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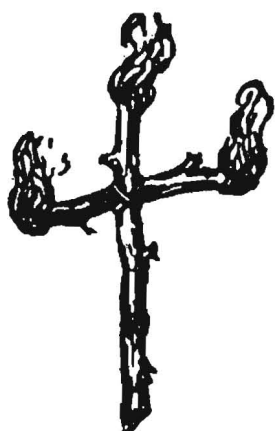


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THE COUNCIL

The council consists of the Officers of the Society, the former Chieftains, the Trustees and ten members-at-large appointed by the Chieftain for a three year term. The term of office ends at the adjournment of the annual Gathering of the year indicated.

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2003 – 2004

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John C. McGregor

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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Mr. Joseph C. Tichy Ceilidh

Mr. W. Clay McGehee

Mr. Louis D. Megehee

Mr. Joseph C. Tichy Bourbon Street Parade

Our very special thanks to Dan and Jo Megehee for making the members' boutonnieres, and to Dolores Rengert for making the rosettes for the Council members. As always, a sincere thanks and appreciation to our Pipe Band for their contribution to making this Gathering a memorable weekend.

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AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

COUNCIL MEETING — OCTOBER 17, 2003

The Council Meeting was called to order at 8:37AM on Friday, October 17, 2003 by ACGS Chieftain Jeffrey R. McGrego the invocation was given by Thaddeus G. Osborne.

The scribe made a motion to accept the Council minutes of the 93rd Annual Gathering as printed in the 2003 ACGS Annual Yearbook. No changes to the minutes were presented and Don Gregg seconded the motion as printed. The motion carried.

The Treasurer, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, presented his report noting that the estimated fiscal year total income was \$32,418 and estimated total expenses were \$44,531 giving a negative cash flow of \$12,113. The Treasurer noted that this was an interim report due to not having received all of the financial statements and that a final report would be published in the Yearbook.

During discussion Ron McGregor inquired when we would be making a donation to the Clan Gregor Society. It was reported by Sandy that we have asked and they don't need it right now, nothing's confirmed, and this money is just sitting there. Sandy noted he could send the money anytime the council would like that we have \$4,000 minus the \$1,000 we paid up front last year. The CGS has not received approval from all the governing bodies to proceed with the projects. The CGS is also looking into setting up a trust fund that this money could go in. It was noted that Sandy has been in correspondence via e-mail with Dr. Richard McGregor of the CGS on this matter and also Howard Grossnickle is in correspondence with Keith McGregor the CGS U.S. representative. Sandy has available handouts on the Dalmally stones project. Jeffrey called for blank pledge cards to be used at the General meeting and banquet, which Sandy noted he had none but John McGregor has a couple dozen.

A motion was made by Lillian Magruder to accept the Treasurer's report and John McGregor seconded. The motion carried.

The Registrar, William E. Tyler, III, presented his report noting that we had twenty-two new lineal members, two new associate members, three members converted to Life members, two reinstatements, and five junior members. A motion was made by Thaddeus Osborne to accept the Registrar's report and Lillian Magruder seconded. The motion carried.

The Historian, Tess James, presented her report that the society incurred seven deaths, two marriages, and one birth during the past year. A motion was made by Bill Tyler to accept the Historian's report and seconded by Dan McGehee. The motion carried.

The past Editor, Lillian Magruder, presented her report, that everyone should have received and are enjoying this year's yearbook. The new Editor elect, Dianne Gregg, was unable to attend due to other commitments.

The Scholarship report was presented by Hallam Walker who noted that he received ten applications during the year and made five awards. Five applications did not meet the basic requirements. The scholarship recipients are: Jonathan Grier of Grasonville, MD who will be attending Penn State, Seth Grier of Longwood, FL who will be attending Wheaton, Amanda McGregor of Fort Collins, CO who will be attending UNLV, Elizabeth Sivertsen of Alpharetta, GA who will be attending Emory, and Amelia Wood of Edina, MN who will be attending Barnard. Ron McGregor passed around a photograph and thank-you letter from Amanda. A motion was made by Ron McGregor to

accept the Scholarship report and seconded by Bill Tyler. The motion was accepted as presented.

The Trustees report was given by Joseph C. Tichy, who noted that the Treasurer covered the main point that the investments are \$36,000 higher than last year. The society's investment portfolio is being reshuffled to provide more money for the Blunt Scholarship fund. A motion was made by John McGregor to accept the Trustees report and seconded by Ron McGregor. The motion carried.

The Chancellor, Diana Browne, was called upon to present her insight towards John's question about holding a society meeting via e-mail. In the event that there's something that needs to be acted on between meetings, there is a procedure for getting consent, but unanimous consent of the members at a meeting, ; it can be done however by writing, mail, fax, or e-mail. It's not a meeting, so a quorum doesn't have any relationship to it, you send out something to all the members of either the council or committee involved saying resolve that whatever it is and signifying your approval by signing below and sending this back. Now you need everybody to agree to it. If it's something controversial or requires a bit of discussion this probably wouldn't work. It will work for basic stuff. Bill Tyler questioned if this was in the society's by-laws to which Diana replied it wasn't required because the society is incorporated in Washington, D.C. under who's whose corporate laws cover it. Bill also asked for clarity that if a proposal is sent out it must be unanimous to which Dianane noted the proposal doesn't have to be unanimous but the agreement must be unanimous. Everyone must be accounted for and in agreement. Anyone who doesn't respond must be further followed up on. A form format should be sent out for everyone to respond to.

The Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, gave his report noting that he just completed his first year in the position and anticipated a worse financial report from the Treasurer, but the disappointing news is on the membership. In the database we have 598 members listed, 44 are listed as couples and counted once so we should add 22 members giving us a membership figure of 620. Not all of the 620 are members in good standing the people who haven't paid their dues in two years should be suspended. There are 27 people in this category, reducing the figure from 620 to 593. As of this date there's a further 31 people who haven't paid in the last two years who should be removed from the list, that give us a total of 562, and I think that our current membership. These membership figures are provided on a list at the registration table for everyone to review. Also there are membership listings by zip code, alphabetical, state membership figures for a breakdown of each state, plus a map showing where the membership is coming from.

John stressed that the membership mailings are by-and-large uneventful, boring and time consuming. That this is a good time to give our past Assistant Chieftain a well deserved accolade for his dedication to this chore over the past quarter century. Most of us are unaware of the amount of time it takes and to this extent steps are being taken to reduce workload. It takes five hours to process the 600 copies and lately some 'student labor' has been employed for a remuneration of \$5.00 an hour.

A fair number of 'lost' members have been found through the U.S. Postal Service "Address Service" and the listing in the Ardchoille newsletter. Two online discussion groups were established in December 2002 and are working well but there's always more room for participation. We have not received any responses to the society's ads placed in the various

Scottish publications. Running these ads is a positive way to keep the society name out front but question their effect towards recruitment of new members.

John noted that the appropriate condolences and a floral tribute were conveyed to Lady MacGregor on behalf of the society. He expressed how saddened we all felt at the deaths of our Hereditary Chief Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor and also our past ACGS Chieftain Abbie Abbey W. Magruder, Jr..

John proceeded to announce that our next Gathering would be held the first weekend in October at the Marriott Hotel in Jacksonville, FL. The initial planning meeting has been set-up for November.

During discussion Joe noted that many other societies have the same membership problems as us and some inflate their numbers by counting all members of a family. Jeff proposed that we accept up front the prospective member's money and if their family genealogy submitted doesn't meet the requirements we return their check. Sandy noted that we spent \$440 on magazine ads and that the society previously discontinued most publication ads because of no response. He felt this was a good testing to see if we'd get any response. Bill noted that he receives inquiries in the form of letters and e-mails that likely originate from the Scottish publication ads. Bill noted that of the 65 active application records he has for this year, 34 were converted to members, this being 50 percent of the inquiries. This shows we are really contacting the interested people and they have to be interested to complete our genealogical application. Further suggestions on how to increase our membership while keeping the genealogical requirement are welcome.

A motion was made by Tess James to accept the Assistant Chieftain's report and seconded by Lillian Magruder. The motion carried.

Jeff recognized Dan Megehee, as head of the 94th Annual Gathering, to give some insight into this year's gathering. He stated that assistance will be needed to assemble the centerpieces following lunch on Saturday, that things are proceeding as planned with no major problems. We'll assemble for our parade on Saturday in the second block of Bourbon Street and promptly starting at 3:00PM proceed parading for four blocks taking approximately an hour. Assembling will be at the corner of Iverville and Bourbon Street. No DIRKs are allowed and as long as the sgian dhus are kept tucked in your hose and not messed with, the police likely will not say anything.

Jeffrey recognized past ACGS Chieftain George McGregor who relayed that Jim (R. James) McGregor past ACGS Chieftain attended the International Gathering in Scotland this summer with his brother. Jim extends his regards for not being able to make this year's Gathering. Jeff noted that past ACGS Chieftain Paul Gregg is also present for the Gathering but is saving his energy for the tour later.

The Chieftain, Jeffrey McGregor, stated he was going to save his remarks for the banquet but that he wanted to mention a couple of things. He was happy to represent the society at the Jacksonville Highland Games where we had lots of MacGregors present. Jeff thanked Bill Tyler and John McGregor for being so helpful throughout the year and to Joe Tichy for his help in the transition. A lot has happened behind the scene. Jeff heard from Carrington Ewell who was unable to join us as he has had some serious health problems and surgery performed.

No Librarian's Report was given due to the librarian Marshall V. Grier being

absent from the Gathering and no council member had received submittal of his report prior.

Unfinished Business:

1. Ron McGregor inquired about the status of a memo he submitted this past spring to the council on certain concerns and Malcolm MacGregor sent an e-mail to the members of the council making a proposal regarding a contingency fund. Joe Tichy commented he thought it was cancelled because it was redundant of what the Charity and Education fund does. According to Joe the existing C and E fund has taken care of that for years and is the society's contingency fund. With that Ron noted he'd wait till new business for further discussion.
2. Bill Tyler asked is business carried out over the Internet in other words via e-mail considered business of the council or is business of the council only official when the council is in session. Diane answered she didn't see why it wouldn't be considered official business of the council.
3. Sandy is looking to establish a procedure and policy manual to address each council position's responsibilities. He believes it should come through the Scribe who should publish it to the members of council and then we can reply back to him so that he has the record not just the various people. Sandy also thinks it should be followed up with a signed agreement.

New Business:

1. Ron McGregor made a motion that a policy be established which clearly states the procedures for disbursement of funds of up to \$500 from a Contingency or Emergency (Charity and Education) fund based upon approval of the Chieftain, Assistant Chieftain and Treasurer for society members on hard times. During discussion it was noted section II subsection b under Charity and Education Fund would be reworded to provide better understanding. Further clarity is needed as to the procedures of who to contact and who makes the decision about disbursement of funds. The motion was seconded and hearing no opposition the motion carried. Diane will send the revised change to the Chieftain, Assistant Chieftain, Treasurer, all Trustees, and Ron for review.

Bill brought up in discussion that the council is not involved directly in the change of the By-Laws. It is before the general membership who are the ones who get to vote. In other words if someone proposes a change to the By-Laws gets 10 signatures and gives it to the Chieftain. The Chieftain must present it to the membership and it is approved then. He's obligated to bring it before the general meeting. Bill noted following a number of conversations that the By-Laws are in need of rewriting because he's found several things specific to the registrar that don't work and procedures are not being followed because of tradition. Bill agrees with Sandy the By-Laws should be rewritten with the Policies and Procedures separated out. The By-Laws made a more substantial document, a document that would not require changing frequently. The whole thing should be rewritten and considered at one time.

2. John McGregor made the motion that 'We, the Council and General Membership of the American Clan Gregor Society, respectfully request that you become our Chief and in so doing, we pledge our loyalty to you and will honor you in this

position.' Upon your acceptance of this request, we consider the office to be filled and you will henceforth be acknowledged to as 'Our Hereditary Chief'. Lillian Magruder seconded the motion. The motion was seconded and no discussion followed. Hearing no opposition the motion carried.

3. John McGregor made a motion that the American Clan Gregor Society cordially invites Sir Malcolm Mac Gregor to be our honored guest on October 7th, 8th and 9th, 2004 at our annual Gathering to be held in Jacksonville, Florida with the financial discretion of the Chieftain, Treasurer, and Assistant Chieftain. During discussion it was noted that Sir Malcolm might already be in the States next year to attend the Stone Mountain Games and if so maybe we could split the expense with CGS to bring him here. Lillian Magruder seconded the motion. The motion was carried with one abstention.
4. Sandy MacGregor announced the MacGregor DNA Study being conducted by the Clan Gregor Society. FamilyTreeDNA out of Texas is handling the tests. The cost is \$171 and is about a \$25 savings compared to the Internet. Sandy recently had his done and his report is back if anybody would like to review it. Scott interjected that the 25-marker test is on the Y-chromosome, which is male only. Any females that would like to have it done would need a male relative of direct descent. In other words have the MacGregor or a recognized Sept surname. There is a Mitochondrial DNA test that both genders can take which shows the relation to the seven daughters of Eve but not to the Clan line.
5. John McGregor made a motion that a sum of money should be made available to assist the State Deputy Chieftains to acquire tent display material to enhance their tent facilities to the benefit of our whole society. Ron McGregor seconded the motion. During discussion Sandy noted that this was voted down in past years because \$100 is already being provided per games for tent space, that the society could not afford the cost, that no other Clan tents that he spoke with are provided funding for display items, and when the individual no longer handles the games the society purchased items tend to disappear. Howard asked Dianne if any expenses you might incur that aren't reimbursed for your tent to promote Clan Gregor would that be deductible as a charitable contribution to the 501(C)-3. Dianane responded she doesn't think so. Howard suggested comprising a list of tent expenses that an individual could deduct beyond the existing \$100. Thaddeus suggested doing away with the \$100 reimbursement and providing each state deputy with a flat figure to cover tent spaces and display items. After discussion Ron withdrew his second, then Randall Zimmerman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with four YES and twelve NO. The motion does not pass.
Sandy made a comment that he thought it was a great idea, if the interest rates go back up and we're back into a positive cash flow we should reexamine the matter.
6. Bill Tyler proposed we start looking into the cost of membership pins and do we want the By-Laws mandating providing new members with a pin. Two options were presented: 1) revise the By-Laws to omit the last sentence in Article IV Section II under "Initiation Fee" that reads, "The Fee includes a membership pin." or 2) raise the price of the initiation fee. A motion was made to change the By-Laws to remove the reference to the membership pin and was seconded by

John McGregor. The motion carried with two NO votes heard.

During discussion Bill noted he has enough pins to last him another year. Joe proposed that we raise the initiation fee to \$35 and collect just that when we accept the application and send them a dues notice later on for \$25. That way, they're not getting it all in one lump. Sandy noted that most new members don't have a problem with the money, they're just glad to have completed the genealogy requirement. Bill asked that this with all the options presented be addressed when the By-Laws are reviewed.

7. Ron McGregor made the motion that the ACGS Council should establish a Policies / Procedures Program. Said Policies / Procedures is to be written by the incumbents of each office. Once the Policies & Procedures are written they should be forwarded to the Council for review and approval. Upon approval the Scribe should retain the 'master copy' on file and provide each office holder a set of Policies / Procedures which they in turn would pass on to their successors when they leave office. Bill Tyler seconded the motion, which was then opened for discussion. Bill stressed the order to proceed should be to correct the By-Laws first and then develop the procedures. Sandy mentioned forming a committee to rework the By-Laws and develop the Policies & Procedures at the same time as not to create a conflict between the two. George mentioned that 10 or 12 years ago Lou MacGregor chaired a committee, which drafted procedures for the State Deputies Chieftains. He still has a copy that he can provide. It was a well done attempt to clarify their duties. The motion carried with one NO vote.
8. Ron McGregor proposed that the ACGS Council establish a Recognition Program. And, said the Recognition Program be a two-tiered one consisting of a Certificate of Recognition and a Certificate of Appreciation. The certificates to be of a size and design approved by Council.

The Certificate of Recognition is to be used to recognize individuals or organizations that have made a contribution beneficial to the American Clan Gregor Society, Clan Gregor, or the Scottish community in general. Said Certificate of Recognition is to be signed by two representatives of the ACGS. The first signature is to be that of the Chieftain. The second signature is to be that of the Society officer, Council member, or State Deputy Chieftain that requested the certificate.

The Certificate of Appreciation is to be used to recognize individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution beneficial to the American Clan Gregor Society, Clan Gregor, or the Scottish community in general. The Council to establish certain guidelines to be considered for this recognition. Said certificate is to be signed by the Chieftain upon approval of the majority of the Council.

