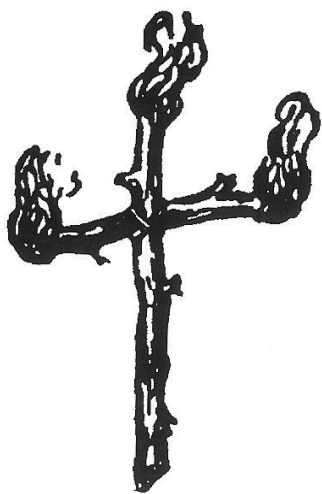


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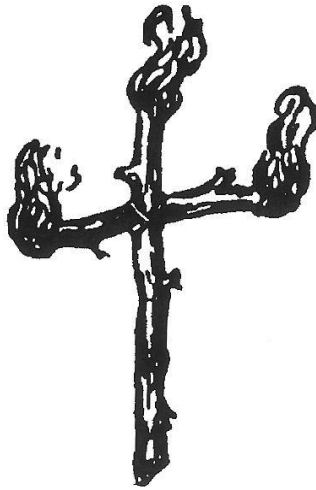
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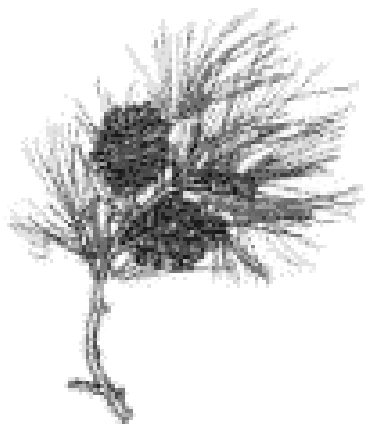
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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.

97<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Virginia Beach, Virginia  
Council Meeting -- 20 October 2006

#### Attendees, Officers:

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Randall Zimmerman, Incoming Newsletter Editor

ACGS Chieftain Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. called the Council meeting to order at 08:03 AM on Friday, October 20, 2006 and our Chaplin Thaddeus G. Osborne gave the invocation.

Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. proceeded to read greetings from Sir Malcolm MacGregor expressing *“Ladies and Gentlemen of the American Clan Gregor Society it gives me great pleasure to send you greeting from Scotland to all at Virginia Beach on the occasion of the 97th Gathering. Each year is a milestone and this is another landmark Gathering in the history of the society. A lot happens in a year but this year is one of know for all Scots around the world for it is the 700th anniversary of the enthronement of Robert the Bruce in 1306. 700 years is hard to comprehend; the clan system was only just evolving and strong families rather than clans held power at that time. We are all part of this history, but as MacGregors you’ll be celebrating MacGregor history year. I hope you all have a great time in Virginia Beach. Fiona and I send you all, best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Gathering.”* Signed, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor.

The scribe, Scott MacGregor, made a motion to accept the General meeting minutes of the 96th Annual Gathering as printed in the 2006 ACGS Annual Yearbook. No changes to the minutes were presented and the motion was seconded. The motion carried.

A suggestion was made and the chieftain agreed to have everyone introduce themselves since there was a large number of new council members present this year. Everyone followed by introducing themselves, their position, and where they are from.

The treasurer, Howard Grossnickle, presented his report reflecting that this year's report is complete with the fiscal year ending 30 September. The pledge to the University of Baltimore for housing our society library was paid off this year. Speaking with our collections manager at the library we can add some additional material to the collection without incurring any additional costs. The 1st Bank account was closed at the end of the fiscal year. The trustees have done a marvelous job with the accounts. There was a good response to the membership dues mailing, but we need to continue striving to retain members and keep their interest up. Some of these responses were just for pledges from life members to the antiquities fund. A suggestion was made that while prospective member's applications are being processed that we should send them the newsletter to keep them informed. A check for £3500 was sent to the Clan Gregor Society for the Dalmally project. The land that was donated for the Dalmally project was deemed to be a medieval battle site and cannot be disturbed for the stones preservation. So a new site to the west of the Kirk is in the works. The project is preparing to go into the construction phase. Five Blunt scholarships for \$750 each were awarded this year.

The treasurer's report was submitted for approval whereby the chieftain noted that the treasurer's report does not require acceptance. It is accepted because we don't have the means to audit it at this time.

The registrar, William Tyler, III, presented his report reflecting that there were 13 new lineal members, 2 life members, and 2 junior members. A motion was made John McGregor and seconded Don A. Gregg to accept the registrar's report presented. The motion carried. The historian, Tess Galloway, presented her report reflecting that there were 12 deaths, 3 births. Following her report Tess resigned her position as historian. A motion was made by Dan Megehee and seconded by Margaret Sanderfield to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

The yearbook editor, Lillian Magruder, presented her report noting the yearbook in effect was her report. As the out-going editor Lillian encouraged everyone to continue providing input and to that the deadline date of February 1st may remain in effect for the new editor. A motion was made by Don Gregg and seconded by Margaret Sanderfield to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

No librarian's report was available for presentation to the council.

The trustee's report was presented by John C. McGregor in the absence of Hallam Walker and Joe Tichy. John proceeded to read a letter from Hallam who stated that he is stepping down as the chairman of the trustees. Health problems are behind this decision and his ability to attend the Gathering again this year.

