

The Temple Artisan

July-August-September 2012

Behold, I give



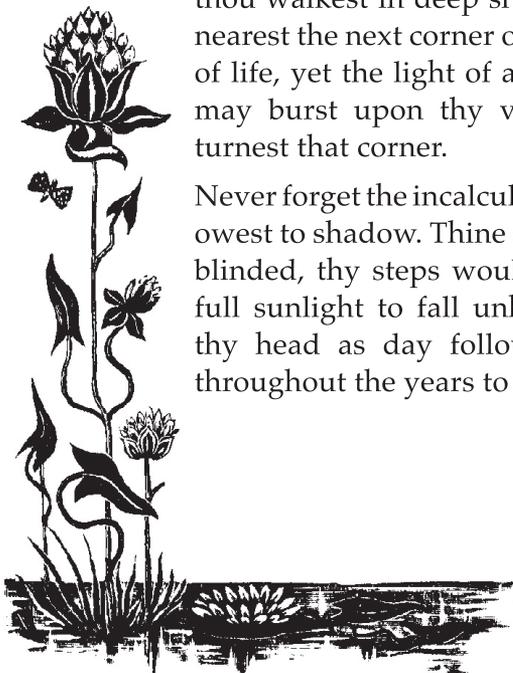
unto thee a key.

ANGEL OF HOPE AND FAITH

CHILD of mine, thou shouldst take heed lest thou unwittingly permit the Angel of Faith and Hope to die in thy heart from inanition. Though thou walkest in deep shadow as thou nearest the next corner of thy pathway of life, yet the light of a noonday sun may burst upon thy vision as thou turnest that corner.

Never forget the incalculable debt thou owest to shadow. Thine eyes would be blinded, thy steps would falter, were full sunlight to fall unhindered over thy head as day follows upon day throughout the years to come.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

This brings warmest Convention greetings from me.

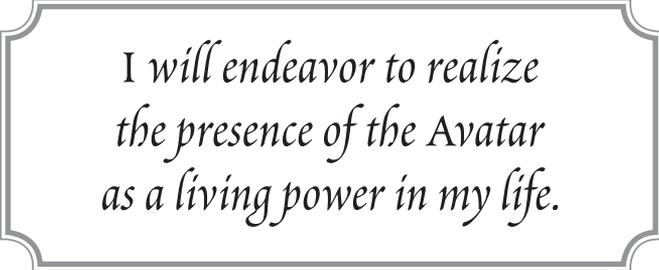
As the Guardian in Chief, this is what I have come to see with startling clarity during the past year. This is what I want to share with you, here and in my yearly message to you.

Acceptance, the theme of our 113th Convention, carries with it the charge to totally accept ourselves and each other, without any responsibility to change each other.

We are here to work out our relationships with each other, with our neighbors, with our so-called enemies. No matter where in the world we live — at the Center in Halcyon, in Europe, Timbuktu, San Francisco or Peru — the bottom line remains that we are responsible for quiet, concentration, aspiration, unified endeavor, and faith in each other and in the common purpose. Since every member of the human race is a part of the grand Temple of Humanity, we cannot limit our interactions to a few who have signed membership applications for The Temple of the People. We cannot withdraw into our selves or into our homes in an effort to avoid the stupidity or violence of the world about us.

We are forgetting that wisdom and peace also exist in equal parts. It is up to us to find wisdom and peace. It is up to us to BE wisdom and peace as far as we are able. As we work on achieving this state, we are developing the strength and insight to enter fully into that place. But we must choose to do it. I will. Will you?

—*Eleanor L. Shumway*
Guardian in Chief



*I will endeavor to realize
the presence of the Avatar
as a living power in my life.*

THE 113TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

August 4 through August 12, 2012

Saturday, August 4

10:00am Cleanup at Temple, Lodge, and University Center
Noon Healing Service
7:00pm Convention Informal Opening, Hiawatha Lodge

Sunday, August 5

The Formal Opening of Convention and Feast of Fulfillment

Opening Remarks by the Guardian in Chief

I want to extend to all of you a warm welcome to the formal opening of the 113th Convention of The Temple of the People. As we gather together on the first Sunday of August each year, we create a magnetic matrix through which the Masters pour their force for the health and safety of the whole world. How we use this force, not only on this day but every day, determines the effectiveness of our work. It is our responsibility to carefully and consciously absorb the energies given to us at this time, and then, in turn, give that energy expression in our daily lives. Every thought, word, and deed becomes charged with Divine Love just to the extent that we are a conscious part of this sacred process. By so doing we in turn are nurtured as well.

