

# *The Salamander*

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

The following are events scheduled in the Southern Region of the East Kingdom and other selected events. For a complete list of upcoming East Kingdom events and further information, visit <https://www.eastkingdom.org/events/>

December 14, 2024	Bhakail Yule Revel XLV and Baronial Investiture	Barony of Bhakail Philadelphia, PA
January 11, 2025	Deck the Halls of Valhalla	Crown Province of Østgarðr New York, NY
January 18, 2025	Bellringers	Barony of Carillion Manalapan, NJ
January 18, 2025	Owlsherst Country Twelfth Night	Shire of Owlsherts York, PA
February 24-26, 2025	A Market Day at Birka	Barony of Stonemarche Manchester, NH
February 25, 2025	At the Sign of the Elderflower and Boot	Barony of Bhakail Philadelphia, PA

## Current Schedule of Bhakail Practices, Socials, and Meetings

For further details, visit: <https://bhakail.eastkingdom.org/wordpress/index.php/calendar/>

Event	Time and Day	Location	Contact
Thrown Weapons Practice Target Archery Practice	Practices will resume in Spring 2024 as weather permits. Contact <a href="#">Mikael melrakki</a> or <a href="#">Ellyn Grene</a> , or join the <a href="#">Bhakail Projectile Practices</a> group on Facebook for updates.		
Scribal Study Group	Varies; see the <a href="#">Bhakail calendar</a> for upcoming meetings	Virtual or in person, contact <a href="#">Margarette la Gantiere</a> for details	
Bailiwick of Iveyinrust Business Meeting	2nd Mondays of the month, 7:15pm	Virtual, contact <a href="#">Emery de Champagne</a> for details (dates subject to change based on Penn academic schedule)	
Baronial Business Meeting	2nd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm	<a href="https://meet.google.com/gpf-gerd-ikj">https://meet.google.com/gpf-gerd-ikj</a>	<a href="#">Margarette la Gantiere</a>
Baronial Social	Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm	Morton, PA. For address, email 166054@members.eastkingdom.org	<a href="#">Mael Eoin mac Echuaidh</a>
Fencing Practice	Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm	Reformation Lutheran Church 102 W Rose Tree Rd, Media PA 19063	<a href="#">Melchior Kriebel</a>
Armored Combat Practice	Tuesdays, 7:00-9:30pm	48 Dickinson St. Philadelphia, PA 19147	<a href="#">Ezra De Bazzi</a>

## Bhakail Yule Revel and Baronial Investiture is December 14

The Barony of Bhakail invites one and all to the German Society of Philadelphia to grace our hearth and find warm welcome as we all begin to settle in for the long winter nights ahead, and celebrate the fruits of a bountiful harvest. This is Bhakail's 45th Yule Revel, where we will also gather to hear the parting words of our esteemed Baron, Muin maqq Minain as he returns the Coronet of Bhakail to Their Majesties and the Barony welcomes Muin's successor, Kennari Mikael Melrakki!

- ★ Volunteers are needed for all sorts of tasks such as setup, door warding, and moving tables and chairs. Contact [yule@bhakail.eastkingdom.org](mailto:yule@bhakail.eastkingdom.org) to volunteer.
- ★ Are you a newcomer coming to Yule? Do you need to borrow some medieval clothes for the event? Unsure of what to bring with you? Please email our Chatelaine (newcomer liaison), Lady Chana Freidl the Maker, at [chatelaine@bhakail.eastkingdom.org](mailto:chatelaine@bhakail.eastkingdom.org) with any questions! There is a selection of loaner clothing and gear (gold key) for you to borrow!
- ★ The Yule Sock Swap is a polly-anna style of gift swap. Each person brings a pair of socks (seasonal theme optional) one or both of which are filled with \$20 or less of amusements. Handicrafts looking for new homes is a favorite, it's truly left to the person who's decided to enter into the Spirit of a gift swap. Any questions can be forwarded to Lady Motte Nachfalter, [235409@members.eastkingdom.org](mailto:235409@members.eastkingdom.org).
- ★ Non-perishable food items will be collected for Philabundance, the largest food bank in the Philadelphia region. Most requested items are: peanut butter & jelly, cooking oil, canned tuna or meat, canned fruits & vegetables, canned soups & stews, oatmeal/breakfast cereal, whole grain pasta, 100% juice, rice, and non-refrigerated milk.
- ★ Clothing will be collected to donate to St. John's Hospice, a non-profit in Center City Philadelphia providing shelter for men and day services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The most requested items are: underwear (boxer briefs), thermal underwear, socks, undershirts (size L and up), sweat suits, gloves, scarves, hats, men's belts. All items must be new or very, very gently used. If you'd like to make a large donation of items, or have any questions, please contact [yule@bhakail.eastkingdom.org](mailto:yule@bhakail.eastkingdom.org).

