

History of the Order of Hermes

Introduction

This is a chronology and limited history of the Order of Hermes, intended as a free supplement for the Ars Magica role playing game. It was created to serve as a research tool for storyguides and players, not as an attempt to define the Mythic Europe setting or to alter the established Order of Hermes. It is written mainly from the point of view of a particular magus of House Mercere, Radulphus Stilus, writing in the later Arien Age, probably past the 15th Arien Century (in other words, after 1360 AD). This magus is much more neutral than many historians of his age, but hardly without his own opinions.

The Chronology follows the following format: Date AD, Date AA, Event, Gloss.

Dates are given in the ordinary common era AD dates and in Age of Aries dates. Most events are noted as happening in a particular year and have no day or even month listed. Where they do appear, mundane months are the commonly recognized ones, and the AA months are the astrological ones. No attempt to use medieval months was attempted; there is no Kalends, Ides, or other such period notation: May 3 is May 3. The same pattern applies to the astrological months: III Cancer is the third day of Cancer. The astrological dates used assume that the astrological month begins on the dates indicated in a common zodiac, and may not be astronomically or astrologically correct.

Some actual historical dates may not coincide with other histories, mainly because authorities and historians tend to disagree. Events were mainly entered in the order found, but events inside the Order are usually listed before mundane events. Fictional events are noted in the year that continuity or legend claims they occurred. In a few cases, continuity dates are not consistent, and in these cases a range of years or an approximate date is indicated and a comment entered in the gloss. In many cases no specific date is given for an event, and the author has extrapolated an approximate date. Often, a range of mundane and Hermetic dates do not quite agree; this is usually an artifact of approximation and rounding.

The events listed are all drawn either from Ars Magica published material, real history, and real myth and legend. They are usually simple relations of the events as described in continuity, but in some cases limited space has demanded encapsulation. The bulk of the Peripheral Code is also included in the text, to give it historical context. Note: The author refers to event dates in AA, not AD. Events considered of great import to the Order are in boldface.

The gloss and the introductions to the centuries contain short comments, exhortations, references to related events, colour commentary, plot fodder, or unsolicited opinions. The opinions noted in the gloss and the century introductions are strictly opinions of the fictional and somewhat diffident author. Readers are encouraged to disagree with him!

The intent of the author is to accurately represent the timeline of events of and surrounding the Order of Hermes, but despite being drawn from Ars Magica material this is not a publication of Atlas Games, is not canonical, and should not be taken as such. That said, the majority of the material herein is based on material under Copyright of Trident, Inc., doing business as Atlas Games. The remaining material is public domain. This document may be distributed freely without alteration so long as no charge or fee is assessed. It may be altered

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This material herein is primarily the creation of a large number of writers and designers and a few dedicated editors, and the compiler can claim only to stand on their shoulders.

Ins and Outs

This is not an absolutely inclusive chronology. Some events were considered too trivial, remote, or secret to be included. Plot details of adventures have been generally excluded or included in an opaque manner. The exact year, or even decade, of an event may have been unclear. In some cases this has led to events not being noted.

The timeline includes events from all works for the 2nd Edition, 3rd Edition, and 4th Edition, including all of Atlas Games pre-ownership material, except for Tales of the Dark Ages and South of the Sun, and convention adventures. No attempt to judge the worthiness of these works or events has been attempted. If the reader dislikes a particular work or plot, the reader may choose to ignore the related events.

While the fictional author is assumed to be extremely well informed, he is not considered omniscient, nor even morally correct.

One exclusion that may be annoying is the lack of index references. Unfortunately, the compiler didn't think of that until about half-way into the project. This may be for the best, as indexing would have further cramped the text.

The fictional author is assumed to be interested in certain mundane events, especially in relation to the Church and the other inheritors of the Roman Empire, and sweeping historical events which may interest magi of the Order (like Crusades, plagues, and social movements).

Some legendary or rumored magicians, the sort of people who magi would call hedge wizards, were also included, as were many classic philosophers, who proposed various concepts the compiler considers fundamental to Hermetic Theory. A few historical items were included because they seemed to be the sorts of things a mage would note: natural disasters, plagues, famines, momentous events, and unexpected or unusual astrological phenomenon.

The Verdi Competition has been calculated and included, from the Foundation of the Order into the future, based on established dates and historical clues. Similarly, the House Transylvania: Tremere conference cycle was calculated from the death of Tremere himself, also based on continuity dates and historical clues, but the other regular House meetings, for Tytalus and Bjornaer, have not been, as the compiler is not certain when they started.

One of the more obviously controversial inclusions is likely to be events beyond the established Ars Magica present (1220 AD/1359 AA), most especially events generated under the controversial 3rd Edition. Others may object to the inclusion of any historical events past the 4th Edition present, 1220 AD. The compiler has not taken it on himself to delete future events, but has taken the liberty of softening some of them in presentation. A break line after 1220 AD has been included to allow storyguides and players to more easily note this crossover into the future and, if they wish, delete it. Another break line is provided after the Grand Tribunal of 1228/1367 for the same reason. In the interest of having something more than the occasional House meeting cycles in these historical periods, the compiler has included some additional historical events and trends.

Naturally, some storyguides will wish to wander well away from both actual history and Order history. Hopefully, this timeline will be of some assistance in that effort.

Historia Ordonis Hermae

A History of the Order of Hermes

by Radulphus Stilum filius Mercator scholae Mercandi Rerum Scriptor ab Harco

This History of the Order of Hermes is, sadly, incomplete. Accounts of many of the most interesting and crucial events in our history are lacking, related mainly by tradition or recorded only in the off-hand references of elder magi. Some of these events were not recorded, magi usually being otherwise occupied with experimentation and enchantment. Others, particularly Tribunals, were recorded, but the original records are lost, damaged, or destroyed. Perhaps more detailed records languish still in the libraries of Durenmar, Magvillus, and lost Val-Negra, but recovering them has not proved easy.

The following Chronology lists the mundane date, the Hermetic date, the Event, and the comments of the author. The Tribunal location of the Event is noted first, if known.

❖ 10,920 BC 1 AV Age of Virgo.

According to the Egyptians the great civilization of this age is Atlantis, a continent beyond the Pillars of Hercules. The island was larger than Libya and Asia (probably meaning Asia Minor) combined, and a center of great learning and civilization. The Atlanteans mined the metal orichalc, landscaped their continent to their needs, worshipped Poseidon, and were ruled by royal twins. The empire of Atlantis extends as far east as Egypt. [Plato] This civilization's reported age seems to predate the Creation according to many authorities. The author cannot say which is correct.

❖ Circa 9500 BC Circa 1400 AV

Sinking of Atlantis, according to the ancient Egyptians. The sinking was spurred by the recent impiety of the Atlanteans. To punish them the gods sent a great flood and sank the island. [Plato] The Civilization of Atlantis seems to predate

that of the Old Ones, assuming they are not identical.

❖ 8467 BC 1 AL Age of Leo. 6608 BC 1 AC

Age of Cancer.

❖ C. 5000 BC C. 1600 AC

Date of the Creation of the World, according to some Church authorities. [HoH] The exact year of Creation differs from authority to authority.

❖ 4451 BC 1 AG

Age of Gemini begins. The civilizations of the age are Egypt and Babylon.

❖ C. 4000 BC C. 450 AG

Fall of the civilization of the Old Ones, per Arch-Mage Infamitus. Some magi equate this culture with Atlantis. [HoH] Either Infamitus or Plato seems to have the date wrong.

❖ **3760 BC 691 AG**

Creation of the World, according to the Jewish calendar. [History]

❖ **C. 3000 BC C. 1500 AG**

In Egypt, the Magus Imhotep counsels Pharaoh Zoser, also called Tosorthros. Imhotep raises the great Pyramids, discovers powerful healing rituals, and performs many wonders. His father was the god Ptah and his mother a mortal woman. [Legend, History] This great mage may have founded the Cult of Thoth.

❖ **2294 BC 1 AT**

Age of Taurus begins.

❖ **C. 2000 BC C. 300 AT**

Egyptian Cult of Thoth at its height, as indicated by the research of the Primus Fenicil. [HoH]

❖ **C. 1300 BC C. 1900 AT**

The ancient Kymric civilization flowers around Britainnia, guided by magician-priests, headquartered at Cimbrinsula, an island in the Irish Sea. In time, the Kymric culture is destroyed by the invading Gaels, the island of Cimbrinsula sinks under the waves, and the Kymric and Gaelic cultures merge into the Celtic people. The Kymric priest-magicians become the Druids of later years. [Tempest]

❖ **C. 1200 BC C. 1100 AT**

An Age of Heroes in the Mediterranean and Levant region. The great heroes Hercules, Ulysses, Theseus, Achilles, Aeneas, Jason, and Perseus roam the world, performing great deeds and slaying monsters. This is also an age of magic: the witch Medea, the enchanter Daedelus, and the sorceress Circe all belong to this period. [Legend, History]

❖ **C. 960-930 BC C. 1335-1365 AT**

The Reign of King Solomon the Magus, King of Judea. He raised a great temple to his God and a vast palace for himself. He was a great magician, able to summon all manner of spirits to work his will. His Great Seal is still a powerful ward and device for spirits and his Ring is said to be able to command them all. He could fly on the wind with a magic carpet and spoke the languages of beasts and birds. His wisdom was widely known; he answered the riddles of the Queen of Sheba and wisely judged the most perplexing cases. He ruled over mortals and spirits, brought the wealth of the world to him in his capital of the Levant, and explored the depths of the sea and the heights of the sky. [Legend, History]

❖ **C. 900 BC C. 1400 AT**

The dragon Pan Caudarax settles or is hatched in what will become Flanders. [TbF]

❖ **753 BC 1542 AT**

Foundation of Rome by the twins Romulus and Remus. The twins, raised by a lupa, form a band of outcasts and found Rome by abducting the women of the Sabine tribe. Romulus kills his brother Remus and reigns as Rome's first king. [Legend, History] Lupa can mean either She-Wolf or prostitute.

❖ **C. 600 BC C. 1695 AT**

The time of the ancient Magi of Persia, who have inherited the magic of the Babylonian Chaldeans. [Legend, History]

❖ **C. 560-480 BC C. 1735-1835 AT**

Lifetime of Pythagoras, philosopher, magician, and mathematician. He was trained in Egypt and Babylon, and taught at his school at Croton. He postulated that the universe was mathematical (Number is All) and measurable, determined the ratios of music, proved his famous theorem, discovered irrational numbers, and

founded a mystical brotherhood. [Legend, History]

❖ **C. 515 BC C. 1780 AT**

The Greek philosopher Parmenides argues that the fundamental reality of the world is timeless, unchanging, undifferentiated, and motionless, and that the apparent world is an illusion of the senses. His student, Zeno, argues the same and provides several paradoxes illustrating the concept. [History] A key concept of Hermetic Theory. Zeno provides several classics of Cramon philosophy.

❖ **C. 500 BC C. 1795 AT**

Greek Cult of Hermes at height, per Primus Fenicil. [HoH]

❖ **C. 509 BC C. 1790 AT**

The monarchy of Rome is overthrown after the king of Rome, Tarquin the Proud, rapes his friend's wife, Lucretia, who commits suicide. A Republic replaces the monarchy, which conquers the known world in the next five hundred years. [Legend, History] In some ways the Order resembles the Republic of Rome. Both are ruled by the wise men selected by their elders.

❖ **C. 435 C. 1860**

The Greek philosopher Empedocles proposes that the universe is composed of four elements: fire, air, water, and earth. He also argues that love and hate (sympathy and antipathy) cause interaction of the elements. [History] Two key concepts of Hermetic magic.

❖ **C. 420 BC C. 1875 AT**

Flourishing of the philosophies of Socrates and his students. Socrates is credited with developing the dialectic technique, promoting investigation, and claimed that Knowledge is intrinsically Good, and Ignorance Evil. [History] Socrates is also

famous for his great wisdom, spurred by a genius spirit; he knew his own ignorance.

❖ **C. 428-348 BC C. 1867-1947 AT**

Life of Plato. He studied under Socrates, travelled the world, and later in life established his Academy, which lasts for eight centuries. He publishes his Republic, which advocates rule by philosopher-kings. Finally, Plato introduces important concepts of Hermetic Theory, including the Realm of Forms, a realm of ultimate, absolute, unchanging reality which appears in mundane reality as lesser manifestations; and the Chain of Being, the concept that the universe is an ordered whole hierarchy, descending from the Creator. [History] Some magi regard Plato as calling for magi to rule. Plato's work is based on the work of elder philosophers, including Parmenides, Empedocles, Zeno of Elcea, and most importantly Socrates.

❖ **C. 420 BC C. 1875 AT**

The magician Asclepius, a great healer, helps end a plague in Athens. [Legend, History]

❖ **390 BC 1905 AT**

Sacking of Rome by Celts, aided by the Druids. According to Primus Fenicil this is the impetus for formation of Cult of Mercury. [HoH, Tempest] Contradicts other writings, which place the Cult in Italy as early as the year 1700 AT.

❖ **C. 384-322 BC C. 1911-1973 AT**

Life of Aristotle. Student of many disciplines, auctor of logic, founder of the Lyceum school. He argues for the existence of a Fifth Element, finer than the four material elements, which make up the heavenly bodies and influence the mundane world. He argues against predestination, but allows that the heavens influence via the fifth essence. [History] The Fifth Element is identified by some magi as Vim.

❖ **336-323 1958-1971 AT**

Alexander the Great, student of Aristotle, conquers the known civilized world in the east, from Greece to Egypt to Persia to the frontier of India, in only 13 years before dying of overeating. His empire divides into petty kingdoms, but a new age of civilization briefly flourishes. [History] Some of the fundamental concepts of magic, the ideas of Magoi and Philosophers, met and mingled in this period.

❖ **C. 300 BC C. 1995 AT**

Greek philosopher Democritus introduces atomic theory, arguing that the world is composed of ultimately indivisible tiny essences, atoms. He also introduces the democratic system, a political method where participants rule by vote, a version of which is used by the Order. [History] Although Democritus was opposed to the supernatural, his atoms are thought by some magi as the fundamental components of the elements.

❖ **287-212 BC 2008-2083 AT**

Lifetime of Archimedes, mathematician and inventor of wondrous devices. Killed in the sack of Syracuse. [History, ME] There is disagreement over whether he was a magician.

❖ **C. 160 BC C. 2135**

Plentarch codifies Mercurian Rituals into thirty eight spells. [HoH] These spells are lost to the common knowledge of the Order.

❖ **C. 150 BC C. 2145**

Cult of Mercury at its height. The magic of the cult is little understood now, but they are credited in our history with supporting the Roman Empire through its thirty eight powerful rituals. It is known that Mercurian magic required large numbers of ritual participants, and it is believed that the Roman roads served to symbolically tie the Roman Republic and

later Empire together. [HoH] The rituals of Mercury may have been to undermine the gods of the enemy, or to bring the favor of the gods to the Romans.

❖ **146 BC 2149 AT**

End of 3rd Punic War; destruction of the trading city Carthage by the Romans. The Carthaginians are massacred and enslaved, although some escaped to the corners of the Empire, others beyond the Ring of Fire, and others by sailing west into the Atlantic, to the island of Antilia. [History, Legend, SotS] The magi of Carthage left behind fragmentary texts, and some artifacts, now being investigated by Sansaron covenant.

❖ **139 BC 1**

Age of Aries begins. Little is known about the history of the Cult of Mercury in this era. Certainly the Cult began this period at a zenith, active and powerful, the magic lifeblood of the Roman Empire. [HoH]

❖ **C. 20 BC C. 120**

Rome: The period of the poet mage Vergil, in the city of Naples, who has learned magic, possibly from the tomes of Solomon. He is said to have prophesied the coming of a golden age heralded by the birth of a wondrous child. He owned a bronze head and animated a statue that would bite of the hands of unfaithful wives. He fell in love with Pheobilla, who betrayed him and arranged for the whole city to mock him. In vengeance, he deprived the whole city of fire for three days, except for fire gained from between Pheobilla's legs. [Legend]

❖ **1 139**

Levant: Three magi, each a great astrologer and wise man, one from Asia, one from Europe, one from Africa, travel from the ends of the world to witness the birth of the infant Jesus and bring him Gifts of frankincense, gold, myrrh. Each mage is a king, Gaspar the Young of Persia,

Melchior of Saba, and Balthazar the Old of Sheba.

The account relates that the Magi had met King Herod, who sought the child Jesus to kill him, and after finding the child had a vision to evade the King, and returned to the countries by a different route. [Bible, Legend] Some claim that they abandoned their crowns and went to India to die. Others that they went to the city of Sewa, where they died after living 100 years.

One author calls them Hormizdah, Yazdegerd and Perozdh, another calls them Hor, Basanater and Karsudan.

❖ **C. 30 C. 170**

In the reign of Emperor Tiberius, Roman law punishing poisoners is extended to those who use magic to harm others, raise storms, blast crops, raise the spirits of the dead, or incite love. The penalty is death. Note that all of these acts may be considered baneful.

❖ **C. 33 C. 175**

The grown Jesus of Nazareth, who has become a wonder-worker, is executed by mundane rulers. His followers spread word of his wonders and found Christianity.

❖ **C. 45 C. 185**

Rome: In the reign of Emperor Claudius, a Samaritan named Simon Magus works many wonders in Rome. He cures diseases, raises the dead, makes himself invisible, animates statues, summons corpses from thin air, changes shape into animals, and flies through the air. Church tradition claims that he is exposed as a tool of the Devil by Saint Peter. He is said to have offered Peter silver for the secret of Peter's magic. Refused, Simon is then said to have asserted his godhood, and announced that he would fly to heaven to prove it. St. Peter prayed to God and Simon Magus crashed to the earth and died. [Bible, Legend]

❖ **C. 50 C. 200**

Hibernia: Era of Cuchullain, a great hero. [Legend]

❖ **61 200**

Stonehenge: Destruction of the druid sanctuary on the island Mona Insula by Cult of Mercury and Romans, led by Governor Suetonius Paulinus. This was to break the rebellion of the Queen Boudicca, the Iceni warrior queen. [History, Tempest] Mona Insula, later called Anglesey, was also the site of the Diedne covenant now called Nameless Covenant.

❖ **C. 85 C. 225**

The high priest of Apollo, Plutarch, predicts a coming cessation of oracles and the decline of the old gods. [Legend, History]

❖ **98 237**

Christian missionaries vanish on mission through Ring of Fire. [SotS] The Ring of Fire lies in the far south of Africa, separating the World from whatever lies south of it.

❖ **108 247**

The dragon Pan Caudarax departs Flanders for the Ice Land. He leaves behind a fabled hoard, including the Rosewood Crown, an oracular device. He vows to return on the day of the Crescent Sun to defend his hoard against the Warlock of De Panne. [TbF] The dragons name may be a scribal error.

