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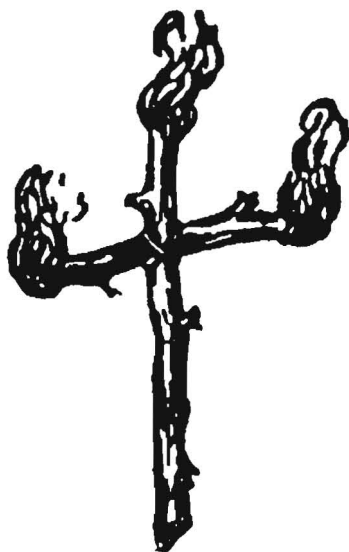


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Pipe Band welcome us to the  
Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City.*

*Clan members arrive at the  
Deseret church at  
Old Deseret Village for the  
Memorial Service.*



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96<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Salt Lake City, Utah

Radisson at Temple Square

Council Meeting – 23 September 2005

### **Attendees, Officers**

Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor, ACGS Chieftain	John C. McGregor, Asst. Chieftain
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Edward K. Gregor, Jr., Member-At-Large	James B. MacGregor, Webmaster
Lois Ann Garlitz, Gathering Chairperson	Ronald Shankland, Guest

ACGS Chieftain Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor, Jr. called the Council meeting to order at 8:05AM on Friday, September 23, 2005 and our Chaplain Thaddeus G. Osborne gave the invocation.

John McGregor proceeded to read a welcoming letter from Sir Malcolm MacGregor. This was followed with a word from our Chieftain that at each of the games he has attended this year he has made it a point to visit the Armstrong tent.

The Scribe, Scott MacGregor, made a motion to accept the council minutes of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering as printed in the 2005 ACGS Annual Yearbook. With no further changes to the minutes being presented, a motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as published.

The Treasurer, Howard Grossnickle, presented an interim report, which due to the timing of the Gathering does not include transactions for the months of August and September. These transactions will be included in the final report to be prepared following the Gathering expenses. Howard explained why the Quick & O'Reilly accounts were shuffled around due to the company being purchased by Bank of America. Our accounts are now with Broker's Express.

Howard noted that working with John, 430 dues notices were mailed out; this included about 39 associate members. Out of this, 276 members responded, including 36 of the 39 associate members. The response this year was about 67 percent on our dues mailings. This low number can be for various reasons; we're not getting up-to-date information like address corrections, deceased members, and some people are just not participating due to health or financial reasons. We do need to concentrate more on how we recruit and process new members. A better way of tracking our members is needed, possibly using the state deputies to keep in touch with the members in their state and reminding them

when seen if they've moved that the society needs their new address. Our closest contact is with the state deputy chieftains.

The C&E fund continues to receive contributions for the Dalmally project, sometimes late like during the Gathering, which will alter the numbers reflected on the interim report. A check is to be sent to the Clan Gregor Society (CGS) for last year, which was delayed in hopes of a better currency exchange. Alistair and Keith McGregor from the CGS are supposed to be sending the current drawings for the project. Approximately two-thirds of the money spent so far has come from what the ACGS has gathered. The CGS is saving their money for the construction phase.

The general fund account has met our expenses for the year, not to include the cost of the Gathering. Everybody has done very well in keeping their expenses down. The only troublesome thing seen is some of our incidental printing costs have not been as controlled, like the yearbook. John has looked into possible single source for printing the newsletter, dues notices, envelopes, etc.

Howard expressed that our dividend funds should increase and we will be reinvesting them, but that we have to expend at least fifty percent in accordance with IRS requirements. For the past two years the society has operated without using these dividend funds, but we must use some this year to comply with the IRS rules. The dividend funds will be moved to the individual accounts for each of the groups and expended from there.

A question was raised as to whether all the checks written are reflected in the report. The report shows only those checks written against the account that the treasurer maintains. The society currently has two separate checking accounts. The Treasurer's preference would be to have just one account because it would be a lot easier to track, reducing the possibility of duplication and reducing the confusion in the report itself. If the second account is not really needed, it should be closed to eliminate the confusion. This second account is a long held account going back to when Joe collected the dues and could easily deposit them. This second account was going to be closed when John took over as Assistant Chieftain, but since Joe is still handling the gatherings, the account is still being used. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

The Registrar, William E. Tyler, III, presented his report, noting that there were 27 new members and members who have changed their status. A question was asked as to whether the report also reflects how many applications were received and are still being processed. This data was not readily available to provide an answer to the question. A motion was made and approved to accept the Registrar's report as presented.

The Historian, Tess Galloway, presented her report, noting the births, marriages, and deaths of members. It was noted that we should indicate whether the person is a member or a relative of a member. A motion was made and approved to accept the Historian's report as amended here during discussion.



The Editor, Lillian Magruder, presented her report and asked if everyone had received their yearbook. The Editor requests that the full reports be submitted by the end of December. She requests that the items be submitted as soon as they are ready because if everyone waits until the deadline it causes a big strain to complete in the allotted time frame. The Editor would like to send the yearbook to the printer by February 1<sup>st</sup> and then in the mail to members by May 1<sup>st</sup>. A request was made for pictures from the various highland games. This past year only pictures from the Grandfather Mountain Games were submitted. All individuals in the pictures should be identified on the back. The Editor can now also accept the pictures and reports via e-mail. A motion was made and approved to accept the Editor's report as presented.

The Librarian, Marshall Greer, was not present at the Gathering. The Chieftain indicated that he had spoken with Marshall just days prior and that a report would be e-mailed to the Scribe. As of thirty minutes prior to the meeting the Scribe still had not received the report. Further concern was raised about the position and if a new individual for the position should be located. Any person for the librarian position would have to be physically close to the collection in Baltimore so they could interact with the university personnel.

It was noted that Ann Straten in Canada has a large collection of MacGregor genealogical data and doesn't know if she wants to pass it on to family or donate it to the society. A determination will need to be made as to how much is actually library material. We'll need to know if the library can handle the additional volumes before we could accept the collection. Further discussion halted at this time.

Joe Tichy presented this year's Scholarship/Trustees report in Hallam Walker's absence, noting that four Blunt scholarships for \$1000 each were awarded to this year's recipients. We have had a yield of 9.6 percent on the trustees' investments this year.

This year's Gathering highlights the reasoning behind the absentee guests program. This year we have a lot of members not present who sent in their money as absentee guests. The total from these individuals is just about \$1000, which is the equivalent of 38 people who are not present at the Gathering. These Gatherings depend heavily on the banquet attendance to stay in fiscal shape.

A concern was expressed about why an individual is not identified as part of the Trustees, even though the By-Laws state that the Treasurer is also an ex-officio member of the Trustees. It was noted by the Chancellor that the Treasurer did not have to partake in the day-to-day activities of the Trustees, but the Trustees cannot operate without the Treasurer. The primary concern expressed here is what role and interaction does the Treasurer perform in conjunction with the Trustees. A motion was made and approved to accept the Scholarship/Trustees' report as presented.

The Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, presented his report, outlining the growth rate of the Society over the years. The "Lost Souls" section that has been run in the newsletter has been very successful in recovering missing members. John touched on the

printing costs and how we might reduce this expense; Sir Malcolm's wedding to Miss Fiona Armstrong; and passed around for comparison both the new society pin and an old pin, explaining about the savings incurred with the new pin. A motion was made and approved to accept the Assistant Chieftain's report as presented.

The Gathering Chairperson, Lois Ann Garlitz, asked if everyone was having a good time so far. All are encouraged to support the silent auction in support of the Dalmally project. FedEx is expected to deliver new updated reports as to what the Dalmally project will look like. She thanked John for humoring her when she sent additional addresses for non-members to be included in the Gathering mailing. When talking of recruiting you have to keep at it, people don't get it the first time around. The people need time to get bonded to who we are and what we stand for. She relayed from a recent genealogical conference that any genealogical society that doesn't go virtual would be lost in the dust. A motion was made and approved to accept the Gathering Chairperson's report as presented.

The Chieftain, Robert MacGregor, thanked everyone for coming, and especially Lois Ann for all the efforts put forth for this year's Gathering. He is saving the rest of his comments for the banquet on Saturday evening.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Update of the By-Laws and creation of a Procedures and Policies manual. Sandy's initial efforts with these documents were lost in March when both his computer and laptop crashed. He regenerated the document from memory and provided all present with a copy to take home and review and then provide feedback along with further input.

Concern was raised about using the words "Manual" or "Regulation" for the Procedures and Policies that it might be legally too restrictive for future changes to be made by the council, and that using "Guideline" or "Handbook" would provide more flexibility. The Chancellor agreed with this assessment.

The plans are to separate the By-Laws and the Procedures manual into two different documents. When this document was drafted, no job descriptions were received. A new committee consisting of the Chieftain (Sandy), Chancellor (Diane), Assistant Chieftain (John) and Joe Tichy plus two additional members from council and two from the state deputies will be convened to pull the project together. The Chieftain will be the chairman of the committee. April is the desired date for having these documents assembled so they can be provided to the rest of council and state deputies for their comments. Following that, the documents would be prepared for approval at next year's gathering; possibly placing the documents on the website so that all of our members can review them prior to the gathering, when they will be voted on.

To make changes to the By-Laws requires approval by the general membership, whereas changes to the procedure manual do not. The procedures manual is

envisioned to be a working document that covers the daily functions of the society and states what each position's duties are, so that an individual accepting a position will know what the job entails.

A "members only" site can be created on the website for placement of these documents so that everyone involved can access them. A password would be required and the user would need to log in to the site.

2. A concern was expressed about the Certificate of Appreciation being received by individuals. Where do they stand? There was some confusion about whether this topic was finalized by the committee, accepted by council, and implemented. When presented to the Chieftain, he will sign the certificates.
3. A concern was expressed about the clan tent reimbursement. After a brief discussion this topic was carried over into new business.

### **New Business:**

1. The possibility of providing an honorary membership of Certificate of Recognition as a means of marketing the Society was discussed. Under current consideration is a U.S. Senator from Michigan who is a Greer. According to the By-Laws this individual can join the Society as a lineal member; therefore is ineligible for honorary membership. However, a Certificate of Recognition was agreed upon as being the best approach towards the marketing aspect. It was noted that other members of Congress have previously been lineal members of this Society. A motion was made and approved to send the Senator a certificate that would also be accompanied by a strongly worded letter encouraging her to join the Society.
2. There was a discussion of society genealogical records and the fact that there is a way for the general public to access these records in their research. We don't believe there is anything currently specific to our membership that's up on the web. The society yearbooks from 1910 to 1975 were microfilmed and are available in the LDS library.

The index cards (16,000) currently maintained by the Registrar are presently being transcribed with the thought of placing them on CD and having the CDs available for purchase through the merchandising chairman. This will provide an electronic index to the yearbooks.

Privacy concerns were expressed and it was noted that this information is already in the yearbooks sent to public libraries, so it's already in the public domain. It might be worthwhile to check with the libraries and see what the status of their collection is concerning the yearbooks.

The effort a couple of years ago to scan in the yearbooks has been discontinued at this time due to portions of the scanned image being dropped. The problem has



yet to be solved. Scanning of the membership applications was temporarily halted due to hardware failure.

3. Banners/Flags for State Deputy Chieftains and their Clan tents. When Sir Malcolm makes a preference, might the state deputies be informed. Sir Malcolm would like all of the banners to be standardized for familiarity, follow the heraldic rules, and be different from his. Suggestion was made to possibly circulate the banners around to the different Games. Concern was expressed because there are so many Games and they often conflict. It would be difficult to always get the banners where needed. If we can settle on a design we could have them created by a single vendor to save money. It was noted that the new State Deputy Chieftain from Minnesota has a brother in the sign business who could possibly handle the job.
4. Membership admissions was brought to everyone's attention by John McGregor, who noted the society's slow growth and attributed it to the genealogical requirement that makes it difficult for people to join our society with all the hoopla that must be met. This problem has been talked about for years and going back to 1993, when George MacGregor was Chieftain and commissioned a long range planning committee that was chaired by John Bellassai. This committee recommended that one way to improve membership was to create a new category of dues paying associate members for persons who can not meet the existing lineal membership requirements and are not spouses of lineal members, but yet are interested in joining our society in support of its purpose and goals. This is something that could be done at the tent site at the different games. The Clan Gregor Society is used as a comparison because many of us are dual members and we get the newsletters that give membership totals. This was to show that in the 2003-2004 years the CGS increased their membership triple that of the ACGS, but the memberships were not the same. Their new members did not have to meet the same genealogical requirement as our society. This is the primary reason the societies cannot be merged. A motion was made to create a new category of membership that is only good for a certain number of years for those people interested in becoming members but who have not completed the genealogy requirement. This motion calls for a change in the By-Laws, which requires an official notice in advance and then it must be brought before the general assembly. It was determined that a motion was not needed and that it will be addressed in the proposed By-Laws and Procedure manual being drafted. This category of membership would not have voting rights. Another thought towards enticing them to become lineal members was to charge a higher dues amount. The name for the category ranged from "Social", which was deemed unacceptable, to "Provisional", which was agreeable. Provisional is descriptive of the category, in that you are accepted by the society while still working to meet the genealogical requirements. They would receive the newsletter and their dues would cover the mailings, keeping their interest and to query how they are doing with their family research. It was suggested that the State Deputy Chieftains be

informed by the Registrar when a new member joins in their state, so that direct contact can be made.

