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COSMICALLY The Temple of the People corresponds to the Temple of Humanity.

THE TEMPLE of Humanity consists of all humans who, having awakened into a knowledge of their own divinity, have undertaken to tread the Path, and of those who devote their lives to the unselfish service of mankind.

SPECIFICALLY The Temple of the People is one of the bodies or vehicles for the manifestation of the Avatar or Christos for the New Dispensation, the dawn of the New Civilization for the races of the earth. It was founded in New York State in the second cycle of the Great Lodge movement in November, 1898, by three Masters assisted by others for the laying of the mental, physical, and spiritual foundations of the coming Sixth Race.

THE OBJECTS of the Temple are:

First: To formulate the truths of religion as the fundamental factor in the evolution of the human race. And this does not mean the formulation of a creed.

Second: To set forth a philosophy of life that is in accord with natural and divine law.

Third: To promote the study of the sciences and the fundamental facts and laws upon which the sciences are based which will permit us to extend our belief and knowledge from what is known to the unknown.

Fourth: To promote the study and practice of Art on fundamental lines, showing that Art is in reality the application of knowledge to human good and welfare, and that the Christos can speak to humanity through Art as well as through any other fundamental line of manifestation.

Fifth: The promotion of a knowledge of true social science based on immutable law, showing the relationship between man and man, and man and God and nature. When these relationships are understood we will instinctively formulate and follow the law of true brotherhood.

RELIGION, SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS, these are the foundation stones of The Temple. There can be no true religion without its scientific basis, and there can be no right economic system not based on a science that is religious and a religion that is scientific.

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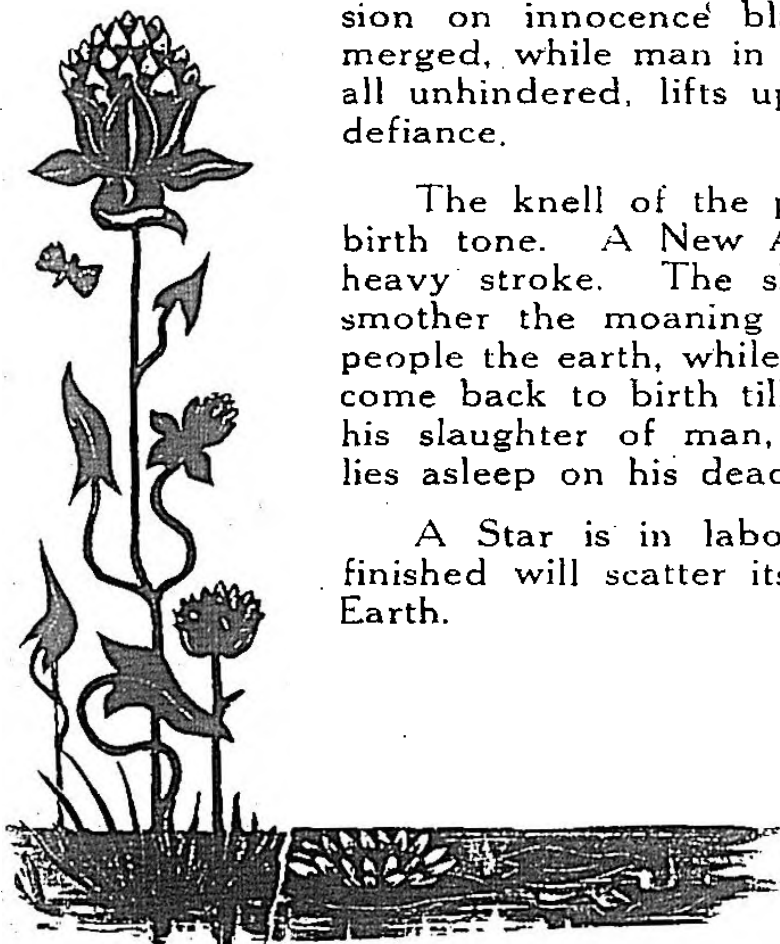
THE HEART OF A WORLD

Hearken, hearken, ye sons of the Ages! One, Two, Three!—One, Two, Three! The clock of the Stars is now striking the knell of a fast passing day. Are ye deaf that ye hear not, dead that ye feel not the throb of the heart,—the heart of a world now fevered and crushed?

God and the Angels look down in compassion on innocence' blasted, on weakness submerged, while man in the prime of his strength, all unhindered, lifts up his face to the skies in defiance.

The knell of the passing bell gives forth a birth tone. A New Age is borning with each heavy stroke. The shrieks of the dying now smother the moaning of mothers in travail to people the earth, while great souls are waiting to come back to birth till man shall have finished his slaughter of man, and glutted with blood lies asleep on his dead.

A Star is in labor with Time, and when finished will scatter its birth dust to cover the Earth.



