

Introduction

This essay seeks to explore and explain the relationship between the Church of Laráni and its various clerical and fighting orders, particularly in respect of the primacy of Hârn.

Background

It is not an easy matter to identify from the official source material the respective roles and responsibilities of the Church hierarchy and of the Orders within the Hârn primacy. It is, however, made clear that the situation on Hârn is unique compared to other primacies:

"Hârn is somewhat unique in that most Hârníc clergy are members of a clerical order and most churches are organised into one or more such orders. This is a tradition created by the 'barbaric' and 'frontier' characteristics of Hârn, compared to much of western Lythia." *HârnPlayer* 32.

It is also stated in the Káldôr and Kandáy Kingdom Modules that the Orders lie outside the official Church hierarchy: For example:

"Most Laránians in eastern Hârn are associated with the clerical order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow or the fighting order of the Lady of Paladins. But in Káldôr, as in most other regions, such orders lie outside the mainstream of the Laránian spiritual bureaucracy and are subject to its authority." *Kaldor* 9.

The article on the Order of the Lady of Paladins by Kerry Mould, provides a great deal of insight into the internal operations of the Káldôric branch of that Order. It does not however, address the role of the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow within the Church.

Purpose of Orders

A key question is the purpose of clerical and fighting Orders, as compared with the hierarchy of the Church. Their purpose would appear from the source material to be primarily missionary. This would fit with the conception of Hârn as a 'frontier' primacy. This is reinforced by the fact that the Primate of Hârn is also the Turintesa of the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow.

History of the Church & Orders

The official source material indicates that the current Orders are a relatively late addition to the organisation of the Church on Hârn. The Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow (the Order of the Spear) was founded in 465 TR, yet the Church had been active on Hârn since before the foundation of Mèlderyn, and may have contributed to the unification of the five kingdoms as a feudal state. The relationship between the secular (feudal) state and the Church of Laráni appears to be fundamental.

A number of key Church sites in Káldôr were established prior to the unification of the Church in 227 TR, most notably Lyntord and Abriel abbeys c.160 TR, in Pagostra and Nurelia respectively. Caleme 'cathedral' was founded in 240 TR, as the centre of Laránianism in Káldôr. In the late fourth century, St Talroc "left his home temple in the Corani Empire to preach Laránianism in Aleathia", where he converted their king. (*Chendy* 1).

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It is therefore tempting to propose a number of earlier missionary Orders existing prior to those documented in official materials. At least one of these would have been centred in the Corani republic. Another may have been centred at Gythrun, the location of the 'new Laránian temple' to which Fardir of Telin was sent to 'lead the missionary work on Hâm' (*HârnPlayer* 70). Gythrun keep was established in 243, and Fardir's order was based here until he renounced his mission.

Interestingly both the current clerical orders were heavily influenced by secular monarchs – the Order of the Spear was founded in 465 TR by the king of Mèlderyn, and the Order of Hyvrik (founded in 593 TR) was sponsored and supported by the king of Kandáy. This can be contrasted with the Guardians of Dolithor, as Shôrkynè fighting order, which it is stated is 'sponsored' by the 'Shôrkynè Church of Laráni'.

The fighting orders of the Lady of Paladins and the Checkered Shield are also relatively new. The Lady of Paladins was founded in 575 TR, and the Checkered Shield in 622 TR. Prior to the amendment of the Guardian Order in 559 TR, the martial forces of the Church were principally attached to temples.

Feudal status and relations

The feudal status of the Church and the Orders varies among the kingdoms of Hâm. This is important because the Church of Laráni can be described as a 'feudal institution'. In Kandáy and Mèlderyn, the Church and the fighting-orders both hold land directly from the king, whereas in Káldôr, the Church is the only Laránian institution holding land directly from the king. In Chybísa the Church's holdings are minimal, and in Thârda neither the Church nor Orders hold land.

The distinctions between Kandáy, Mèlderyn and Káldôr may provide some insight into the respective roles of the Church and Orders. It may be that the origins of the clerical and fighting orders as institutions sponsored by the secular rulers of Mèlderyn and Kandáy are key.

Mèlderyn

Mèlderyn has played a key role in the development of the Church and Orders on Hâm. As noted earlier, the unification of the Five Kingdoms appears to have been accompanied by the establishment of a feudal order in which the Church played an important role. Later Gythrun was the base for widespread missionary activity.

The Order of the Spear was established in 465 TR. This was the period of the height of the Corani Empire. It is not stated where the Order was headquartered prior to the foundation of Tháy, but Gythrun is a strong possibility, given this was the headquarters of Fardir of Telin.

The Order of the Spear could be seen as having been established with a dual purpose. First it could have been in response to the expansion of the Corani Empire, and its annexation of the Laránian realm of Aleathia. It could equally have been established with an 'internal' missionary purpose –being to 'reinvigorate' the spirituality of the Church. With respect to Káldôr this might have been the key objective, following the Káldôric civil war and restoration.

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The Order of the Lady of Paladins was established in 575 TR – two years after the foundation of Tháy, and in the midst of the Theocracy of Tekhos. The defence of the Order of the Spear in the face of this threat would appear to be the clear purpose of its establishment. The Mòrgathian theocracy would have been seen as a threat not only to Laránians in western Hârn, but to the whole primacy.

The relative weakness of the Church of Laráni as a feudal landholder within Mèlderyn (it holds only 19 fiefs) can be explained if the Orders are seen as a means of promoting Mèlderyni royal policy *outside* of Mèlderyn (or at least outside of settled Mèlderyn). Thus the Mèlderyni state appears to have seen the Church as principally a tool of foreign policy, and has sought to minimise (although not completely undermine) the Church's internal influence.

