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REACH OUT AND TOUCH FAITH - RELIGIOUS GROUPS WORK TOGETHER "TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY"

By Veronica Guerin, Crime Reporter

We are happy to report a continuance in the much required good works of the last few months have forced a response from the local leaders of the Catholic, Muslim and Protestant churches within the Glasgow and surrounding council areas. It was to turn out that the request for a closed chambers meeting between them was reported to be indeed "wildly successful" with all present leaving "lifted with foundations laid for the better understanding of each other."

Reputed to have been the chair at this historic event was The Most Reverend Phillip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow. Also reported to have been present were a chain of politicians though none were named directly a good number of councillors were indeed in attendance all of whom are deeply religious and were of great support in discussions of just how each of their areas could work together bringing the ever faithful's dream to fruition.

Talks continued over the holiday weekend and it was even agreed that religious practitioners would be given hospitality to witness how the others praise the Lord God in their faiths in the name of understanding and acceptance. The first of these Inter-Faith Initiatives was spear-headed by The Most Reverend Phillip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow and Allamah Shaykh Habib ur Rahman Rauf, Imam of the Glasgow Central Mosque whom set aside time and patience to observe each other's religious rites. With the success of these observances there is expected to be many more planned to follow at local religious sites of worship.

As mentioned previously discussed was the many initiatives Glasgow city as a whole and they are expected to gain in the

future a great focus from the religious and political leaders whom have already assisting tackling the more and dangerous conditions of Glasgow. It is the hopes with this Inter-Faith Initiative working together for a better tomorrow for everyone and doing it together as one the success they are projecting to achieve is truly breathtaking.

Number one on the list is the ever troubling rumours of underground slave fights and the slave trade lords. Striking as one as swift as the voice of the prophet himself these the fights and slave lords were taken down with swift justice being served. It is reported only 4 arrested criminals will make it to trial the others dying in the raids or later from their wounds, some even took their own lives with drugs.

Father Carmichael was seen at several shelters for abused women when he brought in two busloads of battered and abducted women. Prostitutes of the so called slave lords that the papers called the "Glasgow Pimp Wars." He was also seen taking a hand in the ever present tragedy of underage mothers which have also been given the people's "Saint Carmichael" seal of approval when no less than 47 mothers and fathers stepped forward to take care of their previously abandoned offspring and better half with all of them speaking through various media outlets urged other fathers and mothers to do the same.

Every member of these communities wishes to thank all religious and political pioneers, with the good Father Carmichael as a special note as without them this would not be possible. Long may the their exceptional works continue changing the lives of so many and maybe one night I may change my designation of crime reporter to merely reporter.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SCOURGE

By Jack, Scourge of Glasgow

I thought this advice would be unnecessary but...

...when you see a nearby Brujah, or any other kindred for that matter, getting wound up in an aggressive fashion I recommending standing the fuck back and not pushing into aforementioned kindred's personal space with the idea that speed-firing concerned questions at them will be remotely helpful. In fact, completely clearing the blast radius would be a much more sensible idea. A little bit of common sense and maybe it won't be you that triggers the frenzy

Jack

A concerned citizen worried about having to scrape court attendees off the floor (and ceiling and walls)



POETRY CORNER

By Miskal

They shriek curses at your face
Claim to be so full of grace
They ride their piety like a wave
And laugh at the children of the grave
But they will never understand.

They hold their hearts upon their sleeves
They hunt us down like common thieves
Their laughter rings through vain and hollow
Like the scriptures that they claim to follow
But they will never understand.

Against our doors their weapons rattle
With fire and faith they give us battle
For want of peace they go to war
For want of eternity they end what came before
But they will never understand.

The hunters hunted soon shall be
And in their final moments will be made to see
The nightmares shall eternal lie
And nevermore shall the darkness die
Then they will understand.

