



The Templar's Trumpet

The newsletter of the Crusade of Ash and Sorrow—the Caelestis Templares and Caelestis Inquisitores.

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Pilgrimage for the Priory

It is a rare thing, indeed, when members of the Grand Priory transfer their authority to another member of the Priory and leave for a pilgrimage. But, that is what's happened recently when not just one, but two members of the Grand Priory have taken a sabbatical. As most members are aware, Grandmaster Amelas Langston and Lady Commander Lorraine Evingar have each taken a pilgrimage. They are undoubtedly fighting the Heretic with their every strength, and they are surely bringing glory to the Light. There's only ever been once in the history of the Order that two members of the Grand Priory have been absent simultaneously.

It is the custom of the Order that in the Grandmaster's absence, either the Lord Inquisitor or the Lord Commander shall have their title appended to "Grand" instead of "Lord", and they shall name a new High Deputy in the interim, if necessary. In this case, since both are away doing the Light's Will, the Lord Inquisitor Azrock Lucavi has been titled Grand Inquisitor, and he has named Captain Saxon Wolfwood as his second in command. The title of High Deputy is only conferred on members of the Grand Priory, so that title also still resides with Grand Inquisitor Azrock. It shall remain thus until the Grandmaster returns triumphantly to us.

We wish the members of the Grand Priory both Might in battle and Wisdom to lead. As it ever has been, the officers and Honor Guard of the Order lead us with Vigilance, and bring us to glorify the Prophet, and the Light.

"We talk often about service to the Light, but what do we really mean? Service and sacrifice go hand in hand. We forgo our personal desires for the greater good. We give all that we have, so that the Great Enemy may be defeated, and then we give more. If I can leave you with anything [...], it is this: Look for ways in which you can be of service. Give your all. Never compromise. Be resolute and unyielding in defense of the Light...."

- Immortal Aurius Vaelrith Paladis,
the Avenger



Pictured: Center: Grandmaster Senthroth Alexandrus; HG (back row) Amelas Langston, Marice Redbar, Sashlahara Cropwatcher, Thily and Syrius Alexandrus; Front (at left): Laochorn Gaudimus; Lord commander Varthath Rasheed; Front (at right): Lord Inquisitor Andaelas Eldarwood, and Captain Riley.

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IC/OOC notes

Regarding use of information found here as IC or OOC in RP scenes:

This newsletter is generally considered to be written In-Character by Templar Calmorlayne Tovald, the Librarian. Anything denoted by ((double parentheses)) is considered OOC, as is anything that is listed in a colored sidebar.

If you would like your character to know any of the out of character information, you'll have to speak with the characters involved with the RP directly.

Some of the sidebar information may refer to portions of the website www.caelestis-templares.com which are considered IC knowledge. Anything posted on the website is considered information that is accessible IC, and no special treatment is required.

Please note, because this PDF is to be disseminated publicly, it may mean that heretics may be found with copies of this broadsheet in character. Think of it as maybe not quite so much as a guild page or squire standing on a street corner handing them out, but, perhaps, that they are printed prolifically that they can be given to recruits, Postulants, or Aspirants.

Also, since the website is public, be aware it is possible that a heretic may've found a copy of the Codex or other books and be familiar with our tenets.

Caelestis Malleus seen in SW!

Many years ago, there were more branches of the Crusade of Ash and Sorrow. There were sister Orders which complemented the Caelestis Templares. One of which is the Caelestis Inquisitore. But, once upon a time, there was a group of militant warriors who were known as the Caelestis Malleus. They were just as powerful in battle as the Templares, but they held a different purpose. Much like the Inquisitore, they were not all paladins, and they were incredibly vigilant in the pursuit and punishment of the Heretic.



But, heresy comes even to the holy who are not Vigilant, and they fell away from the Crusade, and many of their leaders drifted into far flung campaigns and were never heard from again. Some of the few remaining led the Order away from the Caelestis, and taught the members of the Malleus

heresies. Not bold heresies, but, subtle ones twchich came from small doctrinal errors in their holy texts. But they were heresies nonetheless. So much so, in fact, that the Immortal Senthroth Alexandrus, proclaimed any remaining Malleus who might be left alive were to be considered heretics, because we could not trust the teachings of the Prophet to be untainted by their mistakes. As such, it was decreed they were to be treated as separatists, and fallen paladins.

Recently, in my studies in the Library, I found the original manuscripts of Inquisitore Æquino, the author of the *Malleus Maleficarum*, There were musty and old tomes full of what seemed to be deranged scribblings, and then there were also fine scrolls written in a delicate and precise hand. When I found the *Maleficarum*, I saw that it as what appeared to be written as a transliteration of the language of the Na'aru. I have begun to delve through the opus, and plan to attempt a re-translation to find out if the errors of the *Malleus Maleficarum* were, in fact, translation errors. It is my most sincere hope that the various holy texts of the Malleus might be redeemed. It seems for some reason that Æquino may've suffered at the hands of some vile sorcery, which could have driven him mad. It seems to me that the holy texts of the Caelestis Malleus were his last effort at recording the wisdom imparted to him by the Light, and to protect his Order, before he eventually succumbed to whatever daemon hounded him.



