# Many Houses, One Lady

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*the clerical and fighting orders of Larani on Hârn: what they share, what sets each apart, and why they are governed as they are*

> "A man who tells you that all knights of the Lady are alike has met only one of them, and that one briefly. I have now met, by letter and in person, men and women of all four of her houses. They agree on the Lady. They agree on almost nothing else, and each is certain the others have misunderstood her."
>
> — Tashal, Morgat 720 TR

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I began this inquiry thinking I should find four orders of one mind. I have found two pairs, four histories and a great many opinions. What follows is my account of them, set down as an onlooker who owes courtesy to every house named, and who has no wish to be thought to take a side in their quarrels.

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**How Sure I Am**

**Certain:** the orders' own published accounts say so.

**Confident:** my correspondents agree, and nothing published contradicts them.

**A fair guess:** my own reading of what the others told me.

**I cannot say:** I asked, and was refused or not answered.

## Two and Two

The Lady keeps four houses on Hârn, and they come in pairs: two clerical orders, each sponsoring one fighting order. In the east, the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow sponsors the Order of the Lady of Paladins. In the west, the Order of Hyvrik sponsors the Order of the Checkered Shield. *Certain.*

The line between east and west was drawn by distance, not doctrine. The Lady of Paladins was chartered for "the entirety of the Hârnic Isles", but fighting battles hundreds of leagues from Melderyn proved too hard, and King Andasin I of Kanday founded the Checkered Shield in 622 to guard his own border. The Lady of Paladins' charter was never amended. The two fighting orders call each other brothers in arms, open their chapterhouses to each other's knights, and meet most fiercely in the tournament lists. *Certain.*

What all four share is considerable:

- **One church.** All four serve the Church of Larani, under the pontiff at Tengela. None is a church of its own. *Certain.*
- **One tongue of office.** All four style their ranks in Emela. A knight of either fighting order is a *melana*, a wandering knight an *erana*, a chosen soldier an *erken*. I set out these words in *The Lady's Grammar*. *Certain.*
- **One rite.** Every chapter's life turns on the Soratir, the lay mass, and each fighting order lives by three books of rule, history and parables. The Checkered

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Shield's rule-book was adapted from the Lady of Paladins'. *Certain.*

- **One duty.** Both fighting orders guard the church's prelates and its holy places, Peonian as well as Laranian. *Certain.*
- **Women serve.** The Primate of Hârn is a woman, and both fighting orders take noble daughters as knights, though few. *Certain.*

What they do not share is a master. Each fighting order looks to its clerical sponsor, and each sponsor looks to the church above it. Every one of those ties, I found, is looser than it is meant to be.

## Sword and Altar

A clerical order is a body of priests; a fighting order is a brotherhood of knights and soldiers that a clerical order sponsors and is meant to command. That one relationship shapes everything else in this article.

The church says it plainly: the priesthood stands apart from the knights. Most priests have some skill at arms, but it is the laity's duty to champion the Lady's cause, while the priesthood serves as the church's conscience. *Certain.* A clerical order is headed by a *Turintesa*, a fighting order by a *Chabla*. In most Laranian fighting orders the Turintesa chooses the Chabla. *Certain.*

Not every Laranian priest belongs to a clerical order, and on Melderyn Isle many do not. *Certain.* A clerical order lends its priests to its fighting order as chaplains, and in return the fighting order guards its prelates and temples. That is the bargain as it was written. A chaplain of the Lady of Paladins put it to me in a letter:

> *We are the arm, and the Spear is meant to be the conscience. An arm that is given its own lands soon forgets whose shoulder it hangs from.*
>
> — a chaplain of the Lady at Caer Cundras, who asks not to be named

## The Spear of Shattered Sorrow

The Spear is the elder clerical order of Hârn, and across most of the east it is the church itself: it holds the primacy, most of the mainland clergy, and great estates.

**Its beginning.** The order descends from the missionaries led by Fardir of Tenil, a priest and knight who came from Shorkyne in the 3rd century to guard the Lady's temples. When his order had languished, King Erebir of Melderyn sponsored its reform in 465, and it took the name it bears today. *Certain.*

**Its name.** Fardir's holy spear, Protector, could heal and slay. With each victory over Agrik's men his love of battle grew and his mercy shrank, until in his last fight an Agrikan knight shattered the spear. As Fardir drove the broken blade into his foe's throat, he saw his own face. He confessed his sin, gave the shaft to his companions and walked away with the head, and neither was seen again. The lesson the order draws is that it profits a man nothing to defeat an enemy if he becomes that enemy. *Certain.* An acolyte at Jelim Abbey is said to have found the shaft. Others say the Red Shadows of Herpa hold the spear in Rethem. *I cannot say* which, if either, is true.

