

Petrus Backstory: Peter Carparelli

“Every man dies. Not every man really lives.” –Sir William Wallace, Guardian of Scotland, Scottish Freedom Fighter, 13-14th Century

Those that stand up for their beliefs are either rewarded or killed. Fortunately for Petrus “Blood Wake” Macallan, his belief being that the English still need to repent for their oppression of the Scottish during the 13th and 14th century, is one he can avenge as he pleases.

Losing his parents to illness at a young age, due to starvation in the Scottish highlands, Petrus then lived with his aunt and uncle. His uncle Roger Macallan, taught him to read, speak other languages and then eventually how to use a sword. “Boy, someday you’ll need this blade, to defend your family, yourself and your country. No matter how fine things seem now, there will be day...”

Petrus took those words to heart and used them to motivate his training. After his aunt and uncle passed away, he tended to their family flocks and continued building new homes for other families who were migrating to the area of Loch Lomond in the North.

However one day, a group of English soldiers seeking tribute from Petrus. “Why must you tax us so? We’ve earned our independence, King James surely has already taxed his people, his own people. We are Scotland, not England.” Petrus said this with a tone of hatred in his voice. A soldier replied “ You are still on lands owned previously by English lords. We’ve been sent to collect backed tax wages from you and other families in order to “fully” own this land.”

Instantly, Petrus was reminded of what his ancestors had fought for before. This one act of greed by the English, caused the blood of the Macallan clan to boil in his veins. He walked to his home, pulled his broadsword from beneath the peat roof and slaughtered the group of soldiers in a flash of the blade.

Petrus remembered what his great grandfather Petrus I, of Lomond had done. He fought alongside William Wallace, and helped to achieve Scottish independence. So why not continue their legacy? A few English lives would be a small contribution to his family’s past achievements. However, Petrus’ story had reached the South quickly. His king, James VI, had sent Scottish Soldiers to bring him to court.

Rather than be executed for murder, Petrus was knighted. Sir Petrus Macallan, Lord of Lomond.

The King had then sent Petrus into Bristol, to observe the Queen’s festivities, and to seek out any plans of war or tyranny against the Scottish people.

The name “Blood Wake” though, was given to him. Not by one man, but by the people who continue to exaggerate the extent of Petrus’s body count. First it was seven, then twelve, then

twenty! It seems now that at local taverns, “Blood Wake” has become a bit of a Scottish hero. Slaying those who don’t recognize Scottish independence.

Just hope you don’t end up in the pile of bodies if you cross him now...