The Invocation

In the name of the Great White Lodge and by the power vested in me as the Guardian in Chief of The Temple of the People, I hereby open this 113th Annual Convention by invoking the guidance and blessings of the Powers that rule the destinies of worlds and races, the Brothers of the Fire Mist, the Dhyan Chohans and Dhyan Buddhas, and the Masters of Love and Wisdom, on all proceedings and all who participate in person or in spirit in the Convention for the benefit of all humanity, promoting the Brother/Sisterhood of all Creation.

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE 2012 CONVENTION

My Beloved Children:

This year I have asked you to concentrate on Acceptance. This means a total receiving of each other without the intent to change or judge yourself, your brother or your sister. Time and time again have I told you that when you imagine some act of yours is such a "little thing" that it is of no consequence in the Divine Scheme of Life, you forget the Divine Scheme is built of the small courtesies, the kindnesses, the smiles, the complete acceptance of each other, the recognition of the unity of all created life. The Divine Scheme is torn apart by anything less.

The Divine Scheme is built not by large deeds on heroic scale, but rather by small daily, hourly acts of thought, words and deeds with and for each other. By conscious choice you must exercise Spiritual Will. I tell you yet again that the Will is a spiritual attribute which must be cultivated more assiduously than a corresponding mental faculty if it is to evolve power and expression. It is an attribute which belongs to the spiritual man or woman, and which in addition to other spiritual attributes, the Soul is striving to correlate with corresponding attributes in the lower man or woman, in order to enable the individual to function simultaneously and perfectly on all planes of manifestation. But, my children, do not confuse Will with stubbornness. The latter belongs to the mental plane, the former to the spiritual.

True growth is slow growth guided by the intuition. Begin by formulating in your mind an act to be willed, such as acceptance. Decide on the time, methods, etc., you will devote to that special act of the Will; and then set to work in a methodical, persistent manner to bring about such acceptance. Start with acceptance of yourselves. Hold yourself still in the silence of your inner beings, and without judging or using such words as "wrong or right," "good or bad," see yourself, with all your faults and strengths, as an expression of the Divine Scheme. With the clarity of your heart, acknowledge your strengths and use them to work consciously on

other attributes you need to rectify. Next, use the same techniques to include all others in your clear vision and clear heart. Accept yourself and others as expressions of All That Is, being in the right place, at the right time, doing and saying the right thing. Do this in spite of what your mind is busy shouting at you to the contrary. The more you practice Acceptance, the more you can accept, and the more you become a conscious part of every cell of the manifested universe.

Again I tell you, my faith in what you do grows as you grow, grows as you try. My dear children, such growing comes from the heart of each of us and is the very definition of time itself. Treasure it.

Do not reduce my love for you to a yearly impulse. Let us recognize our unending responsibility to each other in our hourly, daily, as well as yearly greetings. Ours is a deep love for each other that truly embraces the Temple and the world. It is exemplified by our conduct and acceptance which is not to be simply found. It can only grow minute by minute, day by day, in the hearts of those you and I call humanity, and for whom you and I are unwaveringly responsible.

In love and tenderness,

—Your Father-Brother, Hilarion

Noon	Healing Service, Temple
3:30pm	High Tea, followed by special presentation of <i>Voices from Halcyon</i> , Hiawatha Lodge
7:00-8:00pm	Meditation, Temple

Monday, August 6

8:00-9:00am	Meditation, Temple
11:00am	Program for Children of all ages, Ivan Ulz, Hiawatha Lodge
Noon	Noon Healing Service, Temple
7:00pm	Reports of the Temple Officers, Temple

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In the spaces between our heartbeats, in the fullness beneath and beyond each breath we take, is a constant flow of energy that inspires us to bring the best we are this moment to whatever we do. As Templars, our lives are built on these small, daily offerings to the Temple Treasury, which sustain us in times of loss and transition. The Treasurer's Report for this convention would be incomplete without recognizing losses from our Temple family this last year, and how loss stands alongside the rich interdependence of Temple life that carries on within us and around us, with us and without us, in times of abundance and absence, through the contributions of our frail, fallible, human selves.

