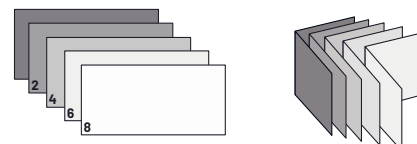




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THE GRATEFULNESS-VAMPIRE SOCIAL CLUB

a single player pervasive LARP by Hildegard Jonathan

In this game you'll play a vampire who doesn't feast on blood but on other people's gratefulness. With the help of this booklet, you'll be able create your gratefulness-vampire self. The game takes place pervasively during your everyday life but you can choose when to play.

The aim of the game, is to be on the hunt for other people's gratefulness. Either keep your eyes open for possible situations - like helping somebody carry something down the stairs. Or you can trigger those situations artificially - like standing in line and letting someone skip to the front of you.

Please keep in mind that this is a game. This is your game. Do whatever feels comfortable. When you play, you're in your own world, but you don't fully leave this world behind.

Take care of yourself and others.

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F.A.Q.

How much gratefulness is enough?

Up to you, you can feast on a snack or a four-course menu. Are you feeling full? Then it's enough.

Turn everybody into a vampire?

No. Just the people you think would be suited for vampire-life. Not everybody can take all this gratitude. And remember: The more vampires there are, the less prey we have.

Do I have to hunt at night?

Unlike other vampires we can be active any time of day. We also recommend that you pick specific days when you want to be out for a hunt. Get out your favourite garment, do your hair and make-up, accessorize. And then get out in the world and find your prey. Use your meal-plan, to organise your ideas. And: Remember to wear sunscreen!

Congratulations you've become a vampire and have joined the Gratefulness-Vampire Social Club!

To help with the transition we, the official Vampire Club Committee, decided that we'll provide newcomers with this handy little guide, since we know that this new life can be rather unusual for some in the beginning.

Welcome to the Social Club!



We'd love to hear about your experiences and feedback you have: vampires@playvienna.com
 Our website: www.vampireclub.org
 On Social Media: [#vampireclub](https://twitter.com/vampireclub)

***You are now ready for your new adventure.
 Your new life begins now!***

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About Gratefulness-Vampires

Gratefulness-vampires are vampires that don't suck blood, they suck gratefulness.

In order to survive, you must create situations in which someone is grateful to you. You may also create these situations artificially. It is up to you how.

Once you have received enough gratefulness you are strong enough to turn someone into a gratefulness-vampire. See 'Getting Thirsty'. Choose wisely who you turn. Only turn someone, if you think they can bear the impending changes.

Club Rules

In the last years we made an effort to abandon old practices, as they sometimes created situations in which the ones we wanted to feast on, felt uncomfortable. So there are a few rules, that we must insist you don't break!

1. You have to be invited in.
2. Don't force gratefulness.
3. Be kind.
4. While on the hunt: Wear an item of the night.

Remember: Humans are not our enemies. We need them for sustenance.

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- ☐ **Attention:**
e.g. listen to someone tell you their life story
- ☐ **Give something you don't need:**
e.g. offer your seat, donate money, share your cookies
- ☐ **Help another lifeform:**
e.g. rescue a bee, help a plant grow
- ☐ **Presents:**
e.g. give a physical object, a small gesture of love
- ☐ **Knowledge:**
e.g. share knowledge, give directions, share a skill



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Difference Is Our Strength

Just as humans are different and wander different paths in life, there are also different vampires.

Everyone has their own style. This is the chance for you to be who you want to be, who you couldn't be as a human.

Don't want to dress in all black? - You can be a rainbow vampire!
Interested to explore your dark side but your head is all over the place? - Try a chaotic-evil alignment!

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A Note On Receiving Gratefulness

Whenever you feast on humans, you may show signs of it.

Slurping, licking your lips, etc. are all well-known humble ways to show you have quenched your thirst.
If you know a fellow vampire, you might tell them about your meal.

But don't do this it in front of your prey - you might look suspicious!



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Getting Thirsty!

With this comes also the time to talk about thirst and how to quench it.

We recommend feasting at least once a week. But you choose how often you get hungry.

And don't worry if you don't drink every day, you're already dead after all... (but maybe you will remain just a shadow of yourself, forever hungry and irritable until you manage to feast again.)



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Energy Meter

Once you feast a couple of times, you're strong enough to turn another being into a gratefulness-vampire.

Give them a sticker, or an extra booklet, if you have it, and let them join this exclusive club!

○ – ○ TURN
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(Mark with a pencil each time, you managed to drink/receive gratefulness. After filling up one meter you can turn someone of your choosing)

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Your Meal-Plan

(Here you can write down the next plans for your gratefulness sucking needs. Like a list of ideas and/or targets. Or keep track on past meals like a diary.)



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Your new self

Now for the fun part! The new you!

A place to draw yourself

A portrait of you as a vampire

Name:

Age:



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Your Meal-Plan

Dietary preferences are different for each individual. Some choices include:

- ☐ **Learning to cook:**
Observe: Sit in public space and just watch for a couple of minutes. Do you recognize someone who needs help? Observe and try to understand what the signs of a person in need are.
- ☐ **More hands are stronger:**
e.g. help carry something that seems heavy for that person
- ☐ **Help the physically impaired:**
e.g. cross the street, climb stairs, find the elevator, get off the bus
- ☐ **Inspire:**
e.g. support someone with words, send a message of love, cheer someone on

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Be Careful

Receiving the gratitude of other *vampires* often ends in indigestion. So don't prey on your fellow vampires. Helping each other is allowed, and of course you can try out new ideas or invent secret vampire handshakes anytime!

Not everybody might understand your circumstances. Be careful who you trust with the information about this club and its members. Being a vampire might mean that you encounter prejudices, especially from humans. So remember to be kind and follow our club rules.



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Understanding Gratefulness

From our reports we know, that humans usually don't learn how to deal with the help they receive from others. We know, saying 'thanks' is hard. A smile from a stranger might be all you receive. You must learn to judge for yourself, if someone is indeed grateful to you...

A mere "thanks" might not actually mean a person is thankful. Look into their eyes, do they actually mean it? Do you feel fuller?

Then you've received true gratefulness.



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Club insignia

To recognize other members of our social club outside of club events, we must insist that club members wear one „item of the night“ while they're out hunting. This can be anything, an accessory, jewellery, a piece of clothing, whatever you can think of.

It could for example include bats, the moon, or fangs, if you're going for something more vampy.



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