



# The Templar's Trumpet

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

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## The Dark Portal Reopens!

**T**he Heretic once again conspires to destroy Azeroth ... which is no news to the Lightsworn. The Dark Portal—which has, for generations, been a magical link between the destroyed homeworld of the Draenei and Azeroth—has been reopened for a second time.

Thirty years ago, orcish hordes swarmed through the Dark Portal, attacking southern Azeroth. An enormous crater had been blasted into the terrain when the portal opened, and demons of every shape and size prowled about the barren rocks and packed clay, seeking the ruin and damnation of all of the planet's inhabitants.

Now, the portal has been opened a second time. With the advent of this tremendous event, Heretics abound and many are marauding throughout the Blasted Lands, and have almost utterly destroyed Nethergarde Keep. The orcs of the invasion are calling themselves the "Iron Horde", and it seems that these are not the same marauders that came with the Burning Legion. Somehow, the portal has been altered, and the orcish leader, Grommash Hellscream, and the other orcish warlords have brought their armies forward in time from before the destruction of Draenor.

With the invasion, many forces have realized the danger, and many factions have stridently defended against the heretic orcs. Amongst those are the army of Stormwind. As can be expected from Varian Wrynn, King of Stormwind, he has begun to cooperate with other heretic groups in order to stave off the invasion. He has intentionally cooperated with the Horde, warlock, witch, deathknight, and all manner of heretics. Thus, he has been named by the Lord Inquisitor to be one of the most wanted heretics. (For further information on wanted heretics, and their specific crimes, please see the article further in this issue.)

Lady Commander Lorraine Evingar the Merciless scouted forward, and set up a rendezvous for the Templares on the other side of the portal. The Templares lined up according to our custom, ready to sally forth into the Eternal War. There were even Wayward who saw our noble Crusade preparing for battle, and stood alongside with eagerness to support our mission.

There can be no doubt that these "Iron Horde" are heretics, regardless of their origin, as are the orcs of the Horde who are familiar on Azeroth. Neither are worthy of the Might of the Caelestis Templares, and should not be cooperated with. They wish nothing short of the destruction of all that the Light stands for, and the eradication of our way of life. Those who follow the Horde of Azeroth, Varian Wrynn, or any others who sympathize and cooperate with them, are guilty of sin and heresy, and shall be hunted like all other heretics. May the Light's judgment prevail, and may we be instrument of the Light's holy wrath.



Above, we see the holy Order of the Lightsworn lining up, in preparation for battle, going into the Eternal War, as the Dark Portal re-opened.

"WE SHALL TAKE THE FIGHT  
TO THESE HEATHENS. THIS  
"IRON HORDE" SHALL RUE  
THE DAY THEY MET WITH  
THE HOLY CROSS!

TO THE BLASTED LANDS!

- Grandmaster Amelas Langston, the Mighty,  
just before the opening of the Dark Portal



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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](mailto: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 Librarian would like to thank Lady Commander Lorraine for her contributions of artwork of Grandmaster Amelas in this issue, and BT Belik in the recent RP supplement. They couldn't have been more timely, nor more inspiring.

Also, Templar Callissa, for logging meetings, and her never ending aid in proof-reading. Without her, it would all be much more time consuming, and countless errors would be left uncorrected.

## Ballad of Amelas and the Dragon

Many are the knight who have strode forth to find glory and fight  
But none have Light-given blessings of great sinewy Might.  
He leads from the fore, and has Virtue to spare,  
He is proven Most Worthy, and it's shown in this tale.

Though the darkness swelled and the heretic was near,  
The Grandmaster strode forth, and never felt fear.  
He called out Templares, commanding them all  
To stride forth into battle,

Even when dragons came forth, and flew 'bout his head  
The Grandmaster wouldn't stop, 'til the last one lay dead.  
When lava did flow up between the cracked stone,  
the Grandmaster's Virtue, like a steel blade, was honed.

Pillars rose up, the dragon's visage he spurned,  
He stood upon high, and fought each one in turn.  
When each man was felled, and lie bleeding their last,  
resurrection came quickly and the danger was past.

Then the unthinkable happened, Templares  
would fall,  
and though the Light gave Redemption, none  
could answer the call.  
Fighting and sweating, he bore his shield held  
up high,  
the odds overwhelming, all thought the ending  
was nigh.

But the Grandmaster was valiant, stood his ground against the drake,  
healing power surging, Thunderfury's thirst unslaked.  
Standing alone, the last man to fight,  
He'd continue with Zeal, and give glory to the Light,.

A gory, long struggle; steel ringing 'gainst hide,  
He kept right on fighting, cutting deep, long, and wide.  
Nefarion did wound him, but by the Light's power it healed,  
He fought by himself, throughout the cavern thunder pealed.