The scholarship report provided by Hallam Walker was presented by John C. McGregor and reflected that there were five excellent candidates who applied with each being awarded scholarships of \$750. The awardees are: Ms. Caroline Grier, Mr. Robert Walker, Ms. Adrienne Taylor, Mr. Jessa McGregor, and Ms. Elizabeth Sonnenberg. A motion was made by Bill Tyler and seconded by Lillian Magruder to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

The Assistant Chieftain, John C. MacGregor, presented his report reflecting the membership report that is available at the registration desk for review. John noted that our membership list reflects 600 plus addresses but not everyone receives a mailing. There are two categories that do not receive the mailings; they are Associate (spouses of lineal members) and Junior (children of lineal members). A single mailing goes to a household.

Joe interjected that for many years if a member became inactive the society still kept them on the mailing list. This stopped when the printing and mailing cost became too much. Those early numbers are not accurate or good for comparisons.

The most significant event this year concerning printing was the out-sourcing and consolidation of the printing at a significant cost savings. With some of the savings incurred, color was added to the newsletter. This makes the graphics added by Lori Connelly more vivid. John noted that it is now a lot less work, in that one does not have to lick and stick the postage stamps. The printer now handles all the printing and mailing for us. This saves us the need to purchase the bulk mail permit, the efforts required to stuff the envelopes, and the work to prepare them for the postal service.

Contact with Clan Gregor in Scotland was continued though the year and John recently received a copy of their revised constitution. It was just approved in May of this year. A copy will be provided to the chieftain and is available for review by anyone else interested. A regular correspondence with Sir Malcolm was maintained to continue the good relationship between the two societies.

A motion was made by Dan Megehee and seconded by Don Gregg to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

The Chieftain, Robert MacGregor, Jr., expressed his thanks to everyone for all their efforts in support of the society towards streamlining the printing costs, and in increasing our financial statement. He is keeping the rest of his comments until the banquet on Saturday evening.

Committees:

The establishment of a Policies & Procedures document and rewrite of the By-Laws is still on going with the intentions of having something available to the council members for review by the end of this year. Two items for consideration that just came in recently are: a formal proposals form made out for amendments and so forth, and a procedure for handling work via phone, conference calls, as well as e-mail.

Unfinished Business:

Diana presented her findings into the question of what constitutes a quorum. Since our By-Laws have no provision for this, the governing laws for the District of Columbia where the

society was registered provides that it takes one tenth of the members to form a quorum. The D.C. code covering this is Article 29 Section 301 Point 17 Subsection A. It was noted that the quorum is not made up of the total attendance at a Gathering but rather the number of eligible voters who attend the meeting. Diana recommended that in the rewrite of the By-Laws that this issue be addressed.

Diana also noted that we could look into handling business via conference calling; that e-mail was not legally recognized at this time. The requirement is that the meeting has to be in a form where everyone can hear everybody else. Our chieftain has done some preliminary investigating into the cost for doing conference calls and there are services available. Preliminary costs expectations would be in the \$5 to \$10 range per call. Howard asked that if conference calling is setup, let him know so the billing will go to the treasurer. Before conference calling can be done the society By-Laws must be changed to allow it. Diana also suggested to look at including clarification about proxy voting, should they already know the issue and will not be able to participate in the conference call due to prior commitments.

Robert as head of the By-Laws committee is going to roll up Diana's recommendation into the forthcoming By-Law changes.

### **New Business:**

1. Diana noted two items associated with the society's corporation that should be looked into closer. One is the D.C. code, since 1998, calls for filing a corporation report every other year and that we may need to do this. Robert noted that John Bellassia was the society's registered agent and that John had investigated this prior to 1998 and determined that we were grandfathered. This needs to be looked into again to ensure that the society is in compliance. Diana's second item was immunity from liability insurance for the volunteer corporation like ours. Questioned if it is really necessary since the society doesn't really do anything that would be a problem. Needs to be looked into further.
2. Howard expressed the need to encourage our membership to increase their donations to the scholarship fund in order to provide a significant amount to assist with the increased costs of college. This is a very good recruiting tool for new members. It's believed the medical scholarship at UVA is at roughly a half million dollars because no one has claimed it in recent years. Should any members be interested in the medical field let them know about the scholarship and the society know so a recommendation can be made. We need to get more of this information up on our website. A suggestion was made to get the scholarship information more publicized by placing in the information places where students would more readily find it. It was noted that the colleges handle this through their lists of available scholarship that their students are eligible for. A thought was also made to provide for a provisional membership to allow the applicant time to complete their genealogical information for the application to join the society. This suggestion is already in the proposed By-Law changes. Also mentioned was the new item, the coffee mug design, acquired by Lois Ann Garlitz to increase fundraising for the Dalmally project.
3. Bill raised a concern about privacy issues with the scanning of the membership applications. He noted that if the records go into the Family History Center Library in



Utah, it essentially places the records in the public domain. Howard noted that the society would have procession of the final product and it wouldn't be placed in the public domain. Joe noted the primary purposes for scanning the records is to give the registrar immediate access to the information and to retain it for future generations. Bill and Diana suggested that the membership application be changed to state that the applicant consents to their information being scanned and possibly made public. Scott noted that in genealogical circles any submittal of lineage information is almost always cleared of references to living member. One council member mentioned that he did not want his membership information in the Mormon Church. Joe noted the Peg Tichy account was setup to support genealogy studies, and the pipeband and Gatherings deficits. The funds from this account could be used to assist with the cost of having our registrar records scanned. Howard asked Diana if a contract could be written up to cover the society's concerns about copyright and privacy issues.