VICTORIES

By Angus Macdonald, Regent of Orkney

With the fall of Cartagena and it's satellite Domains, the region of Murcia has fallen in a night of bloody slaughter. As the home base of Cardinal Mazzareen and the staging point for her long planned counter attack along the southern coast to drive back the Camarilla war parties, as well as the final Domain along the south coast of Spain, this was a vital operation. And although costly, strategically the Camarilla have never been in a stronger position. Not only has the region been conquered but the majority of the assem-

bled offensive have been neutralised.

Now that I am back on the ground and committed to bringing the Spanish conquest to a rapid conclusion, I envisage the remaining Sabbat Domain's falling like a house of cards.

The war against the Sabbat in the Americas continues apace. Embarrassing reversals in Georgia and South Carolina have yet to be answered by the coward "Warlord" Alex Swift. I have no doubt that the southern states of the US will be firmly back in the hands of the Camarilla if this is the level of leadership that we face over there.

TALES OF TRAVELS

By Torsten McKenzie

My friends,

Paying particular attention to the Masquerade, and the sheer agony of wearing clothes until my skin grows back, I may miss my long awaited return to Glasgow and it's renowned Court this month.

You are always in my thoughts... well, not those of you I haven't met yet... anyway. Egypt is insane! Don't go unattended though. You will likely just disappear. Much like the late Sculptor of Torment and his horrible flaying ways.

I must say that of all the things I have ever done in my life, helping to end his miserable existence is the best thing I've ever had the pleasure to do. Awakening the Banquet of Ashes is potentially the

worst thing I've ever done... Only time will tell on that one...

I'm still loving travelling around America. Such a huge population but so much wilderness of so many different types. As soon as we push the Sabbat out of Georgia and South Carolina, I want to explore Florida and the Everglades. I can only imagine the weird shit I will run into in that watery hellscape!

Spain was fiercer than I've ever encountered before. But every day is a school day. And we are back smarter and stronger than ever! I find myself extremely motivated for this final grand push. Smash the Sabbat into the sea and liberate

all of their long suffering Domains once and for all! If you would make a name for yourself in the Camarilla, just give me a call. I will put you in touch with all the right people.



COMMENDATIONS

By Elder Levi Tius

Let it be known that the following Kindred of Glasgow performed admirably in the defeat of Archbishop Alexi of Clan Tzimisce, Archbishop Hassan of Clan Assamite, and Cardinal Mazzareen of Clan Lasombra in our assault on Cartagena:-

Angus MacDonald of Clan Gangrel
Victor of Clan Gangrel
Primrose of Clan Tremere

There are others who are due acknowledgement for their deeds and bravery, but they are too multitudinous to name here. On the operation I was part of special thanks and praise goes to the fol-

lowing:- Heku of Clan Assamite
Torsten of Clan Gangrel

Strategic points throughout the city were hit by various strike teams, driving the disparate elements towards one area to be handled. The Cardinal sacrificed her Archbishops in an attempt to buy time which was less than successful as one was held in place whilst the other was cut down. We pursued the Cardinal and her retinue of guards to an ancient amphitheatre, where we had funnelled other combatants. We fell upon the assembled hose and ultimately were victorious, Angus displaying the savaged corpse of the Cardinal to break the spirit of those who remained.

SOCIETY ROMANCE OF THE YEAR

By Rosaline Gypsy

The Duke of Westminster become the worlds richest person under 30, 2 years ago when his father died and he inherited almost £10 billion. However little is known of Hugh Grosvenor, the 7th Duke of Westminster. The 28 year old Earl Grosvenor has taken great care to keep his personal life out of the public eye, a practice established by his late father, Gerald Grosvenor.

However it has been the talk of society functions and the parties of the great and the good that he has fallen for a young heir-ess. The Countryside Management gradu-

ate was reportedly looking at estate acquisitions in the Norfolk Broads. According to a society insider, close to the Duke, he was smitten by a chance encounter with a Lady, whose identity is still a closely guarded secret. However it is said to be a whirlwind romance and both are very much in love. Perhaps there are some wedding bells in the near future. We can be sure that if that is the case, it will be the Society event of the decade, save for Royal Weddings.

We are awaiting our invitation in the post.

CAN YOU TRUST A SNAKE?