During discussion it was noted that these certificates would not be presented without the prior approval of the ACGS Chieftain. Because of the size and complexity of this proposal Jeff made the motion that a committee be formed to devise the requirements for recognition, the structure for submittal, and the official design to be used. Lillian Magruder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Randall Zimmerman, Lillian Magruder, and Howard Grossnickle volunteered

to work on the committee.

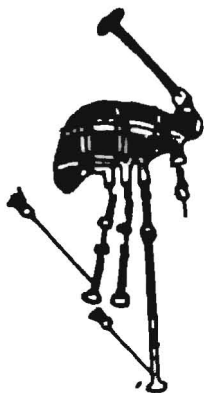
The Nominating Committee report was given by John McGregor due to because Malcolm MacGregor was being unable to attend due to illness. The 2004 slate of officers are as follows: Chieftain - Mr. Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., Ranking Deputy Chieftain - Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Scribe - Mr. Scott F. MacGregor, Registrar - Mr. William E. Tyler, III, Historian - Mrs. Russell James, Treasurer - Mr. Howard R. Grossnickle, Chaplain - Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Surgeon - Dr. Thomas N. McNish, Chancellor - Miss Diana Browne, Librarian - Mr. Marshall V. Grier, Editor - Mrs. Dianne Gregg, Piper - Mr. Gregory O'Brien, Trustees - E. Magruder Passano, Hallam Walker, and J.C. Tichy. A motion was made to accept the proposed slate of officers as presented. The motion carried.

Jeffrey R. McGregor, John C. McGregor, and Joseph C. Tichy were presented as the Nominating Committee for next year. A motion was made by Lillian Magruder to accept the nominating committee's slate of officers and was seconded by Don Gregg. The motion carried.

Jeff McGregor made the motion that John McGregor continues to hold the position of Assistant Chieftain. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Ron McGregor made the motion that the sub-phrase "pro- tem" be removed from the Chaplain description. The Chancellor reviewed the By-Laws and found no references that stated the Chaplain must be ordained to hold the position. Tess James seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business from the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jeffrey MacGregor. The motion was carried and the Chieftain declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20AM.



Respectively submitted,

Scott F. MacGregor

Scott F. MacGregor, Scribe

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.
94TH ANNUAL GATHERING – NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
GENERAL MEETING — OCTOBER 18, 2003



Attendees, Officers:

Jeffery R McGregor, ACGS Chieftain
John C. McGregor, Assistant Chieftain
Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr.,
Ranking Deputy Chieftain / Treasurer

Scott F. MacGregor, Scribe
Thaddeus G. Osborne, Chaplin / Ranking Deputy Elect
Howard R. Grossnickle, Treasurer Elect

ACGS Chieftain Jeffrey R. McGregor welcomed everyone to New Orleans and called the General meeting to order at 9:03AM on Saturday, October 18, 2003. Our Chaplin, Thaddeus G. Osborne, gave the invocation. Jeff then called for a moment of silence and remembrance for our hereditary Chief Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor.

Jeff noted the purpose of this meeting is to conduct the business of the society, this is one of the ways the membership finds out what is going on, not only through the newsletter, and through the website but also through the officer's reports given at the General meeting.

The Scribe, Scott F. MacGregor, read the minutes from the Council minutes held on Friday, October 17, 2003. Jeff proposed a motion to accept the minutes of the 93rd Annual Gathering General Membership meeting as published in the yearbook. The motion was seconded and with no further discussions, additions or deletions the motion was accepted. The motion carried.

The Treasurer, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, presented his report noting that last year we had ordinary income which is dues, sales items, etc. of \$20,186, interest in dividend income of \$10,232 and since all the bank statements are not in another \$2,000 is projected. Giving a total income of \$32,418. Our total expenses were \$44,531 leaving us a negative cash flow of \$12,113. We had no extra ordinary expenses last year. One of the things everybody asks about is how much dues do we take in, annual dues received last year \$9,500. Also last year we had an unrealized loss of \$8,840 whereas this year we're showing an unrealized increase \$27,538 so our investments have had a nice positive swing of \$36,423. This year our net worth is projected to be \$351,114 verses last year of \$325,551 this is an improvement of \$25,563. This figure is skewed a little by Gathering income and expenses that occur over two fiscal years. One of my pet projects is the preservation of MacGregor Antiquities and last year we passed out pledge cards. We have had 60 members so far make pledges, total pledges to date are \$18,065, and so far pledges paid are \$4,740. Anybody that would like to pledge to the antiquities project, I, I have some information about the antiquities is the Dalmally Stones project I have some brochures available. There will be a notice on the dues statement for pledges. Since I have the floor I'll mention one

MARRIAGES



Donald Wayne Garlitz and Lora Lee Steward were married on June 30, 2001 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The photo includes Don's children, Rachel & Nicholas. Don is the son of Lois Ann Garlitz (#2561), ACGS Deputy Chieftan for Utah.

Chris Gilbert



David Warren Gilbert (#2356) married Tara Joan Hayes on August 4, 2001 in Stevensville, MT. Chris is the son of Dave & Meg Gilbert of Maplewood, NJ.

The couple resides in Detroit, Michigan. Chris is a professional actor and Tara teaches English Literature at Wayne State University.

Garlitz-Stewart

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Tess James

BIRTHS

Ronald & Alice Shankland (No. 2471) are proud to announce the birth of their great granddaughter, Brady Vance Zuchowski born of September 28, 2003 and weighing 7lbs 6oz., 20_” long. The proud parents are Brian & Jodie Zuchowski, Blaine, MN and grandparents, David & Diane Zuchowski.

Elizabeth Wassell (No.2182) and John R. Wassell are proud to announce the birth of their second grandchild, Elizabeth Evelyn Staveley born on August 10, 2003 in Atlanta, GA. The proud parents are Elizabeth’s daughter, Susan Wassell Staveley, and son-in-law Robin Staveley. Last year, they announced the birth of their grandson.

DEATHS

FERNEYHOUGH, Ann, Clan No. 488LM

FERNEYHOUGH, Katherine, Clan No.202ALM died in 2001

MAGRUDER, ABBEY W. JR., Clan No. 1658LM died on August 23, 2003

WALKER, ROBERT M., Clan No. 2019LM

McGREGOR, LOLA MAE (1906-2003), mother of Carolyne J. McGregor-Long.

SHOEMAKER, FRANCIS D., Clan No. 1506 died on February 25, 2002

McCUDDIN, MARY ANN, Clan No. 2430 died on June 19, 2002

wife of Randall Haight; she the daughter of John Robert Davis (Clan # 2542) and Garnet Marguerite Luke Davis.

- 2750 KIRKPATRICK, Sara Catherine Isabelle Malone**, 4827 Crestridge Lane, NW, Cleveland, TN 37312; she the wife of Robert Kirkpatrick; she the daughter of Robert Hardin Malone, Jr. and Isabelle Brown Watkins; he the son of Robert Hardin Malone, Sr. and Sara Cathrine Magruder; she the daughter of Frank Hezekiah Magruder and Emma Johnston; he the son of Thomas Samuel Magruder and Jane Perry; he the son of Hezekiah Magruder and Mary Jones; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Martha Ellis; he the son of Ninian Beall Magruder and Rebecca Young; he the son of Samuel Magruder III and Margaret Jackson; he the son of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall.

Life Member

1798LM JERIC, Rita M., 8674 Crescent Beach Road, Pigeon, MI 48755.

2376LM TAYLOR, Louise E., 2501 Hackworth Street, Ashland, KY 41101.

2581LM MEGEHEE III, Louis Dan, 33 Sunset Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003-2818

Reinstatement

1195 MARTIN, JR, John Burruss, 134 Melba drive, San Antonio, TX 78216; he the husband of Jennifer Jo Martin.

2588 COREY, Linda Clark, 412 McCloud Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204.

Jr. Member

2004J TAYLOR, Meredith Grier, 3133 Basford Road, Frederick, MD 21703; she the daughter of Timothy Thomas Taylor and Rebecca Grier Taylor; he the son of Frederick Albert Grier III (Clan No 1926) and Virginia Horsman Grier.

2005J BOSCH, Arielle Eva, 3432 Crestview Way, Napa, CA 94558-5328; she the daughter of Milton K. D. Bosch (Clan No 2743) and Elizabeth A. Walker.

2007J TAYLOR, Adrienne Grier, 3133 Basford Road, Frederick, MD 21703; she the daughter of Timothy Thomas Taylor and Rebecca Grier Taylor; he the son of Frederick Albert Grier III (Clan No 1926) and Virginia Horsman Grier.

2007J BOSCH, Julius Milton, 3432 Crestview Way, Napa, CA 94558-5328; he the son of Milton K. D. Bosch (Clan No 2743) and Elizabeth A. Walker.

2010J BOSCH, Reuben Michael, 3432 Crestview Way, Napa, CA 94558-5328; he the son of Milton K. D. Bosch (Clan No 2743) and Elizabeth A. Walker.

- 2739 LEE, Alice Grier**, 6 Gina Drive, Washington, PA 15301; she the wife of Kevin Lee; she the daughter of Frederick Albert Grier, III (Clan No 1926) and Virginia Horsman Grier.
- 2740 LINKEY, Eleanor Maver**, 892 Berkeley Drive, Pensacola, FL 32503; she the wife of Ltjg Leon Andre Linkey; she the daughter of David Blair Maver, Jr and Mary Lucille Boyette; he the son of David Blair Maver and Anna Cecilia Bruhn; he the son of David Maver and Maria Blair; she the daughter of John Blair and Christine Pearson; he the son of William Blair and Christian MacGregor; she the daughter of John MacGregor and Margaret Miller.
- 2741 TAYLOR, Rebecca Grier**, 3133 Basford Road, Frederick, MD 21703; she the wife of Timothy Thomas Taylor; she the daughter of Frederick Albert Grier, III (Clan No 1926) and Virginia Horsman Grier.
- 2743 BOSCH, Milton K. D.**, 3432 Crestview Way, Napa, CA 94558-5328; he the husband of Elizabeth Anne Walker; he the son of Julius Wingrave Bosch and Sallie Adelle Drane; she the daughter of Walter Earl Drane and Rubye Belle Waller; he the son of Hiram Walter Drane (Clan # 639) and Sallie Anne Hayward.
- 2744 WALKER, Susan Elizabeth**, 5520 Park Place, Edina, MN 55424; she the wife of William Brent Stahl; she the daughter of Hallam Walker (Clan No. 2366) and Catherine N. Walker.
- 2745 JONES, Karen Elizabeth**, 24 Anderson Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084; she the daughter of Robert McAllister Jones and Lucille Powell Jones; he the son of George Benton Jones and Virginia Beth Reynolds; she the daughter of Jacob Monroe Reynolds and Henreitta Short; she the daughter of George Bright Short and Sarah Elizabeth Thrift; she the daughter of Andrew Jackson Thrift and Minerva Jane Hawkins; he the son of Samuel Magruder Thrift and Sarah Fleming Cowan; he the son of Charles Thrift and Elizabeth Offutt; she the daughter of William Offutt and Elizabeth Jackson Magruder.
- 2746 WALKER, Stephen W. H.**, 675 Ashford Ct, Benicia, CA 94510; he the husband of Joanne G. Allen; he the son of Hallam Walker (Clan No. 2366) and Catherine N. Walker.
- 2747 DAVIS, Meghan Joline**, 6610 Dover St, Oakland, CA 94609; she the daughter of John Robert Davis (Clan # 2542) and Garnet Marguerite Luke Davis.
- 2748 GRAY, Eleanor Humes**, 415 Painted Hills, Martinsville, IN 46151-8678; she the wife of Wayne Lewis Gray; she the daughter of Robert Thompson Humes and Mabel June Clark; he the son of Otto Elmer Humes and Catherine "Kate" Frazee; she the daughter of Benjamin F. Frazee and Ruth Thompson; she the daughter of John Philips Thompson and Priscilla Gregg; she the daughter of Joseph Gregg and Cynthia Lewis; he the son of Amos Gregg and Priscilla Gregg; she the daughter of Samuel Gregg (father of Priscilla Gregg) and Elizabeth M. Alfred; he the son of Thomas Gregg and Unk; he the son of David Gregg and Unk; he the son of David MacGregor / Gregg and Unk.
- 2749 HAIGHT, Holly Joanna Davis**, 716 6th St SW, Rochester, MN 55902; she the

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Associate Member

- 2738A GRIER, Virginia Horsman**, 1703 Gruenther Ave, Rockville, MD 20850; she the wife of Frederick A. Grier III (Clan No 1926).
- 2742A MCGREGOR, Ena Julia Blackwood**, 303 Cherrywood Lane, Edgewater, FL 32132; she the wife of John C. McGregor (Clan No 2379).

Member

- 2729 KIRBY, James Thornton**, 111 Santee Trail, Clemson, SC 29631; he the son of James Moore Kirby and Charlotte Glenn Ogden; he the son of George Creswell Ogden and Mary Lillian Peters (Clan # 1096).
- 2730 SANDERFIELD, Troy T.**, 805 S. Livingston St, Bloomington, IL 61701; he the husband of Jenny L. Thurman; he the son of Jerry Sanderfield Jr and Margaret Sanderfield (Clan# 2253).
- 2731 GRIER, Donald E.**, 1315 W. Jarrettsville Rd, Forrest Hill, MD 21050; he the husband of Elizabeth C. Hartman; he the son of Marshall George Grier and Isabella Moncreiffe Zink. Brother of John A. Grier (Clan# 2243).
- 2732 MCGREGOR, Ian J.**, 303 Cherrywood Lane, Edgewater, FL 32132; he the husband of Patricia Clute; he the son of John C. McGregor (Clan No 2379) and Ena Blackwood; he the son of Willaim McGregor and Helen Charteris; he the son of James B. McGregor and Jane Culver; he the son of Willaim C. McGregor and Mary Barr; he the son of Thomas McGregor and Margaret Calquhoun.
- 2733 OSBORNE, Robert Sampson**, 45 Pine Place, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-4234; he the husband of Paula Franke; he the son of Robert Grier Osborne and Marmie Osborne. Brother of Thaddeus Grier Osborne (Clan# 1929).
- 2734 SLOAN, Nancy L. Harten**, 2107 Tobago Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33905; he the husband of Donald K. Sloan; he the son of Hugh MacGregor Harten and Leanna E. Wise; he the son of George Howard Harten and Mary Eva Markwick; she the daughter of Robert Markwick and Agnes Dickson; she the daughter of John Dickson and Catherine McGregor; she the daughter of Alexandor McGregor and Kittie Hawley.
- 2735 MCGEE, MacGregor Lambert**, 273 Oak Hill Drive, Franklin, NC 28734; he the son of William L. McGee, Jr and N. Cynthia Lambert McGee (Clan No 1458).
- 2736 GRIER IV, Frederick A.**, 6597 Insignia Court, Centerville, VA 20121; he the husband of Maria del Rosario Padilla; he the son of Frederick Albert Grier, III (Clan No 1926) and Virginia Horsman Grier.
- 2737 GRIER, Michael Joseph**, 3424 Hickory Ave, Baltimore, MD 21211; he the husband of Lou Ann Wright; he the son of Donald E. Grier and Elizabeth C. Hartman; he the son of Marshall George Grier and Isabella Mincreiffe Rink. Nephew of John A. Grier (Clan# 2243).

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

	2001/02	2002/03	DIFFERENCE
ASSETS	\$	\$	\$
Cash - Checking Accounts			
Wachovia Bank, Smithfield, Va.	9,483.98	2,087.69	
First Bank, Southern Pines, N.C.	98,244.88	8,883.65	
Quick & Reilly Money Market Account	12,311.93	98,779.85	
Total Cash in Checking Accounts	<u>\$ 120,040.79</u>	<u>\$ 109,751.19</u>	<u>\$ (10,289.60)</u>
Cash - Savings Accounts			
General Fund Invested Assets	8,426.88	9,672.44	
Special Account Fund	8,642.22	9,877.77	
Marshall Magruder Library Fund	5,380.96	6,048.59	
Charity & Education Fund	13,490.17	14,173.91	
Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund	8,526.47	11,254.68	
Total Cash in Savings Accounts	<u>\$ 44,466.70</u>	<u>\$ 51,027.39</u>	<u>\$ 6,560.69</u>
Short Term Investments			
Quick & Reilly Investment Account	169,883.95	181,333.77	
Unrealized Profit/Loss on Q & R Equities	(8,840.15)	6,543.71	
Total Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 161,043.80</u>	<u>\$ 187,877.48</u>	<u>\$ 26,833.68</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 325,551.29</u>	 <u>\$ 348,656.06</u>	 <u>\$ 23,104.77</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>			
There are no outstanding liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>
 Total Net Worth 9/30/02	 <u>\$ 325,551.29</u>		
 Total Net Worth 9/30/03		<u>\$ 348,656.06</u>	
 Net Difference			<u>\$ 23,104.77</u>

Note:
An estimated value for tangible assets, such as the collection at the University of Baltimore Library, inventory of tent sale items, inventory of old yearbooks, and other miscellaneous items, is not included in the above net worth figures.


Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., Treasurer

in the afternoon.

Sandy announced the State Deputies meeting will be in the same room, 15 minutes after the general meeting concludes. Don't forget the Dalmally stones and DNA study literature available.

Hearing no further business from the floor, Jeff entertained the motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. Hearing no opposition the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25AM.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott F. MacGregor".

Scott F. MacGregor, Scribe

years later finds two hundred of us strong representing the thousands of MacGregors around the world in the castle and also for the first time in history the Clan Gregor standard was flying over the royal castle. Aye, MacGregor Despite Them!

Ron had a little piece of interest, a few years ago he was down in an area of Denver where they have a lot of antique shops, and where he came across this interesting little item that was for sale for \$3. He took it home and placed it in a drawer. After a few months he took it out and the light revealed something on the back of it. Ron proceeded to read it "Jazz R. McGregor" and weeks after that he made mention to a member of our society and lo and behold his great grandfather was Jazz R. McGregor who came from Nebraska down to Denver to be treated for consumption. It belongs to Howard Grossnickle and if he doesn't mind it I will be passed it around. Howard noted that there's a key inside that locks it. Ron replied yes, that's so typical of MacGregors. It's the only sporran that locks and Ron can imagine Jazz R. McGregor needing to pay a token to get on the bus, reaches in pulls it outpulls out the key, unlocks it, and takes a token out. Jeff noted that faith is really a remarkable thing.

Jeff mentioned that while we're on the subject of books another author is present, Shirley, whose first book is the "New MacGregors". Sandy also reported that another member of the society, Laurin Wittig, is a recently published women's romance novelist with her first book, "The Devil of Kilmartin", set in Scotland. Joe noted that she's the granddaughter of, D. Neal Magruder, one our past Chieftains.

Jeff noted we are now going to move on to the election of officers, obviously one of the most important things that we'll do this morning so that will be presented by our Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor. John taking the floor noted that Malcolm MacGregor would normally handle this as chairman of the nominating committee. But Malcolm had a stroke a couple weeks prior, was briefly hospitalized, and now on home rest so he was unable to attend. The 2004 slate of officers presented are: Chieftain - Mr. Robert F. MacGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain - Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Scribe - Mr. Scott F. MacGregor, Registrar - Mr. William E. Tyler, III, Historian - Mrs. Russell James, Treasurer - Mr. Howard R. Grossnickle, Chaplain - Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Surgeon - Dr. Thomas N. McNish, Chancellor - Miss Diana Browne, Librarian - Mr. Marshall V. Grier, Editor - Mrs. Dianne Gregg, Piper - Mr. Gregory O'Brien, Trustees - E. Magruder Passano, Hallam Walker, and J.C. Tichy. The Nominating Committee presented for 2004 are: Jeffrey R. McGregor, John C. McGregor, and Joseph C. Tichy. Jeff then asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none he entertained the motion to accept the nominations as presented. The motion was made and seconded with no further discussion from the floor. Hearing no opposition to the motion, the motion carried.

The next order of business was the nominating committee which John had already read to the membership. Jeff then asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none he entertained the motion to accept the nominations as presented. The motion was made and seconded with no further discussion from the floor. Hearing no opposition to the motion, the motion carried.

To that long list of people Jeff offered his congratulations. We will have a formal ceremony at the banquet for the new Chieftain. You don't want to miss it.

Joe reiterated where we will be forming up for the parade down Bourbon Street

Jeff thanked John then proceeded with his Chieftain remarks, which he's really saving his address for the banquet so we can keep this meeting moving along. Wanted to wait until this point, to just point out what a great relationship and what a job John McGregor and Bill Tyler have developed. There are so many things occurring behind the scene that I don't have time to tell you about. It's a wonderful group of people; it's been my pleasure during the past three years to work with the old and new officers. The new Chieftain is in for a real treat because he's got great support from an officer's standpoint. We've got some wonderful things coming ahead of us; one big thing is the hundredth anniversary, yes that's not so far away. We're six years away and that will just fly by and we're going to have a big bash for that so we need to save up a lot of money because we're going to spend more money on that one. Mark your calendar. Jeff had the pleasure and honor to represent the society at the Jacksonville Highland Games this past year. They were very gracious and even provided a basket of items, which the MacGregors present proceeded to open and consume the bottles of liquor. It was a great opportunity of course for the society to shine and go out and around to all the tents to shake hands and say hello. Jeff called for a round of applause for Dan and Josephine Megehee being the pivotal people for all they did to make this Gathering a big success. Organizing a Gathering is no cakewalk and another individual to recognize is the Assistant Chieftain Joe Tichy, this is his last one and a round of applause was given. John McGregor will be the main cog in organizing next year's Gathering and the foreseeable future. Joe made the comment that he no longer has to spend 20 hours a week on the Clan he has to. John then thanked Joe. Jeff stressed it's a worthy cause and one would be awarded one day.

Jeff called for any unfinished business from the floor and opened it to the general membership. A question was raised about recognizing the claim of Prince Michael and if the society had a stance. A brief discussion followed concluding with nothing official was being done by this organization at this time.

With no further unfinished business from the floor Jeff called for any new business from the floor and opened it to the general membership. Ron McGregor announced a new video that's come out in the two to three months and is the "MacGregors – Children of the Mist" with an intro by Sir Malcolm, which indicates how new it is. It's an excellent video that covers the history of our Clan. It covers the battle of Glen Fruin with re-enactors doing the scene. You can order it but make sure if you order from Scotland you get the U.S. format otherwise you won't be able to see it. I got a copy and I'm sure some of the other members who were over there in Scotland also got copies and will agree with me that it's an excellent one. My personal opinion is that it is quite worthy of being in every home of every MacGregor. Another item is a book that just came out titled "Rob Roy's Country" written by Mary MacGrigor and the photographs were done by Sir Malcolm and the intro or forward to it was written by none other than Dutchess of Argyll. It is also an excellent book.

Ron also mentioned for R. James MacGregor the signification of this year in that 1603 the Battle that brought the proscription against our Clan. In Scotland it turns out there are more people in the United States interested in their heritage then there is there. It was so important when we went to Scotland that the banquet was in Stirling Castle. The same place that King James was when he signed the fire and sword document to wipe off every MacGregor from the face of the earth. Four hundred

By-Laws refer to “members in good standing” and members in good standing means you have to be up to date with your dues. We have 27 who haven’t kept up their dues and their past two years behind so they have to be deducted from that figure and as of this day because our membership runs from October to October there’s another 31 are now delinquent and they should be subject to suspension as of this time. This brings our membership figure down to 562. The people who are delinquent in their dues will be sent a letter stating they are beyond the two years delinquent and they have to catch up or be removed from the active status. These membership figures are provided on a list at the registration table for everyone to review. They are broken down by state as shown on the map, alphabetical listing and listing by zip code so you can see the membership figures in several different ways.

John also looks at the membership mailings such as the dues notices, newsletters, the other letters and things like that. The mailings are kind of uneventful, boring and time consuming job which I didn’t realize how involved it was when I took it on. Averaging 30 seconds per letter to stuff the envelope, add mailing label and postage it takes roughly five hours to process the 600 copies. Last year a student was hired at \$5.00 to help and that was really a great benefit. A fair number of ‘lost’ members have been found through the U.S. Postal Service “Address Service” and the listing in the Ardchoile newsletter.

At the beginning of last year John set up two online discussion groups; one for the Council and one for the State Deputy Chieftains and we had a lot of traffic on both online services. We discuss things of mutual interest and its been working really well. A positive response was received from the general membership. A lot of people were wondering why they were receiving the Scottish Banner without ordering or paying for it. It was an arrangement John made with the editor and the free issues have run out, future issues you’ll pay for. Further on membership at the Games the guest book has a column for people to check if interested in membership. A couple of years ago at the Grandfather Mountain Games we had 29 prospects and a personalize letter was written to each. The response was zero. It was disappointing but not giving up another attempt was made this year with 42 prospects and again zero response. John is concerned that were not doing the right thing to attract new membership. We advertised in both the Scottish Banner and the Highlander magazine and John has not received any responses from either towards membership. Bill has pointed out we do get indirect responses and it does keep our name out in front so people can then contact us at some later time. I would like some ideas on how we can attract more members. So anyone with ideas by all means get in touch with me.

John proceeded to announce that our next Gathering would be held October 7th, 8th, and 9th, at the Marriott Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. We have a good relationship with them through the annual Games held in the area each year. The initial planning meeting has been set-up for November. We’re also invited our new Chief Sir Malcolm and we should have a good crowd at the Gathering.

Bill Tyler stressed that once you’re a member of the society you’re a member for life. They may not be active and if you become inactive what it requires is one-year back dues and the current year dues, so \$50 to reinstate you. It may be worthwhile to run a notice in the newsletter if you know any inactive members. The only time we really wipe you out is when you pass on to the great beyond.

as possible by January and no later than February. Particularly pictures because of the time needed to sort through and determine which ones to use. I hope everyone received their yearbook this year and that you were pleased with them. I have truly enjoyed all the years that I've been the editor and I thank you for that.

Joe reminded everyone that the society has three Donald Greggs and the Dianne, our new Editor, is married to Donald W. Gregg of Atlanta, Georgia.

Jeff thanked Lillian and went on that he's in the same position as Lillian in that his term as Chieftain is ending. He further went on to show Lillian how much we all enjoyed her yearbooks by leading the room in a large round of applause.

Jeff asked our Newsletter Editor, Ronald "Ron" McGregor to give a few words because it's a very important tool to the society. Ron took the floor and noted, as in the past it's always feast or famine with entries. One of the things that helped us out is that last year I thought about contacting specific members of the society and ask them to accept a quest on behalf of the society and to do some research. Jerry Magruder did the research on the blockade-runner "Rob Roy" from the Civil War days. He's still looking forward to receiving input not only from the general membership but also more specifically from the officers of the society that we can include in our newsletter, which is three times a year. The next one is due out in March. That way we could have a better understanding what our officers are doing on our behalf.

Jeff thanked Ron for an excellent job. This is a big undertaking to manage a newsletter this is not a small task. With a round of applause Jeff thanked Ron for all his efforts and dedication to the newsletter.

Jeff called upon Hallam Walker to present the Scholarship report. He noted that the committee received ten applications and five awards were made. We're very gratified with the increased interest. Five applications did not meet the basic requirements in that they were either not first year college students or children of members. The recipients were all highly qualified and we're please to announce the following: Jonathan Grier of Grasonville, MD who will attending Penn State, Seth Grier of Longwood, FL who will be attending Wheaton, Amanda McGregor of Fort Collins, CO who will be attending UNLV, Elizabeth Sivertsen of Alpharetta, GA who will be attending Emory, and Amelia Wood of Edina, MN who will be attending Barnard. A question was asked from the floor concerning the Edward May Magruder medical scholarship at the University of Virginia and the John Canon Magruder nursing scholarship. Hallam responded that they're handled entirely through the medical facilities at the University of Virginia. It was then noted that it's too bad more Clan members don't apply for them, that if they don't know about them they won't apply. Ron McGregor suggested placing a notice in the newsletter to make more members aware of these scholarships availability to society members.

The Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, gave his report noting that one of the things that he looks at is the membership numbers and we've recently set up a database where we have everything on a computer and work mainly with Bill Tyler the Registrar. The program is set up where all the data is continually updated as people change their address. The dues statements are generated from there. We're trying to do as much automated stuff as we possibly can. We have currently 598 members listed on the database, of that some are Mr. and Mrs. so that's actually two people under one listing. So we have to take this 598 and the 44 listed, as couples must be split that and add 22 on there so that would give us 620. However our

other thing the Clan Gregor Society is doing: a DNA study to correlate you to see how you fit into the MacGregor DNA pattern. The form and information is available with a saving of about \$25 when done through the Clan Gregor Society. I also have received my DNA report back and I think Ron McGregor is in it and he also might be willing to talk with you. The cost is \$171 for the 25-marker test. That's including shipping and handling. The 12-marker test, which they don't recommend, is \$99. A complete copy of the financial report is available to anyone who'd like one.

Jeff thanked Sandy and noted that from the magnitude of his report that the officers put a lot of time and effort into this. I know we worked really hard yesterday morning in our meeting. Jeff asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was made and seconded. With no further discussion and no opposed votes, the motion carried.

Jeff explained that the Board of Trustees report is sort of incorporated in the Treasurer's report so Joseph wasn't really necessary to come up and give a formal Trustee's report so we'll just move along. Joe was called away to address hotel business about the Gathering.

The Registrar, William E. "Bill" Tyler, III, presented his report noting that this year we had a total of 32 new associate members, lineal members, life member conversions, reinstatements, and junior members. Bill proceeded to recognize the new members by reading aloud their names and hometowns. He asked that any who are present please stand and be recognized. Associate member Ena MacGregor of Edgewater, Florida and new Life member Louise E. Taylor of Ashland, Kentucky were present.

Jeff then directed everyone's attention to a little map of the United State with little number tabs that show how many members are in each state. After the meeting venture over and see how many members there are from your state. The state with the most members is Virginia but not too far behind is Florida. If your state's number is not too big, you have some work to do out there.

The Historian, Tess James, presented her report noting the loss of Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor. She proceeded to read aloud the names of members and family who have died, were married, or born during the year. Two additional births were announced from the floor. Tess stressed to everyone to provide her this vital information prior to the Gathering so she may include it in her report.

Jeff mentioned for those people not at the Memorial service yesterday that we had a very moving and wonderful memorial service with some special thoughts shared about Abbie Magruder and our Chief. Jeff thanked Thaddeus for personalizing the service as he did.

The Editor, Lillian Magruder, presented her report, jesting to this Scribe that she still holds the position until the election, in reference to when the minutes were read and she was referred to as past editor. Lillian could not give specific information since we'll be electing a new editor, but she knows Dianne would appreciate any pictures taken at this Gathering, plus any pictures taken at the different Highland Games around the country, and I know she'll appreciate your name and address on the back if you want the pictures returned. Dianne would appreciate getting any information you have as soon as she can, because it's very difficult to put out a yearbook if you get all the information at the last minute. So try to get your information into Dianne as early

and American Clan Gregor Society to promote MacGregors globally. In my current leadership positions, for both ACGS and CGS, I very much look forward to working with him, as possible. His speeches at the Banquet/Stirling and AGM were overwhelmingly well received. During the Gathering, it was terrific to see everyone again, especially, Lady Fanny. And, indeed, it was my great pleasure to meet many wonderful Gregors from various locales/countries with whom I have chatted via e-mail and/or corresponded with over the years, but had never met in person. At the AGM, I again expressed greetings on behalf of both CGS & ACGS Western USA. Hopefully, I have represented us in a proper fashion, and feel extremely privileged to do so. All in all, suffice it to say, I came away from this trip with a good feeling towards our future.

After the AGM, Crieff, Sir Malcolm graciously signed the book, "Rob Roy's Country," authored by Mary McGrigor, including photographs by himself, which I had purchased at the Rob Roy Centre, Callander. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to acquire the above-mentioned book, "Rob Roy's Country." I highly recommend it, as it is getting excellent reviews. Also, the video movie, "The MacGregors 'Children of the Mist' The Clan History" is very good! In fact, Sir Malcolm gives a foreword in it. This solves the earlier mystery I had with a person by the name of Jemma Thow, who emailed me and was asking about American MacGregor history. I have since learned she works for the movie company, and is a terrific lady. You can preview a purchase of this movie by going to: ClanGregorWest.com, the website of Western USA Chapter/CGS. Please note this website is new and still under construction, however, is gaining momentum. We welcome all to visit it.

2003 Annual Report for Colorado

Submitted by Ronald McGregor

March - With the receipt of this year's ACGS Yearbook I was a bit surprised to learn that I had been appointed to the Council. 'Surprised' because I had not been offered the position, though I would have accepted if asked. On March 31, I received word from the CGS of the death of our Chief. Over the next few days I was very busy sending out and responding to emails to fellow clansmen around the country, and publishing a special newsletter to our Colorado clansmen regarding the passing of Sir Gregor.

April - On April 6th, Howard Grossnickle (ACGS #2638) and I represented ClanGregor in the annual Tartan Day ceremonies at our state Capitol.

May - The eleventh annual Kiowa Celtic Festival was held in Kiowa, Colorado. Howard Grossnickle of the ACGS hosted Clan Gregor tent. These games continue to grow each year and now there is even more incentive for the clans to make a good showing there.

I forwarded an application for a Harry and Edith Bluntschli scholarship submitted by Amanda McGregor, daughter of Patrick and Lorri of Ft. Collins, Colorado. I was proud to endorse the application of this fine young lady and was thrilled to learn that she was awarded the scholarship.

