

The Room where it Happens

By Primrose Thassalo

An accurate account of the events of the previous court.

This will be my final submission to the Dark Times under this header as my articles will take on a different tone and purpose in the future. This column was an opportunity for those who missed the previous court to be kept up to date about the ongoings and for me to indulge in one of my favourite past times; sniping and snarking. However now I encourage someone else to take the mantle from me as my duties as Seneschal must take priority. Who knows, that mantle might come with a certain book of favours and a foot in the door of the Harpy network. If you are looking for tips on how I will make myself available to those that would like to learn the way of those little chirrupy birdies.

For those of you who isolate yourselves each month or fail to see the notices in Elysium, Francis Doyle of Clan Brujah, who recently assisted in the successful retaking of Dundee, seized praxis at the previous court following the passing of Prince Tius. After taking Praxis Prince Doyle has appointed myself as Seneschal and Matthew Riley retains ownership of the position of Sheriff. Prince Doyle has asked each clan to elect their own Primogen representative, and if you have not done so already I would do so as soon as possible.

A census is being taken of the domain, conducted by myself, and so if you have not spoken to me before now make sure you catch me this evening so that you may be recorded in my little book.

Court took place in Prince Doyle's and 'La Familia's' nightclub, which had various different parts for those of varying tastes and proved to be a most eclectic and delightful court on what was a sorrowful occasion. There were a few new arrivals; yet another Malkavian in the form of William Miska who made a few waves exerting control of his talents on others, namely Pelican. There was also Tanis, a recent addition to the Clan Tremere contingent (I think we're still winning Malks, better up your game) recently arrived from New Orleans. We had a visitor in the form of Elder Ivy from London, an enigmatic and charming woman who no doubt had been sent to see where the chips had fallen after the loss of their Scottish Ally. A pity Edinburgh never sent a spy as well.

So there you have it, a little less bite than usual perhaps but I assure you my teeth remain just as sharp. If you think you can do better, then please, do take over.

Poetry by MiSkAl

When the north wind blows over endless snows
When the blood runs dry and the cold night sky
And alive with dancing light

When the living dead groan and crack the stone
Then the gods will sing to their living king
With eyes that shine so bright

Who will tend the bones or hear the moans
Or think of men and remember when
There was day before this night

Kindred of Glasgow,

It is with mixed feelings that I hear about the final death of Prince Carter of Manchester/Liverpool. I have always thought of him as a raging asshole, but he was the Prince of a Camarilla Domain in the heart of a Camarilla nation. His murder by the Sabbat is an outrage that will not stand. Rest assured that I have taken steps to address this with the Sabbat that they won't forget for decades.

With the death of Prince Tius so recently in our minds, I am gratified to see Prince Doyle pull the vast majority of the Domain together in defense of us all. I would urge all Kindred to expand their thinking to friends and allies outside of our Domain and use the death of the Prince of Manchester to remind us that the world doesn't end at the border of Glasgow. The Black Hand seem to be hopping from Domain to Domain with impunity and carrying out their objectives. With each Prince and most Kindred firmly focused on their own city and their own interests, Manchester was caught sleeping. Most likely sleeping while they laughed at Glasgow's current misfortune.

The Black Hand aren't like the typical Sabbat packs you may have faced or at least heard of on your travels, Kindred. They are a whole new breed of monster. Elite, highly disciplined, focused with a religious level of fanaticism. They can undermine Domains, cripple Influence, murder Princes and Elders with impunity, and blow the Masquerade wide open, all depending on the objectives they are currently following.

Under Prince Doyle, you all have a powerful grasp of the Domain in which to trap the Black Hand in your web. I will approach the other Domains and seek to unify a

response, or at least have them all step up their security levels and take this threat seriously.

The deaths of Tius and Carter will be avenged!

Angus McDonald,
Primogen of Glasgow, Regent of Orkney.

Let's Raise a Glass

Let's raise a glass in honour of Prince Carter, the UK's most prominent Brujah, he passed this month after decades as Prince of Manchester and Liverpool. He fell at the hands of the dreaded Sabbat, the Black Hand no less. They sent their most deadly and most hardened warriors to strike at the heart of our society. Now is not the time to lose sight of our origins and our virtues.

We must not lose what we are in the face of such opposition. And that is why we shall celebrate the unlif of Carter in the only way we know how. We will descend of the Domain of Birmingham with a fire and a fury. We will cause abandon and calamity, we will call a toast in his honour and all the while, raise hell.

