



For over 900 years, Friday the 13th has inspired fear and superstition among the simpleminded, trepidation that this is a day of bad luck and black clouds, and all this nonsense was inspired by that fateful Friday of October 13, 1307 when King Philip of France had his minions simultaneously and suddenly arrest all the Templar Knights in France.

What many do not know, however, about that dreadful day, is that the timing was no coincidence. Philip did not choose a random moment to attack the Temple, an arbitrary point of convenience. He did not select an inconsequential hour in which to bring about their end. No. Until that particular incident, every Friday the 13th was a sacred day in the Templar Way, the day known as Casurum (the Fall). King Philip, it seems, was not without a sense of irony.

King Philip of France in his vile pride and vain power seized all French Templar Knights, and Sergeants he could get his hands on on this day in 1307. And the world has never been the same without the Noble Order, destroyed by Philip's greed and Clement's cowardice.

But long before, that year, Casurum (for so the day of "Friday" the 13th was ever named among Calvarians) was important to Templars as the memorial of our redemption by Messiah. At the time, the Fall of Man in Eden and the Redemption of Man at Calvary were each thought to have occurred on a Friday the 13th, and for this reason and numerous others, the number thirteen is emblematical opposites - of both rebellion and restoration, both damnation and salvation, both the curse and the blessing, both the serpent and the savior.

In other words, thirteen signifies a duality, the evil that creeps in our hearts but moreover of the Righteous One Who came to save us from it.

"Friday" the 13th is a time of terror for many of the world's most timid and well-trained people. Yes, well-trained... programmed, conditioned, accustomed to living in fear. And particularly we are taught to fear 13. To skip over it. To ignore it. To treat it as if it were evil in itself. Yet while the wicked have tried to take this day of verity and twist it into villainy, still ever it remains a most noble memorial of the Most High in these lowly places.

To Templars the number Thirteen denotes the Messiah Himself. It is the number that does not harmonize with the ways of the world. It is separate from nature, and it disturbs the way of things. Thirteen is also the hidden number. Where only twelve are seen, twelve are counted, and twelve are named...yet there is another there all along. And that, the Thirteenth is emblematical of Messiah Himself.

To Templars, Casurum was a memorial of the Messiah, Who to them was embodied by the number 13, and Who, they believed had been crucified on Friday the 13th. Templar Lore held that the fall of man in the garden of Eden happened also on a Friday the 13th... Highly unlikely as a reality, but symbolically, not so far off.

The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet is MEM, which represents Water and is also the first letter of the word MAIM which means water. Water is also representative of the Torah, the word of the Most High, and thus also the Messiah Himself, Who is the living Torah, the Word of the Father made flesh. And as water both sustains life and destroys, so also 13 denotes both Messiah and our carnal nature from which He saved us. The number 13 denotes

rebellion, as the first time it is mentioned in Scripture, it is referencing rebellion. It eludes to destruction because 13 famines are mention in the Bible. And it refers to self indulgence because Solomon built the Temple of YHWH in 7 years but spent 13 years constructing his own palace.

13 is also symbolic of the Metatron, Whom Templars believed to be the Messiah pre-incarnate. 13 is the number of perpetual striving and the principle of activity. It is the "hidden number" because it is 3 working in 10, the Elohim at work in the whole of His Creation, unseen, unheard, and by most peoples, unknown. 13 is the number that is not what it seems; we say there are 12 apostles, but when we count them, including Paul, we find there are 13. We say there are 12 sons of Jacob, and 12 tribes of Israel, but when we count them we find there are 13. 12 had an inheritance in the land, but there were 13 overall. There are also 12 gates in the Kingdom of Heaven, but it is said there is also a 13th for all those who do not know to what tribe of Israel they belong; And did not our Saviour say that He Himself is the Door?... He is our Way into the Kingdom, the One Who was "hidden for ages and generations, but is now revealed to the set-apart ones."