4. Dan Megehee noted a problem of transiting junior members to lineal members when they turn 18; that they were not receiving notification that they could save the initiation fee. Ian inquired what was involved to become a junior member. In addition to the five dollars an application must be completed reflecting their birth date and place, their residential address, and their lineage back to the individual who is a member of the society. Bill noted that he has been sending letters to the junior members at their parent's address for several years. He noted a good number of the letters are returned as undeliverable. Scott expressed that maybe the letters should be addressed to the parents, that at eighteen most youth are cash strapped and are not really interested in joining a society. Should the parents continue to be active in the society they would likely encourage their child to join as a lineal member.
5. John suggested that the newsletter editor be part of the council. It seems there is a lot of information at the council that he should be reporting on and placing in the newsletter. This would require a By-Law change and will be included in the proposed changes. The current By-Laws definitively states who's a member of council and the chieftain does not have the power to directly appoint anyone to the council. There is nothing that prohibits anybody who is not a member of council from attending the meetings. Randy addressed the council to introduce himself, to stress that the newsletter is only as good as what's in it, and to solicit input from everyone. He encouraged the leadership of the organization to make the newsletter as informative and entertaining as possible. Without input from the membership we will have a newsletter that is not up to MacGregor standards. This newsletter is not the editor's but the memberships so get your stories in. Everyone has a story of MacGregor or Scottish interest to share. Please contribute. There is a proposal in the procedures manual to make it a requirement for the state deputies to submit an article for the newsletter at least once a year. The state deputies would be divided into four groups with each group being called upon for articles during different quarters of the year. This idea is based on a suggestion and further input from other clans.

### **Election of Officers:**

John C. McGregor presented the Nominating Committee report reflecting the 2007 slate of officers as follows: Chieftain - Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Ranking Deputy Chieftain - Mr. Ronald A. McGregor, Scribe - Mr. Donald A. Gregg, Registrar - Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz, Historian - open, Treasurer - Mr. Howard R. Grossnickle, Chaplain - Mr. Donald W. Gregg, Surgeon - Dr. Thomas N. McNish, Chancellor - Ms. Diana Browne, Librarian - Mr. Steven

Grier, Editor – Ms. Lori Connery, Piper – Mr. Matthew Kuldell, Trustee – Mr. Robert F. MacGregor.

A motion was made by Howard Grossnickle and seconded by Don Gregg to accept the proposed slate of officers as presented. The motion carried.

Following the nominating committee presentation, Mr. Scott MacGregor was nominated to be the new Assistant Chieftain.

The nominating committee for next year was presented as Past Chieftain - Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., Assistant Chieftain - Scott MacGregor, and Treasurer - Howard Grossnickle.

**Good of the Order:**

1. John noted as a matter of interest that the Clan Gregor Society in Scotland was sending two representatives, Keith MacGregor and Alistair McGregor over to the Stone Mountain Games this weekend to checkout the controversy between the two societies in that area. A little background into the problem, Sir Malcolm heard at the Lochearnhead Games in Scotland over the summer that there was a problem with sharing a tent at the Games. He was a bit annoyed with this. While at Stone Mountain the representative may do a little fund raising for the Dalmally project.
2. Thaddeus inquired if there exists an agreement, verbally or otherwise, with the Clan Gregor Society that we would not duplicate their presence at a Games. He was told be one of their members that there was such a gentleman's agreement. It may be true in Scotland but not in North America. In most states the same individuals often represent both societies.
3. While our society has allowed sharing of the tent space as in the Stone Mountain Games this has not always been the case when CGS has the tent space. The American Clan Gregor Society is chartered for all of North America, not just the United States.
4. Scott recognized the work John has done with the printer and Joe has done with past Gatherings. In assuming their positions he has started compiling two documents on what is involve with each of these functions. These documents are to provide insight into what must be done, when it must be done, and what the job specifications are. This is to maintain the consistency between members assuming this position.
5. The 2007 Gathering was announced that it would be held outside Philadelphia in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania over the first weekend in October the 4th through 6th.
6. Scott stressed that like all working committees the future Gathering committee deals with sensitive information that should not spread about freely. Often times this committee will communicate with fellow council and local society members concerning arranging items. This information should be kept confidential as that's how rumors start and they often contain wrong information. This has already happened once this summer when Sir Malcolm was misinformed and highly concerned about the location of our 100th annual Gathering in 2009. We don't want these kinds of rumors to get started because they can cause a lot of unneeded confusion. So please guard sensitive information carefully.
7. The Gatherings are held between the end of September and the first of November depending on where in the country it will be located. Another major reason for this is to closely coincide with the end of the society's fiscal year on 30 September.
8. Howard would like everyone to think about going north for a Gathering to reinvigorate the interest of our northern MacGregors. We should also start thinking about committees for the 100th and volunteering for them to make this centennial event a very spectacular and memorable one.

With no further business from the Council, the Chieftain, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., declared the meeting adjourned at 09:51AM.

Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor  
ACGS Scribe 2006



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.  
97<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Virginia Beach, Virginia  
General Meeting -- 21 October 2006

### Attendees, Officers:

Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., ACGS Chieftain

John C. McGregor, Assistant Chieftain

Thaddeus G. Osborne, Ranking Deputy Chieftain / Chaplain

Scott F. MacGregor, Scribe

William E. Tyler, III, Registrar

Tess James, Historian

Howard Grossnickle, Treasurer

Diana Browne, Chancellor

Lillian Magruder, Editor

Joseph C. Tichy, Jr., Trustees

Ronald A. McGregor, Newsletter

Ian Greig, Member-At-Large

Elizabeth Joiner, Member-At-Large

Donald A. Gregg, Member-At-Large

Charles Skinner, Member-At-Large

Nolan Sanders, Member-At-Large

Margaret Sanderfield, Member-At-Large

L. Dan Megehee, Member-At-Large

The 97th annual general meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. at 9:12 AM on Saturday, October 21, 2006, he then proceeded to welcome everyone. The invocation given by: Father Gregory MacGregor.