The Brujah of England

Hello Kindred,

I have been absent from Court for quite some time as I pursued my interests in other Domains. In my absence, Rosina Giovanni has taken it upon herself to attack my Influences, businesses, and myself, which almost resulted in a Masquerade breach. And with me as Keeper of the Masquerade of Glasgow at the time. As per the Promise of 1528, I have taken Rosina before her Don for judgement. The Don has found Rosina guilty of a breach of the Promise and her punishment is to be decided by Prince Doyle in Glasgow, again in accordance with the Promise of 1528.

While I am sure that the Don will press for a very lenient slap on the wrist for Rosina, I am confident that Prince Doyle will not bow to pressure and dispense justice as he sees fit, just as the late Prince Carter did before he was murdered by the Black Hand in front of Rosina Giovanni.

I will be based in Glasgow a greater part of the month now as I rebuild the damage to my interests caused by the petulant Childe that is Rosina Giovanni. And I think that

all hands on deck will be needed now that the Black Hand, and possibly others, are actively working against the Camarilla members of Britain.

Your friend,
Torsten McKenzie.

East End "Crime Purge" Continues.

By Terry Chamberlin, Correspondent for The Digger

Submitted by Ancillae Simeon Seward

As we are all aware Glasgow continues to be no stranger to crime both great and small a common occurrence in these working class streets. The unprecedented rise across the board of all crime with vice, GBH and murder percentages being higher in the last two years than in the last century have all taken a massive upturn over these summer months as the east end continues its so-called "purges."

Street sewage, whose depravity spans a wide variety of crimes, are continuing to be toppled with an unprecedented level of success. Police Scotland continue to spearhead the raids though this correspondent can confirm a good number have come from citizen's arrests and calls to hotlines followed by excellent work on behalf of Police Scotland the solid evidence gathered holds to compound the guilt which shall lock away many street vipers for decades.

Another stunning report is that in the last few months is the number of criminals whose conscious has gotten the better of them and have walked into various police stations across the east and after which have freely given full confessions to a long list of crimes, some of whom even have brought evidence with them, many of which thought to have been cold cases long without a conclusion. Stemming from this and other leads a good deal of criminals are wanted for questioning for more serious crimes but many cannot be found by the police and are thought to have fled knowing the end is nigh.

The East End is truly being cleaned up clearly by a combination of excellent Police work and civil

responsibility. Long may this most welcome relationship continue for we are all the better off for it.

Detective Inspector Tanner of Police Scotland stated “The excellent work of the watchdogs and police officers have made it certain we have enough evidence to put the despicable criminals away for a very long time. The perpetrators shall be held accountable for their many, many crimes and with the exceptional police work continuing they shall be punished to the full extent of the law. We greatly thank our network of community watchdogs that have been key in bringing down many a cad that for the longest time were thought untouchable, not anymore!”

Harpy Corner

Ann Jacques (York) - If it looks like you are struggling to crown a new prince, the Duke has a few suggestions.

Sarah Miles (Birmingham) - You'd think with all that is going on in these isles the Brujah would be behaving, but no. I have it on good authority, if you are found abroad in these parts with no Hospitality you will feel the full force of the Prince.

Lucretia Reflection (Manchester) - It is a dark night without Prince Carter. As he has ruled with fairness and authority there leaves little in his passing to take praxis.

Lady Salisbury (London) - All these princes changing. It seems Glasgow is rubbing off on many of us. How disturbing.

Primrose Thassalo (Glasgow) - ‘Well played my lord, well played. Revenge at last.’

Carl (Norfolk) - My mentor explains to me that, how dreadful a prince has been destroyed, it is not the end of the world. I'm not sure why he laughed so.

Ryan Harding (Severn) - It seems unseemly but it sets us apart. Let us all remember our fallen by basking in our humanity. Let us not forget what makes us different.

Dougal Douglas (Aberdeen) - Prince Lesley extends a warriors farewell to Prince Carter.

David Griene (Inverness) - The North of Scotland is much more peaceful and tranquil these nights. For anyone that is concerned about the events of late, all you have to do is look upon the results and see the benefits.

Dianne Duncan (Carlisle) - We extend our offer of refuge to those who may need it from the domain of Manchester and Liverpool.

Farr (Edinburgh) - If the most potent of princes can be struck low in such a manner then none are safe. Carlisle echoes the sentiment of Prince Doyle. We must come together and rebuff this menace.