❖ **129-216 268-355**

Lifetime of Galen, a great physician and magician. [Legend, History]

❖ **154-222 293-361**

Lifetime of Bar Daysan, a Syrian magician possibly ancestral to Founder Criamon. [Mysteries]

❖ **C. 250 C. 390**

Alexandrine philosopher Plotinus founds Neoplatonism, argues that magic is the basis of all action and change, states certain basic rules of sympathy and essential nature, and further develops the concept of the Chain of Being. His followers, particularly Porphyry and Iamblichus, develop these rules into powerful rituals and divide magic into Theurgy, higher magic based on invocation of divine power, and Goetia, baser magic using compelled spirits. [History]

❖ **C. 260 C. 400**

Hibernia: Era of Finn Mac Cool and his Fenian band, who patrolled their lords' lands against robbers and invaders. They eventually become overbearing and are suppressed. [Legend]

❖ **Fifth Century of the Ages of Aries.**

This is the first century of a five hundred year dark age of magic. The century saw the decline of the Cult of Mercury from the vis vitae of Rome to a loose collection of minor enchanter. Some blame the rise of the Church and its rejection of the old magic for this collapse; others consider it a natural progression of life, from strength to death. The Cult remained for some decades as a dwindling political force and some less powerful magical applications were developed for individual uses. These applications become the foundation of the vulgar traditions that dominated before the organization of the Order of Hermes after the sack of Rome in 412. By the middle of the century, it is certain that the Cult could no longer cast its major rituals due to insufficient numbers of priests and low sacrifices.

❖ **272 411**

Normandy: Three Christians beheaded on the road to the Temple of Mercury, in the city of Lutetia, now called Paris. [History]

❖ **275 414**

A great plague severely reduces the Roman Empire. [History]

❖ **284 423**

Administration of Roman Empire temporarily split between East and West. [History]

❖ **C. 300 C. 425**

Zosimus of Panopolis, and his sister Eusebeia, both magicians, write a twenty-eight volume encyclopedia of magic and alchemy, now largely lost. [Mysteries] The great work may yet be recovered from some dusty vault.

❖ **303 442**

Emperor Diocletian begins suppressing Christians and reviving the old religion. This continues until the conversion of Constantine in 451. [History]

❖ **305 444**

Rome: Milan becomes capital of Western Roman Empire. [History]

❖ **306 445**

Iberia: Synod of Elvira forbids communion be given to sorcerers who have killed others via magic, which it claims can only be performed through use of evil spirits. [History] This century sees wide condemnation of magic by the Church.

❖ **309 448**

Another great plague reduces the Roman Empire over the next five years. [History]

❖ **313 452**

Christianity recognized as the official religion of the Roman Empire by Emperor Constantine. [History]

❖ 314 453

Synod of Ancrya orders five years of penance for those who use magic for divination or healing. [History] The objection to healing is surprising.

❖ 330 469

Thebes: Capital of Roman Empire moved to Constantinople by Emperor Constantine. [History]

❖ C. 325 C. 450

Levant: The bones of the Three Magi are recovered from the Levant, and brought to Milan as holy relics of the Church. [History]

❖ 356 495

Emperor Constantine II closes all non-Christian temples. [History]

❖ 356 495

Normandy: Barbarian Alamanni invades Gaul. [History]

❖ 357 496

Emperor Constantine II forbids magic of all kinds, under penalty of beheading. [History]

❖ 360 499

The Huns invade Europe. [History]

❖ 360 499

Picts cross Hadrian's Wall and invade Britannia. [History]

❖ *Sixth Century of the Age of Aries.*

This is a dark and little understood period. The Empire was collapsing under the twin

pressures of barbarian invasion and civil war, and the Priests of Mercury were hard pressed to survive, much less record histories. The magic of the Cult of Mercury begins to change in this period, shifting from a communal activity to an individual craft. Each line develops an idiosyncratic understanding of magic, leading to vulgarization.

❖ C. 370 C. 510

Normandy: King Gradlon of Brittany builds the city of Ys in the Bay of Douarnenez for his daughter, Dahut. Ys is built below sea level, behind a great dike, with sea locks to allow ships access to the port. Ys becomes a powerful capital in a short time.

Princess Dahut, a dissolute woman, takes a new lover each night and strangles him each morning. One day, a Red Knight comes to Ys, and Dahut falls in love with him. At his instigation, she steals the king's key to the sea locks. The sea locks were opened, and the city submerged, and only King Gradlon escaped. The bells of Ys are still said to ring on stormy nights. [Legend] Details differ according to the tale teller.

The Red Knight is considered the Devil in Christian tales, but is often presented as a Faerie in Hermetic accounts.

Dahut is generally described as a druidess or sorceress. She seems to have owned a magical black mask her lovers were required to wear. It strangled them when she was done with their services.

❖ 391 530

Much of the Library of Alexandria burned by order of Emperor Theodosius, who wishes non-Christian works destroyed. Many of the great Alexandrine philosophers are persecuted, some killed. [History] See 781 AA.

❖ 395 534

Final split of Roman Empire between East and West. Emperor Arcadius rules in the East from Constantinople, while Emperor Honorius rules the West from Rome. [History]

❖ **C. 400-500 C. 500-600**

Transylvania: Sometime in this period, a Balkan pagan named Muj undergoes a series of adventures and becomes a sorcerer. His line is eventually adopted by Founder Tremere. [Mysteries]

❖ **C. 400 C. 550**

St. Augustine of Hippo introduces many higher philosophies to the Church, including the idea that the Church exists on a privileged level, removed from the cares of the world.

Augustine also argues that the old gods are utterly false, and that all spirits are evil demons, and that magic is based wholly on demonic aid. His opinions on magic influence the Church still. [History]

Augustine's principle of elevation is also current among some magi of the Order, who argue that the Order is above petty mundane concerns. This theory was influenced by the immunity of the Church in Rome to sacking by the invading barbarians. Rome is later viciously and repeatedly sacked, and the churches not spared.

❖ **400-410 540-550**

Visigoths invade Italy and sack Rome. Afterward they remove to Gaul, and eventually come to rule Hispania. They bring with them their magicians, members of the tribe and advisors to their kings. These magicians are said to be goetic summoners and enchanters similar to the Odin-followers of Ultima Thule. Their tradition dwindles in the coming centuries. [History, Iberia, Rome] It is not certain if the magicians of the Visigoths survived the conquest by the Moors. They may have

contributed to the magical line of Flambeau, through Delendar.

❖ **C. 400 C. 550**

Some Seekers claim that the Cult of Mercury fights a great battle against a dangerous and destructive old god, losing the best magi of the Cult, leading to its dissolution. [Rome]

❖ **C. 400 C. 550**

A Sardinian mage of House Merinita claims that the Cult of Mercury could see the coming future and many fled into Faerie to await a new age. [Rome]

❖ **C. 400 C. 550**

Terith of Jerbiton claims that the Cult of Mercury was corrupted by demons and the Cult had become diabolists, forgetting their old ways and ultimately disbanding. [Rome]

❖ **412 551**

Cult of Mercury officially disbanded, over one hundred years after it became ineffective. The remaining Roman magi move out of the dangerous cities and gradually disperse into the countryside. [HoH]

❖ **429 568**

Vandals invade Africa. [History]

❖ **452 591**

Huns invade Italy. [History]

❖ **452 591**

Venice founded. [History]

❖ **455 594**

Vandals sack Rome. [History]

❖ **Seventh Century of the Age of Aries.**

This century saw a brief flowering of magic and heroic effort on the fringe of Europe. The Enchantment of Britain and the Court of King Arthur brought a thaw in the Winter of magic.

❖ C. 465-525 C. 605-665

Stonehenge: Career of Merlin, greatest magician of Britannia. Son of a Faerie and a mortal woman, born able to speak, he first appears as a boy to King Vortigern of the Saxons, issues prophecies, and resolves a problem vexing the king. Later Merlin makes great wonders, transports the **Stonehenge** to England, and arranges the getting of Arthur by Uther Pendragon upon Igraine of Cornwall. He could change shape and made prophecies still studied today. Toward the end of his life he advises Arthur in the early part of his reign. [Legend]

The final fate of Merlin is disputed. Some say he was betrayed and imprisoned by his apprentice, Nimue, Others claim he retired to the lands of Faerie or into a regio. Some in the Church claim he was the son of the Devil.

❖ 476 615

Fall of the Roman Empire in the West. The Gothic conquest of Italy is finalized by the deposition of Emperor Romulus Augustus by the Goth king Odovacar. The Imperial robes and regalia are transferred to Constantinople. [History]

❖ C. 510-575 C. 650-715

Stonehenge: Magical reign of King Arthur of the Britons under the Enchantment of Britain. This period sees a flowering of magical achievement, the crowning glory of Merlin, the wide influence of the magical Ladies of the Lakes, and many magical quests. [Legend] The Reign of Arthur is held up by some as a shining example of how mortals and magi can coexist.

❖ C. 520-575 C. 660-715

Ultima Thule: Era of Beowulf, who slew an ogre and the ogre's mother, and became King of the Geats. Late in his life he slays a dragon and is slain by it. [Legend]

❖ 540 679

Byzantine conquest of Italy. [History]

❖ C. 555 C. 695

Stonehenge: Arthur's kingdom is blighted, a terrible curse eventually lifted by the successful quest for the Holy Grail. [Legend]

❖ C. 560 C. 700

Stonehenge: The Kingdom of Lyonesse, formerly a land or island of Britain off Cornwall, sinks into the sea after the death of its last heir, Tristram, after his treacherous murder at the hands of King Mark. Some claim the Scilly Isles are the mountaintops of this drowned land. [Legend] This whole quarter of the world seems to be sinking into the sea, if one includes Atlantis, Cimbrinsula, and the many Western Isles said to lie under the waves!

❖ C. 500-600 C. 650-750

Greater Alps: In this century, the Golden Wurm of the High Alps, Impothesse, begins to collect a hoard of gold, silver, and gems, seizing them from mortals. [WT]

❖ Eighth Century of the Age of Aries.

Another bitter period in the Winter of magic.

❖ 568 707

Lombard conquest of Italy. [History]

❖ 590 729

Pope Geoffrey I establishes an imperial rule in Rome, repairs public works, and feeds

the masses with doles of grain. His authority is strengthened after a plague ends after he has had a vision of the Destroying Angel sheathing its sword. [History]

❖ 610 749

An Arab merchant, Mohammed, begins to preach a new religion, Islam, in the city of Mecca. [History]

❖ 622 761

The prophet Mohammed is driven out of Mecca for promoting an alien god. He settles in Medina. [History]

❖ 629 768

Mohammed and his followers, the Muslims, begin a religious war that will eventually conquer the whole of the Near East and North Africa, and will reach deeply into Iberia. [History]

❖ 636 775

Muslim conquest of Syria. [History]

❖ 638 777

Muslim conquest of Jerusalem. [History]

❖ 642 781

Muslims conquer Alexandria and destroy its famous Library, burning 300,000 volumes to heat baths. This is the end of the Alexandrine center of learning. [History]

❖ C. 600-700 C. 750-850

Greater Alps: The Dragon Impothesse, called the Golden Wyrn for her wondrous golden scales, burns cities and the realms of kings who oppose her continuing quest for gold and gems. She is opposed by the mortal kings, and brave knights are sent to slay her, but she is not defeated. [WT]

❖ Ninth Century of the Age of Aries.

This century is the seed of the Order and the rebirth of magic. The majority of this century belonged to the pre-Founders: Guorna the Fetid, the Pater of two founders; Delendar the fire-magician, pater of Flambeau; the unknown forebears of Bjornaer and Diedne, the two barbarian magi who yet were inheritors of organized magical traditions. The final third of this century belongs to their heirs, the disparate schools brought together by the genius of Bonisagus, who likely only developed his Parma Magica to live in peace.

❖ 671 810

Thebes: The combustible called Greek Fire is used to defend Constantinople from Muslim conquest. [History]

❖ 698 837

Iberia: Birth of Reculed Annaeus Seneca, to be Founder Flambeau, in Lusitania. [Iberia] This per Flambeau tradition. No documentary evidence.

❖ 711 850

Iberia: Moors invade Hispania. In time they bring the remaining learning of Rome to the cities of Hispania. [History]

❖ 712 851

Iberia: Reculed Annaeus Seneca apprenticed to Magus Delendar. Delendar, a powerful mage skilled in destructive magic, intensely trains the boy. [Iberia]

❖ C. 714 C. 853

Iberia: An archbishop and six bishops flee the Moorish invasion by sailing west into the Atlantic Ocean. They land on the island of Antilia, and each founds a golden city, the seven cities of Cibola. [Legend]

❖ 717-718 856-857

Thebes: Constantinople is besieged by Arabs. During the siege the Emperor

Theodosius is deposed and replaced by Leo III. Leo breaks the siege, destroys the Arab fleet, and ends further Muslim expansion into eastern Europe. [History]

❖ **722 861**

Iberia: A glowing rider on a white horse panics the Moors at the battle of Covadonga. This rider is later identified as St. James by Dominion. [ON] Possibly Delandar? See related event in AA 983.

❖ **725 864**

Rhine: The Donar Oak, a long standing relic of German paganism, felled by St. Boniface. [Legend] Or possibly by Charlemagne.

❖ **730 869**

Iberia: Delandar and Reculed battle Moors and Moorish sorcerers in a battle in the Pyrenees foothills. Delandar is killed in a massive magical attack after being separated from Reculed. Reculed destroys the survivors in a rage, and crosses the mountains into the south of France. Here Reculed takes the name Flambeau. [Iberia]

❖ **731 870**

Trianoma meets Bonisagus, who has already developed a method of defending against magical attack, the Parma Magica. Trianoma becomes Bonisagus' apprentice, learns the Parma Magica and begins approaching magi to come to his cave in the Alps to share magical secrets. [HoH]

❖ **731?-767 870-906**

Magi council Bonisagus in his Alpine cave, debate many issues and develop Hermetic theory and the Code of Hermes. Many of these magi become Founders.

Bonisagus bases his Hermetic Theory on the ancient wisdom of the classic philosophers, moderated by the practical advice of experienced magi. Many of the

Roman magi continue their old Mercurial magic traditions, which gradually dwindle as the Order grows and Hermetic theory takes deeper root. [HoH] It seems likely that Hermetic theory continued to be developed for the remainder of Bonisagus' life.

Only Bonisagus is thought to have attended the whole of this period; the other Founders are believed to have come and go.

❖ **C. 731-767 C. 870-906**

The mysterious maga Merinita comes out of the wilderness, and convinces the sorceress Bjornaer to abandon her tradition and join the new Order. Bjornaer is condemned by her former fellows, including the sorceress Gyongy. [HoH] The tradition that Bjornaer left still holds her House a grudge.

❖ **732 871**

Provence: Flambeau helps Charles Martel defeat a Moorish army at the Battle of Tours, near Poitiers. This ends the expansion of the Moors into western Europe. [History, Iberia]

❖ **733?-? 872?-?**

Flambeau hunts and slays over fifty wizards across Europe to sharpen his skills for an eventual campaign against the Moors. Afterward, he meets Trianoma, is impressed with the Parma Magica, and joins the magi counseling Bonisagus. At some point in this period, Flambeau takes his first apprentice, Apromor. [Iberia] Flambeau was apparently impressed by the Parma blocking his attack on Trianoma!

❖ **C. 750 C. 890**

Iberia: The high point of Muslim learning in Iberia. [History]

❖ **754 893**

Frankish conquest of Italy. [History]

❖ **C. 700-800 C. 850-950**

Greater Alps: The Great Golden Wyrn Impothesse, having collected a vast hoard of gold through seizure and tribute, retires to her cave in the High Alps, where she is only occasionally disturbed by foolhardy mortal knights. [WT]

❖ **The Tenth Century of the Age of Aries.**

The Order was founded only six years into this century and a new age of magic began. Most of the Founders still called themselves priests of Mercury, but in the coming generations magicians would find the title Magus enough. This was a century of great conflict, as Founders Flambeau and Tytalus hunted the greatest wizards of the age and gave them the choice of a life under the Order or death in Chaos.

The classic tale of this struggle is that of Pralix, the Thirteenth Founder, who organized a motley band of barbarian hedge magi into an effective fighting force, largely without additional aid from the Order. With aggressive recruitment by the Founders, this was also a century of great growth for the young Order. Most of the Domus Magnae were founded in this period, and they proved to be strong: only one has entered the Final Winter which has consumed so many younger covenants.

❖ **767, Feb 21 905, III Pisces**

Foundation of the Order of Hermes at Durenmar. Bonisagus is the first to swear the Oath. The Founders: Bonisagus, Bjornaer, Criamon, Diedne, Flambeau, Jerbiton, Mercere, Merinita, Guernicus, Tremere, Tytalus, Verditius. [HoH] The mundane and Hermetic date disagree in the histories, for unknown reasons.

❖ **767 905**

First Tribunal. Although magi counseling Founder Bonisagus had been present for decades, this is considered the first meeting of the Order. Naturally, there are more than the Twelve Founders attending the Tribunal, including some or all of the magi who had been adopted by the Founders. Among the first decisions in Tribunal are the rules for Wizard's War: The War must be declared on to the defending mage on the full moon prior to its beginning. The War begins on the night of a full moon and continues until the following full moon. Those who continue after this time are rogue and shall be Renounced. [HoH, WGRE] Trianoma may have performed the practical duties of the Praeco.

❖ **After 767 After 906**

Founder Flambeau collects a school of apprentices in preparation for his long delayed campaign against the Moors, including Delendos and probably Abydaros. Founder Flambeau and his apprentices scour Europe for hedge magicians to battle. [Iberia]

He also attracts some new followers, including Maga Kypris of an Egyptian tradition, whose Lineage seeks the Phoenix, as she did. [Mysteries]

By this time Founder Flambeau's first apprentice, Apromor, had matured into a full magus. He may have been a magus at the time of the Founding. [HoH, Iberia] Some accounts claim that Founder Flambeau took his first apprentices after the Foundation of the Order, others that he had already trained Apromor.

Traditionally, Apromor is an Arch-Mage by the time the rules for Wizard's War are developed. The order of events is variously reported.

❖ **C. 767-770 C. 906-909**

Founder Flambeau, hunting hedge wizards, destroys a band of three such

hiding in the catacombs under Rome. These wizards drew power from an artifact called Vardian's Skull. Flambeau shatters the skull and slays the wizards. Later, these catacombs become the site of Vardian's Tomb covenant.

❖ 768 907

Charlemagne becomes King of the Franks. [History]

❖ 768-814 907-953

Reign of Charlemagne. This great mortal king wisely ruled Normandy, Provence, northern Italy, the Rhine, the Alps, and northern Hispania, expanded the realm of civilization, improved education, dealt justly with mortals and magi, and was considered a friend of the Order. His court did not fear magi or magic, and did not disdain to use enchanted devices. His twelve great paladins sought adventure across Europe and Africa. He was in time crowned Emperor of Rome, but all his works and wonders passed in two generations after his death. [History, Legend] Charlemagne's court also clashed with many hedge magicians of the era, including the wizard Atlante.

❖ 770 909

Founder Mercere loses his Gift. He devotes himself to delivering messages in the Order. Unfortunately, Founder Mercere has trained only two apprentices and his magical secrets of transformation eventually fade from the traditions of his house. [HoH]

Founder Bonisagus spent many seasons attempting to recover Founder Mercere's Gift, but no progress was recorded.

❖ C. 770-774 909-913

Founder Flambeau visits Durenmar with his train of apprentices. Inspired by the value of a stable base, he founds Val-Negra covenant in the mountains of the Pyrenees.

Here he intensely trains his apprentices, pushing many into Gauntlets after only a few years. [Iberia] One of Founder Flambeau's apprentices may have been Ignis Festi, who fought in the war against Dav'nalleous, but it is not certain.

❖ 772 911

Founders Tremere and Bonisagus develop Certamen. Both are apparently pleased to have developed a non-fatal method of dueling. The reaction of the other founders is unrecorded. [HoH] Some have pointed to this as the start of Founder Tremere's machinations to control the Order.