Following the invocation Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. read a welcoming letter from Sir Malcolm MacGregor who expressed his greetings, *"Ladies and Gentlemen of the American Clan Gregor Society it gives me great pleasure to send you greeting from Scotland to all at Virginia Beach on the occasion of the 97th Gathering. Each year is a milestone and this is another landmark Gathering in the history of the society. A lot happens in a year but this year is one of know for all Scots around the world for it is the 700th anniversary of the enthronement of Robert the Bruce in 1306. 700 years is hard to comprehend; the clan system was only just evolving and strong families rather than clans held power at that time.*

*We are all part of this history, but as MacGregors you'll be celebrating MacGregor history year. I hope you all have a great time in Virginia Beach. Fiona and I send you all, best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Gathering.*" Signed, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor.

The Scribe, Scott F. MacGregor, read the interim minutes of the council meeting held on Friday morning 20 October 2006. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

The Treasurer, Howard Grossnickle, gave his report, the complete report for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2006. All accounts presented are accurate; with the exception for the Gathering reservation deposits and checks not yet cleared. No estimates were added to the accounts but present account statements are included.

Howard proceeded to provide dollar amounts for our various funds. The general fund checking account had \$18,027.46. The increase over last year is because the Gathering receipts were handled through this account as opposed to the 1st Bank account last year. The general fund invested assets were \$2,274.49; the Peg Tichy Memorial fund was \$6,132.02; the Marshall Magruder Library fund was \$1,985.86; the Charity and Education fund was \$10,615.04; the Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship fund was \$2,004.00; with a total of Wells Fargo cash balance of \$41,038.87.

A payment of \$4,284.00 was made this year from the Marshall Magruder Library fund to close out the balance of our \$20,000 obligation to the university. This was done a year early.

The 1st Bank account had \$2,645.31 at the end of the fiscal year. This account was closed and the money transferred to the general fund account. The total Quicken O'Rielly or Broker's Express portfolio equity was \$358,624.69 with total dividends and interest of \$77,763.54. We ended with a total net worth of \$480,072.41 compared to \$411,653.80 last year. Our estimated annual income was \$76,496.68 based on the growth as well as the dividends. This year was very good for our investments. The trustees have done a marvelous job on gaining funds for us.

Dues from members, 415 members were billed with responses from 250 members plus 41 associate responses. Receiving dues totaling \$9,780 for a 70 percent response rate. Some of these were life members who had received notices that were for pledges so it's not an exact response rate. Some at-rears money was also picked up from members who had missed previous years. This is an improvement over previous years both in members and revenue received but we still need to consider that we have a gap of people responding. Either we're not getting the correct mailing addresses or they're just not responding. We may need to find a new way of contacting them or the State Deputy Chieftains might be able to make contact with them. We also must think of the retention of the new members that were just brought in over the last few years to keep them active and interested.

Significant contributions were made from the Charity and Education fund for the Dalmally Stones project with pledge receipts of \$3,095, down from \$4,960 in 2005. This is believed to be the last year for the prior five-year pledge but we'd like to continue this as an on going pledge. Please consider because we are just beginning to get into the construction phase. We made a disbursement of \$6,418.30 representing £3,500 to the fund.

A disbursement of \$3,750.00 was made from the Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship fund to award five scholarships for \$750.00 each.

The general fund checking account made disbursements totaling \$35,247.77 down from the \$37,176.15 of the year before. This reflects the efforts of John C. McGregor towards controlling our expenditures and costs as well as finding new printers that provide the quality that we're use to receiving at a much lower cost.

The treasurer's report was submitted for approval. Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. noted that the report does not require approval but will be filed with the annual meeting records.

The Registrar, William E. Tyler III, gave his report noting that we had thirteen new lineal members, two new life members, and two junior members. The names were then read aloud with the request that those present to stand and be recognized. M. Gregg Elliott, grandfather of Landon Anthony Gowin a new junior member, stood in recognition of his grandson. 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 twelve deaths of members. There were three births and no marriages to announce. The names of each individual were read aloud. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Historian's report as read. The motion carried.

The Editor, Lillian Magruder, noted that her report was actually the yearbook everyone received. Lillian hoped everyone received their yearbook and enjoyed reading it. As the outgoing editor Lillian didn't know what expectation the new editor, Lori Connery would have. Lillian stressed that everyone continue to get their information in as soon as possible and that her date of the first of February is the deadline. If everyone waits till the deadline that puts undue stress on the editor. Pictures are always wanted, they make the yearbook that much more enjoyable for all of us. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Editor's report as read. The motion carried.

Our Chieftain then recognized both Tess and Lillian for the excellent jobs they have done over the years. Both are retiring this year. A round of applause was given for a job well done.

The Librarian, Marshall V. Grier, was not present for the meeting and no report about the status of the library was provided. For those that might not know our library is located at the University of Baltimore, which is in downtown Baltimore. We had a \$20,000 obligation with the University to handle our records and as the treasurer noted it was paid off this year.

The Trustee's report was presented by Joseph C. Tichy but before giving the report he thanked Scott MacGregor and Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. for organizing this Gathering. It was the first time either one has tried to run a Gathering and they've done an excellent job. As trustee in charge of investments we have \$330,000 invested with a present worth of \$396,000. We returned this year \$16,000 to the general fund; \$11,000 to the Blunt Scholarship fund; and \$6,600 to the Peg Tichy fund. It's amazing our whole average is 10.1 percent.

