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# **VERSAILLES CONCORDAT SIGNED!**

An historic agreement between Sabbat and Camarila was signed this month in France. A culmination of many months of wheeling and dealing, involving several prominent members of the Court of Glasgow, is finally upon us.

A League of Camarila Princes from Iberia gathered together with representatives of the Sabbat invasion force - Cardinals Vlademar and Medici and Decon Alonso of Cadiz - in Versailles under the asupices of the Court of France.

Negotiations continued for many nights, with the group nearly coming to blows and several walk outs of both sides. However, we are informed that now pen has been put to paper and the treaty has been signed.

The new map of Spain allocates domains already under the firm control of the Sabbat to them, but returns those contested to their defenders. The cities of Valladolid, Seville, Leon and Madrid, heretofore invested by besieging forces have been surrendered back to Camarilla hands.

This however is not the absolute end of the fighting. Throughout the conflict there occurred several secondary uprisings and offensives that have since become or have always been separate from Sabbat authority. Most notably the Navarre Rebellion in the North continues to contest Pamplona and refuses to negotiate. Without the press from the West however, the forces of the league of princes was able to unite and smash the remaining forces in south and east Iberia - freeing Valencia, Mojacar and Granada from Sabbat rule. As per the terms of the treaty these offensives were not hampered by the forces based in Portugal.

Does this mean a lasting peace between the two Sects? Of course not. It is not to be doubted that there are already machinations afoot to continue the war by clandestine means. However with the fighting cooled, the public face of the war will change. There will be no more massed battles, there will be no more massacres or assaults. The Masquerade has been secured for the benefit of all.

Which, it is worth remembering is and always has been the cornerstone of our society - both in the Camarilla and in the Sabbat. Betraying our presence to the Mortals is the single most pressing threat and one which must unite all Sects.

For now however, the Long War may continue undisturbed in Spain.

## **BATTLES IN SOTERIA!**

A fierce clash occurred this month between Soteria and a strike force of Hunters.

Soteria, the newest and smallest Domain in Albion, has been the target of a major siege. Reports from mortal sources indicate the attack is being passed off as 'manoeuvres by the public face of Sotiera. However the Dark Times has learned from an informed source that this is not the case. Several boat loads of Fanatical Hunters struck the offshore platform and attempted to overwhelm them by force of arms. The fighting was said to be fierce, the damage significant and the casualties high.

This, we might assume is directly related to the well publicised and ongoing 'hunter situation' in Glasgow. However, the Dark Times has been told that the leader of these Hunters was in fact a Kindred, one seemingly possessed of "Shadowy Powers". Does this indicate a connection between the Hunters and the Sabbat? Does it mean that the Hunters have always been a tool for Kindred to strike at one another? Could there be other Kindred hidden from Camarilla society quietly building power bases in plain sight?

The questions as always, out-number the answers. But one thing is sure; Soteria was attacked and while they did weather the storm the cost seems to have been high. What this will mean for the Malkavian Haven going forward, only time will tell.

### BY ORDER OF THE JUSTICARIATE

The Justicars of Britain wish to make it known that the Prince of Glasgow, Esteban of Sjealand, and his officers, have discharged the duties placed upon them following the regrettable events which lead to the so-called Battle of Glasgow. Since that time a concerted and significant effort has been undertaken to reform and rebuild the Domain and the Justicariate is now assured that the Domain is able to manage it's own affairs unaided.

The Domains of Britain are advised to pay heed to the work of Prince Esteban and emulate it if possible. He and his Officers may stand well as an example of how to bring a Domain back

## **UPDATE FROM THE SCOURGE**

**Arrivals in October:** 

Robin Max Thomson

Arrivals in November: Mr. Rhoa- short term stay

Probation:
Ewen McManus
Newly Accepted:
Robin
Max Thomson
Hanno

Jack Scourge

## **SHERIFF NOTICE**

Offender, by making yourself known to me by the 7th December 21 showing willingness to atone appropriately for your crimes by seeking penance will incur leniency. Failure to do so will have my full attention turned upon you with no succour. You know who you are.

#### Remembering Aaron Swartz: Aaron Swartz Day 2021

By Grey

I invite everyone to participate in this year's (virtual) Aaron Swartz Day and International Hackathon—an annual event celebrating the life and continuing legacy of activist, programmer, and entrepreneur Aaron Swartz.

Aaron Swartz was a digital rights champion who believed deeply in keeping the internet open. His life was cut short in 2013, after federal prosecutors charged him under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) for systematically downloading academic journal articles from the online database JSTOR. With the threat of a long and unjust sentence before him, Aaron died by suicide at the age of 26.

He would have turned 35 this year, on November 8.

Aaron's death laid bare how federal prosecutors have abused the CFAA by wielding it to levy heavy penalties for any behavior they don't like that happens to involve a computer, rather than stopping malicious computer break-ins. EFF has continued to fight its misuses, including filing a brief in a recent Supreme Court case, Van Buren v. United States, in support of computer security researchers. In a victory for all internet users, the court recognized the danger of applying this law too broadly, and rejected the U.S. government's broad interpretation of it.