In a startling turn of events, the Library has recently been given reports from anonymous sources that there has been a scruffy-looking soldier seen in the bars and taverns of Stormwind City asking questions about the Malleus and the Templares. It is as yet unknown whether he is a member of the heretical cult, a researcher, or something altogether more dire.



Artist's rendering of the suspected Malleus Heretic.

Little information has been gathered regarding this strange man, suspected of sympathizing with the Shadow, and more. He seems to be in hiding, which clearly indicates that he has something to hide. Any Templares or Inquisitores who see him should attempt to get information about him and his goals and to whom he reports. At the time of this writing, the Inquisition only describes him as a "person of interest", but I, for one, am certain that the Adjutrix Kaddix will have the Eye of the Inquisition upon him.

A Missive from the Lady Commander

To the Righteous Lightsworn Army:

It has been many days now since the Grandmaster and I left for our Pilgrimage. The earth over which we have passed is, no doubt, stained red with the blood of fallen Heretics. We have stopped in this small village only so long as it will take to repair our armor. I think of the Light's Righteous Army always, and the great dense forests through which we trek shudder at the roar of Caelestis Gloriam.

Pray for us, Lightsworn, for you are ever in our prayers.

Lady Commander Lorraine Evingar, Leader of the Holy Army of the Caelestis Templares

Hereticus Currentia

Here are found notes and remarks regarding Heretics, and Fallen Paladins:

Many names were recently stricken from the rolls for Abandonment of the Order; they include: Belik, Rinthin, Mahalah, Faragho Collins, Ignathius, Parvati Buvelle, Marhuas Sydonis, and Isiadore.

Recently, it has been found that the Societas Cultro are known to be infested with Heretics! They should be carefully examined, and given to the Light's Judgment!

It has been reported that Battle Templar Pobidonostev has been harassed and had passes made at him by a rather troubling Heretic. If more information regarding her is found, it should be brought to the attention of one's chain of command, officer, or of course, reported to the Trumpet staff, so that all Templares might be aware of the woman's name and her Heresy!

There is fresh blood swelling the ranks of the Ordo Tenebrae. They seem to be in the early stages of a cycle of preparing new recruits. Fortunately, thus far, they're all infants and won't be trouble for years to come. Heresy of the Flesh, to be certain.

CT Gossip

((This section should be taken in the lighthearted manner in which it is intended. While some stories about the CT might be considered crazy, they are merely "rumors" and not to be taken entirely seriously.))

- It's said that Adjutrix Kaddix Foster has only an eye for finding heresy ... it's also been said that she has only **one** eye in the center of her forehead beneath her mask, making her perfect for the Inquisition. Light be praised.
- Speculation has become rampant about officer's meetings held in a secure sanctum apart from the rest of the Order. Not more than a few Wayward interviewed mentioned that it was likely that they had been drinking Badlands Bourbon, smoking cigars, playing poker, and eating cheese.
- Former Lord Commander Varthath Rasheed once had to bubble-dismount in mid-flight because he had to pee so bad.
- Senthroth's young Page has been found staring off at the ceiling repeatedly during his lessons. He claims he's not snoring, but insists it is because he has "trachea issues". His Master has flogged him 11 times this week. Volunteers are being taken to do additional flogging. His Master's schedule is full.

Open Call for CT Gossip

And

Hereticus Currentia

Do you like the tidbits of RP that we presented in the CT Gossip or Hereticus Currentia?!!

Then it's time for you to think of fun stuff that you've heard in the OOC channel "CT Gossip" or have had as RP, and tell us about it! We're looking for little things that could be said in RP, that would represent things that Templares might talk about in the barracks, or the chowhall. They can be just funny things, neat tidbits you'd like other players to know about your character, or even refer to an actual RP scene that might be passed along by word of mouth. They could even be like Twitter posts! :)

They're intended in fun, and may refer to other characters, so long as it's not mean or harmful. Soldiers talk about their commanders, about who's sleeping with whom, a fight they got in, and all sorts of things! Have fun with them!

Send any ideas that you may have to:

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The Emerald Pendant

“This medal is awarded to those who have had their Faith severely tested and triumphed. Those who wear this medal are proven in their unwavering devotion to the Light.”

- From the website section entitled “About Medals”.



When a player (or character) has been through a great deal for the Order, and stayed true to guild through it all, this is how the guild rewards that loyalty and Vigilance.

