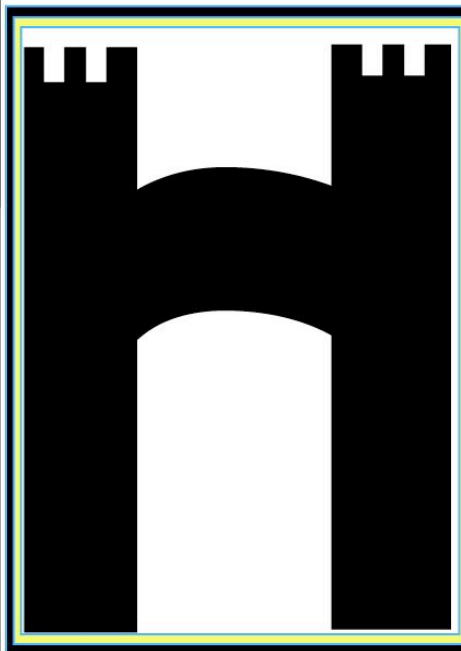


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Greetings Ponte Alto,

The Il Tempo is the baronial newsletter. Its purpose is to distribute news of the baronial meetings, calendar of events and activities going on throughout the barony. With that in mind I've added another section to the Il Tempo called the AFPOPA (Another Fine Product of Ponte Alto). The AFPOPA section will include awards given to the populace of Ponte Alto, heraldic submissions that have passed through to final approval, and kudos that the locals feel must be recognized as they are reported to the chronicler. REPEAT last phrase, "as they are reported to the chronicler."

Ah, I see your comprehending where I'm going with this. My job is to report what I know. If no one reports outstanding accomplishment of the members of this barony, I cannot include them in the Il Tempo. So, if you know of someone or something that happened and the rest of the barony should know. Tell me. I love a good story and that's what our newsletter is about. In the coming months there are going to be events and awards and accomplishments of many individuals in the barony. I can't be everywhere at once so I'm deputizing every member of the barony to be my eyes and ears in maintaining the AFPOPA section of the Il Tempo, because without you there is very little news to report.

This month's Il Tempo is dedicated to the theme of Eat, Drink and be Merry. Those individuals that I approached about writing stuff for it were very generous with their time and their ideas. So thank you from the bottom of my heart. You made my job a little bit easier.

Also, Thanks to the sharp eyes of Celia in the May meeting minutes it was noted we discussed the budget for "Meet me under the bridge" but not that it was voted on and passed. I would like to apologies for the oversight and amend last month's minutes to include that through the publication of this addendum. It was voted on and passed unanimously.

Sincerely,

Baroness Marie-Thérèse Normand
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Baronial Progress for June/July

Date	Event	Baron and/or Baroness
June 30-July 16	Pennsic	Katharine and James

June						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
21 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	22 7:30pm- 9pm Alle Psallite	23 7 pm - 9 pm A&S Night	24 6 pm - 9 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	25	26	27 1:30-4:30pm Outside Heavy Weapons and Fencing Practice 6 pm Baronial Business Meeting
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***Note** on school locations for activities: There will be no activities at schools during school holidays or on other days when Fairfax County schools are closed or all nighttime school recreational activities are cancelled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the web as soon as possible. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

Weekly Events

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idlywood Road, Falls Church. Baronial Business Meeting (Fourth Sunday of each month, except December) The meeting is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idlywood Rd., Falls Church. Take your best route to I-66. Get off at the exit for Route 7 West (Tysons Corner). Turn left at the first light after the interchange onto Idlywood Rd. The church is up the hill on the right about 1/4 mile.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, Noon - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information. Sunday Fight Practice Directions. Practice is behind the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). The library is on the left about 1 mile. Park in the library lot and go down the hill to the park.
MONDAY	
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	Every Monday, 4:30 pm - 8 pm Contact the Archery Marshal at: archery AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org for further details.
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo. com, (703) 620-4945 (H)) for information and directions.
TUESDAY	
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Tuesday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. Contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (anne AT ravenstreet.org) For more information or directions. Music files can be found at http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm and on the Yahoo Group AllePsallite.
Fiber Arts Night	On Hiatus until further notice. (Every Tuesday, 6:30 pm - 9 pm) Contact Lady Bevin at snarlingbadger at gmail.com
WEDNESDAY	
Arts and Sciences/Weaving Night	Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Weaving night will resume in March on the Second Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.
Armoring	Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Armoring night will resume in March on the Fourth Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.
THURSDAY	
Rapier Practice	Every Thursday at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tyson's-Pimmit Library, Falls Church from 6-9 pm. Contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Directions. Practice is behind the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). The library is on the left about 1 mile. Park in the library lot and go down the hill to the park.
Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, 6-9 pm., outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Practice is geared to developing beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands on training with experienced instructors, as well to providing ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to spar with knight level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. Fight Practice Directions. Practice is behind the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). The library is on the left about 1 mile. Park in the library lot and go down the hill to the park.
MONTHLY	
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the homes of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information, or check out the top of the Weekly Activities page for the recently posted information.