It's curious sometimes how absence can so vividly evoke presence, remembrance, and connection. In the robing room just outside the Temple is a tall, narrow cabinet that holds the noon Healing Service booklets used by the priests and members of the Order of the 28. Each of eight drawers is shared by two or three people, their names written on labels neatly adhered to the front face of the cabinet. Over the last 15 months, those labels have become a kind of memorial as, one after another, a handful of Temple brothers and sisters have left us, some quite abruptly, others more gradually. By any reckoning, we have experienced a significant group passage in just over a year.

Each time I open my drawer before a service, I find myself reading names, seeing faces, smiling over the unique ways each served the Temple and life here in Halcyon. As I remember these folks recently gone, my awareness flows back to those who were part of Halcyon when I first came here in 1975. Things were so different then, yet so much the same, because the organic nature of group living is a continuous dance of balance, and though the Temple of the People is constant, life itself is always in flux, never twice the same since it began.

As beloved ones leave the visible realm of our Temple family, we may wonder: Who will take up the day-to-day work of those comrades? We are told that whenever one falls from our ranks

another stands ready to take up that load without missing a step. None of us, unique as we are in the ways we serve the group, could ever be precisely replaced. Instead, it seems that through our connectedness, the essentials for the Temple work to advance are always covered, a reality illustrated as responsibilities once served by recently lost sisters and brothers have been taken up by Templars new to our ranks. Like a mobile, subtle shifts and changes reveal the guiding touch of the Master's hand as together, we consciously rebalance, redirect our energy, and reset our sights toward soul growth and deeper understanding.

The beauty and brilliance of the Temple Treasury is around us and within us; it IS us. When we lose so many of our Temple family in such a short time, we may grieve for awhile, we may wonder what comes next, we may feel the empty place they held here on this plane in this time. Then we accept what is, and perhaps sit for a moment here in this space and look up, to sense with tenderness the humanity shining out from this great heart-shaped building. At such times we feel the spirit of those who came before us to do the very work we have taken up. We stand with them, seen and unseen, each a conduit, living ideals held by a long line of Templars, all committed to realizing the presence of the Avatar as a living power in our lives.

—*Marti Fast*

REPORT OF THE SCRIBE

The past Temple year 2011-2012 spelled out, as dual Nature always does, a double trend for the weal and woe of man — one for the further narcotizing and stupefying the people to accept the dungeon, the scaffold, the stake voluntarily, gladly, by selling them the faith that evil was good; and another to wake them up and save them, or rather, making it possible for them to learn to think with their own heads and so become able to help themselves — making them aware there can be no advancement without own effort; making them remember the eternal verity: Help yourself, and God will help you.

While the arm of Nergas has been lifted, there was a general awakening of the people. More and more realized there can be no individual salvation and none can be happy as long as there was misery for the least among the earth children. People who never heard of the Lodge, started to understand, in practical terms, the principle laid down by Blue Star in the Salutatory: "We must take sides whether we will or nay, for events are fast shaping national and religious institutions to such a degree as will make inertia criminal; and it is for us to choose now whom we will serve, "God or mammon," "Evolution or retrogression."

Thousands of people, globally, took to the streets against the money power that is robbing them of their livelihood, dismantling the social security systems of entire countries on a global scale. Of particular interest among these many protests was a smaller movement that was born in America and quickly spread abroad — the Occupy Wall Street movement. Common men who never heard of Theosophy or the Temple, with their complete rejection of society being controlled by the money power, solved the riddle of the Coming of the Avatar, expressing through joint action exactly that which we read in the very first issue of the Temple Artisan: "I can never understand the bald and persistent statement that Jesus had nothing to do with politics or economics. It is only an apostate Christianity that asserts that Christ has nothing to do with politics. The reign of Christ will never be unless it comes as a political reign. The notion that it can come otherwise is the accursed fruit of that worst and blackest of all heresies — the heresy that religion is one thing and life another." These words put an end to the eternal query amongst Templars: In what shape will the Master Jesus, the Avatar return? It can be only through a new order of the ages, from which Mammon is exiled, and through the people who take action to help themselves. It is the discovery of the practical oneness of the human race, the truth that there must be an equal opportunity for every child, woman and man in the economic, political, cultural, sociological sense, where everything belongs to all.