❖ 773 912

Tribunal of 912: The Rights of Founder Bonisagus ruled to extend to all members of his House, including the right to claim another mage's apprentice, and the requirement that magi of that House must share their discoveries with the Order, and that magi must share their knowledge with members of Bonisagus, unless they can convince a Tribunal that the magical knowledge must remain secret.

Procedures for lesser Tribunals set: a Tribunal shall consist of at least twelve magi from at least four covenants.

Hereafter the term Tribunal comes to be applied to territories ruled by lesser Tribunals and the Tribunal of the Founders and Primi is called the Grand Tribunal. [WGRE] This early use of the term Covenant indicates its antiquity. The term is also used at the early point to refer to the home of Founder Bonisagus, Durenmar. There must have been at least three others already, only five years after the Founding. These early covenants were mostly of a single House.

❖ 771 913

Rome: Charlemagne becomes King of the Lombards. He confirms Papal lands

acquired in earlier decades, but asserts his sovereignty even in Papal lands. [History]

❖ 774 913

Rome: Pavia conquered by Charlemagne. [History]

❖ 775 914

Rome: Verdi covenant founded by Founder Verditius in Sardinia. [Rome]

❖ 776 915

Rome: Harco covenant founded by Founder Mercere in the foothills of the southern Alps. [Rome] This likely marked a reduction in Founder Bonisagus' attempts to recover Mercere's Gift.

❖ 778 917

Iberia: Battle of Rencesvals. King Charlemagne has conquered most of northern Hispania in a long campaign, except for Saragossa. He is approached by the Moorish king of Saragossa, Marsile, and convinced of Marsile's good intention to surrender his kingdom and become Christian agrees to return with Marsile to France for the Moor king's baptism. The Moors plot with a French traitor, Ganelon, to fall on Charlemagne's rearguard, destroy it, and kill the commander, Roland, one of the French paladins. The rearguard is destroyed after a bloody battle in which Roland refuses to sound his horn to recall the main army until it is too late. Charlemagne returns on hearing Roland's horn and slaughters the Moors. [History, Legend]

❖ 778 917

Iberia: Founder Flambeau repeatedly clashes with Founder Guernicus and other quaesitores over his interference in the wars between mortal Christians and Muslims. He is prevented from campaigning in 917 by a quaesitorial visit, contributing to the final failure of a new

thrust into Spain by King Charlemagne. [Iberia]

❖ C. 780 C. 920

Normandy: Carolinus, vulgar name Charles de Foix, the Mage-Smith of Charlemagne, trains apprentices who are adopted by Founder Jerbiton. Carolinus worked many fine magical works, possibly including the sword of Roland, Durendal and the magic mirror of Galienne. [Mysteries] The Mage-Smiths continue to flourish in House Jerbiton today.

❖ 782 921

King Charlemagne orders the organization of schools in his kingdom, and generally promotes literacy and education. [History] Sadly, the quality of mortal education has been very inconsistent over the years.

❖ 785 924

Rome: Earliest possible date for the Verdi Competition, perhaps to celebrate the first decade of Verdi. This date is also eighteen years after the Founding of the Order, probably setting the period of the Verdi cycle. The Verdi Competition is a House Verditius contest held at Verdi to see who has made the best enchanted device. [Rome] Unfortunately, records of this early period are fragmentary.

❖ 788 927

Iberia: Death of Founder Flambeau and several of his filii at the Battle of the Tower in Iberia; Magus Delendos is the sole survivor. He reports that Founder Flambeau struck down many spirits fighting for the Moorish sorcerers and finally struck down the whole of the enemy with a final mighty spell powered by a massive amount of vis, the first fons et origo. [Iberia]

Magus Abydaros filius Flambeau was not at this battle. He went on to study the less destructive aspects of Ignem. [Mysteries] Of

course, we have only one witness to this battle, and he is unlikely to be all-informed.

Abydaros vanished into far Ethiopia some time after his pater's passing.

❖ 789 928

King Charlemagne forbids sorcery and divination, punishable by slavery, and paganism and diabolism, punishable by death. [History] Sorcery in this case probably meaning maleficia, harmful magic.

❖ 793 932

Rome: Auctus covenant founded in Sardinia. [Rome]

❖ C. 797 C. 936

Founder Tytalus bests the hedge wizard Evander of Ravenna in a game, and sponsors Evander to House Verditius, where he teaches the construction of astrological instruments. [Mysteries]

❖ Prior to 799 Prior to 938

At an unknown point, Founder Merinita leaves her House to seek the spirit of the wilderness. [HoH] She is said to still appear to magi occasionally.

❖ 799 938

Quendalon, First Primus of Merinita, enters faerie woods, leaving Myanar in charge of the House. [HoH] Whether he entered at Maddenhofen Wood is not noted, although it seems likely; the forest is near to Irencillia.

❖ 799 939

Grand Tribunal of 938: Rules for Certamen set; it is to be respected as a method of resolving dispute; the guidelines for choosing Technique and Form are set; winning magi may not challenge again over the same issue until they have been challenged in turn; vis may be used in

formal certamen. [WGRE] The Grand Tribunals following this one occur on a cycle of thirty three years, barring emergency Tribunals.

❖ 800 939

Rome: King Charlemagne becomes Emperor of the Romans. This closes a period of open friendship between the king and the Order, as the Pope is jealous of wise men outside the Church. However, Emperor Charlemagne does issue laws forbidding vigilante attacks against suspected witches. [History]

Flavia filia Jerbiton reported in attendance at the coronation. [HtM]

❖ 801 940

Rhine: Quendalon of Merinita exits faerie woods with ruby eyes, and preaches a new, faerie way of magic, which he claims would revolutionize magical theory. Primus Myanar claims that the Quendalon is actually a changeling, and mobilizes his faction to resist. An internal House struggle ensues. [HoH] The debate over whether this actually was Quendalon continues to this day.

❖ 802 941

Quendalon retakes control of House Merinita and converts it to his vision. Myanar and his followers are declared orbi of Merinita and adopted by House Bjornaer, where the line eventually dwindles and vanishes. [HoH]

❖ 803 942

Rome: Verdi Competition of 942.

❖ 803 942

Flavia filia Jerbiton, vanishes from the Order. [HtM]

❖ 807 946

Founder Tytalus enters Maddenhofen Woods to challenge the Queen of Faerie, and is not seen thereafter. [HoH] Hariste, his favored filia, may have become the first Primus of his House.

❖ **808 947**

Normandy: Battle of Carnac in Brittany; the hedge wizard Dav'nalleous (called Damhan-allaigh in Gaelic) defeats a group of Flambeau and Tremere magi. The dark magician practiced bloody sacrificial rites to power his magic, and refused to join the Order, as it would mean giving up his magic to avoid interfering with mortals. [HoH, LotN] Human sacrifice was among Dav'nalleous' rites.

❖ **810-816 949-955**

Normandy: The Order makes war against Dav'nalleous. Some additional magi fight the sorcerer while he remains in Brittany, and are slain. [LotN]

❖ **810 949**

Normandy: Dav'nalleous flees Brittany to Caledonia. He is followed and fought by magi, but they are defeated. [LotN]

❖ **810 949**

Founder Jerbiton mentions his belief that Flavia, his filia, has likely died. [HtM] She had not. See 958.

❖ **814 (May) 953 (Tau)**

War Against Dav'nalleous in Britain begins, led by Pralix filia Tytalus, including several other magi, including Ignis Festi of Flambeau and a century of grogs. The expedition lands in Northumbria. The expedition is equipped with stores of vis, and Pralix is given the Robes of Dusty Dawn by Founder Verditius, now the robes of office for House Ex Miscellanea. [LotN] Most of the details of the war against Dav'nalleous come from

the reports of Pralix herself, as she was the lone Hermetic survivor of the war.

❖ **814 (June) 953 (Gem)**

Pralix ambushed at Loch Oadh by Dav'nalleous and his magical allies. All the magi but Pralix and Ignis Festi are killed, as are the fifty grogs; these two magi escape. Pralix recruits local hedge wizards in the battle, including Brude Deathless, a powerful gruagach. In the coming year Pralix teaches some of the hedge magicians the Parma Magica. [LotN] Gruagach are wizards of Caledonia, with power to curse or gift, and to change shape.

There were many local hedge traditions brought under Pralix's banner.

❖ **814 953**

Death of Emperor Charlemagne, marking a decline in mortal scholarship. His empire divides into chaos in three mortal generations. [History]

❖ **815 (June) 954 (Gem)**

Defection of Brude Deathless after quarreling with Ignis Festi; Brude's gruagachan followers leave with him. Battle of Loch Ochy; a near stalemate. Pralix retreats to **Loch Leglean** and makes a base camp. [LotN]

❖ **815 (July) 954 (Can)**

Pralix guarantees Hermetic status for all who follow her banner, and Brude Deathless returns. [LotN]

❖ **815 (Aug.) 954 (Leo)**

Battle of the Bloody Glen: Ignis Festi breaks with Pralix over offering protection to hedge wizards, storms from her camp, and encounters and duels with Dav'nalleous. The land echoes with their battle, in which Dav'nalleous is wounded but Ignis Festi killed. [LotN]

❖ **815 (Dec.) 954 (Sag)**

Night of the Sluagh: Dav'nalleous slaughters many wizards with a treacherous attack using the spirits of the dead. Fewer than a dozen magicians are killed, and Dav'nalleous retreats to the forest of Cad Gadu. [LotN] This attack is said to have taken place on one of the longest nights of the year, possibly the winter solstice.

❖ **816 (March 21) 955 (I Aries)**

Battle of the Great Light: Dav'nalleous defeated and apparently killed after a false sun summoned by the hedge magi banishes his dark allies. His body is laid out for destruction; before it can be destroyed it disappears and the guards watching it are slaughtered. Brude Deathless now reveals that some gruagachan can hide their souls and survive any fatal wound, unless their soul's hiding place is harmed. [LotN] A great pity that Brude waited until this late date to reveal this important gruagach power. Research, magus, always research!

❖ **816 (June) 955**

Ordo Miscellanea formed by Pralix filia Tytalus at Cad Gadu. The new Ordo includes an array of British hedge magicians. Pralix may have intended her organization to become the beloved rival of the Order. [LotN, HoH] Cad gadu means abandoned army in Welsh, referring to Dav'nalleous's defeat.

❖ **816 955**

Sporadic fighting as Dav'nalleous' followers are hunted down; Clan Mac Gruagach joins Ordo Miscellanea. The Northern Guard, Praeses Septentrionalis, formed out of several new covenants to maintain a vigilant watch for Dav'nalleous' return. [LotN]

❖ **817 956**

After debate among the Founders and Primi, Trianoma travels to meet Pralix at Cad Gadu; Trianoma agrees to admit Ordo

Miscellanea to Order as House Ex Miscellanea. [LotN, HoH] Apparently the Clan Mac Gruagach breaks with Pralix, as they are also noted as joining House Ex Miscellanea in 1126 AA.

❖ **817 956**

Grand Tribunal of 956: The admission of House Ex Miscellanea confirmed. The Tribunals of Stonehenge, Hibernia and Loch Leglean created. Maga Pralix is now Founder Pralix. [WGRE] From this date to the Schism War there are Thirteen Houses of Hermes.

❖ **817 956**

Loch Leglean: Holy Oak, a covenant of Diedne, founded. [LotN]

❖ **817 956**

Stonehenge: The now Nameless Covenant, of Diedne, founded on Anglesey. The vile rites practiced here are best left buried. [HtM] The name of the Nameless Covenant was struck from all records after the Schism War.

❖ **C. 817 C. 956**

Magus Anegin, a Welsh bard-mage, lawgiver, and seer, who had fought with Pralix against Dav'nalleous, joins House Bonisagus instead of House Ex Miscellanea. His Line continues to be famous for its political and mediation abilities. [Mysteries]

❖ **818 957**

Stonehenge: Blackthorn covenant founded in south Cambria (Wales), sponsored by House Tremere. [HtM]

❖ **819 958**

Flavia filia Jerbiton reappears after a sixteen year absence. She refuses to say where she has been and begins to search for a covenant site. [HtM] Flavia's absence has been the subject of speculation since.

❖ **820 959**

Stonehenge: Flavia filia Jerbiton founds Rosalba in the Yorkshire Dales. [HtM]

❖ **821 960**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 960.

❖ **821-823 960-962**

Stonehenge: Concordia covenant founded to meld the magical traditions of House Ex Miscellanea. It fails and disbands in two years. [HtM]

❖ **826-854 965-993**

The hedge wizard Pendule refuses to join the Order, but teaches his magic secrets to several magi of the Order. Many rumors surround Pendule, whose sensual Imagonem magic is said to be diabolic or descended from Eastern traditions, but the effect of his teachings on his students are unknown. [HoH]

❖ **Before 830 Before 969**

Founder Guernicus dies. [Rome]

❖ **830 969**

Rome: Magvillus covenant founded shortly after the death of Guernicus. It is, or becomes, Domus Magna of House Guernicus. [Rome]

❖ **C. 831 C. 970**

Saracen conquest of Sicily. [History]

❖ **832 971**

Grand Tribunal of 971: The Rules of Certamen restricted to forbid using certamen to force a magus to violate the Code or give up his established rights, including the rights of praecones, primi, and quaesitores.

Ruling that a mage must provide his apprentice with three month's training or risk losing that apprentice to another

mage, if the apprentice agrees. [WGRE] This is the second Tribunal to enter the thirty three year cycle. They continue in this cycle hereafter.

❖ **834 973**

Loch Leglean: Well of the Head, a covenant of Diedne, founded. [LotN]

❖ **Before 837 Before 976**

Final Twilight or Death of Founder Criamon. The manner of his passing is not known outside his House. [HoH]

❖ **837 976**

Death of Founder Verditius. This leaves Founder Tremere as the last living Founder. [HoH] Presumably Pralix is also dead or Passed by this time.

❖ **838 977**

Rome: Rellantali covenant founded on Sardinia. [Rome]

❖ **839 978**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 978, the first after the death of Founder Verditius. Possibly the first competition, to memorialize the Founder of the House. Records are fragmentary.

❖ **839 978**

Stonehenge: Cad Gadu chronicles notes the visit of a group of wandering magi. The wandering magi are noted in the records of Stonehenge from time to time hereafter. [HtM] This may be the wandering covenant of Semitae, foundation date unknown.

❖ **841 980**

Rome: Calabria covenant founded. [Rome]

❖ **843 982**

The tale Travels of Fedoso completed by Verderis, Primus of Criamon. This classic

work has been used by generations of masters to teach their apprentices Latin, may be a ciphered prediction of the course of the Order, and is the center of obscure debate. [HoH]

❖ 843 982

Charlemagne's empire divided among his heirs. [History]

❖ 844 983

Iberia: A glowing rider on a white horse, identified as St. James, appears to King Ramiro on the eve of battle at Clarijo, and assures him of victory. The next day the rider leads Dominion forces to victory. [ON] Magus or Saint?

❖ 847 986

Saracens nearly sack Rome. [History]

❖ 848 987

The Sundering of Tremere. Founder Tremere, last living Founder, has almost succeeded in dominating the Order through political intrigue and application of certamen over the previous decade, but is stopped in this year by a band of magi who strike his chief lieutenants by afflicting their minds, the Sundering of House Tremere. This strike was performed all at once by magi who penetrated the Founder's covenant and broke key elements of the lieutenants' minds. The identities of the Sunderers remain unknown. [HoH] This is a pivotal event in Hermetic history; the first serious inter-House conflict, the first known resolution outside the Code, and the first major negotiated settlement.

❖ After 848 After 987

Stonehenge: Blackthorn covenant, allied with House Tremere, suffers a drop in political power following the Sundering. Rosalba covenant seeks to further this weakening. [HtM] This decline leads to the

harsh policies of Blackthorn in the coming centuries.

❖ 849 988

Loch Leglean: Covenant of Peanhafel, inhabited by Pictish magi of House Ex Miscellanea destroyed by Diedne magi in support of a mortal king. [LotN] No known reprisal. Woe that Diedne was not chastised before it descended further.

❖ 851 990

Rome: The Tribunal is subjected to a violent earthquake. [History] It is not known if this was a natural earthquake.

❖ 852 991

Stonehenge: Castrum Antiquum founded in the ruins of a Roman fort on Hadrian's Wall. [HtM]

❖ 856 995

Thebes: An earthquake at Corinth kills tens of thousands. [History]

❖ 857 996

Rome: Verdi Competition of 996.

❖ 860s C. 1000

Loch Leglean: Activities of giants in Scotland monitored; found to be no danger to the Order. [LotN]

❖ 861 1000

Death of Founder Tremere, last of the Founders. [HoH]

❖ 862 1001

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1001 (presumably at Coeris). This once in a decade meeting brings together the House for coordination of plans and operations. [HoH] Probably the first ten-year meeting, the year after their Founder's death.

❖ *The Eleventh Century of the Age of Aries.*

By this century the Founders were dead or lost to Twilight. Their political positions were filled by the Primi; their social positions were in some ways filled by the Arch-Magi. This century must have seemed, to the magi living it, to be a period of comparative calm, although the ordinary struggles of life were certainly everywhere. Dav'nalleous returned to plague **Loch Leglean**, Wizard's Wars flared, including one of the earliest examples of a covenant war, and the stability of the Order was threatened by a collection of scrolls found by Duresca. Although a time of the Order's growth, this was also a century of growth pains, when House Tytalus allowed itself to play fatal games, magi made war on their sodales, and the authority of the Quaesitores undermined itself.

❖ **865 1004**

Grand Tribunal of 1004: Magus Hercilion reprimanded, but not punished, for serving as a court wizard. Magi of the Order are hereafter barred from serving as court wizards. [WGRE]

❖ **866 1005**

Stonehenge: Rector Maris covenant founded on the Isle of Man. It is destroyed within six months, apparently by the Order of Odin. [HtM] This is the first known attempt to establish a covenant on Man.

It is tempting to assign this destruction to magi of Diedne, as one of their main covenants was on the nearby island of Anglesey.

❖ **C. 867 C. 1006**

The first meeting of the Arch-Magi of the Order, one hundred years after the Founding. They discuss many subjects, supposedly charting out the future of the Order. The only known result is an

agreement to create a tomb for their deceased members. The covenant of Magvillus is charged with protecting the tomb of the Arch-Magi. [Rome] The reported charting of the Order's future is unlikely to include such disasters as the Corruption, the Schism War, or the vampirization of Tremere. The influence of the council of arch-magi is probably much exaggerated.

❖ **870 1009**

Rome: Potestas covenant founded in northern Italy. [Rome]

❖ **872 1011**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1011 at Coeris.

❖ **873 1012**

Stonehenge: Wizard's War between Blackthorn maga Diana of Tremere and Rosalba magus William of Jerbiton. Diana victor after death of William. A period of skirmishing follows despite the efforts of Flavia of Rosalba. [HtM]

❖ **875 1014**

Primus Fenicil of Guernicus reports his findings of decades of research: that the Order of Hermes is a manifestation of an order that dates back to beginning of history. [HoH] Why Fenicil declares the Order a manifestation, rather than an inheritor, is unclear.

❖ **875 1014**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1014.

❖ **875 1014**

Stonehenge: Covenant of Sursum founded on the north coast of Cornwall. [HtM]

❖ **C. 875 C. 1015**

Rome: Roman magi record in this period that magic has seemed to dwindle. This

dwindling sets off a century of infighting among the covenants and magi of the Tribunal. [Rome]

❖ **C. 875 C. 1015**

Rome: Juden of Verditius slays many clergy on the island of Sardinia, thinking to limit the influence of the Dominion and revive vis sources. His victims are held up as martyrs and he is Marched. Executed by a Flambeau Hoplite, his death by fire is credited to God by the mortal witnesses. [Rome] Juden is only the worst of the lot. Many other magi lash out against mundanes and each other in this period.