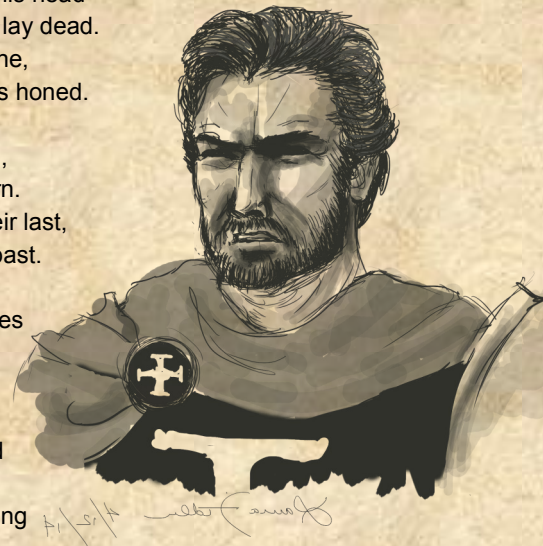
Though men lay cast asunder, Redemption would bring them all back.  
He'd stood against heresy, and had stopped its attack.  
He'd led by example; slayed the beast and all of its brood,  
Grandmaster Amelas is Mighty, that's all one can conclude.

- Templar Calmorlayne Tovald, the Librarian

*The above saga was written, by the Librarian, in commemoration of the bravery and exceptional prowess in battle shown by Grandmaster Amelas Langston the Mighty, when confronting the foul beasts of Blackwing Lair.*

*The portrait is of the Grandmaster, and hangs in his own office.. ((And was illustrated by none other than Lorraine.))*

(( "We are the chosen ones, we sacrifice our blood ... We kill for honor  
We are the holy ones, our armor's stained with blood ... We killed the dragon." ))



"MAY I DIE BATTERED AND BROKEN OF  
BODY, BUT RIGHTEOUS AND PURE OF FAITH."

~ *Ithlaetius the Tall, Champion of the 3rd crusade*

## From the Priory ☒

### *The Inquisition's Most Wanted*

#### 1. Reoneth

Crimes: Murder, Taint of Shadow, Conspiracy against the Light, Heretical Associations

Associations: Ordo Tenebrae

Known haunts: Stormwind Mage District

#### 2. Grommash Hellscream

Crimes: Murder, Taint of Shadow, Daemonology, Heretical Associations

Associations: The Iron Horde

Known haunts: Leading Iron Horde forces in Draenor.

#### 3. Varian Wrynn

Crimes: Tolerance to the Shadow, Blasphemy

Associations: King of Stormwind, Leader of the Alliance

Known haunts: Stormwind Keep

#### 4. Moreven

Crimes: Witchcraft, Daemonology, Taint of Shadow, Heretical Associations

Associations: Greshk Academy

Known haunts: Unknown

#### 5. Marados

Crimes: Broken vows, Undeath, Taint of Shadow, Murder, Heretical Associations

Associations: Stormwind Military, Caelestis Templares (former)

Known haunts: Unknown

## Proclamations

From a speech given by Lady Commander Lorraine Evingar the Merciless, December 4th:  
Regarding the selection of squires/masters:

"All squire/master pairings are subject to the approval of the Lady Commander. That said, the Lady Commander does take into account the desires and needs of each Acolyte and Templar, and encourages that both ranks research eligible masters/squires, respectively. The best pairings are those that are formed through bonds of fellowship, therefore, she refrains from making recommendations when possible, preferring that the choice lie with the master and squire in question. Before any pairing is official, it must be brought before the Lady Commander for approval. If there are concerns, the Lady Commander reserves the right to dismiss the pairing as inadequate. ((Some reasons for concern would be: in character history/drama, the need to disperse trainable Acolytes among eligible Templars, and out of character relationships.)) The squire/master pairing is a miniature model of the Caelestis Templares at large. It is meant to increase social networking among members of the Order, enforce trust, teach Acolytes the value and power of authority, and build community. Never should the squire/master relationship result in cliques or a false sense of loyalty to an individual over the Order. It is with these values in mind that the Lady Commander reviews each pairing at a case-by-case basis. ((Your outright honesty regarding any of the aforementioned concerns is expected; bear in mind that these concerns do not guarantee dismissal of the pairing.))"

## 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 and new content

### The Strategeum and other holy texts

of the Order are currently being edited for revision (8th Edition) to update a few things like Honor Guard uniforms and references to Squads. One of the goals is to make the books more legible. So, new fonts are going to be used. If you have suggestions about fonts to use, or particular passages that may need revising, [contact the Librarian](#) ! We want this to be a very interactive website, and want to have input from members.

Also on the topic of books, there are new RP books being written that are compilations of prayers, or RP stories of what various Templars were doing when the Dark Portal re-opened. These will likely be published as supplements to the Templar's Trumpet.

The medal for one's 100th season of battle has been completed. It is to be known as the True Iron Cross.

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.

Work is continuing to make all the medals appearing on the Registratus interactive, so that they show the names of the medals when hovered over, and link to the medal's own page when clicked.

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).