An important step for the entire theosophical movement was a new, sensational volume by Madame Blavatsky, entitled "The Secret Doctrine Commentaries," with the subtitle: "The Unpublished 1889 Instructions," containing the original transcriptions of 22 meetings of the Inner Group in London from January 10 to June 20, 1889, as recorded by stenographers. It is a key for the understanding of correspondences, the Absolute, the Logos, the seven principles, and showing the teaching technique of HPB as in a film documentary.

The past year has shown supreme tests, great changes and significant events in the Temple work. Most notable among these was a new infusion of force that has fortified the Center through various means, among them the arrival of warrior souls from the old Temple guard; a new edition and interface to the Temple website *templeofthepeople.org*, with the Temple Teachings in English and French already online, with Russian, German and Spanish soon to be added; close brotherly contact with our blood kin among the native Americans; and the second international conference of the Temple between May 4 – May 7, 2012. This time under the motto "Harmony," a large number of

A Prayer

Father=Mother=Son,

From our inmost hearts we plead

For power to love unselfishly;

For wisdom to perceive aright;

For perception of righteous course;

For determination of purpose;

For power of action according to Thy Will.

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visiting members gathered at the Center from Russia, Germany, Canada, Great Britain, the United States and other countries. Along with them came a very strong force, also in the way of testing. There were excellent talks given by keynote speakers on various aspects of harmony, among them by Professor Paul Ivey, author of a milestone documentary research on Temple history; Jose García, a deep student of Theosophy and esoteric astrology; Marlyn Bumpus, a musician, Buddhist, and Temple friend; our guest of honor Ella Thorp Ellis, the last living Dunite, who still knew Dr. Dower and the German physician Dr. Gerber who took care of Red Star during his last days, and Rick London and Marti Fast. A special treat proved to be Jan Scott's Readers Theatre production, *Voices from Halcyon*, a performance at Hiawatha Lodge, that brought back to life the original spirit of Blue Star and Dr. Dower. The heavenly gift of highest artistic perfection was showered on all by our Russian virtuosos, with Irina Behrendt, Tatiana Loskutova, Simon Bokman on the piano and Olga Bokman on viola, while Marlyn Bumpus gave a piano celebration of Temple Music.

The Temple has suffered a great loss of precious hands this year. With the passing of such staunch and loyal members as Linda Rollison, Cecelia Page and Kathleen Kemper, untiring workers have left the plane of outer action. During the May Gathering, the grandest memorial service was held in the Temple for our sister Linda Rollison — well known and loved by our Russian brothers and sisters — with the Temple so full that people had to stand outside. As the Master M. has said, even defeat is victory from a higher standpoint, and those freed now from the limitations of the physical plane, will be able to render all the greater service for mankind and the Lodge, on inner planes. Let our gratitude to the Sons of Light, on their behalf, be expressed here by invoking the guidance and blessings of the Masters of Love and Wisdom on all proceedings of this Convention, and all who participate in it, in body, or in spirit.

—*Istoán Balogh*

REPORT OF THE INNER GUARD

We are gathered together once again to celebrate our Convention of the Temple of the People. We bring ourselves to partake of all the gifts of the Masters as well as those we have to offer. We have just completed one Temple year, thus we begin another Temple year.

Each day The Masters offer us many gifts. A few of these are guidance, encouragement, love and some stern warnings. During every Convention, these gifts plus many more are more focused and available, if we choose to participate. When we offer these gifts to each other, we contribute to the daily building of the Temple.

The following ideas could be one way to utilize the gifts mentioned above.

How did we contribute to the building of the Temple?