5. A suggestion was made to create a new council position to handle marketing of the society towards getting new members. The State Deputies would be part of this; it is just recognizing the work that needs to be done in the Policies and Procedure guide. This would be a Public Relations/Marketing position.
6. Concern was expressed about an item mentioned in the Clan Gregor Society newsletter that stated that advertising should be arranged in Canada when funds permit. This is an indication of their intent to create a chapter in Canada. The American Clan Gregor Society received a charter in 1909 for all of North America, including Canada and Mexico. Concern was expressed that the ACGS might have turned its back on the Canadians, which offended them. This was countered. We as a society failed to recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian CGS chapter. Sir Malcolm mentioned this year that we still have all of North America if we want to pursue it.
7. Concern was expressed about the Uncle Bob's storage maintained in Northern Virginia that primarily contains prior yearbooks and costs \$557 a year in fees. Question was raised about how many books actually exist and if we could do away with this storage, saving the annual fee. We annually supply a copy of the yearbook to sixty libraries across the country and need to ensure that each library has a complete set of yearbooks, after which the remaining yearbooks can be sold individually, or in complete sets, or in sets by decade. The sale of these past yearbooks has not been advertised in recent years, but if someone would write something up, the newsletter editor would be happy to include it. The first two yearbooks were recently reprinted because the society had sold out of them. The storage should be kept, but if we can scan these yearbooks and place all one hundred years of them on a CD, then we don't need the storage. The council needs to come up with a price for a whole collection, a partial collection, or individual yearbooks, and then publish it in the newsletter. An inventory needs to be done to determine how many collections can be assembled.
8. Concern was expressed about why all the expenses for the Clan tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is reimbursed, while there is a \$100 maximum for Clan tents per Games for all other events. It was noted that the council voted many years ago, when there were many fewer Games, to support this annual event. It was noted that if the society were to pay 100 percent of the expenses for a Clan tent at each of the Games today, the society would go bankrupt quickly. A thought was expressed to limit all Games to the \$100 maximum unless the Clan Gregor or the American Clan Gregor Society is the Honored Clan, and especially if the Hereditary Chief or the Society Chieftain is present. Being the Honored Clan at many of the Games almost always entails additional expenses for things like hospitality. Even though Grandfather Mountain is written off, some constraint is requested with expenditures.



An additional concern was expressed as to why some individuals have to wait for up to a year to be reimbursed, while others are paid on the spot. A further discussion followed about the tax laws and whether the State Deputies can claim some of their tent expenses on their taxes. All of these concerns are to be addressed in the proposed Policies and Procedures guide and reviewed by council over the next year. It will then be presented to the general assembly at next year's Gathering.

9. A question was raised about the funds that were approved in prior years to help defray the cost of the one hundredth anniversary Gathering in 2009. With the transitioning to a new treasurer, the separate account for this purpose has not been established, but will be forthcoming. Contributions to this account are also welcome.
10. A concern was expressed about the continued existence of two checking accounts and the amount of effort required by the treasurer to accurately reflect all of the activity that is incurred against both throughout the year. It was thought that these accounts were going to be consolidated into a single checking account during the transition of the treasurer. This has yet to occur.
11. Why does everything have to wait until the annual council meeting to get done? Why can't many items be handled during the interim via e-mail? These concerns are to be addressed in the new Policies and Procedures guide with how-to instructions for carrying out such activities. Ron McGregor sent out two e-mails during the past year, expecting action, and only received an acknowledgement from a handful of the recipients. We need to use e-mail to get more things done than what is possible during the annual council meeting.

The Council temporarily adjourned at 11:15AM, due to partaking of the scheduled Gathering tour. The council members were informed to reconvene at 5:10PM in the same location following the tour to conclude the society's business.

#### **New Business (*continued*):**

The issue about the checking accounts was revisited. The second account maintained by the Gathering organizer is for the deposit of checks received so none are lost in transition to the treasurer. Concern was further stressed about the treasurer not being able to track the activity against the account in question. A suggestion was made to open a single account with a national bank that has branches in every state so everyone has access, but a concern was raised about being able to deposit money across state lines.

A motion was made to have one checking account with access by all who require it, so that the treasurer has one uniform place to retrieve the needed banking records and in order for an accurate report of the society's finances to be provided in a timely fashion. In discussion it was noted that this second account is for convenience in organizing the annual Gatherings, but it is somewhat risky from

the treasurer's standpoint in the accuracy of the books and the report to the IRS. A vote was called for on the motion and reflected four in favor and six against. The motion did not carry.<sup>5</sup>

12. A concern was expressed that the yearbook does not reflect all of the trustees as designated by the By-Laws. The treasurer should also be reflected as one of the trustees. A motion was made and approved to add the treasurer as a trustee in all appropriate lists.
13. Holding the one hundredth anniversary Gathering in Charlottesville, Virginia will not be possible. The two hotels that are large enough to handle our event are not willing to work with us because it is their peak season with the fall foliage and the UVA football season. Following this, Washington D.C. and the National Hotel where our first Gathering was held were looked into. The hotel no longer exists. It was suggested that Washington D.C. be considered for our one hundredth anniversary Gathering. There are several hotels within the vicinity that are large enough to handle our Gathering.

The decision on the location for the 97<sup>th</sup> Gathering in 2006 has yet to be determined, as it is dependent upon our choice of location for the one hundredth.

### **Election of Officers:**

John McGregor presented this year's Nominating Committee report. The 2006 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. Tess Galloway; 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. Lillian Magruder; Piper – Mr. Matthew Kuldell; Trustees – E. Magruder Passano, Hallam Walker, Joseph C. Tichy and Howard Grossnickle.

There was much debate over the Librarian position, concerning the person's absence and lack of reports for the past three years. A person is required for the position on the slate of officers being presented for election by the general assembly. The nominating committee and the Chieftain are going to follow up after the Gathering with the individual to determine how the society is going to proceed with the position. A motion was made to accept the proposed slate of officers as presented. The motion carried with one opposing vote.

A lengthy debate was held on whether the nominating committee is elected each year or derived from the officer positions held, as in Past Chieftain, Assistant Chieftain, and Treasurer. A question was asked as to whether any individual could be nominated from the floor. It was noted that the norm was to select the committee by these positions. However, the By-Laws read that a nomination from the floor can be made. All nominees should be referenced by their names and not by the position they hold.

The individuals selected for next year's Nominating Committee are Jeffrey R. McGregor, John C. McGregor and Howard Grossnickle. Scott MacGregor was nominated from the floor, but declined the position. A motion was made and approved to accept the nominating committee's slate of officers as amended. A further motion was made and approved to appoint John C. McGregor as the Chairman of the nominating committee.

John C. McGregor was asked and he accepted the position of Assistant Chieftain for another year. The council approved of John's appointment.

It was noted that openings for the positions of Assistant Chieftain, Treasurer, and Registrar were likely for next year. Also, if the new position for Marketing is accepted by the general assembly, an individual must be found to fill that spot.

### **The Good of the Order:**

1. Whatever happened to the Gathering Site Committee, which planned the gathering locations two years in advance? The committee dissolved because it didn't work. This is a topic to be included in the new Procedures guide towards establishing this as a standing committee.
2. The whole objective of the proposed Policies and Procedures guide is for it to be a living document that provides detail information on all aspects of running the society, so that anyone coming into a position can easily pick up the responsibilities and keep things flowing smoothly.

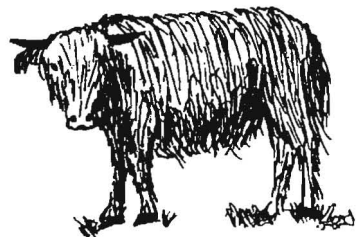
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Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor  
ACGS Scribe 2005





## **American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.**

96<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Salt Lake City, Utah

Radisson at Temple Square

General Meeting – 24 September 2005

The ACGS Chieftain, Robert MacGregor, called the Annual General Meeting to order at 9:12AM on Saturday, September 24, 2005. He then proceeded to welcome all clan members to the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. The Chaplain, Thaddeus Osborne, was then asked to give the invocation.

John McGregor followed by reading the greetings received from Sir Malcolm MacGregor, our Hereditary Chief, who said, *"It gives me great pleasure to send everyone attending the 2005 Gathering in Salt Lake City best wishes for an enjoyable and a lively weekend. It is marvelous to think that this year's Gathering is taking place in a city with so much rich history. I hope there are a good number of members from the western USA attending."*

*The highlight of my year has been my marriage to Miss Foina Armstrong and we both thank-you the American Clan Gregor Society for your extremely generous gift of the silver salver with the MacGregor and Armstrong crests emblazoned on it. We were also amused to hear of the re-organization of the clan tents at Grandfather Mountain so the Armstrong contingent was next to the MacGregors.*

*In the meanwhile we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible should you venture to Scotland in the coming year. Have a great Gathering."*

The Scribe, Scott F. MacGregor, read the interim minutes of the council meeting held on Friday morning 23 September 2005. He noted that it was a long two-part session, breaking temporarily for the tour and then reconvened afterwards to finish with business. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

The Treasurer, Howard Grossnickle, gave his report, starting with an apology for not having the August and September figures in the report, making this an interim report. The final won't be much different, except it will contain the full figures when seen in the yearbook. Figures for each of the Society's investments and trusts were provided. It was noted that some of the society's accounts were moved between brokers due to company mergers. About sixty-seven percent of the four hundred plus dues notices mailed this year responded back. Current contact information is requested for any members known to have moved recently.

On the Dalmally project, the last check we sent was greatly appreciated and has gone towards the finalization of the preliminary requirements. Roughly two-thirds of everything towards preparation has been paid and we are nearing the point of raising funds for the actual construction. A check for \$6,000 will be sent before the end of this fiscal year.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried.

The Registrar, William E. Tyler, III, gave his report, noting that we had 26 new lineal members, life members, and junior members, plus one re-instatement. The names were then read, with the request that those present please stand and be recognized. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Registrar's report as read. The motion carried.

The Historian, Tess Galloway, presented her report, reflecting that there had been five deaths of members and the death of one member's mother. On a lighter note, several births and two marriages were announced. The names of each individual were read. Both of the newly married couples were present and recognized. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Historian's report as read. The motion carried.

The Editor, Lillian Magruder, noted that she didn't really have a report, since her report was actually the yearbook that everyone received. What Lillian had to say was more in the form of an announcement for next year's yearbook. Submittal of pictures is encouraged, particularly of our members at Highland events from around the country. She was disappointed last year to only have pictures from the Grandfather Mountain Games. The deadline for submittal is the end of February, but early submittal of pictures, articles, and reports is appreciated. The yearbooks only cover items that have occurred between Gatherings from the prior Gathering to the current Gathering this year. Things that occur after the Gathering will be reported in the following year's yearbook. A round of applause was given for a job well done. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Editor's report as read. The motion carried.

The Librarian, Marshall V. Grier, was not present for the meeting and no report about the status of the library was received prior to or during the Gathering as expected.

The Trustees' report was presented by Joe Tichy, who in Hallam Walker's absence provided the scholarship report for this year, reflecting the award of four \$1,000 scholarships to the following recipients: Arielle Bosch, Napa, California, University of California – Berkeley; Sophie Gregg, Fort Covington, New York, State University of New York – Potsdam; Jana McGregor, Fort Collins, Colorado, University of Oregon; and Lee Siversten, Alpharetta, Georgia, Berry College.

The trustees are responsible for the guidance of the society's investments of approximately \$330,000, with this year's return on investment being about 9.2 percent. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Trustees' report as presented. The motion carried.

The Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, presented his report, reflecting that the society's membership currently stands at 618. He reflected that in 1930 there were 536 members, which reflects slow growth. It was discussed in Council to increase our membership by being a little more aggressive in the way we recruit new members. Last year, 5,400

pieces of mail were sent out at a cost of \$1,500. Printing cost for the year, which included the color brochures but not the yearbook, came to \$2,500. The marriage of our Chief was celebrated worldwide and the wedding gift of the sterling silver salver sent by the society was well received. This year for the first time a limited quantity of Christmas cards embossed with a picture of the Scottish landscape taken by Sir Malcolm are available for purchase in the merchandise area. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Assistant Chieftain's report as presented. The motion carried.

The Chieftain, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., thanked everyone for attending. It was a great pleasure to see so many MacGregors so far West. He noted that this is a volunteer organization and three major positions will be opening up this year. Volunteers are needed for Treasurer, Registrar, and Assistant Chieftain. The current individuals will be retiring at the end of this current year. If you're aware of any individuals who might be interested, please don't hesitate to provide their names so we might contact them. A volunteer organization is only as strong as its members.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Robert "Sandy" MacGregor asked for Scott MacGregor and Jim MacGregor to come forward to each receive a Certificate of Recognition for bringing the society into the cyberspace era. This was something initiated several years prior – Jim through the creation and continued maintenance of the society website and Scott for his efforts with the early electronic newsletter.

### **New Business:**

1. Ron McGregor of Colorado took the floor to note that he doesn't hesitate to bring up things that are felt to be good for the society – such as the tune played by the pipe major, Matt Kuldell, titled "Hail to the Chief". When the term "Hail to the Chief" is heard, it originally referred to the arrival of a MacGregor Chief being rowed down Loch Katrine by his clansmen, and not the United States President, the Commander and Chief. Sir Walter Scott wrote the song for the stage production of the book "The Lady of the Lake". Franz Schubert later set the song to music in 1825.
2. Robert "Sandy" MacGregor announced that Gregory O'Brien is back in the hospital for a third knee operation and this is the reason he is not at this year's Gathering. Joe Tichy proceeded to inform all of us of a little pipe band history, in that the piper for the young dancer, Chelsea, during the tour on Friday was Matt Kuldell. The pipe band started thirty-five years ago with two male dancers, and Matt was one of them. Matt is now our pipe major.
3. The Gathering Chairperson, Lois Ann Garlitz, was called upon to make a few comments. She asked if everyone was still having a good time and then went on to note that the cemetery incident during the tour on Friday was arranged so everyone would have a good story to tell. She provided a couple of administrative remarks: first, that Thad, our merchandising chairperson, brought

plenty of society sales things with him that he doesn't want to carry back home, so visit him and lighten his load; and second, at the silent auction for the Dalmally project we reserve the right to withdraw items that received frivolous bids. Bidding ends at 12:00PM and winners will be announced during the luncheon. The push with the Dalmally project is to complete it before proceeding on to develop a MacGregor center. The afternoon pipe band concert will be just behind the Union Station a couple of blocks from the hotel. We have a free expression permit that will allow us to march down the sidewalk. Lois Ann noted that the beehive centerpieces that will be present on the banquet tables are on loan from a local antiques dealer's collection and are not available to go home in our suitcases. Lois Ann then thanked all of her volunteers, some of whom were out volunteering. Our Chieftain then praised Lois Ann and her committee for a job well done.

4. Joe Tichy proceeded to inform everyone of our future Gathering situation. We've been trying to determine whether we will be able to host the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gathering in Washington D.C. For our first fifty years the Gathering was held in Washington D.C. because the society was centered around there. With the coming of the jet airline, we went nationwide. We're trying to get back to Washington, but the host hotel for the original Gathering has since been torn down, so we are looking for another suitable hotel nearby. We feel confident that we will be able to secure a location in the Washington D.C. area, so in the next few days we will be starting to determine a location for next year's Gathering. We're currently looking at Richmond or Baltimore, since we haven't been there in quite a while.
5. Ron McGregor announced that input for the next newsletter is needed by the first of November in hopes of having it out before Christmas.