❖ **876 1015**

Provençal: Doissetep covenant founded. [Covenants]

❖ **882 1021**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1021 at Coeris.

❖ **887 1026**

Belin, the ideal Redcap, dies. Her legend grows with each passing century. [HoH]

❖ **888 1027**

Rome: Auctus covenant destroyed by magi of Verdi. [Rome]

❖ **889 1028**

Loch Leglean: Several covenants of Praeses Septentrionalis destroyed by followers of Dav'nalleous, starting with Heart's Delight; Flambeau and Tytalus magi sent to fight Dav'nalleous. [LotN] Little else is known about the Praeses Septentrionalis covenants.

❖ **890 1029**

Loch Leglean: Dav'nalleous defeated at Caithness, but he escapes. [LotN] Rumor persistently places the Shetland Islands as Dav'nalleous' base.

❖ **890 1029**

Stonehenge: Flavia filia Jerbiton, founder of Rosalba, passes into Final Twilight, one day after finishing her final tractatus. Her covenant of Rosalba enters a new period of war with Blackthorn. [HtM] Flavia carefully prepared for her Final Twilight, leading to speculation that she had discovered a great secret about the last veil.

❖ **891 1030**

Iamitu'krielle of Criamon apparently passes into Final Twilight. Nevertheless she appears to magi thereafter to make strange prophecies. [HoH]

❖ **892 1031**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1031 at Coeris.

❖ **893 1032**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1032.

❖ **893-897 1032-1036**

Stonehenge: Covenant Occulta founded by new magi, but withers in three years after failing to secure resources. [HtM]

❖ **896 1035**

Stonehenge: London covenant founded. [HtM]

❖ **898 1037**

Grand Tribunal of 1037: Quaesitores required to maintain accreditation in order to officiate at Tribunal, specifically the mage must be known to at least one other mage of the Tribunal, and must present a document of good standing signed by Primus Guernicus and dated not more than seven years past. [WGRÉ]

❖ **899 1038**

Stonehenge: Blackthorn covenant declares Wizard's War on Rosalba covenant.

Rosalba is destroyed and all the magi killed. One Blackthorn mage is killed by magical defenses. The magically protected site is abandoned and eventually lost. [HtM]

❖ **899 1038**

Rhine: Emperor Arnulf dies suddenly. Two hedge wizards are accused of inflicting stroke upon him and executed. [History]

❖ **900 1039**

***Loch Leglean:** Diedne spells eradicate the Pictish language, possibly to support the conquest of Kenneth MacAlpine, a mortal king. [LotN] Further evidence of Diedne corruption.*

❖ **902 1041**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1041 at Coeris.

❖ **907 1046**

Rome: Calabria covenant disbands in Rome, citing unbearable Roman politics. The magi apparently scatter, or possibly move to the Theban Tribunal. [Rome] Calabria supposedly fled to Novgorod, but that Tribunal did not yet exist.

❖ **911 1050**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1050.

❖ **912 1051**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1051 at Coeris.

❖ **915 1054**

***Stonehenge:** Covenant Lux Draconis founded in the Pennines. [HtM]*

❖ **915 1054**

Iberia: The fields of Iberia fail, causing widespread famine. [History]

❖ **917 1056**

Iberia: Duresca covenant founded in Iberia. [Iberia]

❖ **919 1058**

Iberia: A second famine in Iberia. [Iberia]

❖ **922 1061**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1061 at Coeris.

❖ **927 1066**

Thebes: A famine rolls across the Byzantine Empire. [History]

❖ **929 1068**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1068.

❖ **930 1069**

***Loch Leglean:** Loch Leglean echoes with rumor of Dav'nalleous' return; they prove baseless. [LotN]*

❖ **931 1070**

Grand Tribunal of 1070: Magus Hernis of House Tytalus cast out at Tribunal and executed by Magus Fax Ignis of Flambeau, for abusing the right of Wizard's War in declaring three such in the space of fourteen months. His reasons were considered insufficient, but he refused to consider the advice of his sodales. [WGRE] Hernis would have evaded this fate had he cooperated, but stubbornly refused to admit error or cooperate.

❖ **931 1070**

***Stonehenge:** Covenant Sursum falls to a mortal king, Athelstan, for interfering in a mundane revolt. Evidence recovered by quaesitores points to Tytalus corruption. [HtM] This evidence was some of the earliest against House Tytalus.*

❖ **932 1071**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1071 at Coeris.

❖ 937 1076

Iberia: The Duresca Scrolls are discovered; they seem to be evidence of a plot by Founder Guernicus to dominate the Order and the World. [Iberia] The details of this plot are either lost, unrecorded, or carefully kept.

❖ C. 937 C. 1076

Eight Quaesitores, two of Guernicus, others of Flambeau, Tytalus, and Jerbiton, are dispatched to investigate the Duresca Scrolls. Three die en route, causes unrecorded. [Iberia]

❖ 938 1077

Stonehenge: Rector Novus founded on Isle of Man. Destroyed within the year, presumably by the Order of Odin. Alternately, this could be an early strike by Diedne. [HtM] The second failure to colonize Man.

❖ C. 940 C. 1080

Normandy: The quaesitores uncover a plot by a Maga of Tytalus, masquerading as the Faerie queen Melisandre, apparently furthering infernal ends. [ON] This is another early piece of the Tytalus Corruption puzzle.

❖ 940 1079

Iberia: Panel of Quaesitores declare the Duresca Scrolls a fraud. This panel stays at Duresca and eventually joins that covenant. [Iberia]

❖ 941 1080

Greater Alps: Probable year in which Magus Nerius passes his Gauntlet to enter House Criamon. He goes on to be a most controversial and storied figure. [PD] Magus Nerius supposedly finished his apprenticeship in only five years.

❖ 942 1081

Thebes: Expedition by Michael of Amastris to found covenant in Kiev. [DatB]

❖ 942 1081

Stonehenge: Contact lost with London covenant, which had moved in the city repeatedly. [HtM]

❖ 942 1081

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1081 at Coeris.

❖ 943 1082

Normandy: Ergotism kills tens of thousands and leaves many more mad from visions. [History] This may have been a Faerie joke gone too far or the effort of some vicious mage.

❖ 946 1085

Stonehenge: Covenant Nova Roma founded in Kent. The strongly Latin magi quickly acquire a poor reputation among Bjornaer, Diedne, and Ex Miscellanea magi. [HtM] How they make enemies so quickly is not noted, although it may have been from generally poor manners.

❖ 947 1086

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1086.

❖ 951 1090

Rome: Sansaron covenant founded in the ruins of Carthage. [Rome]

❖ 952 1091

Stonehenge: Nova Roma magi report contact with magi of London covenant, in a clash over a vis site. No further contact with London covenant reported. [HtM] London covenant had always been mysterious. Its fate remains a secret, but they left no one behind to care.

❖ 952 1091

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1091 at Coeris.

❖ **954 1093**

Loch Leglean: Caitlín Suil Uaine, half-sith maga aged 61, wins a faerie hill from the Prince of the Gray Jerkin in a shinty match. She founds the covenant of Crun Clách on the spot. [LotN] Praeco Caitlín continues to head Crun Clách to this day.

❖ **956 1095**

Loch Leglean: Well of the Head sponsors Druids' Dale, another covenant of Diedne. [LotN]

❖ **961 1100**

Special Tribunal: Tasgilla Prima Tytalus, two other leaders of the House, and several members of Tytalus tried, convicted, and executed for Diabolism. This marks a turning point in the Order's relations with Hell and a strict anti-diabolic interpretation of the Code. House Tytalus is severely reduced in numbers. The diabolists also drag down many members of other Houses, having corrupted them.

This event, more than any other, triggers a decline of the Order and an increase in intra-Order conflict, leading to the Schism War. [HoH] The execution of Tasgilla followed almost thirty years of investigation by Quaesitores.

Many other magi were exposed as diabolists: the other House that suffered greatly in this purge was House Bonisagus, some members led into diabolism through spells designed by fallen Tytalus magi.

❖ **The Twelfth Century of the Age of Aries.**

In this century, the tensions of the Order grew in the wake of the Corruption of House Tytalus. Tribunals were poorly attended, the quaesitores had lost their

authority in spite of the exposure of Tytalus, or perhaps because of their extended investigations. House Bonisagus, never large, had suffered losses second only to Tytalus; the effect on magical thought was chilling. House Diedne, always secretive, was now seen as suspicious. Fear and recrimination grew, culminating in the Schism War. Fortunately, the spark of war seems to have burned itself out, as evidenced by the rejection of a war with the Order of Geonim in 1157, only a few years after the Schism.

❖ **962 1101**

Thebes: Michael of Amastris, founder of a covenant in Kiev, retreats to Constantinople, fleeing local hedge wizards called Volkvii. Four other magi of the covenant have been slain by the various dangers of Russia. [DatB]

❖ **962 1101**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1101 at Coeris.

❖ **964 1103**

Grand Tribunal of 1103. No important rulings noted. It may have been poorly attended in the wake of the Corruption.

❖ **965 1104**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1104.

❖ **972 1111**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1111 at Coeris.

❖ **977 1116**

Loch Leglean: Giants destroy covenant of Uamh na Croig. Investigation shows that the magi of Uamh na Croig had hunted giants for sport, and no retribution is made. The magi of **Loch Leglean** are warned to leave the giants alone. [LotN] Surely these magi paid no attention to the

history of the war against Dav'nalleous.
Learn from their example, magus!

❖ 978 1117

Iberia: Estancia-es-Karida covenant founded. [Iberia]

❖ 982 1121

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1121 at Coeris.

❖ 983 1122

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1122.

❖ 984 1123

Stonehenge: Ungulus covenant founded in the Lake District by members of House Flambeau. [HtM]

❖ C. 987 C. 1126

Loch Leglean: Clan Mac Gruagach joins House Ex Miscellanea. Covenant leader Callum Mac Lachlan begins sending his clansmen among the magi of the Order. [LotN] Evidently, Clan Mac Gruagach had not joined the Order along with the rest of the Ordo.

❖ 987 1126

Provencal: Calebais covenant founded. [BCC]

❖ 992 1131

Thebes: Rodnya Covenant founded in Kiev, sponsored by the Theban Tribunal. This is the first colonization attempt since Michael of Amastris failed. [DatB]

❖ 992 1131

Legend claims that in this year a Northman, Leif the Lucky, son of Eric the Red, journeyed to the lands west of Greenland. [History] Whether these lands are a Faerie kingdom or an unknown continent is a mystery.

❖ 992 1131

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1131 at Coeris.

❖ 993 1132

Rhine: Grand Silesia Covenant founded in Poland, sponsored by the Rhine Tribunal. [DatB]

❖ 994 1133

Transylvania: Pripet Maior Covenant founded on the south-western edge of the Pripet marshes, sponsored by the Transylvanian Tribunal. [DatB]

❖ 997 1136

Iberian Tribunal of 1136: Magus Pistulus of Flambeau punished with the loss of his familiar after slaying Magus Forcus of Tytalus. Pistulus believed Forcus to be threatening his laboratory and apprentice, but presented no good evidence of this intent. [WGRE] This is one of the few Tribunals to occur in the same year as a Grand Tribunal.

❖ 997 1136

Grand Tribunal of 1136: After the episode with Pistulus, the Tribunal rules that every sanctum shall be marked with a circle within a square, with straight lines connecting the square's opposite corners, with a symbol of the owner accompanying the marker. [WGRE]

❖ 998 1137

Stonehenge: Lumen covenant founded. [HtM]

❖ 999-1003

❖ 1138-1142

Papacy of Gerbert of Aurillac; he reigns as Sylvester II. He is rumored to be a powerful magician, and to have had the advice of an animated bronze head, possibly the one that advised Vergil.

[History, Legend] Some claim he was a diabolist, others that he was a mage.

❖ **C. 1000 C. 1140**

Maga Ucerta of Criamon creates the Box of Wonders, a box said to contain fabulous treasure. [WGRE]

❖ **C. 1000 C. 1139**

Some chroniclers report a great and widespread fear that the world is about to end. The churches are packed with the repentant and many give up their worldly goods to the Church. Other chroniclers make no mention of this phenomenon, indicating it may have been of limited scale. [History, Legend]

❖ **1001 1140**

Rome: Literatus covenant founded with a grant from Pope Sylvester II. The relationship between this Pope and the Order is comparatively friendly. [Rome]

❖ **1001 1140**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1140.

❖ **1002 1141**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1141 at Coeris. This meeting immediately precedes the chaos of the Schism War. Coincidence?

❖ **1003-1012 1142-1151**

The Schism War. The early stages of the war are simply chaos, with no known trigger. Mage battles mage, assassinations are performed, covenants turn on themselves, forests burned, plains wasted, and cities leveled in the war between Houses and Covenants.

The war ends with a declaration of Wizard's War by Primus Cercistum of House Tremere on House Diedne. House Guernicus validates the declaration by Renouncing House Diedne.

House Flambeau enthusiastically allies with Tremere against Diedne. Primus Entisimon rallies his followers with an enflaming speech that remains stirring in the reading.

Primus Aldico of Mercere works in this period to restore peace. He was more successful after the Tempest. [HoH] Diedne had been mistrusted for years for its secretive ways and adherence to alien magic. If they had only opened their closed doors, in the tradition of the Order, they might have avoided their fate.

❖ **1003 1142**

Stonehenge: Lumen covenant destroyed by a Diedne attack after only five years of existence. [HtM]

❖ **1004 1143**

Normandy Tribunal of 1143: Probable Tribunal at which Magus Nerius of Criamon, the Pious Magus, who came to urge restraint in the Schism War, is tried for attempting to undermine the Order; he is challenged by Malvon of Tremere to certamen on the issue of his devout Christianity and refuses; he is therefore cast out of the Order for refusing to honor custom, and killed. [PD] It is said that Nerius had survived unscathed an attack by the combined might of many magi, and that he died only after delivering a final sermon.

Some regard Nerius as a saint, others as a heretic, theurgist, or madman.

❖ **C. 1004 C. 1143**

Quaesitor Patrick of Dunderry, of Rodnya covenant, refuses orders to attack a covenant in the Carpathians. He leads first Rodnya, then the other Slavic covenants, on a peaceful path during the Schism War. [DatB] Q. Patrick is not known to have suffered any direct punishment for his rebellion.

❖ 1005 1144

Rhine: Restas of Jerbiton has used magic to aid him in negotiating prices for books, thereby acquiring a substantial library at little cost. He was found guilty of interfering with mortals, as book dealers would be wary of those seeking books and might bring suspicion on others who sought to buy them. He is punished by the loss of his library. [PP] This Tribunal seems to have been a year late, possibly due to the chaos of the Schism.

❖ C. 1005 C. 1144

A conference of the leaders of the Houses is held. A senior Diedne magus publicly insults the Primus of Tremere. [HoH]

❖ C. 1005 C. 1145

Primus Pietre of Jerbiton isolates his House from the Order and largely integrates the membership with mortal society. This policy continues throughout his Primacy. [HoH] This was almost certainly done to insulate the House Jerbiton from the disintegration of the Order.

❖ 1006 1145

Himinis the Mad of House Verditiis begins to make cursed items. These items continue to surface centuries after his death. [HoH]

❖ 1006 (Autumn) 1145 (Autumn)

The three Slavic covenants reconcile and unite against outsiders. [DatB] These three covenants had previously been at odds over issues of land and Tribunal authority.

❖ 1006 1145

A new star is sighted in the heavens. It lasts for several years before eventually vanishing. [History]

❖ C. 1006 C. 1145

The quaesitores begin to investigate the Houses for diabolism, ostensibly to follow

up on the many accusations flying about, and to check after the Corruption of Tytalus. The Houses resist, none more vehemently than House Diedne. Diedne accuses House Tremere of using the quaesitores to lay bare their magic secrets. [HoH]

❖ 1008 1147

New Slavonic Tribunal: Slavic covenants break ties with their sponsors and declare themselves the New Slavonic Tribunal. [DatB] Technically, the New Slavonic covenants did not form a full Tribunal, having only three member covenants.

❖ 1008 1147

Stonehenge: Nova Roma destroyed by Diedne magi. [HtM]

❖ 1008 1147

Loch Leglean: The Schism War comes to Caledonia. Many Magi Ex Miscellanea, particularly the gruagachan, join with Flambeau and Tremere magi against House Diedne. Holy Oak, Well of the Head, and Druids' Dale, all Diedne covenants, destroyed. [LotN] Diedne had made itself the enemy of Ex Miscellanea for years. This support of the efforts of Flambeau and Tremere is little remarked on in those houses.

❖ 1009 1148

New Slavonic Tribunal: Rodnya covenant abandoned and destroyed by extra-tribunal covenants. The magi flee to the city of Novgorod. [DatB] These magi later found Three Lakes covenant.

❖ 1009 1148

Nuinsil of Criamon begins his travels through Muslim lands, the first of many such Criamon journeys in the Orient. Many of his House have done the same and brought back wisdom and strange philosophies. [HoH] It seems likely that his

travels were spurred by a desire to escape the chaos of the War.

❖ 1009 1148

New Slavonic Tribunal: Grand Silesia covenant damaged in Schism War, refugees flee to Pripet Maior. [DatB]

❖ C. 1010 C. 1150

Descendants of the sorceress Gyongy, of the original tradition that sired Bjornaer, join House Bjornaer for protection from the Schism War. The Line of Gyongy still runs strong in House Bjornaer, and all of that Line have the same heart-beast, a magpie. [Mysteries]

❖ 1011 1149

Stonehenge: The now Nameless Covenant, in Anglesey, is destroyed in one of the last major conflicts of the Schism War. Quaesitores investigating the covenant's remains find something or some things in the ruins that lead them to obliterate the site entirely and destroy most of its records. [HtM]

❖ 1012 1151

New Slavonic Tribunal: Three Lakes covenant founded by Quaesitor Patrick of Dunderry and other former magi of Rodnya, in Novgorod. [DatB]

❖ 1012 1151

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1151 at Coeris. The records are unclear, but it seems likely that this meeting preceded the declaration of Wizard's War by House Tremere on House Diedne.

❖ 1012 1151

The Quaesitores validate the declaration of war by Tremere on Diedne and renounce House Diedne and all her members for refusal of quaesitorial investigation. [HoH]

❖ C. 1012 C. 1151

Iarna of Flambeau, a mighty maga, swears an oath to hunt down every last Diedne mage. She disappears in the midst of the Schism War. [HoH] Tradition claims that if Diedne reappears, so will Iarna.

❖ 1012 1151

Battle of the Tempest: Flambeau, Tremere, Tytalus, and quaesitor magi clash with Diedne magi in a final battle. The Diedne magi meet their enemies with summoned monsters and storms but are ultimately defeated. Most of Diedne's surviving magi are slain in this great battle, said to have lasted a full month. [Tempest]

The leaders, including Primus Llewellyn, are believed to have escaped to an unknown land, possibly Faerie, possibly a far-off mundane land. [HoH]

*Some claim that House Ex Miscellanea sheltered Diedne magi, but some Magi Ex Miscellanea are known to have fought Diedne with great vigor, particularly in **Loch Leglean**. [LotN] The records are confused in this period. Most chroniclers say the Schism War began as general chaos, culminating in the war between Tremere and Diedne, but some chroniclers seem to indicate that the Schism War was fought between Tremere and Diedne from 1142 to 1151.*

❖ 1012 1151

The Schism War ends with the destruction of House Diedne. Houses Tremere and Flambeau have both suffered losses of half their number; House Mercere has lost at least twelve Redcaps. Fighting declines, and ends by the end of three years. The emblem of House Diedne is struck from all texts and records of the Order. Some claim that Tremere gained access to ancient Diedne secrets. If so, the evils of Diedne may yet continue.