Church – Order relationship

The Order of the Spear is headed it Turintesa, who is also the Primate of Hârn, whose seat is at Tháy. The Order holds 6 urban temples in Mèlderyn – Tháy, Cherafir, Harden, Nurisel, Chyrefal and Gythrun. It would nominally also have oversight of the urban temples in Káldôr (Tashal, Kiban and Qualdris) and Chybísa (Burzyn).

The Archbishop of Mèlderyn is based in Cherafir. The Cherafir Temple is presumable the archbishop's seat. The Church holds 19 fiefs from the king. Presumably the archbishop is the tenant-in-chief. The two bishops of Mèlderyn (Mèlderyn and Eloria) hold 9 and 10 fiefs respectively from the archbishop. Of these 10 are abbeys or monasteries: Tage, Belim, Hoget & Jeth (Mèlderyn); Radeth, Clima, Dutilo, Jelim, Kelnop, & Peseh (Eloria).

Presumably a proportion of these 10 institutions are held by the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow – but since none support Chapter houses of the Order of the Lady of Paladins, this is not clear. It is possible, but not likely given that the Order of the Spear was originally sponsored by the king of Mèlderyn, that the Order holds no abbeys – that they are held solely by the Church. The statement in the *Melderyn* module that "the lands held by *their* fighting order, Lady of Paladins, are held directly from the king" appears to argue that the 'Church of Laráni' in Mèlderyn should be equated with the Order.

The Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow may hold all of the temples and fiefs of the Church of Laráni in Mèlderyn – but this is not clear, and given the discussion below on the changing role of the clerical orders, it is far from certain.

It is not clear whether the Order of the Lady of Paladins held any land prior to the grant of Cundras and Fosumo in 654 TR. It may have held land from the Order, but equally it may have been confined to temple chapters. The Order of the Lady of Paladins currently has 10 Chapter houses, and holds 12 manors.

Subinfeudation outside the Church or Orders

In Mèlderyn, there is a limited amount of subinfeudation outside of the Church or the Orders. A total of 3 manors held by the Rekela of Eloria are subinfeuded to minor clans. Given the relative small size of the Church's estates, this is a reflective of the duration of its feudal status.

The Order of the Lady of Paladins has not subinfeuded any of its lands.

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Káldôr

The Káldôrîc Laránian Church is older than the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow, but it is stated that most members of the Church in Káldôr are members of the Order, and that the Archbishop and Bishops are all members. This state of affairs might be explained by seeing the Order of the Spear in the manner proposed above, where the Spear was established with a mission of internally revitalising the Church.

In Káldôr, the king does not have a formal relationship with either of the clerical or fighting Orders. The crown's influence over the Church is stronger – the king's recommendation is required for the appointment of the Archbishop of Káldôr. Thus the king ensures greater influence over the Church within Káldôr by only granting fiefs to the Church via the Archbishop.

It could be argued, as a result, that in Káldôr the Order of the Spear is largely subsumed within the official Church hierarchy. The Order did not come into existence until *after* the re-organisation of the lands and estates of the Káldôrîc Church of Laráni in 405, after which the hierarchy and landholding appear to have been relatively settled.

Church – Order relationship

It could be argued that within the Káldôrîc church, the Order of the Spear is principally a theological rather than administrative instrument. The Order, however, controls the urban temples at Tashál, Kiban and Qualdris, and the Encyclopaedia Hârnica 'Atlas Hârnica' tables from EH2 to EH8 clearly indicate that all but one (Ascur) of the feudal holdings of the Church of Laráni in Káldôr are held by the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow or the Order of the Lady of Paladins. The Archbishop of Káldôr is likely to have a deputy Turintesa function within Káldôr, so that effective control of these temples would like within the Church of Káldôr.

The Archbishop of Káldôr holds all the Church's 95 fiefs directly from the king – 73 are granted to the four bishops. The Archbishop directly controls 21 estates, including the temple / cathedral of Caleme, and two abbeys – Ascur and Halaina. The Order of the Lady of Paladins holds 3 chapter houses and 1 manor from the Archbishop, and 1 Chapter house from the Abbot of Halaina. Caleme has 2 directly held manors, as does Halaina. A further 4 manors are subinfeuded to minor clans by the Archbishop. As noted above, Ascur is the only abbey which is not specifically identified as being held by the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow.

The Rekela of Nurez holds the abbey of Abriel directly, and grants the abbeys of Essnah, Mirindel, and Tefbry. All of these are presumably held by the Order of the Spear, as they each sponsor one of the bishopric's 4 Chapter houses of the Order of the Lady of Paladins. The abbeys and chapters houses hold 4 manors.

The Rekela of Serelind holds the abbey of Brynd, and grants abbeys of Astelure, Erwurd, Irtivir, Lethyl, Lyntord, Tirsend, and Ureve. Of these all but Lyntord and Ureve sponsor the bishoprics 8 Chapter houses of the Order of the Lady of Paladins (Lethyl & Erwurd sponsor two each). These abbeys also hold 4 manors directly, and there are a total of 6 manors subinfeuded to minor clans. Despite the fact that Lyntord is the oldest Laránian institution in Káldôr (it was originally the seat of the Rekela of Pagostra), and was founded long before the

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Order of the Spear was created, it is indicated in the official material that it is held by the Order.

The Rekela of Kephrus holds the abbey of Cholas (which is also the hundred moot of Cholas hundred), and grants the abbeys of Erdace, Tannel, Thydfel and Zuen. Of these Tannel does not sponsor a Chapter house of the Order of the Lady of Paladins – there are a total of 4 of these in the bishopric. There are 4 directly held manors (1 held by Tannel), and two subinfeuded by the bishop.