The Scholarship report was presented by Joseph C. Tichy, who in Hallam Walker's absence provided the scholarship report for this year, reflecting the award of five \$750 scholarship to the following recipients: Jessa McGregor, Nanaimo, British Columbia, University of British

Columbia; Caroline Grier, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, Washington College; Robert Walker, Benicia, California, Academy of Art University –San Francisco; Elizabeth Sonnenberg, Falls Church, Virginia, University of Virginia; Adrienne Taylor, Frederick, Maryland, University of Mary Washington.

We have a wide variety of scholarships available to our members. We have a medical scholarship at the University of Virginia, started in 1927; a second at the University of Virginia for any kind of studies; another at Randolph Macon College for Women in Lynchburg, Virginia; and then we have the Harry and Edith Blunt scholarship, which is dedicated to children of society members. In marketing our society to new members the scholarships are a good selling point.

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

The Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, presented his report reflecting that part of his duties is to keep track of member's addresses which you'll find in two orange binders on the registration table. There are 563 listed within. To obtain a total membership figure you have to add two additional categories; Associate members and Junior members. The mailings just go to the household and not the actual members.

One of the largest things to happen this year was previously the mailings were done manually, well we've advanced to the 21st century and have outsourced all our printing so the Assistant Chieftain no longer has to burn the midnight oil with envelopes piled up everywhere. By outsourcing it we're getting a better job with quicker processing and delivery to our members. The savings in cost is considerable with a reduction of about fifteen percent. Part of the saving that we've realized with this change has gone to adding color to the newsletter. We are doing this at nearly the same costs as the previous black and white issues.

Contact has been maintained with the Clan Gregor Society in Scotland and occasionally in contact with Sir Malcolm. Sir Malcolm, our Chief, has become a great friend of the society and it's hope that this will continue. The new constitution for the Clan Gregor Society was recently obtained and as we rework our By-Laws maybe we can find some commonality between the two societies.

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

A suggestion was made to use e-mail to distribute the newsletter and there by cutting down the expense of mailing it out. Currently this would be difficult because we have very few e-mail addresses for members. While we have requested them on dues notices and other correspondences we've had very few responses. Everyone was encouraged to add their e-mail address and phone number to the membership list at the registration table. This information is being collected as an initial preparation for printing a new membership directory.

### **Committees:**

1. As chairman of the By-Laws committee, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. stated that they are being worked with a lot of things coming up during the council meeting. The objective is to have a final version at next year's Gathering that everyone can vote on. One thing

were doing is creating a Procedure manual, which we've never had, so we're breaking out the procedures from the By-Laws, so when someone accepts a job they will have some idea what's involved. This was a goal of Robert's as chieftain, but it's not going to happen during his term.

2. This Gathering and future Gathering sites committee report was provided by Scott MacGregor who extended his appreciation for everyone attending this Gathering and making it such a success. Mother Nature has been kind in providing great weather for the weekend. He reflected on how our Friday tour will be memorable unfortunately at the expense of the bus driver who was pulled for speeding. Towards numbers for this Gathering we had 140 participants for the tour, well exceeding our original expectation of 90. Attendance for the banquet is 180 participants.

Scott noted that he will be taking over the responsibilities of John McGregor and Joe Tichy in the area of future Gatherings. He is currently collecting bids for locations to host future Gatherings. The 2009 Gathering is basically locked in for either Charlottesville, Virginia or Washington D.C. area. Charlottesville is where the society originated and Washington D.C. is where the society was chartered. It depends on where we can find a hotel large enough to handle everyone.

Locations for 2008 and even 2010 are already under consideration. Scott is trying to project out several years in advance. All location suggestions are welcome and appreciated. Some minimum hotel requirements must be met. If you're interested in helping out and hosting a Gathering in your neck of the woods let Scott know. He'll work with you on what all it takes to put a Gathering together.

Following a little confusion about when next year's Gathering location and dates are announced, Scott relinquished the podium to our Chieftain who proceeded to inform everyone that the 2007 Gathering will take place in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania over the first weekend in October, the 4th through 6th.

The Chieftain, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. presented his comments in thanking everyone who has worked with him during his term. Reflecting that it's been great working with everyone. He recognized the wonderful job Ron McGregor and Lori Connery have done with the newsletter, in his opinion it's a 100 percent turn around. With the color it just makes you want to read it. The rest of his comments were being saved for the banquet.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Dan Megehee along with his wife Josephine was the host couple for the 2003 Gathering in New Orleans. He gave a recap of the devastation along the gulf coast from hurricane Katrina and the slow progress in restoring the area.
2. Thaddeus asked that any state deputy present or anyone interested in becoming a state deputy to remain following the general meeting for a brief state deputies meeting. It was noted one is scheduled for eleven o'clock.

### **New Business:**

1. Randy Zimmerman introduced himself as the new newsletter editor replacing Ron McGregor. He first acknowledged the great job Ron has done over the years with the newsletter. Randy looks forward to working with Lori and is in agreement that the color and graphics is an improvement.

2. The newsletter is only as good as what is in it and we need information, we need stories, we need input from the members. It's not the editor's newsletter it's the member's newsletter. So over time Randy would like to hear from each of you concerning your story. Whether it be Scottish Games, Robbie Burns Nights, something unusual or funny incident occurs, travels to places like Nova Scotia or Scotland. There's a story there somewhere and we'd like to hear it. It doesn't have to be about Clan Gregor but anything Scottish that might be of interest to our Clan. To make the newsletter as informational and interesting as possible cannot be done without your assistance. Randy's contact information will be forthcoming.
3. Ron noted on the subject of the newsletter the next one will be going out in December so try to have your input in by the second week of November so Lori has ample time to lay it out.