❖ 1013 1152

New Slavonic Tribunal: Grand Silesia covenant resettled. [DatB]

❖ 1014 1153

Stonehenge: Blackthorn sponsors Tagelyn covenant in nearby caves, supposedly to begin repairing the social damage of the Schism War. [HtM] Here begins one of the great betrayals by Blackthorn.

❖ 1014 1153

Rome: The independent covenant of Vardian's Tomb founded. [Rome]

❖ 1014 1153

Iberia: Jaferiya covenant founded. [Iberia]

❖ 1014 1153

Iberia: Jerbiton covenant of Barcelona founded. In the next four years the covenant repeatedly encounters the Jewish magicians called Kabbalists. The Kabbalists and Jerbiton magi live peacefully until the covenant of Val-Negra becomes involved. [Iberia] See 1157 regarding the Kabbalists and Val-Negra.

❖ 1016 1155

Provençal: Bellaquin covenant founded. [Covenants]

❖ 1017 1156

The Enameled Horse, a legendary enchanted statue, is seen in the court of a noble of Baghdad. [WGRE]

❖ 1018 1157

Iberia: The battles between Val-Negra and the Barcelona Kabbalists remain stalemated until a huge Jewish grog tears down the gates of Val-Negra with his bare hands. The Kabbalists are apparently ashamed of this action and offer a truce. [Iberia] The magic of the Kabbalists remains alien, but fortunately they seem unthreatening.

❖ 1018 1157

Iberia: Treaty of Barcelona made between Order of Hermes and Order of Geonim, the Kabbalist magi of the Jews. [Iberia] This is the first and only known peace between magical Orders.

❖ 1019 1158

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1158.

❖ 1021 1160

Epidemics of St. Vitus' Dance sweep Europe. [History]

❖ 1022 1161

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1161 at Coeris.

❖ 1024 1163

Joseph Pietro, Bishop of Venice disappears, apparently into Faerie. [Faeries II]

1025 1164 *Stonehenge: A Criamon sponsored covenant, Stellasper, is founded in the Scilly Isles. They remain aloof from the Tribunal. [HtM]*

❖ 1028 1167

Provence: William of Aquitaine falls mortally ill, and a sorceress is convicted of inflicting the illness upon him. [History]

❖ 1030 1169

Grand Tribunal of 1169: The Reconciliation. This Grand Tribunal settles most of the remaining matters of the Schism War, and ratifies the existence of the New Slavonic Tribunal. [DatB]

❖ C. 1030 C. 1169

Stonehenge: Covenant Castrum Antiquum mysteriously destroyed over the winter of 1169-1170. The site is annihilated, as if it had never existed. Rumors run rampant and a Diedne resurgence is feared, but no further

events develop. [HtM] This remains an enduring mystery of the Order.

Among the lost magi at Castrum Antiquum was Agricola, a mage who could raise gold and gems from the plants of the soil.

❖ 1032 1171

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1171 at Coeris.

❖ 1036 1175

The Enameled Horse bought by the Covenant of Van. It was later ridden into the mundane world by Jukolus of Jerbiton, who was forced to abandon it to escape a danger. Its survival or location is unknown. [WGRE]

❖ C. 1050 C. 1175

Primus Firento Ex Miscellanea attempts to convert his House to Hermetic traditions. He is killed on a quest for the Spinning Pearls, probably by members of his own House. [HoH] He may have forgotten his House motto.

❖ 1037 1176

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1176.

❖ 1039 1178

New Slavonic Tribunal: Grand Silesia destroyed by crusading anti-pagan knights, refugees flee to Pripet Maior. Rhine Tribunal begins agitating to gain Poland shortly after. [DatB]

❖ 1039 1178

Normandy: A new wave of ergotism strikes the Tribunal. Mortals go mad in droves. [History]

❖ 1040 1178

Thebes: Magus Helios of Flambeau accused of interfering with mortals by purchasing books from them. It was found that he used

no magic in these purchases, and was acquitted. [PP]

❖ c. 1040 c. 1178

Loch Leglean: The Steward of Mormaer and claimant to the Caledonian throne, MacBeth, defeats and kills his rival, Duncan, the enthroned king, with the aid of Pictish wizards and renegade Magi Ex Miscellanea. [LotN] Only one of many cases of magical meddling in **Loch Leglean**.

❖ 1042 1181

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1181 at Coeris.

❖ 1047 1186

Himinis the Mad dies. [HoH] May his many cursed items go unfound!

❖ 1048 1187

Loch Leglean: Rumors of Dav'nalleous' return plague **Loch Leglean**. [LotN]

❖ 1050 1189

Rome: Covenant of Rellantalli gains land as fief from Pisa. [Rome]

❖ 1052 1191

New Slavonic Tribunal: Leczcya Covenant founded by some of the former members of Grand Silesia covenant. [DatB]

❖ 1052 1191

New Slavonic Tribunal: Many Grand Silesia members choose to stay at Pripet Maior, mostly Bjornaer. Strong links between House Bjornaer and Pripet Maior date from this time. [DatB]

❖ 1052 1191

The Apotropaic sect founded through agreement of Church and Order, and charged to slay demons. Pope Leo IX issues a secret bull on the matter and presents each of the original members with the

Agnus Dei. [Maleficium] Possibly only legend. The inconsistent nature of the Church's policies only serves to complicate the question.

❖ **1052 1191**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1191 at Coeris.

❖ **1053 1192**

New Slavonic Tribunal of 1192: The Tribunal changes its name to Novgorod Tribunal. [DatB]

❖ **1054 1193**

Novgorod: An emergency Novgorod conclave agrees not to oppose Vseslav, a prince and a Volkhv, who had recently come to the throne. The Volkhv hedge wizards were considered hostile to the Order, but a policy of non-aggression is adhered to. [DatB]

❖ **1054 1193**

A new star appears, beginning about the twelfth night of the month of Cancer, and lasting for twenty-two months. [History]

❖ **1055 1194**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1194.

❖ **c. 1057 c. 1196**

Loch Leglean: The mortal Caledonian King, MacBeth, is overthrown by Malcom Canmore, Duncan's heir, with the aid of two unidentified magi. [LotN]

❖ **1058 1197**

Stonehenge: Gruffyd ap Llewelyn, a mortal prince of Wales, lays siege to Blackthorn as part of a campaign against England. [HtM]

❖ **1060 1199**

Stonehenge: Gruffyd ap Llewelyn sacks Cad Gadu, burning it to the ground. [HtM]

❖ **1061 1200**

Rome: A Wizard's War is fought in the streets of Venice between a Tytalus and Verditiis mage. [Rome]

❖ **1061 1200**

Stonehenge: Siege of Blackthorn relieved by King Harold Godwinson. [HtM]

❖ **The Thirteenth Century of the Age of Aries.**

This is a century of comparative calm but increasing tension between magi and mortals. Of particular concern to the Order is the Church's acquisition of standing armies and its new willingness to use them to further its ends. This century also sees increasing concern over the availability of vis and the impact of mortals on the magic places of Europe.

In the aftermath of the Schism War, many covenants are founded that do not follow House divisions, and the covenants begin to wield considerable political power outside of the usual House and Tribunal social structure.

❖ **1061-1068 1200-1207**

Rome: Quaesitor Iernilus tours the Roman Tribunal to investigate covenant interaction with mortals. He discovers that sale of enchanted items to mortals is epidemic in the tribunal. [Rome]

❖ **1062 1201**

Stonehenge: Blackthorn seizes the caves of Tagelyn covenant as their own, a more defensible site than their old fortress. [HtM]

The magi of Tagelyn move to Hibernia and later found Ashenrise. [OoH]

Among the classic texts lost in the struggle is a copy of the rare Physiologus, a classic

bestiary. [MB] It is generally assumed that Blackthorn had always intended this betrayal.

❖ 1062 1201

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1201 at Coeris.

❖ 1063 1202

Grand Tribunal of 1202: The Rhine Tribunal seeks to extend over Polish lands at Grand Tribunal, claiming that the territory is unclaimed after the fall of Grand Silesia; the New Slavonic Tribunal pushes through a measure granting final authority over settlements of all covenants in Slavic lands. [DatB]

The Primus of Jerbiton proposes that demons be declared Enemies of the Order in perpetuity; the Tribunal instead declares that demons cannot be Friends of the Order. [WGRE] This may be the Tribunal at which the Larta mage precedent was established.

Durenmar has proposed adjusting the boundaries of the Rhine and Novgorod tribunals at several Grand Tribunals since.

❖ 1065 1204

Stonehenge: Cad Gadu refounds and rebuilds, higher in its regio. [HtM]

❖ C. 1065 C. 1204

Iberia: Influx of Moorish sorcerers into northern Iberia, fleeing Almoravid persecution. The Almoravids destroy some southern covenants. After this period more non-Flambeau magi oppose the Moors in Iberia. [Iberia] The prior Moorish invaders had been reasonably tolerant of sorcery. The hard line of the Almoravids must have been quite a shock to the Roman covenants.

❖ 1066 1205

Stonehenge: A great comet is sighted in the heavens. This is taken as a sign of victory by Duke William of Normandy, who conquers the kingdom of England under it. [History]

❖ 1067 1206

Provencal: Maga Consuelia founds Mistridge covenant, in the Pyrenees. [Mistridge]

❖ 1066-1068 1205-1207

Stonehenge: Harold's Vengeance covenant founded in the Anglian fens to oppose the Norman invasion. It repeatedly and blatantly violates the Code and is Marched within two years, all its magi suffering death. [HtM]

❖ 1068 1207

Special Roman Tribunal of 1207: Treaty of the Roman Tribunal negotiated by Quaesitor Iernilus finalized and ratified after great debate. It limits conditions of sale of enchanted items to mortals, limits such items to limited uses, limits mercenary services, forbids revealing magi to mortals, and mandates a review at every Tribunal.

Since this time, all of the official covenants of the Tribunal are required to maintain lodgings in Venice, where this Treaty was finalized. [Rome] The treaty becomes a seminal precedent on sale of enchanted items in Peripheral Code, but is riddled with flaws. Most notably, the treaty governs only cash sales, ignoring barter and gift.

❖ 1071 1210

Thebes: Battle of Manzikert, between a Byzantine Christian army of 60,000 and an Arab army of 100,000. The battle ends Byzantine power in Asia Minor. In the aftermath, some local hedge magi join the Order for protection, including the original

pater of Prima Ex Miscellanea Immanola.
[HtM, History]

❖ **1072 1211**

Special Iberian Tribunal of 1211: At Val-Negra, the Iberian Tribunal debates the presence of Barcelona covenant in the city of Barcelona. After many hours an agreement was reached for the Magi of Barcelona covenant to have Hermetic jurisdiction over the city and serve the interests of the Order in it, and for external magi to obey conventions of subtlety while visiting. [Iberia] Barcelona covenant had been situated for 58 years by the time this issue came up. The issue was probably spurred by inter-covenant rivalry.

❖ **1072 1211**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1211 at Coeris.

❖ **1073 1212**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1212.

❖ **1075 1215**

Rhine: A Cologne woman is accused of sorcery for bewitching men with her art, and hurled from the town wall. [History] Almost certainly Plebian hysteria.

❖ **C. 1075 C. 1200**

A Muslim sect of Arabian wizards found the Brethren of Purity, a mysterious group of religious magi. [Mysteries]

❖ **C. 1070-1073 C. 1209-1212**

Loch Leglean: Horsingas covenant founded in Loch Leglean Tribunal by magi fleeing the Norman Conquest. [LotN] Sources conflict on the founding date. This is not surprising, given the covenant's generally poor condition.

❖ **1082 1221**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1221 at Coeris.

❖ **1083 1222**

Stonehenge: Voluntas covenant founded by Norman magi in Yorkshire. [HtM]

❖ **1085 1224**

Iberia: Fall of Toledo to Christian forces led by the great mortal hero called El Cid. Toledo was an important center of classical and magical learning in Moorish Iberia and home to several libraries. Many important texts from fallen Rome are recovered from the libraries of Toledo. [History] The fame of Toledo as a center of magical learning extends even to mortals. Many famous non-Hermetic magicians learned their craft here.

❖ **1089 1228**

Normandy: Another case of ergotism. This time only a small area is sent mad. [History] Who was sending these curses? A faerie lord, or one of our magi?

❖ **1090 1229**

In the town of Votting, three women are accused of blasting crops. They pass a trial by ordeal, but the townspeople are unconvinced. They are whipped to make them confess, but maintain their innocence. They are finally burned alive. [History] Mortal justice in action.

❖ **1091 1230**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1230.

❖ **1092 1231**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1231 at Coeris.

❖ **1093 1211**

Rhine Tribunal of 1211: Magus Borov of Jerbiton, who had trained his apprentice in the court of a mortal lord, is charged to

bring his apprentice fully into the Order or risk Renunciation. [WGRE] Probably a special Tribunal, as it is out of cycle.

❖ 1095 1234

Rome: In this year, a census indicates that Independent Magi outnumber members of official covenants in Roman Tribunal. [Rome]

❖ 1096 1235

Grand Tribunal of 1235: House Jerbiton complains of Flambeau support of mortals in Iberia; the boundaries of Iberia are redrawn to place Val-Negra in the Provencal Tribunal, limiting the political power of Val-Negra in Iberia. [Iberia]

❖ 1096 1235

First Crusade begins. This is the first time the Church resorts to direct, aggressive warfare, although by proxy. The Crusade aims to gain the Levant from the Muslims, for religious reasons. [History]

❖ 1099 1238

First Crusade ends after some considerable success, including the capture of Jerusalem. The Crusaders found kingdoms in the Levant, to protect it from Muslim armies. [History]

❖ 1099 1238

Loch Leglean: German and Spanish Flambeau magi hunt non-Hermetic magi in Scotland; they are stalked and defeated one by one by Brude Deathless, a mighty gruagach, who strips them of their Gift. Threats to retaliate are met with unified Tribunal resolve to defend **Loch Leglean** hedge wizards against foreign magi. [LotN] This served only to enflame tensions between Flambeau and Ex Miscellanea. No action was taken against Brude for these act, a violation of his Oath. Of course, there is no record of Brude having taken the Oath.

❖ 1100 1239

Stonehenge: Lux Draconis enters Final Winter when its last member dies. Its property is claimed by Blackthorn over the objections of Voluntas. The covenant is otherwise undistinguished. [HtM] This property conflict is the foundation of the enmity between Blackthorn and Voluntas.

❖ C. 1100 C. 1240

Provence: First recorded appearance of the mysterious Stormrider, in the Val du Bosque. This elemental being seems to be the rage of a storm in the shape of a black knight. [Stormrider, RotSR] The year is very approximate.

❖ C. 1100-1200 C. 1225-1325

Gettra of House Bjornaer assumes the identities of many magi, for unknown reasons. She flees when discovered and has yet to face Hermetic justice. [HoH] The period of Gettra's impersonation is difficult to research, and may be significantly shorter.

❖ 1102 1241

Normandy: Tyrmander of Flambeau, impressed by the recent Crusade, urges his sodales to march against the Saracens, both to crush them, who he sees as the enemies of the Order, and to take from the Church the mantle of protector of civilization, before the Church declares a Crusade against the Order. [MT] Tyrmander's logic is serpentine.

❖ 1102 1241

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1241 at Coeris.

❖ 1103 1242

Provence: Magus Pierre de Galve of Jerbiton is accused of endangering his sodales by copying books out of his covenant's library, and trading these copies to mortals. It was feared that texts

of the Order may reveal the Order and cause bad feeling against magi. Magus Pierre was found to have only copied comparatively mundane books, not concerned with the Arts or magic theory, and was acquitted. [PP]

❖ 1104 1243

In Iceland, Mount Hekla erupts, spewing molten rock, smoke, ash, and poisonous vapors. Tales of this wonder filter back to Europe. [History]

❖ 1104-1107 1243-1246

Stonehenge: Blackthorn sponsors covenant of Blackrose on the north York moors, near Voluntas. It suffers multiple disasters, including crop failures and vanishing staff, and fails after only three years, the magi returning to Blackthorn. [HtM] Voluntas is widely considered responsible, but Blackthorn presents no evidence.

❖ C. 1107 C. 1246

Provençal: Val-Negra falls into Winter after a mass exodus of its younger members, following the Grand Tribunal of 1235 AA. [Iberia]

❖ 1109 1248

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1248.

❖ C. 1110 C. 1250

Provence: St. Fabia of the Roses works miracles in the Val du Bosque, and is eventually martyred by the Stormrider. [Stormrider, RotSR] Date is unclear.

❖ 1111 1250

Stonehenge: Blackthorn sponsors Magnantum covenant in Salisbury. [HtM] This is the second known attempt by Blackthorn to establish a filius covenant.

❖ 1112 1251

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1251 at Coeris.

❖ 1116 1255

Hibernia: Beginning of the 'Supplicants of Truth' cult in Hibernia. [WG]

❖ 1117 1256

Rome: The independent covenant of Feritel founded in Genoa. [Rome]

❖ 1118 1257

Iberia: Magi of Flambeau join an attack by Aragon forces against the Moorish city of Saragossa. A few Moorish magi of the Order defend the city to preserve the city library. In the battle, the Moorish magi are killed. [Iberia]

❖ 1119 1258

Iberia: Special Tribunal rules that the magi of Flambeau involved in the attack on Saragossa, in which their Muslim sodales fell, must pay the loot gained to the covenants of the victims.

Afterward the Quaesitores decree that magi may not aid mortal powers overtly or with any sort of magic that can be detected by mortals, leading to a covert state of the war. [Iberia, WGRE]

❖ 1120 1259

Hibernia: Aquae Desilientes founded on a small island off the southern coast of the greater island, by Enoch of Bonisagus and his sodales. [MS]

❖ 1120 1259

The order of the Knights of the Temple is founded in the Levant to escort pilgrims. The Templars come to be a powerful crusading army and to hold vast lands throughout Europe. [History] It is now also one of the great forces backing the authority of the Church.

❖ 1120 1259

Bernard of Clairvaux writes *De Laude Novae Militiae*, arguing that the Church is justified in using military force to achieve its ends, including conversion of pagans, opposition of the minions of Satan, and defense of the Church and Christendom. Bernard asserts that such defenders should be military orders of monks who have renounced the world and taken vows of poverty, humility chastity, and obedience as well as knightly vows. [History]

❖ 1121 1260

Pope Calixtus II speaks on the topic of Diabolism. [Maleficium]

❖ 1122 1261

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1261 at Coeris.

❖ 1127 1266

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1266.

❖ 1128 1267

Normandy: A sorceress of Ghent is eviscerated and her innards paraded around town. [History] Mob justice of the commoners.

❖ 1129 1268

Hibernia: Supplicants of Truth cult destroyed. [WG]

❖ 1130 1269

The order of the Knights of St. John, the Knights Hospitaller, established sixty years prior to defend pilgrims, is militarized to defend the kingdom of Jerusalem. [History]

❖ C. 1130 C. 1270

Stonehenge: Geoffry of Monmouth writes several books regarding the magus Merlin. The popularity of tales of Merlin, his

student King Arthur, and the realm of Enchanted Britain continues. [History]

❖ 1132 1271

Novgorod: Novgorodian covenants agree to limit more contact with the mortal House of Rurik. [DatB] This pact was to head off accusations of interfering in mundane affairs.