The Rekela of Pagostra holds the abbey of Ledyne, and grants the abbeys of Erderem, Fancet, Tarial, Valyne and Wythia. All are stated to be held by the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow. Collectively they sponsor 5 Chapter houses of the Order of the Lady of Paladins. 2 manors are held by the Order of the Lady of Paladins, by the Chapter house of Wylain. 8 other manors are held by the bishopric.

In all, of the 26 Abbeys or monasteries in the kingdom, 25 (not including Ascur) are likely held by the Order of the Spear of the Shattered Sorrow. The Order's abbeys' hold or subinfeud at least 41 manors.

The Order of the Spear's abbeys sponsor 25 Sword and Manor Chapter houses of the Order of the Lady of Paladins, which collectively hold a further 3 manors. The Order of the Lady of Paladins also has 5 'Shield' Chapters attached to the major abbeys, and 3 urban temple chapters.

Subinfeudation outside the Church or Orders

In Káldôr, there is quite substantial of subinfeudation outside of the Church or the Orders. A total of 23 manors held by the Serekela and rekela are subinfeuded to minor clans. This is an indication of both the size of the Church's holdings, but also the duration of its feudal status.

As is the case in Mælderyn, the Order of the Lady of Paladins has not further subinfeuded any of the lands it holds from the Order of the Spear.

Kandáy

In Kandáy, the Orders of Hyvrik and the Checkered Shield were clearly direct instruments of royal policy. The House of Kand and the Church have co-operated since the foundation of the kingdom, but as in Mælderyn, the Orders provided the royal house with more direct input into the affairs of the Church.

The Order of Hyvrik was founded in 593 TR, in Aléath before the Aléath Republic became part of the Kingdom of Kandáy. Nevertheless, it is stated that “King Andasin I, the first ruler of Kandáy, was a devout adherent of Laráni and granted the order extensive lands” (*HMR, Larani 3*). Later in 622 TR, the Order of the Checkered Shield was founded by the king of Kandáy.

Kandáy has four bishoprics – Daena, Aleathia, Ternula and Perinore. The bishop of Daena is also the Archbishop of Kandáy. The bishopric of Perinore also includes the Kingdom of Réthem, which is dominated by the Church and Orders of Ágrik. 'Missionary' work in Réthem would be necessarily covet and / or martial.

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Church – Order relationship

The Order of Hyvrik, as in other archdiocese, is clearly responsible for the urban temples – in this case Aléath and Dyrisa. The Turintesa of the Order does not appear to hold any feudal lands directly from the king. The Turintesa is also appointed by the Archbishop of Kandáy, so the Order would fall under the effective control of the Kandian Church.

The Church lands are held by the Serekela of Kandáy from the king, who then grants them to the rekela. The Church holds a total of 61 fiefs from the king.

The Rekela of Daena (who is also the Serekela of Kandáy) holds 7 abbeys, one of which controls two manors. Two of these abbeys, Shreve & Chydaen, sponsor 3 chapter houses of the Order of the Checkered Shield; these are therefore likely to be held by the Order of Hyvrik.

The Rekela of Aleathia holds 9 abbeys, two of which control 3 manors. Two abbeys, Welur & Gydd, each sponsor a Chapter house of the Order of the Checkered Shield, and are likely held by the Order of Hyvrik.

The Rekela of Ternula holds 7 abbeys, one of which controls a manor. The Rekela is constructing a cathedral at Korri, near Sarkum. Another of these abbeys, Overyn, in addition to controlling two of the seven abbeys, sponsors a Chapter house of the Order of the Checkered Shield – presumably all three of these abbeys are held by the Order of Hyvrik. In addition the source material states that the abbey of Chendy is held by the Order of Hyvrik. Ternula's status as a 'backwater' would seem to fit with the fact that 4 of the seven abbeys appear to be held by the clerical Order.

The Rekela of Perinore, whose diocese includes the kingdom of Rethém, is engaged in a political battle for control of a large number of Chapter houses and manors of the Order of the Checkered Shield. The Rekela holds 11 abbeys – which control 3 manors. The Rekela's seat, Erone, sponsors (directly and indirectly) a total of 10 Chapter houses of the Order of the Checkered Shield. Erone is thus the only fief clearly held by the Order of Hyvrik. The 10 Chapter Houses of the Order of the Checkered Shield (overseen largely by Dovan) control 9 manors.

The Chabla of the Order of the Checkered Shield holds land directly from the king, as well as having responsibility for Chapter houses held from the bishops, and for temple chapters at Aléath, Dyrisa and (nominally) temple chapters in Thârda. The Order holds 13 Chapter houses from the king, centred around Menekod. They also hold 19 manors from the king. From the four bishops they hold a further 16 Chapter houses. The Order thus holds 29 Chapter houses, and a total of 48 fiefs.

Subinfeudation outside the Church or Orders

Kandáy differs markedly from Mèlderyn and Káldôr in that none of the lands of either the Church, the Order of Hyvrik or the Order of the Checkered Shield are further subinfeuded. This would seem to relate to the relatively short length of time the Church/Orders have held land in Kandáy compared to Káldôr & Mèlderyn. The church has held land in Káldôr since around 160 TR, and in Mèlderyn since at least 465 TR (probably earlier), where as for Kandáy this is probably only from 593 TR onwards. As noted below, it is likely that there was a substantial 'reorganisation' of the Church of Kandáy in 697 TR, following the Peace of Selvos.

