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FROM THE PRINCE'S DESK

Dear subjects,

We find ourselves with the enemy just outside the gates. We, the domain of Glasgow have discovered the threat in our midst and have eliminated it. Meanwhile though the larger threat has taken the weakness caused by Aberdeen's aggression against Dundee and claimed the contested ground.

It would be easy for us to sit back and claim that we have done our part, that the problem is not of our making and that Dundee and potentially Aberdeen should see to it. It would be though also be shortsighted and wrong.

Jozafat Benedykt Dunajski, within the Black Hand a venerated kindred of clan Tzimisce has gathered loyal followers and called for a crusade against the heart of the Camarilla. Every single night he is allowed to fortify his position is one night too long. We need to deal with him as swiftly and comprehensively as we have dealt with the incursion into our domain.

I will not rest until this threat has been eliminated. I will personally reward those who help in this endeavour and use my standing, my powers and my blood to gather troops and take this battle straight back to them.

We will not stand alone in this. Edinburgh and Dundee have called in many favours whilst gathering intelligence on our enemy.

I expect Aberdeen has also not stood idly by. I know for a fact that Prince Carter will not miss this opportunity to shine and I doubt that the Ventrue want to be seen as standing back whilst the rest of the Camarilla unites and fights.

This is an opportunity for Glasgow to show that it is not the ugly step child of Britain. I will be at the forefront of this conflict and I invite you to stand there with me.

Simon Haile

Prince of Glasgow



A call to arms!

BOON TRADING:

- *John Pettitt's debt to Hector Rozalees has been passed to Derek Feldman.*
- *The major debts of Ansgar Jager and Taylor Ramsay to Louise D'Bordeux have been passed to Maja Stehjenak.*
- *Maja Stehjenak has passed her previous debt over Louise D'Bordeux to Arkalay Hagi*

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A MESSAGE FROM SENESCHAL MACDONALD

Kindred of Glasgow,

An update on events in the Domain. I led an assault on the Sabbat operating in the Domain along with several members of the Court. Three Sabbat were captured and interrogated. 8 Sabbat Ghouls were executed. The Tremere lead us to the Sabbat. Marcellus, Grey, Jack, and myself assaulted the Sabbat stronghold. Prince Haile provided vital intel, and Hector cleaned up the site and safeguarded the Masquerade. The assault was an overwhelming success. All objectives were met and we suffered no casualties in return.

The information gained from this assault and follow up interrogations will allow further actions to take place to eradicate the Sabbat from Scotland. Certain Kin-

dred have already journeyed to Dundee. Some Kindred have barely escaped with their lives. Malcolm Prestor has been confirmed to be a Sabbat infiltrator. Look at yourselves if you had any dealings with him, and be careful who you trust in future.

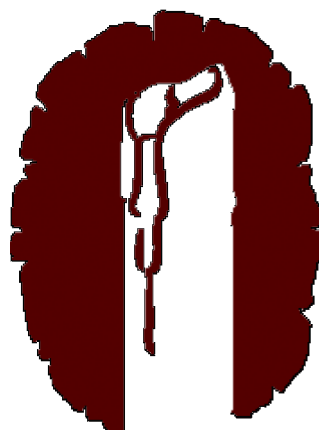
The blood hunted traitor Darius has been captured for his attempt on my unlife. I have taken his blood in restitution.

Angus McDonald,
Senechal of Glasgow.

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MASQUERADE MATTERS

Kindred of Glasgow.

I'm sure you'll all agree that our number one Tradition isn't number one by accident. But it's counted first because it's the most important. All others fall short because without our precious Masquerade then the rest would not really be relevant.

So it is with great honour that I find myself as Keeper of the Masquerade for this fine domain. I find it super important that measures are in place to make sure I can react to any dangers that may present themselves. But more important is the cooperation and enthusiasm of our fellows in tidying up and transgressions. I can attest that in recent evenings Mr Derek Feldman has been a Boon to this domain, donating his time and expertise to aid in the resolution of a recent issue. I'm sure we can all join me in paying Thanks.

However, as these volunteers and assistants make my work easier, there are those who would seek to make it more difficult. Not by doing anything as gross as breaking our sacred tradition. But being sloppy in their obfuscations of

their power, being liberal with use of the blood or being lazy with making sure my involvement is promptly assured. Or indeed, paying up to reimburse my carefully crafted influences to cover their fuck up.

A tale of caution to all in Glasgow. While on merry jaunts or endeavours to gain more power, think twice before involving Jack the Brujah, Alexander the Brujah or Petit the Tremere. They are careless when using their other worldly powers, slow to react to changing circumstances and even slower to pay up if needs be.

Feel free to deal with them if you must, but be warned. I will cast my good eye over any that are linked to any transgressions involving these three Kindred.

