

Priest 2: Let us enter the silence with these words of the Master, given under the auspices of fifth GinC Eleanor L. Shumway, Green Star:

The Master's Message to the 1995 Convention

To My Beloved Children:

I say again unto you that my appreciation of your loyalty and love is too deep to lose place in the inner chamber of my heart. The sun rises on your opportunities, on the hard-earned opportunities from your experiences of the golden days as well as the black nights that come and go in cycles unending.

A special and peculiar blessing do I bestow upon you in this Opening Hour of the New Cycle of Effort which is upon you. Use this blessing to continue your work on the true aim of Templars everywhere, that of preparing a place within each heart and home where it might become possible for the overshadowing Christ to enter and send forth Its message to the world. Listen within to the soft, clear note sounding and re-sounding in your hearts that speaks of empathy, love, understanding, compassion, charity, will, and wisdom. This note is expressed in your hourly, daily lives through kindly words, through forbearance, and through spontaneous acts of help. We rely on you to open your hearts wide to this increasingly insistent note of Love, this message for which the world hungers.

You plead for help, forgetting that the help is always there, poured out unceasingly from All That Is to that still place within your hearts and souls. When the Darkness seems to be overpowering, you forget that wherever the dark is strong, there the Light is stronger. That loving strength, that Light-filled power is there for each of you to use, but you must first ask each day for the portion you need and then you must use it unselfishly or suffer from the blockage caused by neglect or misuse.

I depend upon you to continue striving for the quiet, the concentration, the aspiration, the unified endeavor, the faith in each other and in the common purpose that is necessary to build the foundations of the Temple of Humanity. Each of you is a stone in that foundation. I want you all to realize how sacred, holy, and great is the privilege you have been given. Brotherhood and Sisterhood are not empty words; rather every letter is pregnant with eternal truth. It is up to you to bring this truth to birth, each in your own heart, and then to demonstrate it through action in your own lives.

The time is now: the time to begin, the time to continue the work that needs to be done in your hearts and lives to bring the Christ-Light into manifestation. My protection and my love I give unto you. Do with it the

best you know.

With devotion and faith unmeasured, I am —

Your Father-Brother,
— *Hilarion*

Let us hold a meditation on the words of the Master.

Priest 2 sits.

AMEN.

After meditation, Priest 1 stands and reads.

Let us again enter the silence with these words of the Master, given under the auspices of fourth GinC Harold E. Forgostein, Violet Star:

The Master's Message to the 1977 Convention

My Children:

The Temple must be built with what we are, both yourselves and myself. Evolutionary Law offers this glorious opportunity and demands its fulfillment. We can, we must, do this Work together. If we could not do it, we would not have been asked.

You must stop looking at your differences, your weaknesses, as obstacles: despair, despondency, dismay, and depression and concern that you are hopelessly short of perfection. You must stop regarding your age levels as barriers to your association.

This Work was not conceived and started in 1875 or 1898, nor will it falter and fail in this year because of weaknesses that have existed almost since time began. Neither beginning nor end are concepts that you can yet understand except in terms of cycles and inevitable change. This present day is your glimpse of what the Temple really is. To the Architect Who has designed and is building the Temple, time is neither gauge nor limit to His power, nor do your abilities and inabilities impair His control. Your partial understanding is what we are building with.

My understanding is greater than yours. Mine is to help you toward a greater realization and understanding of the Work; and you have by no means reached the limits of your own capabilities. Your approach may be different from that of your brother or sister, but do not let your inability to understand them be energized by criticism. Help them.

Your differences are but the measurement of your unrealized share of the richness of the universe. Use what you are and have now to help you through each day. Do not let the dedication of the day slip due to the illusion of convenience. Add all these differences together and you will gain a greater understanding of what I am to you, and what you are to me and the Avatar.

No work is easy, no pain to be endured as purposeless, no joy or happiness to be regarded as inappropriate to your daily life. Throughout the world the apparent violation of and opposition to our Work is but the evidence and proof of our power of attainment.

From my Fatherhood grows your Brotherhood. Let your present share of that "Peace which passes understanding" bring you the beginning of

contentment and serenity. Let it be the measure of what you really share, the invincibility of the Great White Lodge once again establishing its dominance.

Build your love into the world where the Law has placed you, where you have actually placed yourselves, mentally, morally, physically, and spiritually.

It is my love for you that has put you where you are most needed by yourselves, by your brother and sister, and by me. It is my love for you that has been and will always be your constant guide. Only by its light in your heart may you find the Temple that is destined to be built by us, with your help.

For all your differences, yet do you love me. Share our common good — your love and mine — with your brother and sister; for they, in the only ways they know, love you, too.

Your Father,
— *Hilarion*

Let us hold a meditation on the words of the Master.

[Priest 1 sits.](#)

AMEN.