

AVAILIAN ANGELOS



The Templar Librarian

Being neither a title nor a true name, Availian is the designation given by successive generations to whichever person was holding the office of archivist within the brotherhood. Always chosen from the Sanctum Sanctorum (that is the class of Knights and Sergeants within the Order) whoever was selected to be the librarian of that era was sent to Cyprus to codify, catalogue, copy and keep the Templars' vast stores of knowledge from every age and nation. He was also obligated to record Calvarian history and doctrine.

While every preceptory had their own library and librarian each of which was colloquially called Availian, his official position within the Order was as Conservator. And only the Cyprian Conservator was officially called Availian. Over time the title Angelos or Angelion was added to the designation for reasons no longer known. The ordinary conservator was a learned man of any rank and almost never Calvarian. His library was always in Latin and the local language but never held anything in Hebrew nor any record that could betray the brotherhood should it fall into the hands of the Inquisitor. All records and documentation denoting Calvarian belief and practice remained exclusively secluded to the library at Cyrus, out of the immediate reach of Rome and away from the prying eyes of the papists. After the fall of the Templars, Availian secreted away much of the Order's accumulated wealth of knowledge bequeathing it to the Order of the Burning Sword in after years which formed from the surviving members of the Swordbrothers and the Templars. In time the Order of the Burning Sword would become the Order of the Fifth Gospel as it remains to this day.

The last known archivist is thought to have perished either in the fighting in the First World War and the whereabouts of the library lost or alternatively it is said that he died in a bombing in World War 2 which also destroyed the archives themselves. Which is the true tale is unknown and at this time unknowable. But the knowledge of the Templars' true beliefs and behaviors survives now in oral tradition as however he met his demise, Availian is dead and his library now long gone.