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THE FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

August 5 to 13, 1939

On the evening of August 5 the doors of "The Lodge of the Red Star" opened in social gathering, welcoming Temple members and friends to the on-coming Fortieth Annual Convention of the Temple of the People. Members came from far and near to renew their "Allegiance to the Tribes," and drink deeply once again at the fountains of Light and Guidance poured out into all the world at this season by the Great White Lodge in convention assembled.

Words of welcome were delivered by Fred Whitney, the Outer Guard of the Temple, and an informal program was rendered to give pleasure to the gathering. Two opening songs were sung by Dr. G. B. Little, one titled "Morning Wind," the other "Halcyon," with words by himself.

The Negro Spiritual "Deep River," and later "The Volga Boatman" were masterfully rendered by Constantine Harcoff. Olive Ross gave several trombone solos. A quintette (Gertrude Tedford, Wenonah Varian, Louise Stenquist, Aneita Wilson and Cethyl Mallory) sang "Allah's Holliday" and "Serenade" from "The Student Prince." A song by Dr. Little, "Peggy," by Ralph Cox, concluded the musical program. Ice cream and cake were served and the evening came to a close.

Sunday

On Sunday morning dawned the first day of the convention, a day always truly great; for however important the cyclic convening of a chosen group of disciples at a point on the face of the earth, in whose charge has been placed a Great Cause, it is also the season of the Harvest and Replenishing throughout the Solar System and of preparation for the time of gestation when the Sun-Son goes inward—to be born anew. The tides of Love, Life and Law pour afresh into all the world from the Heart of the universal Lodge. All nature, as well as all mankind, is a part of this harvesting-storing time of karma and life forces, and he who is willing to pay the price that inheres in the Way to the place of Birth into the higher and the greater may perceive, record and make use of these convention forces of the White Lodge to his soul's eternal good. Such is the nature of this convention season.

At noon a special healing service was held in the Blue Star Memorial Temple conducted by the Guardian-in-Chief, Pearl F. Dower, and the Outer Guard, Fred Whitney.

The opening meeting of the convention came at 3 P. M. It began with a precessional on piano and organ, the Sunrise Song by J. O. Varian and Edgar Cheetham, played by Mr. Cheetham and Ebba Whitney. This was followed by the Convocation Hymn "Gitchie Manitou" sung by all present.

Then came the formal opening of the convention by the Guardian-in-Chief, invoking the blessings of the Lodge upon the convention:

"In the name of the Great White Lodge and by the power vested in me as Guardian-in-Chief of the Temple of the People, I herewith open this Fortieth 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 Dhyani Buddhas, the Masters of Love and Wisdom, on all proceedings and all who participate in person or in spirit in this Convention for the benefit of all Humanity, promoting the Brotherhood of Man."

Following this the choir rendered the song "We Praise Thee," the words and music of which were written by Francia A. La Due; and Gertrude Tedford sang "Holy Sephira," words and music by Dr. Dower. Then came the "Dance of the Blessed Spirits" from the opera "Orpheus and Eurydice" by Gluck, played on piano and organ by Cethyl Mallory and Edgar Cheetham. This was followed by the "Salutatory" "Warriors of Truth," sung by Dr. Little. This Charge to the Warriors of Light was given to the Temple by the Great Master C. at the beginning of the work.

The Master's Message to the Convention followed this song. It was read by the Guardian-in-Chief and is as follows:

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

My Children:

To each and every one here and away from here I come with greetings of deep love and tenderness at this hour of your Fortieth Annual Convention, that we may partake of a Spiritual Feast with a Great Company, that we may work in closer communion with the higher forces of life for all peoples. It is an important Convention from the standpoint of cycles, years and achievements. It is an era for expansion and an opportunity for application of all that has been given to the Group in terms of force, instruction, and inner guidance.

As in past years I have sent at this time into your midst high Lodge Forces, from the Lodge assembled in Convention on inner planes, for your help, use and assimilation, individually, collectively, and for the whole world. During these many years of the Temple organization an accumulated power, force and strength has been built into the Temple Aura through steadfast devotion, love, sacrifice, service, perseverance, and loyalty of souls with high ideals and sincere desire to help humanity. As a result, a strong inner nucleus and reserve force are ours for use wherever most needed on a planet of serious upheavals and destruction.

Many crises have been averted through this sphere of action because it is an impersonal center.

It is a difficult time for those working for Universal Brotherhood, with a world gone mad with hatred, treachery, jealousy, ambition and bitterness; all nature lashed to a fury by the disturbed and unbalanced conditions, where the separative forces have crept into every grade of matter and every department and kingdom of life. It must be borne in mind that the basic law of all life is Unity, and if man had been true to that divine Law all down the ages much of the past suffering, heart aches and general cataclysms could have been avoided; in other words, disobedience to that great law has brought about the suffering. The process of separation begins gradually; through continued effort, wedges are made between peoples, friends, and nations, until all the forces of envy, hate, jealousy and self-deception enter in and the world is divided against itself, men war with their other selves, until the time comes when the separated souls involved are brought back to the point from whence they separated, and a conscious realization of their Unity with all their other selves is gained. In these hours of distress it is difficult to hear the call of the Higher Self because of the feeling of separateness, but when that sense of unreality has passed, then will the light dawn on the sealed eyes which will become unsealed, and the true vision of God's radiance of transcendental Love, Power and Glory will be revealed.

