

THE CONFLUENCE

The final day of celebrations was devoted to The Confluence, the extraordinary history of the Kingdom's beginning. This precedes Thorn by about 700 years, but its story is well-known.

This marked the deliberate joining of two very disparate peoples, the barbaric Conquerors with the builders of towers and walls, who worshipped Sun and Moon. The result was, in time, a kingdom which expanded and thrived, loosely founded on the succession of nobility and the administrative skills of its scribes.

Unique among kings and rulers of the time was the curious practice of Succession. Careful records were kept of those eligible to rule, and of those eligible to succeed to the throne at the time of a King's passing. Strictly enforced was the forbidding of a King's son or grandson to gain the throne. Instead, these descendants of the line of King Sire, First King and those pledged to them at the time of the Kingdom's founding were tasked with the building of the realm and its prosperity. Their reward was that their exploits would be recorded and their accomplishments remembered in written form, an assurance of the future.