### **Election of Officers:**

John C. McGregor presented the Nominating Committee report. He asked that individuals stand and be recognized when their name is called out. The 2007 slate of officers are as follows: Chieftain - Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Ranking Deputy Chieftain – Mr. Ronald A. McGregor, Scribe – Mr. Donald A. Gregg, Registrar – Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz, Historian – Ms. Lillian Magruder, Treasurer – Mr. Howard R. Grossnickle, Chaplain – Mr. Donald W. Gregg, Surgeon – Dr. Thomas N. McNish, Chancellor – Ms. Diana Browne, Librarian – Mr. Steven Grier, Yearbook Editor – Ms. Lori Connery, Piper – Mr. Matthew Kuldell, Trustee – Mr. Robert F. MacGregor, Jr.

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

Our Chieftain welcomed all the new officers-elect. He then announced the council's approval of the next Assistant Chieftain – Scott MacGregor.

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

1. With nothing from the floor, our Chieftain made a few comments. Working on the Gathering committee it was a shock at some of the hotel prices. We've tried to hold the prices under \$100 but it's unlikely we'll be able to continue to do this in the future. The problem with hotels is that we need high ceiling rooms for the pipe band. We don't bring enough people to really gather their interest; we're considered a small convention.
2. We have a vacant position; we need someone to handle our merchandise sales. We need a volunteer; if you know anybody who might be interested please contact Thaddeus.
3. John Grier noted that the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore is celebrating its 200th anniversary; 1806 to 2006.

The state deputies meeting originally scheduled for 11:00AM is being moved up to follow promptly behind the general meeting.



With no further business from the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. The motion was carried and the Chieftain declared the meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor  
ACGS Scribe 2006



## DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN MEETING MINUTES

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.  
97<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Virginia Beach, Virginia  
Deputy Chieftains Meeting -- 21 October 2006

### Attendees, Officers:

Thaddeus G. Osborne, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

### State Deputies:

Rosamond Jean Simon, Alabama  
Ronald A. McGregor, Colorado  
Randall Zimmerman, Florida  
Margaret A. Sanderfield, Southern Illinois  
Donald A. Gregg, Northern Illinois  
Nolan S. Sanders, Kentucky  
John A. Grier, Maryland  
Lori Connery, Minnesota

L. Dan Megehee, Jr., Mississippi  
Frances Honsharuk, Montana  
Edward K. Gregor, Jr., New York  
Thaddeus G. Osborne, Eastern Tennessee  
Lois Ann Garlitz, Utah  
Howard R. Grossnickle, Wisconsin  
Scott F. MacGregor, Virginia

### Prospective State Deputies:

Jerry Magruder, New Jersey

Peter Gregg, Delaware

### Guests:

Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., ACGS Chieftain

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM on Saturday, 21 October 2006 by Ranking Deputy Chieftain Thaddeus G. Osborne.

Individual introduction of State Deputy Chieftains were made. Howard Grossnickle who is also the society treasurer stressed that for reimbursement of Clan tents you better contact him. The society funds are limited, so we can't finance every games to the tune of \$100 per

game. An allowance of up to \$500 is available should Sir Malcolm be in attendance at the games. An exception for the Grandfather Mountains has allowed for the expense of \$250 per tent for the two tents. Any expenditures above \$500 and not reimbursed by the society the treasurer has to write a letter with our tax id to present to your tax accountant for possible deduction on your taxes. This would be as a contribution towards our efforts at recruiting new members. The society's knowledge on the subject is limited, so it is recommended that you talk with your tax accountant first to determine if it is deductible or not. This is only good for any single item over \$500. For tax purposes, letters are also written for any donations greater than \$125.

Thaddeus followed this by noting that in discussion with other clan representatives we are one of the few societies that does subsidize the presence of society representatives at the games. We do have limited funds available and do have to use some discretion because of so many of these events. We appreciate your efforts to represent the society out there on the front lines.

When an assistant hosts a clan tent at any of the Highland Games they can also be reimbursed but it requires a letter from the State Deputy Chieftain stating that the assistant was there and represented the society.

During the introductions Peter Gregg volunteered for the position of State Deputy Chieftain for Delaware. He recognized that the late Ben Daland was instrumental in his joining the society. Also volunteering was Jerry Magruder for the state of New Jersey.

Thaddeus recognized Ron McGregor as the new Ranking Deputy Chieftain expressing his love for the society and that he brings some fresh new ideas with him. Thaddeus expressed his gratitude towards everyone supporting him over the past three years. He urged everyone to give Ron the same cooperation.

Thaddeus passed the gavel on to Ron who proceeded to make a few remarks on how thrilled he is to be elected to the position. Ron's first line of business for the next year is his two working notebooks, large three-ring binders, that contain his working papers as the State Deputy for Colorado. Over the years it's been very difficult to gleam some extra support from the society for various reasons. Howard has been very instrumental in assisting and doing his own research. He has assembled a package that contains handouts, individual pages about the history of our society and clan, and photos. It is a tremendously valuable piece of reference material for any member of the society. Howard has put all those pages on a CD and Ron is going to add some additional State Deputy specific information. Howard provided a number of CDs with his information for the State Deputies present. Ron will be mailing out complete packages to all State Deputies.