Chybísa

Chybísa's disputed feudal status affects the role of the Church in that realm. The Church has refused to appoint an Archbishop for Chybísa, which is effectively a single diocese under the Bishop of Burzyn. The Order of the Shattered Spear holds two manors, and the Lady of Paladins one. The Bishop of Burzyn may act as deputy Turintesa for the diocese of Burzyn, and thus have effective control of the Order in Chybísa.

Thârda

The Thârdic Laránian Church is a largely 'missionary' Church. It ministers to the faithful within the Republic, but its longer term political aims are the transformation of the Republic into a feudal state – one more amenable to the Church's ideology and success.

There are obvious tensions between the Thârdan branches of the Orders of Hyvrik and the Checkered Shield, and their headquarters in Kandáy (particularly following the Kuseme War). On the other hand, they share the long term objective of the 'feudalisation' of the Republic, and the destruction of the Church and Orders of Ágrik.

The source material suggests that the Archbishop of Thârda is a different individual from the deputy Turintesa of the Order of Hyvrik. It is therefore likely that a Senior Serolan (of possibly of the Còranan temple) holds this post. The Order of the Checkered Shield in Thârda also has its own deputy Turintesa. This could be the Reblena of Còranan – or equally the Reblena of the Temple / Chapter house at Moleryn.

Urban Temple management

Urban Temple management on Hârn appears to be a key function of the clerical orders. All but two of the documented urban temples identify them as falling under the responsibility of either of the clerical orders. For one of these, it is not stated if any Order runs the temple (Guthryn), but given its history, it is likely that it is the Order of the Spear. In respect of the temple at Moleryn (Thârda), the temple is described as being of the Order of the Checkered Shield.

Changing status of the Orders

There is strong evidence in the source material, and in the article on the Kàldôric branch of the Lady of Paladins, that the status of the Hârníc Orders within the Church is one of ongoing change.

The Order of the Spear appears to have originally had 'missionary' responsibility for all of Hârn, but following the establishment of the Order of Hyvrik, its sphere of operations has been limited to eastern Hârn. There appears to be a developing split between the Mèlderyni and Kàldôric branches of the Order of Lady of Paladins, which may result in a new Order. And the Thârdic members of the Orders of Hyvrik and the Checkered Shield are also significantly independent from their parent orders.

It is possible to view the two current clerical orders as nearing the end of their lives. Both would have played important roles in strengthening (the Order of the Spear) and expanding (the Order of Hyvrik) the Church of Laráni. But it could be argued that the 'missionary'

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phase of the Church in Mèlderyn, Káldôr, Chybísa and Kandáy is complete, and that the mainstream Church hierarchy has been gradually assuming greater control in these realms.

There are examples in the text of ‘reorganisations’ of the Church of Laráni – the most explicit being the 405 reorganisation of the Káldôric Church. It is possible that there have been a number of other such reorganisations, which have progressively transferred the lands of the Orders under the control of the Church hierarchy – to the point that it is now it is only the Fighting Orders that hold lands directly from the kings – and there is evidence that even this is being disputed (c.f. the struggle for control of Chapter houses between the Bishop of Perinore and the Chabla of the Order of the Checkered Shield). The Orders may still have ‘internal’ holdings, but “these orders lie outside the mainstream of the Laránian spiritual bureaucracy and are subject to its authority”.

The dates of the ‘reorganisations’ are not explicitly stated, but some guesses may be made. It is possible that the relocation of the headquarters of the Order of the Spear of the Shattered Sorrow following the foundation of Tháy in 573 TR was accompanied by a re-organisation of the Mèlderyni Church of Laráni. The establishment of the Order of the Lady of Paladins in 575 TR may have been accompanied by this reorganisation.

With respect to the Order of Hyvrik, the annexation of the Aléath Republic into the Kingdom of Kandáy in 633 TR could be seen as a key point where such a reorganisation would be possible and even necessary – the creation of a unified clerical hierarchy within the kingdom would have required the incorporation of the estates of the Order. Again, it is interesting to note that the Order of the Checkered Shield had been created in 622 TR. The creation of a fighting order seems to result in a shift in ‘missionary’ focus to the fighting order, and the exertion of greater control by the mainstream church hierarchy over the parent clerical order. The additional lands gained following Ezar’s War, in particular Menekod, would have required a reorganisation following the Peace of Selvos in 697 TR.

The Shôrkynè example appears to support this hypothesis. The granting of the malniren of Netela as a feudal holding to the Church in 583 TR is followed by the creation of the Order of the Guardians of Dolithor in 593 TR. The Guardians hold one esuaren (barony) from the Archbishop of Netela, and two from secular lords – the Telkor of Ensel and the King. Apart from the ‘Shôrkynè Church of Laráni’ there are two or three other clerical orders in Shôrkynè – the clerical / fighting Order of Garden of Aelion, and one or two orders holding Feshones and Urupla. It thus appears that the clerical Order which sponsors the Order of the Guardians of Dolithor is largely subsumed within the mainstream Church hierarchy.