❖ 1132 1271

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1271 at Coeris.

❖ 1133 1272

Stonehenge: *Natura Antiqua* founded to study nature in the Anglian fens. [HtM]

❖ 1137 1276

Provençal: Calebais falls, despite its vaunted veil of illusions and the Bell of Ibyn. Its library is said to have included a faithful copy of the *Physiologus*, thereafter lost. [BCC, MB]

❖ 1139 1278

Iberia: Matfus of Jerbiton arrives in Barcelona and takes on the role of a cloth merchant. [Iberia] He comes to be Praeco of Iberia.

❖ 1141 1280

Stonehenge: Founding of Burnham covenant in Northumberland. [HtM]

❖ 1142 1281

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1281 at Coeris.

❖ 1143 1282

Stonehenge: *Natura Antiqua* covenant destroyed by a mortal, Geoffry de Mandeville, during a mundane war. [HtM]

❖ 1145 1284

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1284.

❖ 1145 1284

Partitio Monaviae: Repeated conflicts over vis sources on the Isle of Man lead to a conclave between Stonehenge, Hibernia, and Loch Leglean. They agree to stop harvesting vis on Man and that the island and its vis would go to whatever Tribunal could first found a covenant there.

[LotN,FA] There have been at least three attempts to found a covenant on Man, all disasters. This Pact instigated by Crun Clach?

❖ C. 1145 C. 1285

Stonehenge: Burnham covenant given a grant of immunity by a mortal king, Stephen, later confirmed by the king Henry II. [HtM]

❖ C. 1145-1150 C. 1285-1290

Magus Agnis Nestiphilis tortures and kills three apprentices. [HoH]

❖ 1147-1149 1286-1288

The Second Crusade assembles half a million soldiers, marches them on the Levant under the flags of France's Louis VII and Germany's Conrad III, and loses them to plague, starvation, and battle wounds. [History]

❖ 1147 1286

Iberia: Almohad invasion of Spain. [History]

❖ 1147 1286

Slaughter of Jews in France, Germany, and Bohemia in religious hysteria. [History] Does such a fate await magi if exposed?

❖ 1147 1286

Novgorod: Roslav Lavickovich summoned from Pripet Maior to Crintera, to assume Primacy of Bjornaer. [DatB]

❖ 1148 1287

Quaesitor Simprim of Guernicus founds the Transitionalist faction of House Quaesitor. The Transitionalists argue that the Code should be more flexible, and take into account circumstances that more traditional quaesitores would ignore. [HoH]

❖ 1149 1288

Emperor Conrad III issues a call for each scholarly institution to send a representative to his court. [Triamore, History]

❖ 1150s C. 1290

Novgorod: Expeditions as far as the Urals reveal vast reaches of little settled territories. Three Lakes Magi visit area where Thousand Caves covenant is later founded. [DatB] The vis wealth reported sounds staggering.

❖ 1150s 1290s

Roman Tribunal of 1290 or 1297: The Tribunal requires that all foreign magi, other than Quaesitores, passing through the Roman Tribunal must announce themselves to each of the Covenants at their embassies in Venice. [Rome] This requirement is widely ignored, particularly by magi passing through by ship.

❖ 1151 1290

Stonehenge Tribunal of 1290: The Covenant of Semitae, led by Magus Gerfallon of Criamon, appears at Tribunal and ask the quaesitores to note their attendance. They refuse to answer questions about their background. This may or may not be the same group as appeared at Cad Gadu over the centuries. [HtM] This is one of the few quorate Stonehenge Tribunals of the century.

❖ 1151 1290

Normandy Tribunal of 1290: Magus Agnis Nestiphilis acquitted of any wrongdoing in the torture and killing of three apprentices in five years, on grounds that apprentices are the property of the mage. [WGRE]

❖ **1151 1290**

Rhine Tribunal of 1290: Durenmar fined ten pawns of vis to every other covenant in the Tribunal for plundering faerie sites of the Black Forest for vis, thereby making the Black Forest a hazard for magi, and restricted from taking further vis from faerie sites for fourteen years unless a peace was made with the fae. [WGRE]

Magi Anaxagoras of Tremere, Ulisterius of Jerbiton, and Forba of Bonisagus are granted a charter to form a covenant, Triamore, attached to the court of Emperor Conrad III. [Triamore]

❖ **1152 1291**

Rhine: Emperor Conrad III dies, upsetting the plan for Triamore. [Triamore]

❖ **1152 1291**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1291 at Coeris.

❖ **1154 1293**

Stonehenge: Magus Flumen of Tremere, of Blackthorn covenant, traps the Wild Hunt in an iron mine fitted with iron-bound doors, near Wales. The hills echo with their howls for weeks. [HtM]

❖ **1154 1293**

Iceland's Mount Hekla erupts for the second time in fifty years, again spewing molten rock, smoke, ash, and poisonous vapors. Rumor claims that the pore is an entrance to Hell.

❖ **1156 1295**

The leader of the line of Ex Miscellanea witches opens their ranks to male magi. [HoH]

❖ **1158 1297**

Hibernia Tribunal of 1297: Magus Caesus of Tytalus ordered to disband eight of his nine sancti, and reminded that he should have only one. [WGRE]

❖ **1158 1297**

Thebes Tribunal of 1297: The apprentice of a dead maga of Merinita is awarded to another maga of Merinita, Mondrasine, instead of the amicus of the dead maga, Nykolis of Jerbiton. [WGRE]

❖ **1158 1297**

In this year, Founder Merinita is rumored to be sighted alive in the wilderness. [HoH] Rumored, but not supported by witnesses.

❖ **1158 1297**

Frederick Barbarossa grants the incipient covenant of Triamore a manor in Namur county. [Triamore]

❖ **1160 1299**

Zurenzialle of House Merinita disappears, and is proved to have been an elf. His objective, if any, is a mystery. [HoH]

❖ **1160 1299**

Stonehenge: Founding of Servus Maris on the Isle of Man. Destroyed within six months by a dragon. One mage is allowed to live to deliver the message to not return. [HtM] If the Order of Odin can control dragons, there is no assailing them. It seems unlikely to have been Diedne; there would be no warning.

❖ **1160 1299**

Provencal: Passage of Magus Belraphazor of Jerbiton into Final Twilight at his

covenant, Windgraven. [Mistridge] The Order is well rid of him.

❖ *The Fourteenth Century of the Age of Aries.*

The first half of this century sees the continuance of relative calm, although tension mounts within the Order, and friction between Order and Church grows. This period also marks a disturbing trend in the Church of Crusading: the Third Crusade to the Levant, the Albigensian Crusade, the continuing Crusade in Iberia, and the Crusade in the Baltic point to increasing Papal involvement in temporal matters and willingness to use force. Furthermore, the Church spends much of its energy in conflict with the Empire and other mortal kings. Some magi become concerned that this violent bent will inevitably turn against the Order.

❖ *C. 1160-1180 C. 1300-1320*

Maga Susan of Wicklow, House Mercere, of the Line of Patrick of Dunderry, accompanies Sadko the merchant and Georgi Yurivich on travels across eastern Europe. She journeys from Sweden to Constantinople on her travels. [DatB] Susan's forbear, Quaesitor Patrick, is likely to have been of Mercere as well, partially explaining his aversion to the Schism War.

❖ *1162 1301*

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1301 at Coeris.

❖ *1163 1302*

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1302.

❖ *1163 1302*

Stonehenge: Stellasper covenant, in the Scilly Islands, destroyed by a cataclysmic storm of apparently magical origin. No bodies found. Whether the covenant was

attacked, attacked something, or an experiment went wrong is undetermined. As the covenant had no allies and no friends, no further investigation was done. [HtM] Cultivate allies, magus. They may aid you in life, and even avenge you in death.

❖ *1164 1303*

The Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick Barbarossa, takes the Relics of the Three Magi from Milan. They are later installed in a golden shrine in the Cathedral of Cologne. [History]

❖ *1165 1304*

Greater Alps Tribunal of 1304: Magus Snadstrich Ex Miscellanea ordered to establish no more than one sanctum per season, after complaints that he had established seven sancti in series. [WGRE]

❖ *1165 1304*

Hibernia Tribunal of 1304: Magi of covenant Vigil claim the apprentice of one of their Passed sodales; the apprentice is also claimed by Magus Caerfloron, who had recovered the apprentice after his master's Passage; the Tribunal rules that a mage of Vigil must duel Caerfloron for the apprentice. [WGRE]

❖ *1165 1304*

Normandy Tribunal of 1304: Magus Stephios of Tytalus, of Burnham covenant, of **Stonehenge** Tribunal asks the Normandy Tribunal to rule on an issue, as his Tribunal is routinely inquorate. Normandy Tribunal declines to intervene. [WGRE] The failure of **Stonehenge** to reach a quorum seems to plague it through the first half of this century, but the records are spotty.

❖ *1165 1304*

Provençal Tribunal of 1304: Maga Calonogi Ex Miscellanea tried for endangering the

Order after preaching that magi are divine, as indicated by their Gift; her accusers also claim she has thereby blasphemed. On the latter count, no ruling; on the former, guilty. Ordered to cease this preaching, she refuses and is exiled for seven years. [WGRE] The Maga is most fortunate; this could have resulted in a death sentence.

❖ 1169 1308

Rome: Magus Kaldorias of Jerbiton banishes a demon which had been terrorizing certain villagers. [WGRE]

❖ C. 1170 C. 1309

Stonehenge: The Primus Ex Miscellanea dies. Maga Immanola Ex Miscellanea arrives shortly after, claims the Robes of Dusty Dawn, and is given them, making her the Prima. [HtM] There is no internal mechanism for selecting the Primus Ex Miscellanea. The first apprentice of the previous Primus might have pressed a claim, but apparently chose not to.

❖ C. 1170 C. 1309

Rhine: Roslav Lackovich, Primus of Bjornaer, dies. [DatB]

❖ 1172 1311

Iberia Tribunal of 1311: Magus Trentus of Flambeau is accused of killing several mortals and burning two ships in Barcelona during his gauntlet. The Quaesitor suggests that Trentus be held accountable as a mage for his actions in the gauntlet. The Tribunal rules that during a gauntlet an apprentice is not yet a mage and cannot be held to the Code, but cannot be guided by his parens either, and neither Trentus nor his parens is punished. [WGRE]

❖ 1172 1311

Normandy Tribunal of 1311: The Duke of Brittany is declared an Enemy of the

Order, after extensively persecuting magi. A tribunal of quaesitores immediately after declares that any mage who acts against the Duke can be held accountable nevertheless.

A Redcap complains that magi of Fudarus covenant plundered his message bag while he slept as their guest. Fudarus is stripped of its rights to a certain magical site, these rights granted to House Mercere.

Magus Anton Roettar of Tytalus asks to be relieved of his unending labor at Fudarus, assigned by his sodales; the Tribunal finds that the covenant has not violated its charter or the Code. [WGRE]

❖ 1172 1311

Roman Tribunal of 1311: Luctatio covenant founded, sponsored by Verdi. [Rome]

Magus Kaldorias brought to trial for banishing a demon, his accusers claiming that other demons may be moved to act against the Order; Kaldorias argues that the Order should be the enemy of demons (dismissed), that demons already work against the Order (granted), and that he had demonstrated that magi do not serve demons; Kaldorias convicted, but not punished. [WGRE]

❖ 1172 1311

Rhine Tribunal of 1311: Maga Tandaline complains that Magus Quintus Vergilius has denied her access to her own sanctum; the Tribunal rules that Quintus Vergilius has deprived her of magic power by keeping her from her sanctum and is punished through the loss of familiar and fined. [WGRE]

❖ 1172 1311

Rhine: The lands of Triamore covenant raided by mortal lords fighting over mortal issues. [Triamore]

❖ 1172 1311

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1311 at Coeris.

❖ **1174 1313**

Provençal: Magus Questus of Criamon, Bellaquin covenant, disappears without explanation. [WGRE]

❖ **1177 1316**

Greater Alps: Monstro of Criamon vanishes from his tower near the Cave of Twisting Shadows. [Faeries II]

❖ **1179 1318**

Levant Tribunal of 1318: Magus Henry Le Barre of Jerbiton summoned to the Levant Tribunal charged with interfering with mortals by participating in a Crusade, and drawing the wrath of the Moors by using magic in the campaign; Henry argues that he fought to save his soul; the Tribunal allows that he may fight, but not use magic on Crusade, and fines him 20 pawns. [WGRE]

❖ **1179 1318**

Normandy Tribunal of 1318: Magus Damon Le Mont accused of scrying on his sodales of Ad Vis Per Veritas covenant. Damon admits to spying on the covenant's mortal servants, but that he had excluded the words of magi; the Tribunal rules that indirect spying constitutes actual scrying and fines him three pawns to each mage thereby offended against.

A maga is accused of a low crime by the magi of Fudarus. She is convicted in absentia, having been delayed to Tribunal by mortals. [WGRE]

❖ **1179 1318**

Provençal Tribunal of 1318: Arch-Maga Ladkyis of Tremere complains that Magus Asidnael of Jerbiton had endangered her by claiming to mortals she was possessed by a spirit, as it could have led to her being

brought to the attention of the Church; Magus Asidnael claims that she had been observed casting spells by mortals, and they had suggested that she was possessed, and that he claimed she was but that it was by a spirit that did no harm; each mage fined one pawn for endangering the other.

Magus Grimgroth of Mistridge fined Animal vis sufficient to heal a horse, for allowing his apprentice to go unsupervised and start a fire in a stable at the covenant of Bentalone. [WGRE]

❖ **1180 1319**

Rome: Literatus covenant moves from Bologna to lands outside the city, but maintains facilities in the city. [Rome] Literatus is said to have the finest mundane library in the Order.

❖ **1180 1319**

Novgorod: Pripet Maior, long the home of the Praeco, cedes right to host Tribunal meetings to Three Lakes. [DatB]

❖ **1180 1319**

Provençal: Arch-Maga Ladkyis enters Final Twilight. Her body continues to function completely normally and behaves much as she had the day before her Passing. [OoH]

❖ **1180 1319**

Rhine: Maga Alicia de Pahn Ex Miscellanea expelled from her covenant for consorting with mortals and bearing a child, in contravention of her covenant's rules. [MND]

❖ **C. 1180-1200 C. 1340-1360**

Rhine: The Bishop of Stettin requests aid of the Order against wizards of the Order of Odin, aiding local pagans. A covenant of a dozen magi is founded (name unknown), but fails within two years due to

disagreement between magi Ignibus Impervious of Flambeau and Wilhelm of Tytalus. The covenant site is abandoned, and later becomes quarters for hedge wizards. These squatters are eventually killed in a pitched battle. [ME] The account of these events is very sketchy.

❖ 1181 1320

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1320: Won by Restitius of Doissitep, with his creation of a bronze dog which can bark, wag its tail, and urinate wine. It also has a paralyzing stare, useful for guarding. [OoH]

❖ 1182 1321

Iberia: Praeco Mathus of Jerbiton retires from Barcelona after 43 years playing Louis the cloth merchant. [Iberia] He remains Praeco, of course.

❖ 1182 1321

Stonehenge: Covenant Schola Pythangoranis founded in Norfolk, in the university town of Cambridge. [HtM]

❖ 1182 1321

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1321 at Coeris.

❖ C. 1185 C. 1324

Novgorod: Malincka Capek achieves a key insight into Volkhv magic; that it relies on faerie and mortal interaction, particularly worship. [DatB]

❖ 1185 1324

Novgorod: Charter for a new covenant granted. Thousand Caves Covenant, in the Ural Mountains, is swiftly settled. [DatB] This covenant later fields theories that rock Hermetic theory.

❖ 1186 1325

Normandy Tribunal of 1325: A maga convicted of a low crime in 1318 appeals,

bringing evidence that she was innocent; the ruling is reversed. [WGRE]

❖ 1186 1325

Hibernia Tribunal of 1325: A maga Ex Miscellanea submits a written request that she have a mortal translator present for the Tribunal, as she spoke no Latin; the Tribunal refuses, notes that she should learn, and rules that no mortals should be present at Tribunal. [WGRE] See the Grand Tribunal of 1334 for an additional ruling on this.

❖ 1186 1325

Iberia Tribunal of 1325: Magus Trentus of Flambeau is charged with killing at least one hundred mortals in several battles and raids with magic blatant and spectacular, thereby endangering the Order. Magus Trentus admits to slaying them, but that he had left no witnesses to identify him. He is acquitted. [HoH]

❖ 1186 1325

Provencal Tribunal of 1325: The magi of Windgraven and Mistridge accuse each other of scrying. Mistridge had captured an invisible spy of Windgraven; Windgraven had captured two scouting grogs of Mistridge. Mistridge is acquitted, as it had used no magic to aid the grogs. Windgraven convicted for making their spy invisible and fined 20 pawns.

Magus Hammas convicted in absentia for kidnapping pilgrims, thereby interfering with mortals; punished with the loss of his familiar. [WGRE] The Tribunal notes that Windgraven might simply have slain the Mistridge spies without breaking the Code.

❖ 1186 1325

Rhine Tribunal of 1325: Magus Antonio Manecis is accused of summoning a demon and negotiating with it; the Magus claims he had done so to protect his covenant, and that the agreement was to assure the

safety of the covenant so long as they did not interfere in its plots against mortals; convicted and Marched. [WGRE] The Tribunal notes that the Magus' intentions were worthy.

❖ 1186 1325

Iberia: Farusca of Jerbiton becomes head of the council of Barcelona covenant. [Iberia]

❖ 1187 1326

Levant: Saladin conquers Jerusalem. [History]

❖ 1187 1326

Stonehenge: Magnantum covenant disintegrates under internal tensions, and the magi remove to new covenants or Tribunals. [HtM]

❖ 1187 1326

Stonehenge: Master Flumen of Tremere, Blackthorn covenant, passes into Final Twilight. [HtM] Master Flumen is famous for capturing the Wild Hunt, in 1293.

❖ 1188 1327

Provencal: Magus Teslil of Jerbiton finds a Gifted girl and, having his own apprentice, sells her to Magus Gentric of Jerbiton. [WGRE] See 1331 for additional developments.

❖ 1189 1328

Iberia: Baruch becomes head Quaesitor of Iberia Tribunal. [Iberia]

❖ 1189 1328

The Third Crusade begins. Many of the great mortal kings, princes, and nobles of the age join. It is generally successful, but ends after its forces dwindle away in a desert. [History]

❖ 1189 1328

Loch Leglean: Pact of Crun Clach forbids magi from dabbling in politics, aiding kings or invaders, and sets rules on raiding. [LotN] Naturally, this Pact only reinforces the Code as it stands.

❖ C. 1190 C. 1329

Novgorod: Stolitzya "The Swimmer," a famous and respected Maga of Bjornaer, loses herself in Final Twilight. [DatB] Her giant turtle Heart-Beast is said to have roamed the marshes for decades.

❖ 1190 1329

Rhine: At Triamore covenant, the apprentice Pietre is found to have scribed upon Maga Daria of Tremere. The boy flees before being punished. Pietre is expelled from the tutelage of his master, Aline of Bonisagus. [Triamore]

❖ 1190 1329

Emperor Frederick Barbarossa dies on Crusade, while crossing the river Calycadmus. [History]

❖ 1190 1329

Rhine: A fire at Triamore kills Forba of Bonisagus. Not long after, the covenant is besieged by the army of Henry of Brabant, a mortal lord who wishes the covenant's land and castle. The siege is broken through intervention of the new Emperor, Henry IV. [Triamore]

❖ C. 1190 C. 1330

Novgorod: Leczyca Covenant fined heavily for providing Silesian nobles with intelligence about German raids. [DatB] This was presumably at either the Tribunal of 1325 or 1333.

