



The Templar's Trumpet

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

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Caelestis Inquisitores—A Brief Survey

Many years ago, the Administratum of the Caelestis Templares decided to reorganize themselves to better serve the Light. It was decided that High Claesiarch, Father Grimhurst would direct a sister Order. Though there have been five leaders of the Order, he is perhaps the most infamous, as he was the last of the Caorumvis and is an Immortal. A stout heavily-bearded dwarf, he served with distinction, pushing for the constant improvement of the Order. Claesiarch Bolden followed Father Grimhurst in service as the first Lord Inquisitor to use the title. The new extension of the Crusade of Ash and Sorrow was to be separate from the Army, and specifically focused on the efforts of the Templares to identify, find, and punish, the heretic to save Azeroth from their depredations.

One of the main focuses of that specialization is the need to *identify* the Heretic on the occasions in which he uses the guile for which he is known to hide amongst the Wayward, or even amongst the Templares. This demands a great amount of secrecy, and it has led to some Agents of the Inquisition not being publicly identified, so that they may work in secrecy. Not even other Templares know their names or faces. They are known to be merciless in their pursuits, and relentless in their punishments. They watch the Templares for signs of heresy. This reputation has lead to fear amongst many.

Since its founding, there has been occasional reorganization, ranks restructured, and even heresy found amongst individual Inquisitors. Through their techniques of espionage and torture, they continue to be a lasting force for the eradication of the Heretic, and will continue to play a vital role in following the Light's Will.

Of the four Lords Inquisitor, two are still regularly amongst the Templares. One is Immortal Andaelas, the other is Grand Inquisitor Azrock Lucavi. He is known for his iron fist, and his battle-hardened glare with which he scrutinizes everything he surveys. He has served in the stead of the other Grand Priory members while they are away on pilgrimage, and has resolutely fortified the Templares to better serve the Light.



Here we see the two most recent Lords Inquisitor of the Caelestis Inquisitores. Pictured at right: LI Andaelas Eldarwood on the day of his elevation to be amongst the Immortals; and at right, LI Azrock Lucavi.

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- Immortal Andaelas

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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 CT_Librarian@yahoo.com 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!!

Special Thanks

The Editor would like to give very heartfelt thanks to Chaplain Tyragonfal of the CI for her assistance in gathering information for the rank structure of the CI. She summarized the ranks, and put together early drafts and layouts.

Without her, the project would've been much more time consuming.

Everything you ever wanted to know about the Caelestis Inquisitores...

... but were afraid to ask

Before Father Grimhurst was amongst the ranks of the Immortals, he was known as "the Oculus", which refers to an "eye". When it was said that the "Inquisition is always watching", it was because Father Grimhurst always seemed to have information about things for which he was not present, and could not have possibly seen. The custom of this saying brought the symbol of the Inquisition to include the "Eye of the Inquisition". It is a stylized eye with a single drop of blood descending from it. It is still incorporated in the symbol of the Inquisition to this day.

The heraldry that is worn upon the tabard of the Inquisitores is the same as is worn by all of the Crusade of Ash and Sorrow - a simple cross. Though each particular cruciform has its own color, it is the same in the Templares, the Immortals, and Inquisitores. In this case, it is a deep crimson on a field of sable. Not all members of the Inquisition wear the tabard, however. Some have secret positions who are not able to be known publicly, and thus, they do not stand with the Templares in formation, nor do they wear the colors of the Order.

It is Andaelas who is most renown for closely watching the Templares for signs of heresy. He's been known to thrust a hot poker through an Acolyte's hand to pin it to a table when they failed to learn Sufferance. He's also used fish hooks to pull at the flesh of victims' backs, heavy chains, and a butcher's hook. All of this to find the truth, in service to the Light, and expose heresy, even if it lies in the Caelestis.



In a discussion with Immortal Andaelas about the Codex, he was asked by the Librarian about why the holy text uses the phrase "pious inquisitor" to refer to all Templares. His response was that each and every paladin of the Order isn't defined by the fact that they're paladins, but, rather that they are defined as inquisitores by their Intolerance and Vigilance.

The structure of the Inquisitores has varied from time to time. There have been ranks renamed, raised, or lowered within the hierarchy. The rank of "Inquisitor" once denoted an officer, but now is equivalent to Templar, since that is the "name" rank of the Order. Some ranks have gone unused, but once denoted different missions of the CI. Now they have a special position that is above Battle Templar, but below an officer. Two very notable and dedicated Inquisitores hold it. An Adjuter or Adjutrix is responsible for the day-to-day operations. Adjutrix Kaddix is the Steward of the Inquisition, and Adjuter Kondok is the Keeper of the Hounds.

There have been Assassins, Fanatics, and Zealots, which are equivalent to Chaplains and Agents. There've been Master Overlords and Master Inquisitores, High Chaplains and Cardinals (all officer ranks). The rank of Adjutrix was once known as "Praetor". Now, the only ranks that distinguish between missions are Chaplain and Agent.

((The image at left is a link to see the website for the newest layout of the ranks of the CI.))