**Its power.** The pontiff set the Hârnic primacy at Thay in 620, and the Spear's Turintesa holds it: today Kerthede Talvail is both Turintesa and *Lirrath* of Hârn. Most priests and temples of mainland Melderyn belong to the order, and it holds ten abbeys or manors there. In Kaldor it is one of the greatest landholders, and the Archbishop of Kaldor has influence equal to the earls and perhaps more soldiers. *Certain.*

**Its limits.** On Melderyn Isle many priests are not of the order, among them the Archbishop at Cherafir, Serekela Aravis Chorlon, and the Rekela at Tageb. In Chybisa the order holds few lands, and the church has named no archbishop there. *Certain.* The Spear's tithes are meant to flow up a chain to Thay and its gifts down again. The chain is weakest where the order holds least: in Melderyn, where the crown granted its gifts directly to the Lady of Paladins, and in Kaldor, where the archbishop stands close to his king and far from his primate. *Certain.*

**Its rule.** The Spear's precepts are few and fit in one slim volume, the *Letters of the Road*. Every cleric carries a copy. Some are jewelled; others are worn parchment in a scuffed tube. *Certain.* I was told, by a Spear priest who

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owns the second kind, that the first kind is rarely opened.

## The Lady of Paladins

The Lady of Paladins is the elder fighting order: one order with three very different branches. How each branch holds its land decides how far the Spear can command it.

**Its beginning.** King Poleryn of Melderyn funded the order in 575, when the Morgathian Theocracy of Tekhos was burning the west. Its knights sailed with Spear priests to fight the Theocracy, and afterwards came under the Spear's sponsorship, guarding its temples and leaders. *Certain.* Its first house was at Thay. In 654 King Etobron gave it the royal keeps of Cundras and Fosumo, against the advice of many of his vassals, and the order moved its headquarters to Cundras. *Certain.*

**Three kinds of chapter.** A *shield chapter* guards prelates: in Melderyn the Primate at Thay, the Archbishop at Cherafir, and the bishops at Radeth and Tageb. A *sword chapter* guards frontiers and roads with ten or twelve knights and twice as many soldiers; Cundras and Fosumo are far larger. A *manor chapter* raises food and goods under an old knight, with retirees on the walls. *Certain.*

**Melderyn.** Here every chapter's land is held directly of the king, so the grandmaster ranks with a baron at court and owes the Spear far less than he would elsewhere. *Certain.* The grandmaster, Chabla Sir Enyel Trenoul, a Kaldoran, was named by the Primate in 711 as a compromise between factions of the church. *Certain.* From Cundras and Fosumo the order now wages its crusade against the Solori, begun after missionaries were tortured and killed in 714. The church is divided over it, the pontiff and the Primate are troubled by it, and some lords have withheld their gifts. Sir Selic Orgone of Fosumo leads it in the field. *Certain.* On the crusade itself I offer no judgement of my own. It is not my place, and my correspondents disagree with one another more sharply than I could.

**Kaldor.** The Kaldoric branch is larger: five sword chapters on the five great roads, shield chapters for the archbishop and four bishops, and some twenty manor chapters. All its lands are held of the Spear, not of the king, to teach the knights deference to their clerical sponsor. *Certain.* Since 659 its affairs have been run by a Soylana Assembly of its own commanders, led by the Reblena of Whyce, now Sir Houla Artona, who is equal to the grandmaster in all but name and who seldom crosses the archbishop. A combined Assembly of both kingdoms has not met in years. *Certain.*

**Chybisa.** One sword chapter, Ulmstane: five knights and thirty soldiers, with no manors of its own, kept alive by King Verlid VII's subsidy. It is subordinate to Namadees Abbey in law, yet its commander, Sir Hurben Larles, is the king's nephew, and the abbot of Namadees will take no guards from it. *Certain.*

**Its people.** Most knights are younger sons and daughters of noble houses, or noble bastards. They serve four years as *atalana*, noble squires, and are knighted at the Tirannon, on the Feast of St. Ambrathas, 17 Larane. Common recruits present themselves at a sword chapter on Valamin's Day, 2 Peonu, for a tenday of trials. *Certain.* A soldier knighted from the ranks is, in the order's own words, exceedingly rare, and of the custom that follows I wrote in *Raised by the Lady*.