### **Election of Officers:**

The Nominating Committee's recommendation for the 2006 slate of Officers was presented by John McGregor 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. Tess Galloway; Treasurer – Mr. Howard R. Grossnickle; Chaplain – Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne; Surgeon – Dr. Thomas N. McNish; Chancellor – Ms. Diana Brown; Librarian – Mr. Marshall V. Grier; Editor – Mrs. Lillian Magruder; Piper – Mr. Matthew Kuldell; Trustees – Mr. E. Magruder Passano, Mr. Hallam Walker, Mr. Joseph C. Tichy, and Mr. Howard R. Grossnickle. It was noted that Howard is an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees, and is automatically included because of his position as Treasurer. This does not require a vote by the membership.

Discussion followed on the Librarian position concerning what the problem is and how it should be addressed towards possible replacement. The library and storage locker are located in the Baltimore, Maryland area; therefore we would like to find someone in that



area to take the Librarian position. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion carried.

The Nominating Committee appointed by Council for the next year consists of Jeffrey McGregor, Past Chieftain; John McGregor, Assistant Chieftain; and Howard R. Grossnickle, Treasurer. John McGregor was then elected chairman of the committee.

John McGregor was asked and graciously accepted the position of Assistant Chieftain for another year. A round of thanks and applause was given to John for the amount of work that he does for the Society.

We will also be in need of a new Chaplain and Merchandising Chairperson next year when Mr. Thaddeus Osborne moves up to Chieftain. It would not be a conflict of interest, but he would prefer to give up these positions in light of his new duties as Chieftain.

That concluded the formal agenda and the floor was opened for comments.

Good of the Order:

1. Katie Gregg will be demonstrating this afternoon how to assemble a rosette in the ladies sash to go on their shoulders.
2. Mr. Dodd Greer, our Guest of Honor, was introduced as the President of the Utah Scottish Association.
3. The State Deputy Chieftain's meeting will immediately follow this meeting in this room.
4. For the benefit of all those not from Utah, Lois Ann proceeded to enlighten them as to why Fry sauce and green Jell-O were on the auction table for the Dalmally project. During the winter Olympics everyone was wearing the hat-pins and one pin in particular that was going for around \$200 was green Jell-O. With carrots mixed in, it is a standard dish at many family dinners, funeral dinners, etc. The Fry sauce is explained on the back of the box. They are just two of the unique items found in Utah.

Hearing no further business from the floor, the meeting was adjourned by our Chieftain at 10:15AM.

Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor  
ACGS Scribe 2005



## **American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.**

96<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Salt Lake City, Utah

Radisson at Temple Square

Deputy Chieftains Meeting – 24 September 2005

### **Attendees, Officers:**

Thaddeus G. Osborne, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

### **State Deputies:**

Rosamond Jean Simon, Alabama

Margaret A. Sanderfield, Southern Illinois

Nolan S. Sanders, Kentucky

L. Dan Megehee, Jr., Mississippi

Thaddeus G. Osborne, Eastern Tennessee

Scott F. MacGregor, Virginia

DC

Ronald A. McGregor, Colorado

Donald A. Gregg, Northern Illinois

Ronald Shankland, Michigan

Edward K. Gregor, Jr., New York

Lois Ann Garlitz, Utah

James B. MacGregor, Washington

### **Guests:**

F. “Sandy” MacGregor, Jr., ACGS Chieftain

The Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Thaddeus G. Osborne, called the meeting of the State Deputy Chieftains to order at 10:40AM on Saturday, 24 September 2005.

The individual state deputy reports will not be read, but forwarded to Lillian Magruder for inclusion in the yearbook. If you have not submitted your report, it is requested that you do so via e-mail in the next thirty days. These reports are to reflect what activities you’ve undertaken between Gatherings.

Thad Osborne recognized everyone’s efforts towards recruiting new members by hosting Clan tents. It is known that some problems have existed in the membership application process and all should be assured that the officers are working on this problem. We believe that the problem is now addressed. If you’ve submitted an application on behalf of a new member or they submitted it directly and a significant amount of time has elapsed without hearing anything, contact Thad so that he can follow up with the Registrar.

An “Event Representative Request” form was passed out to inquire what things are needed in the way of supplies and so forth on the local level. It was requested that the form be completed and returned at the end of the meeting. Not enough brochures were brought out to supply everyone. If you are in need of some, they can be shipped to you once Thad returns home. We have plenty in stock. The Registrar’s e-mail address shown on the back of the brochure has changed; it should read [acgs-reg@ntelos.net](mailto:acgs-reg@ntelos.net).

It was noted that entering “American Clan Gregor Society” into any of the major search engines on the Internet will bring up the website as one of the top entries in the results list.

The schedule of events item is an Excel spreadsheet that can be e-mailed to those interested. It is not guaranteed to contain 100 percent of all events but was compiled from three sources. Some of the Games already have their dates listed for next year. Additions and corrections are always welcome.

Everyone's e-mail address was requested before everyone leaves today. This is to ensure that the list is most current and for updating the mailing lists provided by the website.

Our Chieftain, Robert "Sandy" MacGregor, addressed the state deputies about the proposed revisited By-Laws and the new Procedures and Policies manual being developed. Let Sandy know if you have any suggestions. He is open to all suggestions. The idea is that by the end of April or the first of May we will have a draft worked up that will be circulated again for comments. Following this, Sandy hopes to have a complete set that can be put out to the membership to vote on at the next Gathering. The Procedures manual is being extracted from the By-Laws so that the council can make changes without having to go to the general assembly for just normal everyday operational things.

The floor was then opened for comments and suggestions.

1. Further follow-up is needed on finding lost members. A membership list can be provided to the state deputies for their state so they can contact members. At present there is no way to easily identify relatives who might be contacted concerning lost members. Society members who have passed away are sometimes hard to identify because no one informs the society. These individuals can stay on the mailing list for extended periods of time, costing the society unnecessary expenses and sometimes even heartache for the relatives. The society does post lost members in the newsletter. Don't hesitate to inform the society when you recognize an individual and can provide the much needed information.
2. A question was raised regarding a possible way to have a common membership card for both of the Clan Gregor societies. The thought was that it would cut down on the confusion at Clan tents when both societies are represented. Neither society will do it; the American Clan Gregor Society's main reason for not doing it is because it is a genealogical based organization, while the Clan Gregor Society has an open membership.
3. It was noted that in the proposed Procedures manual there is a schedule for submitting articles from the state deputies for the newsletter. This is something a number of other Clan societies do to relieve the burden on the same individuals issue after issue. This schedule for article submissions is separated into different regions across the country.
4. The question about having a standard banner for Clan tents was revisited. This has come up in council that we would like to have a standard banner. A picture of one was passed around as an example. A number of areas of concern still remain outstanding, including whether to use Gregor or MacGregor, which one is most

recognized. The proposed banner measures eight feet wide by eighteen inches tall. It is very clear and can be read from almost anywhere on any Games field.

A vertical marching banner created by a company called “Eternal You” was also presented, but its cost was in the three hundred dollar range. There is also some question as to whether the clan crest used is correct. It is the same crest as on the society’s color brochures.

In discussion it was noted that in the past higher-ups stressed that we are “Clan Gregor”, so that is what their banner reflects. They also have a large white banner with MacGregor on it, flown at the Clan tent. It was stated that a lot of new people just finding out their Scottish heritage know about MacGregor but are unaware that Gregor is the same thing.

It was noted that for parades, being listed as Gregor normally meant you were located closer to the front when they organized the groups in alphabetical order. Sometimes being listed as American Clan Gregor Society will get the Clan even closer to the front of the parade. In addition, this also shows support of this society by those who are being asked to cover the tent cost.

The cost of the proposed banner, which was donated by a prospective member, cost roughly one hundred twenty-five dollars several years ago. If we could agree on a design, we could purchase them in bulk and thereby reduce the cost. We would only have to pay the setup cost once. The new state deputy from Minnesota has a brother who is a sign maker and he might be able to do them.

The society is not asking those who already have banners to change. The objective here is to avoid something just handwritten on a piece of cardboard, but to present an eye-catching appearance at the tent. The banners would be circulated around to the state deputies for their use.

5. James B. “Jim” MacGregor volunteered to be on the By-Laws committee from the state deputies. One other state deputy is desired to be on the By-Laws committee should anyone else like to serve. We are going to try to do it by e-mail, but we might have one meeting that will require travel in order to finalize and put it together.

For consideration in the Procedures manual is a topic concerning those members who live in a state that does not have a State Deputy. If they are actively involved, we should consider sending in their information to the Ranking Deputy Chieftain for action toward appointing them to the position. It was noted that the Chieftain appoints the State Deputy Chieftains for a three-year term. Prior to January of this year the State Deputy Chieftain terms were all messed up, so all those who were currently in the position were reappointed for another three-year term.

Thad offered for the suggestions concerning State Deputy Chieftains to go through him, and Sandy agreed. This is a good example of something for the new Procedures manual, for the State Deputies to report directly to the Ranking Deputy Chieftain. This position will be changing next year and Thad would prefer not to leave it in as much of a mess as he inherited it.

It was requested that the State Deputy Chieftain page on the website be modified to reflect the Ranking Deputy Chieftain as the person to be contacted when a representative for a state is not shown.

6. Handouts about different aspects of the Clan are available from Howard Grossnickle or Ron McGregor for use at the Clan tents at Games. These are things that can be placed in prospective members hands right away at no cost to them.
7. A question was raised on finding sturdy flag poles and suggestions came in about using broom handles and brass plumbing fittings or vacuum cleaner extension pieces. Also, PVC coupling has been used. The PVC is not recommended for marching in parades with strong winds, but they do hold up well for other uses. Some suggestions brought transportation concerns when dealing with sections of eight-foot length.

The society has two excellent flags, one the Scottish Saltire and the other a US flag, that have been in storage for years. These flags don't belong buried in a garage and are available to any state deputy who can use them

With no further business from the State Deputies, the motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion was carried and the Ranking Deputy Chieftain declared the meeting adjourned at 11:19AM.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott MacGregor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott F. MacGregor  
ACGS Scribe 2005

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
5353 W. Dartmouth Avenue  
Denver Colorado 80227

Bank Contact Person: Shane Wood  
E-mail Address: [Shane.A.Wood@wellsfargo.com](mailto:Shane.A.Wood@wellsfargo.com)  
Phone Number: 303-980-7605  
Fax Number: 303-986-0864  
Bank ABA/Routing Number: 10200076

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Acct. Balance</u>	
		2003-2004	2004-2005
1. General Fund Checking Account	305-0425796	\$16,818.88	\$9,274.18
2. General Fund Invested Assets	305-0425812	\$ 6,656.90	\$3,262.72
3. Peg Tichy Memorial Fund	305-0425853	\$ 9,962.10	\$6,102.14
4. Marshall Magruder Library Fund	305-0425846	\$ 5,240.02	\$5,272.85
5. Charity & Education Fund	305-0425861	\$10,570.09	\$15,944.26
6. Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund	305-0425838	<u>\$10,262.61</u>	<u>\$4,769.67</u>
Total WF cash Balance 9/30/2004		\$59,510.60	\$44,625.82
First1Bank	0531004332		\$13,464.27
Total Q&R /brokers Xpress Portfolio Equity		\$ 312,287.75	\$275,020.37
Total Dividends and Interest		<u>\$ 18,617.76</u>	<u>\$79,949.37</u>
Total Net Worth		\$ 390,416.11	\$413,059.83
Total brokersXpress Portfolio(Unrealized Profit/Loss)			
Market Value	\$354,970.33	Est. Annual Income	\$13,464.27

- Note:
1. 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.
  2. See addendum of Quick & Reilly Investment Account in the appropriate account summary sheets for Interest income to be carried forward.
  3. Note that Quick & Reilly was acquired by Bank of America in the reporting month of October 2004 and accounts were transferred to Bank of America Investment Services Inc. The Trustees decided to Transfer all accounts to BrokersXpres El Paso, TX. 79913-0630 to maintain Investment managers when th former Quick & Reilly Investment Management team left B of A to join brokersXpress in the June 2005 reporting period.
  4. C&E fund contribution toward the ongoing Dalmally project £3,500 + bank fees = \$6,418.30

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**Howard R. Grossnickle**  
**Treasurer ACGS**



## REGISTRAR'S REPORT – 2005

### New Members

- 2772 CONNERY, Lori Ann**, 4610 Russell Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55412; she the wife of Michael Connery; she the daughter of Robert Michiel Taylor and Judith Ann Delude; he the son of Cecil Thomas Taylor and Effie Ruth Gregory; she the daughter of Elmer Guy Gregory and Carmie Dell McClure; he the son of John W. Gregory and Ruth Ann Andrews; he the son of Aron Gregory and Cloe Gordon.
- 2773 MASSEY, Timothy E.**, 319 Pine Ridge Drive, Afton, TN 37616; he the husband of Karen Rhea Proffitt; he the son of Eldridge Massey and Minnie B. Charlsie Southerland; she the daughter of Charles Anderson Southerland and Ora Lee Gregory; she the daughter of Alexander Campbell Gregory and Minnie Alice Broyles; he the son of Benjamin Franklin Gregory and Catherine Adaline Susong; he the son of Benjamin Gregory and Margaret Peggy Fillers; he the son of William Gregory, Jr. and Nancy Laws.
- 2774 ORR, Dennis M.**, 701 Ballantine Road, Golden, CO 80401; he the husband of Judith Trova; he the son of Mark U. Orr and Clara Belle Riley; he the son of James Orr and Adeline Meyer; he the son of James Orr and Isabella Williamson; he the son of James Orr.
- 2775 MAGRUDER, Allen P.**, 10636 Arundel Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89135; he the husband of Libbie Jean Schuh; he the son of Allen Wade Magruder and Bernice Divinas/Divanas/Dawaynes; he the son of Earl W. Magruder and Caroline "Carrie" Witthans; he the son of William Thomas Magruder and Anna Belle Allen; he the son of George Magruder and Isadore "Dora" McIntosh; he the son of Thomas H. Magruder (Sr.) and Susan Ann Rouse (by 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) (maiden name unknown); he the son of Thomas C. Magruder and Annie; he the son of Elias Magruder and Rebecca Shekell; he the son of Samuel Magruder, II and Eleanor Wade; he the son of Samuel Magruder I and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder and Margaret Braithwaite.
- 2776 BAILY, William Mitchener**, 805 Fifth Avenue, Waynesburg, PA 15370; he the husband of Bonnie L. Jeffries; he the son of Kenneth Gaddis Baily and Mabel Louise Cooper; he the son of John Ewing Baily and Harriet Eldora (Dora) Mitchener; he the son of Ellis B. Baily and Harriet Gaddis; he the son of Eli Baily and Pera (Pery) Gregg; she the daughter of Richard Gregg and Ann Gregg (cousin); he the son of John Gregg (parent of Richard Gregg) and Susan Curle; he the son of George Gregg and Sarah Hogg; he the son of William Gregg and Ann Wilkinson; he the son of William Gregg and Mary Grace James.

