



Be Glorious

Newsletter of the Order of Paladins

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Dates to Remember:

- Quarterly Reports due December 21st
- New moons Nov 22nd, Dec 22nd & Jan 20th. Full moons Nov 6th, Dec 6th, and Jan 4th.
- Samhain October 31st
- Yule December 21st
- Imbolc February 2nd
- Remembrance Day November 11th

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Kerr's Korner - Chivalry by Kerr Cuhulain, Preceptor General

I've talked a great deal about our knights setting the example through living according to our principles of Chivalry. Living according to that code is not simply a matter of showing the world how it could be a better place. I want to emphasize here that one of the principal things that holds us together as an Order is that same code of Chivalry. Living to honor oneself and one's commitments is the foundation, related to the first precept of the Order: Know Thyself. Honoring oneself invariably leads to humility and that is reflected in the service that you provide to the Order and to your community. Providing that service demonstrates your commitment and

sincerity. Honoring yourself is the first step in practicing self respect, which develops self discipline. Exercising compas-



sion and courtesy towards others inside and outside of the Order develops empathy which both strengthens the Order and

the support that the community gives to our Order. Largesse is one of the best ways to demonstrate that compassion and courtesy. We strengthen ourselves and our community through these acts. We have all faced adversity, and life being what it is will continue to do so. Persevering in the face of adversity by facing your fears courageously makes you stronger and shows others the way to overcome inertia and depression and be glorious. Doing all of this is part of working industriously towards the goals of the Order. Always seek the truth rather than making assumptions and seek justice no matter what the cost and you will never lack support. Let your actions demonstrate your loyalty to the Order and those in it.

Shield Season

Welcome to Winter, my friends, which starts at Samhain and continues through and includes Yule and beyond. That wonderful time of the year when our thoughts turn inward, ruminating on what the past year has brought us, and what we wish to work on in the following year.

I've always looked on this season as a time of rest and per-

sonal reflection; the time when I organize and plan for projects that will begin when the land awakes anew.

We all need rest. Take the time now to rest your soul and get old projects finished and in order before starting anything new. Clear off your desk, put up your feet and breathe.

There. Doesn't that feel better?

How do *you* spend your Shield Season?



Battersea Shield, 1st century BCE, currently housed in the British Museum

“A generous heart, kind speech and a life of service and compassion are the things that renew humanity.”

Truth and Compassion *by Lady Cassandra, Chancellor General*

Much of the chatter the occurs informally in the Order over the last year has highlighted members' ability to persevere, be strong, and courageous in the face of adversity and continue to grow. The ability to keep getting up and keep moving forward is a learned skill, like any other, and is not learned overnight. It also doesn't exist by itself. There are two aspects of our Code of Chivalry that I believe are instrumental in enabling our brothers and sisters in the Order to accomplish what looks like – dare I say magic?

Truth. I see this as being the building block of the whole thing. Truth. Being honest to yourself first and foremost. Without an unvarnished, clear assessment

of your strengths and weaknesses, you really have no idea what you have to work with. Once you're truthful with yourself, you can be truthful with those around you. Another magical aspect of truth that many forget is that energy work – magick – is built upon belief first and foremost, and when you know right down to your bones who you are and what you're working with, the possibilities are near limitless.

Compassion. This should colour your truth. Strengths and weaknesses are neither good nor bad, they just are. Just like a hammer is no good for cutting wood, neither is a saw proficient at pounding nails. Be compassionate with yourself and those around you and know

that the truth doesn't necessarily need to hurt, but is the building block with which change is built. Compassion doesn't give us license to overlook that which is difficult or dangerous, but in reality gives us the strength to be more gentle with ourselves or others while still accomplishing the same goal.

Build your foundation firmly and the rest of the Code will fall more easily into place.



Executive Positions *by Cassandra, Chancellor General*

Some time in the next six months we will be having the Order's Annual General Meeting. At that time the new Executive will need to be elected and bylaws will be ratified or approved, as well as any other business that needs the discussion and/or approval of the entire Order. The Executive positions are an integral part of the day-to-day workings of the Order.

For those of you not familiar with the Executive positions held in the Order, and as a review for those who do, they are as follows:

1. **Preceptor General:** this is the president of the society. S/he presides at all meetings of the society and of the directors, and is the chief executive officer of the society, supervising

the other officers in the execution of their duties. This post is currently held by Kerr Cuhulain.

2. **Chancellor General:** this is the vice president of the society. S/he must carry out the duties of the president during the president's absence, and is responsible for overseeing training and mentorship of preceptories and members. This post is currently held by Lady Cassandra.
3. **Inspector General:** this is the public relations officer of the society. This person is responsible for all public relations activities, including but not limited to maintaining the order's websites, blogs and newsletters. Currently this position is va-

cant, and the responsibilities are being split between Kerr and Cassandra.

4. **Secretary General:** this is the secretary of the society. This person conducts the correspondence of the society, issues notices of meetings of the society and directors, keeps minutes of all meetings of the society and directors, has custody of all records and documents of the society except those required to be kept by the Treasurer, have custody of the common seal of the society, and maintains the register of members. This position is currently vacant, and the duties have been maintained by Kerr Cuhulain.

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Code of Chivalry *by Lady Cassandra, Chancellor General*

The Code of Chivalry of the Order of Paladins can often look daunting the first time a potential new member sees it. There's so much to remember, so many changes to make to follow this code. How can it be done?

Most of all – is it worth it?

To follow any spiritual path is to build yourself a code: a moral code, a code of ethics, for us a code of chivalry. This code gives you the framework on which you hang your relig-

ion, what gives it shape and cohesiveness with those who share our path.

