

The Salamander

Newsletter of the Barony of Bhakail

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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/>

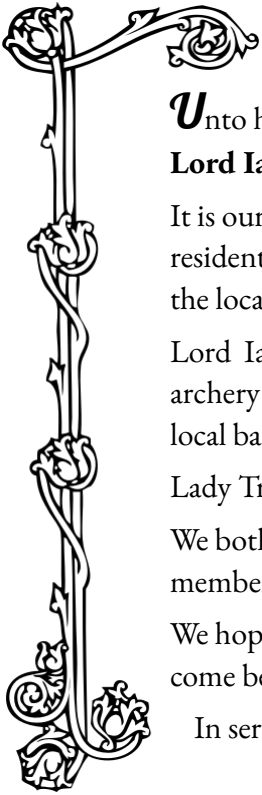
April 19-21, 2024	Waking of the Salamander III	Barony of Bhakail Media, PA
May 3-5, 2024	East Kingdom Spring Crown Tourney	Shire of Lyndhaven Upper Gagetown , NB
May 11, 2024	Barony Beyond the Mountain Investiture and EK Armoured Champions Tourney	Barony of Beyond the Mountain Pomfret Center, CT
May 11, 2024	East Kingdom College of Performers Challenge Assembly Day	Barony of Buckland Cross Langhorne , PA
May 18, 2024	B.O.E - Ultimate Tournament	Barony of Iron Bog Mulica Hill, NJ
May 24-27, 2024	The Quest for Wit & Wisdom XXXIX: Quest for the Quill!	Barony of Settmour Swamp Pittstown, NJ
May 24-27, 2024	War of the Roses XLIV & EK Thrown Weapons Champion Tournament	Barony of Concordia of the Snows Schaghticoke, NY
May 31-June 1, 2024	Southern Region War Camp	Barony of Carillion Manalapan, NJ
June 8, 2024	Consort's and Sovereign's Archery Champions	Shire of Midland Vale Goshen, NY

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	Sundays, 11am-1pm	320 North Ave, Secane, PA 19018	Mikael melrakki
Target Archery Practice	Sundays, 1:30-3:30pm	320 North Ave, Secane, PA 19018	Ellyn Grene
Scribal Study Group	Varies; see the Bhakail calendar for upcoming meetings	Virtual or in person, contact Margarette la Gantiere for details	
Bailiwick of Iveyenrust 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

Read the Letters of Intent Submitted for Bhakail Coronet



Unto his Greatest Calamity Baron Muin, and a good populace of the Barony of Bhakail, do **Lord Ian Douglas and Lady Triona MacCasky** send greetings.

It is our intent to enter our names for consideration for your next coronets. We have both been residents of the barony for over twenty years, and have served in a number of positions, both at the local and kingdom level.

Lord Ian has been a fencer for over 30 years and a marshal almost as long. He is also involved in archery and thrown weapons, and has served as champion in all three activities for several of the local baronies.

Lady Triona has served as both a cook and a scribe for both the barony and the kingdom.

We both feel that the most important job of a coronet is to encourage, support and recognize members of the populace, whether they are brand new to the society, or long time members.

We hope you will consider us, and allow us to continue the good works of the coronets that have come before us.

In service, Lord Ian and Lady Triona



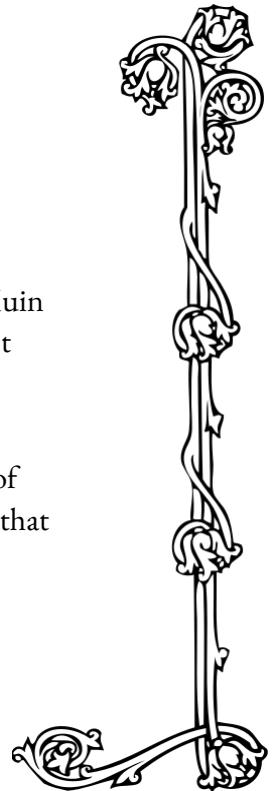
Greetings unto the Barony of Bhakail from **Honorable Lord Mikael melrakki**.

I am writing to inform you of my intent to run to become the next Baron of Bhakail.

I moved into the Barony literally days before letters of intent were due when we chose Muin to be our Baron, however, I have long associated with the Barony and many of my earliest SCA memories come from activities and events in the Barony.