Seneschal

Greetings to the Barony from Marcellus, your Seneschal.

As was announced in the May Business Meeting, Their Excellencies James and Katherine will be stepping down at the end of their two-year term. I would like to thank both of them for their years of fine service to the Barony.

That being the case, a polling for a new Baron and/or Baroness must be conducted. If anyone is interested in stepping forward to run for these positions, I would ask that they submit a "Letter of Intent/Introduction to the Barony" to me by no later than the July Baronial Business meeting. Those who have submitted their names will be announced at the July meeting, and the letters will be published in the July, August and September Il Tempo's so that the populace may become familiar with those who would seek these offices. The polling itself will go out to the populace in October.

There are a few items I would like to bring to the attention of those considering running for these positions.

1. It is not necessary to run as a couple. There have been many fine Territorial Barons and Baronesses who have served without a partner.

2. If you can, please take time to talk with previous Barons and Baronesses about the requirements, duties, responsibilities, and joys that come with being a Territorial Baron and/or Baroness.

If anyone has any questions about the role of the Baronage, or how the polling process will work, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Service,

*Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli
Seneschal of Ponte Alto*

Rapier Marshalette

Announcement: Change of Venue

Greetings

Our School is no longer available for practice so we are moving to the Park behind Tysons Pimmit Library, 6:30 until dark weather permitting.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043. Practice is held behind the library.

Google Map Directions

The library is on Virginia Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) between I-495 and I-66.

Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). The library is on the left about 1 mile. Park in the library lot and go down the hill to the park. Or, better, take the side road past the library parking lot, turn left and proceed about a block and park on the side of the park in the garden apartments parking lot.

You may also approach the site on I-66. Exit at Falls Church, Route 7 in the direction of Tysons Corner, pass three lights, the library entrance way is on the right. Proceed as above.

In Service

Lord Geoffrey Ap Clywd Provost Academie d'Espée

Rapier Marshal Barony of Ponte Alto

-<http://houseffg.org/geoffrey>

Azure, two rapiers in saltire and in chief a mullet of eight points Or, on a point pointed argent a ship in full sail sable.

Heavy Weapons Marshallette

Announcement: Change of Venue

Greetings Heavy Weapons Fighters of Ponte Alto and Its Environs!

(My apologies - due to a breakdown of my Pegasus Email this is being sent to an old, not totally complete, email list from the end of January and includes some addresses that have since been deleted).

Starting THIS WEEK on Thursday, June 17th, the Thursday evening Heavy Weapons Fight Practice, will be held outdoors at Tysons Pimmit Park behind the Tysons Pimmit Park Regional Library, weather permitting. Practice will go from 6:00PM to darkness, which is around 8:45PM this time of year.

Directions to the site are:

The Practice is behind the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA

Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). The library is on the left about 1 mile. Park in the library lot and go down the hill to the park. Or, better, take the service road past the library parking lot, turn left before the mid-rise apartment building and proceed about a block and park on the side of the park in the garden apartments parking lot. Try not to fill up all the spaces in this area but offload your armor and weapons and then move your car further down the hill so as to leave a few spaces in the zone still open.

You may also approach the site on I-66. Exit at Falls Church, Route 7 in the direction of Tysons Corner, pass three lights, the library entrance way is on the right. Proceed as above.

See Map Quest website for a map.

YIS

*Duncan The Elder
Deputy Heavy Weapons Marshal of Ponte Alto*

Chatelaine

Greetings Pontoons!

Pennsic is fast approaching, but we still have time to make merry and gather together. Their Excellencies will be hosting July's newcomers meeting; it will be taking place on Friday, July 16th starting at 7:00 PM. I know like me, you all have the Pennsic rush going on, but bring your projects with you and show off your mad skills.

For those planning on attending please note that most GPS units cannot find Their Excellencies home, as they live on a new street; however Google maps or Map Quest can find them (Bing does not have the streets yet). Their address is 42973 Thornblade Circle Ashburn, VA 20148

Hope to see you all there!

