



The Templar's Trumpet

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

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Opening of the Timeways Expeditionary Force Organized

With the coming of the Iron Legion, the Crusade of Ash and Sorrow has been faced with many difficulties. Not least among them is the situation created by Garrosh Hellscream when he meddled with the timeways to create a new Dark Portal that spans 35 years of an alternate future, and links it to our own.

In the words of Archmage Khadgar, we have seen to "the other side of the looking glass". The Order has been forced to adapt to rather difficult consequences of such. An expeditionary force, known as the Caelestis Exercitus, was organized at the direction of Lord Commander Azrock Lucavi, by the fiat of Grandmaster Amelas Langston, and sent out through the Dark Portal and the alternate timeways to discover the differences between our reality and the parallel one.

It has been found that the Caelestis Templares is, as we have long known, the One True Faith, and there were no parallels in the alternate world of Draenor. That only means, however, that the Heretics are able to run amok, and stand unchecked against the Light with no real dedicated opposition. Thus, the High Commander, Ousten Thorne, began recruiting those dedicated enough to become Lightsworn soldiers. But, the Inquisition has found that this parallel and alternate nature of things, means it stands to reason that there are parallel or alternate versions of some of the greatest heretics the Templares have ever known. By that same count, however, some of the greatest Templares who've gone before us are also present.



Some of the members of our Order have had experiences that vary widely. Some have described being unable to ascertain any differences in their life or events around them. Others describe feeling different after having gone through the newly-reopened Dark Portal. Some have even claimed knowing that two versions of themselves exist as a product of the parallel timeways.

None have actually reported encountering alternate versions of themselves, but there is strong evidence that this may be the case.

Once the Caelestis Exercitus had fulfilled its mission, it was folded back into the Caelestis Templares, its forces still wearing the Holy Tabard they'd always worn. All of the commendable Lightsworn who served as the scouts and army of the Crusade continue their service, practicing the Virtues, and following the Inquisition's information to destroy the Heretic in the dark places of Azeroth, wherever they may hide.

***F**ear is the meeting
of danger and
respect. Panic is the
meeting of danger and
surprise. Fear keeps us
vigilant while Panic only
continues to blind
~Hekathus of St. Lasiust*

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Wherever the Heretic is found, there you will find Agents of the Inquisition stalking him, and Templares bring an end to his life.

Contact Us

If you're interested in submitting content, or offering suggestions for the Templar's Trumpet, or would like to help with putting it together, please feel free to contact the Editor via email anytime!

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Open Call for Screenshots

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

Remember that there's even a new section in the forums on the website for your screenshots and such to be uploaded! 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

Thanks to Karen "Marice Redbar" for donating the old lessons from Battle Templar Cyrell from her old RP notes from when she was still in training. A rare treat, indeed.

Thanks also to those who have been actively using the new forums. It's important that we practice getting stuff on there, or they'll never be used.

From Battle Templar Cyrell, the Seer

Lessons on Vigilance and Zeal

On being mindful of haste and emotion

The idle tongue and impious language. It is a great evil that one should be condemned by his own mouth. Truly, if each one shall give account for an idle word, how many of those idle words shall be made in the ways of impurity and shame? Words uttered hastily are yet far worse than those made out of idleness, for haste is above all else impious, and a the great lack of piety gives birth to evil and the harkening of the shadow's deed. Now what ought we to learn before everything else, but to be silent, that we may be able to speak? Lest my voice should condemn me, before that of another acquit me; for it is known that by your words you shall be condemned. What need is there, then, that you should hasten to undergo the danger of condemnation by speaking, when you can be more safe by keeping silent? How many have I seen fall into heresy by speaking, but scarcely one by keeping silent; and so it is more difficult to know how to keep silent than how to speak; for it is seldom that any one is silent even when speaking profits him nothing. He is wise, then, who knows how to keep silent. Lastly, the wisdom of our order knows that the Light has given to all the tongue of learning, that all should know when it is good to speak. Justly, then, is he wise who has received the Light to know when he ought to speak, for a wise man of the Light will keep silent until there is opportunity to share his knowledge.

On appropriate timing of Zeal

Silence should not remain unbroken, nor should it arise from idleness. How heart and mouth must be guarded against inordinate affections.

