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Musings of our Supreme Grand Master

Greetings Frates:

On March 22nd, 2013, I reached another important and exciting milestone in my life by exchanging marriage vows with Anita. The Ceremony was officiated by our Grand Chaplain, and my dear friend, R.Em.Kt.. Rev, Dr. Earl Sharam. This was a special honour.

Shortly thereafter, we proceeded to Washington, DC to participate in Easter Sunrise Ceremony on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. We were the guests of Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The ceremony was very impressive and meaningful. I was honoured to have the opportunity to bring greetings on your behalf as the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. It was a special privilege to be accompanied by M.Em.Kt. Joseph R. Marshall, GCT, PSGM, his Lady Patricia and our Grand Chancellor, R.Em.Kt. David G. Walker, KCT, and Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment.

Anita and I then travelled to Jamaica for a relaxing holiday following which Anita returned to Edmonton and I remained in Toronto for the Grand Executive meeting and three weeks of Official Visits in Ontario.

Planning for our Annual Assembly is well underway under the direction of our

General Chairman, R.Em.Kt. Terry Gould and promises to be an invitation to the “Spirit of the West For all of you who are able to attend. Edmonton is hosting this event for the first time since 1993. Wishing you and yours a relaxing summer and I look forward to welcoming you to Edmonton in August.

G.E. (Gerry) Tetzloff, GCT, Supreme Grand Master

130th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY August 16th to 18th, 2013 Radisson Hotel Edmonton South Edmonton, Alberta

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Just what is this Templar Treasure anyways?

Article by: V. Em. Kt. William F. Mann

As a well-known Templar historian and author, I often get asked by fellow Masons / Knights Templar and outside readers alike: *Exactly what is this Templar Treasure that everyone appears to be talking about nowadays?*

Unfortunately, present-day Hollywood movies such as *The Da Vinci Code*, *National Treasure* and even *The Kingdom* have romanticized the struggle of the medieval Knights Templar beyond their noble spiritual journey. Instead, we learn that there lies to this day somewhere in the world a fantastic treasure, beyond human comprehension, which when finally uncovered change the course of world politics and religion.

Certainly, with the advent of the internet, there appears to be a swelling tide of interest relating to the question as to whether the medieval Knights Templar in fact possessed the Holy Grail. The answer to this is a very simple one: *There is no doubt whatsoever that the Templars possessed the Holy Grail.* But then what really is the Grail? Is it the cup of Christ or something so totally different?

The explanation behind this answer, unfortunately, remains somewhat complicated and, to a degree, very speculative. The key, as I have learned during the writing of my first two books, *The Knights Templar in the New World*, and *The Templar Meridians: The secret mapping of the New World* is to constantly “look beyond” what appears at first to be the true answer. The simple reasoning is that why else would both the Roman Church and French State pursue the Templars to the far ends of the earth and torture them beyond compassion. Obviously, the accusations of blasphemy and homosexuality were only an excuse to justify their actions. It really doesn't take any skill to recognize that the inner circle of the medieval Templars possessed something far more valuable than mere silver and gold – something that threatened the very being of the Church and State.

What I believe that the Templars possessed beyond any mere physical treasure, and became sworn guardians of, was the unbroken line of “ancient knowledge” which among other

things allowed the ancient mariner to circumnavigate the world. It is now coming to light that trade among the “Old World” and the “New World” had regularly occurred throughout the Egyptian/Greek to Roman eras by “societies who were in on the secret!” Hints of these visits and settlement now appear to be revealing themselves through a variety of sources including classic mythology, Indian legend and maritime folklore, as well as through recent archaeological discoveries and have become the focus of well-known TV series such as H2's AMERICA UN-EARTHED.

This hidden knowledge was pure power. Secret Societies that not only possessed the ability to track the sun, moon and the stars, but possessed the inherent wisdom to maintain the “secret” of being able to fix longitudinal positions long before it became common practice, were societies in constant danger of being exterminated. On the other hand, those societies who were able to exploit their advantage to the fullest such as the earliest Templars enjoyed a status rivaled by none.

