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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/>

January 27, 2024	Bhakail Tavern: At the Sign of the Fir and Bear	Barony of Bhakail Philadelphia, PA
January 26-28, 2024	A Market Day at Birka	Barony of Stonemarch Manchester, NH
February 1, 2024	East Kingdom Curia, Part @	Ethereal
February 17, 2024	Bellringers 40th: Beauty, Bells, and Brawn	Barony of Carillion Manalapan, NJ
February 25, 2024	Black Gryphon Inn	Canton of Gryphonwald Edison, NJ
March 16, 2024	Nova Schola	Shire of Hartshorn-dale Collegeville, PA
March 23, 2024	Mudthaw XLIII	Barony of Settmour Swamp Washington, NJ

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	Practices will resume in Spring 2024 as weather permits. Contact Mikael melrakki or Ellyn Grene , or join the Bhakail Projectile Practices group on Facebook for updates.		
Target Archery Practice			
Bhakail Scriptorium	2nd Sundays of the month, 1:30 - 3:00pm	Virtual or in person, contact Margarette la Gantiere for details	
Bailiwick of Iveyinrust Business Meeting	2nd Mondays of the month, 7:15pm	Virtual, contact Emery de Champagne for details (dates are subject to change based on Penn semester plans)	
Baronial Business Meeting	2nd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm	https://meet.google.com/gpf-gerd-ikj	Mael Eoin mac Echuidh
Baronial Social	Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm	Morton, PA. For address, email 166054@members.eastkingdom.org	Mael Eoin mac Echuidh
Fencing Practice	Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm	Reformation Lutheran Church 102 W Rose Tree Rd, Media PA 19063	Melchior Kriebel
Armored Combat Practice	Tuesdays, 7:00-9:30pm	48 Dickinson St. Philadelphia, PA 19147	Aaron the Swift

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Letters of Intent for Bhakail Baronial Polling and Seneschal

*A*s was announced at Yule during Court, Baron Muin maqq Minain's term as Baron of Bhail ends this coming year, at Yule 2024, and so the search is on for who will step up to replace him. Interested parties should submit a Letter of Intent to the Seneschal of Bhakail, Máistir Mael Eoin mac Echuidh, as soon as possible! The final deadline for Letters of Intent to be submitted is the March Monthly Barony Meeting, scheduled for 7:00pm on March 12, 2024.

If you are interested, but want to know what being Bhakail's Coronet(s) is about and like, message Baron Mui or ask him the next time you see him.

Máistir Mael Eoin mac Echuid has also announced that he will not be seeking a second term as Seneschal, and thus the Barony will be in need of a Seneschal come June, 2024. If you are interested in the role, reach out to Máistir Mael Eoin for further details. He would also be delighted to spend some time sharing the role in the run up to June.

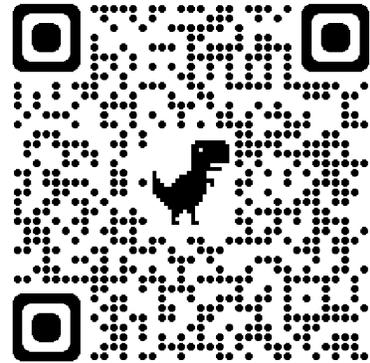


Bhakail Tavern is January 27, 2024: At the Sign of the Fir, Bear, and Lion

Welcome to another year in Bhakail's Tavern! We look forward to seeing you again on January 24th from 10:00am until 8:00pm at the German Society of Pennsylvania (611 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123). Pre-registration is closed, but at the time of this writing a few spots are still available.

Feast: There is no separate feast at Tavern. Instead, the kitchen will have food available all day, with various hot and cold dishes made available as the day rolls on. For fun, every attendee will be provided with coins and 'prices' will be posted at the bar. As there is gaming in the tavern, folks can use their coins to purchase things at the bar and/or attempt to win more throughout the day. The kitchen is run by Maistir Mael Eoin mac Echuidh, please reach out ([via email](#)) with any questions about the menu including if you have any allergies we need to be aware of.