Communications between the State Deputies is vital and the State Deputies are the first line of offense for our society towards getting new members. It is recommended that on the genealogy worksheet handed out at the Games the name of the State Deputy be included so the Registrar has some idea about who submitted them. Lori Connery has already done this with her worksheets and volunteered to e-mail it to others to do the same. It was determined not to be feasible to do this with the worksheet on the website because there would be so many different versions to maintain.

The past registrar, Bill Tyler, would like to see added to the worksheet is the place where an event (birth, marriage, death) occurred. This is in addition to the date, which is already requested. The new registrar, Lois Ann Garlitz, added that genealogical information is no good if you don't have a place. Concern was raised about the number of individuals an application would go through to get to the registrar. Lois Ann would prefer that they be sent directly to her.

John Grier noted that many of the visitors to the clan tents don't even know where to begin with their genealogy to join the society. It was noted that there are a few key members in the society that may help individuals with their line of research. They are Lillian Magruder with the Magruder line and L. Dan Megehee with the Megehee line. Both of these individuals are excellent resources for e-mail queries along their lines and they are prompt to respond.

Frances Honsharuk encountered a lady from Ohio during the luncheon cruise on Friday who saw all the MacGregor tartan and inquired about how she could join the society. Dan noted that there is a large contingent of MacGregors in Ohio who belong to the Clan Gregor Society.

Ron relayed a unique Clan Gregor experience that occurred at the Estes Park Games where a lady wanted to know if we had any black MacGregors. Ron responded that we do because Black is a Sept of MacGregor. She responded "No" that she meant genetically. To which Ron noted not to his knowledge. He currently has the individual preparing her application. She has traced her ancestry back to a pre-Civil war cousin of Robert E. Lee who was a Megehee and took an ex-slave as his bride. She was wondering if because of her bloodline that she would exclude from acceptance in the society. Ron reviewed the By-Laws and found nothing of the sort. The individual is supposed to be providing Ron with her formal application in the near future which will be passed on to the registrar.

With that Thaddeus took the floor to cover a couple of mechanical thing before the meeting concluded for lunch.

1. Our stock of society brochures is starting to run low, prior to placing another print order for new ones that reflect the new Registrar and contact information. To save on expenses it was requested that the State Deputies affix labels with the new registrar's information and place them over the outdated information on the brochure.
2. Revision of the membership worksheet that's on the website. Along with this the names of the new officers will be provided to the Webmaster, Jim MacGregor.
3. Lois Ann requested that changes to the worksheet be sent to her for review and she'll decide on one and return the updated document to Jim to place on the website. The worksheet should directly reflect the database entries.
4. It was noted that the acid-free applications have not been used in a while. It's been a contention among individuals. The forms that have been coming to the Chieftain for signature have varied and have not been consistent. The process was supposed to be standardized when the acid-free official applications were purchased.
5. For the time being Thaddeus will continue to be the point of contact for the merchandise purchased and displayed at the Clan tents. He would like to find someone else to handle the position. It does require that one have about 12 to 15 cubic feet of storage space at your home. Plus the ability to take orders, package them, and ship the items. It's a great

way to meet people. Should anyone feel a call to assist in this position Thad would like to hear from you.

Sandy noted that during the banquet all Council members and State Deputies will be called upon to participate in the installation of the new Chieftain. It will be the same ceremony that was performed in New Orleans when Sandy became Chieftain.

Sandy proceeded to present several banners he uses at local Games. He noted the vertical one comes from a company called "Eternally You" with the cost in the \$300 range. The Clan Sept list is in the \$25 range, it is a Word document that was enlarged and placed on a stiff backing board. The long narrow banner was also printed from a Word document for about \$35. Both of these items were done at a copy place like Kinko's. The new electronic printing has made things considerably cheaper. The larger banner that's been on display behind the registration table that used the old press type process cost \$125 ten or twelve years ago.

The question about uniformity towards using either MacGregor or Gregor was raised. Sandy noted that no one recognizes Gregor and when one uses MacGregor you start getting a lot more visitors.

All State Deputy reports should be sent to both the Ranking Deputy Chieftain - Ron McGregor and the Yearbook Editor - Lori Connery. The preferred format is electronically but they can be sent in paper format too.

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, Thaddeus G. Osborne declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor  
ACGS Scribe 2006



# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

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<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Acct. Balance</u>	
		<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>
1. General Fund Checking Account	305-0425796	\$ 6,935.38	\$ 18,027.46
2. General Fund Invested Assets	305-0425812	\$ 3,263.26	\$ 2,274.49
3. Peg Tichy Memorial Fund	719-3125247	\$ 6,102.90	\$ 6,132.02
4. Marshall Magruder Library Fund	719-3125239	\$ 5,273.51	\$ 1,985.86
5. Charity & Education Fund	719-3125254	\$15,947.27	\$ 10,615.04
6. Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund	719-3125221	\$ 4,770.27	\$ 2,004.00
Total WF cash Balance 9/30/2005		\$42,292.59	\$ 41,038.87
First1Bank	0531004332	\$12,098.59	\$ 2,645.31
Total Q&R /brokers Xpress Portfolio Equity		\$ 275,020.96	\$ 358,624.69
Total Dividends and Interest		\$ 79,949.37	\$ 77,763.54
Total Net Worth		\$ 409,961.51	\$ 480,072.41
Total brokersXpress Portfolio (Unrealized Profit/Loss)			
2004-5 Market Value \$361,891.55		Est. Annual Income \$13,464.27	
2005-6 Market Value \$436,388.23			

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 brokersXpress 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 the former Quick & Reilly Investment Management team left B of A to join brokersXpress in the June 2005 reporting period.