### Preliminary Schedule

10:00 am	Site Opens, set-up for A&S competition (Library), and brewing competition (Ratskeller)
11:00 am	Morning Court & Investiture. Baron of Bhakail sitting in state after court until 1 pm
Noon	Dayboard opens
1:00 pm	A&S Rubric Class (Director's Room)
1:30pm	Brewing Competition Judging (Ratskeller)
2:15 pm	Bhakail's Order of the Horse Order Meeting (Main Hall)
2:30pm	A&S Competition Judging (Library)
4:00pm	Court – Baronial Court & Royal Court
8:00pm	Site Closes

Scan below to visit the East Kingdom event page for further details and the latest information:



## Yule Dayboard Menu

Head Cook Shifu Lu An-hua is planning a very substantial dayboard inspired by the cuisine of Persia.

### Menu

V=vegetarian G=gluten free D=dairy/butter free N=contains nuts

Torshi pickles - carrot, onion, cucumber, eggplant (V, G, D)

Assorted olives (V, G, D)

Flatbreads (V, D)

Eggplant burani (eggplant yogurt dip) (V, G)

Chicken fesenjan (pomegranate walnut sour stew) (G, D, N)

Sefat-e Kofte (lamb meatballs) (G, D)

Adasiyya (lentil/chard stew) (V, G)

Qelyeh-ye jazar (Carrot spinach chickpea stew) (V, G)

Molamma Palav (jeweled) rice (V, G, N)

Molamma Palav (jeweled rice with chicken) (G, N)

White rice pilav (V, G)

Lauzinaj (almond/rose water filo cigars) (V, D, N)

Rice pudding (V, G, N)

Stuffed dates (V, G, D, N)

Please contact the Head Cook at [YuleFood@bhakail.eastkingdom.org](mailto:YuleFood@bhakail.eastkingdom.org) if you have questions or allergy/dietary concerns.



# Bhakail Baronial Arts & Sciences and Brewing Championship Competitions at Yule

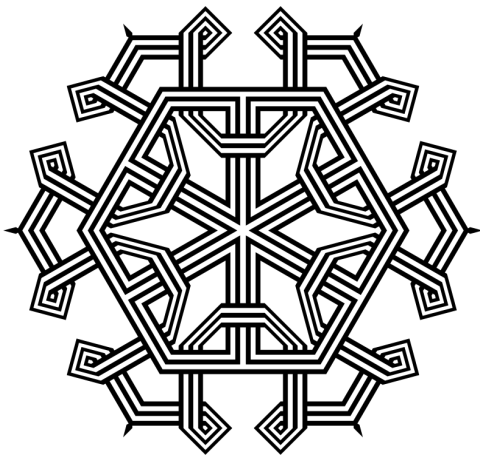
## Arts & Sciences Competition

Theme chosen by current Champion Scolastica Capellaria

**W**e all have made mistakes, some big, some so tiny only you are aware of, but we always learn something from them. Show me a mistake you made on your arts and science journey, a small error in planning, a project you've put down or restarted, or a hypothesis proven incorrect, and tell me about what you learned from it. Display your mistake, your attempts, and the final result!