Since I moved into Bhakail, I have become our Minister of Lists, I have run Thrown Weapons practices and host Archery practices. I have also been appointed as a member of the Financial Committee. I feel that I have my finger on the pulse of the Barony and feel that I have a lot to offer to it if people are willing to allow me to become the next Baron.

In service, Honorable Lord Mikael



Waking of the Salamander III is April 19-21, 2024 at Ridley Creek State Park

The mighty Bhakaili Salamander began to stir from its winter slumber. Those charged with the watch heard the murmur of its voice as it began to awaken. Upon hearing its words, they rushed back to the Barony. “Mighty Salamander speaks of games, and music, and dancing. Fire, and food, and foliage.” “What, you say?” asked the Plaid Baron. “The Salamander, Your Excellency...it awakens! We heard it speak of games and music, food, and fire!” The Plaid Baron drew his hands through his beard thoughtfully. “I know what we shall do. As the plague interfered with our plans at Tavern, we shall grant the mighty Salamander his wish. At our Waking of the Salamander celebration, we shall hold competitions to crown our Baronial Gaming Champion and our Baronial Bardic Champion. We shall share food and music together. We shall sing songs and dance. We will teach classes for those who wish to learn. And we shall have fire, much fire!”

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19

4:00pm: Troll opens for campers only
Dusk (~7:40pm): Park and troll close for the evening

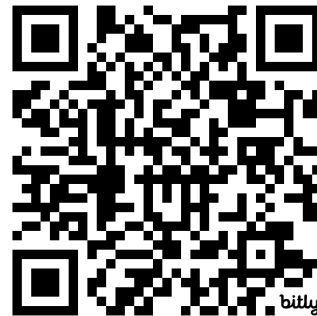
Saturday, April 20

8:00am: Troll reopens
9:00am-4:15pm: A&S classes
9:00am-1:00pm: Gaming Championship
12:00pm: Potluck Lunch
1:00-3:00pm: Bardic Championship
4:30pm: Court
Dusk (~7:40pm): Site closes for non campers

Sunday, April 21

3:00pm: Site closes for campers

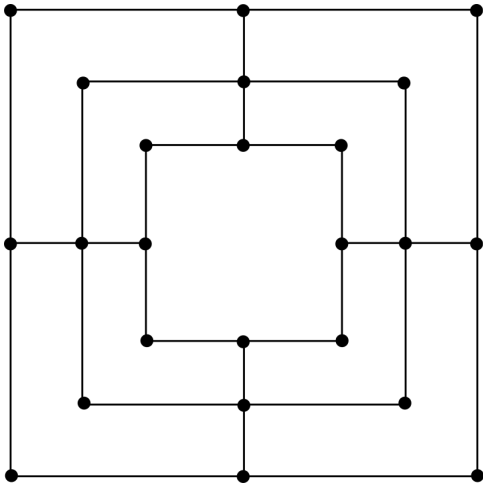
Scan or click to visit the East Kingdom event page for further details and the latest information:



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Lady Alesia de Maris of Ravenstar is leading the volunteer efforts for Troll.
 - Sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/4cOhF7x>
- ❖ Volunteers are needed to help get folks from the parking lot to the campsite on the main day of the event. Carts, hand trucks, dollies, and other modes of transport are welcomed!
- ❖ We need pop-ups and wall tents in the event of poor weather or blistering sunshine.
- ❖ Firewood (from within Pennsylvania) is needed.
- ❖ All musicians are welcome to bring their instruments, their music, and their voices to perform throughout the day and evenings.

BARONIAL BARDIC AND GAMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Like to play games?? Want to be Bhakail Champion?? Clara Kråkavän will be holding a single elimination 9 Man Morris tournament to crown our Baronial Gaming Champion! Cut-throats, chancers, gamblers, churls, sots and other dregs need apply!

Dust off your instruments and warm up those vocal cords! Sir Bari is hosting our Baronial Bardic Championship at this event as well! While the competition will focus on Filk, all are welcome to enter and bring any form they like!