In other words, the Templars, and those who came before them, were accorded the ability to “look beyond” standard Church dogma to places yet to be “discovered” – the mythical Otherworld – America!

Think about it for a moment. If you possessed an unlimited source of raw material, fertile land, and mineral wealth, would you reveal it to the world? No, I don't think that you would, especially if you were in the business of “brokering” peace among nations. The Templars would surely have considered this knowledge to be a “God-given gift.” Thereby, the Templars would have considered themselves to be the guardians of a direct “conduit” between God and man. The Templars would have also believed that this conduit of knowledge straight from the heavens exposed itself through the Mysteries of Christ. To the Templars, this embodiment of heavenly knowledge was The Holy Grail.

You may ask how was it that longitudinal coordinates could be established in pre-Christian times prior to the development of the chronometer. Again, the answer is the simplest, yet most complicated, of all possibilities. Since the concept of time began, man has turned his eyes to the sky and followed the paths of the heavenly bodies. Evolving from this activity was the establishment of strategic viewing positions, which allowed the “Ancients” to establish “roselines” (meridians) around the world. These ancient stone circles and menhirs found around the world, such as Stonehenge, were used to track the

known paths or circuits of the eclipses of the sun and the moon.

It was this recognition of “order” and “pattern” in all that made up the universe, which resulted in the development of “sacred geometry.” As such, sacred geometry was derived through man’s ability to reason, which means that all men possessed the “Grail knowledge” through the “art of reasoning.” Come to think of it, there is nothing really “sacred” about it, other than the knowledge that certain Egyptian “royal lines” came to assume it as their God-given right.

Indeed, I would be bold to say that modern society should not be looking to certain royal houses to capture the “lost art,” but to its historical guardians including the Celtic Druids and Irish, and medieval Knights Templar. Hence, the seeker of the true Holy Grail must follow the path to the source of Celtic tradition and its Indo-European roots. Only when one understands their own roots will one better understand themselves. And for the seeker who is able to arrive at the proper application of knowledge and understanding, wisdom and truth will be revealed.

I would like to think that this is what modern-day Christian Masonry is assuming. The mantle that the modern-day Knights Templar receives during his consecration is not just a prop. It is a symbol of a man who has risen to another level of understanding and strives to maintain that level through honour, integrity, fairness and compassion.

Coming full circle, these four simple “commodities” were the “Grail treasures” that the inner core of Knights Templar possessed. Unfortunately, even sailing half way around the world in A.D. 1398 to what was considered a New Jerusalem (modern-day Nova Scotia) could not prevent the Templars from being relentlessly pursued by both Church and State. Therefore, it was in the wilderness of A(r)cadia that the 14th-century spiritual leader of the Scottish Knights Templar, Prince Henry Sinclair, “buried” the Holy Grail until such time that a more enlightened society could make better use of its virtues.

In this circumstance, one can only conclude that the Holy Grail was the recorded knowledge of the Ancients, set down by those initiates who were willing to sacrifice their lives to perpetuate in words the one true connection between heaven and earth.

Remember that the Celtic soul lies in the

head. Thus, the Templars did not allow their hearts to rule their actions. Similarly, the Holy Grail awaits those who practice the simple art of reasoning, enabling them to look beyond the trap-pings that await them on their journey. Here is the true Templar Treasure!