But, no matter by what we call them, the Inquisitores are a vital part of the Caelestis. With their brutal acts of torture, their spying on the heretic, and their willingness to go to any length to find information to seek out and punish the heretic to save the world, the Inquisitores are an important part of how the Caelestis Templares are able to do their duty to purge the heretic.



"LET US SHOW THE HERETIC TRUE COMPASSION!" ~
Antonyus of the 3rd Crusade. He yelled this as he killed every person in the village of Kaelan Lake because they were hiding a warlock from the Inquisition. The Village was burnt to the ground and the Warlock was found and beheaded. Harboring a Warlock is heresy most foul.

Edicts from the Grand Inquisitor ☒

In the past few weeks there have been several reports to the Inquisition of the blatant lack of discipline within the lower ranks of the Order. The Grand Inquisitor enacted a new policy stating members of the Honour Guard are granted the ability to issue punishments for any infractions they witness among our Initiates and Acolytes. The harshness of that punishment is left to their discretion. The Grand Inquisitor made it clear that "It falls to the Templar Master to pass their knowledge and discipline on to their Squires." He also said that if they aren't doing this, then they "are failing as a Master"

Due to reports of Templares loitering around the Slaughtered Lamb, violating the policy that was issued several months ago, it has been reiterated and heightened. Travel through the Mage District, aside from coming from the mage tower, is forbidden. Unless an officer is leading a strike into that territory, Caelestis are to avoid it, at all times. Anyone who violates this is assumed to be consorting with the Ordo Tenebrae and will be branded a heretic!

((This means that if anyone has business in the Mage District, they need to have their "MRP" addon set to "Out of Character", and need to be OOC, so that they aren't reported for it. If a CT doesn't have reason to be there, like being at a Tailoring or Herbalism trainer for example, then they don't need to be loitering in the area. It is now cause to be removed from the guild.))

Reports have surfaced of Templars revealing the nature of the Test of the Templar to their students and Templar Masters "teaching the test", so to speak, rather than ensuring their Squires know all that they should to fulfill their duties as future Templars. The Grand Inquisitor made it clear that he intends "to trim the fat of this Order". All those of the rank Templar or lower is to submit themselves to an additional Test by two officers. It will cover things not usually found in the Tests that the Grand Priory feels should be known. If any are found lacking, they will be demoted to a rank more suiting their knowledge. Anyone who fails to submit by the end of October will be demoted to Initiate, or removed from the Order.

Grand Priory Members en route Returning to Stormwind

From a letter to the Order, read by Grand Inquisitor Azrock at a meeting:
 "To the most Holy Order of the Caelestis Templares...

The Grandmaster and I have just finished cleansing the Dustwallow Marsh of the foul taint of heretical sin. We uncovered a group of misfits and eradicated them, pitching their corpses into the bog for the crocodiles to devour. Our blades dulled by the numerous skulls they split, we have been forced to delay our march by a couple of days in order to hone and repair. I write by the light of the furnace as Grandmaster Amelas sharpens the edge of Thunderfury.

Next, we will head south towards Thousand Needles, where bastions of Alliance troops fight against the armies of the Horde. We will lend to their efforts the strength of the Light's chosen. We will go as far as the Southern tip of Kalimdor, from where we have heard reports of an artifact that may be of interest to the Order. Once it is secured, we plan to buy passage aboard a ship headed back to Stormwind. Pray for us, great army. We will rejoin you soon. "

Sincerely, Lady Commander Lorraine Evingar the Merciless, Leader of the Holy Army"

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 chow hall. 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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Website info reviewed for new content

The medals shown in the Registratus, are being made interactive. Some of them can already be clicked on to be directed to a page describing that medal in detail. This has improved the site by eliminating the need for the text-only "Index".

A CT icon has been added to display on your browser tab and in the address bar.

New medals are being illustrated for inclusion on the website, including the Truesilver Edge (which has already been awarded five times), and also the Sacred Artisan (awarded once).

New variations of medals to account for multiple occasions of award for a particular medal are also being created. Each medal will look the same as the original medal, except that it will appear as if it had been dipped in Silver for 5 occasions, and Gold for 10 occasions of award.

A [new page](#) has been added to the website for the *Templar's Trumpet*. There, you can find all of the back issues, and the most current edition on the day of its release. Also, there is a mailing list for the *Trumpet*. If you would like to continually read the *Templar's Trumpet*, there is a mailing list. Each issue will be delivered to you via email on the day of its initial publication. If you would like to be on the mailing list, please [contact the Librarian](#) to be added.

When the Light shines to illumine the dark, the Shadow shall flee.

CT Gossip

((This section should be taken in the light-hearted 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.))