- 2777 HAWKINS, Janda Carol McGregor**, 4748 Oak Level Road, Benton, KY 42025; she the wife of Ronald Lee Hawkins; she the daughter of Kenneth Coleman McGregor and Rosa Runelle Hicks; he the son of Joe Barnett McGregor and Lillian Francis Parks; he the son of Archie Luther McGregor and Eupha Tear Wood; he the son of James Markus McGregor and Nancy Isabelle Byerley; he the son of James Monroe McGregor and Gatlle Gertrude Davis; he the son of Elder William McGregor and Elizabeth Waid; he the son of William McGregor and Mary Wiley; he the son of William McGregor and Sarah Flowers.
- 2778 VELEZ-LEDDY, Katherine Taylor**, 225 Strathmore Rd., Havertown, PA 19083; she the wife of James Leddy; she the daughter of Frank Velez and Lucy Ann Gilmer Taylor, Clan No. 2480.
- 2779 GREGG, Brian V.**, 7920 Ridgefield Rd. #5, Crystal Lake, IL 60012; he the son of Donald Allen Gregg, Clan No. 2580, and Mary Kate Jernigan.
- 2780 McDANIEL, Elizabeth Randolph Johnson**, P.O. Box 456, Courtland, VA 23837-0456; she the wife of James Raymond McDaniel, Jr.; she the daughter of William Waller Johnson and Elizabeth Page Sebrell; she the daughter of William Joseph Sebrell and Nannie Price; he the son of William Nicholas Sebrell and Elizabeth Randolph Pretlow; he the son of William Jones Sebrell and Mary (Griffith) Bell Butts; she the daughter of Peter Butts and Elizabeth Griffith; he the son of Capt. Thomas Butts and Mary Edwards; he the son of Peter Butts and Elizabeth Clements; he the son of Thomas Butts and Catherine McGehee; she the daughter of William Mackgahye (McGehee) and Mary; he the son of William Mackgahye.
- 2781 WALKER, Ronald Lee**, 340 Southwind Lane, Greenwood, IN 46142; he the husband of Susan Elaine Riebe; he the son of Everitt Clarence Walker and Mildres L. Neir; he the son of Clarence Sylvester Walker and Nora M. Gillespie; he the son of Henry Harrison Walker and Lettie White; he the son of Abram Marshall Walker and Emily Van Winkle; he the son of William Walker and Sarah Elizabeth Rawlings; he the son of Richard Walker and Sytha Brown; he the son of William Walker.
- 2782 METZ, Jane Ewell**, 4250 Longbow Drive, Titusville, FL 32796; she the wife of John Grattan Metz; she the daughter of Nathaniel McGregor Ewell and Mary Louise Camper; he the son of Jesse Ewell, Clan No. 21c and Mary Jane Ish.
- 2783 WHYTE, Bruce MacGregor**, 4189 Ashbourne Court NE, Roswell, GA 30075; he the husband of Hanya Lena Baran; he the son of Henry Malcolm Whyte and (unknown); he the son of Henry William Whyte and Ruby Addison Flower; he the son of Charles William Whyte and Helen

Francis; he the son of Henry Whyte and Mary McIsaac; he the son of William Whyte and Catherine Campbell.

- 2784**      **BURNETT, Bryant Whitney Rousseau**, 9489 Deer Run, Marshall, VA 20115; he the son of Dennis Burnett, Clan No. 2636A, and Virginia A. Rousseau, Clan No. 2634.
- 2785**      **GIBBONS, Sally Elizabeth Knott**, 60 Midwood Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830-3840; she the wife of Maxfield Scott Gibbons; she the daughter of Richard Francis Knott, III and Dorothy Jane Bassett; he the son of Richard Francis Knott, II and Sarah (Sallie) Ames Oliver; she the daughter of Dr. Samuel Clark Oliver and Sarah Fisk Ames; he the son of Dr. Samuel Clark Oliver and Mildred Spencer McGehee; she the daughter of Abner McGehee and Charlotte Spencer; he the son of Micajah McGehee and Ann Collier Scott; he the son of Edward McGehee (MackGehee) and Elizabeth DeJarnette; he the son of Thomas McGehee (James) and (unknown); he the son of Patrick McGregor and Marian McDonald; she the daughter of James McDonald and Mary McLeod.
- 2786**      **BENEDICT, Gary Clarence**, 7711 SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Place, Gainesville, FL 32608; he the husband of Carmen Jean Schriner; he the son of Clarence Augustus Benedict and Mary Rae Spink; she the daughter of John J. Spink and Ida Muhulda Gregory; she the daughter of Joel Sylvanus Gregory and Clara Elizabeth Town; he the son of Elijah Jeff Gregory and Rose Hannah Gregory; he the son of Hardin Gregory and Sarah Jett; he the son of Smith Gregory and Martha Vaughan; he the son of Richard W. Gregory.
- 2787**      **BENEDICT, Andrew Scott**, 7711 SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Place, Gainesville, FL 32608; he the son of Gary Clarence Benedict and Carmen Jean Schriner; he the son of Clarence Augustus Benedict and Mary Rae Spink; she the daughter of John J. Spink and Ida Muhulda Gregory; she the daughter of Joel Sylvanus Gregory and Clara Elizabeth Town; he the son of Elijah Jeff Gregory and Rose Hannah Gregory; he the son of Hardin Gregory and Sarah Jett; he the son of Smith Gregory and Martha Vaughan; he the son of Richard W. Gregory.
- 2788**      **FLETCHER, III, Paul E.**, 9509 Pine Shadow Dr., Richmond, VA 23238; he the husband of Jane Sally Allen; he the son of Paul E. Fletcher, Jr. and Virginia Hozelle Billingsley; he the son of Paul Edwin Fletcher and Patsy Ruth Hutson; he the son of Aaron J. Fletcher and Mary Elizabeth Whitaker; he the son of Barton M. Fletcher and Mary Jane Ellison; he the son of James Fletcher and Mary Chadwell.
- 2789**      **GREGORY, Robert Windham**, 3213 Lochwood Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525; he the son of Frank Clayton Gregory and Gladys Elizabeth



Windham; he the son of Benjamin Frank Gregory and Beulah Pauline Clayton; he the son of James Alexander Gregory and Sarah Jones; he the son of Thomas Gregory and Susannah Proffitt.

- 2790      MAGRUDER, JR., Robert Milton**, 1608 Tunnel Mill Rd., Charlestown, IN 47111-9215; he the husband of Tawana Jane Brashear; he the son of Robert Milton Magruder, Sr. and Norma Rose Lewis; he the son of Hugh Wilson Magruder and Ruth Alyce Baily; he the son of Benjamin Westley Magruder and Lydia Roby; he the son of Archibald Ferdinand Magruder and Angeline Downs; he the son of Levin Magruder and Elizabeth Jane Aud; he the son of Archibald Magruder and Cassandra Offutt.
- 2791      McGREGOR, William Fred**, 4113 Mt. Vernon Ct., Ft. Collins, CO 80525; he the husband of Elizabeth Jo Harden; he the son of William Truett McGregor and Freda Marion Smith; he the son of Harry Herbert McGregor and Eunice Novia Moseley; he the son of Samuel Elhanen McGregor and Orpha Ellen Shaffner; he the son of George William McGregor and Sarah Ann McIntosh; he the son of John McGregor and Catherine (unknown).
- 2792      SCHLEMM, Alice Ann White**, 508 Beechgrove Way, Burns, TN 37029; she the wife of Charles Allen Schlemm; she the daughter of Norwood White and Helen Christine Bishop; she the daughter of Thomas Bishop and Alice DeVinney; she the daughter of James Andrew DeVinney and Cora McGeehee; she the daughter of Richardson McGeehee and Nancy Margaret Sellars; he the son of Solomon McGeehee and Cela Curtis.
- 2793      McGREGOR, Kathryn Lynn**, 46A Gillespie St., Nanaimo, BC Canada V9R 4Y3; she the daughter of John C. McGregor, Clan No. 2379, and Ena Julia Blackwood, Clan No. 2442A.
- 2794      PHILLIPS, Richard L.**, P.O. Box 330, Purdon, TX 76679; he the son of Dicky Phillips and Nancy Ann Johnson; he the son of Leaman Alfred Phillips and Annie Sue Anderson; he the son of A. P. Phillips and Caldonia Ophelia McGehee; she the daughter of William B. McGehee and Alice Amerie Heffington; he the son of Edward N. McGehee and Mary Elizabeth Tankersly; he the son of Oswald McGehee and Martha Cooke; he the son of Edward McGehee and Frances Lumsden; he the son of John McGehee and Ann Graves; he the son of William McGehee and (unknown); he the son of Thomas McGehee.

The following converted to Life Member status:

- 1856LM BIERER, Elizabeth Lynn (Mrs. Howard T.),** 159 West Queens Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185.
- 1929LM OSBORNE, Thaddeus G.,** P.O. Box 6653, Knoxville, TN 37914-0653.
- 2692LM MAGRUDER, Paul L.,** 5555 Sheridan Rd., Apt. 1508, Chicago, IL 60640.

The following are new Junior Members:

- 2015J SLATER, Victoria Sebrell,** 24 Glen Road, Greenwich, CT 06830; she the daughter of Andrew Slater and Elizabeth Wynn McDaniel Slater; she the daughter of James Raymond McDaniel, Jr. and Elizabeth Randolph Johnson McDaniel, Clan No. 2780.
- 2019J MAGRUDER, Stephen Robert Wood,** 1608 Tunnel Mill Rd., Charlestown, IN 47111-9215; he the son of Robert Milton Magruder, Jr., Clan No. 2790, and Tawana Jane Brashear; he the son of Robert Milton Magruder, Sr. and Norma Rose Lewis.
- 2021J BOSTWICK, Colin McGregor,** 513 Grant Forrest Lane, Cary, NC 27519; he the son of Kirk Lester Bostwick and Sarah Elizabeth White; she the daughter of Joseph Edward White, Clan No. 1999, and Joy Marsh.

The following member was reinstated:

- 2380 GREER, Robert L.,** 761 Brightbridge Dr., Bridgeport, WV 26330.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Tess Galloway

Since the last Gathering of the Society in Jacksonville, Florida in 2004 until the Gathering in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2005, there have been reported two births, three marriages, two deaths of members, and two deaths of relatives of members.

### BIRTHS

**SIMON**, Sullivan Elizabeth (Livie), born March 2, 2005, second daughter of Frank Stewart Simon and Dena Rene (Gordon) Simon, and granddaughter of Jack E. and Jean (MacGregor) Simon, Clan No. 1526.



*Proud grandparents  
Jack and Jean Simon  
are shown with  
Granddaughter  
Alexandra Ann Simon (2  
½ years old) and  
New granddaughter  
Sullivan Elizabeth  
Simon .*

**OGG**, Hailey Louise, born March 19, 2005, daughter of Daniel Ogg and Jennifer Uebel, granddaughter of Robert G. Uebel, Jr. (Clan No. 1898LM) and Christine Uebel, and great niece of Jessie Richardson.



*Hailey Louise Ogg  
is shown with her  
mother,  
Jennifer Uebel Ogg.*

## MARRIAGES

### Bruce – White

Elizabeth Bruce and Joe White, Clan No. 1999, were married in May of 2004 in Townsend, Tennessee. Elizabeth was introduced to the Clan at the Gathering in Salt Lake City, Utah in September of 2005.

### Gladis – Uebel

Sabrina Gladis and Kevin Travis Uebel were married on August 20, 2005 in Windber, Pennsylvania. Kevin is the son of Robert G. Uebel, Jr. (Clan No. 1898LM) and Christine Uebel.



*Sabrina Gladis and Kevin Travis Uebel are shown at their wedding in Windber, Pennsylvania.*

### James – Galloway

Tess James (Clan No. 2305) and David Fulton Galloway III were married on June 1, 2005, at the Navy Chapel at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

*Tess and David Galloway shown at their wedding with Mac and Lucy Wilson (David's sister and brother-in-law) and David Galloway, IV (David's son).*



## DEATHS OF MEMBERS

**McGREGOR**, Suzanne Rankin, Clan No. 2434A, died on May 16, 2005.

**DUTTON**, Eva (Mrs. Dewey), Clan No. 1971, died on May 20, 2005.

## DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

**WOODBURY**, George MacGregor, died on June 14, 2004, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Greg was a retired Canadian Mountie, older son of Jean Hatfield MacGregor and her husband, Earle Leslie Woodbury. He was a paternal 1<sup>st</sup> cousin to Jean (MacGregor) Simon, Clan No. 1526.

**OLSON**, Diane Marie, died May 20, 2005 at North Suburban Medical Center in Thornton, Colorado. She was the wife of ACGS member James A. Petrie, IV.



Scotia  
From scenes like these, old Scotia's  
    grandeur springs,  
That makes her lov'd at home,  
    rever'd abroad:  
Princes and lords are but the breath  
    of kings,  
An honest man's the noblest work  
    of God.