Church temples and holdings

Mèlderyn

Urban Temples	Order of Spear of Shattered Sorrow – Tháy, Cherafir, Harden, Nurisel, Gythrun, Chyrefal	6
Temple Chapters of Lady of Paladins	Thay, Cherafir	2
Serekela of Mèlderyn	Cherafir temple	-
Rekela of Mèlderyn		
Abbeys etc	Tageb, Belim, Hoget, Jeth	4
Manors – directly held	Caced, Cegart, Edhin, Fecab, Rolyce (all from Belim)	5
Rekela of Eloria		
Abbeys etc	Radeth, Clima, Dutilo, Jelim, Kelnop, Peseh	6
Manors – directly held	Recha (from Peseh)	1
Manors – subinfeuded	Jyhmes (from Radeth), Rusel from (Jyhmes); Quedlor (from Peseh)	3
Chabla of the Lady of Paladins		
Chapter houses	Cundras; Edran, Prosuzan, Rute, Vabeth (from Cundras) Fosumo; Fedest, Ponide, Puras, Qued (from Fosumo)	10
Manors – directly held	Bonepon (from Cundras); Degan, Soques (from Edran); Efenot, Tost & Nubiad (from Prosuzan); Imil & Onefer (from Rute); Solade (from Vabeth). Postuk (from Fedest); Rhylon (from Ponide); Haberan (from Qued).	12

Mèlderyn summary:

A total of six urban temples of the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow. 10 Abbeys or monasteries held from the king, with a further 6 manors held directly, and 3 further subinfeuded. A total of 19 fiefs held by the Church.

The Order of the Lady of Paladins has two documented urban temple chapters, and holds 10 chapter houses from the king. They also hold 12 ordinary manors directly, for a total of 22 fiefs.

The combined total of fiefs held by the Church and the Order of the Lady of Paladins is 41, which is barely 5% of all fiefs in Mèlderyn.

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Káldôr

Urban Temples	Spear of Shattered Sorrow – Tashál, Kiban, Qualdris	3
Shield Chapters	Caleme / Tashál, Abriel, Brynd, Cholas, Ledyne	5
Serekela of Káldôr		
Abbeys etc	Caleme, Ascur, Halaina	3
Chapter houses – Lady of Paladins	Whyce [Sword Chapter] & Swune (from Caleme); Wendel (from Swune); Kelen (from Halaina)	4
Manors – held by Lady of Paladins	Charyn (from Swune)	1
Manors – directly held	Brythe & Varayne (from Caleme); Gebril & Laryn (from Halaina),	9
Manors – subinfeuded	Estuve, Lemos & Roganter (from Caleme), Avocar (from Roganter)	4
Rekela of Nurez		
Abbeys etc	Abriel, Essnah, Mirindel, Tefbry	4
Chapter houses – Lady of Paladins	Yaltako (from Tefbry) [Sword Chapter], Colovos (from Essnah), Iversen (from Abriel), Halperin (from Mirindel)	4
Manors – directly held	Lidne (from Tefbry)	1
Manors – subinfeuded	Bahrey & Hivon (from Abriel), Strylin (from Tefbry).	3
Rekela of Serelind		
Abbeys etc	Brynd, Astelure, Erwurd, Irtivir, Lethyl, Lyntord, Tirsend, Ureve	8
Chapter houses – Lady of Paladins	Jenkald [Sword Chapter] & Hakstyn (from Lethyl); Glasen (from Astelure), Aldryn (from Erwurd), Chalce (from Aldryn), Myshtas (from Irtivir), Tendber (from Brynd), Kibyn (from Tirsend).	8
Manors – directly held	Ithnone & Tarabor (from Erwurd); Marnoma (from Irtivir); Bedrym (from Lyntord)	4
Manors – subinfeuded	Catribe & Tassley (from Brynd); Tasuo (from Erwurd), Denwald (from Lethyl), Lismor (from Tirsend), Moro (from Lismor).	6
Rekela of Kephrus		
Abbeys etc	Cholas, Erdace, Tannel, Thydfel, Zuen	5
Chapter houses – Lady of Paladins	Vadan (from Erdace) [Sword Chapter]; Ustar (from Thydfel); Ffan & Towey (from Zuen)	4
Manors – directly held	Landyn (from Cholas), Tyradel (from Landyn), Astham (from Tannel), Hifa (from Zuen)	4
Manors – subinfeuded	Balin & Gexel (from Cholas)	2

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Rekela of Pagostra		
Abbeys etc	Ledyne, Erderem, Fancet, Tarial, Valyne, Wythia	6
Chapter houses – Lady of Paladins	Nebulan [Sword Chapter] & Yonne (from Fancet), Forena (from Tarial), Heveral (from Valyne), Wylain (from Ledyne)	5
Manors – held by Lady of Paladins	Cussard & Drezel (from Wylain)	2
Manors – directly held	Clima, Firates & Kandare (from Ledyne); Dirthil (from Erderem), Staxer (from Tarial), Wahlene (from Valyne), Tebelon (from Wythia), Tykan (from Tebelon)	8
Manors – subinfeuded	-	-

Káldôr Summary:

There are 3 documented urban temples, all Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow. 26 Abbeys or monasteries, including the 'temple' at Caleme, held by the Church from the king – presumably most granted to the Order. 26 ordinary manors are held by the Church directly, and a 15 ordinary manors further subinfeuded. The Church thus has a total holding of 66 fiefs – 95 if the 28 granted to the Order of the Lady of Paladins are included. 94 fiefs is 15% of all holdings in Káldôr.

The holdings of the Order of the Lady of Paladins comprise 5 Shield Chapter houses attached to temples, 5 Sword Chapter houses, and 20 Manor chapter houses of the Order of the Lady of Paladins (30 in total). 3 ordinary manors held directly by the Lady of Paladins, for a total holding of 28 fiefs.