How will we contribute in the coming year to the building of the Temple? Maybe we met only a portion of our goals for the previous year. This could be the time to set new goals and renew pledges we have made in the past.

Life proceeds on all fronts whether we are conscious of all aspects or not. We ARE accountable for all thoughts, words and deeds. It is in our best interest to strive for even more mindfulness of these in our daily life.

As we joyfully enter into this new Temple year, let us heed a few key points:

- Being mindful of thoughts, words and deeds. This may not always be comfortable.
- Accepting responsibility for our own actions.
- Treating everyone we encounter with Brotherly Love.
- Handling every situation we find ourselves in by remembering HOW we want to be treated in that situation.
- Going out of our way to serve those around us with kindness and generosity.

Let us remember to walk hand in hand with each other in peace, light, love and joy as we greet and begin this Temple New Year.

—Margaret Thyrring

REPORT OF THE OUTER GUARD

The Outer Guard's position is to facilitate responsibility to the masculine aspect. All of us can work on the protecting, questing and balancing forces. I feel this is something we can strive for in our daily routine, not just on Sundays.

Protecting is an interesting word and relates to many variations such as: body-guarding, controlling, preserving, safeguarding, securing, sheltering and shielding. Do we need to protect ourselves from ourselves? To help us in our protecting mode, we also need to take care of things that guard us from so-called harm. For instance, we can listen to the advice of our higher self and follow it, we can nurture our relationships by being kind and helpful to others; we can be open to accepting help from them. It is a test as how we deal with a situation.

"Taking under wing" and "watching over" are expressions we sometimes use in describing the act of helping someone in need of comfort. This is Brotherhood in action.

Balancing forces are all around us, and in us, in ways we may not be aware.

—Ron Carlson

REPORT OF THE GUARDIAN IN CHIEF

As the Guardian in Chief this is what I have come to see with startling clarity during the past year. This is what I want to share with you.

In the beginning of "the work" of the Temple we were given these words by the Master:

THE TRUE PURPOSE

You must never lose sight of one fact. The higher purpose, the aim of all those who are true Templars, was and still is the preparation of a place where it might become possible for the overshadowing Christ to enter and send forth the message which the world has waited for

so long.

It would be truly impossible for such an overshadowing of the spiritual forces to enter and dwell with a number of disaffected, treacherous, inhuman elements. It could not do the work for which it came, even if it were possible to come.

Such a place requires quiet, concentration, aspiration, unified endeavor, and faith in each other and in the common purpose.

These are essentials; all else is non-essential.

Quiet...concentration...aspiration...unified endeavor...and faith in each other and in the common purpose. These things are coming into manifestation in our lives as we internalize the concept of Acceptance, the theme of our 113th Convention. Acceptance carries with it the charge to totally accept ourselves and each other, without any responsibility to change each other. I sometimes think we are programmed from birth to want to change the other person to "better," "different," "more," "less," and/or "best." We are Divinely charged with re-programming OURSELVES, not the other guy, to simply accept each other as we are, without any negative emotional reactions. If we can see each other with loving eyes as parts of ourselves, each part struggling to make sense out of all we are handed to do, then and only then have we begun to get a glimpse of "The Temple Work" we have been brought here to do.

It is an interesting paradox that usually we want to change the ones we love. We came to love the other one "as is," the way they were when they came into our lives. Then we set about to make each other "better." I am discovering that when I can step back to take a considered, loving look the other is already perfect. Perfect for this time and place, working on their own inner unfoldment, as I am working on my own. Neither of us claims to be perfect. In fact the polar opposite is mostly true. We are our own very worst enemies and such negative thoughts directed towards ourselves are as destructive as negativity sent out towards our neighbors.

We are all a part of the Master's plan for the Temple work, whether or not we recognize it. Not one of us came to the Temple

by chance. We are here to work out our relationships with each other, with our neighbors, with our so-called enemies. No matter where in the world we live — at the Center in Halcyon, in Europe, Timbuktu, San Francisco or Peru — the bottom line remains that we are responsible for quiet, concentration, aspiration, unified endeavor, and faith in each other and in the common purpose. Since every member of the human race is a part of the grand Temple of Humanity we cannot limit our interactions to a few who have signed membership applications for The Temple of the People. We cannot withdraw into our selves or into our homes in an effort to avoid the stupidity or violence of the world about us. We are forgetting that wisdom and peace also exist in equal parts. It is up to us to find wisdom and peace. It is up to us to BE wisdom and peace as far as we are able. As we work on achieving this state we are developing the strength and insight to enter fully into that place. But, we must choose to do it. I will. Will you?