The destiny of life of each and every soul for gaining experience and attaining to the heights is a long journey of winding and rugged paths, steep climbing, barren wastes of desolation, and glorious heights of illumination. Nature furnishes the forms and principles, and the Soul has to work out its Karma until it reaches the place of conscious reunion with its Source. Every atom and star is a part of the whole, treading the path downward into matter and back again to the Godhead, the Central Spiritual Sun, the Heart of all Being. So has life gone on age after age, cycle after cycle, many ignorant of the Song of Unity; but lo here and lo there a few brave souls have caught a glimpse of the light, have heard the Voice of the Higher Self, and their true efforts and aspirations have broken through the great iron wall of selfishness surrounding the earth today and have helped on the work for Universal Brotherhood. When the accounts of the accumulated Karma of many centuries have been balanced, then will the New Order become a reality on this plane.

The plan of the Great White Lodge in its completeness and entirety for the development and evolution of the human race transcends all human perception in its majesty, grandeur and sublimity. It is beyond all word description, a pattern perfectly woven and designed with the full picture visible only to the Master Designer; yet every divine spark wherever placed, whatever the incarnation, is a part of that grand universal scheme working in unison with every department of life. Life, ever vibrant and pulsating, flows from the center of Being—God's Sacred Abode.

White Light of purest essence—on all creatures, unfolding its sacred treasures, shedding love on all alike, ever endeavoring to bring back together all the separated parts that they may hear the inner voice of the Higher Self. Universal and divine laws founded on principles always work for the ultimate good of humanity.

It is so written in the Book of Life by Decree of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe that Divine Justice must always win out in the Souls' complete journey. The Administrators of the Divine Law guide and direct every kind of force and energy released in the Cosmos; preside over adjustments and re-adjustments in harmonious sequence through the continuous interaction, interpenetration and correlation of the different grades of matter, force and substance, as well as the constant interchange of harmonious vibrations between all degrees and orders of the divine administrators—Lords of Karma—and the Higher Selves—humanity. All true religion acts under this law, for true religion is Law and Order.

You were told some years ago that "you will see fought in its own peculiar way a strife such as has not been before, one that would infringe upon, involve, and inflict itself upon the astral and etheric forces in ways not heretofore within the power of man to command." Much of this has come to pass, and the world procession of intricate maneuvers moves on involving every tool of disintegration; and the inner records of akasic light reveal a strife of continuance and a battle to the finish between the forces of darkness and the Sons of Light, until the adjustments between men and nations have cleared the Way for that Great Light, the Christos, to usher in the New Order when Unity, Love and Harmony will prevail. During the transitional period many are the adjustments for the final reckoning of man to man, nation to nation, in clearing the pathway, searching for the causes of separation, harmonizing differences, and applying the Divine Rule of Love which is back of all Life and Light.

I would remind you that the responsibilities assumed, vows taken to the Lodge to spread Its Message to the Children of Man, are all-inclusive for all times, not a few acts and deeds of service in several lives; it is a complete cycle of manifestation. Therefore, hold in deep reverence and high regard the precious gems of infinite knowledge and wisdom you have gained, absorbed and assimilated through many lives of loyalty, service, devotion and aspiration to the Lodge. We are all bound together by the Chord of Infinite Love, and we must travel the Path together. When the path is beset with thorns, climb higher and go into the inner sanctuary where you will find surcease from the stress and strain of outer complexities. To ease the tension and pressure of daily living search out Nature's retreats and sacred spots of beauty; find the cooling waters of refreshment where the Soul may commune in silence, and the purifying process will translate disturbance into calm and restore the balance.

A word of heartfelt greetings to the Temple Builders who function the Child Heart, and may that radiance of purity and inno-

cence flow out to all the youth of the world, that they may build it into their lives for the upliftment and help of all children.

In leaving, I place my blessing on you all, and may the Love that passeth understanding encircle you for greater endurance, service, devotion and loyalty to the Great Work and Cause entrusted to you.

Your Father-Brother,
HILARION

August 6, 1939

After the reading of the message the meeting was concluded by celebrating the Feast of Fulfillment, a symbolic feast of bread and water, given by the Master in the beginning of the Temple work. The session closed with the blessing asked by the Guardian-in-Chief from the Lodge of Life and Light upon the convention and all the world.

At 6 P. M. supper was served for all in Hiawatha Lodge.