Twelve Tribes of Israel...and yet really thirteen. Twelve disciples counted...and yet really thirteen. Twelve months in a year...yet sometimes, unforeseen on the Biblical calendar - which is to say the Real Calendar - there are thirteen. But most immediate for our imitation, thirteen is applied to True Knights as a title as they themselves embody the thirteen functions of this office. In Exodus 34, we find YHWH, the Heavenly Father, relaying to Moses the 13 Attributes of His character: Compassion, Mercy, Graciousness, Long-suffering, Patience, Abundance, Truth, Kindness, Generosity, Forgiveness, Healing, Restoring, and Pardoning.

And these 13 qualities comprise the required functions of Templars, and most especially of Templar Knights. To the Templars, 13 was a significant number, not because they were satanic, like so many so-called preachers say today, sciolists and ultracrepidarians all, and suffering severely from the Dunning-Kruger effect, in their ignorance and sharing of evil speech, but because Templars as Calvarians knew 13 symbolizes the infinite, boundlessness, and immeasurability, and therefore denotes the Eternal Father Almighty.

For these reasons, every Friday the 13th was memorialized by Templars, and it was for these reasons also that the evil king chose this day to bring about their Fall. Far from being coincidental that King Philip IV rounded up the French Knights on the morning of Friday the 13th, rather he planned it perfectly for that moment, knowing how important that memorial was to the Templars and trying to turn it to horror. And as much as that calamitous king succeeded in slaughtering the Templars and marring the commemoration of Casurum, still it remains a day of righteous remembrance.

Much in the manner of the Messiah Himself, Who was crucified by pagans at the behest of the devil, only to rise again to new and unending life, so also, *The Poor Fellow Soldiers Of Christ And Of The Temple Of Solomon* were crushed upon Casurum, Friday the 13th, but not to our ultimate destruction; we fell for a time, only to rise a new in a New Age. While the world fears this day as unlucky, and avoid's all things 13, let us who are Templars, in word and in deed, embrace Casurum and celebrate as did our ancient brothers all that is Tredecim, all that is 13.

Casurum, Friday the 13th is a day for remembering the meaning of 13.

We are told in Scripture that "YHWH is ONE." And we are also told elsewhere in Scripture that "YHWH is Love." We find that the numerical value of the word "one" (echad) is 13...but are we also surprised to find the numerical value of "love" (ahava) is also 13?!

The world would have us forget this knowledge and fear this day because they do not want the people of YHWH to be One as HE is One. And they do not want us to Love as HE is Love. They want us to fear which is the opposite of love and they want us to fear 13 so we never search out what Love truly is.

If you are a Templar, you are all these things to all you encounter and thus you are Thirteen...

We must remember what this day meant to our forebears and what it should mean to us today.

Our Templar ancestors perceived the Messiah as being like 13. Not only was He the 13th after His twelve disciples but Yeshua (Whom the Western world has taken of late to calling 'Jesus') said that He Himself is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In Hebrew, the first letters of Way (Dereck), Truth (Emet), & Life (Chai) hold the numerical valuation of 13.

And yet even greater still, the Savior said, the greatest commandment is "Hear, oh Israel, YHWH is our Mighty One. YHWH is One. And you shall love YHWH your Mighty One with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might." With the second greatest command being "love your neighbor as yourself." And elsewhere in Scripture, the Saviour said, "Love one another as I have loved you." It is not for nothing the numerical value of the word "One" in Hebrew (Echad) and the word for "Love" (Ahava) both are 13.

For most folk, Friday the 13th portends a fearful omen. But for us who hold to the Templar Way, who learn from and follow the Messiah, and try to build our lives as a beautiful Temple for the glorious NAME of YHWH, 13 is no object of terror but rather an emblem of triumph.

Just as most people are taught to be afraid of this day, most people are equally instructed to believe the only opposite of love is hate. But this is not so in the mind of the Templar. In fact, Scripture teaches us of many things we are to hate in holiness. In the Temple, the opposite of love is fear. For love is not a feeling. Love is a verb. It is righteousness inspite of feelings, and it is exercised through the will. Fear being the enemy of Will hinders Love. And fear makes love into hate.

That is why the Messiah's Emissary wrote, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear."

Let us remember this day to live in love, not fear. To "hate what is evil, but cling to what is good." And to "love all the more as we see The Day approaching." Let us remember to be 13.

