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The Teutonic Knights of 1226: The Fate of Europe

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Character Descriptions

*Full dossiers and portfolio powers will be handed out in the first committee session

Hermann von Salza (Grand Master):

Hermann von Salza is the current Grand Master of the Teutonic Order. The Grand Master is the holder of the supreme office in the Teutonic Order. He is the commander of the military and the member who represents the Order in papal and imperial courts, which means he is the first to be notified of new information. He is also a member of the Hanseatic League, from which he receives custom dues.

Heinrich von Hohenlohe (Grand Commander):

Heinrich von Hohenlohe is the Grand Commander. The Grand Commander is one of the five appointed officers of the Teutonic Order. His role involves taking on the responsibilities of the Grand Master when he is away as well as being the right-hand man and closest confidant to the Grand Master. He does not communicate directly with the Pope and the Holy Roman Emperor, but he is in the loop when it comes to the current state of the Order.

Theoderich von Altenburg (Grand Marshall):

Theoderich von Altenburg is The Grand Marshall of the Teutonic Order is one of the five High Officers appointed by the Grand Master. His role is to be the primary overseer of military affairs of the organization. He is the first to know the troop locations, the number of troops, the supply of resources, as well as which regions need more support.

Bruno von Hirzberg (Grand Drapier)

Bruno von Hirzberg is the Grand Drapier of the Teutonic Order. The Grand Drapier is another of the five appointed High Officers. The Grand Drapier was in charges of clothing and buildings. He ensures that the knights' armor is kept in good addition and routinely inspects the conditions of related gear such as shoes and saddles. He is also in charge of restocking when supply runs low.

Werner von Orseln (Grand Treasurer):

Werner Von Orseln serves as the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer of the Teutonic Order manages the finances of the organization. He knows the amount of money currently in the hands of the Order, and as well as of the states of the economies of regions under the Order's

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control. He is also the point person for providing financial and economic advice for villages and cities that are struggling.

Luther von Braunschweig (Grand Hospitaller)

Luther von Braunschweig was a medic for the Order before serving in his current position as the current Grand Hospitaller of the Teutonic Order. The Grand Hospitaller is one of the five appointed officers. He is in charge of taking care of the diseased and wounded. In addition to treating those in need, he also has a staff of medics who help him with the day to day operations of acquiring resources for medical treatment.

Ludwig von Horflegowe (knight):

Ludwig von Horflegowe one of the most devout knights in the Order. Despite his aloof and quiet nature, he plays a very prominent role in the Teutonic Order. He is well-traveled and is highly knowledgeable of the geography of the Holy Roman Empire, providing a lot of utility to the order's military strategists. He is also incredibly well-versed in the scripture and acknowledged as the best biblical scholar in the organization.

Konrad von Thüringen: (knight)

Konrad von Thüringen was the youngest son of a Landgrave of Thuringia. Known for

his sharp wit and cunning ability to uncover information, Konrad is is incredibly resourceful. His wealth and noble status grants him access to insider information before most rumors begin to spread.

Gerhard von Malberg: (knight)

Gehard began as local Komtur (Knight Commander) in the Order. Gehard is a very ambitious knight with aspirations of moving up the ranks in the Order. He hopes to use his connections with the Knights Hospitaller to elevate his own status as well as strengthen the allegiance between the two groups.

Gunther von Wüllersleben (knight)

Gunther von Wüllersleben's background is largely unknown, but he is one of the few knights trained as a metalsmith. He comes from a wealthy family of merchants with connections throughout the Holy Roman Empire. He is particularly skilled in the art of swordsmanship.

Hartmann von Heldrunen (knight)

Hartmann von Heldrunen doesn't talk much, but is known for his enormous stature and his signature weapon: a warhammer. He comes from a very wealthy noble family, with ties to the Vatican. Through these connections, he has an inner circle in the

Vatican who keep him informed about the day to day activities of the papacy.

Poppo von Osterna (knight)

Poppo von Osterna was the son of a noble family in Hungary. He is devoutly Christian and has a specialty in archery. He is said to be able to shoot an apple off a tree from 500 paces away. He is a valuable expert in training new troops, being well-versed not only in combat, but also military strategy.

Siegfried von Feuchtwangen (knight)

Siegfried von Feuchtwangen is one of the oldest knights in the Teutonic Order at the age of 55. He is respected for his wisdom as well as his experience with large-scale military battles on a variety of terrain. He has a very tactical mindset when approaching combat; his first priority is the preserve as many troops as possible.

Wilhelm von Urenbach (priest)

Wilhelm von Urenbach is one of few priests to receive schooling at a gymnasium-style university, not a monastery. He is very close with politicians who he connected with there, and is a confidant of insider information in the political sphere.

Gottfried von Hohenlohe (priest)

Gottfried von Hohenlohe was one of four sons of the most powerful feudal lords in Württemberg. As a priest, von Hohenlohe took a vow of poverty and donated much of his father's inheritance to the Order. He has a close relationship with his brother Heinrich von Hohenlohe, Grand Commander, and is influential among the priests of the Teutonic Order.

Gottfried von Hohenlohe (priest)

Gottfried von Hohenlohe is an old explorer turned priest. He has traveled massive stretches of the Holy Roman Empire and also has connections with foreign dignitaries outside of the realm. This gives him the distinct advantage of understanding the different approaches other faiths have to scripture, politics, culture, and salvation.

Paul von Rusdorf (priest)

Paul von Rusdorf was once a noble knight and is still very well-respected throughout the Holy Roman Empire. His aspirations to become a priest were realized after experiencing divine inspiration post-injury to his knee. A man of few words, he is particularly vocal on the inner politics of the knights, and is viewed by the priesthood as the source for gossip.

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Simon von Drahe (priest)

Simon von Drahe is the youngest priest of the Teutonic Order. His wit and fiery personality make him one of the best orators in all of the Holy Roman Empire. Though he is widely notorious for his evocative speeches, he is even more widely known for shifting his opinion on scripture when it is advantageous for him.

Johann von Remchingen (priest)

Johann von Remchingen is a pauper turned noble gentry. He is among the most well-versed in Christian scripture, but takes a very liberal interpretation to the church's institutions. His background and opinion make him a particularly popular priest among the common people and he is viewed as the voice of poor folk throughout the realm.