Vanessa Norton, *Harpy of Carlisle*

Setites, are they as untrustworthy as you've heard? It is well known that a group of the mysterious kindred of the independent clan has made their home in Manchester. Although the exact nature of how that came to pass is shrouded in scandal and intrigue. However the leader of their number, Malin, has wasted no time in getting involved in Kindred society at large. I, certainly, can't complain about a little arrangement I came to with Malin.

Apart from an unfortunate visit to the Glasgow Court, where they were firmly

asked to leave after 5 minutes, they have made connections in many domains, up and down the country. With an aggressive and attentive approach to striking deals and arranging prestation they have certainly made an impression. Most notably, with Esteemed Elder James Rathbone brokering several deals and reporting only positive experiences.

A number of the Toreador of Edinburgh have also reached out and worked out favours. One must wonder, with the trouble brewing in Manchester and Liverpool, with escalating violence and trouble on each side mounting... How long will it be until the services of the Serpents are called upon?

PRIEST KILLED IN SECTARIAN SLAYING

By Matthew Tait

Glasgow was shocked last week when a Catholic Priest was slain by a lone gunman. Witnesses say that Father Dennis Wise, originally from Baltimore, Maryland was shot as he was out jogging in the Calton area of Glasgow. He died in the arms of his colleague, Father Perno.

The priest was formerly a boxing champion and rose to some prominence in the boxing world, even getting a shot at the World Heavyweight Championship, but the fight fell through and he retired soon after. Little is known about him since his days in the ring other than that he became a priest. More recently he had been preaching out of St. Alphonsus Church in the Calton. He had also been running a boxing gym in the church hall that had been a focal point for the youth in the area, which was very much deprived of anything constructive.

The local community has been dealt a serious blow and the outpouring of grief towards the padre, from everyone, not just

the Catholic community is a testament to his character. Father Perno, the senior priest at St Alphonsus was quoted as saying "I shall pray to the Lord Almighty, and he shall direct me to the one responsible and justice shall be done. The Lord's justice."

Police Scotland have confirmed that a 43 year old man was killed in a shooting and the inquiries are ongoing. However no one has claimed responsibility for the attack.



CHAOS IN CORK

By Kimi Lehtonen

Baron Caitlin O'Malley is being heavily criticised and the clamour of descent against her 'rule' is growing. The Domain of Munster, centered round Cork has always been managed in a laissez faire fashion as the Malkavian Baron battled with her own issues. Perhaps it suits the more free thing and free spirited Anarchs that made home there. However it has also proven to be a breeding ground for more uglier elements.

Prince Rory Murphy, who rules over the neighbouring Domain of Connacht has brought charges of the most severe kind against the residents of Cork. An emissary from Cork, the official ambassador of O'Malley to the Galway Court was arrested and charged with having committed Diablerie. It is said that a member of Prince Murphy's Court observed black stains in the aura of the Anarch. While using the sight to ascertain emotional and spiritual characteristics is hardly irrefutable proof, steps were taken to taken to verify the act. However Duncan Friel, the accused, was taken into custody and rendered immobile by the domains Sheriff. So far Baron O'Malley has not been reached for comment and as we understand it, has not responded to Prince Murphy's call.

Many of the members of Domain of Munster have claimed that these are trumped up charges. The wild and unpredictable Venture Prince has shown his low opinions of the Anarch Movement with his bloody and violent praxis seizure some years ago. So much so, it has often been wondered if he is of the same line as the more modern butcher, Prince Aldworth, who's infamous bloody reign of Glasgow claimed almost ten Kindred's unives in less than two years, not including the half dozen that met final death in the coup itself.

Opponents of the Ventruer Prince have argued that it is ridiculously overblown to charge the Emissary with such crimes. But it comes at a critical time, with so many Anarch's in the largest domain, Ulster, over in Liverpool, with rumours of Sabbat on the Emerald Isle, this could be an excuse for the Warlord Prince to expand his territory or, if it is legitimate, a sign of a darker sickness about Ireland.