Other than that, hope your all well. Cheers!

Hector Rozalees

Cry of Crow
Blood in Sand
Beware the outstretched hand
Turns back the clock
To return its time
And infect yours and mine
Do not stare
Into Burning Eyes
That would see the Ancients rise
The Fire is Power
And Ash is Shield
To Burning Eyes you must never yield



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LETTER FROM CORVUS BRANN

To His majesty Prince Haile and the Kindred of Glasgow

I hope this letter finds you all well, I understand there have been no further outbreaks of the disease, which I am very relieved to hear.

For matter of personal safety I Regret I can't reveal my current location or what I am doing, hopefully my business will be finished and I can return and tell you all about the adventure.

I can say that at this time I am looking out over a city that reminds me much of Glasgow. And I thought I would write if only to let you know I am still alive, well as alive as I can be.

I have found that my traveling has left me much time to think. And I though I might share some of them with you.

Nearly a year ago a unreleased child came to me and asked what does my Clan do. I must admit I found myself unable to answer. It occurred to me that there might be as many answers to that question as there are Malkavians. Certainly the powers of the blood gives us advantages to staying hidden and seeing things, as well as manipulation. However these things aren't unique to the Malkavians. Other clans can do these things as well if not better. I have heard other tell of our insight and mad genius. However the more I thought about it the more I felt that the Malkavians' biggest strength is that we don't have one. I am not saying Malkavians don't have strengths, but as a clan we are very

hard to predict because we are hard to define. Certainly madness is a common thing certainly, as is a habit of becoming specialists. Our strength comes from the unpredictability of us. Our enemies can't counter us, or make plans for us, or ever be sure that we aren't interfering somehow. Even the Madness that others see as a curse, can aid us. I have noticed that a lot of my clan aren't constrained by logic and traditional thinking, which makes us the best outside-the-box thinkers around. The Camarilla comes to us when things get crazy, no pun intended. We bring the flash of insight and genius that can turn plans upside down and inside out. That's what we bring to the Camarilla.

This is only my own thoughts of course, and is taken from a broad perspective on the clan as a whole. While I have often said that stereotypes exist for a reason, on the individual level one should remember to see the person and not the clan, as such this conclusion is not all inclusive. That would be like saying all Gangrel sleep in the woods.

I would dearly love to spend some more time writing down my thoughts but sadly this is all I have time to write for right now. I wish you all good fortune, and hope to see you all again shortly.

Sincerely

Dr Corvus Brann

ATTACKS ON GLASGOW EMERGENCY SERVICES



The recovered stolen Scania pump ladder.

There has been a definite, perplexing and disturbing increase on attacks against Glasgow's emergency services this month in the part of local youths.

A new craze in small time yobbery appears to have taken hold among Glasgow's young and unemployed. The fad seemingly involves calling up of emergency services with false reports of crimes, fires or injuries, waiting for the emergency service vehicle to attend the scene, then steal and joyride in the vehicle.

The vehicle thefts - the trend that social media is now referring to as "mee-mawing" or "woo-wooing" - have already resulted in the destruction of one police BMW patrol car, stolen in Maryhill and, after an ill fated high speed pursuit was found torched in a farmer's field outside Bishopbriggs.

There have also been the first arrests as a result of this foolish behaviour. Youngsters, Matt McColgan, 21 and his accomplice Albanian born Ali Dibra, 19 were caught and arrested as they tried to

flee from pursuing Police as they attempted to make off with a Strathclyde Fire & Rescue fire engine following a house fire in Shawlands.

Evidence presented in Glasgow Sheriff Court against the two hooligans included camera phone footage allegedly taken by Dibra as he filmed the crime. The footage shows McColgan attempting to drive the 14 tonne Scania fire engine at speed all the while laughing and joking with each other and chanting "mee-maw, mee-maw".

The vehicle was eventually brought to a halt by police pursuers. No injuries were reported. Both men have pled not guilty to all charges. Their trial continues next month.

A similar incident involving an ambulance in Bridgeton, again with arrest of both suspects in the scene, have authorities worried for the safety and security of emergency service personnel.

YES CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO LEAD



Is it time for an independent Scotland?

An Independent Scottish state appears to be all but a certainty.

Every opinion poll taken over the past two months has continuously shown support for Scottish independence in the coming referendum to easily and greatly outweigh that of the unionists.

Latest figures by all main pollsters show support for Yes to be between 59% and 65% with support for No to be languishing between 28% and 34%.

This is perhaps unsurprising given the tidal wave positivity for separation at the grass roots level along with a wealth of published materiel in the media from scholars, academics and celebrities across the country all backing Scottish independence.

