



The Templar's Trumpet

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Immortalis Templares The Chosen of the Light's Will

In the years since the founding of the Caelestis Templares, there have been a few choice men who have served the Light and the Order, and have been given gifts of the Light above and beyond all others, as a reward for their commitment and tenacity. These are the Immortalis Templares.

The Caorumvis were the first followers of Saint Vladius Caormastus. Many have followed, and a very rare few have been entrusted with truly fighting the Eternal War, in the most literal sense. Because they are considered invaluable to the Light and to the Order, they've been granted immortality through an ancient and secret ritual.

The Immortalis follow the tenets to which all of the Caelestis are bound. But, their higher calling brings them to even greater understanding of the Light. They follow three additional concepts known as "The Trine", which combine the Five Virtues, and grant more profound insight into the common threads that bind them. They are Purgation, Constancy, and Providence, and are detailed in the handbook known as the *Codeus Immortalii*; the *Scriptures of the High Claesiarch Grimhurst*.



Many years ago, the Immortalii were known as *Messori Primi*, indicating they were "the first reapers". Their holy texts describe their duties to be like a Harvest, reaping the souls of the Heretic and the daemon. Their motto reads, "*Holy Reaper, Eternal Piety*".

When the first Immortals were given new life, they were bound by the Light to follow edicts they were given. But there was a very real and present fear that these immortal soldiers of the Light could run rampant and unchecked. Soon, it was seen that they would better be able to serve the Light perpetually if they did not have to respond to commandments or mandates from anyone other than the Light, but rather were able to act of their own accord. However, the sacred talismans of their Immortality which were originally held by Father Grimhurst are still retained such that if their Zeal ever were to lapse, their autonomy and self-determination could be withdrawn, and would once again be kept in check.

*Fear 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. Lasius

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Rituals of Immortality

Some of the various Immortals have had different transfigurations when they became Immortal.

There is a common element in most of the Immortal's rituals. There is usually a reliquary that is linked to the soul of the Immortal. Their soul doesn't specifically reside there, but, it is part of how they are bound to eternal life.

The first three Immortals were elevated by Father Grimhurst and each had a physical element of their body that was the focus of the ritual ... a portion of Denetus' hand was recovered from the ruins of Andorhal after he had died. The others were Taelos' eye, and Ferrus' heart. They were put into a phylactery of sorts.

The next two Immortals had objects as the focus for their rituals of ascension.

Aurius Paladis' ritual (performed by Denetus) involved a sword, and Andaelas' was a crystal, and he was raised by Senthroth.

The one exception to this was Senthroth. Through meditation, study and willpower, he'd achieved the understanding of Father Grimhurst and so was able to complete the ritual of ascension on his own. He used the power of the Light to let his mortal body die, and asked the Light to return his form to life so that he might continue his work.

Father Grimhurst, the Oculus

For over 300 years, Father Grimhurst carried the Deposit of Faith and only a decade and a half ago, found men worthy of it and delivered it to those who would found the Caelestis Temples.

He is most well known for his Vigilance in holding true to the Faith for which he is most well known, and for this reason, he was elected as the first of the Caorumvis. It is also because of that Vigilance he was made the first of the Immortalis Temples.

He is a dour and severe dwarf, bordering on unkindness. Because of his long lifespan even before the other Immortalii, he witnessed the destruction of his homeland by Ragnaros when he was summoned during the War of the Three Hammers. After that war, Grimhurst was heard from

Grimhurst's epithet refers to his time as founder of the Inquisition; through his network of informants and spies, he always seemed to know things that he otherwise should not. Even in situations where it seemed impossible that he could know, the "Eye of the Inquisition" always seemed to see everything.

The orb in the chapel in Northshire Abbey is a relic belonging to him.

Immortal Denetus, the Hand

The first and founding Grandmaster of the Order. He is a tall man and, along with all of the other Immortals, wears a thick white beard and a halo of Light glows brilliantly above his brow.

He spends most of his time in the Northern forests, where he often meditates upon the significance of the Trine, though of late, much of his time is involved with crusading against the heretic, rather than in contemplation.

His moniker comes from the fact that he is the Hand of the Light, being a corporeal incarnation of the Light's will, and directly performs the required tasks to ensure the Light's will is done. Also, the reliquary Grimhurst used as a focus for his Immortality was his hand, recovered from Andorhal when he died.