Entries must not contain food or liquids per site requirements as the competition will take place in the library. If you are interested in presenting food or beverage for this project, please contact Scolastica in advance to make arrangements.

Documentation is encouraged. Please forward documentation to Scolastica in advance of the event for full review. Please contact Scolastica Capellaria at 253492@members.eastkingdom.org with any questions.



## Brewing Competition: Just Gruit!

Theme chosen by current Champion Lui Wing-Ken

**H**ail all ye good gentle brewers! For this year's brewing competition we are throwing it back to the days before hops were widely used to bitter beers and other beverages. Before the 1200's, a variety of bitter and flavoring adjuncts were used instead, such as dandelion, bog myrtle, mugwort, rosemary, resin and juniper. All beverage types will be allowed, meaning beers, ciders, meads and wines will all be judged. Whatever your drink, your submission must be flavored with at least one herb. Anything with hops will be disqualified.

Beverages will be judged on presence of an ingredient list, documentation and taste. At the very least, please list your ingredients so we may know what we're drinking. Mystery brews (those without ingredient lists) will not be judged due to the risk of not knowing what we're imbibing.

A note of caution: Please do your research before adding herbs to your brew. Some plants can cause allergic and other adverse reactions. For example, henbane was used to flavor beers in Germany and gave people the sense of flight and hallucinations. It's also a very toxic nightshade and, taken in high quantities, can cause coma, respiratory paralysis and death. So please, let's not kill our fellow Bhakailis. **\*\*Please avoid Mint as Kennari Mikael is allergic.\*\***

Good luck and Gānbēi! Any questions please contact Lui Wing-Ken at adamlouie@gmail.com.

## Court Report from Bhakail Champions and Commons

On September 29th 2024, Anno Sociatis LIX, at Bhakail's Champions and Commons, the Court was open for Baron Muin maqq Minain, and the Baron welcomed the populace and praised the day/event.

The Baron invited Baron André l' Epervier to court. Baron André called forth Don Lorenzo Gorla before him to pass on words of praise as given at the Ducal Challenge by his Majesty King Tindal. Baron Andre relinquished the court back to Baron Muin.

The Newcomers were called into the court, and the Baron gave his welcome and thanks to the Newcomers, and reminded us all that new people are the lifeblood of the society.

Event Stewarts Eyfura in trausta and Dillena o'r Gwyrddol were called into court and praised for their work on the Event and presented with the Flame of Bhakail for their service to the Barony.

Retiring Archery Champion Dragmall Viðnir was called before His Excellency, thanked for his service to the Barony over the past year and for an entertaining Championship. He retired his regalia and was permitted to rejoin the populace. Baronne Sabine de Kerbriant was called before the court as the new Bhakail Archery Champion. She was praised by the Baron for her exemplary shooting. Words were read in recognition of her achievement, (scroll pending). She was presented with regalia and asked to join the court.

Master Mikael Melrakki was called before His Excellency as Retiring Thrown Weapons Champion for the Barony. He was thanked for his service to the Barony, and for his fine Championship match. He returned the regalia to the court, and was retired to the populace. Lady Ellyn Grene was next called before the court as the new Bhakail Thrown Weapons Champion, The Baron praised her skill in contest and presented her with the champions regalia. Words of praise were read (scroll pending) and she was asked to join the court.

Sir Guillaume Du Chantier was called to court as the retiring Baronial Champion at Arms. Baron Muin thanked him for his service to the court and Barony and

praised him for his contest. Sir Guillaume retired his regalia and was invited to rejoin the populace. Thaddeus the Seer was called into court as the winner of the Armored Championship. The baron praised him for his fine fighting both at our contest and for the day before. He was presented with the champion's regalia and was presented with a scroll in the Egyptian style written in hieroglyphs by Santiago Vieyra. He was then asked to join the court.