Kandáy

Urban Temples	Order of Hyvrik – Aléath, Dyrisa	2
Temple Chapters	Aléath, Dyrisa	2
Serekela of Kandáy	(also Rekela of Daena)	
Abbeys etc	Shreve, Chydaen, Keld, Nazindel, Nylen, Ubar, Venric	7
Chapter houses – Checkered Shield	Flaru (from Chydaen); Dafarn & Xerie (from Shreve)	3
Manors – directly held	Bovaen & Gute (from Nazindel)	2
Rekela of Aleathia		
Abbeys etc	Welur, Gydd, Denwuldy, Dundy, Hena, Lychale, Nadar, Tepras, Ureld.	9
Chapter houses – Checkered Shield	Hekrea (from Gydd), Kostim (from Welur)	2
Manors – directly held	Gizal & Kejuni (from Denwuldy); Milinda (from Tepras)	3

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Rekela of Perinore		
Abbeys etc	Erone, Brynd, Canrey, Corameth, Edasarath, Harchesa, Seltin, Tisbur (from Seltin), Scinaret, Selvayrn, Thenau	11
Chapter houses – Checkered Shield	Dovan (from Erone); Aroby, Shomot, Wouvasy, & Wrythenal (from Dovan) Erinath (from Erone); Greda (from Erinath) Patry (from Erone); Dekiel & Jeni (from Patry)	10
Manors – held directly by Checkered Shield	Warath & Yournis (from Aroby); Cefim, Kadarol, & Sarakat (from Shomot); Dunchy (from Wouvasy); Thelt, Wydath, & Yedes (from Wrythenal)	9
Manors – directly held	Rianda (from Canrey); Seay & Ebona (from Corameth)	3
Rekela of Ternula		
Abbeys etc	Korri, Melot, Chendy, Kodaryn, Overyn; Biscor & Knopt (from Overyn)	7
Chapter houses – Checkered Shield	Kithel (from Overyn)	1
Manors – directly held	Lismorn (from Melot)	1
Chabla of Checkered Shield		
Chapter houses – Checkered Shield	Menekod, Andersa, Antivar, Dinayn, Gisala, Luryrn, Rogg, Stedmary, Tynwym, Utarath, Waldel, Wenery, Whycer	13
Manors – held directly by Checkered Shield	Arcul, Budy, Haval, Verad, Wernu, Yamal & Yorni (all from Menekod); Jabu (from Andersa); Kand, Ryscona & Volarny (from Gisala); Dinord & Redegy (from Luryrn); Mizor (from Stedmary); Cudy (from Utarath); Urwyne (from Cudy); Sebru (from Waldel); Tekon (from Wenery); Zena (from Whycer).	19

Kandáy Summary:

There are 2 documented urban temples, both Order of Hyvrik. There are 27 Abbeys or monasteries held by the Church – presumably most granted to the Order. The church holds 9 ordinary manors directly. There are therefore a total of 36 fiefs held by the Church – but the total is 61 if those granted to the Order of the Checkered Shield are included.

There are 2 Temple Chapter houses, and 13 Chapter houses of the Order of the Checkered Shield held directly from the king. 19 ordinary manors are held directly by the Order. A total holding of 32 fiefs directly from the king. There are an additional 10 Chapter houses of the Order of the Checkered Shield are held from the Bishop of Perinore. These hold a further 9 ordinary manors. A further 6 Chapter houses are held from the other Bishops. A overall total holding of 57 fiefs.

The combined total for the Church and the Order of the Checkered Shield is 93 fiefs. This is 19% of all fiefs in Kandáy.

Chybísa

Urban Temples	Order of Spear of Shattered Sorrow – Burzyn	1
Rekela of Burzyn		
Abbeys etc	Namadees	1
Chapter houses – Lady of Paladins	Ulmstane (from Namadees)	1
Manors – directly held	Harnerden (from Namadees)	1

Chybísa summary:

The Church holds only three fiefs in Chybísa. These are held from the Bishop by the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow. One of these is held by the Order of the Lady of Paladins from the Serolan of Namadees. The Order also has an urban temple at Burzyn, seat of the Bishop.

Thârdic Republic

The Church of Laráni holds no land in the Republic, but the Order of Hyvrik controls a number of temples throughout the Republic. Documented temples exist at Cōranan, Shiran, Telen, and Geshtei. It is likely that the Order has temples at the provincial capitals of Kuseme and Parnan. This would mean there were 6 urban temples of the Order in Thârda.

The Order of the Checkered Shield has documented temple chapters at most of the temples of the Order of Hyvrik. They also have a 'temple' at Moleryn. This could mean there were 7 temple chapters of the Order in Thârda.

Shôrkynè (comparison)

The Church of Laráni in Shôrkynè is a Primacy of the Church of Laráni, and is organised into four Archbishoprics – Netela, Quarelin, Feshimes, and Harbraen. The Primate of Shôrkynè is also the Archbishop of Netela. There are a total of 24 diocese in Shôrkynè – that is 20 bishops in addition to the four Archbishops.

The official source material on the Church of Laráni in Shôrkynè does not mention a clerical order similar to the Order of the Spear or Hyvrik. It would appear that the mainstream Church hierarchy is dominant in Shôrkynè. The Church sponsors 'only one significant fighting order', the Guardians of Dolithor. The official material does not identify if there is a clerical order within the Shôrkynè 'branch' of the Church of Laráni which is responsible for sponsoring the Guardians, but if statement in *HMR Larani* is correct, then there must be some such order, as the Company of the Holy Order is the only fighting-order in existence without a sponsoring clerical order.

The only clerical order mentioned in the Shôrkynè material is the Order of the Garden of Aelion, which is a celibate female clerical *and* fighting order.

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The Primate of Shôrkynè and the Archbishop of Netela holds the malniren of Netela from the King of Shôrkynè. This malniren has two esuaren – Netela and Sedyn. The Archbishop holds the esuaren of Netela himself, and grants Sedyn to the Guardians of Dolithor. There are a total of 60 naloren (manors) in the malniren of Netela, as well as the town of Netela.

