

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/>

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| April 4, 2026 | South Jersey Keekfest Spring 2026 DEMO | Barony of Iron Bog Mullica Hill, NJ |
| April 11, 2026 | Coronation of Culann mac Cianain and Ro Honig von Sommerfeldt | Barony of Settmour Swamp Budd Lake, NJ |
| April 25, 2026 | Archers in the Wild | Shire of Owlsherst Lancaster, PA |
| April 25, 2026 | East Kingdom Thrown Weapons Championship at the Tournament of Daffodils IX | Canton of Midland Vale Port Jervis, NJ |
| May 2, 2026 | Crown Tournament of Culann mac Cianain and Ro Honig von Sommerfeldt | Barony of An Dubhaigeainn Middle Island, NY |
| May 9, 2026 | May-Be (I'll Try Something New) | Barony of Iron Bog Pilesgrove, NJ |
| May 15-17, 2026 | Waking of the Salamander V | Barony of Bhakail Fort Washington, PA |
| May 16, 2026 | Lions End Schola: Learning in the Lions Den | Canton of Lions End Glen Cove, NY |
| May 22-25, 2026 | Quest for Wit and Wisdom XLI | Barony of Settmour Swamp Pittstown, NJ |
| May 29-31, 2026 | Southern Region War Camp | Barony of Carillion Manalapan, NJ |
| June 6, 2026 | Potted Arms and Fancy Faire | Canton of Hawke's Reache Huntington, NY |
| June 20, 2026 | Iron Bog Investiture | Barony of Iron Bog Mullica Hill, 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 |
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| 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 |
| Bailiwick of Iveyerust Business Meeting | 2nd Mondays of the month, 7:15pm | Virtual, contact Livia Petralia for details (dates subject to change based on Penn academic schedule) | |
| Baronial Social | Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm | Morton, PA. For address, email 166054@members.eastkingdom.org | Mael Eoin mac Echuidh |
| Armored Combat Practice | Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm | Fishtown Recreation Center 1202 E Montgomery Ave Philadelphia, PA 19125 | Ezra De Bazzi |
| Fencing Practice | Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm | Reformation Lutheran Church 102 W Rose Tree Rd, Media PA 19063 | Melchior Kriebel |
| Baronial Business Meeting | 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm | https://meet.google.com/gpf-gerd-ikj | Margarette la Gantiere |



Waking of the Salamander V is May 15-17: New Location at Fort Washington State Park!

Come one and all to celebrate Spring with the Waking of the Salamander! Let us spark our creativity with the sharing of knowledge, food, and fire. If you are unfamiliar with SCA camping, this is a good event to get you started. If you don't wish to camp, you are welcome to attend for Saturday as a daytrip. Regardless of how you attend, you are encouraged to bring an item for the potluck (signup linked further below) and any knowledge that you would like to share.

In previous years we have booked the Ridley Creek State Park's group campsites, but this year we're trying out a new location at Fort Washington State Park. While the environment will be a little different, the format is planned to be much the same as last year: a popup village of artisans, so that practitioners of various arts & sciences may congregate and share their knowledge in a casual setting. If you are interested in hosting an artisan tent and/or teaching, please use the form linked further below.

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15

4:00 pm Site opens for campers only
8:00pm Site closes for those not camping

Saturday, May 16

9:00 am Site opens for day attendees
8:00pm Site closes for day attendees

Sunday, May 17

11:00 am Site closes for campers



Potluck Signup:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yeFUGJgD_Txo84qsBDqEQxmYNsvS5p-GbkgV95ar5Fo/edit?usp=sharing

Gate Volunteer Signup:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-YVCnNrZEDdb4CJXjqalEfsIQRuqhojtImt3Xshj_oqo26g/viewform?usp=dialog

Artisan/Teacher Signup:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdi_Rg8cOa6Im1tWeb2vLYaEPa2pSP8BnYuD1pPIBzU5gZzmw/viewform?usp=dialog

Barony of Bhakail's Bardic Championship

We call upon the bards of this land to come forth from the cold and warm our tavern with story and song! This year we will select our new Baronial Bardic Champion. Performers of all kinds are invited to share their favorite bardic arts – music, dancing, storytelling, or some other performing art!

The contest will have two rounds. For the first round, please prepare a piece inspired by some element of the Bhakail coat of arms – whether it be our dancing salamander, its burning flame, our beautiful trees, or the elegant quills. The second round will be bard's choice. Pieces should be either period or SCA appropriate, and no documentation is required. Please keep performances to 5 minutes or less; if there are five or more contestants, contestants may be eliminated between rounds.

Recent Baronial Court Reports

Bhakail Yule Revel XLVI - December 13, 2025

- Lord Alexander Mescovitch was made a member of the Order of the Pasgarde
- Sir Donnnon Fitzgerald was made a member of the Order of the Pasgarde
- Master Malcolm Bowman was made a member of the Company of the Flame & the Salamander
- Lady Chana Freidl the Maker was made a member of the Order of the Crucible
- Nabiya Bak was awarded the Tear of Bhakail
- Baron Mikael gave The Honorable Lady Gráinne inghean Uí Néill and Lady Chana Friedl the Maker his personal token in thanks for running the event
- His Excellency gave Shifu Lu An-Hua his personal token for running the kitchen/menu
- His Excellency gave Lord Aiden Underhill his personal token as thanks for service as outgoing Baronial Brewing Champion
- Lady Ellyn Grene was given Regalia and scroll by Margarete la Ganterie as new Baronial Brewing Champion
- His Excellency gave Lady Cailleach Dhé ingen Chiaráin his personal token as thanks for service as outgoing Baronial A&S Champion
- Tiarna Finnólfur Hrafnsson was given Regalia and scroll by Margarete la Ganterie as new Baronial A&S Champion

At the Sign of the Feather and Vine - January 31, 2026

- Baron Mikael noted with regret the passing of Mistress Brid ni Shearlais, fifth Tyger of the East, and requested that in her honor, members of the populace consider spending a day living as their personas, in tribute to her love of embodying her historical time and place
 - Ellory Snell was named the new Baronial Gaming Champion, and His Excellency acknowledged the service of outgoing champion Emily della Luna
 - His Excellency welcomed the newcomers and presented them with gifts
 - His Excellency thanked the autocrat, staff, and cooks, and gave them his personal token
 - Álfr inn Tivedens was made a member of the Company of St. Hubert of Bhakail for his skill in archery and his contributions to our archery community
 - The planned Bardic Championship competition was postponed and is currently scheduled for Waking of the Salamander
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