On May 17th the new constituted Clan Gregor Pipe Band won the Scottish National Championship in Grade II competition. And, the Clan Gregor Drum Corps won their Scottish National Championship.

June - I completed another issue of the Ard Choille newsletter and submitted it to John McGregor. I continue to be somewhat frustrated by not receiving more articles

2003 Annual Report for California

Submitted by Carolyn J. McGregor-Long

I would very much like to thank my good kinsman, Ron McGregor, Colorado, for hand-carrying this report for 2003 to the AGM, along with my sincere best wishes. As circumstances would have it, I am, again, unable to attend our annual meeting.

In regards to the death of my dear mother, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you, who so generously gave condolences and prayers during this most difficult time. She was born Lola Mae White to William Henry and Mary Jane Campbell White (MacGregor connection), on 9 February, 1906, Indian Territory, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She married my dad, Armon Royce McGregor, in 1925. They had four children, and shared 51 wonderful years together. He preceded her in death in 1976. She quietly passed from this life 30 August, 2003, at the age of 97 and a half. She was the matriarch of her family; she was also my best friend and confidant, and my constant companion for many years. She is greatly missed.

Thus far, this year has proven good for Clan Gregor here in Western USA. Attendance at the various games has been favorable, and enthusiasm is high. I'm pleased to say my husband, Doyle, and I were able to attend the CGS Gathering 2003, Scotland. The Gathering was spectacular! Although, our stay was brief compared to many others, we were happy to have such a grand experience. Prior to the Gathering, I was asked by The Clan Gregor Society to reply to a toast to the American Clan Gregor Society, during the Banquet, held in the Chapel Royal of Stirling Castle, Stirling. Indeed, this was an incredible honor. For those of you who were not in attendance, I am including my short speech for your review:

"Thank you, Mr. President, Lady Fanny, Our Chief, Chairman, Secretary, Ladies, Gentlemen & Wee Highlanders of the Gregorach.

In this historic room, where on 9 September 1543, the young Queen Mary of Scots was crowned; it is my extraordinary honor, on behalf of the American Clan Gregor Society, and ALL MacGregors of the New World, to bring you greetings, as we share together this ancient heritage.

To our absent Friends – we know you are with us in mind and spirit. Clearly, we wish you could be here to enjoy in the fellowship of this our clan.

Lastly, may we hold dear to heart, honored memories of those souls departed from us since last gathering, especially our beloved past Chief, Sir Gregor.

MacGregor, Despite them"

The weather was not altogether favorable that evening, as it poured down rain. Everyone seemed to survive, looking totally magnificent in formal dress, albeit, a wee damp. It was truly a stellar evening, which included the Clan Gregor Pipe Band and the fact that the Chief's Standard flew, with the other flags, above the castle gates. What an historical moment for our people!

While in Scotland, we had the good fortune to stay at Earnknowe, Lochearnhead (individual cottages), as did our extended family members from California, Robert and Carolynn Black Stoops, and several other MacGregor families. This arrangement turned out to be a total delight. Doyle and I could not attend all of the scheduled tours, etc.; however, did attend the Killin Games, where our Chief officiated. I can say with confidence, having had the distinct honor to meet Sir Malcolm, I feel he will work equally with The Clan Gregor Society

REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS

2003 Annual Report for Alabama

Submitted by Jean (MacGregor) Simon

First games attended were the Tennessee Valley Scottish Games in Madison, Alabama, a suburb of Huntsville, at Dublin Park, on 21 June 2003. These were relatively small games. Second games attended were the Alabama Highland Games at the Shakespeare Festival Park in Montgomery, Alabama on 27 September 2003. The weather was quite cooperative for both games, and the crowds in Montgomery were quite heartening, despite the rather intense heat. We distributed our literature and sold the clan merchandise. The new ACGS glasses were all sold out.

The Oak Games in Pelham, Alabama were cancelled twice this year, due to illness of the organizers. We hope that there will be some games for the Birmingham region, if not in Pelham, next year.

Due to the ACGS Gathering in New Orleans, we were not able to attend the Stone Mountain Games and help our fine clansman, Donald Gregg, SDC Georgia. We hope that will not reoccur next year. These games are a family affair for the undersigned who has close family in Atlanta, Georgia.

I had my father, the late Dr. Judson Stewart MacGregor's direct male line DNA analyzed by Family Tree DNA, Texas, at the University of Arizona, thanks to my first cousin, Harold Glenn MacGregor, called Glenn, of Waltham, Massachusetts. The results of his DNA opened up a new line of MacGregors in my highly saturated tree. Glenn and I have 3 different lines of MacGregors. The analysis revealed that my direct male line of MacGregors is apparently Glencarnaig, a high resolution "exact match" with our new chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, in addition to my known Roro and Glengyle lines.

I urge any of you who have not had your MacGregor line DNA analysis done to do so.

The sample must be submitted by a male surnamed MacGregor, or your male relative surnamed MacGregor or sept name. Because the MacGregor or Clan Gregor Y chromosome is passed from father to son. For females, you need a male relative surnamed MacGregor to submit the DNA.

We firmly believe that we MacGregors, despite them, shall flourish forever!

did. He played on the ramparts of Doune castle while we were over there and from the pointed roof top banister of Sir Walter Scott's home. That's four stories off the ground. We started a routine at that time of using the pipes to signal our group that it was time to load the buses. Well after the Tartan Ball the group of us who were running the show were getting ready to leave the civic center at midnight and go back to our hotel. There were about a dozen of us including Bill, so Bill stroke up Scotland the Brave and we turned it into a little parade. Twelve of us paraded down Georges Street at two-thirty in the morning behind this bagpipe. We were not surprised when Bill marched us right into the lobby of the Georges Hotel to be confronted by the night clerk and two little old ladies. They were awakened by the pipes, which meant they had overslept and were late for the buses. Without looking at their watches they hastily packed their bags and rushed down to the lobby just in time to see us march in.

I sold my company and faced with a horrible seventy percent tax bracket and now I was pondering. Well I finally decided to donate some real estate, which I appreciated, so I donated it to the society. We sold it and the payments coming every month gave our cash flow some welcome relief. But suddenly things really accelerated and were just phenomenal. The buyer decided to pay off the loan in one lump sum payment. Then we got another request. Then Harry Blunt died and Edith Blunt died and we started talking about starting a scholarship for children of members in their names. So we asked for donations and the response was astounding to us. We suddenly had almost \$30,000 to start the fund. Now remember, we had \$5,000 from Jamie, \$15,000 from me, another \$5,000 from somebody else, and another \$10,000 from somebody else. It wasn't really any large donations but we started the Blunt fund. Then another sizable request started the scholarship at the University of Virginia and an endowment at Randolph-Macon Women's College. Another one paid \$10,000 to it and all together we're talking about a quarter million dollars coming into the society. It's just amazing. Except for the Blunt fund now we did not ask for any of the money. It came from the hearts and the souls of the people who deeply cared about the MacGregors, the heritage and this society. You'll notice we have not squandered it and have put it to work to improve people's lives. I was talking to a man named Bill Warwick from Ohio at the International Gathering of MacGregors in 1992 he was a member of Clan Gregor Scotland and he said to me "You people are all about the United States but you haven't done a damn thing over here." Well I gently told him of the big trip in 1975 when we visited the church of Balquhider for a service. We found out they had to repair the roof and had no money for it. We spread the word and during the service the ushers had to empty the collection plates six times and when it was over they had enough money to replace the roof. Bill joined our society. That's what we're all about, caring and proud of it. You know it's ironic that the first request came from a MacGregor, Jamie Weir. All the rest of this money came from Magruders. The Magruder families however are beginning to diminish in number. The MacGregors started coming into the society about forty years ago and their numbers are growing. And I am very, very confident that they'll pick up the torch and carry it into the future. I thank you for your attention and I would also like to thank the hundreds of people who have helped me in doing thirty Gatherings and the hundreds of people who have worked diligently to make this the best society in the world. Someone said to me recently that you've been in office longer than anyone in the history of the society. I said he was wrong; I served twenty-eight one-year terms. Which I think is a very big compliment. Now that I have retired however, I will have much more time researching "Sex and the Single Woman".

a little apartment in Washington D.C. So when Harry wanted to pick up something from the ladies they would say "well if you have nothing on come on over". Harry got the society on a firm financial footing, if you can call \$400 in the bank firm. Just in time for the fiftieth anniversary Gathering in Charlottesville, Virginia. Sir Gregor MacGregor was a major in the Army at that time so he got a military flight to the states and stayed with various members of the society to save us money. That continued for years and years. Came over on a military flight and stayed with people in the society, but in recent years we've had to foot the bill for his stay in the states and also for his flight over. So when people quickly throw out the idea to invite somebody like that over here they better stop and think about the extreme cost of up to \$8,000. Anyhow, he as the new Chief of the society at our fiftieth anniversary presented us with this golden quach, a beautiful thing, which we been paying our piper with ever since. Shortly after the book "Roots" came out and there was a surge in membership of all genealogical societies, which boasted our own too by the way. Harry Blunt also increased the dues to \$4 a year and you could hear the howls for miles out to sea. This influx of new members at this time was mainly MacGregors with names and Sept names but it wasn't until 1967 that we elected the first MacGregor as Chieftain. Some fifty-eight years after the forming of the society, for all those years the Chieftains had been Magraders.

The first Chieftain was John Murdoch McGregor. John was a bachelor who raised two younger sisters after their parents had died. He was a survivor. He became a lawyer, then head of the law school at NYU in New York. He was also financial advisor to the Dupont families in Delaware. The student union building at Emory University is named for John Murdoch McGregor. He never married but he was an old school gentleman. When John would come up to greet you he would never ask you how your wife was he would say, "how's your lady?" Unfortunately, John was never schooled in the art of dressing; he would appear at the Gathering in a MacGregor kilt, blue plaid shirt and an orange tie. There were a bunch of women who wanted to get their hands on him just to be able to dress him properly.

In 1972 we elected R. James MacGregor, a direct descendant of Rob Roy MacGregor, as our Chieftain. Right away he and his wife started planning a trip to Scotland for us to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the lifting of the proscription of the MacGregors. It turned out to be the trip of a lifetime. We chartered a jetliner and two hundred of us invaded Scotland. We wanted to see this country where the MacGregors had struggled for so long and so hard. We toured the country from top to bottom and coast-to-coast. We had a ceremony and laid several wreaths at various locations that were dominant in MacGregor history. We laid so many wreaths that we figured the "R" in R. James MacGregor stood for (W)reath. What was so great about the MacGregor invasion, was that the trip was picked up by the media, and everywhere we went we were greeted by the MacGregors. We had a formal banquet at Dunblane with seven Dukes and Earls at the head table. We ended up in Edinburgh where we wanted to throw a Tartan Ball and invite the city. The travel agent handling our account said you can get about fifty or sixty people for this thing and we said that's OK. We were astounded with all the publicity and everything when six hundred people showed up. It was our golden emblem for the survival of the MacGregors.

Now Bill Stokey was our piper for thirty-three years. He loved to play the pipes and he just assumed he could pipe anywhere he damn well pleased. And he usually

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Excerpt of Joe Tichy's Speech — 18 October 2003



Joe Tichy was called upon to address the general membership with a few remarks. The start of Joe's address was briefly interrupted to read the fax received from Sir Malcolm.



Here's what Joe had to say.

"After that I don't think you need me. Since I lost my notes, I'm going to have to change plans a little bit. I was going to talk about "Sex and the Single Woman" but since I lost that note and I don't know too much about either subject, I'll tell you a little something about MacGregors.

You know reality shows are all the rave these days, there's one, "Survivor", that got me thinking that one of the longest running survivor shows of all times is the one involving the MacGregors from 1603 to 1775. Only it was real and it was brutal. When it ended every single MacGregor alive knew that he and his Clan were true survivors. And every MacGregor today knows the same thing. A while back I wrote in a letter to you all about how the assets of our society were less then \$9,000 when I took over in 1974 and are now over \$300,000. Someone wonder out loud if this is what we're all about. Well, you can bet your kilt pin that's what we're all about. It's all about the people who donated or left that money to us in their desire to see this society succeed. This spirit was first exhibited by the way by Caleb Clark Magruder in 1911 when he went out to Alexander Magruder's farm in Dunblane and cut a limb from a 400 year old oak tree and carved this gavel." The gavel cannot be found; it was in Sandy's room following an earlier meeting. Continuing Joe's quote "Good help is so hard to get. Anyhow he took the limb and made the gavel and every Gathering since 1911 has been started with that gavel, except for tonight. Somehow survived the depression and the slow times World War II, by the late fifties we were drifting with no leadership and the verge of bankrupt. In 1956 our Chaplin Daniel Randall Magruder became Chieftain and put forward the idea of holding a reception before the banquet. So we now have the Daniel Randall Magruder reception each year before the banquet named after an Episcopal minister. Isn't it lovely? We somehow continued on and in 1959 was sort of a turn around year in this society when Harry Blunt took over as Assistant Chieftain, Sir Gregor MacGregor became our Chief that year, and I also joined the society. A fact that went unnoticed by most people of course. When Harry took over the society, it was run by two little old ladies. What I mean is that they were little, and they were elderly. All of the society records were in suit bags under their beds, in

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tains to join him in the center of the room. With everyone at hand Jeff started the ceremony; *"Are you prepared to accept the office of Chieftain for which you have been duly elected this morning and lead this American Clan Gregor Society."* Robert replied "Yes" and Jeff continued *"I, Jeffrey McGregor, the 26th Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society pass on to you now this ancient Chieftain's medallion. From this point forward let all those present witness your assumption to Chieftain of our society. Arise everyone and greet the 27th Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society."*

Our new Chieftain Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr. then proceeded to address the membership. *"The hardships the Clan has suffered since those days, four hundred years ago. I hope we don't have to suffer any more. I look forward to serving as your Chieftain; I consider it a great honor and as Joe said I hope I can carry the torch. Thank ya'll."* He then proceeded with *"As my first official act as Chieftain, Jeffrey McGregor is hereby recognized as Chieftain Emeritus and I present to you this medallion to symbolize your service to this society."*



John Masterson then took the stage to warm everyone up in song in preparation for the evening's climax when all sang the "MacGregor's Gathering" and as tradition goes, all those MacGregor men in highland dress stood proudly upon their chairs with their dirks raised high in the air while proudly singing the last bar. Everyone then joined hands and sang a heartfelt rendition of "Old Lang Syne" before retiring for the night.

This banquet was one to remember; not because we installed a new ACGS Chieftain, nor because we recognized our new hereditary Chieftain, nor because we heard an exceptional retirement speech of our long time Assistant Chieftain; but because we did all these things together as one big extended family.

Sunday found everyone departing for home overflowing with the many fond memories of the weekend's events that they'd spent with their extended MacGregor family. If you missed this year's Gathering, you missed one heck of a GREAT time and missed seeing the Gathering jester

What makes every Gathering special is not the location but seeing old friends and making new ones. This was especially true at this Gathering in seeing old friends Paul and Millie Gregg, and Ben Daland who've been battling medical problems. And as one big family, we all hurt when we hear of fellow members who are struggling with health issues. Malcolm and Barbara MacGregor, along with Jim and Ali McGregor were planning to join us in New Orleans but were unable to. Our prayers for a full recovery go out to them and all other society members who are ill.

also gather to observe or participate in Scottish customs and pageantry, look around you. See the splendor of the highland dress present in this room tonight. You've heard the grandest of all musical instruments, the highland bagpipe, played in a unique and powerful manner. The music played by our marching band is probably the single most recognizable symbol of the Scottish tradition. Many of us gather to witness the



spectacular Scottish Games and competitions that are held around the country, celebrating the many traditional ancient athletics, dance, harp, and piping events. We even admire the dogs that trace their roots back to Scotland, as many Games now include special tributes to dogs. There are events for young and old, one and all, what a day these events hold for all of us. The Scottish Games are frequently covered with a sea of Clan tents, each enthusiastically run by dedicated Scottish descendants eager to talk with you to share their Clan history and hospitality. Many of the people sitting next to you tonight are those who run those tents. All sorts of literature, family heirlooms, souvenirs; these are the kinds of things that are on display. These tents are certainly a testament of the love and commitment of friendship that Scots are known for worldwide. And yes we gather to show our children by example the excitement, the beauty, the respect and the love we have to share for our family name and those members who came before us and with God's grace for those who will come after us. These are some of the reasons why we gather; we meet new friends and greet old ones, we celebrate our Scottish traditions and customs, we honor and preserve our family name, and we maintain and enrich the path of our Scottish heritage for our children to follow. We gathered then, we gather now, and we will gather again. I leave you with the words of Brigadier Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, the 23rd Chief of the Clan Gregor, and I quote "Clanship is a great and enduring tradition that continues to have a great force. It gives people a sense of belonging, a sense of history, and a sense of being part of a collective whole, which is bigger than we are." Let this annual gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society this weekend be a testament to the powerful force of the Scottish heritage in all of us. Thank you."