Sunday Evening

At 8 o'clock a concert was held in the Temple, dedicated to sacred music composed by Templars, and conducted by Ebba Whitney. It opened with an organ and piano duet of "The Vision," one movement of a suite titled "Thirty Years After," composed by Edgar Cheetham, and played by the composer and Ebba Whitney.

Every ancient sub-race or family-race of humanity, having gone through its schooling in the occult, carried a certain portion of their knowledge in the form of legendary stories of Gods who made the heavens and the earth and guide the destinies of man. Out of these legends as carried by Ireland J. O. Varian built a series of poetical plays the music for which was composed by Dr. W. H. Dower, Jane W. Dower and Edgar Cheetham. Four songs from these plays were rendered by the choir: "The Harp of Life," "The Cauldron," "Horo" and "Wake to Life," and one song "Ahoy, ye Children of the Earth," was sung by Wenonah Varian. The two last songs were taken from "The Four Spinners," which symbolize the feminine aspects of the four regents of the earth. Gertrude Tedford sang "In the Valleys," the words of which were written by Dr. Dower, set to music by Monica Weaver. Dr. Little contributed some "Temple Chants," with words from Temple Literature set to music of his own. The concert closed with a postlude from the opening suite on the piano and organ.

Monday

At 10:30 A. M. on Monday came the annual report of the officers of the Temple. The meeting opened with an organ prelude by Edgar Cheetham, the "Words of Force" were recited and "The Great Unifier" was sung.

The first address was by Fred Whitney, the Outer Guard.

ADDRESS OF THE OUTER GUARD

From the dawn, and all down the days of this cycle of the White Lodge work for the redemption of humanity, has resounded

the repeated call from inner realms to outer: "Ho, Outposts, light the Signal Fires! Light them on the mountain tops and light them in the valleys below, and keep them ever burning, that the shades of evil shall be driven back into the abyss of a dying time. Light them in your own souls, light them in your own hearts and minds, until the wayfarer, stumbling on in the dark, seeing, shall know that a great Light is here."

And may he know that the Light he beholds is but the dawn light of a great New Day; one that is more just, more righteous, more humane, coming into the council house of man. For only to the degree that the light of righteousness can come to burn in each human heart can the good works of a just and compassionate law find expression in the affairs of men. Out of a dead and dying past nature ever renews itself, and in spite of the purblind vision of dogma and intellectualism each renewal is a step upward toward man's spiritual goal, for every good thing that ever was still lives. It cannot die; it is eternal. Only evil can die, and must do so, for it has no existence in reality.

On along the road of attainment journeys the soul of mankind, building one civilization after another and losing them in the nights of time. But out of each loss rises a Light of true attainment; a residue of good remains. The loss has cost, but it has taught the lessons of the one only school that teaches anything: experience.

But the pity and the tragedy of it lies in the degree of the cost of each little step upward. Man, by and large, insists on building his houses of life out of greed, passion and love of power, ignoring the call of the Heart to the council tables of a common good. This very trait bars the door to the one thing which, if he had, would enable him to build a civilization tomorrow that would stand in a glory of light for ages to come, and through its firm-set portals would pass soul after soul in endless lines of schooling in the right, which is eternal knowledge.

In the light of careful thought it must appear as foolish to anyone to suppose that human access to right and enduring knowledge is limited to the laws of mechanics and the discoveries of science. It is equally foolish to suppose that a heavenly body of which man is a thinking myriad part whirls its way through celestial space and performs its living feats of life and nature by mere mechanics. One might as well suppose that the bare laws of mechanics cause an automobile to come into existence and spin along the highway.

Greater realities than that suspend worlds in space, and just so surely as a human is not limited to a physical body—itsself a marvelous mechanism—but carries a transcendent mind within that body, equally so must there be a transcendent, creative Mind, a Cosmic Engineer, that overtops this mortal world of things and the brain mind of man that is fastened to them. And if there is such a One, isn't it folly to suppose that that One goes his separate ways and cares nothing and does nothing about this world of human life and affairs? Do the inventor, the owner and the

mechanic know nothing and care nothing about the machines they have produced, and stay aloof from them? This persistent folly of man that he thinks no further than he can see with his physical eyes and mind, and holds against the thought that there can be anything beyond that to be seen, forever drops him short of that so sorely needed understanding of his real nature and the real nature of the world in which he lives. His purblind notion that accident shapes his destiny can continue to exist as a working hypothesis only so long as he allows greed and selfishness to blind his mind and stultify his heart.

If he would but lift up his eyes beyond these deadly horizons, peering on and upward through channels of possible discovery he does not yet know of, he could come upon this super world of law, power and purpose, and see that the laws of exact rightness in mechanics are but the lesser of those divine precisions that fashion the Heart and carry the destiny of man. If he would accept such as this as a working hypothesis and press on, even with a modicum of the zeal and devotion with which he pursues an atom of dust floating in space, he must glimpse that vast Inner World of order, pian and Consciousness and become aware of its all-inclusiveness.