Above, we see six of the seven Immortals in a rare moment, gathered together at an assembly of the Order on the Cathedral steps. (Excepting Father Grimhurst)

Immortal Senthroth, the Sword

Senthroth's stony face shows little or no emotion, but his transfixing blue-eyed glare is piercing and judgmental as he examines everyone for signs of weakness or shadow magic. An old scar runs from his forehead to his left jaw line. His once golden, shoulder-length hair is now white as snow - a mark of his transcendence from Grandmaster to Immortal.

He speaks in a deep, and controlled tone. When saying words such as Light and Faith, a fire within him can be heard that alludes to a commanding and zealous nature. His voice varies from soft and calculated to very loud and demanding. Often he speaks as if preaching to a thousand Faithful paladins.

Senthroth speaks his mind with authority and conviction. His expression and tone always show his serious, emotionless nature.

Upon his stark and simple black tabard are rows of medals showing his many labours in the name of the Light.

For years, he has been known for wearing a black leather book case with gold thread adorning the trim on his right hip, looped onto his belt.



The moment of Transfiguration. His mortal body can be seen at his feet.



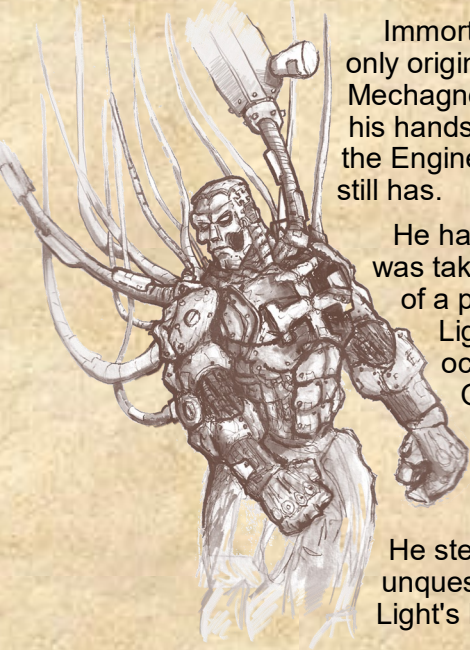
Immortal Ferrus, the Engine

Immortal Ferrus is dedicated to the Light, in a single-minded way that can only originate from his very unique nature—he's an automaton. Similar to the Mechagnomes, but he was progressively changed by gnomish engineers. First his hands, then legs.. then heart, and the rest of his body. No one ever sees the Engine out of his fully encasing armor, so it's uncertain how much flesh he still has.

He has been a project for "The Builder" for quite some time. When his heart was taken by Grimhurst to make into a relic, Ferrus's mind changed to more of a programmed person. His personality was scrubbed for more of the Light's work. His speech patterns are often perfunctory and brief, and occasionally repetitive—having no room for conversation outside of the Order's mission.

He doesn't even really rest in the same sense we do ... he plugs into the generator in Iron Forge in Tinker Town, where the gnomish tinkers perform maintenance on his body modifications.

He steamrolls his way across the battlefield of the Eternal War, and is unquestionably the Engine of the Light's Ire, and the Mechanism of the Light's Perpetual Wrath.



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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 Ferrus for the artwork of his character.

And to Seridwyn for helping log meetings, to make my job easier. I have taken to calling her a "codicier" to acknowledge her help.

A special thanks, also, to Lorraine for helping with editing and proofreading. There would be so many errors without her.

Immortal Taelos, the Citadel

Taelos is a man of great resolve, and firmly believes that the Order is strengthened by Templaes enduring the greatest trials imaginable. He has long been noted for putting members of this order through tests and trials to gauge their mettle, it was all to make them grow stronger or break under the pressure. He resolutely has confidence that Tempalres are great because of what they have had to endure.

In his mortal life, Taelos served as the second Lord Inquisitor, after Bolden.

He is the only Immortal who does not wear his white hair long. Rather, he shaves his pate bald, but he does wear a traditional white beard and moustache. His beard is small and trimmed to only a small patch beneath his lower lip, resting barely upon his chin.

The sobriquet he is given is because he is like a tower of iron will, standing fast as a fortress; both a stalwart defense and a bastion of glory.