After these great words on why we gather each year our pipe band took center stage and provided a moving concert. The dancers added a touch of New Orleans when they performed their sword dance wearing feather masks. What a great performance.

The inauguration of Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr. as our 27th ACGS Chieftain followed with Jeff calling the pipe major Gregory O'Brien back into the room and asked, "Would you please fetch Robert F. MacGregor and bring him to the center please." Jeff also asked for any former Chieftains present and State Deputy Chief-



me, and the beginning of what I'm sure will be a long and happy association with all members of the Society whether they are from the United States, Canada, or Mexico. I wish you all the very best for a successful and enjoyable gathering in New Orleans this year. Yours sincerely, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Baronet, Chief of Clan Gregor."

How do you follow up a fax and speech like that, maybe give away some door prizes. Dan Megehee and John did just that with Dave Gilbert winning the small Voodoo doll, Ian Greig winning the MacGregor doll, and Elizabeth Daland winning the large basket of goods. Elizabeth's husband, Ben, retained the MacGregor ribbon from the basket before Elizabeth graciously returned the basket because they had an early flight home in the morning with no way to carry such a large basket. Diane Olson then won the basket of goods.

Jeff then addressed the membership with his long awaited remarks *"Children of the Mist, the MacGregors are here. It is Sir Walter Scott's immortal words "While there's leaves in the forest, and foam on the river, MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever. Then gather, gather, gather and gather MacGregors." These are the words that resonate through the veins of MacGregors. But what do we mean when we say gather? During ancient times Scots frequently gathered but why have we gathered? Those of us gathered here tonight and the hundreds and hundreds who will gather at events like this one around the country. Why are we all gathered? Some of you would say for fellowship; others might say to celebrate the Scottish customs and pageantry; I heard another tonight say we gather in recognition of our ancient Clans historical roots; another said to preserve our Scottish heritage for the children of the future. I believe they're all correct, we do gather for fellowship, it's a chance for us to meet our fellow Scottish descendants, to share our good wishes towards each other. It also gives us a chance to eat and to drink and to enjoy each other's company as a family. Whatever Clan we Scottish-Americans trace our roots back to, the excitement of meeting another person who shares your name or Clan has never diminished. We*



Come three o'clock, we MacGregors all decked out in our tartan, were assembled at one end of Bourbon Street in the heart of the French Quarters to begin our parade. To the sounds of our pipe band, the parade began with the pipe band front and center leading our procession of one hundred MacGregors for a five-block march down Bourbon Street. The parade stopped briefly several times to allow our dancers to give some marvelous performances to the delight of the crowds lining both sides of the street. The local NBC affiliate station was even there filming our march. Following the parade, we MacGregors could easily be spotted milling around the French Quarters prior to returning to the hotel for our big night's celebration.



The Daniel Randall Magruder reception was held in the hotel atrium, which was overflowing with MacGregors who looked magnificently stunning in their finest highland attire. Following the reception everyone preceded upstairs to the ballroom where they were piped in to their tables by the pipe band. The head table was then piped in.



Our ACGS Chieftain Jeff proceeded to greet everyone; then called upon our Chaplin, Thaddeus to lead us in prayer. Our past ACGS Chieftains, Paul Gregg and George McGregor were called upon to give toast to the President and our new Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor. Paul then led everyone in a rousing rendition of the "Star Spangle Banner". The

haggis was then piped and paraded to the front of the room where John McGregor presented Robert Burn's "Address to a Haggis". The haggis gave John a little resistance, but with his mighty sword in hand, the haggis quickly succumbed to John.

Following the tasty tidbit of haggis and a delightful dinner Jeff recapped the weekend's events before calling on past Assistant Chieftain, Joe Tichy to give his retirement address, which was both retrospective while also looking towards the future. But before Joe could start, Jeff received an urgent fax, which he proceeded to read aloud, *"A special fax we received from Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor. Dear Jeffrey Mr. McGregor, I have great pleasure to in accepting the invitation of the American Clan Gregor Society to be the hereditary Hereditary Chief. I'm delighted the relationship established between my Grandfather and the American Clan Gregor Society in 1909, continued by my father, should now carry on through me. This is an honor for*





their descendants who have honored the annals of our history, business, industry, armed forces, education, and agriculture. Still small in numbers in this enormous country we may remember them as well.

Remembering that amidst the passage of the old, life itself is renewed. In a few moments I'll be asking representatives of the society to place flowers on our memorial wreath. For some of us

this may be our first Gathering, for some of us it may be our last. We don't know. All the same we remember. Let us remember St. Paul's words to the Romans that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, which is in Christ Jesus. Amen."

Returning to the hotel with several hours before the Ceilidh was to start we strolled down to the French Quarters for dinner at Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant, while others visited Acme's Oyster Bar. We returned to the hotel to find the ballroom full of MacGregors enjoying the swinging to the sound of Cajun music performed by the band "Cagin Toujour" in French, which means "Still Cajun" in English. They were accompanied by one of our own playing the washboard, Mrs. Betty Magruder, wife of Ernest Magruder, and first cousin of Abbey Magruder. The dance floor was alive with couples cutting loose and feet stomping throughout the room. The Ceilidh concluded with our own MacGregor pipe band marching in with their pipes a blaring and providing a wonderful concert of pipe music and highland dancing. What an arousing climax to a busy but wonderfully exciting day.

Saturday morning came quickly and the atrium was once again full of MacGregors enjoying breakfast. During the morning the society general meeting and state deputy chieftains meeting were held and were well attended. Helen Tyler and Delores Rengert were kind enough to man the registration and merchandising tables. Following a morning of very informative meetings we adjourned to the atrium for a hearty deli style lunch before preparing to head down to Bourbon Street for our big parade.



universities on our way to the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church for our memorial service. Our Chaplin Thaddeus G. Osborne gave a wonderful and very touching memorial service recognizing how both our past Hereditary Chieftain Sir Gregor and ACGS Chieftain Abbey Magruder touched his life. In tribute a flower was placed in our memorial wreath for each of the members we've lost over the past year.



Here is a short excerpt of Thaddeus's sermon. *"Let me depart from this tradition because some of the transitions we have to mark today are personal. However we should remember as a society from whence we came. When I read these words in St. Paul's testament about tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, agonistagony, peril and sword. I thought about the early history of the MacGregors. These were the not so good old days, constantly warring cultural of the highlands. The MacGregors were a race royal, strong in quality, but one Clan among many, a very small one at that. The inner tribal warfare of that time forced us from our dwellings and processions and from our neighbors. We were outlawed, driven from society, pursued like animals and slaughtered. In a few hundred years we went from the top to the bottom and our story could've ended there. The recipients of St. Paul's letter were a very strong group of Christians among thousands of people in Imperial Rome. Just like the MacGregors,*



they faced hostility and persecution daily. Any of them might lose life itself at anytime. St. Paul assured them that nothing could separate them. We remember also the immigration of MacGregors, especially to this country, because we are the American Clan Gregor Society. They learned a new home and a new way of living. The yearbooks of our society are filled with narratives of immigrant MacGregors and



that Canal Street divides the old French/Spanish city from the new American colony. Canal Street at 170 feet wide it's the widest planned street and was to contain a canal down the middle. The canal never materialized but the locals to this day still referred to the street medians as neutral zones.

Our next stop was at Greenwood Cemetery at the end of Canal Street, where the dead are buried above ground

in family or society tombs with the average containing two crypts. The cemetery walls also contained crypts. Did you know the tombs are recycled? The tombs being made of stone and the sun beating down on them increases the rate the body decomposes. After a year the crypt can be reused with the old remains moved aside to a center recess to make room for the new body. If unfortunately more deaths occur within a year than there is crypt space available, you can actually rent-a-crypt for a year. What a genealogist's find, if properly maintained, the tomb lists on the outside tomb walls of every person placed within and their date of death. While we toured the grounds of the cemetery, our Piper Gregory O'Brien played his pipes out front where he garnered an audience of school children playing across the street. Gregory crossed the street and proceeded to play several more tunes to the children's delight.

Traveling to the banks of Lake Pontchartrain we learned that the people of New Orleans are often referred to as living in a bowl because the city lies up to six feet below sea level and is contained within levies and seawalls at both the river and lake. We took a short break at the 1500 -acre city park to eat our box lunch of authentic "Po-Boy" sandwiches and Cajun hot potato chips. We traveled down St. Charles Avenue where the Mardi Gras carnival parades are held each year leading up to Fat Tuesday. Months later you could see the many beads still hanging from the trees lining the carnival parade route.

We made our way thought the Garden district past Tulane and Loyola of New Orleans



Highlights of the 2003 Gathering

October 16 – 18, 2003

New Orleans, Louisiana

By Scott F. MacGregor



We MacGregors once again journeyed from near and far across the United States to assemble for three days at the Embassy Suites hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana for the 94th Annual Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society. The hotel was situated just a few short blocks from the Mississippi river front in one direction and only a few blocks from Canal Street and the French Quarters in another direction. We were in the revitalized ware-

house district in the American side of the city. You couldn't ask for nicer weather; clear and sunny with low humidity every day.

Upon arriving at the hotel on Thursday morning, mother and I found the organizing committee under the lead of L. Dan Megehee was already hard at work with final preparations. Dan graciously stored some of our gear so we might go enjoy the local Honey Island swamp and it's gators. Returning to the hotel late in the afternoon, we found the lobby and atrium crawling with MacGregors everywhere. Both Ena McGregor and Helen Tyler were busy handling the registration table while Thaddeus Osborne was working the merchandise table.

New Orleans couldn't help but notice we MacGregors were in town. Barely a span of time elapsed all weekend that MacGregors could not be found in the hotel atrium and lobby, which were located directly across from the main registration desk in direct view of everyone coming and going. Our MacGregor tartan flags were flying from the balcony overlooking the main entrance.

As eluded to in our invitation letters there was much to do within a very close proximity; many of us partook heading across the street to Emeril Lagasse's signature restaurant for dinner. Other's ventured down the street to Mulate's for the Cajun food and dancing.

Friday morning found the atrium full of MacGregors enjoying a full hearty hot breakfast courtesy of the hotel. While the society council and deputies attended to society business at the morning Council meeting, the majority of our MacGregors socialized around the atrium while preparing for our tour of the city and memorial service. Ms. Delores Rengert was kind enough to relieve Thaddeus so he could join in the meetings.

We ventured forth in our MacGregor attire on two buses for our tour of the city, which was very enlightening. We drove through the French Quarters where we learned

ACGS AWARDS PROGRAM

submitted by Randy Zimmerman

Although it has been a long time in coming and is undoubtedly overdue, the ACGS now has an awards program. Adopted by the ACGS Council at the Gathering in New Orleans, the program is designed to provide a means for the ACGS to show its appreciation and gratitude to its members and other individuals or groups for their significant contributions, achievements, or service to the ACGS, Clan Gregor, or the Scottish community in general.

The awards will consist of two different certificates. The **Certificate of Recognition** may be awarded to individuals or groups that have made noteworthy contributions over an extended period of time. The **Certificate of Appreciation** will be directed to individuals or groups that have made a highly commendable, long-lasting, or otherwise remarkable contribution(s). Our Chieftain will award both certificates.

Inspired and designed by Ron McGregor (No. 2142), the certificates will be made of quality parchment paper, measuring 11" x 17" and will contain full color enhancements.

Both certificates, indeed, will make the owners proud and cherish for display.

Specific policies and procedures regarding the Awards Program are currently being reviewed and will be available to Clan officers in the near future. Once the details are agreed upon by our Chieftain, more specific information will be published as soon as available, and they may also be added to the ACGS web site.

The committee responsible for preparing the awards program policies is Lillian Magruder, Howard Grossnickle, and Randal Zimmerman. Members with questions or suggestions may contact any of these individuals.

2003 Report of the Scholarship Committee

submitted by Hallam Walker, Chairman

This year the Scholarship Committee received ten applications with five awards being made. We were please to have more applicants than in previous years. Although the recipients were all highly qualified, the five who were not awarded scholarships were not first year college students or their parents were not members.

We are pleased to designate the following as recipients:

Jonathan Grier, Grasonville, MD – Penn State

Seth Grier, Longwood, FL – Wheaton

Amanda McGregor, Fort Collins, CO – UNLV

Elizabeth Sivertsen, Alpharetta, GA – Emory

Amelia Wood, Edina, MN – Barnard



Amanda McGregor

ROBERT MULLER WALKER

1909 – 2002

Robert was born at home in Washington, DC and spent 87 of his 93 years in the Maryland/DC area. Graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

His first major job in 1935 was with the DC Highway Department where he was a Civil Engineer. From 1940-1946, following the Great Depression and during the World War II, he worked at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington as a Marine Engineer. He had an active role in designing the plans for repairs of the battleships damaged in the war. On October 22, 1945, after the war ended, he married his wife, Louise Berchtold, in Seattle. He returned home to Maryland in 1946 to be closer to his family, and worked at the U.S. Patent Office as a Patent Examiner. During his tenure, the Department of Commerce awarded him a Bronze and Silver medal for outstanding performance. He remained there until the next phase of life began in 1972 – Retirement! After 39 years of employment with the federal government, he was ready to have some fun.

He filled his 31 years of retirement with numerous hobbies and activities such as golf, bridge, chess, reading, coin and stamp collecting. Louise's interest in swimming in the Senior Olympics sparked his competitive nature to enter some events of his own in 1987. Over the next 13 years he actively competed in shuffleboard, Horseshoes, Table Tennis, Javelin and Discus. During this time, he attained many medals; most notably, the Silver Medal for Horseshoes at the 1991 National Senior Olympics in Syracuse, NY and the Gold Medal in Shuffleboard at the Maryland Senior Olympics in 2000. He also holds the Maryland State Record for Javelin and Discus for 90-94 year olds, which he obtained in 1999.

During their 57 years of marriage, Robert and Louise traveled the world together. Their travels included all fifty U.S. states, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Europe, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Russia, Egypt, Thailand, Japan and South America. Their last excursion together was a 14-day trip on board a working mail ship traveling along the western coast of Norway, which crossed the Arctic Circle.

While all of this provided an incredibly full life, what seemed to make him most happy and complete was his family. He had happy memories of his parents and siblings and the long summer days they spent on their farm near Damascus. He thought of Louise as his ideal partner in life. His children and grandchildren meant the world to him and he always made himself available to them. Robert lived his life according to his belief in Theosophy, which emphasized the existence of God, man's immortality, and Karma, the Divine law of absolute justice in life.

He will be missed by all who shared his journey.

Abbey Wailes Magruder, Jr. 1929 - 2003



Abbey Wailes Magruder, Jr. died on Sunday 24 August 2003, at his home in Ridgeland, Mississippi. He was born April 29, 1929, in Jackson, Mississippi. Abbey's Magruder ancestors were one of the first families of Mississippi, and one of the most engaging of his attributes to this writer was his easy conversation in the history of Mississippi and the lower South. Although his volunteer work was extensive, serving and representing the American Clan Gregor Society was uppermost among all. Besides serving as Chieftain from 1987-1990, he was state Deputy Chieftain for Mississippi, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, and Councilor. In addition, he was a director of the Andrew Jackson Council, a past President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games of Linville, North Carolina, a founder of the Mississippi Caledonian Society, and a member of the Mis-

issippi Bar, practicing principally in the oil and gas industry.

In addition to his service to the Society, Mr. Magruder was an active layman in the Presbyterian Church. He served as a ruling elder at the Fondren Church, taught an adult Sunday school class, and was a Trustee of Belhaven College. He was also a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Surviving him are his lovely lady, Lillian, a councilor of this Society, son Abbey Wailes Magruder III of Ridgeland, Mississippi; daughter Elizabeth Magruder Joiner of Indialantic, Florida; son, Leslie Charles Magruder of Las Vegas, Nevada; daughter Laura Cannon Barron of Santa Clara, California; grandchildren Paul Barron, Liza Barron, Abbey Joiner, Charlie Magruder, and Olivia Magruder; sister, Mrs. Christine Magruder Hackl of Indianapolis, Indiana; brothers, Dr. Christopher Herbert Magruder of Greenwood, South Carolina, and Frederick Augustin Magruder of McCormick, South Carolina.

We join his family in giving thanks for this man and his service to others.

It was in the island heathery
Stony, windy,
Rock, eerie
of (Loch) Lomond
That my thoughts wondered heavy.

When the striking
of the interval of the little bell,
reached my ears,
I got the news,
that they put you under ground.

I sung my keening,
That was not light,
But like the pouring gust,
Over the narrows,
with a voice like a cry under sorrow.

To our beloved warrior
and soldier not vain
uppermost of the trees
laying on his side
the pine of the wood lying lifeless.

You were a goodly MacGregor
beside your ancestors
in the midst of the chiefs
of the root of the seed of Alpine
as was your hereditary right.