Then he would throw overboard as wholly inadequate the meanderings of intellectual speculation which by their own nature have to begin and end within themselves, and in their place follow the light of a new-found mind, the Intuition which converts the intellectual into the God-conscious man. He would know that such an awakening is just as natural—and as marvelous—as the coming of speech into his physical body and the hearing and understanding of ideas by the consciousness within that body. Then he would understand revelation; and when Those Who Know, and in Whom reside the right and the power, send their Messengers and Teachers into the world, revealing once again the imperishable Plan and knowledge of this Immortal world of which he is a living part, he would respond. Some day he will awake and heed. All evolution bends its powers in that direction.

But until that day does come it remains for us who have been called to the task and who can live the Light to hold high the Torch and keep the Signal Fires burning. We must hold forever to the Line called Straight that leads to the Gate called Straight that stands at the end of days and of the Way, in order that the forces of Love, Light and Law may flow unobstructed and unerringly into the world.

Fred Whitney

Then followed the address of the Guardian-in-Chief:

ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Dear Temple Friends and Comrades:

Greetings to you all on our Fortieth Annual Temple Convention. Much could be said about these many years of the Temple work and Temple conventions, from the symbolic aspect as well as its effects on the hearts and lives of men, but each and

every one attuned to the forces of this work realizes this. In terms of years we have reached the mature stage, and we can say we have stood our ground against the many adverse forces through the years which have tried to separate souls from their highest ideals for which the Temple work stands; but the light is stronger than the darkness. The work has gone on, entrusted to us by the Master, organized, pioneered and carried on by our beloved past Guardians-in-Chief, Blue Star and Red Star, and the devoted comrades, with the spiritual guidance and inspiration to work for humanity as well as to develop the individual along true Lodge lines of love, harmony and wisdom.

We can report a busy and active year, and many interesting letters from members and non-members telling how much benefit they have received from the Temple literature and the high Lodge forces emanating from the Center. To derive the greatest good from the Center, all desiring help should send their requests to the central point in which all lines converge and which acts as a radiator for those at the circumference who will receive inner help and force without the current being broken and forces scattered generally.

Finances: We wish to express deep appreciation and gratitude for the material and financial aid given during the year for the support of the Temple work. It is your work, it is our work, it is for the good and welfare of all peoples. The foundations have been laid deep and strong. The process has been hard and slow in order that all the stones emplaced should be firm in the construction. The watchful eye of the Architect is ever ready to quickly replace fallen stones, and the work goes on. The great thing is that the foundation must be strong and when the rest of the structure is built it will stand the storms of life and weather Nature's upheavals.

The indebtedness during the past year has been reduced, but the many other overhead expenses in connection with the Temple office and buildings, such as publishing the Artisan, stationery, postage, light, gas, insurance, and many other items, continue; and owing to the depression and rise in prices of supplies it has required very close figuring to make both ends meet. Many of our generous contributors have been unable to give as much as formerly owing to lack of work and the financial depression, which shows the dependence upon each other to carry on. We realize the hard financial condition, but we have to remind you to do your best and to continue the contributions for the support of the Temple work. Its message is very vital for the whole world today. The Temple help and literature are needed to show humanity the way to the true inner values of life.

As usual many requests from dealers and book companies have come in, and are continuing to do so, asking when the second edition of the Teachings of the Temple will be published and available. There is a far-reaching demand for this instructive, enlightening and most important book given to the world since the

advent of the "Secret Doctrine." We trust the money will be forthcoming in order to comply with these many requests. We have several hundred dollars already, but it will take several times this amount to get the book published. Contributions are gratefully received and may be sent to The Temple of the People, Halcyon, California.

Temple Meetings: The meetings and classes have been held regularly in the Temple every day of the week. The healing service has been held continuously in the Temple for several years every day at noon—12 M. P.S.T.—in order that high impersonal and powerful healing forces may go out to relieve a suffering and distressed world and reach the souls searching for Truth and Light.

The Temple Center and its units of helpful and devoted workers continue to carry on the Temple work, with able assistance and willing hearts, and spread its message to a world divided against itself. The Lodge is never ungrateful for any service rendered in Its Cause.

On behalf of the work and personally, I want to thank all the good brothers and sisters who have so cheerfully, willingly and capably helped in the various lines of service, who have given their time, means and labor to promote the Temple work in the spirit of Unity and Love. As I said before, it is our work, and we must carry on together to make a harmonious whole which the Master can use for greater service and help to humanity.

Bequests: Members will kindly bear in mind that The Temple of the People is an incorporated body under the laws of the State of California, and the legal title is "Guardian-in-Chief of the Temple of The People," and the headquarters, Halcyon, San Luis Obispo County, California.

So, in the Spirit back of the Temple Work, in the Spirit of Halcyon, in the Spirit of true Brotherhood, let us continue to vibrate and go forward as One.