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*Lady Emma West
Chatelaine of Ponte Alto*

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting — June 27, 2010-6 p.m.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal- Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli: Welcomed those gathered and stated that it was “hard to believe we have five weeks to go to Pennsic, six if you don't go the first week.” Then he went on to tell those assembled that he had three things he needed to inform the populace about the first being, as of July 1st the non-member surcharge increases to 5\$. The second, that at last month's baronial meeting, James and Katherine announced they were stepping down at the end of their term. He is looking forward to receiving candidate's letters of intent, and advised any interested parties that they should get them to him by no later than the next business meeting. A discussion ensued about the next meetings date. Believing our meeting date would conflict with Pennsic one of those gathered ask if the date would change. The Seneschal responded with no, explaining that the meeting date would not change as it did not conflict with Pennsic while pointing out that this year the first day of War was on July 30 and our meeting was the prior weekend. The third thing the Seneschal brought up for discussion was that he is still in discussion with the site for investiture.

Exchequer- Baroness Celia of Rosedale: There has been no change from last month's balance with \$12,050.55 in the account. However, she still needs the receipts from the fencing marshal for the rapier hoods they bought, so that might change. Marcellus/Seneschal mentioned that he had them. (Note: the account balance did not change before the end of the meeting.)

Knight Marshals- Charles the Bull: Nothing to report. No one has reported being hurt and we had no events. So no news is good news.

Rapier Marshal- Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd: Practice continues. The Barony has a new fencer in the guise of Emma West. New people are showing up at practice, and practices are well attended and growing.

Archery Marshal- Lord Miles de Locwode: Practice has been sparse with an average of four people; Esperanza, Enequy, Miles and Karen. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Pennsic War Points because there will be four chances to shoot at Pennsic this year. So shoot often or as Miles said, comparing it to voting, “Vote, early vote often. Like a New York election.” He also went on to say it was a nice hike to the archery range at Pennsic but to consider it a little bit of exercise.

Arts & Science- Mistress Belphoebe de Givet: Not in attendance. She is worn out after the Mexico World Cup game, so Marcellus gave her report. Two things on the A&S front; Belphoebe is stepping down as Baronial A&S officer to take up the position as head Pearl. Her deputy, Bevin, will take her place as Ponte Alto's Baronial A&S officer. Also, Lady Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada (the Baronial A&S Champion) won at Novice Tourney in the A&S competition.

Chatelaine- Lady Emma West: At the newcomer's meeting a week ago, she had three new people interested in the SCA that had never been involved, two people from Black Diamond because college is over and 12 of our people attended. The meeting went so well that many were there until 2am. It was a really good turn out and a lot of interest was expressed in heavy armored fighting and illumination, simply because the Black Diamond people were from that scriptorium and they do a lot of illumination. Over all, 16 people visited their Excellencies house for the June newcomers meeting.

Herald- Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin: Not in attendance.

MOL- Position not filled yet. However, Cassandra informed us she has done her two events and that she had mailed in her paper work and it was possible she would be approved as an MOL very soon.

Chronicler- Baroness Marie-Therese Normand: Nothing much to report this months; things continue and, as always, articles and art work are needed.

Web Minister- Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze: Not in attendance. May be more active soon, now that her life has settled down. She joined Alle Psallite recently.

BARONIAL NOTABLES

War Lord – Not in attendance. But he is rallying the troops for Pennsic, Baroness Katharine reported.

Heavy Champion – Not in attendance.

Fencing Champion – Not in attendance.

Archery Champion – Not in attendance.

A&S Champion – Lady Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada: Entered Novice Tourney and Steirbach and is now working on her project for Chalice of the Sun God: Out Staring the Medusa.

Bardic Champion – Not in attendance.

Baron and Baroness – Baroness Katharine taught Historic Cooking Over an Open Fire, at Atlantia Summer University. Also, their next event is Pennsic, and in case it wasn't already known Tuesday night at 7:30 War week is going to be Baronial Court for Ponte Alto and a social will follow as is our custom.

EVENT

Pennsic: a total of twenty-eight real people are actually going to Pennsic and have registered to camp with Ponte Alto. Officially Bridget is the land agent. But Planning is being handled by Aslyn and Baroness Katharine, they have bid for the space we had last year and are hoping to get N30 or N31. Also, just a reminder Atlantian Royal is Thursday of War Week.

Chalice-Marcellus talked to Wulfwynn and confirmed the event site for Prince William County Park, Camp 5.