BEYOND A CURSE; TRANSCENDING THE KINDRED

By Joshua Kilpatrick

It is said that we are the damned; that we suffer a curse placed upon us. It is hard to argue given the unreason that plagues us. The beast lashing out whenever it can. It is hard to argue when the unholy thirst for vitae fills our every waking moment. It is hard to argue when even the gentle light of a summers afternoon seeks to purge us from existence.

Yet as I wrote last month we are beings granted the chance at immortality. We have no excuse to allow fear to block our path. We are greater than we were before despite the challenges set before us.

It is the purpose of this essay then to convince you that the curse laid

upon us is not insurmountable. For those with the courage and and will to transcend their limits I see a path to something greater than what we are. The curse will eat itself if only you can bend it to your own designs.

When the thirst rises in you and threatens to take over martial the stagnant stationary nature of your existence. We do not change so why should you ever become hungry. If that does not work then turn your beast inwards upon itself. Let it feed upon its own infinite misery.

When the beast is roused and seeks to steal control away from you beat it back with your very nature. It is a creature that exists only in the here

and now but you are an unyielding lord of eternity. What hope has it against you. Suck it into the void your own hollowness that is the well of your craving for blood and trap it their that it might bother you no longer.

When fire and sunlight threaten us remember that we are no different than they. They are all consuming, ever hungry just as we are. They are possessed of a fierce passion that burns and destroys just as the beast is raw power made spiritual.

Do not despair and do not give in but ever turn your mind, body and soul towards becoming greater than you are for mastery of the self is the route to enlightenment and transcendence. We have all the time in world so do not waste it.

A GUIDE TO GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Ruth Sharp, with the consent of her master Joshua Kilpatrick, Harpy of Glasgow.

Good evening,

It has been brought to the attention of my employer that some information surrounding the work I do for him might be beneficial to others. With that in mind he has given his consent for me to submit some advice and recommendations with regards to the cleaning of biological messes.

The below information is applicable for both human and animal blood, and for the most part vitae. In my experience Kindred Vitae is usually far easily cleaned, as it has a tendency to degrade over time naturally to a greater extent than other bloods.

If blood has been freshly spilt, no matter on what surface, time is of the essence. The sooner the spill can be cleaned the better. Wipe up the worst of the spill.

I recommend paper towels as they are easily disposed of, and using cloths simply leaves another thing you must clean. Pat as dry as possible, but I recommend you do not scrub as this can fix the stain.

Fabrics

With fabrics soak them straight away in very cold salted water. It is

imperative you do not use hot water, as this will essentially cook the proteins in the blood and render the stain unable to be removed no matter how hard cleaning is attempted.

Soak the fabric for at least an hour, remove the cloth and wring out the majority of the water. Rub the stain with baking powder or crushed aspirin, leave the paste to work for approximately thirty minutes, then place the stained item back into the salt water, ideally over the day. You may then put this item through a cool laundry cycle, and the stain should be removed.

Alternatively if you have hydrogen peroxide on hand, you can simply soak the stain in this, leave it for thirty minutes, then run it through a cold wash, though naturally this should only be used on hardy materials.

Wood

For untreated wood, mop up the worst of the blood, then sprinkle the stain with baking powder. Take a brush soaked in white vinegar and scrub the stain in a circular motion. This should lift the stain. You should then wash the wood down with clean water, and leave to dry for at least 24 hours.

For varnished or waxed surfaces wipe the worst of the stain and create

a solution of one third washing liquid to two thirds cold water. Scrub the stain with this solution with a brush in a circular motion. If this does not lift the stain, scrub with a gentle wire wool or sandpaper before re-waxing or varnishing. If the object is an antique I recommend seeking the services of a discrete furniture restorer.

I have attempted to write the above using simply ordinary household products, however I can also recommend the use of meat tenderising powder, which can be purchased from culinary supply shops. The active ingredient bromelain is extracted from pineapple and will break down biological proteins when rubbed into a surface and allowed to work.

It would be potentially advisable to have a supply of this on hand, however you should be aware that bromelain can occasionally break down and damage wool and silk as they are of animal origin.