- Acolyte Yumira seems to have had great difficulty in learning how to use the banners of the order. She was given instruction on how to raise them, but one Wayward said that she put the banner up with its front toward the Cathedral wall.
- One of the Wayward was overheard in the Pig and Whistle speculating about the Former Lord Inquisitor, Immortal Andaelas. He said Andaelas wasn't born, but sprang into being, fully formed, when Senthroth and Denetus both punched Saergas.
- One of the Wayward (a child) was heard to refer to the Defender of Sufferance as "Hammertoes", and said that he played in the snow with her.
- Grand Inquisitor Azrock has been seen sitting upright at his desk with his armor strangely locked in place. A very loud snoring could be heard even from the next room.
- After one Defender's bare knees were seen, he exclaimed, "Hey! The Honor Guard is *forced* to not wear any pants under their uniform!"
- A large (and quiet talkative) raven has been seen hopping in and out of the office of the Inquisition chatting with the Grand Inquisitor. Any familiar with the Inquisition would recognize it as the faithful companion of the blind Adjutrix.

Hereticus Currentia

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

- Recently, one of the Wayward, who claims to have been briefly a member of the Ordo Tenebrae has described the teachings of the praefectus of the cult. They include several core tenets that are antithetical to the Virtues. The Library shall be recording these teachings and disseminating the information in the coming months. All Templares should endeavor to know the lies told by these heretics.
- The Library has unearthed records that indicate that Former War Marshal Sunjia was the very first to hold that title, before she bent to heresy, abandoned the Order, and formed a heretical cult.
- An employee of the Darkmoon Faire has been reported as harassing Templares, and has been seen at times to enter the Slaughtered Lamb. It is unknown if he is one of the Ordo Tenebrae.
- An informant of the Inquisition has indicated that in the same manner as the Grand Inquisitor has banned CT presence in the Mage Distract, the Prophetess of the Ordo Tenebrae has banned their entering the Cathedral District.
- The Inquisition has been receiving reports of improper behavior and conduct unbecoming of a Templares.
- Whispers have been overheard in dark corners that the Caelestis Malleus has been rumored to walk the city. Though no reliable accounts of their whereabouts have been found.

Two Gold Question



There are many amongst the Templares—past and present—who are traditionalists, and cling tightly to the customs and rites of the past. In this issue, we are discussing medals from days of yore. One particular award was given to a Templare years and years ago that he still wears upon his tabard, despite it being outdated.

What is the award, and who wears it?

((Anyone presenting themselves to the Librarian with the correct answer, or sending it by in-game mail, or via [email to the Librarian](#), will be given two shining pieces of gold straight from the Librarian's pocket. The answer can be found on the CT website. Please, *do not* share the correct answer with other players.))

History and Lore

Throughout the history of the Order, citations and commendations have been given to Templares to recognize their efforts in service to the Light, and support of the Order. There was a time when there was no such thing as the *Penitent Brooch*, and time when the *Crest of Caormastus*, the highest honor that the Order can award, was known as the *Caormastus Heart*.

There have even been decorations presented that no longer exist. One example, though there are more, is the *Lightsworn Star* (pictured at right). It was awarded to "Lightsworn who [had] performed a valiant act of heroism in the field." It is no longer awarded, because the Order expects heroism from all of its members.



Other medals are still awarded, but have been both renamed and redesigned. Once such medal is the *Will of Sanctity*. It is still conferred for acts of Zeal against the undead, but, it was originally known as the *Blessed Pendant* (pictured at left). Templar Bjorndar was recently awarded the *Will of Sanctity*.

Even the *Commendations of Virtue* have been renamed; they were once known as *Marks of Honour*. Not counting *Marks of Conviction*, there have been a total of 31 medals added to the list of citations awarded by the Order.

-Templar Calmorlayne Tovald

Here we see examples of two medals whose appearances have changed from the past - the Templar's and Celestial Crosses. At the time, the Celestial Cross was the highest award given for seasons of battle, which was 50. Since, it has been re-designated to represent 60 seasons of battle.



Promotions and Medals

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

Shellan —Truesilver Edge
Ullrich —Truesilver Edge
Brega —Truesilver Edge
Burns —Truesilver Edge
Azrock—Truesilver Edge
Calmorlayne—Sacred Artisan
Belik—Saintly Cross
Saxon—Will of Purity

Promotions

Daeiragh to Acolyte
Yumira to Acolyte
Wraik to Battle Templar
Dalmorian to Acolyte

The title of Crusader was again held by Battle Templar Burns, the Destroyer, Pentureon of the Honor Guard, earning his 15th Crusader's Charge in August.

In a surprising turn of events, during the next Tourney (September 4th), Battle Templar Brega Hammerhand captured the elusive and envied medal (his 9th) in a long and hard-fought battle with the Destroyer. Observers were said to stand in awe while watching it happen. Our greatest congratulations to Battle Templar Brega. A policy was instituted by then-Captain Azrock that should any the Pentureon enter into the Tourney and be defeated by another Defender, the title of Pentureon would also change hands. This custom has been upheld by Captain Shellan, passing the title from the Defender of Zeal to the Defender of Sufferance.

Battle Templar Burns, the Destroyer, once again reclaimed Crusader on October 2nd.

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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.

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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.

Eternal suffering awaits any obstructing the Light's path, casting Shadow.