## The Order of Hyvrik

Hyvrik is the clerical order of the west. Nearly every Laranian priest from Kanday to Tharda belongs to it, yet it holds no estates, and it is slowly being eclipsed by the church hierarchy it staffs.

**Its name and beginning.** Hyvrik is the Lady's red and white checkered shield. The tale is that the priest Tarsyl, scourged by V'hir in the wilds of Aleathia, rebuked the demons at every lash until a knight in silver mail with a checkered shield rode them down and carried him to Aleath. The grateful city gave his priests land, and the order was formally created there in 593. Andasin I granted it great lands. Tarsyl, its first Turintesa, wrote its rule as letters to his missionaries, gathered as *The Glorification of the Steadfast*. *Certain.*

**Its rule.** Tarsyl's letters set out the *Hesa-Eran*, three vows to keep the church's moral precepts, and the acceptable forms of the *Telur-Vakum*, ritual labour.

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They teach the missionaries to win not only rulers but the classes that let them rule: in Tharda today the order backs senators who favour hereditary nobility, and courts small landholders, legionaries and craftsmen. *Certain.*

**Its peculiar position.** Hyvrik stands outside the church's own bureaucracy, yet its priests fill nearly every office of it in the west, the Serekela and the Rekelas among them. Apart from its town temples it holds no land; the abbeys are held through the Serekela. Its Turintesa is not chosen by the pontiff or by the order, but appointed by the Serekela of Kanday. *Certain.* So the order supplies the men who rule the western church, and those men increasingly rule it.

**Its present.** The Turintesa, Toril Elcher, was chosen by the Serekela in 715 as a capable tool. He then claimed a vision of St. Talroc rebuking the order's worldliness, and has turned it back towards missions in Tharda, Rethem and the barbarian lands, even as the Serekela diverts the church's money to estates and influence. Cynics say the order needed something to do. *Certain.* He would like the Checkered Shield back under his hand. *Certain.* A priest of the order at Dyrisa wrote to me, not for attribution:

> *We built the church in the west. Now the church keeps the house, and we are sent out to build another.*
>
> — a priest of Hyvrik at Dyrisa

## The Checkered Shield

The Checkered Shield is the fighting order of Kanday, born of a king's war and still more the crown's than the church's. It alone among the Lady's orders elects its own grandmaster.

**Its beginning.** Andasin I founded the order in 622 to win and guard Kanday's north. Within five years it had doubled the size of the kingdom, and it was placed under Hyvrik's sponsorship to guard the church's leaders and its Laranian and Peonian houses. *Certain.* It fought Tharda in the Five-Year War and Rethem's Agrikans through Ezar's War (682–697), and in 695 it took Menekod castle from the Order of the Copper Hook. Menekod has been its headquarters since. *Certain.* The Copper Hook never accepted the Treaty of Selvos, and the two orders still raid each other from Menekod and Hyen while both kings pretend it is only a religious quarrel. *Certain.*

**Its government.** The Chabla is in theory under Hyvrik's Turintesa, but in practice answers to the Serekela and the king. Where other orders' grandmasters are chosen by their Turintesa, the Shield has the privilege of electing its own. Its commanders are chosen by the Chabla from those the Soylana Assembly names. *Certain.* The present Chabla, Sir Syman Tolfane, is a pious man whose father is the Serolan Royal, the king's chaplain. *Certain.*

**Its houses.** About 800 members, a third of them knights, keep some thirty-five chapterhouses: *preceptories* of about ten knights and twenty soldiers, *commanderies* of half that, and *granges* worked by bailiffs. *Certain.* Many chapterhouses are held not by the order but by a Rekela or by Hyvrik, and churchmen use that to bend the order. The Chabla wants them all under his hand. The order's own lands feed less than half its members, so it lives on gifts from the crown, the clans and Hyvrik. *Certain.*

**Its words.** The Shield keeps the *rilana*, noble lay brothers who live on their own manors but must answer the Chabla's muster; the *venilana*, retired knights who stay on as bailiffs or chamberlains; and the *veniken*, soldiers retired after twenty years, many of whom become yeomen on abbey lands. *Certain.* Its code holds that quarter may be offered to the infidel but never accepted from one. Maces are disliked, for their taint of Agrik. *Certain.*

