Legend of Lugdana

According to legend, Lugdana was a young paladin of the Order of the Dragon who had volunteered to become a Knight of the Order of the Silver Dragon and fight against darkness. It was a brave undertaking for such a young paladin to travel to a far-off land and fight against unknown dark forces.

The young knight had earned a reputation in battle, for he would never step down and would always rally. His bravery was noted, and he gladly volunteered for every battle, the first to draw his sword and the first into combat. When the battles did not rage, Lugdana would visit the Abbey in Krezk and volunteer to care for the sick and elderly.

He was well received and became close to Sister Constance of the Abbey. She once asked why Lugdana did not rest or return home, for he served and gave so much of himself to the fight against darkness, he deserved his time of peace. Lugdana said he would not be able to seek peace knowing that darkness existed, and the sick lay in need. He said his life was not his own, but to serve the Order, until he was unable to or he fell. His only pleasure was to serve.

Lugdana was struck down in a battle and was brought to the Abbey for care. Sister Constance said, now you have served and served well, it is time to return home and seek peace. Lugdana was sad, he said a new enemy has revealed itself, vampyres. He shared with Sister Constance their ferocity and he worried they would soon overtake the valley. He struggled each day to get better. On the day he was ready to return to the battlefield, he went to the chapel in the Abbey to pray.

Lugdana's prayer was not for himself, not for victory, not for his brothers, he prayed that his life spent in service to the order to rid the darkness would bring peace to the sick. Lugdana secretly fought for those who could not, for his father had died when he was a child, his mother was sick and died shortly after. His sister was struck with the plague. Lugdana was not wise in the nursing of others, but he was a great fighter and thus his service was to protect those who could not protect themselves.

Sister Constance heard Lugdana's prayer as she stood in the shadows. Sister Constance was an angel, sent to watch over the sick. When Lugdana began to leave, Sister Constance revealed herself and her true nature. She gave him an amulet, The Holy Symbol of the Sun.

Lugdana wore the Holy Symbol of the Sun a slew many of the vampyres. He became known far and wide throughout the valley as the Slayer of the Night Walkers.

Lord Strahd knew that he must slay Lugdana. Before the battle of Argyonvost, Lord Strahd kidnapped several nuns and monks from the Abbey and held them, hostage, Strahd would release the monks and

nuns in exchange for Lugdana and a truce. Strahd knew the Knights would never agree and would send their forces to rescue the nuns and monks. Lugdana was ordered to stay at Argyonvostholt with Lord Argyonvost, while the rest of the Knights attempted the rescue.

Lord Strahd arrived in the dead of night and slew Lugdana in his sleep and then defeated Lord Argyonvost. Lord Strahd searched in vain, but never found the Holy Symbol of the Sun, for it had disappeared.

It is said that upon Lugdana's death the amulet returned to Sister Constance, her spirit remains constant to serve those who serve the order, protect the sick, and defeat the darkness.

Strahd Must Die