Many a spring
impetuous, unsullied,
streamed about your shoulders
of proud blood
you of most noble fibre.

You were akin of old to:
Macnab of the glens,
Grant of the champions
MacQuarrie and MacKinnon
And Dougal the brother of Donald.

Royal is Your Race!
Generations of the Finglians
Brave clans
most loyal under the onset
When they would strike the foe under

mist.

High commander of thousands,
ready without panic
a man who would not retreat
when you would lead your troops
hardy was your honour in each action.

Famous Lion!
in the face of your enemies,
when our anger would turn
with the speed of the thunder-bolts,
the evildoers were dealt damage.

Hunter of hill forests
falcon of the slope
like roe and deer
you would outwit the fish
on the bank of the stream under vapour mist.

The tartan of the kilt (plaid)
on the host of the house
when you led the ceilidh
in the eve after (the hunt)
with the sound and tunes of the drones.

I am concerned for the situation
of your spouse
bereft; joyless,
wife of MacGregor of MacGregor
noble lady who was your glory.

And Sir Malcolm; valiant one;
the son who is rising,
to your place, according to
the banner borne by
MacVurich long ago.

Let us go round,
the third time,
to the green isle
from whence my dream
ran freely in the beginning.

MEMORIAL
Brigadier
Sir Gregore MacGregor
of MacGregor

23rd Chief of Clan Gregor



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December 1925 - March 2003



Twins

Scott F. MacGregor (Clan No. 2450) is pleased to announce the marriages of his twin daughters. From l to r Jamie Sue MacGregor and Donald Christopher Grover were married on May 2, 2003 in Norfolk, Virginia. The couple resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Darcie Rae MacGregor and Aaron Thomas Schauf were married on May 23, 2003 in Norfolk, Virginia. The couple will reside in Great Lakes, Illinois where Aaron is serving in the U.S. Navy.

from our members but particularly from those individuals holding key positions within our Society. One positive note is that I have found is if one of our clansmen or ladies were specifically asked to accept a "quest" they usually readily accept with the results worthy of sharing with our membership. I believe our newsletter could be an excellent method for our members to share interesting information with the rest of our society and for those holding key positions in the Society to inform our members of their efforts in our behalf.

July - I joined 113 other Americans (15 of which were members of the ACGS) for an International Gathering of Clan Gregor in Scotland. It was a very special Gathering to Commemorate the Battle of Glen Fruin and subsequent Proscription of our Clan four hundred years ago. The ten-day event ran from July 25th - August 4th and included many educational opportunities to learn more of our heritage. On Sunday the 27th, we attended a Commemoration at the Battle Cairn in Glen Fruin and the next evening we attended a banquet at Stirling Castle where King James signed the fateful letter of 'Fire and Sword' in 1603 intended to destroy the MacGregors forever. That same evening we participated in the 'Affirmation of Clanship to Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, 24th Chief of Clan Gregor'. Our very knowledgeable kinsmen conducted guided tours to many places with a connection to our clan history. Everything we learned provides us the ability to share that knowledge with our kinsmen around the country via our Clan Gregor tents, newsletters, yearbooks, etc.

August - On Sunday the 3rd of August we attended church services at the Kirk of Balquhidder followed by a Commemoration Service at Rob Roy's grave. We were entertained twice that day by our Clan Gregor pipe band. The Colorado Scottish Festival was held on August 9 - 10. Having returned from Scotland on the 6th, that left me only two days to unpack, answer the most pressing phone messages, emails, correspondence and assemble the materials for our Clan Gregor tent. Howard Grossnickle and my son Scott hosted the Clan Gregor tent while I was picking up a rental motor home, repacking and leaving for another ten-day trip. This time, to California for a reunion with the Irish branch of the family. Upon return I was pleased to learn that the Clan Gregor Pipe Band won the WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS in Glasgow. Next year they will be competing in Grade I.

September - Upon returning from California I prepared for the Longs Peak Scottish Festival held September 5- 7th in Estes Park, Colorado. In 1999 we made a clean sweep of the clan events, (beating out 70 other clans), and were declared the Outstanding Clan of the Games. That meant we could not compete in 2000 and were required to provide judges for the events that year. In 2001 we were again eligible to compete and again made a clean sweep of the clan events, (beating out 70 other clans again), and again were declared the Outstanding Clan of the Games. Those ACGS members that attended that year's Gathering in Denver are sure to remember the huge, one of a kind trophy on display. That meant we could not compete in 2002 and were again required to provide judges for the events that year. This year we were again eligible to compete in clan events. The Saturday morning parade through the town was particularly delightful for us this year. Erin MacGregor, Miss Colorado USA, was featured in our Saturday morning parade representing Clan Gregor and the state of Colorado. Erin is only the fourth young lady in Colorado history to be selected as Miss Colorado for both the Miss America pageant as well as the Miss USA pageant. She rode in a 1939 Rolls Royce followed by twenty plus tartan wearing clansmen and

ladies of Clan Gregor. All of them wearing either full highland attire or simply tartan sashes, and carrying our large Clan Gregor banner, two smaller Clan Gregor crest banners, fourteen tartan flags, and escorted by three clansmen in full highland attire with broadswords. This year we again won the Best Clan Formation in the Parade, and again the Best Clan Tent on the field. So, we once again we made a clean sweep of the Clan awards in the most difficult category "Large Clans" and for the third consecutive time of eligibility and Clan Gregor once again named the "Best Clan of the Games." I wonder if any clan has received a "Best in Games" three times in a row at any of the other large Highland Games? Grandfather Mountain? Stone Mountain? Pleasanton? The Longs Peak Games is the largest Celtic festival in the Rocky Mountain region so we are truly proud of our accomplishments.

October - Here it is, October, and I just completed preparing another issue of the ACGS newsletter and am finishing up my state newsletter.

Summary: For those that prefer numbers to support subjective reports I offer the following. In direct support of the American Clan Gregor Society and/or Clan Gregor activities in general: I received or made over one hundred local phone calls and more than fifty long distance and/or international phone calls. I sent or received almost eight hundred emails and more than one hundred fifty letters and packages. I spent almost one hundred hours preparing three issues of the "Ardchoille". I traveled over fourteen thousand miles, attending Clan Gregor functions, hosting the Clan Gregor tent at Scottish games, coordinating Gathering activities, representing Clan Gregor at special events, etc. On several occasions, I welcomed visitors to my home seeking assistance researching their Clan Gregor connections, borrowing kilts and tartan items for weddings, etc. In total, I have spent more than five hundred hours this year in direct support of the ACGS and/or Clan Gregor in general. I know there are others in our Society that have contributed far more time and effort to the cause of Clan Gregor that would make my efforts dim in comparison. However, it is up to each us to do our part to keep the boast

"MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever" a reality.

2003 Annual Report Washington, DC

Submitted by John King Bellassai

In December 2002 as in years past, the ACGS sponsored an array of events on the day of the Xmas Walk Parade, designed to maximize the turnout of MacGregors for this annual event – the largest Scottish parade in the eastern USA. Unfortunately, the weather was extremely cold and blustery for parade participants and viewers. The temperature was in the low 20's, which impacted parade attendance. We started the morning with breakfast for the ACGS contingent at the Holiday Inn in Olde Town, with an attendance of 15 people. Thanks to James B. ("Big Jim") MacGregor for organizing this portion of the day!

This was followed by an hour-long parade (23 adults, seven youngsters and two family dogs!) marching through the streets of Old Towne. We closed with what has become an annual event – the MacGregor house party at the townhouse of Jim and Bettie MacGregor Collins. We had an excellent turnout for the party – over 30 people, mostly MacGregors as well as friends of the Society, including several current officers and past presidents of the Washington, DC Saint Andrews Society, and several members of our own Pipe Band.

Due to a heavy business schedule, I was unable to attend the 2003 Clan Gregor Society Gathering in Scotland in July. However we had a busy summer at the ACGS tent in the DC area to make up for it.

The Potomac Celtic Festival in June 2003 in rural Leesburg, VA, about one hour outside DC, has in recent years become a very large pan-Celtic gathering, with a growing number of vendors, bands, and clan and society tents. Each year the focus shifts to another Celtic "nation" such as Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany, and Galicia. This year the focus was on Galicia. With the active assistance of ACGS members Don & Suzanne Lynd and Jim MacGregor, the ACGS tent was staffed for the weekend. The weather was delightful – sunny and cool. Overall attendance was at a record high, and 22 MacGregors of which very few were members, stopped by our tent and registered. Membership materials were passed out to all those interested and genealogical advice and referrals were made.

The Virginia Scottish Games were held at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA on the 3rd weekend in July. One of the premier two-day Scottish games in the eastern US, this event has been struggling in recent years with diminishing attendance due to poor weather (high heat and humidity, coupled with severe thunderstorms). Fortunately, this year was an exception. The weather was warm but not unduly hot. Crowds were heavy both days. Visitors at the ACGS tent on both days were steady – 15 people total – despite a low number of tent volunteers on hand to assist due to the Gathering in Scotland. Thanks to Jim MacGregor and Andy Greig for their help at the tent over the weekend.

Due to security concerns prompted by the hostilities in Iraq, Tartan Day was not celebrated at the National Mall in downtown Washington at the foot of the Capitol Building on Saturday, April 5, 2003 as planned, and were unable to set up the ACGS tent at this venue. This was a major disappointment to all concerned. However, the National Capital Tartan Day Committee, which I serve as Vice President, is busy planning a Festival for the National Mall in April of 2004. The ACGS has already reserved its space.

In addition, the Smithsonian Institution recognized Scotland as the “featured country” for their Annual Folk Life Festival on the Mall this summer in August. Although the event was well attended by the public, the organizers limited displays and participation to only groups and individual artists from Scotland. No Scottish-Americans groups were allowed to set up on the Mall or otherwise actively participate.

2003 Annual Report for Florida

Submitted by Malcolm G. MacGregor

Following the 2002 Harrisburg, PA Gathering, we hosted the ACGS tent on Nov. 9, 2002 in OCALA, FL. Despite over-all excellent crowd attendance, on another beautiful FLA day, only 6 ACGS members attended: Mal/Barb MacGregor, John & Ena McGregor and Bob and Mary Wren. David A. McGregor of Newberry, FL stopped by to inquire regarding the status of his membership Application. On our follow-up, his application was approved and he was planning to attend the International meeting in Scotland this summer. About ten other prospects made inquiries. We believe these are still worthwhile Games to continue sponsoring an ACGS tent.

On Jan. 4, 2003 we again sent our annual Florida Newsletter, announcing the curtailment of the locations where an ACGS tent would be sponsored.

Jan. 25, 2003 – Daytona Beach, Florida

Several ACGS members attended the 3rd Annual Scottish Heritage & Genealogical Society Burns Night Supper, held at the Pelican Bay Country Club. Our Chieftain, Jeffrey McGregor, was the Guest Speaker; Donald A. Gregg (Dep. Chieftain, IL-N) presented an “Ode to the Lassies”; Assistant Chieftain, John C. McGregor, gave his inimitable rendition of “A Salute to the Haggis”. Other ACGS members in attendance: Gerry & Shirley Skinner; Ena McGregor & Mal MacGregor.

Feb. 01, 2003 – SARASOTA, FL Games – Ron Shankland, Dept. Chieftain, MI, who winters in Sarasota, hosted a Clan tent with the help of John C. & Ena McGregor. Their display attracted a number of prospects. Prominent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGregor, parents of movie star Ewan McGregor.

Feb. 22, 2003 – JACKSONVILLE, FL. Thanks in part to the efforts of ACGS members John and Bernice Rogers, who have served on the JAX Games Committee for several years, and John/Beth Wassell who have also volunteered at these Games, ACGS was chosen as the CLAN of HONOUR and our Chieftain, JEFFREY RANKIN MCGREGOR was the Honored Guest for these Games. 31 ACGS members helped make a good showing for our Society: Chieftain Jeffrey McGregor (Delray Beach, FL). From the JAX area: T. Ross Gregg, Jr., Wife Virginia, son T. Ross, III, and daughter Rebecca; Jim & Susan Mitchell, daughter Jennifer Coney and granddaughter Megan; Bernice & John Rogers, sister Joanne Ealick; Beth & John Wassell. From other Florida areas: Mary Loughran (Lake City); Dave/Suzanne McGregor (Lantana), John/Ena McGregor (Edgewater); Malcolm G. MacGregor (Bokeelia); Gerry and Shirley Skinner (Ormond Beach); Carol MacGregor Spitznagle (Hollywood); Randall/Marilyn Zimmerman (Pensacola). Out of State: Donald A./Katie Gregg (Holiday Hills, IL), L. Dan & Josephine Megehee, Jr. (Carriere, MS); Malcolm C. MacGregor (Beaufort, SC); Thad Osborne (Knoxville, TN). Most attended the Sponsors Reception the night before the Games, and we thank them all for this marvelous support.

In spite of the rather inclement weather on Sat., everyone had a convivial gathering

at the Clan Tent and enjoyed lunch provided by JAX ACGS members Bernice & John Rogers and Beth and John Wassell. About 18 Prospects signed the Guest Book, and all agreed that this is one of Florida's best Scottish Games.

Mar. 01, 2003 – PEMBROKE PINES, FL. (Ft. Lauderdale area)

Another lovely day at the beautiful C. B. Smith Park brought out an excellent crowd. 14 ACGS family members were present: Mal/Barb MacGregor; Dave/Suzanne McGregor/Donald B. & Audrey Gregg with daughter Audrey & Paul Pellingier & grandson Hunter Gregg Pellingier; Jim/Mylene White; John Ferguson; Brandt Jones; Carol MacGregor Spitznagel and Orville Simon-Bower (past member). We talked with about nine prospects and feel ACGS continued participation at these Games is worthwhile.

April 12, 2003 – DUNEDIN, FL. Assist. Chieftain John C. McGregor and wife Ena attended these Games, but due to the increase in cost for tent space, it was decided not to host an ACGS tent here this year.

July 10 – 13, 2003 – GRANDFATHER MTN. HIGHLAND GAMES, Linville, NC The ACGS tent at these games are co-hosted by Chieftain Jeffrey McGregor & wife Frieda (Delray Beach, FL) and Jeff's parents Dave/Suzanne McGregor, who winter in Lantana, FL and summer in Blowing Rock, N.C. Several other ACGS FL members enjoyed the always wonderful "kinship" to be found here: Robert Ellington & family; (Melbourne); Elizabeth & Abbey Joiner (Indialantic); Malcolm & Barbara MacGregor (Bokeelia) and John C./Ena McGregor (Edgewater).

Due to the exigencies of life which befall us with advancing years, my wife Barbara and I have found it necessary to curtail our sponsorship of the ACGS tent for the past couple of years to just a few locations. Therefore, after 12 years of involvement with hosting these tents, I have reluctantly tendered my resignation as Deputy Chieftain, Florida, and feel that the ACGS is wonderfully blessed that Randall Zimmerman and wife Marilyn, of Pensacola, FL., have volunteered to take over.

2003 Annual Report from Northern Illinois

Submitted by Donald A. Gregg

There can be only one complaint voiced about the 2002 Annual ACGS Gathering –we didn't have sufficient time to do and see everything! Both our boys were able to join us in Harrisburg and that made the event even more enjoyable for us.

In January, we attended the SHAGS Burns Night Dinner. At John McGregor's invitation, Donald gave the "Toast to the Lasses". Happily, we were well wined and dined that evening. An event we highly recommend.

Katie and I met with fellow clan members at the Jacksonville Florida Games in February. This is another one of those events that should not be missed. In May, we went to Springfield and worked the tent at the Central Illinois Highland Games. I cannot say too much for the weather that day.

We sponsored a tent at the Oak Brook Games in June and the weather was picture perfect. Of course by that time, Katie had fallen and trashed her right elbow. She was not able to attend, but our son Brian was a big help. Katie's accident precluded our going to the Grandfather Mountain Games this year and put off our plans to attend the International Gathering in Scotland. During Katie's rehab we managed to sneak off to Iowa's Quad City Games to preview them and later attended a dinner at the Scottish Home in North Riverside for the Illinois Saint Andrew Society of which we are members.

2003 Annual Report for Central Illinois

Submitted by Maggie Sanderfield

Jenny & I walked with the St. Andrew's Society in the Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade wearing the green, but also wearing our MacGregor tartan.

Saturday, May 17, 2003, the Sanderfield crew worked with the St. Andrew's Highland Games & Celtic Festival at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Six weeks prior to the games, I was asked if I would be chairman of the VIP tent because the chairman decided not to do it. There were no preparations and planning done prior to this request. Needless to say, I had to get very busy to plan a menu (all 3 meals of the day), purchase and prepare the food, purchase and get donations for items for the VIP bags, and line up volunteers to work the tent.