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

## History and Lore: On the Vigil Watch

There are times in the history of the Order when customs have gone out of practice or have been overlooked. Being Vigilant, we try to insure that all Templars understand the customs and traditions of the Order, and encourage the practice of them. One such custom is known as the "Vigil Watch". There was a time, not too long ago, when its practice had all but disappeared. Even Battle Templar Cellie Winterale, former Defender of Faith, once discussed with the Librarian how she'd forgotten the custom.

It's not uncommon for Templars to post themselves upon the uppermost stairs of the Cathedral of Stormwind, to Vigilantly monitor for the presence of heretics, and to explain the tenets and customs of our Order to Wayward who may be inquisitive. But, the Vigil Watch itself is more than simply standing in front of our Battle Standard. More importantly, since the Order does not hold the Cathedral itself to be holy or sacred (as we do not follow the hierarchy of the church) we are not guarding the Cathedral. It is a custom that began with the Honor Guard.

*"The Five", written by Lord Inquisitor Azrock Lucavi when he was Pentureon of the Honor Guard, has this to say about the practice of the Vigil Watch:*

*"The Vigil Watch is a time in which the [Honor] Guard reflects on each of the virtues and how they demonstrated them during the day. The watch lasts for five hours between midnight and five in the morning, giving an hour to dedicate to each of the Virtues. While on the Vigil Watch the paladin may not speak, for he is to have full focus on the virtues and not the simple goings on of the world."*

And so, the Vigil Watch is a tradition that dates back to the earliest days of the Order. It was a custom even in the time when Immortal Denetus was the Grandmaster. It is required of Defenders of the Honor Guard, but, it is not solely something for the Honor Guard. It is a pious practice that any Templar or Inquisitor may engage in, and those who do are found to be Most Worthy.

-Templar Calmorlayne Tovald

## Two Gold Question



There are many notable men and women in the history of the Order. Many of our brethren have recently returned from crusades far and wide, and the Order is strengthened by such. The Library has recently published accounts of their return. Some, however, have Fallen and never returned to the Order.

Who was Templar Juren, and why was he notable in the history of the Order?

((Answers can be found on the CT website.))

((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 own coin-purse. This is for having fun by exploring the website, and learning trivia, so please *do not* share the correct answer with other players.))

**Answer to Last Issue's Question:** *Battle Templar Burns has been with the Order for many, many years. He once resigned his commission as Captain, and continued fighting the Shadow valiantly alongside the other Templars of the Order. But, whilst serving as a Battle Templar under Grandmaster Denetus, he was awarded a Mark of Charity (before that Virtue was replaced with Sufferance), and he still displays it on his uniform alongside his vast array of other medals.*



## CT Gossip

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

- The Librarian was heard to exclaim woe-fully when told that the followers of Burns the Destroyer had seen 100 seasons of battle before the Librarian had!
- Recently, it has been rumored that the Grandmaster challenged a Claesiarch to a duel over a matter of chocolate chip cookies.
- Adjuter Kondok has been noted as being distinctly less than formal in his demeanor when dealing with Templares or other Inquisitores, and one Wayward was overheard recounting having heard the Adjuter say, "Whoa, man, that's not groovy." when discovering heresy.
- A heretic was recently discovered, put to question, and finally executed when, under torture, he exclaimed that he knew the secret to the Immortals' power was a Mysterious Fermented Liquid, and made speculation whether it was Double Rum, Badlands Bourbon.
- Not an uncommon custom for dwarves, Battle Templar Brega was overheard identifying several Templares and Immortals by appending various types of ales, porters, stouts, and lagers to their names or titles. In particular, Immortal Denetus was named for a type of beer.

## 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

Wraik—Dragonslayer's Shard  
Callissa—Dragonslayer's Shard  
Callissa—Dragonslayer's Crux  
Calmorlayne—Sacred Scribe  
Callissa—Sacred Scribe

### New Initiates

Saintorum, Brune, Baeorn, Viranna, Tuldorn, Romuum, Lothiel, Cannity, Zilunia, Dodire

## Hereticus Currentia

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

- Recently, members of heretical orders have been masquerading as paladins in order to infiltrate the Order. Report all suspicious activity, including new initiates who fail to follow the Laws or Virtues, to an officer or to the Inquisition.
- A ship berthing in Stormwind Harbor, suspected of being a smuggling vessel, has been noted as being a meeting place of heretics plotting against the Order, and needs to be investigated.
- Recently, a young Acolyte was executed for heresy on the steps of the Cathedral, for having befriended one of the Shadow-sworn, and Taint of Kin being discovered in her family line.
- The Ordo Tenebrae continue to prove themselves to be irreverent louts ... they've been seen repeatedly in various taverns being far and deep into their cups. Even more, it has been reported to the Inquisition by some reputable sources (and others less than reputable) that they recently had an enormous bar-brawl amongst themselves. Clearly the concept of temperance is lost on them as every last one are without Virtue.
- One particular bard has been overheard performing bawdy ballads and sonnets, naming various Templares in scandalous situations that are clearly fabricated. "Claesiarchs Got Back" and "Acolytes Gone Wild" were amongst the songs.

## 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](http://www.caelestis-templares.com) which is 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.

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