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For Election to Grand Council

For District Grand Standard Bearers

July 1st. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Please file your Committee’s Report, in “electronic form” if possible, for publication in preliminary Proceedings

LADIES AGENDA – “PRELIMINARY” - SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY August 16 & 17, 2013

In keeping with our “Feel the Energy” theme, the ladies program this year is sizzling with a dynamic array of activities that are sure to impress and invigorate the most discerning of our ladies! Some of our plans are still being finalized, therefore, certain times and events may be subject to change; however, the following will give you an idea of the great

Friday, August 16

Friday is shop till you drop at West Edmonton Mall, the largest shopping mall in North America and the tenth largest in the world. A private chartered bus will pick the ladies up at the hotel at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 and drop off / pick up at the mall at 10:30, 12:30, and 2:30. With Alberta being the only province without a provincial sales tax, this is the ideal time for ladies to restock their closet! For those who don't wish to shop, and are looking for something completely different, the bus to West Edmonton Mall will also do a drop off/ pick up run to the nearby River Cree Casino, where smoking is allowed in the casino.

Saturday, August 17

The fun continues in the evening with our second hospitality meet and greet, come and socialize with friends old and new! Appetizers and a no-host bar will be available.

Get ready for a great day of energizing fun! The Saturday program commences at 10:00 a.m., as the ladies are picked up at the hotel by bus and enjoy a tour of the city's interesting and historic landmarks.

At 11:00 a.m., the bus will deliver our group to the Al Shamal Shrine Centre, where the ladies will be entertained with a light hearted presentation by Penny Gould, followed by our keynote speaker, Denise Leclair, owner of Bedouin Beats in Edmonton, Boomer Belly Dancing instructor, and nominee for YMCA Women of Vision award. Denise will discuss the benefits of Boomer Belly Dancing (for ladies aged 40, 50, 60, 70, and up) and then lead the ladies through a few traditional and not-so-traditional belly dance moves – a low-impact and fun activity designed for the gracefully aging bodies of the boomers! Bedouin Beats will offer a selection of clothing, accessories and costume jewellery for sale – if you like sparkly, glittery things, you won't want to miss Denise's eye-popping selection (maybe a new necklace and earrings for the banquet...?).

Following lunch, catered by Dandy's Catering, Carol Logan, proprietor of Carol's Quality Sweets, Edmonton's premier chocolate and candy shop, will deliver an entertaining and delicious chocolate workshop. Carol's chocolate workshops are a popular event, having been featured for many years at the Jasper Park Lodge's famous annual Christmas in November program (a Fairmont Hotel event). The chocolate workshop will be a hands-on program as the ladies learn to make their own delicious chocolates, which they will take with them when they leave – just don't expect them to share! Carol's Quality Sweets will offer a selection of handmade chocolates, truffles and specialty candy for sale (you might consider some sweets to sweeten up your man when you tell him about the jewelry you bought from Denise!)

We are also so pleased to be welcoming the Al Shamal Potentate, Ill. Sir Larry Howard, and his Lady Roseanne as they join us for lunch and to deliver a few words.

Please note the Edmonton organizing committee has established a Facebook page that can be reached at:

<https://www.facebook.com/2013ConventionOfTheSGPofCanadaAndGICofCanada>

This page will be regularly uploaded with current pictures, suggested shopping and restaurants nearby. Attendees can contact the committee direct with questions on the Edmonton area plus other holiday tips and suggestions.

KNIGHT'S AGENDA

Friday

7:00	9:00	Buffet Breakfast
7:30	8:45	GCT Breakfast
9:30	17:00	registration SGP Hospitality Room
9:15	12:00	PGP Seminar
10:00	12:00	Officers' Seminars (all Knights welcome)
10:00	12:00	Registrars' Seminar
13:30	15:30	Grand Council
15:30	16:30	KT Charitable Foundation AGM
16:30	17:30	officers rehearsal main meeting rm
19:00	22:00	Meet & Greet

Saturday

7:00	9:00	Buffet Breakfast
8:30	10:00	registration SGP Hospitality Room
8:00	16:30	Grand Assembly
12:00	13:00	Luncheon Men
18:00	19:00	Reception
19:00	22:00	Grand Banquet

Sunday

7:00	8:30	KCT Breakfast
7:00	9:00	Buffet Breakfast
9:30	10:30	Divine Service

Times may be adjusted & locations to be advised