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## Rumours Abound

As is always the case in Kindred society, our kind being what they are, rumours abound. One has scarcely risen from ones crypt before we are hearing that so and so has had a blood hunt called on them, this Brujah got destroyed etc, etc... So it is not often that we consent to publish such in this illustrious periodical. But here it is, as yet unsubstantiated. Alex McLeod banished from the realm of Glasgow. What could have brought about such a decision? If it were true the banishment of such a famous artist will cause outrage in many quarters. What will become of the vibrant art scene, which he has been so instrumental in encouraging? What will the reaction be of his Sire the great Rodin, to such an insult.

Obviously this is not the forum on which to speculate about such questions. But, I can assure you that the Halls of Elysium throughout Europe are abuzz with such questions. We were able to track down Adrienne SaintBois who is visiting Scotland as the more astute reader will recall. When asked "Miss SaintBois, have you heard of the rumour that Alex McLeod of Clan Toreador is to be banned from the city of Glasgow?" The Lady replied "No, I hadn't heard that. I've better things to do than listen to ridiculous rumours. Creating a series of sculptures at the Prince's request, for example!" When asked if the rumour were to be substantiated Miss SaintBois replied "I find it difficult to believe! Does rumour say \*why\* he was going to be ejected?" I informed here that I had no firm news on why as yet. I then asked "Can you speculate to the reaction of his Sire August Rodin". The Lady showed here mastery of diplomatic language by saying "Well, I doubt that he would be pleased!" She had no further time for our interview and was about to leave when I dared one last question. "What effect if any will this have on the cities art scene." "The loss of any

Toreador is always a blow to the art scene! How could it be anything else?" With this she was gone leaving only her perfume as a memory. When Prince Thompson was confronted with the rumour of Alex McLeod's banishment he was forced to release the following statement "For breaches of Domain and Hospitality Alex. MacLeod is hereby declared exiled from the city of Glasgow. If not for the redeeming fact of his previous good works in the service of both Glasgow and Scotland the penalty imposed for his actions would be far more severe." Which proves the rumour to be true. If there was a leek was it an intentional one or is there a mole in the Princes Court. You may ask but Dark Times has no comment to make on the subject at this time.

The Dark Times offices have also received a large number of requests from more than twenty pre-eminent kindred throughout Europe for reprints of the last eighteen month's issues. Our sources tell us that these kindred, who are amongst some of the most powerful on the continent, and these isles have taken to asking questions about Glasgow and exactly what has been happening within our closed little society. They have been hearing rumours of Sabbat infiltration, in fact one of the more hushed rumours was that the city's defences have had to be entirely rethought as apparently a disguised Sabbat was given the entire battle plan from a highly prestigious kindred within the city when asked for them. Other titbits fed to our always hungry reporters have been that the Giovanni travel service has had several enquiries about safe transport to the city from a few \*high up\* kindred, and the editor himself has had a few enquiries, if he can provide short term havens for several prestigious kindred and their retinues, lasting no longer than 2-6 weeks. Now reading between the lines here..... it seems to be that we had had all be on our best behaviour, otherwise who know who'll come a knocking, if they arent here already.

## **Murder probe after widow strangled**

Police in Glasgow are hunting the killer of an elderly widow who was found tied up and strangled in her home.

Hilda Tizard, 88, was found dead on Thursday morning by a warden during a routine check on her sheltered housing flat in Elderslie Court, Anderston.

The pensioner, who lived alone, had been bound hand and foot before she was killed.

A post-mortem confirmed that the woman died as a result of strangulation.

Killer may also be burglar

Police said the woman's flat was ransacked, but it is not yet known whether anything was stolen.

They believe she may have been the victim of a bungled burglary.

The Detective Chief Inspector who is leading a team of officers in the murder hunt, said: "Clearly we are looking at burglary or robbery as a line of inquiry. The flat could well have been subject to a burglary and during the course of that she was tied up and strangled."

Mrs Tizard had lived in Anderston for the last 10 years.

Police said that the widow was partially deaf, but was otherwise fit and well.

"This was an absolutely horrific attack on a defenceless old lady and we are determined to find the person or people responsible," added Det Chf Insp Ladley.

Crime officers are at the flat carrying out forensic examinations.

They are expected to remain there for most of the weekend.

## **"Vampire" woman bites four people and policeman**

A woman claiming she was a vampire bit four people in the neck and attacked a police officer before being arrested. The 21-year-old allegedly started her biting frenzy by sinking her teeth into the neck of a young woman leaving a house in Glasgow.

When the woman managed to beat her off, she is reported to have run into the street and attacked a shopkeeper. Police say she screamed "I am one of the eternal, I'm thirsty.", before biting the shopkeeper in the neck.

Shortly afterwards a 34-year-old man walking down the road in the Pollok area was attacked by the woman, who this time shouted: "I am a vampire, I want your blood. " She is then said to have attacked an 88-year-old woman, stabbing her in the neck with her fingernails and biting her ear.

A police officer was allegedly bitten in the hand by the woman when he and several colleagues arrived to arrest her. It is not thought she was on drugs or drunk and a psychiatric examination has been ordered on the woman.

## **Man accused of killing woman who 'turned into vampire'**

A man allegedly stabbed a woman in the heart because he thought she'd turned into a vampire.

Romanian Ion Ionescu had been paid to watch the woman during the night after she suffered a stroke. He is in police custody and will undergo psychiatric evaluation before facing murder charges. The Daily Record newspaper reports 36-year-old Ionescu, from Herendesti in Timis county, had been frightened because the woman looked like a vampire. He's reported to have said the 73-year-old woke from a coma and went after him.