Once again, Don & Katie Greg stepped in to work the MacGregor tent. Troy, Jenny, and I set up the tent the night before so it would be ready for Don and Katie bright and early Saturday morning.

The day was cool and rainy, but there was still a good crowd. Troy, Jenny, and I kept very busy in the VIP tent. Troy and Jenny designed a method to check VIP passes to ensure proper entrance because previously there were many problems with people wandering in and out of the tent who did not pay.

We walked the parade of tartans to represent the MacGregors. A special thanks to Don and Katie for always being willing to help at the games, and doing an excellent job. Also, a special thanks to Troy and Jenny for always helping "Mom" out with "whatever" needs to be done.

2003 Annual Report from Michigan

Submitted by Ronald L. Shankland

I attended the Alma Games, working with the CGS, the Saline Games that the CGS tent was selected as the best Clan tent at the Games, thanks to Mr. Rich Jullian of CGS, and the Kalamazoo Games working ACGS and CGS.

I supported my surname, "Shankland Weekender" this past September. We had a 91 year old woman, Claire Loudon and her daughter plus others in attendance. Claire is writing a family history about her Anderson and Shankland lineage in The State of New York during the 1700's and 1800's timeframe.

My first cousin Robert L. Shankland told me that my dad, Harold O. Shankland was on the 1930 University of Michigan Wrestling Team and graduated in 1931 with a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering. My dad supported my efforts in pursuing the Shankland-McGregor legend and the origin of the surname, Shankland.

In support of the DNA Project of the CGS, I encouraged the tent visitors of Shankleton to become involved with the donation of some mouth saliva for DNA testing at the Kalamazoo Games.

In August on a Baltic Sea Cruise, I sprained my ankle and had a small fracture. During my days of recovery, I finished reading the 1,000 plus pages book of "The Bruce Trilogy" by Nigel Tranter. The trilogy tells the story of King Robert the Bruce's unification of Scotland from the English in the 1300's. It mentions in the book about the assistance from various Scottish Clans including the McGregors thru Lame Lord McGregor.

2003 Annual Report for Mississippi

Submitted by L. Dan Megehee

My wife, Josephine, and I were unable to man a MacGregor Tent at the Gulfport, MS Highland Games the first weekend in October since it coincided with Gathering 2002, where we were involved in procuring the greenery for the decorations.

On December 12, 2002, we met Joe Tichy at the Embassy Suites in New Orleans, LA, for the initial planning meeting for Gathering 2003.

On 22 February 2003, we attended the Jacksonville Highland Games in Florida, at which the American Clan Gregor Society was the honored Society. Several other members from Florida and the surrounding areas of Georgia and South Carolina were there. We found these games to be quite well run and the weather congenial.

The Caledonian Society of Mississippi, due to a lack of able-bodied workers, cancelled the Jackson, Mississippi Highland Games that were scheduled for late March. This Society is making a big push to recruit additional members and hopes to resume sponsorship of the Highland Games in the near future.

On 16 May, we attended the Gatlinburg Highland Games in Tennessee to assist with running the MacGregor Tent since the East Tennessee Deputy Chieftain, Thad Osborne, was heavily involved as a Member of the Board for these Games.

On 5 - 7 June, we again met with Joe Tichy at the Embassy Suites in New Orleans, LA, to complete the planning for Gathering 2003.

On 10 - 13 July, we joined many other MacGregors at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

On 11 September, we traveled to New Orleans to pick up items donated by various New Orleans businesses and agencies to use at Gathering 2003.

2003 Annual Report New York

Submitted by Edward K Gregor

The Highland Gathering, Genesee Country Museum, Mumford, New York was held on June 7th & 8th.

We had nice weather this year and had a large attendance. Clan Members there included Bob and Margie McGregor from Dundee, NY and Ruth Hall from Seneca Castle, New York.

July 12th, Highbanks Celtic Gathering, Letchworth State Park, Mt. Morris, New York.

On that day, weather had strong winds that upset the tent but was able to catch and patch it for use that morning and then left.

After reassembling the tent during July with new structural members and hand sewing the cover at home it was ready for whatever. The day before going to the next two games the car quit and we were unable to attend them.

August 9th, Central New York Scottish Games, Longbranch Park, Liverpool, New York

August 16th, Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Amherst Museum, Amherst,

New York.

August 30th and 31st, Capital District Scottish Games, Altamont Fairgrounds, Alatomont, New York. We had beautiful weather and the Clans Buchanan and Montgomery shared their primary gathering there this year.

2003 Annual Report for Tennessee

Submitted by Thad Osborne

On 19-20 October 2002, I co-hosted a tent with Georgia Deputy Chieftain Donald Gregg and his lady, Dianne, at the Stone Mountain Scottish Games. Over fifty thousand people attended these games on Saturday, making it the most attended games in the Southeast. This tent was a combined effort of our Society and the Clan Gregor Society (Southeast Chapter). We received recognition from the Games as the best tent of all present. Merchandise sales were quite good, and we distributed a number of membership application worksheets.

On 2 November 2002, I represented the Society with a tent at the Foothills Highland Games in Hendersonville, North Carolina. This was the second Foothills Games, and the first to be held at a new location in Hendersonville.

(At this time, there is no deputy for North Carolina. Because of the immediate proximity of Western North Carolina to my home in East Tennessee, I am attempting to cover this event for the Society.

We have many able helpers for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville every year, But there are several more events in other parts of North Carolina at which our Society should be represented. We should be looking for someone interested in covering those events.)

On 22 February 2003, I attended the Jacksonville Highland Games in Florida, at which the American Clan Gregor Society was the honored Society. Several other members from Florida and the surrounding areas of Georgia and South Carolina were there. We found these games to be quite well run and the weather congenial. We distributed membership materials and sold a respectable quantity of merchandise.

On 16, 17, and 18 May, the Society was represented at the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games.

Since I have many responsibilities at these games, Dan & Josephine McGehee, who are hosts for this gathering, manned the tent. Without their help, our presence would not have been properly done. I recommend that tent hosts enlist another couple as co-hosts, freeing representatives briefly to take in more of the event.

On 10-13 July, I attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, N.C. Although these games draw many of us, and tent staffing is happily not a problem, they are only twenty miles inside North Carolina from Tennessee, and many people from Tennessee attend. During the games, an informal meeting of your Assistant Chieftain and the councilors present held an informal meeting. I was encouraged to procure some new sales merchandise, some of which is already on hand.

On 6-7 September, I represented the Society with a tent at the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival on the banks of the Watauga River in Elizabethton, Tennessee. This event draws many people from the Tri-Cities area of upper East Tennessee and neighboring Western North Carolina. Although I distributed no membership applications, and sold

no merchandise, we made our presence known at this growing Festival. This particular week-end required me to make a judgment call, as the Appalachian Highland Games were also being held in Murphy, North Carolina, another event only fifteen miles from Tennessee.

It will not be possible for me to assist at eh Stone Mountain Games this year, as they are being held on the same dates as this gathering. I have, however, provided Donald Gregg with an adequate supply of merchandise on consignment.

Closer to home, I continue to be a director of the Scottish Society of Knoxville and plan some of its activities. This society has seven events a year for those in the area of Knoxville, Tennessee, who maintain an interest in Scottish culture. Mrs. Dore Dumas, another member of the American Clan Gregor Society, and her husband, Bob, and Susan Pelham and her husband Gene, are also officers or directors of the Knoxville Society.

I have begun my second year as a director of the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games. This has been a successful event, but is facing challenges with very little room to grow, and losses associated with in-clement weather in 2002. The Festival intends to invite the American Clan Gregor Society to be its honored Society in 2005.

Communication with the Assistant Chieftain and other state deputies has improved greatly during this year, using electronic mail. We should make maximum use of this tool for exchanging ideas or asking questions.

In my role as merchandise manager for the ACGS, I continue to maintain a healthy stock of t-shirts, books, recordings, and other items of interest for sale at games tents. All these items are available by mail order throughout the year. Consignment packages, as well as mail order forms, can be made available to you on request.

2003 Annual Report of Utah

Submitted by Lois Ann Cox Garlitz

McGregors in Utah have continued to participate in local Celtic cultural events in 2003, which have allowed us to express our enthusiasm for our Scottish heritage. Two groups, the Utah Scottish Association and the St. Andrews Society, have sponsored and assisted with events such as a Kirkin of the Tartan at the First Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City in October, St. Andrew's birthday party in November, and Robert Burns Dinners in January - one in SLC and one in Provo at Brigham Young University, wonderfully presented by BYU's Catering Dept., guided by Dean Wright, a McGregor. March brought St. Patrick's Day parade and festival afterwards with the Hibernians, and on a snowy day in April, a hearty group of Scots joined our Governor Levitt at the state capitol building, to declare 6th April as State and National Tartan Day. Later in April, Dean Wright's caterers again prepared a most delightful Scottish meal, when we gathered in Utah's historic Capitol rotunda for an annual Tartan Ball. June and July brought two Scottish Festivals and Highland Games, the one in Salt Lake City, and one in Payson, about 60 miles south of SLC. Seven Utah McGregors journeyed to Scotland in late July and early August to be a part of the Clan Gregor Society's 2003 Gathering (more comment below). The Wicked Tinkers came to town to entertain us in September 2003, and the McGregors met for a backyard gathering that month also.

Another McGregor (besides myself), who has spent countless hours dedicated to the Scottish experience in Utah, is Dodd Greer, who has served as president of the Utah Scottish Association this past year. I have been serving the Association as secretary/

membership and clan relations person. A great number of those hours were spent in producing Utah's Scottish Festival and Highland games at a new location in West Valley City's new (and uncompleted) Cultural Celebration Center, in west Salt Lake City. But we had grass and lots of space and a paved walk way for the crowds, shaded canopies near the food vendors, and with the athletes featured in the center of the field, instead of away in a corner, as in past years. Dodd's subcommittee organized a very entertaining Tattoo on Friday night, followed by a full festival and games on Saturday, and a Kirkin on Sunday. The Board of Directors has just extended our terms of office to two years, just in time for our 30th anniversary of SLC's games in June 2004.

Additional McGregors who assisted with clan representation at several of the events were Randall and Karen Nish, who provide our big clan tent each year; Dodd's wife Annalyn, Shawn Putnam, my sister Jane Montmeny, and my son, Don Garlitz, a medal winning Scottish athlete in the 190# weight class, and various of our children and grandchildren. A special thanks to Pam Todd and her son Sean, who created new displays for the clan tent this year and manned it at the SLC games, while I had other responsibilities. Pam has also done research about a McGregor Mountain just west of SLC, associated with a WWII training camp in Wendover. See Ron McGregor's report about it in the Ardchoille.

How do you explain with very much skill at all about a great experience in your life? I have thought a great deal about the wonderful trip to the Clan Gregor Society's Gathering 2003 for ten days in Stirling, and seem to only come up with a few sentences, but perhaps you can gain a bit of the flavor of what an outstanding event those three weeks in Scotland were to me and to my sister Jane, who had never been out of the USA before. We went early to a cottage by the sea north of Inverness, and stayed late in Glasgow, doing some family history research.

Every day, the Gathering Committee put us on a bus and took us somewhere that McGregors had lived and told us what happened there. We "sat at the feet" of the clan bard, the clan historians, the clan genealogist, the Chief, the minister, the Society officers, the musicians, the storytellers, the pipers, etc. We ate well, walked a lot, shopped a lot, and took lots of photographs, talked a lot with old friends and made new friends, and learned a lot about what it had meant to be a McGregor in our ancestral homeland. We met and talked with our new clan chief, Sir Malcolm McGregor of McGregor, and bought several copies of the book for which he provided photographs, Rob Roy's Country, by Mary McGrigor. It contains some fascinating stories about Rob Roy. "The MacGregors, Children of the Mist" came home with us too, a wonderful film explaining earlier history of our ancestors, with re-enactors dramatizing the stories, and included portraits of historical figures in the clan's long turbulent history. The producers of the film had a table in the MacGregor tent at the highland games at Callendar; their web site is www.scotfilms.com. I can heartily second the motion of Carolyn McGregor-Long, SDC from California, and encourage you to read a preview by going to www.ClanGregorWest.com, then order a copy for your own library and show it to others in your state and local groups.

I continue to immerse myself in reading and re-reading books about the McGregors' and Scotland's history, now with much more insight, that I have actually stood upon that ground. One tidbit that I discovered after I returned to Utah was that my 3rd great grandfather, John McGregor, and four of his sons, of Kelvinhaugh, near Glasgow, had signed the paper "Acknowledgment of the Chief of Clan Gregor" in 1822, at the time the Clan

Gregor Society was formed in Scotland. I now feel a stronger bond to them than ever.

I keep remembering a short speech by Alpine McGregor, treasurer for the Society, cousin of the late Chief Sir Gregor, who spoke on behalf of the Gathering Committee, thanking everyone who attended. As we parted after dinner our last night together in Scotland, he said "... tell everybody at home what a great time you had and about our clan spirit. Because of your fun, encourage people to join. This is a Society worth belonging to; it is doing things worthy of the memory of MacGregors - things like the Dalmally Stones project. Bits of our heritage will disappear unless somebody does something. Nobody else is going to do it. We have to do it." And indeed we can, whether members of Clan Gregor Society in Scotland or American Clan Gregor Society, or both, we are all MacGregors.

2003 Annul Report for Virginia

Submitted by Scott F. MacGregor

My fellow Clansmen it's with great pleasure to be able to greet you with a big "HELLO" from here in Virginia where we've had some interesting weather. Before hurricane Isabel blew through in mid-September we were already over six inches above normal in rainfall. Isabel brought the tidal flooding to within inches of entering my house; it was three and a half feet deep around the house and large chunks of our devastated local fishing pier floated through my front yard. I was fortunate in only having to suffer through five days without electrical power. We had a vast number of trees toppled, and to quote one person's perspective "A furious lady named Isabel didn't down a few trees but provided us with an enormous supply of cabers." Isabel didn't dampen our Scottish pride as we proceeded to participate in our local Games the very next weekend. Well, I hope you all have fared well during the past year.

Like many of you I was saddened to learn of the passing of our 23rd Hereditary Chieftain Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor in late March and then the passing of one of our past ACGS Chieftains Mr. Abbey W. Magruder, Jr. in August.

Following the wonderful Gathering in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where on our Friday tour we were requested by security at Hershey's Chocolate World to remove our knives I proceeded to the Richmond Highland Games in central Virginia the very next weekend where we had great weather and a wonderful number of society members and visitors join us at our tent. We then ventured up to Alexandria in December to join our fellow clansmen for the annual Christmas Walk. Through the winter and spring we attended several small regional Scottish events to included several kirkings and local parades. Saturday, April 5th, found us representing MacGregors at the annual Tartan Day Festival in Southeastern Virginia, where our very own Scottish romance writer and ACGS member, Laurin Wittig, joined us. Our Games season started in June with an abundance of rain when we journeyed to the Celtic Heritage Festival in central Virginia to man a MacGregor tent.

In July I ventured to Scotland to attend this year's expanded International Gathering in observance of the 400th anniversary of the battle of Glen Fruin, which lead to the proscription of our name. It was great to see the countryside where our ancestors once lived and transversed daily. Virginia was well represented with fellow ACGS members R. James MacGregor, Sandy MacGregor, Bill and Helen Garrett, and Greg and Lynn Elliot. Upon seeing the much talked about Dalmally stones first hand in the kirk yard of the Dalmally

church, I'd encourage each and every member of the ACGS to complete the society pledge cards and donate to the ACGS MacGregor antiquities fund in support of the restoration efforts being undertaken to preserve these stones for future generations. The Clan Gregor Society is also heading up a study on MacGregor DNA being performed by FamilyTreeDNA (LINK "<http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com>" <http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com>) out of Texas and the University of Arizona. This study was started a couple years ago and limited to a few individuals within the CGS. Both Ron MacGregor and Ron Shankland have spoken of it in past years. The study has now been opened to all MacGregor interested in learning their DNA connections. The study started with the Oxford test, which tracked just ten markers and didn't give the desired in-depth information. FamilyTree DNA tracks twenty-five markers to give a clearer precise picture. Both studies track the Y-chromosome that's only found in the male line. This makes it a little more difficult, but not impossible, for those of our members who are of MacGregor descent is on their mother's side. They would need to locate a male cousin whose MacGregor descendant is of the male line. For a more detail explanation about the MacGregor DNA study visit the Clan Gregor website (<http://www.clangregor.org/macgregor/dna.html>).

We had an excellent day at the Williamsburg Scottish Games at the end of September.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our local happening across Virginia during the upcoming year and again at the 95th ACGS Gathering in Jacksonville, Florida in October 2004.

