occult was synonymous with everyday life. Her father, Dr. James Music, was a Ceremonial Magician and artist, which was an influence on her artistic career as it intermingled with her desire to learn more about the Occult. Most of her interest moved more into the investigation of the paranormal. From 2007-2011 Eilfie was a regular on A&E series Paranormal State as a researcher in occult knowledge. She continues to investigate the paranormal. She lives in PA with her wonderful husband Jack, puppy Temujin, and kitties.

Ellen

Ellen Dugan is the award winning author of twenty-five books. Ellen's popular non-fiction titles have been translated into more than twelve languages. She branched out successfully into paranormal fiction in 2015 with her popular "Legacy Of Magick" series, and has been featured in USA TODAY'S HEA column. Ellen lives an enchanted life in Missouri. Please visit her website and blog: www.ellendugan.com and www.ellendugan.blogspot.com

• Elyria

Elyria has been a poet and small business owner for nearly two decades, and a will-worker far longer than that. Elyria's first book of poems, "*singing my mother down: poems of grief, love, and renewal*," was published in 2016. A Dedicant to the Counselor caste, Elyria enjoys delving into the many applications of energy work, and encourages others to do the same. Visit www.elyriarose.com for more.

* Ges

Ges, an ally of House Kheperu, is a ceremonial magickian and a Vajrayana practitioner ordained in the Gelug tradition. Buddhist studies have been under the graces of a local lama of the Karma Kagyu sect and a Rinpoche of the Gelug sect. Ceremonial practices are largely Solomonian and grimoiric, and influenced by the Golden Dawn and Thelemic models. A focus on death, dying, the energy body, and practical "real-world" magick have always driven Ges's practices.

* Gryphon

Biographies

Gryphon is a member of the Warrior caste with one foot firmly among the Priests. He has studied, practiced, and taught the Occult for over 30 years. Prior to becoming a member of House Kheperu in 2005, he was the founding member of other spiritual groups in Columbus, Ohio. After living in New York for several years, he returned home to Ohio where he continues to pursue a career in Security & Safety. His interests include: weapons (specifically the bladed sort), science fiction, forbidden history, handcrafting (wood, plastics, leather, metal, etc.), camping / hiking, and a whole sack full of other things.

* Ian

Ian is a recent Dedicant to House Kheperu's Warrior caste. In his daily life, Ian works as a Youth Program Coordinator at an LGBTQ Community Center, advocating for the rights of young adults and guiding them through the coming-of-age process. As a transgender man, Ian is committed to supporting people of all ages figure out how to live their truth. Learn more about the non-profit he started to provide gender-affirming clothing to those who need it: www.GenderOutfitters.org.

* Jack

Jack is a member of the Warrior caste of House Kheperu. He enjoys furthering his education in a wide variety of interests, some of which include forensic sciences, photography, paranormal studies and spiritual faith systems. He also likes to play video and board games in his free time as well as investigate paranormal phenomena with his wife, Eilfie.

* Jackie

Teacher, artist, medium, mom. Artist of the Watcher Angel Tarot. Priest Caste Elder.

* Jade

Biographies

Jade is a Warrior of House Kheperu, and her spiritual background includes work with the Orishas/Santeria, and work in Chaos/ sex magic with focus on studies by Aleister Crowley. She is versed in the Abrahamic Traditions, and is currently a practicing Satanist with a heavy theistic foundation. She has a degree in Criminology with a minor in Forensic psychology, and currently works for a large Computer company in IT to pay the bills. Interests include blood, bladed weapons, and gore so if you need information on Serial Killers, Mass Murderers or just want to talk about unsolved crimes she is your person.

* Jerry

Jerry is a Warrior Caste Dedicant interested in ancient warfare and pie.

* Joe

Joe's interests include music, math, and chaos. Warrior Caste Elder.

* Kelly

Kelly is a Dedicant in the Counselor caste, mother of a teen and married to her wonderful wife. She is a primarily nature-based empath and healer. Her artistic endeavors include body painting and crafts of all sorts. Feel free to talk with Kelly about raising a sensitive teen or anything energy related.

* Michelle

Founder of House Kheperu, best known for work on television's "Paranormal State," Michelle Belanger is the author of over two dozen nonfiction books on the supernatural. The Founder of House Kheperu, Michelle has lectured on occult and paranormal topics at conventions and universities across Canada and the US, with work featured on numerous documentaries and television shows. Learn more at www.michellebelanger.com, kheperu.org, and support Michelle's work at www.patreon.com/haunted.

* Paul

Biographies

Paul is a progressionist Priest with a focus on Eastern religions. He specializes in philosophical Taoism and general cosmology.

* Raxx

Raxx is game to talk about energy work, constructs, empowered machinery, animalistic aspects, or the next good video game. Of course, any basic Kheprian energetic questions or the like are fielded as well.

* Rez

Rez has been a member of the house since 2001. She is Warrior Caste Second degree and Counselor Caste Elder. Her interests include art, design, dance, mechanics, motorsports, bodybuilding, nutritional science and others. She has always searched for truth and seeks to find beauty in the world.

Sam

Samuel Sanfratello is a Usui Reiki Master/Teacher and the owner of Monroe Hypnosis and Rochester Analytics. Before owning his own business, he was on the pastoral staff for Plymouth Spiritualist Church in Rochester NY. He is currently working on a media project to highlight Spiritualist teaching and thought.

* Shae

Shae's interests include Energy working of all types, understanding empathic emotion, vision, past life memories, otherkin / vampire / therian lifestyles, subtle reality, druidity, panspirituality, celtic folklore, anthropology, theoretical physics, stained glass, metal working, leatherworking, chainmail, crafting and building things.

Spencer

Biographies

Not a member of any house, this "free agent" has been a practicing Warrior within the Kheprian system since 2011 with a "Have Shields Will Travel" mentality. Spencer has participated in House Kheperu and Michigan Energy Worker rituals and has served as lead Warrior more than once. Spencer is an avid gamer having played in and run numerous tabletop campaigns and LARPS. He is also a fan of comic books, movies, and video games. A former retail manager, he recently graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a Bachelor's in history, and currently works in an American history museum.

* Stefanie

Stef is a Dedicant to the Priest caste. A recent transplant from Wisconsin to Michigan, Stef travels the state harvesting blood from willing donors. The irony of a vampire working for a blood bank is not lost on her. In her free time, Stef enjoys experimenting with energy, relaxing with kittens, and plotting to take over the world.

* Denotes House Members and Allies