POT-LUCK LUNCH

- ❖ Each individual (or family) is asked to bring one contribution for a Potluck Dayboard on Saturday.
- ❖ Please label all contributions with ingredients so that those with food sensitivities can select appropriately.
- ❖ For information on how to select your dish to bring, and to sign up or view what is already on the contribution list: <https://bit.ly/4cOMSYa>
- ❖ Reach out to Margarete la Gantiere with questions or concerns about food: 254471@members.eastkingdom.org

Arts & Sciences Classes and Activities at Waking of the Salamander III

Check the event website for the latest updates!

9:00 a.m. - Pottery class at Salamander by Shifu Lu An-hua

Pottery Barrel Firing: Learn about medieval pottery and how pots were transformed from mud into ceramics before modern kilns. Come join us to wrap pre-made pots with lots of organic materials and see how they fare in the barrel firing. No experience needed. We will also have air-dry clay available for you to try some hand building to make your own pot or other creation. For more info, contact Shifu Lu An-hua at 193966@members.eastkingdom.org.

10:00 a.m. - Tutorial on Basic Arrow Inspection and Maintenance by Lady Ellyn Grene

Tuning up Your Arrows for Spring: We will go over some of the basic arrow maintenance that all archers should know how to do, most importantly how to restraighten a wooden arrow shaft that has gotten bent. Bring your own arrows, or I'll have some you can practice on.

11:00 a.m. - Dancing by Duchess Diana Alene Tregirtse

So many dances to choose from! Let Duchess Diana guide you through beginner and intermediate dancing under, hopefully, bright sunny skies.

11:30 a.m. - A Primer on Winter Clothing by Lord Aiden Underhill

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Foraging with Lady Alexondra

Local Flora and Early Local Wild Edibles: Hello friends! Does the prospect of green life returning to the landscape fill you with excitement? Are you looking to enjoy a bit of sunshine and take in the freshness and bounty spring has to offer? Please join me on a wild and weedy wander during The Walking of the Salamander to explore the local flora and take a look at the early wild edibles we may encounter during this beginner's foraging class. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring comfortable walking shoes. Be mindful we may be walking through fields and easy paths of the forest. Happy Spring, and I hope to see you there!



Arts & Sciences Updates and Opportunities - Scolastica Capellaria

Our next trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art will be on April 12th. Museum entry is “Pay what you wish” on Friday evenings from 5-8:45 and offers \$10 parking (please remember to validate your parking at the museum desk). Plan to meet in the cloister between 5:45 and 6pm. Late arrivals are welcome, feel free to email/message me to find the group. We will plan to get some food/beverage after the museum.

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

- ❖ April 19-21, Waking of the Salamander III (Media, PA). Bardic and Gaming competitions with a day of classes focused on outdoor activities.
- ❖ May 11, East Kingdom College of Performers Challenge Assembly Day, (Langhorne, PA). Day of bardic challenges and classes.
- ❖ May 18, B.O.E. Ultimate Tournament (Mulica Hill, NJ), A&S Display, theme to be announced.
- ❖ May 18, At the Sign of the Dancing Fox (Kingston, NY), Dancing, games, and an A&S challenge to create a banner commemorating spring and foxes, as well as cooking and a competition to clothe the fox!
- ❖ May 24-27, Quest for Wit & Wisdom (Pittstown, NJ). Artisans’ Row, Competition and presentation of Shakespear’s Pyramus and Thisbe.
- ❖ May 31-June 2, Academy of St. Clare of Assisi Embroidery Schola (Millmont PA, (Aethelmarc)), Embroidery Schola!
- ❖ June 22, Novice Day (Rusted Woodlands (NJ), day of competitions geared toward novices and newcomers.
- ❖ June 29-30, Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium (Philadelphia PA).

Several Known World events are occurring within a relatively close distance this year!

- ❖ Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, June 29-30 in Philadelphia. Currently calling for classes: <https://www.kwhss2024.org/2024/02/19/a-call-for-classes/>
- ❖ Known World Cooks and Bards, August 29-2 in Deposit, New York (currently looking for event staff!) <https://kwcooksbarbs24.aethelmarc.org/>
- ❖ Known World Dance and Music Symposium, July 4-7th in Danville Indiana (a 11 ish hour drive away). <https://www.kwds.org/>

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.

The Kingdom MOAs office now has a calendar for arts and science events across the kingdom!

<https://moas.eastkingdom.org/event-calendar/>

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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