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Quis necaro custodis

Dark Times Staff Writers

News reached the Dark Times this month of a series of police officer murders, which have not made the headlines which would be expected. Although a link between the murders is currently circumstantial, the theory being pursued by Graeme Meldrum's Serious Crime Unit is that an individual or group is behind each of the deaths.

Although the methods by which the officers have been murdered have differed, and the officers have been from throughout Strathclyde Police, the crimes are tied by the lack of any incriminating evidence discovered at the scenes. Each of the murders was carried out in clinical fashion, without any witnesses, CCTV footage, or forensic traces of the culprits.

Meldrum's elite unit have gone unscathed thus far, but some individuals have speculated that the murders may be an attempt to destabilise the otherwise successful team. With the murders reaching double figures in the last month, Strathclyde Police are looking to Meldrum to produce urgent results. However, with no leads and no suspects, his position is beginning to look unsound for the first time since his much touted arrival in Glasgow.

No end in sight

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The ScotWear saga is continuing. Last month has seen the beginning of the appeals procedure. The general feeling is that whilst as long as one applied common sense to the situation this case should be swift and the, quite frankly, outrageous ruling from the original case should be reversed. As we by now all know that must have been some outside factors at work during the original case and, whilst people are looking a lot closer

now, the same factors might still be working. What is certain is that the main counsel for ScotWear is charismatic, persuasive and smart, all the qualities you could desire from a lawyer. Whereas the presentation of the city seems to be a lot more preachy and dogmatic and appears to be under the impression they won the case before it even started. After the uncovered attempt of Jury tampering during the last case behaviour like that



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will make judges and jurors alike suspicious. Should ScotWear manage to win again in this instance serious questions will require answers.

What is Loyalty?

Colonel Roland Laughn

In the interests on raising the 'standard' of monthly court gathering in consultation with our esteemed Prince, I have taken it upon myself to organise a series of discussion groups. Let those who frequent parlours across the land know that we take couture very seriously indeed.

As part of this duty I will be travelling to other domains across the country in a fact finding capacity to discover what makes a good parlour and to bring my findings before our Noble Prince, and ensure our gatherings meet the heights that the Harpies of this fair land expect. I therefore start the ball rolling with a debate/discussion I was party to in the last months of the Konisburg parlour, "What is Loyalty?" I am sure this will raise some interesting discussion.

The debate can, and has in times gone past covered Loyalty to one's clan, Loyalty to the Camarilla, Loyalty to the rulers of your domain, Loyalty to the system of boons and prestaton and how all of the above entwine amongst each other. The format is a fairly loose format, with each Kindred able to put forward an assertion, and that assertion being 'explored' by those Kindred present. Of course esteem and influence of your peers are what are really at stake in these debates.

I am open to explore further

themes in the future, already suggested has been how Marxist principals could be applied to the Kindred condition, also why female vampires seem to embrace males and vice versa, or the Formation of the Camarilla, the failure of the Inquisition and the effects on society as a whole, as well as what makes us Vampire.

As I travel around the courts, parlours and Elysium's



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of Britain I would most graciously accept any letters of introduction to your contacts and allies across the country, to expedite this great raising of culture of the Glasgow court and by association the stability of the domain that you will enjoy.

Colonel Roland Laughn

Great Britain by Night

Margery Houndsworth-Stone, Clan Toreador, Ancilla, Harpy of London

Last month was filled with excitement. First of all Queen Anne convened her first council of princes where Prince Dominik Wallace of Birmingham, Prince Johnathon Carter of Manchester and Liverpool and the Duke of York came together to discuss, with Queen Anne, the future of Britain. I understand that the domain of Connacht sent a representative to the meeting, but not their elusive Prince. What exactly was discussed is clearly beyond my echelons of power but by all account only Prince Carter seemed less then entirely pleased with the outcome. I would expect the combined power of unified Britain to start increasing the pressure on the those not yet in the alliance - especially Glasgow and Inverness who have spoken out against this alliance.

Towards the end of the month I personally went to

Glasgow for a couple of evening of culture. It was a small sculpture exhibition by the recently recognised ancilla Eve Harrington Mitford, childe of Farr the Gangrel, Harpy of Edinburgh. The event itself was entirely pleasant, the quality of pieces, the choice of venue, even the guest list all appealed and I have to admit that sculpture never smelled so good, that was an inspired touch. It was interesting to see quite so much of Edinburgh and specially Dundee present at the event. As for my personal reception, it was maybe a little frosty, but then what can you expect. The fear of Queen Anne is almost tangible around certain people.

To the official section of this month.

Let it be known that Simon Rubin, of Manchester, ancilla of the Camarilla, is indebted to Ian Smith, of Newcastle, ancilla of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Daniel Vega, of Glasgow, elder of the Camarilla is slipping in his repayment of debt to David Stone, of York, ancilla of the Camarilla and that soon he will be considered as boon broken.

Let it be known that Edward Williams, Harpy of Severn, Elder of the Camarilla has repaid his debt to Dominik Wallace, Prince of Birmingham, Elder of the Camarilla.

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