❖ 1191 1330

Magus Avarret of Bonisagus elevated to Primus of his House. [HoH]

❖ 1191 1330

Provençal: Magus Questus of Criamon returns to his covenant, Bellaquin, and claims seventeen years of vis and monies, per the covenant charter. The covenant refuses to pay. Magus Questus complains; Quaesitor Jerines called in to settle the matter, and after reviewing the charter rules in Questus' favor. [WGRE] Beware of the hidden traps and agreements in your covenant charter, magus!

❖ 1191 1330

Stonehenge: Monks at the Abbey of Glastonbury claim to have discovered the Tomb of King Arthur on Glastonbury Tor. [History] The claim is disputed.

❖ 1192 1331

Provençal: Lariander covenant founded in a Faerie forest, five Tremere and one Merinita. [Covenants]

❖ 1192 1331

Provençal: Magus Gentric dies. His property is disposed of in the manner of his covenant, and his apprentice taken by Magus Alarmon of Tytalus. [WGRE] See the Provençal Tribunal of 1333 for additional developments.

❖ 1192 1331

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1331 at Coeris.

❖ 1193 1332

Hibernia: Lombard covenant reprimanded for interfering in mortal affairs. [OoH]

❖ 1193 1332

Third Crusade ends after being reduced by an ill-fated journey in the desert. [History]

❖ 1193 1332

Tribunals delayed one year to allow preparation for the Grand Tribunal of 1334 A.A.

❖ 1194 1333

Hilden, the Pious Magus, writes on the nature of Heaven and Hell. [Maleficium]

❖ 1194 1333

Iberia Tribunal of 1333: A magus formerly of Barcelona covenant accused of theft of fifty marks during his departure; the covenant argues that such theft diminishes the covenant members ability to study; the Tribunal orders the magus to repay twice the amount taken. [WGRE]

Magus Trentus is charged with slaying a magus near but outside Trentus' sanctum; Trentus claims the other was intending to steal from his sanctum and that he was defending himself; the Tribunal convicts, but instead of slaying him only takes his familiar. [WGRE]

The issue of support for combatants in the Reconquest of Hispania is debated, ending in dissension between Reconquista and Roman covenants. [Iberia] Magus Trentus may have been better served to wait until the mage had entered his sanctum, where he could have slain his enemy without fear.

❖ 1194 1333

Stonehenge Tribunal of 1333 at Blackthorn inquorate and no representatives sent to the Grand Tribunal of 1334. [HtM] Very much to the embarrassment of the Tribunal!

❖ 1194 1333

Normandy Tribunal of 1333: Quaesitores bring proof that the maga convicted in 1318, acquitted in 1325, was kidnapped by mortals under the influence of Fudarus. Fudarus covenant is fined 24 pawns for misleading the Tribunal and wasting its time.

Magus Damon Le Mont complains that his former apprentice, now Magus Aramin, had wasted six pawns of vis and destroyed

mundane artifacts in anger, and demanded compensation from the new mage. The Tribunal rules that a mage is responsible for his apprentice's actions and that he has only himself to blame.

Magus William Fireheart of Flambeau, of Ungulus covenant in **Stonehenge**, accused of killing three knights by use of magic, enraging the nobility of Normandy and endangering the magi of the Tribunal. Magus William is fined sixty pawns against his Renunciation.

Magus William Fireheart is also accused of killing an apprentice of another magus and destroying valuable laboratory equipment in her care. William claims he was ignorant that she had been an apprentice and that she was killed and the equipment destroyed accidentally while she stood near a mortal he did seek to kill. The Tribunal rules that, intent aside, he had reduced the mage's magical ability and fines him three pawns. [WGRE]

❖ **1194 1333**

Loch Leglean Tribunal of 1333: The Tribunal declares the Knights Hospitaller to be Enemies of the Order following a feud between those knights of the Priory of Torphichen and certain magi. [LotN] See the Grand Tribunal of 1334.

❖ **1194 1333**

Greater Alps Tribunal of 1333: After slaying many faeries while seeking the release of valued grogs and covenfolk from a faerie lord, Valnastium covenant accused of molesting Fae. Valnastium argues that they have the right to protect their servants. They are narrowly acquitted.

Magus Syrestus of Bjornaer, of the Rhine Tribunal, accused of endangering his sodales while a guest of other covenants by killing the livestock of nearby mortals while in the shapes of several animals. Fined ten pawns. [WGRE] See the Rhine

Tribunal of 1333 and the appeal of 1334 for additional events on Syrestus.

The Syrestus case leads to an important precedent in inter-Tribunal rulings.

❖ **1194 1333**

Provencal Tribunal of 1333: Bentalone covenant accused of aiding a mortal lord against another; Bentalone claims that one mortal served their interests while the other opposed them, and they should be permitted to back one against the other. The Tribunal rules that so long as the magics used were not detected the Code was not violated.

The magi of Bellaquin are accused of preventing a Redcap from taking an announcement of Tribunal to the magi of Lariander. The Tribunal refuses to condemn or punish Bellaquin.

Magus Teslil claims that the former apprentice of Magus Gentric, died 1331, should be granted him, as Gentric had been of his House and he had found the girl to begin with. The Tribunal rules that Teslil, having sold the girl, had given up all claim. [WGRE] See the Grand Tribunal of 1334 for an additional ruling on the Redcap complaint.

Regarding Magus Teslil, the Tribunal noted its disapproval of selling apprentices, but did not forbid it.

❖ **1194 1333**

Rhine Tribunal of 1333: Maga Marguerite of Flambeau charged with endangering the Order for attacking a mortal baron and his household. Marguerite claims she had done so to punish the mortal for the murder of a Redcap. The Tribunal rules that Redcaps must be protected, and acquits.

Magus Taedetus of Bonisagus accused of stealing vis; he sends word that he cannot appear because of a delicate experiment requiring his attention, and asks for a

postponement. The Tribunal rules to allow a delay to the next Tribunal, but threatens to fine him ten pawns if he does not bring proof of the need for a delay.

Magus Syrestus of Bjornaer, of the Rhine Tribunal, accused of endangering his sodales of the Greater Alps while a guest of other covenants by killing the livestock of nearby mortals while in the shapes of several animals. Fined three pawns. [WGRE] The Tribunal also notes that starting a feud with the baron would not improve relations.

Magus Syrestus is also tried in the Rhine Tribunal; see the Quaesitorial Ruling of 1333 for its resolution.

❖ **1194 1333**

Quaesitorial Ruling: Magus Syrestus appeals his convictions to the quaesitores, saying that he should only be subject to the fine of his home Tribunal, where he was fined three pawns. The quaesitores rule that he should pay the fine of the Greater Alps, where the crimes were committed, not the Rhine. [WGRE]

❖ **1195 1334**

Grand Tribunal of 1334: Regarding the declaration of **Loch Leglean** that the Knights Hospitaller are Enemies of the Order, the Grand Tribunal rules the declaration too broad, and that only the knights of Torphichen Priory be considered enemies.

The Grand Tribunal orders Bellaquin covenant to pay seventy pawns to House Mercere for interfering with a Redcap.

Avarret, Primus Bonisagus, proposes that Tribunals conduct business only in Latin; the Tribunal criticizes **Loch Leglean** for often conducting business in Gaelic, but refuses to compel tribunals to conduct themselves in Latin. [WGRE] Regarding

language, the quaesitores note that they must use Latin to officiate.

This was the smallest Grand Tribunal in centuries, as **Stonehenge** was not represented, other than by Prima Ex Miscellanea.

❖ **1195 1334**

Stonehenge: Quaesitor Trutina joins Burnham covenant. [HtM]

❖ **1196 1335**

Rome: Quaesitor Tamgor tours the Roman Tribunal. [Rome]

❖ **C. 1196 C. 1335**

Provencal: Maga Consuelia, founder of Mistridge covenant, vanishes on the slopes of Mount Tierne. The maga apparently went there willingly, and no evidence of violence is noted.

❖ **1197 1336**

Hibernia: Ashenrise covenant destroyed by demons. [WGRE]

❖ **C. 1197 C. 1336**

Hibernia: A magus of Cliffheart covenant revealed to be a diabolist. The other magi of Cliffheart are cleared by a quaesitorial investigation [OoH].

❖ **C. 1197-1220 C. 1337-1359**

At some point in this period, Primus Vancasitum dies and Tertious of Doissetep becomes the Primus of Flambeau. Traditionally, the Primus transfers residence from his former covenant to the Domus Magna, but in this case Val-Negra is lost and Doissetep becomes Domus Magna Flambeau. [HoH] How did Tertious know that Vancasitum was dead if Val-Negra is inaccessible?

❖ **1198 1337**

Innocent III named Pope. [History]

❖ 1198 1337

A new Crusading order is founded to defend a hospital in Acre. The order, the Teutonic Knights, is open only to Germans. [History]

❖ 1198 1337

Magus Caritopulus of Flambeau issues a call to destroy hedge wizards across Europe to prevent them from gaining power and destroying the Order. His call is widely ignored, as he is considered easily alarmed. [OoH]

❖ 1198 1337

Rome: Quaesitor Jarane travels to Rome to investigate the activities of the tribunal covenants. His investigations and intervention amount to little. [Rome]

❖ 1198 1337

Rhine: Rumor claims that a German covenant purchases twelve indulgences in one night, Allhallow's Eve. [ME] Unlikely.

❖ 1199 1338

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1338.

❖ 1199 1338

Hibernia: Ashenrise refounded and dedicated to fighting demons. Magus Caecus of Ashenrise removes to Provencal Tribunal. [WGRE, OoH]

❖ 1200 1339

Iberian Tribunal of 1339: The subject of support for Christian and Moorish mortals again ends the Tribunal in dissension between Reconquista and Roman covenants. [Iberia]

❖ 1200 1339

Stonehenge Tribunal of 1339 at Blackthorn inquorate. [HtM]

❖ 1200 1339

Normandy Tribunal of 1339: Maga Pugnatis found guilty of interfering with mortals, and ordered to enchant items to allow magi to hide from them. [WGRE] The details of her crime are curiously absent.

❖ 1200 1339

Thebes Tribunal of 1339: Magus Aesclops of House Jerbiton, itinerant, is noted to have marked any room he resided in as his sanctum; the Tribunal rules that although no mage may mark a covenant room as a sanctum without permission, any mage may mark a sanctum for any period, so long as it marks his true residence. [WGRE] Compare to the ruling of the Greater Alps Tribunal, 1304.

❖ 1200 1339

Rhine Tribunal of 1339: Covenant Fengheld complains that Maga Odorpes of Bjornaer had failed to collect and provide six pawns of vis per season as she had agreed; Odorpes argues that she had provided six pawns each season except for Winter, when she hibernated in the shape of her heart-beast, a bear; Tribunal rules that she is still responsible for her obligations, since she chose to spend her winters as a bear, and must make up the difference within seven years. [WGRE]

❖ 1200 1339

Rome: Rebellious Italian cities ask for Hermetic aid, offering silver and patronage if they aid in their battles. [Rome]

❖ 1200 1339

A new Crusade announced against the pagans of the Baltic coast. A new order, the Knights of the Sword, is organized to prosecute the Crusade. [History]

❖ 1201 1340

The Fourth Crusade to the Levant begins, poorly. The Crusade gathers at Venice, but

lacks the money for passage. The doge agrees to transport them if the Crusaders will help him return the city of Zara to his control and give him half of any booty. [History]

❖ **1201 1340**

***Stonehenge:** Covenant Nigrasaxa founded in Suffolk. [HtM]*

❖ **1201 1340**

***Stonehenge:** The new covenant of Nigrasaxa calls for a tribunal and several covenants agree to attend. Blackthorn hosts the tribunal. Each **Stonehenge Tribunal** thereafter has been a year late. The local Redcap network is reorganized to prevent further inqurate meetings. [HtM]*

❖ **1202 1341**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1341 at Coeris. Around this period, some followers of Tremere are now known to have experimented with vampirism, and possibly other forms of unliving existence.

❖ **1202 1341**

The whole of the Fourth Crusade is excommunicated for the sack of Zara. [History]

❖ **1203 1342**

Pilantius of Stonehill covenant writes letter to the deacon of a church near Lyon regarding Dark Magi. [Maleficium]

❖ **1203 1342**

Normandy: A mortal monk named Eustace puts aside his vows to inherit his father's lands. It is said that in earlier years Eustace the Monk had learned magic in the city of Toledo. [History, Legend] See 1344.

❖ **1204 1343**

Thebes: Fall of Constantinople to the Fourth Crusade, Constantinople sacked. [History]

❖ **1204 1343**

*Causabon of Bonisagus completes his *Physiologus Hermeticum*, a bestiary based mainly on the classic *Physiologus*. He includes elements from other bestiaries to fill in and compliment his work. [MB] It is not widely circulated, or at least Caprea seems unfamiliar with it.*

❖ **1204 1343**

The remaining Crusaders of the Fourth Crusade disbands after being decimated by plague and desertions. The Crusade had been foiled by morale problems, lack of funding, and poor leadership. It has sacked two Christian cities, been excommunicated, and failed to impact the Saracens at all. [History] Thus demonstrating that Crusades can be fragile.

❖ **1205 1344**

Thebes: Hoplitic Pact of Byzantium formed in the wake of the sack of Constantinople, allying House Jerbiton with the Order of Geonim to defend Jewish Quarters from mortal destruction. [Kabbalah]

❖ **C. 1205 C. 1344**

Ruprecht de Solange of House Tremere, Leczya covenant, claims his sigil. [DatB] Frania Popovich of Tremere, also of Leczya, is also a sigil-holder in 1360, making Leczya a notable center of power in House Tremere.

❖ **1205 1344**

Novgorod: Most recent claimed sighting of Stolitzya "The Swimmer," by Susan of Wicklow. [DatB]

❖ **1205 1344**

Normandy: Eustace the Monk quarrels with the Count of Boulogne and enters the

service of John of England as a sea captain. He spends several years plaguing the Count with his ship, cunning, and magic. [History, Legend] See 1351.

❖ 1206 1345

Novgorod: Yannes Kolski suffers a prolonged Twilight and issues an extended series of prophecies, the Yannes Discourse. This may have been his Final Twilight, but the issue is not settled. [DatB] Magus Yannes disappeared in 1355, while returning from Thousand Caves. His fate remains a mystery.

❖ 1206-1280 1345-1419

Rhine: Lifetime of St. Albertus Magnus, philosopher and possible mage. Teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas, authority, lecturer, wise man, preacher, and papal legate. [History, Legend]

❖ 1207 1346

Normandy Tribunal of 1346: Maga Pugnatis, having failed to produce the items she was ordered to by the Tribunal of 1339, and failing to present herself to Tribunal, is expelled from the Order. [WGRE]

❖ 1207 1346

Iberia Tribunal of 1346: Laertia of Jerbiton reports to the Tribunal on shamanism and the spirit world. [Shamans]

Just before the close of the Tribunal, Terrace of Jerbiton brings illegally obtained evidence of diabolism. Baruch of Guernicus uses Summoning the Distant Image to examine the grounds of Jaferiya. Magi of Jaferiya covenant cast out for diabolism. The magi of Jaferiya escape the Tribunal through magic and diabolic aid. [Iberia] No known penalty assigned to Terrace or Baruch.

❖ 1207 1346

Provençal Tribunal of 1346: Praeco Oxioun and Chief Quaesitor Protantus order the covenants of Provençal to remain hidden and uninvolved in the expected Crusade against the mortal heretic Cathars. [MND]

❖ 1207 1346

Iberia: Start of the Shadow Wars in Iberia: Diabolic Flambeau, "The Flaming Shadow," in Iberia hunted and gradually eliminated. The Flaming Shadow destroys two covenants and slays most of their inhabitants by the Tribunal of 1353 AA. Fifty magi are slain by the Shadow in seven years, and only three of the renegades are destroyed. [Iberia]

❖ 1207-1214 1346-1353

House Flambeau investigated for diabolic activity after discovery of the diabolic Flaming Shadow band. [Iberia]

❖ 1208 1347

Stonehenge Tribunal of 1347: Glenius of Bonisagus reports on encounters with shamans in Novgorod. [Shamans]

The Tribunal rules that no covenant may put more than two pounds of magically created silver per resident, magus or mortal, into circulation. [HtM]

❖ 1208 1347

Albigensian Crusade declared against the Cathars of Provençal. These Cathars are heretics in the eyes of the Church, the dispute concerning whether the world and its creator are intrinsically evil. [History] How different from the Hermetic view.

❖ 1208 1347

Iberia: Arch-Magus Karendos forms a group of Flambeau to hunt his filius, Rasmus, a Renounced magus of Jaferiya. He confronts Rasmus in this year, but the renegade calls on demons to oppose his Pater and escapes. Karendos suffers

*Twilight and must retire from the hunt.
[Iberia]*

❖ 1208 1347

Stonehenge: The mortal kingdom of England is placed under an interdiction by Pope Innocent III, forbidding the administration of the sacraments, for the interference of King John in Church elections. [History]

❖ 1209 1348

Provencal: The city of Bezier destroyed in Albigensian Crusade. [History]

❖ 1209 1348

Stonehenge: King John is excommunicated for interfering in Church elections. [History]

❖ 1210 1349

Iberia: Matlus of Jerbiton, Praeco of the Iberian Tribunal, is found dead with ash on his hands and a circle of ash on his right temple. Cause of death unknown. Terrace of Jerbiton, now eldest, elevated to Praeco.

❖ 1210 1349

Appolonius of Jerbiton is given the gift of Arcane Memory by Order of Geonim. [Kabbalah]

❖ 1210 1349

Stonehenge: Foundation of Libellus, in Suffolk. [HtM]

❖ 1210 1349

Rome: The Holy Roman Emperor is excommunicated by the Pope for his military adventures in southern Italy, but the Emperor finishes his conquest of the territory. [History]

❖ 1210 1349

Two Seekers, Alphonsus and Tabitha Ex Miscellanea, tour Ultima Thule. [UT]

❖ 1211 1350

Special Tribunal: A Wizard's March is declared against the vampiric Tremere. The Quaesitores had been investigating these magic-vampire hybrids for some years. [HoH] The events around the March are unclear.

❖ 1212 1351

Provencal: Children's Crusade: Thousands of children march on the Holy Land, eventually sold into slavery in the city of Marseilles. [History]

❖ 1212 1351

Last report of a Tremere Vampire. [HoH] The last Tremere vampires destroyed exactly two hundred years after the destruction of Diedne.

❖ 1212 1351

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1351 at Coeris.

❖ 1212 1351

Novgorod: Three Lakes Covenant celebrates its bicentenary, and decides to take on apprentices. They are attentively trained, and flourish. [DatB] This dedicated training is rare and laudable.

❖ 1212 1351

Iberia: Magi of the Flaming Shadow support a Christian army at the Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa. [Iberia]

❖ 1212 1351

Iberia: Siege and Fall of Badajoz to Castile, following the Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa. Muslim sorcerers living in the city employ djinn to defend it. Magicians serving the Castillians oppose the Muslim sorcerers; a two day battle rages around the Tower of the Djinn, ending in a massive explosion destroying the tower and killing many. All the sorcerers die,

along with many of their servants. Many Muslim devices are scattered across the city and nearby land, from the force of the explosion. [ME]

❖ 1212 1351

Rhine: Magus Carolus of Jerbiton visits Crintera, Domus Magna of Bjornaer. While there, his familiar is blinded by Maga Caprea of Bjornaer when it enters the covenant library. [MBRE]

❖ 1212 1351

Stonehenge: King John of England and the Count of Boulongne make an alliance. The sea-captain Eustace the Monk, the Count's enemy and John's former man, departs John's service, enters the service of Prince Louis of France, and bedevils both the king and count with his wits and magic. [History, Legend] See 1354.