What then, ought we to be dumb? Certainly not, for there is a time to keep silent and a time to speak. If, then, we are to give account for an idle word, let us take care that we do not have to give it almost for an idle silence, for there is an active silence. In this gracious Order we are bidden to take heed to our mouth, for we teach always to keep the heart with all due vigilance. Your possession is your mind, your gold your heart, your silver your speech: the words of the Light are pure words, as silver tried in the fire. A good mind is a good possession. Be vigilant then, of this possession of yours, enclose it with pure thought, guard it with thorns, that is, with pious care, lest the fierce passions of flesh should rush upon it and leave it captive, lest strong emotions should assault it, and, overstepping their bounds, endanger the pious mind. Guard your inner self, do not neglect or condemn your body as though it were worthless, for it is a valuable possession; truly valuable indeed, for its fruit is not perishable and only for a time, but is lasting and of use for the Lights eternal mission. Cultivate, therefore, your possession, and let it be your tilling ground.

Bind up your words that they run not riot, and grow wanton, and gather up heresy for themselves in too much talking. Let them be rather confined, and held back within their own banks, for an overflowing river quickly gathers mud. Bind up also your meaning; let it not be left slack and unchecked, lest it be said to you: There is no healing salve, nor oil, nor bandage to apply. Sobriety of mind has its reins, whereby it is directed and guided.

Let there be a door to your mouth, that it may be shut when need arises, and let it be carefully barred, that none may rouse your voice to anger, and thou pay back abuse with abuse in the arms of our Order. Therefore, although you may bare anger, do not utter with your mouth one heretical word, lest we fall into heresy; but let there be a yoke and a balance to your words, that is, humility and moderation, that your tongue may be subject to your mind. Let it be held in check with a tight rein; let it have its own means of restraint, whereby it can be recalled to moderation; let it utter words tried by scales of justice, that there may be seriousness in our meaning, weight in our speech and due measure in our words.

HAVE NO PITY FOR THE WEAK, AND SCORN THEIR CRIES OF INNOCENCE, FOR IT IS BETTER THAT ONE HUNDRED INNOCENTS FALL BEFORE THE WRATH OF THE LIGHT THEN ONE BOW BEFORE THE DAEMON.

- HIGH CLAESIARCH GRIMHURST

From the Priory ☩

Inspiration from the Grandmaster

Templares,

We thought the heretic defeated. That our long awaited goal had been reached. The shadow eradicated and the Light's glory made complete. The discovery of this new reality, this new dimension, changed all that. As our expedition, the Caelestis Exercitus, made clear, there is the same plague of undeath and fel taint within this world that we fought and defeated in our old home. It is clear to me now, that the mission of the Caelestis Templares is not yet complete. As long as darkness persists, we must answer the call to eliminated it. This is the oath that every one of us took: to never rest until only the Light remains. So take up arms with me once again brothers and sisters. We shall meet our enemy once again and cleanse the corruption from this world and the next.

- Grandmaster Amelas Langston

The Righteous Path

*As written by Lord Inquisitor Balis Glaeramus the Zealous
Prayer of the Righteous*

I am a beacon of Light in a sea of darkness. Though they are many, and I but one. The darkness will shatter like glass under my hammer of Judgement. Caelestis Gloriam!

The pious one gives all glory to the Light. Indeed, all our actions are guided by the Light. By oath and deed what we do and who we are reflect our adherence to the five Virtues. Our Loyalty to the Light is utmost, woe to the Heretic or Wayward who claim otherwise!. Judgement to all who live under the Light and dwell in the shadow.

The Righteous Path

"Go forth and purge these lands. Reclaim them for the Light, A new age is upon us and Judgement Comes!"

Gather your Brethren, arm yourselves with the light and your prayers! Descend not into Heresy for the way has been laid. Follow the footsteps of those who have gone before.

The first step on the Righteous Path is the most difficult, as this first step means seeing the path in the first place. The wayward may at times glimpse the path, but never fully seeing it's glory because the veil has not been lifted from their eyes. Once the Light has touched the wayward, the path will become clear and their journey begins.

Intolerance, Vigilance, Faith, Zeal, Sufferance. These Virtues bind us to the Light, in return the Light tests the Pious with those same virtues.

I have seen many fall from the Righteous Path, I only utter "Heresy Most Foul" and Rejoice in the knowledge their Judgement has come.

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:

CT_Librarian@yahoo.com

Website info and new content

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

The Library page has had new links added which lead to the brand new *Forums* and *Templar's Trumpet* pages.

Take a look around and see the new features of the website!

The Strategeum is 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.

Roleplaying

Forums are now linked on the website. There's actually forums for news and other things as well, but, we would really like to encourage people to use the forums for play-by-post RPing, character bios, and even uploading your screenshots to the gallery!

