

My Lords and Ladies,

Her Ladyship Aelfwynn Fiske has asked me to publish the following information regarding Saturday night's feast at the upcoming Grand Thing.

Please remember that our Gracious Majesties will be in attendance and Stromgard will want to be at its Finest!!!

This year's feast will be very much like last year's, with the exception that the Barony is not cooking meat this year. Please adjust your potluck preparations accordingly!

So, without further ado:

Gentle cousins, The Grand Thing VI fast approaches! With much to celebrate, and many, many folk in attendance, ensuring that our Feast on Saturday is festive, fun, prompt, and filling will take the cooperation of Everyone! Please read the feast information very carefully, as we need your help to make this happen!

Please read carefully, then read again!

Grand Thing VI Feast

Recipe Cards

To make sure everyone knows what's in each dish, a ".pdf" file has been posted at the Stream and at the event web site. Each page will contain 2 blank recipe cards. Please write the name of your dish, then list all the ingredients. Please complete TWO (2) cards.

Schedule

Gentle cousins, court is scheduled to start at 7:00. The feast begins at 5:30. We are on a tight schedule, so everyone's cooperation will be critical to the fun and festivities.

4:00

Tables will be set up for feast. Brawny type gentles are encouraged to come and assist! Please contact the Feastocrat (preferably in advance) if you can help!

4:45

Siege Cooking Contest submissions due. They can (you are deeply encouraged to!!) be brought earlier!!!

4:55 Siege Contest Judging

5:00 Hall opened for populace to come and sit down

Traffic Flow ¶ VERY IMPORTANT!!!

There will be TWO buffet lines. The food will be THE SAME on both tables, as we are asking everyone to bring their contribution in TWO containers (if you're bringing a crock pot, either bring two, or bring a separate bowl)

Tables will be dismissed to the food line Down the Middle of the Room to the Back of the Room. Left side will go to left buffet, right side will go to right buffet. There will be servers going up and down the lines to assist with filling plates.

If you have mobility issues, please ask for assistance, or have someone from your table fill your plate for you. If you have small children, please do the same. We are going to ask everyone to move along as quickly as they can.

We are trying to feed a great many people in an hour and a half, and we must do everything we can to keep the food line moving promptly.

Potluck item preparation

Please prepare your contribution either at home or at your campsite, and bringit to the hall Ready to Serve in TWO containers With Serving Utensils. Kitchen space will be limited. There are outlets with surge bars set around the room for crock pots, which may be left there during the day.

Bread

Only a limited amount of the populace will be asked to bring bread, and are asked, nay, BEGGED to bring that bread in the form of rolls. These can be delivered to the Feast Hall anytime before 4:00 on Saturday. Please bring the rolls in TWO plastic bags, and bring butter as well. Rolls and butter will be on each table when feast begins (feastocrat's staff will take care of this)

Quantities

Gentle cousins, please consider that we will be serving MANY people. When you bring your (already prepared and ready to serve) item, please bring A LOT! Please bring it in two containers, WITH Serving Utensils.

When you serve your plate, please be mindful that we are feeding MANY PEOPLE (without miracles --- Jesus is with us in spirit, but we're not in that League!), so only take as much as you know you will eat. Remember that the folks at the end of the line need to eat also. Take small portions!

Food Suggestions

Casserole type items are great and can be prepared very inexpensively and in advance. You can thicken with barley, mashed turnips, pureed vegetables, rice or another starch. Thicker is easy to serve! Be aware that food may sit for awhile, so plan for something that tastes good even if it's not super hot. Please CUT UP large items, such as chicken, roasts, pies, etc. Easy to serve makes for faster line movement!

Clean Up

There will be plate scraping stations set up outside each door; when you have finished eating, please scrape your plate at the scraping station. Please bring your dishes back to Your Own campsite to wash, as the kitchen will be otherwise occupied. We will have grocery bags (PLEASE BRING SOME!!) to put dirty dishes in, but the populace is encouraged to bring their own zip lock bags (for leftovers and for dirty dishes)

Court

Court is scheduled to start at 7:00; if everyone can have eaten, scraped plates, visited the rest rooms and be seated again by 6:55, it would be WONDERFUL!

To RECAP:

RECIPE CARDS - PLEASE FILL OUT!

SCHEDULE - TIGHT, SO PLEASE BE ON TIME!

TRAFFIC FLOW - TWO BUFFET TABLES, SAME FOOD, PLEASE MOVE PROMPTLY!

POTLUCK CONTRIBUTION - 2 SERVING CONTAINERS, PLEASE

BREAD - ROLLS ONLY, PLEASE

QUANTITIES - BRING A LOT, TAKE A LITTLE, MAKE SURE EVERYONE GETS SOME

FOOD CONTRIBUTION - THICK, SCOOPABLE, ALREADY CUT UP, EASY TO SERVE

CLEAN UP -SCRAPING STATIONS BY DOORS, GROCERY BAGS FOR DIRTY DISHES, WASH AT YOUR CAMPSITE.

COURT AT 7:00!!

In service to our Barony,

Angela