Meet Us Under the Bridge. The Autocrat, still needs to get over to sign the site contract, but she said the Lodge where it will be held isn't pushing the contract signing as the event is so far out. But as of the last meeting the budget had been voted on and approved so the Autocrat can do so whenever it is convenient.

Bloodbath. – Autocrat? Date discussed to blend Bloodbath and Baronial Birthday/Investiture.

OLD BUSINESS

Coronets: Belphoebe sent an email to Dark Ridge asking for quotes and Katharine did the same to Drakenstein inquiring about new baronial coronets.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid for Fall Crown Tournament: Brennan introduced the subject for possibly putting in a bid for Fall Crown Tournament. Working with Katherine, they assured us most of staff would come from a kingdom pool of individuals. The marshal/A&S/Troll/Ponte Alto Cooks Guild would handle the feast and Countess Denise was already being discussed as the Royal Liaison

The Seneschal asked if there were any questions.

Henry West: "Yes. Do we have enough people?" Answer: "Yes the kingdom is supplying most of the people."

Marie-Therese: "Will there be a problem with the money turn around in our account to support the three events back-to-back?" Answer: "There hasn't been a problem in the past."

Anya: "Is the Fall crown a day event or weekend?" Answer: Brennan replied "day event."

Marcellus: "What about Hotels?" Answer: Katherine replied, "There are plenty of Hotels in the area Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn and there's always the chance we can bring back the tradition of Crash Space."

Anya: "How many Kingdom events in the last 2 years did the Barony bid?" Katherine replied "We have bid one a year."

It was explained that their Majesties ask for a Northern Site (TRM). There aren't people putting in event bids. They asked for this because Northern Events traditionally bring in more people and therefore more money. In the past, when we have bid Kingdom Level events we lose them because we don't have enough showers, at our proposed site. One is not enough even for a day trip event, because fighters want to shower and change before feast and one shower for twenty or more fighters is just not do-able. The Barony of Steirbach was asked if they wanted to co-autocrat the event and pool our resources but they are unwilling to commit to it at this time. However, they are willing to put forth the idea to their Barony.

The proposed budgets were \$2385 for Tournament of Love and Beauty, \$700 for Meet Me Under the Bridge and an as yet undetermined amount for Chalice. There were other designated funds which have been used in the past, and will have to be kept in the bank. But unless the event exceeded \$7000 dollars we should be able to support this event.

Celia went looking for the Chalice budget that was approved so that the numbers could be used in deciding the event (Crown's) limit or viability. She could not find it. Nor could it be found in the chronicler's notes that it had been voted on in the last four months.

The Seneschal then asked for a vote on the idea of holding the Fall Crown Tournament. The vote was called, and the Majority voted to do the event. No negative vote was called for since almost everyone voted for the event.

The event budget was explained by Brennan. The break-even point would be 179/60 people break even/with an estimated 400 people for Crown based on the numbers for past Northern events. No feast cost for children. 80 people break even for feast. \$175 per handicapped Don's Jon. Review of the budget called up some numbers on the Porta-johns saying 2 would be necessary rather than one handicap Porta-john for a site predicted to get 400 people. Sofia is doing lunches and since she freezes leftovers and serves at the next event that would bring the lunch in at a bit less than normal. A vote was called for. The vote was for the budget with the added Porta-john (2 Porta-john's instead of one) and passed unanimously.

Kingdom Archery Champion – Since our Archery Marshall won the Kingdom Archery Championship he must now host the event. It is traditionally held the first weekend in June but can be held any time, May or June dates were offered and permission was asked to hold it in May. May being pretty booked with Crown/nothing/Tourney of the Golden Rose/Sapphire in consecutive weekends the second weekend in May was being considered.

The event Miles said needs an Autocrat/Troll/etc. A day event like this is like a bloodbath for archers and they go crazy all day long. 1 in 4 will show up traditionally. A weekend might get Southern Archers to come up North, which doesn't often happen. It would be excellent if the Royals or one of the highnesses could come up. Hopefully whoever is baron and baroness at the time attends. Prince William Fairgrounds is reasonable priced. The down side to this site is there couldn't be a woods walk. Isack Walton site, the old Defending the Gate Site, is not that far away and the archers can shoot out over the lake. If anyone is interested in Autocrating, contact Miles by phone because email is not regularly checked.