In addition to the esuaren held from the Church, the Guardians of Dolithor hold the esuaren of Komor in Nistone from the Telkor Tabin of Ensel (as Malnir of Nistone), and the esuaren of Xeota in Montivel from the King (as Malnir). The Order thus holds 80 naloren, 24 from the Church, and 56 from the King and House Ensel.

There are three esuaren held by abbeys – Feshones, Urupla and Mastyres. Feshones is held from the Malnir of Pilatha, and has 11 naloren. Urupla is held from the Telkor Tabin of Ensel (as Malnir of Hidel), and has 8 naloren. Finally, Mastyres is held by the Order of the Garden of Aelion, from the Telkor Tabin of Ensel (as Malnir of Nistone), and has 11 naloren. Presumably both Feshones and Urupla are held by an (unnamed) clerical order or orders.

There are therefore a total of 7 esuaren and 146 naloren held by the Church and its Orders – 3% of the esuaren and naloren in the kingdom.

In addition, the Archbishop of Harbraen is the deputy Elgar (governor) of Malniren of Nistone in the Telkoren of Ensel. The Archbishop of Quarelin is located in the capital and largest city.

Laránian Church & Order Hierarchy on Hârn

Pontiff (Sebrath)	Appointed by the Tirnatha.	Tengela, Trierzòn
Primate (Lirrath) of Hârn	Appointed by the Pontiff, after consultation with the Archbishops. [Primate is also Grandmaster (Turintesa) of the Order of The Spear of Shattered Sorrow.]	Tháy.
Grandmaster (Turintesa) of the Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow	Appointed by the Pontiff (possibly with the concurrence of the King of Mèlderyn).	Tháy
Grandmaster (Chabla) of the Order of the Lady of Paladins	Appointed by Turintesa of the Order of the Speak of Shattered Sorrow from among the elected Reblena of the Order.	Cundras
Senior Reblena of Whyce, Káldôric Order of the Lady of Paladins	Elected by the Soylana (Masters) of the Order in Káldôr.	Whyce
Grandmaster (Turintesa) of Order of Hyvrik	Appointed by the Archbishop of Kandáy ('by special dispensation).	Aléath
Grandmaster (Chabla) of the Order of the Checkered Shield	Elected by the Reblena of the Order. Technically answerable to the Grandmaster of the Order of Hyvrik, in practice reports directly to the Archbishop and King.	Menekod
Archbishop (Sereleka) of Mèlderyn	Appointed by the Pontiff on the recommendation of the King of Mèlderyn.	Cherafir
Bishops (Rekela) of Mèlderyn (2)	Two bishoprics – Elôria and Mèlderyn Appointed by the Archbishop of Mèlderyn, with the approval of the Pontiff.	Eloria – Radeth Mèlderyn – Tageb
Archbishop (Sereleka) of Káldôr	Appointed by the Pontiff on the recommendation of the King of Káldôr.	Caleme
Bishops (Rekela) of Káldôr	Four bishoprics – Nurez, Serelind, Kephrus, Pagostra. Appointed by the Archbishop of Káldôr, with the approval of the Pontiff.	Nurez – Abriel Serelind – Brynd Kephrus – Cholas Pagostra – Ledyne
Archbishop (Sereleka) of Kandáy	Appointed by the Pontiff on recommendation of the King of Kandáy.	Shreve
Bishops (Rekela) of Kandáy (4)	Four bishoprics – Daena, Aleathia, Perinore, Ternula (the Bishop of Daena is also the Archbishop). Appointed by the Archbishop of Kandáy, with the approval of the Pontiff.	Daena – Shreve Aleathia – Welur Perinore – Erone Ternula – Korri
Archbishop (Sereleka) of Thârda	Appointed by the Pontiff (possibly on recommendation of the Primate).	Côranan ?
Senior Serolan, Thârdic Order of Hyvrik	Elected by the Serolan of the Order of Hyvrik in Thârda.	Côranan ?
Senior Reblena, Thârdic Order of the Checkered Shield	Elected by the Soylana (Masters) of the Order in Thârda.	Côranan / Moleryn ?

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Key dates for the Church of Laráni

c.370 BT	Church of Laráni founded (?)
1 TR	Foundation of the unified Kingdom of Mèlderyn
100 TR	Laránian missionaries first arrive on Hân.
100-120 TR	Tyranny of the Foulspawner
125 TR	Foundation of Kingdom of Nurelia
128 TR	Foundation of Kingdom of Kephria
137 TR	Foundation of Kingdom of Pagostra
142 TR	Foundation of Kingdom of Serelind (later Káldôr)
155 TR	Foundation of Kingdom of Elórinar.
160 TR	Foundation of Kingdom of Chybísa.
c.160 TR	Foundation of Lyntord Abbey (Pagostra, later Káldôr)
170 TR	Foundation of Abriel Abbey (Nurelia, later Káldôr)
178-227 TR	Migration Wars
188 TR	Proclamation of Kingdom of Káldôr (Nurelia added in 235 TR)
227 TR	Unification of Laránian Church in Trierzòn.
240 TR	Foundation of Caleme temple, Káldôr.
251 TR	Guardian Decree – creation of Laránian Temple Warriors.
301 TR	Foundation of the Corani Empire
392 TR	St. Talroc leaves his home temple in the Corani Empire to preach Laranism in Aleathia, leading to the conversion of King Elana of Aleathia.
c.400 TR	Foundation of Chendy Abbey, Aleathia.
405 TR	Reorganisation of the lands of the Church of Laráni in Káldôr.
406 TR	Káldôric Restoration (House of Artane)
465 TR	Death of Mejenes the Great, Corani Emperor
465 TR	Founding of Order of the Spear of Shattered Sorrow in Mèlderyn.
491 TR	Unification Writ in Corani Empire
542 TR	Creation of the Company of the Holy Sepulchre, Tengela.
558-565 TR	Bálshan Jihad.
559 TR	Guardian Decree amended to allow creation of Fighting Orders.
568-588TR	Theocracy of Tekhos
573 TR	Founding of City of Tháy
575 TR	Founding of Laránian Fighting Order of the Lady of Paladins in Mèlderyn.
583 TR	Creation of the malniren of Netela in Shôrkynè, as the seat of the Laránian Primate of Shôrkynè.
589 TR	Founding of Kingdom of Kandáy.
593 TR	Founding of Laránian Order of Hyvrik in Aléath (later Kandáy).
593 TR	Founding of Laránian Order of the Guardians of Dolithor (Shôrkynè)
616-620 TR	Tobran Inquisition.
621 TR	Refounding of Chendy Abbey, Kingdom of Edern (later Kandáy)
622 TR	Founding of Laránian Fighting Order of the Checkered Shield in Kandáy.
633 TR	Aléath Republic joins Kingdom of Kandáy.
636 TR	Thârdic League formed
654 TR	Order of the Lady of Paladins granted Cundras and Fosumo by King of Mèlderyn.
674 TR	Proclamation of the Thârdic Republic
697 TR	Peace of Selvos – substantial expansion of the dioceses of the Church in Kandáy.
712 TR	Kuseme War (Kandáy – Thârdic Republic)
717- TR	Solôra 'Crusade'