This year I am enlarging the list of officers of The Temple of the People. I am appointing eight officers to serve the Temple for the coming year. The positions will be: Inner Guard, Outer Guard, Scribe, Treasurer, Webmaster and three delegates-at-large.

What do these positions symbolize and how will they function? Deeper answers come as we grow and evolve. Primarily, the position of Inner Guard symbolizes the responsibility to the feminine aspect of manifestation, the nurturing, connected, indwelling spiritual force. The position of Outer Guard symbolizes the responsibility to the masculine aspect, the protecting, questing, balancing force. The position of Treasurer symbolizes the responsibility to our storehouse of spiritual treasure filled with the jewels we have been given to use, to care for and enhance. The position of Scribe symbolizes the responsibility to the record of our aspirations, hopes, and faith, and the flow of these to and from all human hearts and minds.

In this new age of instant communication I am adding the position of Webmaster to facilitate the connections The Temple has around the world through the web and electronic communication.

In the beginning days of The Temple, such communication was by letter or telegram. Letters to Europe took as long as a week, even when marked "airmail." In my time in the Temple office working with Harold, we had to plan several days time lapse to communicate with our groups in Germany, England, and Africa. Now, the time lapse is seconds. Members and groups in far-flung parts of the world feel connected to all that is going on here, as we feel connected to them. The new Temple web-site was designed by Damian Rollison. Eva Ulz serves as host and consultant for the site. The daily contacts with people around the world will go through the Webmaster who, in turn reports to me. Though we all know of the many abuses of cyberspace, nevertheless, it is a positive and exciting way to connect humanity on a world-wide basis.

The three delegates-at-large (chosen from those Temple members who do not live here in Halcyon) symbolize the many members worldwide whose dedication to the Truth expressed through the Temple Teachings is inspiring. They are meeting the challenge of putting these teachings into daily practice without the outer group support and daily meetings that we enjoy here at the Center. The inner group support, of course, knows no boundaries of time and distance.

I will meet with these people regularly throughout the coming year and together we will develop the best way in which to serve the inner and outer needs of the Society. Serving for the 2011-2012 Temple year will be Inner Guard, Margaret Thyrring; Outer Guard, Ron Carlson; Treasurer, Marti Fast; Scribe, István Balogh; and Webmaster, Chris Thyrring.

Delegates-at-large will be Claudette Nadon from Canada; Tatiana Meshkova from St. Petersburg; and Caridad Acosta from Torrance, California.

The entity The Guardian in Chief of the Temple of the People, A Corporation Sole, will continue to focus on the original purposes of the Articles of Incorporation, the "administration of the temporalities thereof, and the management of the estate and property thereof." Knowing how complex the world of

corporations, tax reporting, and staying in line with changes in civil law have all become, I asked the Temple lawyer if these articles needed any updating. He said no, that they had served us well for 104 years, and were brief and wonderfully clear. The corporation sole is not usual, but very legal — the Catholic Church is a well known example of a corporation sole. As I work with the various representatives of the local, state and federal agencies that we contact, I find a wonderful response as they realize that we are interested in cooperation and compliance rather than using the law for our own ends.

And so the work of The Temple goes on. Although roofs need to be replaced, the houses need constant repair, the open spaces we treasure need mowing, the water system needs our loving attention, the REAL work of The Temple and those of us who make up its body is the challenge of putting the Golden Rule into action, every minute, every day, in every thought, word, and deed. We are up to this challenge or we would not be here.