Very dried stains are much harder to lift, and for these I recommend you seek out ammonia and hydrogen peroxide.

I hope this is helpful. If you wish specialist advice or assistance simply contact my master Mr Kilpatrick and I am sure something will be able to be arranged.

THE OTHER ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENED; THE COURT OF KINGS

By Primrose Thassalo, *Harpy of Birmingham*

It seems I had to travel all the way to Africa in order to find anything worth writing about in terms of the rooms that I have been in recently. Oh sure there's always something going on in Glasgow but Joshua has that so well covered there's no point in me covering that side of things, and then in Birmingham, well Chuck's got things running so smoothly there that in all honesty there is very little to say.

I suppose I could have written about that room in the east with the quivering little prince who is only now starting to realise that he's been 'defriended' more times that he cares to admit; careful folks, the cat still has claws and it's not going to be happy until it's taken one of us done

with him. Place your bets on who that might be now! However since Edinburgh isn't a room I get invited too anymore I hardly feel I am qualified to talk about what goes on there. Unless Duncy is really desperate for friends and fancies having the wicked witch of the west over for tea again.

Then there is Liverpool and...no...just no...

I have by this point had several people try to explain to me what is going on in regards to that particular quagmire and I wish everyone the best of luck with dealing with that particular Gordian Knot. Just remember how Alexander did it, might be your best solution.

However when you compare all that to a room filled with bound kindred with their mouths sewn shut, another made entirely

out of what appeared to be flesh and two ancients doing battle with each other, it's easy to see which one grabbed my attention. The 'room' where it happened is perhaps misleading, for in my week travelling around Egypt I saw several rooms, each of them more grand and more gruesome than the other, cumulating in a rather vicious battle in the sand with a kindred described as the Sculptor of Torment, or personally I prefer bug-man.

Although...perhaps that is a story for another time...these things are better told in person and I'd hate to bore you all with a three page essay of 'what I did on my holidays'. For anyone that wants to know the details, seek me out and I'll tell you almost all of it, after all, got to leave them wanting more.

MISSING PARISHIONERS

By Patrick O'Malley

Recently what started as a local missing persons search in the Calton region of Glasgow has now turned into a community plea for active assistance and intervention as the persons missing now number six.

Ethan McLoughlin, a church elder of St Alphonsus, was reported missing close to the end of the month by local parishioners after he was missed at several masses. A lifelong bachelor the church was his life as Mr. McLoughlin helped out at many youth activities as well as spearheading the new GetFit youth boxing, wrestling and softball church sponsored events. As word of mouth started to spread others stepped forward with information on friends and loved ones who have not been seen for a couple of days at the time they were not too worried about it but as word of others missing spread made them stand up and take note.

When the community was brought together in the church combined information showed all in six parishioners of St. Alphonsus were missing. Along with Ethan McLoughlin is Jim Byrne Ex-Truck Driver, Barry Kelley Youth Worker, Eleanor Doherty Community Elder, Michelle Brennan Young Mother and Sharon "Sheggie" O'Sullivan Barmaid.

Speculation around these disappearances have already started to fly about the possibility that they could be linked to the brutal death of Father Dennis Wise who was shot in a so called sectarian hate crime. Father Wise worked closely with the community in particular the youth

community projects Mr. McLoughlin worked tirelessly on.

The boys and girls of the youth community outreach programme are "shocked to tears" at the death of Father Wise and the missing six. The church was packed to capacity and was spilling out into the streets with those come to pay their respects to the passing of Father Wise.

Danny Walsh commented "That big darkie priest was awesome! Stopped ma da, and other maw's and da's, kicking the shit out their kids even taught them a lesson or two if you get what I mean. If we ever find the arseholes that killed him we'll fu-kin' riot till your dead! Same if any harm comes to Ethan you'll all be fucked!"