If you can't make it to the Hackathon, you can still pay tribute to Aaron's legacy with volunteer work. This year, the organizers of Aaron Swartz Day are pointing volunteers to Bad Apple, to publicize and use the project, help review code, or volunteer some time to build up its databases.

Visit www.aaronswartzday.org for more information.

#### In response to the world's worst challenge

I'm sure some of you noticed an article, written by someone with the spine of a slug. So cowardly they can't do their own dirty work and so inept they aren't capable of manoeuvring someone else to do it covertly and must label themselves as Anonymous. I mean, it's not a far jump to point the finger at the culprit. There's only a handful of people in existence with that level of idiocy, so hiding behind a lack of name, really doesn't help.

Of-course, given how much of our society still claws to the dark ages, that out-burst has been considered a challenge for praxis. And in a loose parallel to Donald Trump demanding to see Obama's birth certificate, I am forced to answer it. And this is what causes the most offence to me. That a worm, who can be represented by a giant orange ball sack, must be answered.

As you can imagine, no such challenge was issued and I therefore must presume it is either withdrawn due to poor judgement or that you have been scared so badly by the prospect of having to follow up your (badly researched and poorly pieced) words with action, that you have shat yourself into torpor.

Though you did get one thing correct. I am the Prince of Glasgow.

Prince Esteban Korsgaard

It is brought to the attention of the citizens of Glasgow that they have repeatedly and brazenly stood in the path of progress. They have sought ceaselessly to hamper the activities of those who know better than they what the shape of the world is. Over the last two months these seekers of knowledge have been struck down and destroyed by the agents of Glasgow.

Let warning serve. This shall no longer be tolerated. The vengence of the Enlightened will come upon you all and you will rue the day when you set yourselves against us.

The Master and The Sage

#### A Warning to Those Who Need It

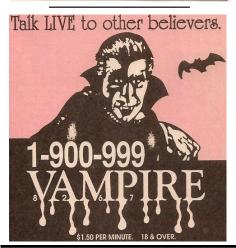
Do not squander the love of others, nor let yourself be blinded by worship. Remember the power that is yours is borrowed from the souls you tend and without them you are nothing.

Do not pretend you know all things, do not imagine you can stand alone.

Remember that the wolves are hungry for you have fed them well.







#### Prophets and seers, oracles and augurs!

Have you any prophesies? The Soteria library is compiling an Index Prophetica. If you have documents to offer or wish to assist in digitising, sorting and sifting through the many documents we have already gathered, please report to the library or let Clarity (Syndicate) know.

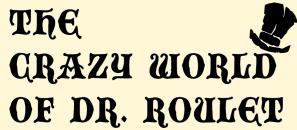
Professional Leather / Saddle worker required for an unusual project.

Contact Sheriff Douglas for details.

My dearest siblings of shared blood, SLEEP NO MORE, BUT AWAKEN.

Your worth is more than spilled blood in the name of madness. The ship of slaves you toil on holds a secret.

Look for the Nightingale with her lantern, and you will find yourself free in the land of the dreaming.



PROBLEMS SOLVED
OBSTACLES REMOVED
ITEMS RECOVERED
STRUGGLES OVERCOME
DARKNESS LIFTED

No. TWELVE,
HILLFOOT STREET,
GALLOWGATE,
GLASGOW.

SPIRITS CONTACTED
RITUALS PERFORMED
CURSES CAST
HOUSES PURIFIED
LIGHT EXTINGUISHED

### Harpy Quotes



Edinburgh – Farr – Looks like a Certain Prince got off lightly.

Aberdeen – Dougal Douglas –Some seriously uppity Tremere in Glagow. If I was prince, I wouldn't stand for it.

Inverness - David Griene - Declare war on Malks? That sounds like a great idea

**London** – Duke Benedict – *Huh. Maybe it is a game of whack-a-mole...* 

Severn – Benedict & Algernon – Looks like we got some new sisters. And brothers. Who are married. And have kids. Yay.

**Manchester** – Lucrezia Reflection –Those who want peace should prepare for war. Those who want war should go to Spain.

Norfolk - Carl - No snark this month? You Warlocks are slipping. Embrace the binch!

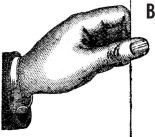
Birmingham – Bethany Trimble – And it's as simple as that folks. Really

York - Anne Jacques - Someone's been snapping up Fiends left and right. I don't like it.

Carlisle - Samuel McAlpine - The Officers of Carlisle are very proud to stand beside Glasgow.

Paris - Viola DuBois - Peace of piss.

**Soteria** – Wrath – *If you're going to stab us in the back, make sure to get rid of the knife, rat.* 



#### BE THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE!

Join us in the war against lies, defend the right of kindred to know the real truth! Submit your stories so you migth be heard! Have a voice!

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