My friend Gerla Largen, a venilana who keeps the Shield's commandery at Xerle, wrote to me of the difference between his order and the Lady of Paladins:

> *Your Melderyni ride out in summer and come home with tales. We have stood in the same doorway since my grandfather's day. A man learns patience, or he learns to drink. I have done both.*
>
> — Gerla Largen, venilana of the Checkered Shield, Xerle


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## Houses That Are Not the Lady's

The Balm of Joy and the Irreproachable Order belong to Peoni, not Larani. *Certain.* The confusion is easy, because the Lady's knights guard Peoni's houses: at Cherafir the Lady of Paladins guards both Peonian temples, and in Kanday the Shield guards the Peonian abbeys of Chantaer and Forute, of which two of its commanderies are held. The Pelnala of Duseda Abbey sent her guards home, for reasons of doctrine. *Certain.* A traveller who sees a knight at a Peonian door should not tell the priestess inside that her house is the Lady's.

## How They Are Governed

The four houses are governed by two different logics: the clerical orders through the church's offices, the fighting orders through land. Each fighting order's land decides whom it obeys.

| | The Spear | Lady of Paladins | Hyvrik | The Shield |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kind | Clerical | Fighting | Clerical | Fighting |
| Founded | 465, reformed under King Erebir | 575, by King Poleryn | 593, at Aleath | 622, by Andasin I |
| Sponsor | — | The Spear | — | Hyvrik |
| Head | Turintesa Kerthede Talvail, also Primate of Hârn | Chabla Sir Enyel Trenoul | Turintesa Toril Elcher | Chabla Sir Syman Tolfane |
| Head chosen | Holds the primacy by the pontiff's decree of 620 | Named by the Spear's Turintesa | Appointed by the Serekela of Kanday | Elected by the order |
| Seat | Thay | Cundras | Aleath | Menekod |
| Where | Melderyn, Kaldor, Chybisa | The same | Kanday, Tharda; missions in Rethem | Kanday; temple chapters in Tharda |
| Holds land | Abbeys and manors; very large in Kaldor | Of the king in Melderyn, of the Spear in Kaldor, by subsidy in Chybisa | None but its town temples | Some of the king; many held by the clergy |
| Answers to | Its own Primate; the archbishops answer also to their kings | In Melderyn, its Chabla; in Kaldor, the archbishop and Whyce | The Serekela of Kanday | The Serekela and the king |
| Chief worry now | Losing its fighting order | The Solora crusade; Kaldor breaking away | Losing its place to the hierarchy | Its factions; the Copper Hook |

Two things stand out. The fighting orders hold land and the clerical orders hold offices; and of the four heads, only the Shield's grandmaster owes his place to his own brothers.

## Why They Differ

The four houses teach the same Lady, and the orders themselves say there is no real difference of philosophy between the two fighting orders. *Certain.* What divides them is history and ground, and I count five causes.

- **Distance.** The Spear and the Lady of Paladins were once meant for all Hârn. The west was too far, so the west grew its own pair, and each pair grew to suit its kingdoms.
- **Who gave the land, and to whom.** This is the great cause. In Melderyn the kings gave Cundras and Fosumo and their manors to the Lady of Paladins directly, so its grandmaster owes the Spear little, delays its tithe, and goes his own way. In Kaldor the same order holds every acre of the Spear, and its commanders tread carefully. In Chybisa one chapter lives on a king's purse and does the king's will. Hyvrik was given land by Andasin I, yet today holds none, and is weaker for it. The Shield's


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chapterhouses are held partly of the king and partly of churchmen, and every churchman who holds one has a lever. *Certain*, every part.

- **Who appoints the head.** A Turintesa appointed by an archbishop serves the archbishop. A Chabla named by a Turintesa ought to serve the Turintesa, though Sir Enyel shows that ought is not does. A Chabla elected by his brothers serves his brothers, and then his king. *Confident.*
- **The enemy at the gate.** The Shield has faced an Agrikan order across a border for a generation; it is a garrison and a standing army of the crown. The Lady of Paladins in Melderyn faces tribesmen and has turned outward into a crusade; in Kaldor it guards roads and joins the marches' summer campaigns. The clerical orders face the dark churches and the unconverted, and turn to missions when their offices are taken from them. *Certain*, as to the facts; *a fair guess*, as to the weight.
- **The church above.** In the east the Spear's Turintesa is the Primate, so the clerical order and the hierarchy are one, except on Melderyn Isle and wherever an archbishop stands closer to his king. In the west the Serekela is the hierarchy, and Hyvrik merely staffs it. *Certain.*

Lesli of Bifel tells me the Terrans' own knightly orders were shaped by the same forces: who fought beside them, who fed them, and who could sign their charters. His people quarrelled over such things for centuries. He thinks it speaks well of the Lady's houses that their quarrels are mostly about land and not about her.