—*Eleanor L. Shumway*
Guardian in Chief

Tuesday , August 7

8:00-9:00am Meditation, Temple
 10:00am Social Science Program, Temple: *Acceptance*
 Noon Healing Service, Temple
 5:00pm Study Class, Temple
 6:30pm Potluck Dinner, Hiawatha Lodge

Wednesday, August 8

8:00-9:00am Meditation, Temple
 10:00am Brunch, The Carlson Home
 Noon Healing Service, Temple
 2:00pm Musical Concert, Temple
 5:30pm Barbecue, Hiawatha Lodge

Thursday August 9

- 8:00-9:00am Meditation, Temple
10:00am *About the Inner Orders*: Readings by Temple Officers,
Temple
Noon Healing Service, Temple
12:30pm Picnic, Biddle Park

Friday, August 10

- 8:00-9:00am Meditation, Temple
Noon Healing Service, Temple
5:30pm Study Class, Temple

Saturday, August 11

- 8:00-9:00am Meditation, Temple
10:30am *Accepting Change*, slide lecture by Paul Ivey, Hiawatha
Lodge
Noon Healing Service, Temple
2:00pm *Acceptance*, slide lecture by José García, Hiawatha
Lodge
5:00pm Potluck dinner, Hiawatha Lodge
7:00pm The Halcyon Players present *International Review*
Musical Review, Hiawatha Lodge

Sunday, August 12

- 10:30am Builder's Program, Temple
Noon Healing Service, Temple
2:30pm Ice Cream Social, Hiawatha Lodge
7:00pm Convention Benediction, Temple



GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION FROM AROUND THE WORLD

We send you our love to join in the great sea of love
 We send you our Will and Purpose
 to add to the essence of the Temple
 We send you our friendship and kindness
 to blend in the meeting of minds
 And we send you our dearest thoughts
 that Convention time be beautiful
 in every country and in every living thing.

—*The London Group*



Members of the Temple's London Section take a moment for a photo during their Convention activities.

Dear Eleanor,

Just a few words to send you my best heartfelt thoughts for the summer convention to come. Think that a lot of work will be done on the inner planes, and in our daily life.

May we all live it in awareness, unity and joy.

Please tell all the members that their French brother thinks often about their smiling faces.

Love and Light,

—*Gilles Grossi, France*



Members of the German Section at their Temple Convention in Berlin.

Dear Eleanor, dear Temple sisters and brothers, dear friends:

Again the source of life has called us to come together, to bind joyfully the bouquet of our devotion and love to the White Lodge.

Standing together in love and faithfulness nothing can hold us back to send out the light into the world.

The joy arising from this certainty we share with you, dear Temple sisters and brothers, that joy illuminating our hearts in which we all are one.

In gratitude we also recognize the bright bunches of flowers bound by those who prior to us set their feet into the desert, so the desert once might be changed into a garden of love.

In this way we want to make the presence of the Avatar discernible by reflecting in ourselves the light of the eternal truth — the Christ — wherever we may be.

Our blooms of light are coming wholeheartedly.

— *Your Temple sisters and brothers in Germany*



Members of the group in St. Petersburg gather for their 2012 Convention. At right, they share paintings by the 4th Guardian in Chief, Harold Forgostein, which were brought to St. Petersburg from Halcyon.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Those who sing a song of harmony will find the path to balance and peace. Vibrations of the songs they are singing together can fill the whole universe.

We send our congratulations and best wishes for a Happy Convention to all of you.

—Your Brothers and Sisters in St. Petersburg



Some Templars travel a long way to be part of Convention. Here they gather with the Guardian in Chief on the Temple steps following the formal opening.

ACCEPTING WITHOUT JUDGMENT, WITH YOUR ENTIRE HEART

The brain is a vessel for the mind.

The heart is a vessel for the soul and the spirit.

They are very close to each other on the material level.

An impulse needs an instant to reach from the mind to the heart. It takes more than one year though and even more than one life for the indispensable truths that have been already accepted by the intellect, to reach the heart and to be retained there. But this is the only way for a person to begin accepting their surroundings and their dear ones the way they are, without any condemnation and criticism.

The ancient wisdom says: If you desire to change the world, you should start from your own self. As soon as you have changed, the world will also never be the same.

Our material world is inert. Habits, prejudices and stereotypes have a very heavy mass. It is impossible to instantly eliminate their inertia or to change the direction of this inertia.