—Robert Burns



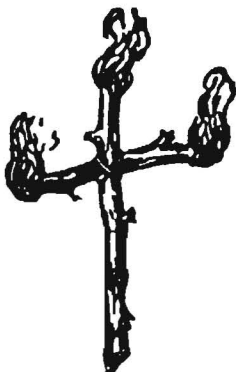
# **M E M O R I A L S**

**SUZANNE RANKIN McGREGOR**  
**1928 – 2005**

Suzanne Rankin McGregor, Clan No. 2434A, died on May 16, 2005 in Lantana, Florida. She was born on January 3, 1928, in Indiana. She graduated from Hanover College and taught English, mathematics and physical education in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Suzanne was married to David F. McGregor, Clan No. 2133, who survives her. She is also survived by three sons – Jeffrey (Clan No. 2339), Rob and John; daughters-in-law Frieda (Clan No. 2389A) and Carol; and grandchildren Andrew, Ryan, Sean, Billy and Jason.

Many of us have been the recipients of Suzanne and David's hospitality at their summer home in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, as they hosted parties there each year at the conclusion of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Suzanne and her daughter-in-law Frieda also shared the responsibility of being hospitality hosts at the MacGregor tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for many years.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 96<sup>TH</sup> GATHERING OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

September 22-25, 2005

Salt Lake City, Utah

*By Ronald A. McGregor*

This year's Gathering of the ACGS could go down as the "**Great**" Gathering of 2005. It found us at the Radisson Hotel in beautiful Salt Lake City next to the **Great** Salt Lake inland sea. This lovely city was made even more colorful by the influx of many members of this **great** Clan wearing our Highland Tartans. We traveled from across this **great** nation to enjoy yet another great annual Gathering. Knowing all that the city had to offer, several of our members arrived on Wednesday to take maximum advantage of this **great** opportunity.

Thursday afternoon of the 22<sup>nd</sup> was spent taking care of the Registration process and reconnecting with our fellow clan men and ladies. To ensure that we were to feel truly welcomed, our Gathering hosts had prepared us a really neat welcoming packet consisting of small handled paper bags with original artwork and containing a variety of useful items. It was obvious that a lot of work and care went into these packets. The first "official" function of the Gathering was the Welcoming Reception in the late afternoon. After the reception our members broke off into groups – some to dine at various restaurants in the vicinity while others went on a tour of the Mormon Library arranged by the Chairman/Hostess of the Gathering, Lois Ann Garlitz. After dinner, four of us walked to the State Liquor Store located a few blocks from our hotel. This was a novelty to us that are accustomed to privately owned liquor stores scattered throughout our cities. Our primary goal was to purchase a couple bottles of the imported "Rob Roy" scotch which we were told was available there, and also to see if they stocked "Red MacGregor" premium beer which is also an import from Scotland. We learned they did not stock our desired scotch, though they did have "Clan MacGregor" scotch on hand. While checking the shelves of beer for our "Red MacGregor", a store attendant asked if he could help us. We told him what we were looking for and he explained that we were looking in the "Domestic" beer section and pointed to the "Imported" beer section in a different part of the store. The four of us searched the shelves, finding many well recognized imported beers, but failed in our quest. However, we found "MacTaggart's Black Watch" and "Mississippi Mud" beers. The "Mississippi Mud" is brewed and bottled in New York and the "MacTaggart's" is brewed and bottled in Washington State. Several jokes were quipped about what constitutes "imported" for the folks in Utah.

Friday was a very busy and memorable day. During the morning hours many joined an early tour of the Mormon Library while Helen Tyler took care of the Registration of new arrivals. Lois Ann arranged for a very informative 'Genealogy Meeting' that was conducted by her friend Sydney Young of the Clan MacLeod. The presentation was very well received and our thanks go to Sidney. It should be pointed out that the members of our Council had to forfeit the opportunity of the above interesting events to take care of our Society business. The Council Meeting is the most important annual meeting of our

Society, thus deserves to have each member of Council prepared to forego their personal pleasures to take care of the welfare of our Society. The Council convened at 8:30 a.m. and began discussing difficult issues and making some tough decisions. Our Chieftain called a temporary break just prior to the 11:30 a.m. departure of the buses for the Tour, Lunch and Memorial Service, with instructions to reconvene thirty minutes after returning to the hotel, for which he is to be commended.

The afternoon tour, lunch and memorial service proved to be one of the most fascinating in recent memory. Our tour bus guides are to be thanked for all of their good work and informative anecdotes. Pam Todd and Randall Nish were the guides on Bus No. 1, while Joyce and Jim Baggs were the guides on Bus No. 2. Those on the second bus also had the added interesting note of having "Russ" with a PhD in Psychology as their driver. The Maurice Abravanel Concert Hall, Family History Library, Museum of Church History & Arts, Temple Square, Brigham Young Monument, The Lion House, The Beehive House, Eagle Gate, the Salt Palace, Cauldron Park and the Hoberman Arch are no longer just names we might hear and then immediately store them into the deep recesses of our minds. The folks of Utah have a capitol city which they can be proud to show to visitors.

How can anyone visit "This Is The Place Heritage Park", home to the Old Deseret Village, and not be impressed by the accomplishments of those mid-1800's pioneers. The re-enactors there brought the daily lives of the pioneers to life for us. The recreated Deseret church was used for our Memorial Service, officiated by our Society Chaplain Thaddeus Osborne, soon to become our Chieftain, and accompanied by one of our own pipers. Following the Memorial Service we were entertained by nationally acclaimed highland dancer Kelsey Crane, whose encore was accompanied by four mini (very young) future highland dancers. And who could forget the very interesting, and tasty, pioneer style lunch that was prepared for us.

Upon leaving the Heritage Park, few expected anything further occurring that would be more memorable that afternoon. But then, none of us expected what was to happen when we rode the two buses to the hillside City Cemetery for the placing of our memorial wreath at the grave of George P. McGregor. This clansman was born in Glasgow February 11, 1840. Little is known about George other than he was listed in the 1880 census and died the following year in Salt Lake City on July 27<sup>th</sup>. It would appear that the charter bus company unfortunately did not reconnoiter the route beforehand. We ended up in the wrong area of the cemetery that would either require our drivers to back up a couple of blocks or have a cemetery employee guide our buses while they maneuvered back and forth to make a very tight turn. After a lengthy delay and breathing a loud sigh of relief after making the turn, our bus (with the PhD driver) began losing power; resulting in off-loading the passengers so the bus could make it to the top of the hill. Of course that meant that several of our senior clansmen and ladies also had to walk up that same hill. Once there, the decision was made to return directly to the hotel rather than walking to the grave of our kinsman and risk further delay and possibly being stranded until another bus could be sent. I suspect that the spirits of those residents of the

cemetery that lived during the days of the horse and carriage era got a big chuckle out of the debacle. Sunday morning Lois Ann and Thaddeus returned to the cemetery and conducted the small but very respectful ceremony.

Upon returning to the hotel our Council reconvened and continued to work under pressure until it appeared nothing further could be accomplished at this Gathering, but with the promise to complete some of the unfinished business during the coming year via phone or email. We wish them success.

The ceilidh Friday evening was a lot of fun and very entertaining. The entry of our Society members and guests was a very nice touch as the couples entered two-by-two arm-in-arm or holding hands. The entry made for an excellent photo opportunity as demonstrated by the many photos taken by members John and Lou Ann MacGregor. With the encouragement of local Scottish Country dancers we had many more couples dancing than usual and it was obvious all of them were enjoying themselves immensely. Who could forget the two wee lassies that had so much energy and desire to learn the dance steps? And of course, the ceilidh could not have been complete without our own ACGS Pipes and Drums and dancers performing for us.

We faced another busy day on Saturday. The morning was occupied by two more meetings taking care of the business of our Society. Our Chieftain “Sandy” MacGregor conducted the AGM, followed by a meeting of the State Deputy Chieftains conducted by our Ranking Deputy Chieftain Thaddeus Osborne. Following lunch, Lois Ann hosted a meeting on the MacGregor DNA project. This was a very interesting, informative meeting and professionally presented with visual aids and handouts. Dr. Richard McGregor, Chairman of the Council of the Clan Gregor Society, provided Lois Ann with the current status of the project and explanation of what the information tells us about our lineage. As a result of this presentation, I am sure more and more of our members will opt to participate. I believe the meeting could have easily continued for another hour if not for the much anticipated next event, our **Pipe Band Concert**.

We gathered in front of the hotel to march to the nearby Olympic Legacy Plaza. What a sight to behold! Lead by our Pipe Major Matthew Kuldell, our Society flag and eight members carrying MacGregor tartan flags, followed by dozens of kilted MacGregors, we garnered a lot of attention. The Plaza, built for the 2002 Winter Olympics, features their Wall of Honor, a striking tribute to the more than 20,000 volunteers who made the Games possible. Our numbers more than doubled as shoppers and passerby’s gathered to watch our band and dancers perform. As our band and dancers have done year after year, their concert brought many accolades and made us all very proud. By the way, while discussing our band and dancers – did you know that our Pipe Major was once, as a young lad, one of our dancers? How’s that for loyalty? A wedding party interrupted their post wedding stroll to enjoy the performance and afterwards asked to be photographed with our band, which our band enthusiastically agreed to do.



We returned to the hotel greatly anticipating the really BIG events scheduled that evening – the Daniel Randall Magruder Reception, so named after our Chieftain (1956-1958) that established the tradition, and the black tie Banquet. What an evening! Once again, our handsome and brawny clansmen, decked out in their formal highland attire, were happily outshone by the dazzling beauty of the MacGregor women in all of their finery. While the banquets' format follows a traditional series of events, we always look forward to them. Our band Piped in the Society, followed by the Pipe Major piping in of the Chieftain and honored guests. Our Chaplain presented the Grace and we had toasts to our President and to our Hereditary Chief. Then our Chieftain led us in the singing of our National Anthem. While perhaps lacking a little in tune, it was sung with great sincerity.

Honored Guest and Guest Speaker Dodd Greer, President of the Utah Scottish Association, did a sterling 'Address To A Haggis' and his following remarks were well received. "Sandy" presented his Chieftain's address, which was equally as well received. Our Pipe Band and Dancers provided us with a great douse of entertainment and pride. The performance of our Balladeer John Masterson as usual was one that made many of us wish he had recordings that we could enjoy the year round, and in particular his ending the banquet with the traditional singing of "MacGregor's Gathering".

A special note of thanks and congratulations goes to Lois Ann Garlitz and her support team. Our policy is to have the site of our Gatherings determined two years in advance. While Lois Ann had less than a year to pull it all together, it is hard to imagine how it could have been any better. The group did the state of Utah and our Society proud.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Virginia Beach in November 2006.



## SCENES FROM SALT LAKE CITY GATHERING



*Joe and Beth White enjoy the  
cocktail party  
prior to the Saturday evening  
banquet.*

*Leah and Paul Magruder  
at the  
Friday evening Ceilidh*



*Pipe Major Matt Kuldell leads the Saturday afternoon parade, along with Maggie Sanderfield and Betty and Ernest Magruder.*



*Our Scottish Dancers entertain us at the Saturday evening banquet.*



*Everyone enjoyed the food at the  
Friday tour and luncheon.*



*We always look forward to  
John Masterson's  
entertainment  
at the Saturday evening  
banquet.*

*Honored Guest and Guest  
Speaker Dodd Greer  
gave a splendid 'Address To  
A Haggis'.*



*Chieftain Sandy MacGregor with Sarah Smith and  
Louise Taylor at the Saturday evening banquet.*





*Eileen Pruett and Maggie  
Sanderfield  
enjoy the Saturday evening  
banquet.*



*The MacGregor Pipe Band entertains  
at the Saturday evening banquet.*

*Ron McGregor and Thomas  
Peter enjoy the beautiful  
Salt Lake City weather at the  
Saturday afternoon parade.*



*Jack and Jean Simon are shown  
at the  
Saturday evening banquet.*



*Miriam Trojahn and Almut  
and Jim MacGregor  
at the Saturday evening  
banquet.*

*Gathering Chair Lois Ann  
Garlitz with Jeanette Cox and  
Jane Montmeny at the  
Saturday evening banquet.*





*John MacGregor, Burke Belnap, Betty Magruder, Ernest Magruder, Lee Belnap and Lou Ann MacGregor at Saturday evening banquet.*



*State Deputy Chieftains Ed Gregor, Jim MacGregor, Lois Ann Garlitz, Thad Osborne, Maggie Sanderfield, Scott MacGregor, Jean Simon and Ron McGregor pose for the camera at the Saturday night banquet.*



*Society Officers Scott MacGregor, Thad Osborne and Bill Tyler (front row) and John McGregor, Jim MacGregor, Maggie Sanderfield, Sandy MacGregor, Lillian Magruder, Diana Browne, Ed Gregor and Ron Shankland.*



*Our members enjoy the dancing at the Friday evening Ceilidh.*





*Thad Osborne talks with Patricia and James Woolley at the Saturday evening banquet.*



*Donald Gregg, Lois Ann Garlitz, John McGregor and Joe Tichey are enjoying the Friday afternoon tour at This Is The Place Heritage Park.*



*Shown on front row at Grand March at Ceilidh are Alice Drake and Richard Barnes (the entertainers), Lois Ann Garlitz, James Petrie IV, Carol Spitznagle, Nolan Sanders, Jim and Ali MacGregor and two McGregor grandchildren, Kyra MacGregor and Lily Richardson.*



*Ronald and Alice Shankland are shown at the Saturday evening banquet.*

ATTENDANCE AT THE 2005 GATHERING  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Miss Danielle R. Allred	UT
Mr. Gilean M. Allred	UT
Mr. & Mrs. Zen D. Allred	UT
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Asfahl	FL
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Baggs	UT
Mr. & Mrs. W. Burke Belknap	CA
Mr. Milton K. D. Bosch	CA
Miss Diana G. Browne	NY
Mrs. Frances A. Browne	VA
Miss Elizabeth H. Cox	UT
Mrs. Jeannette S. Cox	UT
Mrs. Janene Crane	UT
Miss Kelsey Crane	UT
Mr. & Mrs. David Galloway	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Garlitz	UT
Mrs. Lois Ann Garlitz	UT
Miss Rachel L. Garlitz	UT
Mr. Robert V. Garlitz	UT
Ms. Pearl Gourley	UT
Mr. & Mrs. Dodd Greer	UT
Mr. & Mrs. Donald A. Gregg	IL
Mr. & Mrs. Edward K. Gregor	NY
Mrs. Frances L. Lloyd	DC
Master Caleb MacGregor	CO
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob R. MacGregor	CO
Mr. & Mrs. James B. MacGregor	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Jay MacGregor	UT
Mr. & Mrs. John R. MacGregor	CO
Miss Kyra Lin MacGregor	CO
Mr. Robert F. MacGregor	VA
Mr. Scott F. MacGregor	VA
Mrs. Abbey W. Magruder, Jr.	MS
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest R. Magruder	LA
Mr. & Mrs. Paul L. Magruder	IL
Mr. James McCullough	NH
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Mrs. Donna J. Montmeny	UT
Miss Christy J. Muir	UT
Mr. Randall Nish	UT

Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne	TN
Mr. Thomas A. Peter	CO
Mr. James A. Petrie	CO
Mrs. Eileen Pruett	IL
Mr. Sean Putnam	UT
Mrs. Dolores B. Rengert	NC
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel O. Richardsoon	UT
Ms. Margaret Sanderfield	IL
Mr. Nolan Sanders	KY
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Ms. Dorothy Spurlock	UT
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Stone	MI
Miss Louise E. Taylor	KY
Mr. Joseph C. Tichy	NC
Mrs. Miriam E. Trojahn	VA
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Tyler	VA
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Ward	NV
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Woolley	NC
Ms. Michelle White	UT
Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. White	TN
Miss Laura Zimmerman	TX
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell B. Zimmerman	TX
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Zimmerman	FL

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Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin M. Daland	Mrs. Russell C. McGregor
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## REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS

### 2005 Annual Report for Alabama

submitted by Jean MacGregor Simon

The weekend after our exhilarating annual gathering in Jacksonville FL last October 2004, most graciously attended by our esteemed Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor from Canonbie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, my husband Jack Simon and I traveled from Huntsville AL to the Stone Mountain Games, Stone Mtn. GA to help Donald W. Gregg, SDC Georgia, with our well populated ACGS tent at those games. Donald always has plenty of help at those games, and I closed up for him Saturday night, because he was obliged to leave early.