## Ways and Parties

Each pair of houses is torn by two arguments at once: a quarrel of doctrine about how warlike the Lady's faithful should be, and a quarrel of power about who commands the swords. I set them down as reported, with no side taken.

**Two ways of doctrine.** In the east, the *Reluctant Way* stresses honour, compassion and mercy over martial glory. Its leading voice is Ilor Hadan, Bishop of Nurez, with Abriel Abbey as its rallying point; he has even dismissed his shield chapter. The Archbishop of Kaldor opposes it vehemently. In the west, the *Way of the Avenging Sword* exalts the Lady's terrible aspect, the "Lady of the Flowing Red", and is unforgiving and zealous. It is popular among the Shield's knights along the Rethem border, above all at Menekod. Both Hyvrik's Turintesa and the Serekela fear it borders on heresy. *Certain.* So the east argues whether the sword has been drawn too often, and the west whether it has been drawn often enough.

**The Lady of Paladins in Kaldor.** The grandmaster's demands for the crusade have split the Kaldoric Assembly three ways. A minority led by the Reblena of Yaltako would obey him at any cost. A larger party under Sir Houla Artona and the Reblena of Vadan stays loyal but thinks the crusade unjust. A separatist party under the Reblena of Jenkald would found a Kaldoric order of its own. *Certain.*

**The Checkered Shield.** The Shield has three named factions. *Certain.*

| Faction | Size | Wants | Led or backed by |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Reluctant Warriors | Largest | A chivalrous order loyal first to the crown, every chapterhouse under the Chabla | Chabla Sir Syman Tolfane |
| The Banners of Honor | Small, growing | A "cleansing assault" on Hyen, to destroy the Copper Hook root and branch | Younger knights hungry for the glory of Ezar's War |
| The Traditionalists | Smallest | The order returned to Hyvrik's direct control | Turintesa Toril Elcher; Sir Tamys Bakyth, Rekela of Perinore |

I beg my readers not to confuse the Reluctant Way of the eastern priests with the Reluctant Warriors of the western knights. The names are a coincidence. The two would not much like each other.

Gerla Largen, I should say, is a veteran of Ezar's War of exactly the kind the Banners admire, and he argues by letter with the young Reblena Daruth Salden of Dyrisa, who is not of the Banners at all. Gerla's view of the Banners is that they are brave boys who have never buried anyone. He did not wish me to print the rest.

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## For the Game Master

This section is set down plainly. "(Inkhorn)" marks the Fellowship's additions; the rest follows the four order books, which give each rank's skills in full and are where to look for them.

### *Choosing a house for a character*

| A player wants… | Point them to | What it costs them |
|---|---|---|
| A crusade, horses and a cause | Lady of Paladins, Melderyn | A grandmaster many think a fanatic, and a war the church is ashamed of |
| Roads, politics and an order on the brink | Lady of Paladins, Kaldor | Choosing between obedience, conscience and secession |
| A real enemy across a real border | Checkered Shield | Garrison life, Copper Hook raids, and three factions pulling at him |
| Freedom inside an order | An erana of either order | His commander's leave, and a recall whenever it is wanted |
| Spying, scouting and secrets | An erken of either order | Commoner's rank, and the most dangerous errands there are |
| Office, power and the church's ear | A priest of the Spear | Obedience to bishops, and the crusade argued at every table |
| Missions to the heathen | A priest of Hyvrik, or a Spear missionary | Distance from home and little success; ask the Pagaelin |

### Joining

Knights of either fighting order are almost all noble. They join as noble squires for four years, then pass the Tirannon on 17 Larane.

A candidate needs his own free will, no debt or oath that would stop his obedience, good health, and a priest's testimonial. A married candidate needs his spouse's leave.

Common soldiers come forward on Valamin's Day, 2 Peonu, with a parent and a priest to vouch for them.

Shield members may marry with their Reblena's leave, but marriage usually ends promotion.

Clerics join the church in the usual way, and then the order of their region.

### Forms of Address

Use the Emela ranks to an order's face, and "Sir" anywhere a lord would.