Similar sentiments were given by a wide array of Calton locals who have all come together over the last couple of years. Jim Byrne is sorely missed by his paraplegic mother a good boy who has given up his life selfishness to live in and take care of her. Barry Kelley who set aside his bad days fighting, drinking and slashing enemies of the cloth to become a role model for the younger boys of the area showing them another way. Eleanor Doherty is just everyone's mum a previous busy body turned community light using her knowledge to bring others together. Michelle Brennan ex prostitute, ex drug user and mother of eight turned her life around finding god and has fought back custody of her kids and Sheggie O'Sullivan ex madam and gang boss who turned her associates in and helped clean up the Calton to what it is now.

All of these six missing people had turned their lives round finding new pur-

pose and helping others with the world a better place for them being in it. In a touching sentiment from the parishioners is a photo of the church community all standing together with the children at the front holding a large banner reading "PLEASE COME HOME WE MISS YOU"

If you or anyone have any information on the death of Father Wise or indeed any of the six missing parishioners please call 0800-cal-home or Danny Walsh on 0800-vir-mary.

REFLECTIONS

By Kyros Wilde

View your reflection, for legacies fade!
In a broken order, you think yourself free,
But through light, not darkness, your chains were made.

Slotted into their carnival parade,
We watch a traitor that you cannot see.
View your reflection, for legacies fade!

The board is set, kings move, games are played.
Remember yourself; a broken echo's plea,
But through light, not darkness, your chains were made.

I've seen you act: no humanity displayed,
With greater guidance, could you have been me?
View your reflection, for legacies fade!

To find freedom, the powerful ply their trade.
We forge our own destiny; a loud decree!
But in light, not darkness, your chains were made.

No tradition this, I see your masquerade:
Is an oppressor who you want to be?
View your reflection, for legacies fade
And in light, not darkness, your chains were made!



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Yours,

Editor in Chief of the Dark Times

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Yet more excellent content from our fabulous readers. It is a pity that this so called 'Anarch Newsletter' does not wish to collaborate with us, or at least that is what I assume to due to the lack of communication from them, despite reaching out. And at a time when the Anarchs might want to have some good press. Ah well. Let us see if this grabs their attention, the offer still stands this month, contact us and we would be happy to give you your own place in the Dark Times.

The Editor of the Dark Times.

HARPY HOUR

Sheriff Teresa of Glasgow is a very formidable fighter and has been a great service to his Grace.

Ann Jacques (York)

The blood is in the water and the sharks are circling (apparently I'm one of them! Then again you all blame everything that goes wrong on me!), perhaps it's time to call for help baby shark, you're clearly out of your depth.

Primrose Thassalo (Birmingham)

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(Editor note: Printed as submitted. WTF?)
Lucretia Reflection (Manchester)

Well, what can a lady SAY? Glasgow's new harpy is quite the mover. And not just in social circles.

Lady Salisbury (London)

So the parties held by Lady Salisbury are really quite something else, I thought my patrons were something else. But gees,

Lady S is a proper Lady. Probably at the extreme other end of parties held by the Scourge of Glasgow. I really should go and speak to my friend and mentor about her.

Carl (Norfolk)

Honor one another's domain.

When thou comest to a foreign city, thou shall present thyself to the one who ruleth there. Without the word of acceptance, thou art nothing.

Ryan Harding (Severn)

It has been reported that Asta, the Senechal of Helsinki has not made it home to Helsinki after her success in Severn.

Dougal Douglas (Aberdeen)

Prince Von Pitt is outraged that the deaths of 10 Kindred has gone unpunished. 10 Toreador were destroyed in February by an unknown assailant. Is there no justice for the Toreador Ten.

David Griene (Inverness)

Prince Doyle visited our little domain recently. It was very nice to have another successful Prince of the UK visit. We hope that the tumult that is being visited upon others these nights, stays there and leaves our peaceful domains to prosper even further.

Vanessa Norton (Carlisle)

The sharks think they are circling. Little do they know they are the prey getting further tangled in a web, closer to the predator they thought they were stalking.
Farr (Edinburgh)

When you are brave enough to get to the heart of things it can be quite spectacular. A most enjoyable trip indeed.

*Joshua Kilpatrick
(Glasgow)*



A Harpy, wings disclosed.