Fairfax site for Archery – The nephew of a new member has a 20 acres place they are cleaning up with an eye to turning it into rent-able park space. It is perfect for archery. It might be a good idea to help them clear it if we want to have events there or archery practices there. Currently, it is being cleaned up. The owner has been to Pennsic 7 or 8 times and understands the barony might want to use the land and for what purpose. There is enough parking for 10 cars at the moment. A lot of work is happening. A 50, 100 and 200 yard shoot would be possible, because there is not a house around the property within site of the spot being quoted as a range site.

Archery practices are dwindling because of the difficulty getting to the current site. Most nights its only Esperanza, Miles, Enequy, and one other.

The safety zone of 300 yard is easily met with this other site and it was suggested that perhaps the barony could be like Marinus and works with the owner to help get a price break by clearing up the site, and eventually having events in the Barony. It would be a great thing to do archery at a Bloodbath if the event moved out there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celia- Alle Psallite sang yesterday at Steirbach Baronial Birthday and Evan's church this (Sunday) morning.

End of meeting 6:52 p.m. with 17 people in attendance

Another Fine Product of Ponte Alto (AFPOPA)

Highland River Melee's –Battle of Little Orleans

Lukas von Aych - Order of the Kraken

Sapphire Joust

Dante di Pietro- Awarded the Ruby for the fencer's list

Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada - Award of Arms

Mistress Cunen Beornhelm - Order of the Kraken

Novice Tourney

Lord Henry West authorized in spear.

Lady Emma West authorized in heavy rapier.

Baronial Artisan: Lady Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada, won the Novice A&S Competition.

Cooking for a Crowd: Things I've Learned!

by
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Last year, I was head cook for my very first feast. Thinking back on the two feasts I have now been head cook at, there are some things that I wish I would have done differently and some things that I have definitely learned. I will relate some of these insights in hopes to aid anyone in the future who wishes to take up the mantle of head cook in avoiding some of the mistakes I made.

Going in order, the first thing that should be addressed is the planning phase. When initially planning your first few feasts, don't be afraid to stay with familiar ingredients when creating your menu, and don't be afraid to keep it simple. When planning my second feast, I didn't do either of these things. I used dried fava beans and red lentils, but neither of these ingredients were in my repertoire of things that I had cooked before. They turned out to be the least successful ingredients that were used that day. As far as keeping it simple, that didn't happen in the feast either. The menu called for a filled pasta and an item that was essentially a doughnut. The pasta took two people away for most of the day, and the doughnut didn't happen as the frying that was needed turned out not to be practical the day of the event.

After you have your menu, it's never too early to put together a schedule. I can't stress enough how important the schedule is. With both feasts, there was never a detailed schedule, and that led to a lot of frustration. When I refer to a schedule, this doesn't include just the schedule the day of the feast but a schedule for items that can be cooked ahead of time. You will be surprised how much cooking can be done ahead of time. For instance, at Tournament of Love and Beauty, in addition to the bread, there were picklings that were prepared about a week ahead of time.

Now that the menu is put together and a schedule is formed, it's time to consider shopping. One thing I can say is that it's never too early to shop. Starting early has led to some pretty fantastic deals on meat. An example would be the deal I found on rib eye for Tournament of Love and Beauty. By starting early, I was able to replace the bottom round roast that was originally on the menu with a better cut of meat for the same price.

The final piece of the planning puzzle is your kitchen staff. This has been a failing for me as I never got firm commitments from anyone on my kitchen staff. This left me a bit shorthanded at one of the feasts. It doesn't hurt to confirm at a very early stage with those you want helping you in the kitchen. Get a firm commitment, and plan your schedule with specific people on your staff doing specific items on the schedule.

On the day of the event, my best advice is to keep calm. The best way for me to do this was to make sure that I had someone on my staff that could ground me. At this point, you should have a schedule. Use it to keep yourself on track, but be aware that there will be some deviation from it. After all, things do happen that are beyond our control.

One final note. I have come to the realization that cooking a feast isn't like cooking in a restaurant. Cooking a feast is more along the lines of catering. For the most part, you can do a lot of the cooking ahead of time, and unless you are specifically contacted before the feast, there is nothing to cook to order.

Game

Cross Match

Cross Match is played by drawing a line between the kingdom and the Date each kingdom was founded. Once you are done each of the 19 kingdoms should have a line drawn to it. Answers are at the bottom of the Chronicler's page. Try not to look and good luck.

<u>Kingdom</u>	<u>Date Founded</u>
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Ansteorra	1968
An Tir	1969
Artemisia	1971
Atenveldt	1978
Atlantia	1978
Caid	1979
Calontir	1981
Drachenwald	1982
Ealdormere	1984
East	1985
Gleann Abhann	1986
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