The two fighting orders are equals: a melana of the Shield at Cundras is a guest, not a stranger.

A character who names the wrong rank to an officer may roll Language (Emela) to recover. (Inkhorn)

### *The chapter's calendar*

| Day | What happens |
|---|---|
| Every day | The lay mass, then the month's rotation of drill, watch and patrol (at a shield chapter, bodyguard) |
| Monthly | Each sword chapter musters its manor chapters, ending in a special lay mass. In Melderyn: Cundras on the 10th, Fosumo on the 20th (Inkhorn) |
| 2 Peonu | Valamin's Day: the recruits' trials begin |
| 16 Peonu | Feast of St. Fardir |
| 1 Nolus | Feast of St. Cermald: recruits learn their postings and march the next day |
| 17 Larane | Feast of St. Ambrathas: the Tirannon at Cundras and Whyce. Kaldor's Royal Chelebin Tournament runs 12–22 Larane |
| 2 Agrazhar | St. Orthas' Day; Orthas is the Shield's patron |
| 3 Halane | Founding of the Lady of Paladins; most promotions |
| 17 Halane | Festival of Mendiz the Lion |


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The Lady of Paladins' Tirannon at Cundras and Whyce falls in the middle of the great Kaldoric tournament, and some Kaldoric lords take the commanders' absence as a snub. It is a useful grievance.

### Hooks

**The spear.** An acolyte at Jelim Abbey has found what may be Protector's shaft and dreamed of its head in the Anadel. His brother, a sergeant at Fosumo, wants leave to go looking. So do half the knights on Hârn.

**The Assembly at Whyce.** The party carries the grandmaster's latest demand to Kaldor on the eve of the Assembly that must decide to obey or break away. Three factions want to know what the letter says before Sir Houla does.

**The dismissed guard.** The Bishop of Nurez has sent his shield chapter away. It sits idle at Swune, and someone has noticed that the bishop is unguarded.

**Hyen.** A knight of the Banners of Honor asks the party to scout the Copper Hook's stronghold. The Chabla would call it a provocation. Someone is paying for it.

**The tithe.** A Spear priest is sent to Cundras to collect what the grandmaster has not paid. He needs witnesses he can trust, and the grandmaster's men are polite to a fault.

**The bones of Perdyn and Baryne.** Every year the temple at Aleath asks for the saints' relics in Thay's crypt. This year a Shield knight means to bring them back himself.

**The Rethemi doorway.** A priest of Hyvrik preaches secretly in Rethem, guarded by an erken of the Shield. Someone in his own church has sold his name.

### Running Them at the Table

**Clerical orders arrange; fighting orders act.** A priest's problem is solved by an appointment. A knight's is solved by a ride.

**Land is loyalty.** Before playing any chapter, ask who holds its land. That is whom it obeys when its masters disagree.

**No one is the villain by default.** The books show the crusade's friends and foes, the Shield's three factions and both Ways as sincere. Let the players choose.

**Secrets.** The order books give each house hidden schemes, among them secret prisons, embezzlers and paymasters in other kingdoms. Read them there; they are not repeated here.

## Sources and Additions

This section is set down plainly. It lists what in this account comes from Columbia Games' published works, and what the Inkhorn Fellowship adds; the Fellowship's additions are marked (Inkhorn) in the text.

***Published sources***

- Columbia Games, *Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow* (#4443): its history, legend, offices, lands and the Reluctant Way.
- Columbia Games, *Order of the Lady of Paladins* (#4444): its history, chapters in three kingdoms, the Soylana Assemblies, the crusade, joining, the calendar and the erana and erken.
- Columbia Games, *Order of Hyvrik* (#4441): its history, rule, position in the western church and the Way of the Avenging Sword.
- Columbia Games, *Order of the Checkered Shield* (#4442): its history, government, factions, chapterhouses and ranks.
- Columbia Games, *Religion* (#4401): the Laranian church, its clerical and fighting orders, and the pontiff.
- Columbia Games, *The Irreproachable Order* (#4453): the Peonian order mentioned in passing.

***Terran sources***

- Lesli of Bifel's correspondence on Terra's knightly orders. Paraphrased; no Terran work is quoted.

***The Fellowship's additions***

- The letters of Gerla Largen, and of the chaplain, the Spear priest and the Hyvrik priest, who are the Fellowship's.
- The five causes, the governance table, and the For the Game Master material, apart from what the books print.
- The muster days at Cundras and Fosumo.

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