With only weeks to go before the big vote at time of printing, there is very little time left for the supporters of British union to win the battle for Scottish hearts and minds.

GANG SHOOTING AT BYERS ROAD

This month see's another resurgence of Glasgow's gangs in open conflict.

On the 25th August, police report that a man leaving his house at around 6pm on Byers road was attacked by a gang of men dressed in tracksuits, which lead to a gunfight in where two people have been killed.

From initial police reports, it seems that the victim, one Emanuele "Manny" Varsini, a local who has served several convictions for assault and theft, was attacked as he left his house to go to work.

The culprits, identified as known gang members in Easterhouse have so far eluded police.

Reports of the incident have dried up, however, initial questioning and investigation has given a time-line of events.

After being attacked, police indicate that "Manny" was stabbed several times before,

presumably aid in the form of associates arrived. Gunshots and screams from two males were heard before the noise of a car speeding away from the scene.

Witnesses phone emergency services to report the incident.

Armed police and ambulance services arrived on the scene to secure the area and to supply medical attention to anyone injured. It was later confirmed that the two men who were shot, bled to death at the scene, however investigations show that a third male may have been severely wounded and had left the scene.

The Serious Crimes Unit (SCU) arrived on scene to carry out forensic investigations.

A Police spokes person has made the following statement:

"A serious incident has occurred where two men have been shot dead after an at-

tack on Byers road. The men responsible have been identified as local gang members in both the West and East ends of Glasgow.

Unfortunately, witnesses who called in the incident and had given initial accounts of the event have now retracted their statements or have now refused to talk about the incident all together.

We would encourage anyone who has seen anything in regards to this or has any information to please come forward and seek out the police. Only with the communities aid in this matter will we get to the bottom of our investigations"

The shootings are reminiscent of the 2008 murders of local crime families in the same area.

Police are continuing their investigations and are likely to have a larger armed presence in the near future.



Police close off part of Byers road to conduct forensic investigations.

HEPATITIS EPIDEMIC?

After a lengthy period of diseased blood in the people of Glasgow, it seems once again there is an out-break causing commotion within the communities.

NHS Scotland have issued and alert to residents in the city Glasgow for what seems to be an out-break of Hepatitis.

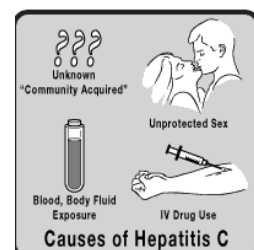
Over the last few months,

there has been an increased amount of patients attending doctors complaining of poor appetites or suffering jaundice. Initially, these symptoms had been put down to binge drinking, bad diets or work related stress.

The increase is still not remarkable given societies penchant for alcohol, drugs and take-away foods, however,

it does raise a questioning finger as to what the source of this increase in cases is, whether natural or manufactured or with some other darker cause.

Residents are advised to seek medical attention should they feel they are suffering any of the symptoms, which can be found on the NHS 24 website.



Some of the "common" causes for Hepatitis C

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Yours,

Editor in Chief of the Dark Times

DARK TIMES - BRINGING LIGHT TO THE SHADOWS

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HARPY HOUR

It is a bold and brave move for Prince Haile to come down to Manchester and seek negotiations with Prince Carter. It makes me giggle really. I'm not sure how much clearer Prince Carter could be about how little he wants to do with Glasgow's domain—or its residents. Yet it is where they all keep coming to for help? Chortle. It really is quite funny. Still, you have all been putting effort in to being civil of late. Some of you even quite successfully by all accounts. Perhaps Prince Simon Haile has something real to offer when he arrives. Or maybe you'll all just throw pirate captains at the Sabbat. Hee hee! Pirates!

Lucretia Reflection

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We have been much impressed by your envoy to our court. Miss Evelyn Blair continues to show the tact and deportment that we would expect of a well to do ancillae. If your diplomat is truly representative of the rest of your court then Glasgow is indeed on the up socially. Although we are much saddened to hear of the death of Sheriff Greywood. His passing waters down Glasgow society by removing one of the few elders you possessed. I am certain his murder is not something his friends - or his sire - will leave unanswered.

Madame Anne-Jaques, Harpy of York

There is a lot to say and a lot to hear, but do you realise any of it is happening?

R.

Well now, I would like to pay you a visit sometime, but you just never offer up an invite, how incredibly dull.

G.

Woe betide those who hath not the strength of will to do battle with that which causes good men to falter, to allow good men to do nothing in the face of evil.

Its triumph, comes as heralded when these good men are made impotent against those evil designs.

Rise up! RISE UP! And see what the darkness has brought and what the sleepless nights offer!

Anonymous



A monthly summary of
British Camarilla news,
politics, gossip and rumor,
straight from the Harpy's
mouth.