Immortal Aurius Paladis, the Avenger

Paladis was known in his mortal life as a great defender of the Order, and the Light. He often sought out vengeance upon those who acted against the Order. Heretics came to fear him, and he was dubbed "the Avenger" for his steadfast outlook on holy retribution. Not only was he noted for his Faith and Zeal, but, his immense Intolerance, as well. It was that Intolerance which drove him to extreme acts of vengeance.

He served as a Captain of the Order, and later, as a Cleisiarch before he continued his battles in the Eternal War as an Immortal.

Like the other Immortals, he wears a white beard and hair.

The moniker "Paladis" is actually a title, of sorts. It refers to those he kept company with, being strictly paladins. It means "of the Paladins". His given name in life was "Aurius Vaelrith", but he preferred to honor the Light by using only a generic appellation so that he, as an individual, didn't receive more glory than the Light.; a practice he still continues.

Immortal Andaelas, the Anvil

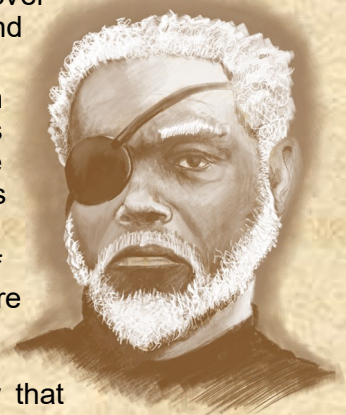
Andaelas is known for his service as the third Lord Inquisitor for nearly a decade.

In his mortal life, Andaelas Eldarwood would be over 42 years old. He wears the traditional white hair and beard of the Immortals, and has dark skin.

He was not yet nine when the orcs broke through the Dark Portal and razed his family's farm to ashes and slew his parents and two older siblings. After he was sent to the Stormwind Orphanage, he was pressed to work on civic building crews.

Eventually, he grew old enough to fight for himself and took up the charge of the Caelestis Crusade where he was trained in the ways of the paladin. He became a skilled philosopher and avid reader, but his true place was in cleansing the taint of Heresy that claimed Azeroth.

The appellation Andaelas chose refers to the fact that in his mortal life, he was known as "the Feared"; He forged the souls of men with brutality and tortured the Heretic with relentless persecution. He struck with efficiency when putting Heretics to the question, and wrought their bodies as much as worked iron on an anvil.



THE LIGHT WILL US TO PERSIST NO MATTER WHAT
HERESY WE FACE. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY.
IT IS THIS WAY. AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE THIS WAY.

-Immortal Senthroth

From the Priory ☒

A Proclamation from the Grandmaster

"If one goes on sinning deliberately, after receiving the knowledge of truth, there no longer remains a penance for sins; but a fearful expectation of judgement. Anyone who has knowingly set aside the law of the Light dies without mercy.

How much worse punishment will be deserved by one who has spurned the Light by which he was sanctified? For those, the Light dictates vengeance and blood shall be repaid!"

This prayer was chosen for a reason. I have heard troubling rumors... rumors that a certain Law of the Order is coming under review and even will possibly be repealed.

Know that the Laws of the Order were laid down long before any of you even knew of the Light. Rumors come from somewhere and something like this must originate from someone who wishes that law would be removed.

Let me stamp out those ideas permanently:

The Laws of the Order are *Laws*; they are not to be changed. Any that have knowledge of the laws of the Light and those of the Order – should they turn away from the laws of the Order, then they turn away from the Light. And such punishment that will await them if they do...

I get giddy just thinking about it."

Captain Lorraine Evingar the Merciless

Prayer to Due Glory

Then the Brilliance of the Light
Broke the sooty shroud
Of Darkness that hovered
O'er the battlefield
And illuminated the heads
Of its Chosen warriors.

At their feet ran rivulets
Of the Enemy blood, the
Dark stain, the Taint
Sapped of life and returned
To the base, primordial muck.

O Light!
Let even our mightiest deeds
Fade from mortal memory, and
Only the splendor of
-Your- might and -your-
Glory remain in their place.

Make our swords your own
That they may ever hew
The root of Heresy.

Make our hearts not proud,
But filled with the holy Zeal
Of doing your Will alone.

Let us be your true instruments
Until not one head remains
Upon blasphemous shoulders,
And all tongues pay you due deference.

Great Light! Make us your own.