Along with our 13 Precepts, these are the guiding principles of our Order, the things that give us strength, unity of purpose, and a stillness at the centre that I've never found anywhere else. This stillness allows me to hear Divinity like never before, even as a solitary.

Does being comfortable in your own skin, no matter what happens sound like something you'd like in your life? What about a framework that allows you to connect with Divinity without "getting in the way"? How about being surrounded by others of like mind who you know have the same code, who you know have your back?

Just a thought ...



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5. **Treasurer General:** this is the Treasurer of the society, and keeps the financial records, including books of account, necessary to comply with the *Society Act*, and renders financial statements to the directors, members and others when required. This position is currently vacant and is being covered by Kerr Cuhulain.

While the Order currently is not registered under the *Society Act*, the intent is to again move in this direction and become a legally recognized religious institution under the laws of British Columbia. We were almost there with the Order of Scathach, and we intend to complete the process with the Order of Paladins.

These positions are all equally important to the smooth functioning of

our Order. While we're small, as we are currently, filling more than one role is not particularly onerous. However, as we grow—and make no doubt about it, we *will* grow—it is unreasonable to expect this practice to continue.

Right now our Preceptor General, Kerr Cuhulain, is wearing multiple hats, functioning as our Preceptor General, Inspector General, Secretary General and Treasurer General. I am currently in the role of Chancellor General and helping with some of the tasks from the sphere of the Inspector General and Secretary General.

While we're not asking anyone to immediately step forward and take on a position that they're

unfamiliar with, please consider familiarizing yourself with the responsibilities of each position, perhaps assist the person who is currently holding this position, and see what kind of skills and time commitment it requires.

This wonderful Order of ours only works if we all work together to make it strong and robust. Even if you don't feel you're ready to hold one of these Executive positions, please consider volunteering a bit of your time to assist with some of the workload of the Order. You don't need to be in the same vicinity as the Motherhouse, or even in Canada to be involved. All you need is a stable internet connection and the will to work.

Preceptor General:
Charles E (Kerr Cuhulain)

Chancellor General:
Caroline L (Cassandra)

Inspector General:
vacant

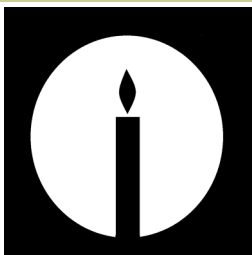
Secretary General:
vacant

Treasurer General:
vacant

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CURRENT MENTORS

Lord Kerr Cuhulain
Lady Cassandra



Supporting the Order

What can you do to support your Order?

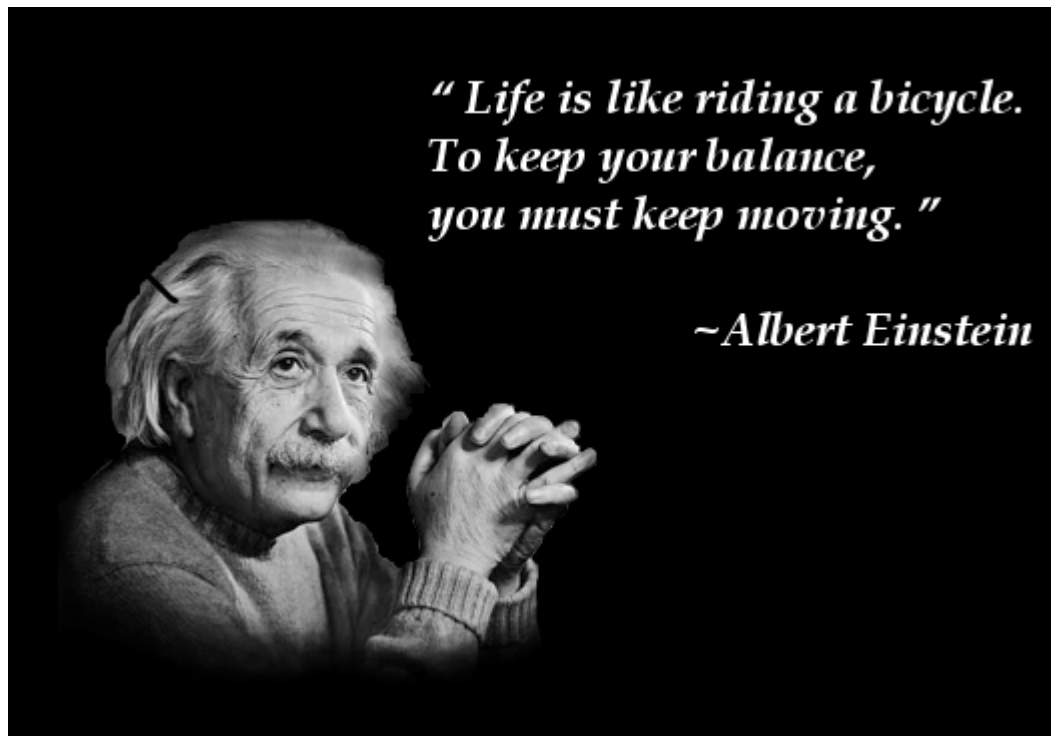
Pay your dues.

Contribute to the Newsletter.

Network with other members of the Order.

Volunteer.

Walk the walk and Be Glorious!



Contributions Wanted

Have you got a technique that you would like to share with the members? How about an experience or situation from yourself or one of your students? We want to hear from you!

Photo contributions, book reviews, or any other information you'd like to share are welcomed as well.

If you'd like to see your words in print here in Be Glorious, forward your article to cassandra_ca@yahoo.com no less than two weeks before the scheduled publication date to ensure inclusion.

The next publication is set for Imbolc (February 1st), so please have your submission in no later than January 16th.



Release your inner creativity - we want your submissions!