“CLAN GREGOR 2003”

In 2003 the GREGOR’S met in New Orleans
The Land of Plenty and the Land of Dreams
And there we heard a marvelous Cajun Band
Because we were there in the ole Cajun Land

The Band was chaired by the only Roland
Cheraniie And we all enjoyed everything we did See
And also enjoyed everything we did Hear
Because we were there in the Cajun Land this Year

So all of us did enjoy every bit of it ALL
After all it is October and it is the Fall
The weather is more beautiful this Year
And we were all glad that we could be Here!

Written by: Ernest R. Magruder, October 17, 2003
For the Gregor and Roland Cheraniie

Randy Zimmerman sent us a copy of his Xmas Newsletter, in which he mentioned the MacGregors Gathering in New Orleans last Oct., writing this ditty about the Clan parading on Bourbon Street:

“ Past the palaces of din and sin,
Past the smells of beer and gin,
Our drums and pipes struck the beat
As we marched down Bourbon Street.

Past girlie clubs and voodoo shops
Where the hoodoo never stops,
March MacGregors, proud as Scots,
Not with Bourbon, but with Scotch!”

THE BOAT SONG

“Hail to the Chief who in triumph advances!
Honored and Blessed be the ever-green Pines!
Long may the tree, in the banner that glances,
Flourish, the shelter and grace of our line!
Heaven send it happy dew,
Earth lend it sap anew,
Gaily to bourgeon and proudly grow,
While every Highland glen
Sends our shout back again.
Roderigh Vich Alpine dhu, ho! ieroe!”
(Roderick Dhu of Clan Alpin, Ho! Our Hero!)

“WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN”



In honor of David King in Iraq serving our country, we thank you for your hard work and the sacrifices you make every day! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

48th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 10 – 13, 2003

Submitted by Malcolm & Barbara MacGregor

What an eye-opening experience the Games were for Bill Tyler, Registrar, and his wife Helen! This was their first visit to a Scottish Game let alone the Grandfather of all! By the end of the week they were already planning to attend the 49th annual GMHG!

Fleecy white clouds floated over MacRae Meadows as picnickers gathered at 5:00pm Thursday, 7/10, to watch the front runners of The Bear (5 mile foot race beginning in Linville) appear on the track en route to the top of Grandfather, signaling the beginning of the Opening Ceremonies. At dusk the sky darkened, sounds of a lonely piper could be heard in the distance, and as Clan Representatives appeared to place their torches in the Saltire Cross, the Heavens open with a torrential down-pour! It seemed fitting that the voice of our Chieftan, Jeffrey McGregor, was one of the first to be heard- announcing "The Children of the Mist", Clan Gregor is here!

About 18 ACGS members attended this stirring ceremony and over the next 3 days (blessed with beautiful weather on the mountainside) we had the pleasure of mingling with at least 35 ACGS members and their families – from several states: Dr Ray Azbell & daughter Allison (NC); Eric Burkhalter, son Eric and grandson Alex (SC); Dore & Bob Dumas (TN); Robert Ellington & family (FL); Elizabeth Joiner (FL); David & Nancy King (NC); Malcolm & Barbara MacGregor (FL); Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor (VA); Scott MacGregor (VA); Fred Magruder (SC); Chieftan Jeffrey * Frieda McGregor (FL); Dave & Suzanne McGregor (FL-NC); Jon * Ena McGregor (FL); Mary McKee, husband and son Gary (TN); Dan & Josephine Megehee (MS); Thad Osborne (TN); Alison Swafford & husband (NC); Joe Tichy & Delores Rengert (NC); Bill & Helen Tyler (VA); Hallam & Catherine Walker (NC); and Joe White (TN).

A couple of members who usually attend these games had to cancel due to last-minute mishaps so we all signed "Get Well" cards for Katie Gregg (IL), Carrington Ewell (VA), and Arthur Lecky (SC), who has been hospitalized for some time.

As in the past few years, the Games Field was open on Friday for athletic demonstrations, sheep herding exhibitions, pre-championship dancing competitions and various Appalachian entertainment and jam sessions on the Meadow into the wee hours of the night. On Saturday, with over 126 Clan/Society tents, numerous food vendors & merchants, many entertainers performing in their own tents and in the 3 Celtic Groves, all the athletics, dancing & piping competitions, mixed pipe band concerts, Ceilidhs, County Dancing and special entertainers concerts throughout the area, it was difficult to see and do everything.

Assistant Chieftan, John C. McGregor displayed a memorial photo of Sir Gregor at our tent and provided male Society members with a black arm band in respect for our departed Chief Sir Gregor.

We were proud to have Thad Osborne represent ACGS at the Kirking of the Tartan once again. The Sunday Clan competitions were most enjoyable. It was exciting to watch Eric Burkhalter's grandson Alex represent ACGS in the kilted _ mile race for

6 year old lads, and it was an honor to have Devin Peterson (son of Balladeer Carl Peterson) representing Clan Gregor, win two first place awards in the light-heavy weight wrestling for ages 15-under and 16-under. Congratulations to Devin!

Our Registrar, Bill Tyler was on "Tent Duty" to answer questions of over 30 prospects. Prospect Buster & Janet Magruder of Virginia filled out an application and Bill accepted his money and signed him up on the spot! Welcome Buster & Janet to the ACGS! Another prospect, Michael Redburn MacGregor of Charlotte, NC, works on a "pirate ship" and has been in a few pirate movies. Many people stopped to take his picture in his pirate garb, with his special musical instrument – a horn made of hollowed-out eucalyptus wood.

Many thanks to Chieftan Jeffrey & Frieda McGregor, and Dave & Suzanne McGregor, for hosting the tent, and preparing the snacks and luncheons on Saturday and Sunday. Twenty-one of us gathered again at "Ichabods". Chieftan Jeffrey & Frieda McGregor; Dave & Suzanne McGregor; John & Ena McGregor; Mal & Barb MacGregor; Dan & Josephine Megehee; Bill & Helen Tyler; Joe Tichy & Delores Rengert; Thad Osborne and friend Christy Long (President of the Scottish Society of Chattanooga, TN); Mary McKee, husband and son Gary and Hallam & Catherine Walker.

After dinner, once again Dave & Suzanne invited everyone to their home in Blowing Rock for coffee and cake and more "kinship". We all agreed that this 48th Annual Grandfather Mountain celebration was the most pleasant and productive we have attended.

20th S.E. Florida Games - Pembroke Pines, FL



l-r: Paul, Audrey and Hunter Gregg Pellingier.
Donald B. & Audrey Gregg's daughter/husband and grandson



Some ACGS members that marched in the Parade.

l-r: Dave McGregor, Audrey & Donald B. Gregg, Mylene & Jim White.



Sarasota, FL Games

John McGregor and Mr. & Mrs. Jim McGregor, parents of movie star, Ewan McGregor.

ACGS tent hosted by Ron Shankland, (Deputy Chieftan of Michigan, who winters in FL) and Assistant Chieftan, John & Ena McGregor.
Sarasota, Florida Highland Games.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games - Linville, NC



Devin Peterson and father Scottish Balladeer, Carl Peterson.

*Devin won two 1st Place awards in the Light-heavy weight Wrestling Competitions, Ages 15 & under and Ages 16 & under.



Bill Tyler and wife Helen at Opening Night Ceremonies



Catherine & Hallam Walker (Scholarship Chairman), enjoying the “after-the-games dinner” at Ichabod’s restaurant, Blowing Rock, NC. 21 families attended.



Parade of Tartans led by Dave McGregor carrying the Arms of the Chief, John C. McGregor, Assistant Chieftan, and Chieftan Jeffrey McGregor. Other banner carriers were Dan Megehee and Thad Osborne.

Jacksonville, Florida Highland Games



Co-hosts Beth & John Wassell with John sporting his new kilt.



Honored Guest-Chieftan Jeffrey McGregor
l-r Honored Guest – Chieftan Jeffrey
McGregor, local co-host John Wassell and
Malcolm G. MacGregor, Deputy Chieftan,
FL.



L-R- John & Bernice Rogers, Jim & Susan Mitchell at the Sponsor's Reception. Bernice & Susan are sisters.



31 ACGS members attended on behalf of the MacGregors being the honored Clan. Some of the members that marched in the parade are: l-r: Thad Osborne, Deputy Chieftan, TN, John C. McGregor, Assistant Chieftan, Donald A. Gregg Deputy Chieftan, IL, Ena McGregor, John Wassell, T.Ross Gregg, Jr. The girls with painted faces are Megan Coney (granddaughter of Susan Mitchell) and friend.



At the Sponsor's Reception: l-r: Datie & Donald A. Gregg, Deputy Chieftan, IL, John C. McGregor, Assistant Chieftan, John Wassell-husband of ACGS member Beth Wassell.

Richmond Highland Games



Sandy MacGregor, Scott MacGregor in saltire shades, and a MacGregor guest prepares to take the field for the Clan Parade.



Chieftain, Sandy MacGregor assisting one of the many visitors that stopped by the Clan tent.

The Fiery Cross

1911

by Dr. Edward May Magruder

(Editor's Note: As your new editor of the yearbook, I want to continue the tradition that Lillian Magruder started of reprinting articles from previous yearbooks. I have chosen "The Fiery Cross" that was published in the 1913 yearbook containing the proceedings at the Gathering of 1911 and 1912.)

The first form of Christianity among the Scotch Highlanders was Roman Catholicism and among all the Highland Clans the Cross was a holy emblem and as such was viewed with awe in reverence.

The Scotch Highlanders were a fighting race, feuds between different Clans were very common, and rarely ever were the Highlands in a state of peace and quiet. Some of the Clans were friendly to each other and mortal enemies of others. Each Clan was ever on the alert for fear of invasion of its territory by an enemy. These attacks were sudden, unheralded, and accompanied by the burning of houses and villages, the killing of the inhabitants, and the carrying off of cattle, sheep, and other live stock, which constituted the principal source of wealth in those regions.

Each Clan had a fixed place of rendezvous where they met at the call of the Chief, in case of sudden alarm or attack. When an emergency arose for an immediate gathering of the Clan to resist the incursion of an enemy, the "Fiery Cross" was immediately sent by the Chief through the territories of his Clan as a signal for all the fighting men to gather at once at the rendezvous, armed for war.

The Cross, of whose origin I can find no record, was small enough to be easily carried in one hand and was fashioned of wood chiefly of the yew tree or hazel in the form of the Latin Cross of history. The manner of procedure seemed to vary. Sometimes the ends of the upper and two horizontal arms were set on fire and then the blaze was extinguished in the blood of a goat slain for the purpose; at other times one of the ends of the horizontal piece was burnt or burning while a piece of white cloth stained with blood was suspended from the other end.

Two men, each with a "Fiery Cross" in his hand, were dispatched by the Chief in different directions, who ran shouting the war cry and naming the place and time of rendezvous. As the runners became weary the crosses were delivered to others and, as each fresh bearer ran at full speed, the Clan was assembled very quickly.

Those who disregarded the summons of the "Fiery Cross" were looked upon as traitors to Chief and Clan and the most horrible imprecations were called down upon their heads. Old men cursed their delinquent sons, maidens despised their guilty lovers, all the members of the Clan united in heaping shame and abuse upon them as worse than worthless cowards.

"Woe to the wretch who fails to rear

At this dread sign the ready spear!

Far o'er its roof the volumed flame

Clan Alpine's vengeance shall proclaim,

While maids and matrons on his name,

Shall call down wretchedness and shame,

And infamy and woe;

*When flits this cross from man to man,
 Vich-Alpine's summons to his Clan,
 Burst be the ear that fails to heed!
 Palsied the foot that shuns to speed!
 May ravens tear the careless eyes,
 Wolves make the coward heart their prize!
 As sinks that blood stream in the earth,
 So may his heart's blood drench his hearth!"*

No excuse was accepted for not responding to the summons; the call was absolute, imperative, and urgent. The groom forsook his bride at the church door; the pall-bearers abandoned the funeral bier, wherever the Cross bearer was met.

*"Fast as the fatal symbol flies,
 In arms the huts and hamlets rise;
 The fisherman forsook the strand,
 The swarthy smith took dirk and brand;
 With changed cheer, the mower blithe
 Left in the half cut swath his sythe;
 The herds without a keeper strayed,
 The plough was in mid furrow stayed,
 The falc 'ner tossed his hawk away,
 The hunter left the stag at bay;
 Prompt at the signal of alarms,
 Each son of Alpine rushed to arms."*

Probably the only time the "Fiery Cross" was ever used in the Lowlands of Scotland was in the year 1547 during the minority reigns of Mary Queen of Scots and Edward VI, of England. The English government was in favor of a marriage between the two young monarchs in order to unite the two kingdoms, to which the dominant party in Scotland objected. The English army invaded Scotland and the Scottish governor, fearing the people might not obey an ordinary summons to arms, sent the "Fiery Cross" through out the country, Lowlands as well as Highlands. The cross was fastened to the point of a spear and sent with great rapidity from town to town, village to village, and hamlet to hamlet, with the result that in a wonderfully short time an army of 36,000 men had assembled for the defense of the realm.

"One of the latest instances of the "Fiery Cross being used in the Highlands was by Lord Breadalbane in the Stuart uprising of 1745, when the cross went around Loch Tay, a distance of thirty-two miles, in three hours, to raise his people and prevent their joining the rebels. In 1715 it went the same round and 500 men assembled the same evening under the command of the Laird of Glenlyon to join the Earl of Mar." (Browne.)

The western portions of Virginia and the Carolinas, the northern portions of Georgia and Alabama, and most of Tennessee, were settled by the hardy race of Scotch-Irish, in whose veins the Scotch blood was warm. Thomas Dixon, in "The Clansman" makes mention of the use of the "Fiery Cross" in the rites and ceremonies of the Ku-Klux-Klan, which organization originated and flourished among the Scotch-Irish of those regions and formed a mighty bulwark of civilization against barbarism.

In these days of peace and civilization we no longer need the “Fiery Cross” to summon us to deeds of war and violence; but we will cherish it as the symbol of unity and loyalty among kindred and make use of it in summoning us to gather together in Clanship, in inspiring cordiality among us, and in fostering home ties.

All honor to the “Fiery Cross”—may its mission never cease!

The Auld Kirk at Lochearnhead (and other notable spots)

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As I begin to settle in to the New Year, 2004, I realize that I had not yet written a piece about some of the places we visited while on our Summer Holiday and Clan Gathering in Scotland, to share with the Gregarach and friends of Clan Gregor.

While in Scotland we visited many, many historic places meaningful to Clan Gregor members, but this one small kirk seems to have been missed by many of us as we visited the more traditional MacGregor and other historical places such as Balquhiddier Kirk, Dalmally Kirk, Stirling Kirk and Castle, Glamis and Doune Castles, and so forth...

We actually stayed in the wee village of Lochearnhead this trip, as guests of Pam and Lawrie Hopkins of Earnknowe, at delightful cottage away from home. Pam was an outstanding cook and gifted business woman, and Lawrie an experienced art collector and framer, as well as a gentleman and grand highland host. The Hopkins were very much a part of our good memories of this trip as they helped immensely with dealing with the AWFUL British Airlines and our lost baggage fiasco!!

Part of their care and nurturing was to introduce us to the local Scottish Episcopal Church in this recreational community. One really needed to actually know of its existence to actually locate it, as it was so very easy to pass right by on the main road to Callendar. Pam is the local Sessions Clerk, and she arranged for us to visit the wee kirk, and record our experience of this venerable spot. Here's what we learned about the little Kirk of Lochearnhead:

The Church is named and dedicated to St. Angus, who apparently lived and preached in this area of Lochearnhead for well over a thousand years ago. The existing Church was built in 1888 as a private Chapel by three local families: The



Stewarts of Ardvorlich, the Carnegies of Stonvar and the MacGregors of Edenchip, on whose ground the church was built. It was consecrated by the Bishop of St, Andrews in 1894, as a chapel of the Scottish



Episcopal Church. The early history of the Church is a bit uncertain, but it seems that services were held initially only during the shooting (Hunting) season, and hence its one time name of the "Grouse Church".

A bit about the Church is gleaned from materials made available by the Hopkins' and our own enquiries. St. Angus is only known through legend. He is believed to have been associated with a community of Christians in Dunblane, and to have established a Christian community in and around Balquhider in the 7th or 8th Century. AD.

In Donald Omand's book, "The Perthshire Book", he relates a bit more of the roots of Christianity, both in Pictish and Scottish Societies in Perthshire. He offers the thought that "early Christianity was spread into this area of Perthshire by monks moving northwards from Ninian's AD 397 foundation at Whithorn no longer receives much support. " This spreading of Christianity is depicted by the early distribution of several ornamental pictish-era stones found in the various villages of the highlands to the West coast. He reports further, " The **three crosses at Balquhider** and single examples from Dull, St. Bride's Chapel, Loch Lubnaig, St. Blaine's Chapel, **St. Angus Chapel at Lochernhead**, St. Fillian's Chapel and Suie in Glen Dochart. "



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