Peace, Love, Harmony for All!

Pearl F. Dower

Then Mr. Harrison read his

ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

Once again we are gathered together in Convention. It is a long time since our first annual meeting, and not many of those who took part in it are still living. Practically all of them have passed on and in. By this time next year, in all probability, some of those who are here today also will have joined the great majority on the other side. In a very few years all of us who are in this Temple today will have fulfilled our life's cycle and will also be on the other side of the veil, and to those few who are left we will be only a memory. A human life, while we are living it, seems a very important thing—but after we are gone even its memory soon fades, and all that is left is the little which we may have done to spiritualize, by virtue of our unselfish efforts, that part of ourselves which we have transmuted from the personal and

selfish into the impersonal and altruistic. This is not, as it may sound, a process to be attained only after much meditation, and the withdrawing of ourselves from everyday life and abstracting our consciousness onto a very high plane—it is something which we all do to a greater or less degree every day of our lives—and the more we contact and mix with our fellow-men the greater is our opportunity to do our part in this process of transmutation which is gradually building up the inner Temple in the spiritual realms of existence. Gradually, out of the chaos of misery and poverty and disease and suffering of all kinds, there is being evolved a higher and finer and happier state of existence for all mankind, and it is by virtue of this process of the sacrifice of the lower to the higher that this happier and better state is being created. This is the process which is symbolized in the Christian religion by the crucifixion. It is the nailing upon the cross of sacrifice of the personality. As a result of the conflict between the spiritual impulses, which are symbolized by the perpendicular line of the cross, and the material animal man, symbolized by the horizontal bar of the cross, the Christ force which is latent in every man is liberated, and its essence is added to spiritualized mankind as a whole. "Before the soul can stand in the presence of the Masters its feet must be washed in the blood of the heart." This quotation from "Light on the Path" symbolizes this process of transmutation through sacrifice and is but a poetical way of saying that spiritual growth comes through suffering—not through suffering per se—but through that suffering which results from the sacrifice of our personal desires for an ideal. Every time we curb our desire to do something we wish to do, and instead do something we know that we should do, we are aligning ourselves with this creative force and helping nature in the building of the great Inner Temple of Humanity.

All nature is working upward from the diversified towards unification. Desire in some form or another is the impelling force, and in the field of human effort mankind as a unit is nailed on the cross of sacrifice—that a higher and better civilization may be formed.

As Temple members we have consciously aligned ourselves with this army of builders. We are not the only ones who have taken on this task. Everyone who wishes to see a happier and juster day for the race, and is using each opportunity as it presents itself to help bring about this end—is a Temple Builder. But we have been given special opportunity, and by our Temple pledges have undertaken special obligations, and in so doing we have opened the door to a wider responsibility.

In the great scheme of things one life is very short. A few years from now, as individuals most of us who are here today will be forgotten. The great stream of life will still flow on, and it will still be pushing upwards toward its ultimate—but as individuals we will not exist. The personal part of us which distinguished us one from the other will have faded out, just as the flower fades; but we will every one of us have added, by whatever

sacrifice we have made, to this sum total which is the impelling force and which is essentially the Christ Force, symbolized by the Master Jesus nailed on the Cross. We have seen those who were closest and dearest to us pass on and in. We remember them as individuals, it is true, with their good qualities and their faults—even as you and I; but the legacy they have left behind them which has left the deepest impression is just this—the sacrifices they made—the kindnesses they did—the help they gave to others, their contribution to the sum total of human enlightenment and human happiness.

Just as the essences imprisoned in a chemical may be released when heat is applied, so the spiritual part of man is liberated under the stress of human experience; and as Temple members we have consciously undertaken the responsibility to be tried in the crucible of life, and our reward, in the words of the Master, is that we are to share "The cross of his human woe and the Crown of his spiritual joy."

Each one of us has his own code. He guides his acts by it, and succeeds or fails according to his efforts and his abilities and his limitations. No one can fully enter into the consciousness of another. Each of us dwells in a sphere of consciousness which is his alone. It is for him only to be the ruler in this circle, and he alone knows its laws and its limitations and possibilities and he alone is responsible for its government. He is responsible to the Law of Life and (so long as he respects the rights of others) to the Law of Life alone. It will tell him through his intuitive faculty what he should do and what he should not do; and as his inner senses of perception grow more and more alert and keen he will, by virtue of their exercise, become a greater factor in the evolutionary scheme of things.

He will find that his responsibilities become greater and that he is indeed sharing in what was promised by the Master, "The Cross of His Human Woe—the Crown of His Spiritual Joy."

Ernest Harrison

This was followed by Ebba Whitney's

ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE TREASURER

Greetings to Our Chief and Temple Comrades:

The Temple Convention hour is here again, and like the words of our song "Wake to Life," we might say also "Great Time has struck the Chord"—the chord of renewed effort in the greatest work ever given to man—the redemption of man. It is a fitting time to take inventory, to balance our accounts, to call closer to our side the forces of Life, Love and Law, in the common Chord of C.