❖ 1213 1352

Maga Murion of Bonisagus elevated to Prima of her House. [HoH]

❖ 1213 1352

Arash of Criamon renounces the Order for Judaism. He is protected by Criamon magi until he can escape to a Jewish quarter in Baghdad. [Kabbalah]

❖ 1213 1352

Stonehenge: King John is absolved by the archbishop he had opposed. The king becomes a Papal vassal and all his lands become Papal fiefs. [History]

❖ 1214 1353

Novgorod Tribunal of 1353: A delegation of shamans & shapechangers arrives at the Novgorod Tribunal seeking alliance with the Order. The issue is discussed at length, but the matter of bringing it up to the Grand Tribunal is tabled. In the meanwhile, the visitors are told to join House Ex Miscellanea. [Shamans]

The quaesitores of Three Lakes are asked to consider if Yannes Kolski has entered Final Twilight.

Thousand Caves accuses Pripet Maior of brutally suppressing mortals in the Pripet Marshes. Pripet Maior accuses Thousand Caves of despoiling wilderness.

Finally, the Tribunal is stunned by the revelations of Thousand Caves covenant, which shares with the Tribunal its investigations and success in affecting Auras, involving Faeries, mortal worship, and magi-priests.

The tribunal is closed after the quaesitores announce that they will investigate both Thousand Caves and Pripet Maior. [DatB] The reason for the shamans and shapeshifters to seek an alliance was not made clear. Possibly they recognized the influence of the Order, or sought protection from another influence.

❖ 1214 1353

Iberia Tribunal of 1353: Iberian Covenants form a pact of mutual defense in response to the Flaming Shadow. [Iberia]

❖ 1214 1353

Loch Leglean Tribunal of 1353: Magus Erdras Tan-Gwylt of Flambeau is cast out of the Order for setting her apprentice a gauntlet that kills several of her mortal enemies; the Tribunal absolves Magus Curwin, the former apprentice, and rules that magi are responsible for their apprentices even in gauntlet. [HoH] Compare to the ruling of the Iberian Tribunal of 1311.

❖ 1214 1353

Rhine Tribunal of 1353: Maga Caprea of Bjornaer is found guilty of harming Magus Carolus' familiar and is sentenced to produce a bestiary using her own resources. [MBRE]

After the Tribunal, three magi, Signum Irruptus of Criamon, Theoderich of Jerbiton, and Pancrestis of Bonisagus, decide to establish a covenant in Denmark, on the island of Zealand, in the ruins of Lethra town, which they name Heorot covenant, after the Hall of King Beowulf. [UT]

The magi of Heorot did not seek any permission to colonize, which may yet cause them difficulty, as Denmark lies within Ultima Thule, which is ceded to Novgorod Tribunal. That Tribunal is ever fearful of Rhine magi expanding into their territories.

❖ **1214 1353**

Saracen sorcerers found a school of sorcery in Oran, in Africa, using the profits from defending the merchant ships of Oran from pirates. [ME]

❖ **1214-1294 1353-1433**

Life of Roger Bacon, monk, inventor, and reputed magician. He is said to have the advice of a bronze head, which may or may not be the one that advised Pope Sylvester II. [History, Legend] He is also said to have constructed the bronze head, as are Vergil and Sylvester II.

❖ **1215 1354**

The Fourth Lateran Council prohibits trial by ordeal and requires Jews and Muslims to wear distinct clothing or patches, frees Christian debtors from interests on loans from Jews, excludes Jews from positions of authority over Christians, and requires all Christian orders to hold regular meetings. Pope Innocent III calls for a new crusade to the Levant at this council. [History]

❖ **1215 1354**

Stonehenge Tribunal of 1354, one year late, but quorate. [HtM]

❖ **1215 1354**

Stonehenge: Prince Louis of France invades England. The sea-captain Eustace the Monk lands knights, soldiers, and siege engines for his lord. He is said to know how to make his ships invisible to mortal eyes. [History, Legend] See 1356.

❖ **1215-1216 1354-1355**

Novgorod: Quaesitor delegation visits Pripet Maior and Thousand Caves. They intend to issue findings at the Tribunal of 1360. [DatB]

❖ **1216 1355**

Novgorod: Magus Yannes Kolski, possibly in Final Twilight, disappears after visiting Thousand Caves Covenant. [DatB] His fate remains mysterious.

❖ **1216 1355**

Loch Leglean: Thomas Verus of Mercere writes about Loch Leglean Tribunal. [LotN]

❖ **1217 1356**

Fifth Crusade begins.

❖ **1217 1356**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1356.

❖ **1217 1356**

Novgorod: Pripet Maior raids Thousand Caves, in direct violation of Tribunal traditions. [DatB]

❖ **1217 1356**

Stonehenge: A great sea battle at Sandwich, on the second day of Virgo, in which Eustace the Monk is killed. His invisible ships are revealed to the English sea captains by a mariner, Stephen Crabbe of Winchelsea, formerly under Eustace's command. Stephen battles his old captain and kills him by beheading. The French fleet is then destroyed by a tempest, apparently at the instigation of St. Bartholomew, or perhaps a mage calling

himself Bartholomew, who appears in air above the English and tells them to fear not. [History, Legend]

❖ 1218 1357

Iberia Duresca, Barcelona, Estancia-es-Karida linked by Hermes Portals under Iberian Defense Pact. [Iberia]

❖ 1218 1357

Innocent III dies. [History]



❖ 1220 1359

Rhine: Magus Sicero of Tremere joins Triamore covenant. [Triamore]

❖ 1220 1359

Provençal: The controversial Wizard's Grimoire assembled at Doissetep, compiled through the efforts of Occultis of Bonisagus and others. [WGRE] The wise Occultis is to be praised for his efforts!

❖ 1220 1359

The German king Frederick is crowned Holy Roman Emperor after promising to undertake a new Crusade. The Emperor is quickly embroiled in restoring order in Sicily. [History]

❖ 1220 1359

Magus William Fireheart of Ungulus, last of that covenant's line of Flambeau, killed in Wizard's War with a mage of Fudarus. [HtM] The volatile William Fireheart had dodged Renunciation for years, and was no doubt pleased to die in battle.

❖ 1220 1359

The hedge wizard Michael Scot becomes court magician for Emperor Frederick II. [HM]

❖ 1221 1360

Rhine: Caprea filia Equus Minor of House Bjornaer completes her bestiary, based mainly on Pliny's Historia Naturalis and the original Physiologus. She makes multiple copies, one to be placed in the library of Durenmar and the rest circulated throughout the Order. It disagrees with the Physiologus Hermeticum of Causabon on some points. [MBRE]

❖ 1221 1360

Fifth Crusade ends.

❖ 1222 1361

Stonehenge Tribunal of 1361: Late but quorate. [HtM]

1222 1361

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1361 at Coeris.

❖ 1222 1361

Novgorod: A new terror out of the East: a barbarian people called the Mongols appear in the east of the Tribunal. [History]

❖ 1223 1362

Novgorod: The Mongols defeat a large mortal army of Russians and Cumans, then mysteriously depart. [History]

❖ C. 1223 and later C. 1362 and later

Provençal: Refugees from the Albigensian Crusade, including magi of Bellaquin, find haven at Mistridge covenant. The population of Mistridge triples, and the council of Mistridge increases from four to twelve. The covenant becomes an

important center of resistance to the Crusaders.

Mistridge is eventually cautioned by the Tribunal against becoming overly involved in mortal concerns. [Mistridge] The tale of Mistridge gives an important caution against magi who think to oppose the Crusaders of the Church.

❖ 1224 1363

Rome: Emperor Frederick II offers patronage to the covenant of Literatus. [Rome] This emperor is noted for his learning and patronage of the wise.

❖ 1224 1363

Rome: Filii of Literatus found a new covenant in Naples. [Rome] Naples covenant may have been founded with the Emperor's aid; the issue is not clear.

❖ 1226 1365

Rome: Other covenants in Rome seek to undermine the alliance of Literatus and the Emperor. [Rome]

❖ 1227 1366

Tribunals of the year 1367 held in 1366, to prepare for the Grand Tribunal of the next year. Presumably the **Stonehenge** Tribunal, late one year since 1341, will synchronize with the Order. [WGRE]

❖ 1227 1366

Hibernia: Magus Caecus of Tytalus visits and speaks to the **Hibernian** Tribunal on the subject of grogs, urging their humane and just treatment. His speech is received with mixed opinions. [Saga Pack] Magus Caecus is known to be sympathetic to grogs and mundane soldiers.

❖ 1227 1366

Sixth Crusade: Emperor Frederick II embarks on crusade, seven years after promising it. His army is stricken with

fever and delayed; Frederick is, after 20 days delay, excommunicated for malingering. [History]

❖ 1228 1367

Grand Tribunal of 1367: No rulings noted.

❖ 1228 1367

Pope Gregory IX invades the Emperor's lands. [History]

❖ 1228 1367

The Sixth Crusade finally departs under the Emperor's command. It lands in Egypt with little opposition. [History]

❖ 1229 1368

The Sixth Crusade secures Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth, and a corridor of land, all in six months. [History]

❖ 1229 1368

The Emperor returns and quickly drives out his foes. [History]

❖ 1230 1369

The Pope and Emperor reconciled; the Emperor is absolved. [History]

❖ 1230-1234 1369-1373

Novgorod: A civil war between the Knights of the Sword and the Church, over the conduct of the Knights toward their ecclesiastical superiors. [History] This points to a disunity in the Church, possibly of use if a Crusade is preached against the Order.

❖ C. 1231 C. 1370

Papal Bull Excommunicamus forms the Inquisition to root out heresy. They focus initially on the Albigensian movement, under the guidance of the Dominicans. [History]

❖ 1232 1371

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1371 at Coeris.

❖ **1232 1371**

Normandy: A mortal, Hubert de Burgh, is accused of taking from the vaults of the king of France a magic gemstone that conferred invincibility in combat, and delivering it to an enemy of the king. [History] The origin of the gem is uncertain.

❖ **1235 1374**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1374.

❖ **1237 1376**

Rome: The magi of Literatus oppose a group of diabolists in Milan. [Rome]

❖ **1237 1376**

Novgorod: The Knights of the Sword subordinated to the Teutonic Knights. This is intended to resolve lingering problems of obedience by the Knights of the Sword. The Teutonic Knights descend hereafter into brutality and barbarism. [History] Indicating deep corruption among the Crusaders by this point.

❖ **1237 1376**

The Mongol Horde returns and conquers much of eastern Europe. In the midst of this, the Teutonic Knights wage war on the Russians, who are caught between two invading armies. [History]

❖ **1238-1311 1377-1450**

Life of Arnold of Villanova, physician and alchemist. [History, Legend]

❖ **1239 1378**

Emperor Frederick II excommunicated for the second time. The Pope calls him a heretic, rake, and the Anti-Christ. [History]

❖ **1240 1379**

Rome: Magi of Literatus covenant help Frederick II capture hundreds of clergy. A special Tribunal disbands the covenant later in this year. [Rome]

❖ **1241 1380**

Novgorod: County of Leczyca raided by Mongols, effect on Leczyca covenant unclear. [History, DatB]

❖ **1241 1380**

Novgorod: The Mongols devastate the nobility of eastern Europe at the Battle of Liegnitz. They withdraw later in the year, as mysteriously as they had come, but keep control over Russia. [History]

❖ **1242 1381**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1381 at Coeris.

❖ **1243 1382**

Rhine: Famine sweeps Germany, spurred by a plague of rats. [History]

❖ **C. 1244 C. 1383**

Provencal: Mistridge covenant has drastically weakened in the face of the Albigensian Crusade. It has acquired new enemies both in and out of the Order and most or all of its senior magi have died or gone mad. [Mistridge]

❖ **1245 1384**

Emperor Frederick II deposed by order of the Pope. Civil war breaks out across Germany. [History]

❖ **1246 1385**

Provencal: Mistridge covenant destroyed after an extended siege. The survivors flee deeper into the Pyrenees and refound the covenant with a new council, the senior magi all having Passed, died, or vanished. [Mistridge] The fate of Magus Grimgroth is the most mysterious; after leading his

covenfolk out of danger, he rode to nearby Mount Tierne, and vanished on its slopes.

❖ **1247 1386**

Rome: Some magi of this tribunal move against demons afflicting the court of Emperor Frederick II. [Rome] Whether the Emperor himself is influenced by demons is hotly disputed.

❖ **1248 1387**

Seventh Crusade, led by Louis IX of France begins.

❖ **1248 1387**

A new Cathedral is begun in Cologne to more greatly honor the Relics of the Three Magi. Their reliquary has become a great pilgrimage site, and the old cathedral is considered inadequate. [History] This new cathedral remains unfinished at the date of this History.

❖ **1248 (May 22) 1387 (II Gem)**

A total eclipse of the sun progresses across Europe, beginning in Hibernia and crossing to Levant in the space of four hours, ending over Jerusalem. [History] Effect hotly debated and highly anticipated.

❖ **1250 1389**

Seventh Crusade ends with the rout of the French in Egypt. [History]

❖ **1250 1389**

Emperor Frederick II dies. [History]

❖ **1252 1391**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1391 at Coeris.

❖ **1253 1392**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1392.

❖ **1254 1393**

The Great Interregnum. The Imperial Throne remains empty from the death of Conrad IV to the reign of Rudolph, nineteen years later. [History]

❖ **C. 1258 C. 1397**

Germany and Italy afflicted by crop failure, famine, and disease. These disasters are thought to be Divine punishment for widespread sin. This in turn gives rise to the flagellant movement, whose members live in strict discipline, wear uniforms, and conduct public and private self flagellation to atone for the sins that have offended God. [History]

❖ **1259 1398**

Rome: Some magi of this tribunal wage a campaign against demon-influenced rulers in northern Italy. [Rome]

❖ **1261 1400**

Grand Tribunal of 1400: No rulings noted.

❖ **The Fifteenth Century of the Age of Aries.**

In the mortal world, this is a century of increased conflict between Church and kings. The Church presses a claim of universal authority stemming from its spiritual authority, but falls increasingly under the influence of the French crown, who it has come to rely on for military aid.

❖ **1262 1401**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1401 at Coeris.

❖ **1266 1405**

Rome: A mortal, Charles of Anjou, was some years before crowned king of Sicily by the Pope. In this year he arrives to press his claim, and among his advisors are the magi of Windgraven. This leads to a period of Roman-Provencal Tribunal friction. [History, Rome]

❖ 1270 1409

Eighth Crusade, led by Louis IX of France. The army is afflicted by plague after landing in Carthage, and the king dies. [History]

❖ 1271 1410

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1410.

❖ 1272 1411

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1411 at Coeris.

❖ 1273 1412

The Great Interregnum ends after nineteen years with the election of Rudolf I. [History]

❖ 1282 1421

Rome: In this year, the magi of the Provençal covenant Mistridge begin a campaign to oppose their old enemy, Windgraven, in the Roman tribunal. [Rome]

❖ 1282 1421

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1421 at Coeris.

❖ 1284 1423

Rhine: A strange piper leads away the rats of Hamelin using the magical music of his pipe. After the people of that town refuse his fee, he leads away their children. [History, Legend] Whether he was Demon, Faerie, or Hedge Wizard, we know not.

❖ 1289 1428

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1428.

❖ 1292 1431

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1431 at Coeris.

❖ 1294 1433

Grand Tribunal of 1433: The Roman and Provençal Tribunals clash over issues of cross-tribunal interference and meddling in mortal affairs. [Rome]

❖ 1294 1433

Stonehenge: Famine in England, possibly due to excessive exporting of grain. [History]

❖ 1300 1439

Iberia: Last of the known diabolic Flaming Shadow magi killed. [Iberia]

❖ 1302 1441

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1441 at Coeris.

❖ 1307 1446

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1446.

❖ 1307-1314 1446-1453

The Knights Templar are accused of heresy and idolatry, discredited, tried, and the leaders of the order executed. The surviving Templars are spread through other Crusading orders and the lands of the Templars seized by local mortal authorities. [History] It seems that the kings to whom the Templars loaned money did not wish to pay it back.

❖ 1309 1448

Papal seat removed to Avignon. [History]

❖ 1312 1451

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1451 at Coeris.

❖ 1315 1454

A three year famine strikes western Europe. [History]

❖ 1320 1459

Pope John XXII issues Bull Super Illius Specula, condemning ritual magic as diabolism and heresy. [History]

❖ **1322 1461**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1461 at Coeris.

❖ **1325 1464**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1464.

❖ **1327 1466**

Grand Tribunal of 1466: No rulings noted.

❖ **1327 1466**

Rhine: A great fire burns much of Munich. [History]

❖ **1332 1471**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1471 at Coeris.

❖ **1337 1476**

Beginning of the Hundred Year's War between England and France over English claims to the throne of France and the French holdings of the English king. [History]

❖ **1342 1481**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1481 at Coeris.

❖ **1343 1482**

Rome: Verdi Competition of 1482.

❖ **1346 1485**

Normandy: Reports of a new mundane engine employed at the Battle of Crecy. The engine propels a solid stone or metal ball with a thunderclap. [History]

❖ **1347-1351 1486-1490**

The Black Death comes to Europe, killing roughly one-third of the mortal population. [History]

❖ **1352 1491**

Transylvania: Tremere conference of 1491 at Coeris.

❖ **1357 1496**

Iberia: Destruction of Estancia-es-Karida covenant by its own magi, fleeing the Inquisition. Most of the covenant escapes through its Hermes Portal, but one stays behind to collapse the building. [Iberia]

❖ **1360 1499**

Grand Tribunal of 1499: No rulings noted.

❖ **The Sixteenth Century of the Age of Aries**

❖ **2017 1 AP Age of Pisces begins.**

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Ars Magica Texts:

BaS: Blood and Sand
BCC: The Broken Covenant of Calebais
Covenants: Covenants
DatB: Dragon and the Bear
FA: The Fallen Angel
HoH: Houses of Hermes
HtM: Heirs to Merlin
Iberia: Tribunals of Hermes: Iberia
Kabbalah: Kabbalah: Mythic Judaism
LotN: Lion of the North
Maleficium: The Maleficium
MB: Medieval Bestiary
MBRE: Medieval Bestiary, Revised Edition
ME: Mythic Europe
Mistridge: Mistridge
MND: A Midsummer Night's Dream
MS: Mythic Seas
ON: Ordo Nobilis
OoH: Order of Hermes
PD: Pax Dei

Rome: Tribunals of Hermes: Rome
Saga Pack: Saga Pack
SoI: Sanctum of Ice
Stormrider: Stormrider
RotSR: Return of the Stormrider
Tempest: The Tempest
Triamore: Triamore: The Covenant at Lucien's Folly
UT: Ultima Thule
WG: The Wizard's Grimoire
WGRE: Wizard's Grimoire, Revised Edition
WT: A Winter's Tale

Mundane Texts

These are some of the texts used to prepare the non-Mythic Europe specific entries.
Legends of the World, Edited by Richard Cavendish
Magic in the Middle Ages, by Richard Kiekefer
The People's Chronology, Edited by James Trager

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