Carl Peterson, the Scottish vocalist who has produced a CD of songs of Rob Roy and MacGregor ballads exclusively, came by the tent at Stone Mtn. also. A good number of his CDs were sold. A special highlight at Stone Mtn. for us was the presence of two of our sons and families at these games. Our middle son, Donald Standish Simon and his wife Amy (Torey) Simon, of Sandy Springs GA came, as well as our oldest son, Frank Stewart Simon, his wife Dena (Gordon) Simon, and their only daughter at the time, Alexandra Anne Simon, called "Lexie", age 1. We were so proud to have our son Don splendidly dressed in his new full MacGregor kilted outfit which he bought in Edinburgh Scotland. They made the trip to Scotland because Don's wife Amy is Assistant Registrar for the High Museum in Atlanta. She had to work for a few days at the Edinburgh museum. This gave Don the opportunity for his first visit to Scotland and to purchase the full highland outfit in the red and green MacGregor tartan in Scotland.

I was also very proud to have our daughter-in-law Dena (Gordon) Simon attend her very first highland games at Stone Mountain. She was warmly received at the Gordon tent also. I want her to enjoy her Scottish heritage. Incidentally, the MacGregors, the Gordons, and the Campbells all possess the same DNA.

On 29 January 2005 we had a Clan Gregor lunch at the Green Hills Grill in Huntsville AL, the northern part of the state. The weather was bad, with flooding of roads in the state, but all the ACGS AL members were invited, plus all those who had signed my guest book at the last greater Huntsville, or No. Alabama, Games (run by the Tennessee Valley Scottish Association) held at Dublin Park, Madison, AL in June 2004. ACGS member Donnie Brown of Decatur AL was an attendee. I had expected the Campbells to come in from Sheffield AL, but good reason prevented them from coming. Paula H. Campbell is ACGS member #2550, and her husband, Bill Campbell, is a past president of the Clan Campbell Association. They were both present at Jacksonville FL last October. Donnie Brown is a fairly recent ACGS member recruited by me at the No. Alabama Games.

The conviviality at this luncheon was fun, and prizes were given out, donated by the undersigned. The winners were allowed to select their prizes. A few items from Thad



Osborne, Ranking Deputy Chieftain and SDC Tennessee, were sold there as well. Perhaps next year, we might have the luncheon around Tartan Day, when the weather is better.

That same day as the luncheon, the Tenn. Valley Scottish Society held its Robert Burns night in downtown Huntsville at the Helion Masonic Lodge. This double duty day was purposeful, because it was Paula Campbell's idea to hold the luncheon the same day as the Robert Burns Night, so that people could attend both functions, especially for those out of town.

On 18 June 2005 we had our usual North Alabama Games & Festival for greater Huntsville AL in adjoining Madison AL. I am now a board member for the Tenn. Valley Scottish Society. This week we have decided to hold the No. AL games back at Sharon Johnson Park in New Market, outside Huntsville, on 17 June 2006. That park had been ravaged by past storms.

This year at Dublin Park in Madison, same as last year, our serene, sociable dog, Apollo, in the Pet Parade, won a trophy for the biggest pet, the Loch Ness Monster trophy, generously awarded by Petsmart. He weighs about 124 pounds. The Pet Parade is a very popular competition, and many people compete with their pets. We have even had people bring in a lamb to compete. Perhaps the games at some other venues will not allow pets on the grounds.

We were thrilled to have our son Frank Simon, his wife Dena, their older daughter Lexie Simon, and the very newest addition to our family, then 3-month old Sullivan Elizabeth Simon (called "Livie"), come to these their first games at Dublin Park, Madison. They came with a stroller for two and enjoyed the shade at our ACGS tent in the heat.

These games in Madison were heavily advertised this year, with sponsors selling tickets, and also with a newspaper blurb about the games written by the society editor of the local newspaper in her column. We did draw a bigger crowd as a result. I had friends and acquaintances come to these games that were not the least bit Scottish.

The last function for this report was also delightful. We drove up to Gatlinburg TN to help Thad Osborne with his games there, where Clan Gregor was the Honored Clan. (A few years ago, Clan Gregor was to be the honored clan at the Red Mountain Scottish Games in Pelham AL, but the games folded on me that year. Those games ran only for two years. There are no more Birmingham Games.)

The Gatlinburg games were a great deal of fun. Among those ACGS members present, besides Thad Osborne, my husband Jack Simon and me, were our Chieftain, Sandy MacGregor, of Smithfield VA, and Scott F. MacGregor of Norfolk VA, ACGS Scribe and SDC Virginia. In the evening, Thad led quite a few of us all to a charming, fine restaurant with white outside Christmas lights, nestled in the deep woods. The food and conviviality were excellent. We all got to know each other better. We were soon

fascinated to discover that both Sandy MacGregor and Scott MacGregor had been to Iceland, where my husband Jack and I had been stationed, Jack as fuels officer with the U.S. Navy from November 1964 to January 1967. We loved our tour there in Keflavik, Iceland.

Our Montgomery AL games, called the Alabama Games, will have to do without us this year. They coincide with our Salt Lake City, Utah ACGS annual meeting, the same weekend. Lois Ann Garlitz, SDC Utah, has prepared a very fine gathering for us this year at the world's very best genealogical site, SLC, with its supreme genealogical library. We look forward to it with great anticipation.

### **2005 Annual Report for Colorado**

submitted by Ronald McGregor

**April** – I ordered four of the eight books from Trossachs Publications of Callander, Scotland that are of interest to Clan Gregor. Each was written by Paul McGinley.

**“The Trossachs – Facts, Fiction and Fantasy.”** 44 pages. Publisher's comments: “Everything you've always wanted to know about the Trossachs, including – the Stone Tree of the MacGregors, Samson's Putting Stone – The Legend, The Water Demon of Loch Venachar, the Mountain of God, the Lochan of the Dead Bodies, the Iron Eating Tree, the Sinking of the Gypsy, The Iron Coffins, The Grand Curling Match, the Birthplace of Football and much more.” My review:

**“Tales from the Trossachs.”** 40 pages. Publisher's comments: “A collection of tales and anecdotes from the Trossachs and surrounding area including a number about Rob Roy, some of which, from local history, are little known. Amongst the many fascinating tales, the reader can discover a variety of stories including the Mothman Prophecies, the Guilty Horse, Duncan of the Heads, the Swift Duel, the Gamekeeper's Ghost, the Cannonball Tale, Gravestone of the Seven, the Haystack Murder, the Sneeze and loads more.”

**“History of Lanrick Castle (Castle Gregor).”** 47 pages. Publisher's comments: “Is a fascinating account of the lands and Castle of Lanrick, dating back as far as the 13<sup>th</sup> century and the great families who have possessed them. Including the Earls of Menteith, the great Haldanes of Gleneagles, the Jacobite Wordies of Cambusbarron, the Chieft[ain] of the Clan Gregor – Sir John MacGregor Murray, the great Opium Overlord – William Jardine and the Stroyan family.”

**“The MacGregor Prince.”** 63 pages. Publisher's comments. “There has been much written of late about that great character Sir Gregor MacGregor and his fraudulent schemes. This book offers a different viewpoint and argues that Gregor was driven by a great desire to [be] a hero and not the villain that some claim. The author traces his ancestral line which includes great MacGregor clansmen such as Gregor Dhu, Rob Roy

and Gregor Boidach. Gregor's boyhood throws up some hilarious schoolboy escapades whilst the author also covers his heroic battles in South America under Bolivar and his disastrous attempt to create a new Darien. This great eccentric lead a life as full of incident as that of his ancestors and this title attempts to cover much of what has not been researched before."

**April and August** – I completed two more issues of the Ard Choille newsletter and submitted it to John McGregor. I was particularly pleased to be able to include in the April issue Sir Malcolm's address to the Council of the '04 Gathering of the ACGS. Then came the good news of his pending marriage to Fiona Armstrong, which I was also able to include in that same newsletter. For our August issue Sir Malcolm graciously provided us with his views on the MacGregor tartans. He also provided us with his views regarding Crests and Arms, which will be included in our next newsletter. That newsletter should be published in November. I continue to be somewhat frustrated by not receiving more articles from our members but particularly from those individuals holding key positions within our Society. 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** – we received the good news that Miss Jana McGregor, daughter of ACGS members William and Elizabeth McGregor of Ft. Collins, Colorado, was one of the two recipients of the Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship. Jana is attending the University of Oregon.

**August** – The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Colorado Scottish Festival was held on August 13 – 14 at Highlands Ranch, Colorado. It had rained Friday night and we endured cloudy skies and cool winds on Saturday morning, which kept the number of attendees down somewhat. But Sunday the skies were blue and the temperature warm, which brought out the visitors in droves. We were with the more than thirty-nine MacGregors that visited our Clan Gregor tent over the weekend.

We were also proud to again sponsor the "Clan Gregor Trophy for Highland Dance" in the Novice twelve years and younger category. This year's winner was Emily McClure, age 10, of Golden, Colorado. Not only did Emily win the Clan Gregor trophy on Saturday; her additional first place finishes on Sunday led to Emily being named Premier Highland Dancer of the Games. This blonde haired, blue eyed wisp of a young lady is full of energy and is a magnificent dancer.

Also in August we were very pleased to learn that Ian MacGregor, for the second year in a row, won the U.S. National Espoir amateur bicycling race. After this remarkable accomplishment he now has commercial sponsors and is competing professionally. Ian is the son of ACGS members John and Louise MacGregor of Boulder, Colorado.

**September** – The 29<sup>th</sup> **Longs Peak Scottish Festival** was held September 8 – 11 in Estes Park, Colorado. In 1999 Clan Gregor made a clean sweep of the clan events (beating out 70 other clans) and was declared the **Outstanding Clan of the Games**. We were informed that was the first time in the history of these games that a clean sweep by one clan had occurred that was NOT in conjunction with their AGM. By winning all events meant we could not compete in 200 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 who attended that year's Gathering in Denver are sure to remember the huge, one of a kind trophy on display. That also meant we could not compete in 2002 and were again required to provide judges for the events that year. In 2003 we were again eligible to compete in clan events. The Saturday morning parade through the town was particularly delightful for us that year as Erin MacGregor, Miss Colorado USA, was featured in the parade representing Clan Gregor and the state of Colorado. She rode in a 1939 Rolls Royce followed by more than twenty tartan wearing clansmen and ladies of Clan Gregor. All of them were 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 were escorted by three clansmen in full highland attire with broadswords. That year we again won the **Best Clan Formation in the Parade**, and again the **Best Clan Tent** on the field. So, we once again made a clean sweep of the Clan awards in the most difficult category "Large Clans" and for the third consecutive time of eligibility were once again named the **"Best Clan of the Games."** [Note: I wonder if any clan has received a "Best in Games" three times in a row at any of the other Highland Games. Stone Mountain? Pleasanton?] In a recently issued newspaper, the Longs Peak Games was reported to be **"the largest Scottish/Irish festival in the United States"** and was expected to have over 70,000 attendees this year. So we are truly proud of our accomplishments.

One consistent note of Clan Gregor's participation in these games is that each year we try to do better than the year before. This year we had **forty-five** tartaned clansmen and ladies march in the Saturday morning parade, including one stout young man carrying our Clan Crest banner on a flag pole and **eighteen** individuals carrying flags representing our various tartans. It should also be pointed out that this year we had **four** wee MacGregor lads, all eleven months and younger, wearing their tartans and being pushed in their strollers. We had the four of them and their parents bringing up the rear of our formation. Reason? Because, if they had been in the front, none of the tens of thousands of spectators would have paid any attention to the rest of the MacGregors. And, what better way to finish such a smart looking clan marching by than have such beautiful young lads waving to the crowds and swaying and bouncing to the music of the pipe band just ahead of us.

Shortly after manning our tent on Saturday morning we were entertained by an unknown lady who brought her large harp and performed in front of our tent. After a couple of sets, she disappeared before I could learn her identity and possible connection to Clan Gregor. Of the more than seventy clans represented at these games, we were one



of the three honored by having a pipes and drums band march up to the Clans Area and provide a short performance for those clans. The highly acclaimed El Jebel Pipes and Drums, whose Pipe Major (**John Bergquist**) came to Clan Gregor through his wife, performed for us. That same day, **Romilly Squires**, co-author of the major Scottish reference book "*Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia*", not only visited with us at length, but also enjoyed a large glass of dark ale proffered by another MacGregor guest, autographed our copy of his book, and posed for photographs.