That is our keynote. It is the chord of chords in the Great Work. Both the Charge and the Rallying Cry, given to us in the beginning of the work, consist of the three tones in that triune chord of C. "From the Mountain Top" we hear, "When Father-Mother-Son, the Triune God, is once more seated on the long

vacated throne within the human heart, to rule again that heart in majesty and Love, then man will rise to sovereignty o'er all the lesser lives which now obstruct the path to power."

Man may not tear apart the common Chord of C,—the Chord of Life, and Love, and Law, to strike a single tone of that vast Trinity alone, without sustaining loss immeasurable. For in the spaces left between, the minor tones will silent lie,—those tones which wake "the Angels of the Voice" to "guard the path to Power."

Each recurring cycle spells opportunity in the renewal of the Life Forces created thru past cycles of effort, for our growth and nourishment. With the striking of each tone of that Great Chord in "Warriors of Light," given and sung at each Convention, we pledge ourselves anew to that Charge. It takes spiritual brawn to sing it in our lives, as it means battle every step of the way. There can be no warrior without battle, there can be no Victory without the perils of defeat. There can be no defeat when our Commander in the Christ—Divine Love, Life and Law—the Three in One.

So we strike the Temple keynote again and again in our Temple music which is indeed one of our greatest spiritual treasures. And we sing it in our lives regardless of our "growing pains." We sing it in the lives of those we contact, and into the world as the ideal keynote without which Life has no meaning.

On wings of Song we are marching on the Highway of the Gods—with hearts attuned to Love and Law we sing the Song of Life.

"Go, with the Rallying Cry of the Red Ray on your lips, the light of high purpose flashing from your eyes, ready to do or to die, as seemeth best, upon that field above which soars the guage of battle—the Soul of man!

Ebba Whitney

Ella Vogtherr then read the address of the General Secretary as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Beloved Comrades, dear Friends: Greetings to you! Could I but find words strong, loving, beautiful, to express to you the feelings of deep love and gratitude overflowing from the heart to you all, and to the Masters, that we are permitted to be together again in this our Fortieth Annual Temple Convention. Greetings of love to our comrades at a distance: may they all feel the high uplifting forces which are with us during this sacred convention week. And greetings to all in the world who, though not enlisted in the Temple ranks, truly love humanity and work for the spiritual unfoldment of the human race. Though our work on the outer plane may be different, yet are we all One interiorly in the Great Heart of the Christ.

Humanity is the larger Temple to which our services are dedicated. The Temple of the People, as the vehicle of Lodge

work for this most important cycle of transition from the Old Dispensation into the New, stands as the heart center and nucleus of Brotherhood in this larger Temple of humanity; and on it, in the course of time, must humanity be unified. Through it are being transmitted high spiritual forces for the regeneration and reconstruction of humanity.

To the Temple has been given the mission to prepare the way for the Avatar Who will usher in the New Dispensation, the Golden Age, in which the Brotherhood of Man will rule and the Power of Mammon vanish. To us has been given the trust to re-temple the world with the fires of true aspiration and unselfish love, that humanity may become conscious of its inherent divinity and Unity with all life in God.

With us, beloved brothers and sisters—stones in the Guardian Wall around the Inner Temple—remains the responsibility to be true to the trust, to stand in love and unbreakable unity as Warriors in the unconquerable ranks of Light in this War of the Ages, in which the forces of darkness are now most desperately fighting, in and through the races of the earth, to prevent or defer the full manifestation of the true spiritual leader, the Avatar. On inner planes the Victory of Light has been accomplished, we have been told; but on the outer plane the forces of evil may do incalculable harm to humanity, which is still in utter ignorance of the real nature of the forces involved and using it in the tremendous issues at stake.

Each one of us must help—or will hinder—His manifestation. We must help to transmute the forces of darkness into light, in our own hearts and lives, and by transmitting the teachings of Light into the world. The only weapon of the Warrior of Light is a pure unselfish heart which the Masters can use and against which the forces of darkness are powerless. In the purified heart we become one with all light. Through it the forces of light can freely flow for the help and upliftment of the world. Here is the place of peace and balance, of all constructive power. Here we are one with all life and stand securely in whatever conditions may rage around and about us. "Ere your hearts are dissolved in love for humanity and all life," says the Master, "it is useless to try to go any further." In the heart we find all understanding, all true knowledge, all compassion.

As the disciple dedicates his life in unselfish love, in deep humility, in perfect devotion and highest aspirations on the Altar of the Christ within his heart, he receives the insignia of the servants of the Holy Grail. Henceforth his life will be changed; it is given without recall to God, to the Higher Self, to the Christ. It is no longer his own. But in giving it, in laying it down on the altar of selfless service for humanity, he finds himself transmuted into the greater, radiant Self, into fuller, higher life of unspeakable beauty—he has entered the true Path of Life, though in the eyes of the world he seems like nothing.