The Registratus has been given new functionality in its coding that allows the medals and awards to be updated with much greater ease. This means that the Librarian can update it easier and faster (hopefully actually occurring during meetings). Many thanks to Novalice for great assistance rendered in typing out long tedious portions of code.

The Light glorifies those who stand firm against Heresies of the World.

History and Lore:

Proximus, "Scribe of the Order"

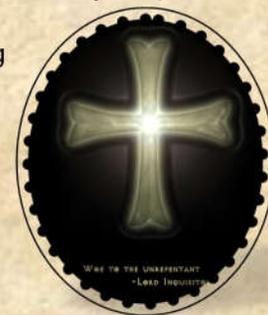
Many years ago, after strife and discord had struck the Crusade of Ash and Sorrow a telling blow, there was a man whose goal it was to "pick up the pieces" of a now fragmented, wounded order which had no clear leadership. Denetus had been slain in Andorhal and was not yet Immortal, as his body had been consumed by the undead and he was unable to be resurrected.

Proximus, a scholar of true devotion, joined the Caelestis Templares, and served a similar role as the Librarian does now, archiving and cataloguing the Order's history. He began to pose a question to the remaining members of the Order, which has been referred to as "Proximus' Inquiry", whereby he asked the members of the Order in private whether or not they believed that the Order was unlucky to have lost so many of its soldiers and to have lost its leader recently.

The only Lightsworn at the time to correctly answer the query was Battle Templar Carthius, who said that the Order was blessed, for the Light presented its most difficult trial. Proximus maintained that we could not understand the Light's Design, and that when the Order emerged from the ashes, only the pure of heart and purpose would remain.

During his lifetime, Proximus was noted for both his writing and illumination of manuscripts, and it is his illustration which we see here, dedicated to the Lord Commander, Immortal Taelos the Citadel.

An aged man, Proximus spent his life in study and in clerical duties, and scholarly pursuits. His life was a tribute to the Light, of dedication and Wisdom through learning. Proximus gave of himself his last sacrifice, and his suffering had to be ended in the best interest of the Light. A reliquary containing the shaft of his quill and a portion of his tabard resides in the chapel of the Abbey. Proximus is regarded as one of the greatest Doctors (teachers) and hierarchs of the Order.



-Templar Calmorlayne Tovald

Two Hundred 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 hundred 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: *(What is the [vintage] award, and who wears it?)*

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 Templares 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 lighthearted 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.))

- While observing Captain Burns fight, a bystander was overheard claiming that one day soon, Immotral Senthroth was going to show Captain Burns how to become Immortal ... the first step, at least.
- A man was put to the inquisition for spreading slanderous lies that he claims were told to him by a former Initiate of the Order—that during Claeisiarch Shellan's initiation to the Honour Guard, that Initiate stumbled across the ceremony and found them all standing in a circle fist-fighting iweaving nothing but the Holy Tabard.
- Redora recently was pushing sincere affirmations into the Holy Link, giving reassuring strength to all Templares, saying "Aaaaaaah, okay."
- The Adjutrix has informed the Order that the Shadow uses an alphabet made entirely of numbers.
- It has been said that Captain Burns the Destroyer is often asked by the Light to offer his own Judgement, when the Light is just too busy.

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

Burns—Mark of Intolerance
 Calmorlayne—Star of True Creed, Holy Link (2nd awarding)
 Novalice—Star of True Creed
 Redora—Holy Link
 Cilarnen—Will of Sanctity

New Members

Krown, Incariel, Delphegor, Tyrdain, Philon, Pristinus, Ruadin, Abarra, Caromista, Denisse, Nightshade

Returning Members

Novalice, Tycota, Felicice, Agrathayn, Redora Frosthealm

Hereticus Currentia

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

- Rumors and reports have been all a-buzz that the presumed dead former leader of the Defias Brotherhood has been seen all over the city, screaming that "None may challenge the Brotherhood!"
- There are reports which implicate a Bishop of the Church of the Light as being a Shadow Priest. It also mentioned that the Bishop had recently been bound to a wheel chair, having recovered enough to stand but still presented recovering injuries.
- It has been heard that the Prophetess of the Ordo Tenebrae, Leahalanie has died. Glory be to the Light.
- Scarlet Highlord Silvis Ravenloke personally recruited to the Scarlet Consecration, a female human with a deathknight as a lover. It is believed they wished to deal with her "in house", to avoid a repeat of the Slaad incident.
- The culprits of the Library Fire are still being sought. Anyone with information regarding the Heretics who are guilty of burning the Holy Texts of the Order, should report directly to the Inquisition, or to the Librarian himself.

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 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