On Sunday, an eleven year old fiddler by the name of Brian, of Clan Kennedy, brought his younger sister (an Irish step dancer) to perform for Clan Gregor. He fiddled while she danced. This was Brian's way of saying "Thank You" for our introducing him to the popular Colorado fiddler Michele MacGregor at the games last year, resulting in him hanging out and jamming with her and her band. Wandering around the games, three MacGregors came across **Alex Beaton's** performance tent during one of his breaks. While reviewing his sales items, we heard someone call out "Don't trust them, they're MacGregors." Turning around, we were greeted by Alex with a big smile on his face. We had a nice visit reminiscing about when he used to belong to our society and performing for us at our Santa Rosa Gathering in 1990. Later that day, a fifteen year old Clan Gregor lass dropped by with her parents and played the violin for us. She was competing and knew that we would be unable to leave the tent to watch her perform, so she thoughtfully brought her performance to us.

Our 10 x 20 foot Clan Gregor tent drew a lot of visitors. **Eighty-seven** MacGregors visited our clan tent over the weekend. Other notables who visited our tent were the previously mentioned **Michele MacGregor** and **Loretta Thompson**, both entertainers extraordinary. We are particularly indebted to the efforts and support of the following individuals:

- a. **Jake MacGregor**, son of our ACGS Treasurer Howard Grossnickle, for transporting and erecting Howard's deluxe, commercial free-standing tent and helping to man the tent on Saturday.
- b. ACGS Deputy Chieftain **Lois Ann Garlitz** (Utah), who brought three lovely displays pertaining to the Dalmally Project, Clan Gregor DNA Project, and the marriage of Sir Malcolm and Lady Fiona. Lois Ann was the person who extended the invitation to Mr. Squires to visit the Clan Gregor tent as previously reported. Also, as the hostess for the upcoming Gathering at Salt Lake City, Lois Ann was able to answer questions about our upcoming Gathering and encourage additional attendees.
- c. ACGS member **James Petrie IV**, was there for the entire weekend, ready and willing to assist in any way possible from being an honor guard during the parade through the town carrying the claymore sword (try holding that monster at arms length in a salute eight-to-ten times), to staying until the games were over on Sunday to assist in the true drudgery of packing up all of our materials, taking down and packing up the commercial tent, and carrying them to our trailer.



- d. ACGS applicant **Thomas Peter** not only assisted in manning our Clan Gregor tent Friday afternoon and all day Saturday and Sunday, but also helped with the disassembling of the tent after the close of the games and drove from Este Park to Denver each of the two days back in August to help man our Clan tent at those games.
- e. Finally, I would be totally remiss if I did not recognize Scott Sanders McGregor, who acquired a horse trailer, cleaned and painted it for our exclusive use, and provided a large SUV to pull it. Year after year he has been the principal supporter of the Clan Gregor at every one of the highland games we attended in the Denver area, Estes Park and Grand Junction. For our own Clan Gregor tent, he designed and made devices that kept our tent standing while most others, including commercial tents, were blown down in high winds. He does the major effort of setting up and disassembling our tent hauling and once delivered back to my home helps put everything away. He, along with his young wife Heather, can be depended upon to make sure our hospitality table is always set up with refreshments, our tent attractively displayed, and they even stand in the long food lines so old codgers such as myself can remain at our tent tending clan business. I am so very proud to be able to claim them as my son and daughter-in-law.

**Summary:** *“MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever”* is a reality.

### **2005 Annual Report for District of Columbia**

submitted by James B. MacGregor

The Society in the area of the District of Columbia, joined mostly by members from Virginia, participated in the annual Alexandria Christmas Walk in December, the Potomac Celtic Heritage Festival in Leesburg, the Virginia Scottish Games in Alexandria, and a new event for the Society – the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Festival. The past Deputy Chieftain for the District of Columbia, Don Lynd, and his wife Suzanne led our contingent at the Potomac Celtic Heritage Festival, Don’s last event in this area before moving to Arizona. Many thanks to Don and Suzanne for their efforts over the past year or more. We were joined at the Virginia Scottish Games by member Andy Greig and his daughter Alley, who spontaneously offered to staff our tent for the weekend. Another pleasant surprise was meeting ACGS members Gavin and Elizabeth MacGregor-Skinner, who have just moved to this area and spent some time visiting in our tent. This is the first year that the ACGS has participated in the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair, which started in late 1988.

### **2005 Annual Report for Georgia**

submitted by Donald W. Gregg

Whatever else 2005 held for us in Georgia, it was medically interesting, as in the Chinese curse, “May you live in interesting times.” Ranking Deputy Chieftain Thad Osborne helped Terri Patillo and Ena McGregor run the ACGS tent at the Savannah Games in May, while Assistant Chieftain John McGregor helped get Mike Patillo to the hospital for treatment of a serious flare-up of pancreatitis. Mike expressed great appreciation that “Sir

John”, as Mike calls him, stayed with him all day. The Stone Mountain Games in October were also medically interesting.

Thad stayed with Dianne and me through the games weekend. I was ten minutes away from the house Friday night when I got into a grinding, three-car wreck. Thad and Dianne took me to the hospital, where I lay for three days with a tube in my side to drain my chest cavity. Thad and Dianne did a great job at the tent for both days, and John and Ena helped out on Saturday.

All that aside, your State Deputy Chieftain for Georgia was delighted to accept the post of Chaplain for the Society. I look forward to saying many a grace “as lang’s my arm” at our Gathering and other comings together, as I remain,

Yours aye

**2005 Annual Report for Illinois**  
submitted by Maggie Sanderfield

Jenny and I walked with the St. Andrew’s Society in the Springfield St. Patrick’s Day parade wearin’ of the green, but also wearing our MacGregor tartan.

Saturday, May 21, 2005, again saw me at the Illinois State Fairgrounds heading up the VIP tent and the volunteers for the Illinois Highland Games & Celtic Festival.

Once again, Don and Katie Gregg stepped in to work the MacGregor tent. I set up the tent the night before so it would be ready for Don and Katie bright and early Saturday morning. It was a nice day and we had a pretty good crowd. Don and Katie kept busy at our clan tent. I kept very busy in the VIP tent, but managed to visit Don and Katie at our MacGregor tent.

At noon we walked in the parade of tartans for the opening ceremony to represent the MacGregors. Don and Katie did an excellent job at the MacGregor tent talking to people about the MacGregors and sharing stories. A special thanks to Don and Katie for always being willing to help at the games and doing an excellent job.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois St. Andrew’s Society Highland Games were held at the Oak Brook Polo Grounds, Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, 2005. This was the first year that a ceilidh was held on a Friday night, and Don and Katie volunteered at the entrance table for the evening’s entertainment. Along with son Brian (a new ACGS member), they hosted a busy MacGregor tent the following day. The games were well attended and appear to be getting better and bigger each year.

Members from Clan Young introduced Don to a new pipe band – Celtic Nations Pipes & Drums. The pipe band has chosen to wear the tartan we know as “MacGregor Hunting”. It is not known if the dress is authorized or not; however, we can report that they look quite smart in this attire.

In August, Mom and I went to Nova Scotia (New Scotland) and Prince Edward Island. While visiting the College of Piping we walked into the gift shop and found a mannequin outfitted in full MacGregor attire – kilt, plaid, etc.! Mom and I wore our MacGregor scarves to the ceilidh and answered lots of questions about our clan and the ACG Society

### **2005 Annual Report for Michigan**

submitted by Ronald Shankland

I attended the Alma Games and worked along with the Clan Gregor Society. I also attended the Kalamazoo Games, working as the American Clan Gregor Society.

I would like to point out that Annie Stadden and Marshall Gregory (Family Tree DNA, Group “McGregor”) are my DNA cousins being Genetic Distance – 1 with Y25. This is through the DNA Project at the Clan Gregor Society. Both of these persons have an acceptable McGregor Lineage. Thus, when will it be possible for the name of “Shankland” to have an accepted sept for full membership rights in ACGS? Please note that no answer was provided to this question in 2004 and 2005.

My prize in my State of Michigan for this year’s term is discovering our US Senator Debbie Greer Stabenow (Greer\_alias McGregor), which I found after reading a Spring 2005 Michigan State University Alumni Magazine. I hope to obtain an Honorary Membership for her in ACGS. She will be able to do untold benefits for our organization.



*Michigan State Deputy Chieftain Ronald Shankland  
With U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.*

**2005 Annual Report for Minnesota**  
submitted by Lori Connery

I wish to introduce myself. I am Lori Connery, the newly appointed Deputy Chieftain for Minnesota. I received my station last January. I am a bit hurt that this was not announced in the April newsletter along with the news on David Gatewood's resignation, which I sent in with my letter/application for the position. And again it was not mentioned in the following newsletter.

I have joined the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans since becoming the State Deputy, but unfortunately due to some political unrest the coalition seems to be rather defunct at this time. I also intend to inquire and see about joining the Scottish Tartan Authority. I am becoming very involved with the local Scottish community and am quickly becoming known and accepted as the ACGS Deputy Chieftain for Minnesota.

I have coordinated the following events:

- a. July 2005: Minnesota Scottish Fair in Lakeville, MN. I was unable to attend. However, three of my fellow Gregor clansmen/women attended in my stead and they reported a wonderful time and brought back to me fifteen inquiries in the clan. Two of these people have received applications to join the ACGS. The third is not a MacGregor but is, in fact, a McNaughton and has joined his own clan, but he continues to support us by attending events and is working with me to build/host a Minnesota Clan Gregor website.
- b. July 2005: Informal gathering at a local restaurant, which was by invitation on a flyer handed out at the Scottish Fair. Attendance: 4.
- c. August 2005: Minnesota Renaissance Festival in Shakopee, MN. Two clansmen joined me on one of the two days. I received approximately ten new inquiries.
- d. October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Informal gathering at a local Irish Pub. Short agenda was presented with a focus on future events and membership to the ACGS. Attendance: 8. It was agreed to begin having a monthly "Pub Night". We will host at different locals to provide as much metro area coverage or until one site is deemed to be the best. One ACGS membership application was handed out.
- e. I hope to plan a Holiday Dinner/Dance of some kind in January with other members of the Scottish community.

I am working on building a database with inquiries I received this summer.

I wish to express my many thanks and my gratitude to Lois Ann, as she has been very helpful in my learning my new role. She sent me a list of my duties, which I reformatted and returned to her. Without her I would be completely lost.

I would like to express some of my concerns/ideas to my fellow State Deputies.

- a. More support for the new deputies. Without Lois Ann I would have no idea on what my duties are. I suggest that a new page be added to the website and I would be more than happy to help our webmaster find/gather that information. I would also suggest that a package be put together to be sent to new State Deputies which I would also be more than happy to help with. Do we have a person(s) set in place to handle this? I would be more than happy to volunteer to create and be that person during the course of my appointment or to assist anyone who may already be in this position.
- b. A better understanding of where I can solicit information and services from other State Deputies.
- c. Where can I obtain a list of other Minnesota members so I can send them newsletters and invitations?

**2004 Annual Report from Mississippi**  
submitted by L. Dan Megehee

The activity year began in April, when I manned the MacGregor table at the Swamp Highland Games in Gonzales, LA. This was only their second Games, and participation was still somewhat limited. These Games have great potential – the location is excellent, about half-way between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, and the facilities at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center are great. I enjoyed myself, and plan taking Josephine with me next year. (By the way, the Expo Center is currently serving as a major evacuation camp for people evacuated from New Orleans area due to Hurricane Katrina).

In May Josephine and I attended the Gatlinburg Highland Games, to assist the Deputy for TN, Thad Osborne, with setting up and running the ACGS tent, since we were the Honored Clan and Thad was a member of the Board of the sponsoring organization. Activity started with a parade down the Parkway in Gatlinburg with our Chieftain, Sandy MacGregor, leading the way.

In July we again joined our many friends at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina.

We had our airline, hotel and Gathering reservations and were packed and eagerly awaiting our trip to Salt Lake City, but Hurricane Katrina managed to interfere. We are OK, but the Greater New Orleans area, as well as the Mississippi Gulf Coast, was essentially destroyed. We were forced to cancel, but we will be at the 2006 Gathering.



Our last event of the year, the Gulfport, MS Highland Games, was cancelled for this year due to the hurricane, and the almost total lack of hotel rooms and places to eat.

At these Scottish events in 2004 our tent was used to represent ACGS. These were well attended and enjoyed:

“Genessee Highland Gathering”, Genessee Country Museum, Mumford, NY, Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 10AM till 4PM and Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10AM till 4PM.

“Central New York Scottish Games”, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, NY, just off Exit a39 of the NYS Thruway, Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 8AM till 6PM.

“Capital District Scottish Games”, Altamont Fair Grounds, Altamont, NY, Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 9AM till 6PM and Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 11AM till 7PM.

The weather was good this year for each event.

### **2005 Annual Report from New York** submitted by Edward K. Gregor

June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 10:00am to 5:00pm, “Genessee Highland Gathering” held at the Genessee Country Museum in Mumford, Genessee County, NY. The weather was fine this year. Clan members visited our tent and we were glad to visit with them.

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 8:30am to 5:00pm, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “Highbanks Celtic Gathering and Scottish Games”, sponsored by the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation – Letchworth State Park New York State and the Feadan Or Pipe Band.

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 8:00am to 6:00pm, and a Ceilidh 6:30;m to 11:00pm, the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual “Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival” at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, Onondaga County, NY near Exit 39 of the NYS Thruway. It was nice meeting Mr. White again this year as a new clan member.

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 8:00am to 5:00pm, the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual “Scottish Festival and Highland Games” at Amherst Museum, at 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, Niagara County, NY. ACGS member William Mitchell of Amherst, NY visited our tent.

We had good weather during the games this year, even though rain was threatening.

## **2005 Annual Report from Utah**

submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz

Many of the Utah McGregors' activities in 2005 were focused on the upcoming AGM in Salt Lake City. Everywhere we went, as we discovered old friends and new contacts, we talked about coming to SLC in September. We were pleased with the turnout and your more than willing participation in the activities we planned for you, as you will read about in another section. But it did not go unnoticed that as much as many of us would like to attend every event that interests us, time to do them all is not unlimited and national and world events get in our way, such as hurricanes and oil prices. Maybe the lure of Virginia beaches next fall will call to more or you.