Egil Illugasoon also called Badhands was next called into court and recognized as the New Populace Champion at Arms by his Excellency. He was presented with regalia and Words of praise were read as he was presented with a ceramic Goblet made in recognition of his achievement by Dame Ysmay de Lynne. He was then asked to join the court.

Retiring Bhakail Rapier Champion Elliyahu Al-Talli was called before His Excellency. He was thanked for his service to the Barony and praised for the fine tournament that day. Sir Talli then retired his regalia and returned to the populace. The new Baronial Rapier Champion, Eva von Kolln was called into court. Her fine performance in tourney was praised by Baron Muin, She was presented with Regalia and was presented with a scroll illuminated by Finnolfr Hrafnsson, with words and calligraphy by Margarete la Gantiere.

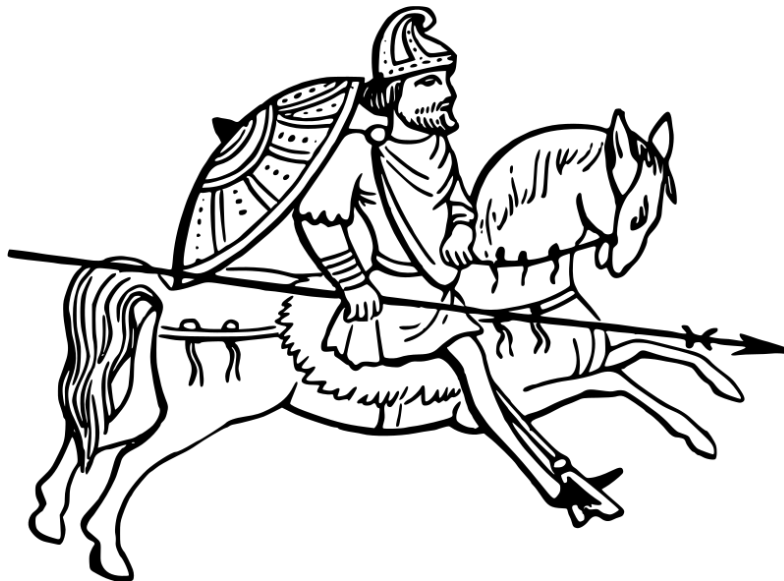
Retiring Populace Rapier Champion Master-Lorenzo Gorla was called before His Excellency and praised, and thanks for his skill and representation of the Barony. He relinquished his regalia and retired to the populace. The New Bhalail Populace Rapier Champion, Adelina de Verrières now also known to the populace as "Pumpkin Spice" was called into Court. She was recognized for her fine performance in the lists. She was presented with regalia, and words of praise were read as she was presented with a ceramic Goblet made in recognition of her achievement by Dame Ysmay de Lynne. She was then asked to join the court.

The Baron then addressed the populace reminding them that the upcoming Yule event would be his last court as Baron. He thanked them for participating in the fine day that was Bhakail's Champions and Commons, and wished all well.

## Opportunities to Get Involved

**H**ave you been thinking about how you could get more involved in Bhakail? There are several opportunities available to volunteer your time and talents:

- There are currently vacancies for the At-Large seats on Bhakail's Council of the Exchequer (CoE) aka the "Finance Committee." Two of the seats have to be filled by people who are not greater officers of the barony. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Martyn at [exchequer@bhakail.eastkingdom.org](mailto:exchequer@bhakail.eastkingdom.org).
- A call has been put out for letters of intent for Salamander Pursuivant (Herald) as Lady Ragna Grímólfsdóttir has resigned. If you are interested in the position, please submit a letter of intent to Margarete la Gantiere at [seneschal@bhakail.eastkingdom.org](mailto:seneschal@bhakail.eastkingdom.org).
- Lady Ellyn Grene is seeking a **Deputy Chronicler**. The duties of chronicler include taking notes at the monthly baronial business meetings, posting these notes to the website, and producing the newsletter that you are currently reading. Contact Lady Ellyn at [chronicler@bhakail.eastkingdom.org](mailto:chronicler@bhakail.eastkingdom.org) if you want to learn more or volunteer.



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