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



Baronial Bardic and Gaming Championships: The bardic competition, per current Champion Sir Bari, will focus on filk but you can bring any form and topic you like. Our gaming Champion, Lady Clara, is running a single-round elimination Nine Man Morris tournament to determine her successor.



A woman and a man playing Nine Man Morris. From *Le Roman d'Alexandre*, Oxford, Bodleian Library MS. Bodl. 264:

<https://digital.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/objects/ae9f6cca-ae5c-4149-8fe4-95e6eca1f73c/>

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Baronial Court Report from Bhakail Yule Revel

On the 9th of December, late in the afternoon when the heavy mists of the morning had burned away, Baron Muin maqq Minain, in the fourth year of His reign, in the fifty-eighth year as these things are counted, and also reckoned as the 2023rd year of the common era, and in the company of King Matthias and Queen Feilinn, and the Princes Tindal and Emerson, held Court upon His seat in the Barony of Bhakail at the celebration of the Yuletide holidays.

His Excellency began by making a presentation of gifts of largess to Their Majesties and Their Highnesses, and in His turn received gifts from The Crown and Their Heirs.

He next called for His Arts and Sciences Champion, Katrein Topffer, and thanked her for the service of her tenure, and accepted from her the regalia of the appointment, and gave unto her his personal token of gratitude, and bade her once again take her place among the populace.

His herald then summoned the Honorable Lady Scolastica Capellaria. He praised her presentation of varied works as a lady of station in the lands of Germany and asked if she would, in good faith, serve as His new Champion of Arts and Sciences. Her answer given in the affirmative, her appointment was confirmed in a scroll crafted by Sabina Coffyn.

Baron Muin called for His Brewing Champion, Lord Aiden Underhill, and offered words of thanks and His personal token in appreciation of the service offered by the same Aiden. From him His Excellency took back the regalia of that Champion and he was set back among the populace.

At that time, Lui Wing-Ken was called forth and asked to present himself to His Excellency. Baron Muin praised his offering of sake, its dryness, its

smoothness, and proclaimed it among the best of such beverages he had had the good fortune to enjoy. Lui Wing-Ken was offered a place in His Excellency's Court as His Brewing Champion, and this was noted in a document illuminated by Finnólfur Hrafnsson, and calligraphed by Lady Margarette la Gantiere, with words written by the Honorable Lady Solveig Bjarnardottir.

Baron Muin then called forth all those newcomers who were visiting His Barony for the first time, and offered them tokens of appreciation, and bade them return and enjoy His lands and His hospitality as they each were able.

Armingier Motte Nachfalter was called forth and He offered words of appreciation to them that they had organized a festivity involving swapping stockings filled with gifts on this day of celebration and to them conferred a Flame of Bhakail, the Barony's service token.

He not being finished with their attendance, Baron Muin then summoned his Order of the Pasgarde, the Barony's Order for recognition of skill in armored combat. He praised Motte's leadership as the Barony's armored combat marshal, and their greatly improving skill upon the listfield, and confirmed upon them that same Order. This act was recorded in perpetuity by a document illuminated and calligraphed by Lady Margarette la Gantiere, with words penned by Lord Montgomery Josh.

His Excellency next summoned Master Malcolm Bowman and, with much appreciation for his assistance in keeping rapier practice happening in the Barony while our rapier marshal was ill, gifted him with the Flame of Bhakail, a service token.

Next, His herald called Lady Adelina de Verrieres to attend the Baron. He spoke of her obvious joy

and enthusiasm when in the fencing lists, and her skill therein, and He summoned his Order of the Flame and Salamander, the Barony's recognition for skill in rapier combat, and named her a Companion of that Order. This was recorded in a document crafted by Dame Ysmay de Lynn.

Baron Muin then summoned His event stewards for the day, the Honorable Lady Scolastica Capellaria and Baroness Mari Clock van Hoorne, and in recognition of their excellent work, presented them each with the Flame of Bhakail service token.

The Honorable Lady Lu An Hua, the day's chef, who had presented a filling and delicious dayboard of dishes from four regions in China, was then



called to attend His Excellency, who gave to her the Flame of Bhakail.