The last year has proved to us our unity and harmony in the

work, the strong solidification of the inner nucleus of the Temple. A great force of Light has been created and disseminated into the world through the healing meditations daily in the Temple. Other groups are tuning in by holding their meditations at the same time as ours. Let us stand strong and unshakable, in deep faith and trust in the Victory of Light, and the forces of Light will use us, flow through us. Let no doubt, no fear enter. But let us heed: to whatever degree one dallies with the warring powers, or becomes partial, to that degree he partakes of those forces, and his service is lost for the true Cause. One cannot serve the forces of Light and of darkness at the same time; we cannot squander our energies which are now more than ever needed in the Armies of Light. The mixing of forces and the lack of discrimination is the cause of much suffering in the life of the disciple and often causes his downfall. Let us not forget our great responsibility: we are creative with each thought, word and deed—creating good or evil. "He who is not for me, is against me." Much has been given to us, much is asked from us. We have been given the truth, and we have to live the truth; we can no longer indulge in living a careless, thoughtless life which is selfishness. We know true life must be builded on the eternal principles of Divine Law—Love, Unity, Service. Let us always remain conscious that we have promised, pledged ourselves, to give all the time, means and labor which we can give to the upbuilding and advancement of the Temple; that we have offered "All we are and hope to be." We have been called, may we be found among the "chosen ones." And we have asked for the power to seek and find those in need of spiritual help "to bring them into conscious unity with all that lives."

Many are the children of the Master now doing service for Him in the world who may never have heard His name, but who are waiting for the word that will bring them to this center, the Master has told us. Blue Star says in her convention address, of 1920, "it is our opportunity to reach out and help others into the Temple ranks. Some other soul is crying out for such help and is being denied by the indifference of some Templar, while the Masters reach out to us with outstretched hands for help in bringing that wanderer home." Let us not be among those who fail to fulfill their duty in this hour of the great need of humanity.

The Temple door stands wide open for all who are seeking the truth, who believe in the Brotherhood of Man and want to serve it; who ask for entrance, advice, assistance. The Teachings of the Temple contain the Wisdom of the Ages. This is our work, the work of each and every Templar, to carry this knowledge, this wisdom, this light into the world. Wherever we are, we are there by Law. The Master needs us there. And there are those to whom we are karmically indebted, to whom it is our duty to extend the Master's touch.

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wants to help you in doing your part. Call on us; write for literature, pamphlets, or give us the names of persons whom you find interested.

Thanks to you, beloved comrades, who are holding high the banner of the Temple and are faithfully doing your part in the Temple work. Deep love and sympathy to you, beloved comrades, who are ill or afflicted, or who, for reasons sufficient to yourselves have been silent for a time; we hope to hear from you again. The work needs every one of you. Joyous greetings to our newly enlisted comrades; may their affiliation with the Temple Family become of great blessing to themselves, to the group, and to all with whom they come in contact.

The Master Hilarion assures us that He will ever remain with us; that we are working with and in Him. We shall always find Him in our hearts. In closing, let me quote from two of the many loving, reassuring, comforting messages which He has given to us, and which we have compiled in the Yellow and Red Folios so that they may be available to all: let us carry His words in our hearts:

"Children of my love, my life: I think, I feel, I move, I breathe with you.

Great is the Day we are entering; great is the Day we have left behind. Day followeth day alike, the greatness and import determined by work well performed, deeds nobly done, service truly rendered, sacrifice joyfully made, aspiration purely offered, faith firmly held, courage strongly given, opportunity fully used, failure placed under foot, effort ever renewed; love, trust, understanding, compassion covering all.

Out of day cometh other days. Out of weakness cometh strength, out of failure cometh success; out of hard labor, achievement, out of achievement, oftentimes fall. One is termed Day, the other Night. Both are the same with God. Light, Darkness, Day, Night, Twilight, Dawn. One in Law.

The Great Day--The Day Be With Us--is now upon you. Use it, my children, USE IT WELL."

And again he says,

"The Rock of the Temple of the Lodge shall not be divided. A Covenant have I made with my people that it shall stand in That Day which is upon you. That Covenant shall be kept though suns rise not nor set.

With mine own right arm shall I hold it, and you, that no harm shall come near to destroy or disturb you. With the Lodge Life Blood are you welded to me. What matters if storms rage around and about you. Darkest night but brings me the closer, an Ark and a Haven of Refuge to be for you. Fear not, but know I am with you. My love encircleth you always."

So, let us stand closely together, holding high the Torch of the Lodge, encircling the world with love and good will to all peoples, until

Enlightenment, Peace and Unity are with all humanity.

Ella Vogtherr

The meeting closed. The following healing meditation was conducted by Duncan Ferguson.

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