

The Black and White Ball...Hostesses' Review

Hasn't it been such a while since this title has graced this court? It makes one wonder what on earth the Harpy's have been doing!!! It also begs the question, just what has been going on here? It seems to me that the party season has gone into hibernation for most of this year Quelle Damage!!!!

Thank whoever then for the Clan Toreador who can always be relied upon to come up with something special to breathe life back into the undead society scene. This fine clan with the addition of their Parisienne connection hosted what only can be described as the event to begin a new season: La Bal de Noire et Blanche, Black and White Ball to those who do not know the translation.

The evening began in true formal style as befitting a ball of this kind with formal announcements and greetings from myself to every guest who had entered. Every Member of this fine court and esteemed venerable guest was given the same treatment, though name pronunciations do need worked on after all it is a basic common courtesy to pronounce the name of another is it not? This incident was dealt with quickly enough and did not deter myself or the clan in proceeding to stage what was shaping up not only to be a fine event but a prestigious one.

Such esteemed company attended this gathering and made it the event to be seen at in the Glasgow Camarilla social calendar. I was graciously blessed by the attendance of not only our very own esteemed Prince Bartolome Murillio and M. Rapahel De Corazon but Mr Samuel Todd, esteemed representative of Prince Argyle of Edinburgh, Marishka of Clan Lasombre Anti Tribu, who had fortuitously for myself timed her business visit to coincide with this even and Ambrugino Giovanni himself. Those who were un-

able to attend this occasion can only now be left with thoughts of what might have been, given the calibre of guests who attended my debut soiree in Glasgow.

Such was the success of the night that the vast majority of the court had gone to great efforts to honour the dress code and by and large all were very finely dressed. Even the representatives of Clan Brujah had gone to great efforts to be booted and suited as it were and it was the best dressed and most well behaved that they had been all season! I was pleasantly surprised by this clan and hope beyond hope that it may continue.

As ever, the representatives of Clan Ventrue were their dashing and sophisticated selves and blended in perfectly with the ambience of the event. Not to be outdone however were those of Clan Dunsirn who complimented this. Representatives of Clan Nosferatu and Clan Gangrel made their presence most welcome to event as well while Clan Tremere added their usual touch of the mystique to complete any Camarilla Gathering. They also came to the aid of myself when the gremlins stuck and even provided some amusement, though thankfully the Regent was unharmed. Clan Malkavian added their usual touches of exuberance and enthusiasm to the proceedings which amused those gathered.

Even those new to this fine city of Glasgow and this excellent court made an effort to join in the festivities in what served for many to be an excellent welcome to the fine city of Glasgow. They even put some of the more established members of the court to shame by adhering to the dress code when those who should have known better did not bother. Thankfully though I did not notice many who did not try but I did

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notice those who never bothered and all I can say is that it can only be considered to be rude. Thankfully though I refused to let it ruin the night.

All in all a good night was had by all that I spoke to and I spoke to practically all of my guests. There were no security breaches and the only problem was those confounded gremlins, which prompted some very impromptu singing from myself. The night went as can be expected, after all this was the Toreador coming to the rescue of the season!!!!

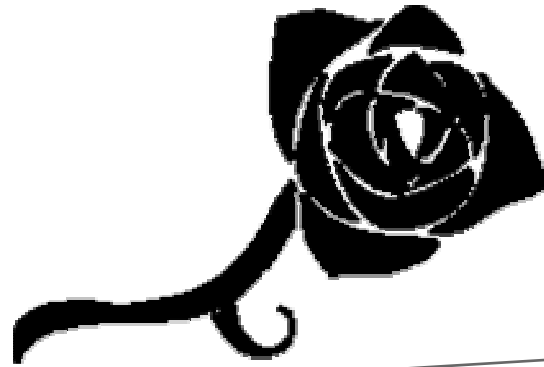
Before I sign off I would like to extend a special thank you to Mr Todd who graced my humble soiree with a fine private recital. I am sure all of those who attended it would echo my sentiments by saying we were indeed privileged.

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Mortal Mirth

Since this is the first in a while that such a publication has returned to court, I have found myself not short of invitations in the party season. I attended Club Noir recently which was splendid as always and is a fine excuse to dress up really glamorously and view the mortals at close quarters. It is normally held on my premises however the refurbishments are taking the new year event of the club to another location while they work is completed. The Reopening should happen soon so watch this space!

But while out and about attending all of these functions and observing mortals, I have been drawn to great mirth at what passes for party fashion among mortals. I mean just what is it with the so called chicken tikka look. For those who do not know that is a phrase that is now used to coin those cheap plastically looking mortals who slap on so much fake tan that

they resemble the colour of the aforementioned curry. This absurdity only makes matters worse when One looks at the clothes they wear! They will cover themselves in cheap, tacky jewellery and wear the shortest skirts that design to show off rather foul underwear. All I can say is thank heaven the Camarilla have better taste!

Mortal style at present in most quarters is not worth copying. The best thing to do this season is to retain pallor as pale is most definitely interesting. For the ladies among us one thing that is classically elegant and will never go out of style is the little black dress, teamed with some sparkling heels and diamonds, One will certainly make an impression. If one wishes to be bolder there are some fine gold and red satin dresses around to suit most members of the Camarilla. Since we are in the Christmas season, glitter and

sparkle are in but do not go overboard otherwise the fashion police may be called. Gentlemen cannot go wrong with suits, tuxedos or the Ladies' favourite in Glasgow the formal kilt, though a smart pair of trousers and a nice coloured shirt also serves the gentlemen well for the party season. These simple tips shall ensure casual stylish elegance which the Camarilla of course in the main can achieve flawlessly and ensure the mortals remain in awe of us, as of course is how it should be.

Well I now must sign off from my first attempt at reviving this publication. I have many parties to go to and need much more inspiration for the next issue.

Au Revoir for now

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