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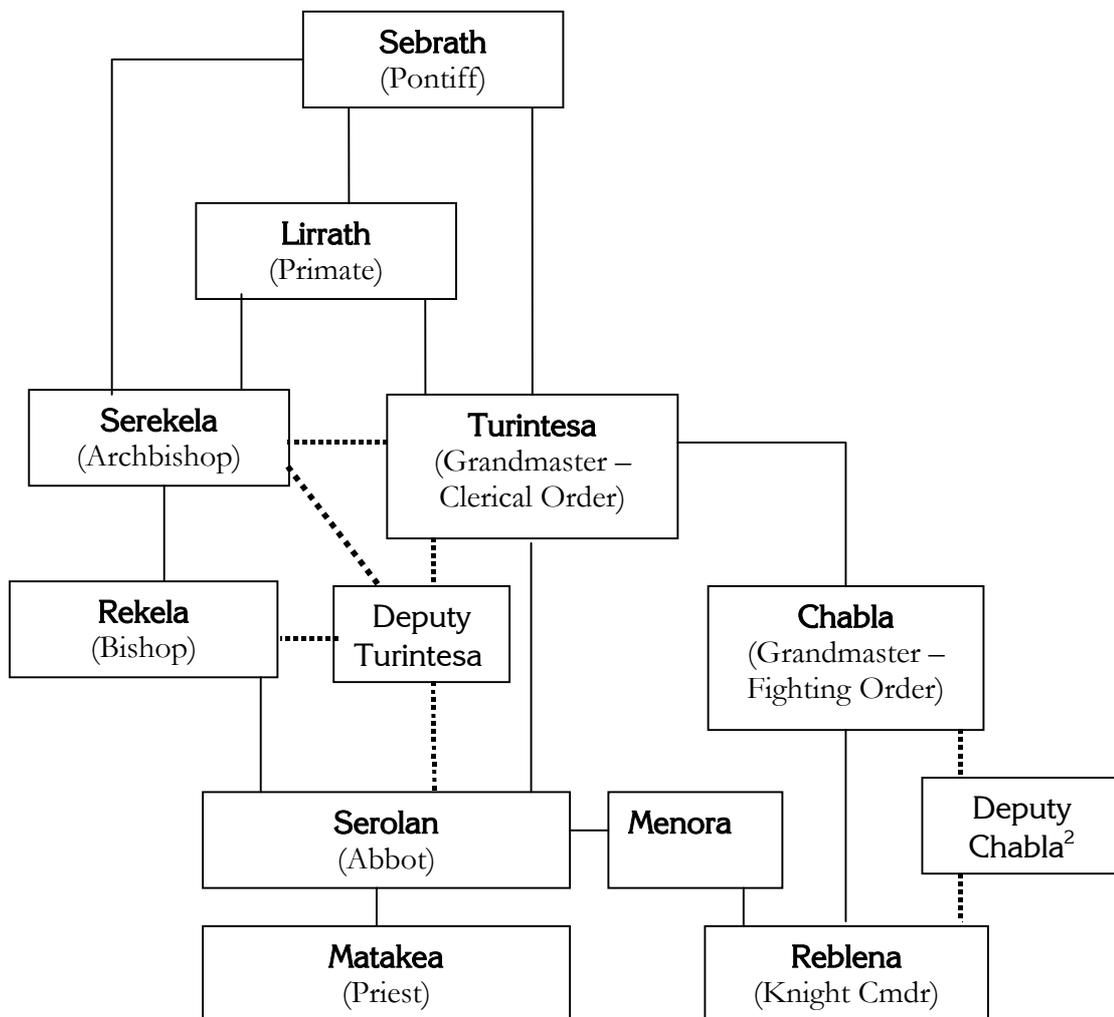
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1 – Deputy Turintesa are appointed where a clerical order covers a wide geographical area, including where it covers more than one jurisdiction. In many cases Deputy Turintesa have considerable independence of action.

2 – Deputy Chabla can be either formal or informal. Sometimes they are simply the most senior Reblena in a region. As for Deputy Turintesa, they are appointed or elected where there is geographical or jurisdictional separation between ‘branches’ of a fighting order.

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