Flyers announcing the upcoming Gathering were at each McGregor clan tent at the four festivals I supported this year: Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games at Thanksgiving Point south of Salt Lake City in June, and also Payson Scottish Festival in July, even further south of Salt Lake City; Jackson Hole's Scottish Festival in August, and Long's Peak's Scottish and Irish Festival in Estes Park Colorado in September. We found new McGregor friends in all of those places.

I would like to mention again the several dedicated local McGregor volunteers who helped with the planning and conducting of the Gathering: Joyce and Jim Baggs and Joyce's daughter Christy Muir for the welcome packets and table decorations; my two sisters Jane Montmeny and Elizabeth Cox – Jane for welcome packets, the McGregor store and often being at my elbow – and Liz for the Silent Auction. Randall Nish and Pam Todd plus Jim and Joyce again for the city tour, Dodd Greer as the banquet guest speaker, Dean Wright for the wonderful Haggis served with Neeps and Tatties, and Kelsey Crane for showing us her award winning Highland Fling. A special thanks to my daughter Sue Richardson for shooting over 800 frames with her digital camera and going to the trouble of editing all of them and putting 400+ on a web site for all of you to see. Photos always tell a great story – a moment frozen in time to remember always. I am grateful to my MacLeod friend Sydney Young for her presentation about genealogical research in Scotland. The hotel staff was wonderful and helpful at every step of the way. Maybe you all would come back in a few years and we will enjoy the weekend together again.

## **2005 Annual Report from Virginia**

submitted by Scott F. MacGregor

First I'd like to extend a warm "HELLO" from Virginia to all our fellow members and kinfolk across the United States. Especially all those along the gulf coast who are struggling with the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our prayers are with you.

Since last year's fantastic Gathering with Sir Malcolm MacGregor in Jacksonville, Florida a MacGregor presence could be found at the Richmond Highland Games, the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk, and several Spring Kirkings and parades. I along

with many other members of the society ventured to eastern Tennessee for the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games where we MacGregors were the honored Clan. It was a wonderful weekend of great friends, wonderful weather, and the magnificent Smokey Mountains all around us.

While the local Williamsburg Games will be missed this year due to our Gathering in Salt Lake City, Utah, once back home it will be off to western Virginia for the Radford Games and then on to the Richmond Games. Once again in December I'll be joining our fellow clansmen for the annual Christmas Walk in northern Virginia. I'm looking forward to seeing our many friends and visitors at each event.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our local events throughout Virginia during the upcoming year and then again at the 97<sup>th</sup> ACGS Gathering in 2006. Why don't you make these memories even fonder by joining me at these various events?



## **GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Reported by Thad Osborne

Although the heavy rain of Thursday, July 7, was not too auspicious, conditions improved and none could quarrel with the outstanding conditions of the next three days on Grandfather Mountain. John MacGregor, Ena MacGregor, Robert and Ernestine Ellington and this writer began their Games week-end with a reception on Friday evening at the Broyhill Conference Centre at Appalachian State University. They were entertained by the Montreat Pipes and Drums, the Blue Ridge Brass, and plentiful food and drink.

These MacGregors were joined on the field Saturday by Yearbook editor Lillian Magruder and daughter Elizabeth Joiner, Past Chieftain Jeff McGregor and his wife Frieda, long-time tent hostess, David McGregor, incumbent Chieftain Sandy MacGregor, and Dan and Josephine McGehee. Almost one hundred visitors signed our register, and sales of Society merchandise were brisk.

Activities at McRae Meadow continued on Sunday with Ranking Deputy Chieftain Thad Osborne carrying the banner for the Kirkin' of the Tartans, the Parade of Tartans, and the opening ceremonies.

MacGregors parted Sunday evening to return homeward, having enjoyed a "mini gathering" at the fiftieth Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

## SCENES FROM HIGHLAND GAMES

*Maggie Sanderfield with  
Donald and Katie Gregg  
At Central Illinois Celtic  
Festival in Springfield, IL.*



*Sandy MacGregor, Dan Megehee and Thad Osborne  
At Gallinburg Scottish Festival & Games*





*Retta and Richard Greer, Jack and Jean Simon, Sandy MacGregor, Scott MacGregor, Josephine and Dan Megehee and James, Andrea and baby Caitlin MacGregor-King at Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games.*



*Thad Osborne at Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games*

*The MacGregor banner leads  
the clan in the Parade of  
Tartans at the Grandfather  
Mountain Highland Games.*



*John McGregor and Thad  
Osborne pose in front of the  
MacGregor tent at Grandfather  
Mountain Highland Games.*



*Clan MacGregor makes a good showing in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Parade of Tartans.*



*Lillian Magruder and daughter Elizabeth Joiner take a break from duties at the MacGregor tent at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.*



*David McGregor, David King and Frieda McGregor  
watch the games from our tent at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games*

*Thad Osborne represents Clan  
MacGregor  
at Grandfather Mountain  
Highland Games*





*Lillian Magruder and Frieda  
McGregor enjoy  
the day at Grandfather  
Mountain Highland Games*



*Lillian Magruder and Ena McGregor take a rest from their  
tent duties at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games*



**John MacGregor**  
**Late of the Parishes of his country, Scotland**

**A King of the Road**

Submitted by Ron McGregor

*Sent to Ron McGregor by Jimmy MacGregor of Newcastle, England*

I last saw him near a Glen-foot that lies on the wise man's side of Schiehallion, but I was taigled at the time with respectable company and could not therefore approach him for a bit blether. I noted his direction however, and the extraordinary slowness of his progress, so I was able the next day to overhaul him within a mile or so of Auchinleck's Farm. In all my stravaigin's, never had I met such a worthy soul.

What was he like? A lost Lairdie or a King of men gone astray? In his youth he might have been six feet six or seven. But now, he was eighty years old and had traveled a weary way since he put love above the Lass that turned her back on him. A big burly man still, he wore a guid blue Kilmarnock bonnet cocked jauntily on a head of, once red, autumn hued silvery hair. His face was handsome but ordinary, weatherbeaten to a dull peat-brown with an Eagle nose and a white moustache that covered a mouth that had a weariness to it, a middling chin with steel blue eyes with a faraway look in them that gave the appearance of a man who has inner visions .. visions and imaginings were his only sight, this Gentleman of the road being fully blind.

His apparel comprised a red tartan Kilt of the Clan that needs no apology in Lochaber. Black and red marled hose and great boots like shoes of fortune with a heavenward tilt about the toes. Overall, he wore an aged Highland Cloak that retained the hint of a fine Gentleman about the cut. Slung across his shoulders on a leather'ed strap were two pokes, which doubtless contained the treasures of the humble, with a Fiddle-case dangling from his chest. In spite of his blind eyes he carried his head high. In his left hand he carried the leash of a dour, ill-tempered Colliedog that led him. In his right, a stout stick with which he kept tap-tapping the ground before him. A second Colliedog trotted by his side or ranged ahead like a nervous Scout-defiant.

Here was indeed a Gentlemen gan-aboot boddie of the olden times. Was he a vagrant or mendicant? No! .. plainly an honest decent man of the road.

A grown from the Scout-Colliedog made my first advance dangerous – but soon we together got into step and the travelers blethers began: My own apparel were a little better than his, although, the long tiring day ascending the high Craggs had seen the wear of them. Yet, blind as he was, jaloused by my voice what I was ..

“Dominie or Meenister ye are?” he inquired .. “I am Sir, the first, but how did you guess” quoth I. “Because ye speak like anew ha explains”. In admiration I commented favourably on his wayfarers wisdom. He knew Scotland from Southern Border to Northern extremity and shared much of his knowledge with me. He had something to

say, I remember, of the old Kirk at Linlithgow where James IV saw the freit of a blue-cowled bogle that warned him not to take the field of Flodden. With that, we came upon the Auld Smiddy. "Come in and eat" I cordially Invited .. "No Sir, I never enter a Hoose". So we sat outside, side by side, a pair of Dusty-Dan's and the wisest of us (he) brewed the Tea. It was an odd meal. He produced a wooden Coggie from some secret place beneath his great cloak and drank his tea from it, taking sip-about with the Colliedogs. When he partook of the bread the Collies ate from it at the same time, so that the three mouths nibbled at it together. The slightest attempt by me to pat or touch the dogs or any of their Mester's belongings brought a snarl and a snap.

"Dinna meddle wi' the Doggies or they'll let fly at ye". They were his only friends, and his jealous keepers. He lived with them, ate with them, slept with them – inseparable.

There came more blethers of the hills, the mist, the silence and self-inflicted loneliness. He was a dab-hand at the ancient prophecies in the great book and talked like one weel-kent in the mysteries ... he put the truth in this never-to-be-forgotten word – "Ye can never be close to God 'till ye climb high up into the mists, alone, where there is never another by your side."

He told me of times past, honourable deeds done, great battles fought and the fall of Kings while seated there among the great hills about us and the river Tay whispering by to her tryst with the sea. Even this wise one conceded his uncanny knowledge passed down by word of mouth from generations of MacGregors before him – I was sweir to let him away, but before he took to the road again I ettled after his domicile – and his parting words to me were – "when ye think o' me for'by, think o' me as the man wha word the MacGregor wi' pride". With that we parted at the Keystane of Caputh Bridge where it spans the Tay – and to this day I can hear the tap-tapping of the blind man's stick on the camber of the hollow arch as he moved slowly away with the Colliedogs trotting by his side.

If only we could learn eachanothers story there would be little need for novels. But the patient one will always unravel the tangled skein. I never saw the blind Fiddler again; but years anon, when he was in final repose, I learned of his whole story on a stormy winter's night in a Highland 'Bothy nearby Glenshee.

It began with a heartless public notice in the Perthshire Advertiser –

'Notice is hereby given that the Estate of John Macgregor, known as the blind Fiddler, a vagrant of the Shires of Perth and Forfar, who died in Kirriemuir Poorhouse on 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1916, said estates and all goods there accounted for – has fallen to His Majesty Treasury, *ultimus hoeres*'.

John Shaw  
Town Clerk  
Forfar

Gleaned now from the ‘Bothy nicht: There was nothing of the usual Tramp about John MacGregor, who for fifty years had traveled the highways and byways of his beloved Scotland. Rather was he the last of the old wandering Minstrels. Born somewhere nearby Cairnwell, he was a kenspeckle man about the Parishes of Bal’whidder and West Perthshire and of Royal Deeside and Braemar. A teller of many tales of his proud but downtrodden MacGregor Clan. He knew the good book from end to end. His inward eye saw all the more because his blindness threw him back on the secrets of the soul. What took a guidman such as he to the life of a wandering Shenachie and Fiddler?

The story goes that when he was an upstanding lad of great strength and handsome looks with a sweetheart all of his own, he was working in a great Granite Quarry in Aberdeenshire when a blast went off and blinded the young giant for life. To a sweetheart true, her blind man is a man held doubly dear – but to his Aberdeenshire Quine her man, how blinded, was a spoiled man. So she turned her back on his sorrow and consoled herself in the arms of an Orraman from Inverbervie way. But the blinded man in MacGregor pride suffered in silence, and said nothing. Then, when his wounds healed, slipped away and took the old road to nowhere. After that he Fiddled his way through life, as many other tainted folk have done. Often in a Barn he made the rafters dirl with the clamour of the Reel, when the country Lad’s and Lasses kept the Hairst Kirm going to the skreich of the new day. Yet, his tunes were not all happy .. oft times his Fiddle would wail out some low broken-hearted melody that came from the depths of his own soul – the slow, sad memories crowding on eachanother like tears from a lover’s eyes. When he played to himself it was as if he was eternally seeking some comfort which he could never find. None could get John MacGregor’s story by simply plucking his sleeve.

He Fiddled for Gentry and common folk alike – he thrice Fiddled before HRH the Queen Victoria by her Royal command at the annual Ghillie’s Ball at Balmoral Castle. His public tunes were agreeable to all, particularly the Royal ear – but his best tunes were his lonely tunes – they were always sad with remembering his troubled life and that of his beloved MacGregors. He slept under the stars for choice. A fine bed for summer-time when in the warm nights of August, the purple heather drugs the sleep of a weary man with honey-scented dreams, and the Grousecock awakens him at dawn for a sun-splashed bathe in the tumbling torrented Burn. But a hard bed in wintertime ... when the wind drives the rain in pitiless sheets down the Glens, or the silent falling snow makes sleep near a thing to death itself.

“But for the Collies,” he once said, “I wadna be here this day. Often when I’m far frae shelter I dig a hole in the snaw and lie down in my cloak, and the dogs snuggle in aroon’ my neck – the cauld snaw covers us aboot, but we dinna mind, for the three o’ us are cosy an’ warm thegither.”

But it came to the last slumber of John MacGregor at the hinder end. One bitterly frosted night in December this old King of the road lay down to sleep at the roadside nearby Greenmyre Fermtoun in the Parish of Kingoldrum. His Fiddle was broken and had lang-

syne played his last tune. His Colliedogs were dead, no warm paws about his neck or the creature comfort they gave. He was all along under his beloved stars. Next day, a kindly Orra man found him unconscious and by the mercy of Heaven, the blind Fiddler never fully regained his senses to realize – his stravaigin's, his companionship and his music and his life's ebb. It was all he would have wished it to be – on the open road. John MacGregor was removed to the Parish House at Kirriemuir to spend his last hours.

They found 50 pounds in gold about his person, so his strip of earth was his to the last. The rest of his simple belongings went to the King, aye, the Monarch whose Grandmother had commanded him to play for her.

Every man's story is his own by right. When it comes to the end of all things, none can tell with surety the dreams that trouble a man's last sleep. But were I to favour John MacGregor – late of the Parish of Scotland and ambassador supreme to the MacGregor – and speak of his wandering life and honourable times. I would in respect, humility and admiration say thus: John MacGregor was mired in his own history and every new day – a blessing! – brought its own adventure and new friendships. Less articulate folk than John would keep to their own class, and live in tedious misery without much knowledge of those who move in the other classes of society. But the sagacious John MacGregor – the blind Fiddler – in his lifetime of wandering, knew no class .. and the world is the worst for his passing.

Royal was his race, rest in peace old friend of the Earth.

T.R.B. Logierait  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1917

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