He then requested the attendance of the Admiral of Bhakail's Navy, Doña Jacqueline Cross. He praised her long and valued service to the Barony and released her with his thanks to sail under her own flag. She was gifted a bag of gold coins in payment for service given and her retirement noted in a document illuminated and calligraphed by Lady Margarete la Gantiere, with words written by Baron Muin maqq Minain himself.

His business with His Champions and His populace at that time finished, Baron Muin concluded His Court with thanks and appreciation to all those who attended, and all those who served and made it such that the day was filled with friendship and merriment. At that time, with no further actions pending, Their Majesties King Matthias and Queen Feilinn opened Their own Court.

These are the events as I recall them, and so I recorded them as such and present this recitation to you.

Waaugghh, Bhakail!!

And so I remain,

- *Rowen, Red Lozenge Herald Extraordinaire*

Arts & Sciences Updates and Opportunities - Scolastica Capellaria

Bhakalis had a fantastic yule of arts and sciences and brewing! Your new Bhakail Arts and Science Champion is none other than your intrepid MOAS, Scolastica, and your Brewing Champion is Lui Wing-Ken. The competition this year was fierce and the documentation some of the best I have ever seen! Entrants of the A&S competition included embroidery, tablet weaving, medicinal salve, a jester, basket weaving and beautiful Harp Music. And the brews were all drunk before I could spy on them, and therefore must have been very tasty indeed!

There are A&S opportunities at the following local events:

- ❖ January 27: At the Sign of the Fir and Bear, Barony of Bhakail, (Philadelphia, PA). Period games and the baronial bardic competitions.
- ❖ February 17: Bellringers 40th: Beauty, Bells and Brawn, Barony of Carillion (Manalapan, NJ). Period games and arts and science activities.
- ❖ February 25: Black Gryphon Inn (Edison, NJ). Canton Bardic Competition, brewers competition, A&S tournament, and dancing!
- ❖ March 2: East Kingdom Arts and Science Competition, (Worcester, MA).
- ❖ March 16: Nova Schola (Collegeville, PA). A Day of learning and classes.
- ❖ March 23: Mudthaw (Washington, NJ). Baronial A&S competition.
- ❖ Several Known World events are occurring within a relatively close distance this year!
 - Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, June 29-30 in Philadelphia
 - Known World Cooks and Bards, August 29-2 in Deposit, New York (currently looking for event staff!
<https://kwcooksbarbs24.aethelmearc.org/>)

Important Deadlines for the East Kingdom Arts and Science Competition

- ❖ December 1, 2023 Registration opens.
- ❖ February 3, 2024 Research Paper submission deadline.
- ❖ February 10, 2024 Competition and judging registration deadline.
- ❖ February 17, 2024 Documentation submission deadline.
- ❖ February 24, 2024 Display registration deadline.
- ❖ March 2, 2024 East Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition, Shire of Quintavia (Worcester, MA).

For any questions, please check out moas.eastkingdom.org. For those going to Birka, there will be additional rubric classes, consultations and a display to prepare all for the kingdom wide competition.

Virtual A&S Opportunities abound:

- ❖ Virtual Known World Heralds and Scribes Symposium is happening online from January 26-28, 2024.
- ❖ The Kingdom of Drachenwald's Online University is Jan 26-28 this year. A class list and schedule including eastern times is available at <https://ku-online.drachenwald.sca.org/>
- ❖ Do you like shirts? Linens? Tiny stitches? January 28, 2024 at 11am ET Sarah Thursfield is giving a free virtual lecture about shirts that is a must see! <https://www.medats.org.uk/events/shirt-smock-and-seamstress/>
 - Medieval Dress and Textile Society is a great organization which puts on lectures multiple times a year about medieval clothing. There is currently a call for papers regarding fabric and food!
- ❖ Atlantia University's next online session is February 3-4, 2024

If you are interested in teaching or hosting arts and science classes locally, please let me know! I would like to schedule additional classes for the barony and friends. If you have any A&S interests that you would like to explore, need help researching something, or are looking for resources feel free to email me at MOAS@bhakail.eastkingdom.org. I also would love to see what you are working on! Please send me pictures of your projects!

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