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 are now live on the site! The SACRED ARTISAN, and the TRUESILVER EDGE are both on the Registratus, and on the "About Medals" page.

The Galleria

There is an OPEN CALL for art and other crafts to be displayed on the website. Be sure to read the description for the medal to understand what works are eligible for the Sacred Artisan.

The Library page is being continually updated!

There is an entirely new book to be added soon, as well as older books from the archives.

Remember, only books with the seal of the Inquisition are canon doctrine, and are the only ones suggested for study by those new to our RP.

The Strategem

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, and it is being separated into two volumes. If you have suggestions about fonts to use, or particular passages that may include awkward phrasing or are out of date for game content, [contact the Librarian!](#) We want this to be a very interactive website, and want to have input from members.

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

✂ Guild Forums ✂

Be sure to stop by the new guild forums on the website, and register! The roster is already there, and you can "claim" your character, and post as them! And if you're a former CT, or or CI, just enter your name in the application, and your character will be added to the forums!

There's Roleplaying, News, and even a gallery where you can upload screenshots or other images related to the guild! Feel free to come up with new RP out-of-game, or post RP stories that happened while playing! Post a background story for your toon, or participate in RP that other players start! There's a section for just posting stories that you don't necessarily want to interact with, that you just want to share!

Even non-CT can post in the public "Cathedral Steps" section for everyone to enjoy!

Two Hundred Gold Question



The works containing the words of the Templares who have gone before us are many. There are a multitude of tomes displayed prominently upon the Library's shelves. The names of the authors of many such works are notable and well-known. One, however, stands out for it's summary of our goals as an Order.

Who said, "I am a Crusader, Light. Grant that I may be worthy of that name"?

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

Templar Juren is noted as being the first Templar to have fallen.

His name is listed very first in the *Grimoire Hereticus*, the tome containing the names of heretics most foul. He was charged with allying with warlocks, and abandoning his unit, thereby leaving them leaderless in the field.

He was enlisted as one of the first Templares, and laid down his tabard within a matter of a fortnight., before even earning the Templar Cross.

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.))

- Burns the Destroyer once beat Orumo the Observer *AND* Algalon the Observer *AND* Cho'Rush the Observer in a staring contest. ... at the same time.
- An acolyte was recently overheard repeating a story he stated he'd "heard" that Templar Seridwyn and the Librarian were seen laughing over having tried to pick up the same quill and ink pot at the same time. Seridwyn won a Rochambeau, and held it above her head, chanting about how it confirmed her title of Crusader.
- When a prospective initiate was asked about his greatest accomplishment, he replied that it was writing a treatise on Faith. When the officer said, 'No, I mean something you did while on watch,' the candidate replied, 'But I did write it while on watch!'
- New proclamation from the Grandmaster: Each templare will receive 104 personal leave days each year. They are called, "Saturday" and "Sunday."

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

We are disappointed to report that there has been a discernable lack of awards given in recent weeks. ... the leadership of the Order direct all Templares to seek to glorify the Light in various ways of their choosing, and pursue the goals of the Order.

This is not to say that we encourage medal-seeking, but lacking them does indicate a dearth of effort and lack of Vigilance.

New Members

Holinshed, Lionmaine, Rennet, Seridwyn, Dalteron, Orhime, Neravi, Karyse

Hereticus Currentia

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

- A group calling themselves "Lack of Light" have been seen in the cathedral square, arguing that their sobriquet doesn't mean they worship the Shadow.
- When being questioned by an Inquisitor, a Heretic stated that he couldn't have been the one attempting to steal from the Order. His alibi was that he was at the Slaughtered Lamb, training with Demisette Cloyce at the time. He was executed on the spot.
- A Heretic was found attempting to syphon fuel from the Lord Inquisitor's mechanohog. He was found unconscious after having accidentally swallowed a large amount of fuel through the syphon tube. He was executed on the spot.
- A current fashion trend has made finding Heretics much easier for the Inquisition. Recently, while trying to find the source of a Fel aura, the Inquisition was questioning bystanders, when a man began heckling them. Fortunately, his wardrobe was all black, contained a skull motif, and crackled with green Fel energy. He was found to be the source of the aura. He was executed on the spot.

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 Captain 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 and be familiar with our tenets.

Those who strive to glorify the Light are glorified by the Order.