In accordance to the law of conformity the more you would like to change, the more effort you need to apply persistently day after day. That usually gets boring quite soon. It is much easier to consider that your own laziness and irresponsibility are somebody else's fault or to blame it on circumstances.

When a person has mastered to consciously suppress the negative energy, coming from outside and to radiate light and love directly from their heart, they will be able to see the same light and love flowing back to them from all over and will realize that the world will have changed.

—Vladimir Meshkov, St. Petersburg



Templars of all ages gather on the steps of the Blue Star Memorial Temple after the formal opening of the 113th Annual Convention in Halcyon.

The Temple Mantrams

I believe that in me dwelleth every good and perfect spirit.

*Believing this, I will show forth this day,
by thought, word, and deed,
all that perfection that dwelleth in me.*

I am One with God and all Good.

Evil hath no power over me.

*Though clouds and darkness seem to be about me,
yet dwell I eternally in the Light.*

FAMILY LETTER

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to say "Thank you!" for all you did during the Convention. Everyone kept an eye on things so they flowed harmoniously, and it really paid off. Our village looked neat and tidy, beyond the usual. The grounds were so clean, and the buildings all had those little extra touches. All in all, it created a warm welcome to our visitors. It also showed how much we love our Halcyon Home. This Convention was truly an outpicturing of our inner home, food for the mind and food for the soul.

There are recent changes in the Temple Builders I want to share. As most of you know, Nancy Baker, who has so lovingly and competently led the Builders up to now, is no longer able to do so, as circumstances in her life have changed. Temple Builders meetings will resume under the able leadership of Ivan and Eva Ulz on October 14 at noon in Hiawatha Lodge. Aureliano Rodriguez and Damian Rollison have offered their assistance, and I have told Ivan and Eva to ask any of us for help when needed. It takes a village! It is a joy to see the enthusiasm and wonderment in the youngest members of our community.

Our dear friend, Professor Paul Ivey, Associate Professor and Division Chair of Art History at the University of Arizona, offered two talks this past Spring and Summer in Halcyon. At the Second International Gathering this last May, he spoke on "Dune Spirit: Harmony and Dissonance, Music and Art at Halcyon," and at the 113th Convention he delivered a lecture entitled "Accepting Change: Socialism, the Temple Home Association, and World War I." We eagerly anticipate the release of his new book, *Radiance from Halcyon, A Utopian Experiment in Religion and Science*, which is in press at the University of Minnesota. Publication of this long-awaited history of Halcyon is tentatively set for April of 2013. We are planning a book signing celebration with Paul, here in Halcyon next May.

May we walk together in Love, Light, Joy, and Peace.

—Eleanor L. Shumway
Guardian in Chief

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Temple Groups: There are Temple groups in New York City; London, England; and in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia; as well as several locations in Germany. Anyone wishing more information about these groups can call the Temple office in Halcyon.

The William Quan Judge Library serves Temple members, residents of Halcyon, and friends with an interest in Theosophy or who are doing research involving some of our special collections. Our library is staffed by volunteers. Hours are Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Other hours are by appointment through the Temple office.

The University Center Gallery is exhibiting watercolors and oils by former Guardian in Chief Harold Forgostein. Call the Temple office at 805.489.2822 for more information.

The Temple Healing Service is held at 12:00 noon each day in the Temple. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am in the Temple. The Feast of Fulfillment (the Communion Service of the Temple) is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. "Enter the Silence," a prayer and meditation meeting, is held the last Sunday of the month. Speakers present programs on other Sundays. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Study Classes under the auspices of Temple Officers and various Temple Orders are held regularly at 5:30pm in the University Center on Tuesdays and Fridays. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Speakers in the Sunday Services were:

July 8, Marti Fast, reading *Yours, Annegret* by Annegret Liebig; July 15, Barbara Ricardo, reading *Lodge Agent* by Pearl F. Dower, third Guardian in Chief; July 22, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Convention 2012*; August 19, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Convention and Beyond*; September 9, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Living the Paradox*; September 16, Debra Rowlands, reading *A Life, Our Life* by Elaine Wight; September 23, Marti Fast: *The Voices of Dreams*.

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