Senthroth once said to the Editor that this medal was the “we’re really sorry” medal for when the guild does something that needs to be acknowledged or apologized for. For example, when I had taken a hermitage for a short time, there was some confusion when I came back, which brought Senthroth to make a policy about returning to the Order. Specifically, the member would be reinstated to the last rank a current officer could recall them attaining. More on this topic is found on the website, under [“Proclamations”](#).



The evening of the awarding of the Emerald Pendants.

Two Emerald Pendants at Once!

The Emerald Pendant is one of the most elite and prestigious medals any amongst the Templares may be awarded. It denotes a type of service that cannot be quantified in many ways. It’s awarded when the Vigilance and dedication of a Templare is beyond even the expected exceptional service upon which the Order and the Priory so firmly insist.

Recently, two Templares (Battle Templar Brega Hammerhand and Templar Pobidonostev) were awarded the Emerald Pendant for their vigilance and fortitude in their devotion to the Order. It is a rare thing indeed that an Emerald Pendant is awarded, let alone two in a single ceremony. Both the Templares had been separated by the workings of heresy, through no fault of their own, and have since triumphantly returned to the fold. Grand Inquisitor Azrock Lucavi had this to say of them during the ceremony:

“... we have two Templares who have proven their Faith truly unshakable. When they found themselves alone and surrounded by nothing but darkness, they wrapped themselves in the armor of Sufferance and pressed onward. And for this, they have earned the Emerald Pendant.”

Both expressed great honor in receiving their awards. Pobidonostev stood stoically silent and saluted with respect, while Brega gave a stuttering and surprised thanks to the Grand Inquisitor in addition to his salute.

They are now considered two of our finest Battle Templars. Seldom are two such men found within the ranks of the Templares at the same time. The Emerald Pendant has only been awarded eight times previously within living memory of the Order, and it is supposed few outside of that. Of the hundreds of men and women that have stood in the tabard of the Order, that is a small percentage, indeed. It is our greatest pleasure to have such notable Templares standing beside us in battle, and to know they persecute the Heretic and Horde, Warlock and Witch with such tenacity and fervor. Most Worthy!

History and Lore

There are many of us amongst the Templares who have lost the lore and history of our Order. There are new Postulants, Aspirants, and Initiates who don't know much of our history. This brings me great sadness.

Therefore, that is the intent and purpose of the substance of this and each of the missives which are to follow. It is instructional ((and fun!)). It is my intent, as the Librarian, to pass on my knowledge, and the knowledge of other Templares, regarding events both past and present to our brethren. Many of us often spend so much time afield that we are not able to spend a great deal of time in the Library of the Northshire Abbey.

It was thus when I took to a hermitage in the hills of Northshire, I committed my time to developing many essays which were intended as lessons for Squires. Because I've had not less than a half dozen Squires who were unable to pass their Templar's Test, and fell from the Light's grace, it is my intent to bring these lessons and thoughts to the Templares as a whole.

Because this is a rather large undertaking, many would view it with trepidation. Many would ask why. My response is: "The Light is why."

-Templar Calmorlayne Tovald

"Why?
The Light is why."
~Lajudius the Redeemer
of the 4th crusade.

Promotions and Medals

As the moons and season pass, many of our Brothers devote themselves wholly to the Order, its tenets, and its goals. We honor these men and women by awarding them medals and promotions which glorify their service. There are numerous occasions on which the following ranks and medals have been given to their recipients. But, as this is the first occasion in which said recipients shall be publicly acknowledged in print, they are being done collectively for any which have come in the past several months.

As Librarian and keeper of the Order's records, I would like to remind all Templares that if you believe someone has proven themselves most worthy and should receive a medal, then you should bring it to the attention of an officer or the Grandmaster.

Medals

Callissa - Will of Purity
Callissa—Holy Link
Kaddix—Vigil of the Inquisition
Pobidonostev—Emerald Pendant
Brega—Emerald Pendant
Burns—Seal of Devotion to Battle
Burns—Commander's Commendation
Bjorndar—Well of Sanctity
Bjorndar—Stone of Persecution

Promotions

Callissa to Templar
Pobidonostev to Battle Templar
Gerard to Templar
Xanven to Claesiarch
Bjorndar to Tempalr
Marsillia to Templar
Etainya to Claesiarch
Brega to Battle Templar
Shellan to Captain
Tycota to Battle Templar
Erideth to Templar
Quelrak to Claesiarch
Ullrich to Battle Templar

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Open Call for Screenshots

The Editor would like to put out a general call for screenshots ... especially old ones.

If you have screenshots, please contact
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with information. We can even set up file-sharing so that you can upload as many as you have, and let us sort through them!!

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The Inquisition is always watching us all. Search your soul and find the faults within, before they become sin.