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**Howard R. Grossnickle**  
Treasurer ACGS

# REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

## NEW MEMBERS

**#2795 SONNENBERG, Elizabeth Moran Magruder**, 6431 Susans Lane, Falls Church, VA 22043-1935; she the wife of Martin James Sonnenberg; she the daughter of John Baldwin Magruder, Jr. ACGS# 1882, and Elizabeth Lee Finn.

**#2796 TAYLOR, Meredith Grier**, 3133 Basford Road, Fredrick MD 21703; she the daughter of Timothy T. Taylor and Rebecca Grier Taylor; she the daughter of Fredrick Albert Grier III, ACGS# 1926 and Virginia Horseman Grier.

**#2797 MAGRUDER, Mark Michael**, 237 Spencer's Mt. Road, Amherst, VA 24521; he the husband of Ella McGinnis Hanson; he the son of Paul Leon Magruder ACGS# 2692LM and Leah Lioliadis.

**#2798 MAGRUDER, Conan McGinnis**, 6123 Farrington Rd. Apt. G4, Chapel Hill, NC 27517; he the husband of Carolyn VanEseltine; he the son of Mark Michael Magruder and Ella McGinnis Hanson; he the son of Paul Leon Magruder ACGS# 2692LM and Leah Lioliadis.

**#2799 MAGRUDER, Mia Gresa**, 237 Spenser's Mt. Road, Amherst, VA 24521; she the daughter of Mark Michael Magruder and Ella McGinnis Hanson; he the son of Paul Leon Magruder ACGS# 2692LM and Leah Lioliadis.

**#2800 ANDERSON, Brenda Lee Lindley**, 6111 Stratford Court, Huntsville, AL 35802; she the wife of Steven Lloyd Anderson; she the daughter of Robert Paul Lindley, Sr. and Alice Lee Cannon Lindley; she the daughter of William Thomas Cannon and Mary Alice Batey; she the daughter of George Washington Batey and Emma Josephine Evans; she the daughter of John Calhoun Evans and Mary Catherine Traywick; he the son of Jesse Evans and Caroline Anderson; he the son of Perry Evans and Deborah Selby; she the daughter of Samuel Selby and Pricilla Ann ?; he the son of William Magruder Selby and Martha Wilson; he the son of William Selby and Sarah Magruder; she the daughter of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall.

**#2801 GREGG, Joel Hardin**, 2218 Dearing Court, Louisville, KY 40204-2327; he the husband of Patricia Colette Schindler; he the son of Joel Hardin Gregg Sr. and Emilie Alberta Watzenborn; he the son of Lewis Hope Gregg and Lelia Hardin; he the son of John Louis Gregg and Sue E. (maiden name unknown); he the son of William Gregg and Elvira Thomason; he the son of David Gregg and Sarah Scott; he the son of James Gregg and Ann Hougham.

**#2802 GURNEY, Aaron William**, 634 South 1000 West Salt Lake City, UT 84104; he the husband of April Dawn Burton; he the son of Roger Cunningham Gurney and Diane Gay Powell; he the son of Leo William Gurney and Golda Cunningham; she the daughter of Ether Enos McBride and Mary Jane Moffett; she the daughter of Robert McBride III and Margaret

Howard; she the daughter of Robert McBride II and Janet Sharp; he the son of Robert McBride and Nancy Lakey; she the daughter of James Lecky and Margaret Cust; he the son of Thomas Lecky and Charity Ash; he the son of Alexander Leckie and Alicia.

**#2803 HUNDLEY, Kathleen Greer**, PO Box 1177 Pittsboro, NC 27312; she the wife of John Camden Hundley; she the daughter of Willard L. Powell; he the son of Daniel Webster Greer and Didemia Potter; he the son of John Greer and Elizabeth Mullins; he the son of Franklin Greer and Elizabeth Mullins; he the son of Franklin Greer and Charlotte Younce; he the son of Jesse Greer and Mary (Polly) Morris; he the son of Benjamin Greer and Miss Wilcoxon.

**#2804 PETER, John**, 1501 Catesby Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23456; he the husband of Joan Holmes; he the son of George Peter and Jane (Jean) Moore; he the son of George Peter and Helen Dewar Cassells; he the son of John Peter and Margaret Mennie; he the son of James Peter and Helen Hendry; he the son of Alexander Peter and Elizabeth Robertson.

**#2805 RICE, Jennifer**, 6110 Academy NE #34, Albuquerque, NM 87109; she the daughter of Patrick Rice and Margaret McCreery; he the son of Lowell Hanna McCreery and Evla Workman; he the son of John Alexander McCreery and Anna Jane Hannah; he the son of John McCreery and Agnes Peters.

**#2806 RICE, Margaret McCreery**, 569 Christine Dr. NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124; she the wife of Patrick Rice; he the son of Lowell Hanna McCreery and Evla Workman; he the son of John Alexander McCreery and Anna Jane Hannah; he the son of John McCreery and Agnes Peters.

**#2807 BENEDICT, Anne Kathleen**, 7711 SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Place, Gainesville, FL 32608. She the daughter of Gary Clarence Benedict and Carmen Jean Benedict; he the son of Clarence Augustus Benedict and Mary Rae Spink; she the daughter of John L. 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 and ?.

### **LIFE MEMBER**

**#1999LM WHITE, Joseph E.**, 1922 Whitehall Street, Maryville, TN 37803-2815

**#2658LM Anderson, Laurie M.**, 1712 Bridled Tern Ct., Orange Park, FL 32073

### **JUNIOR MEMBER**

**#2023J GOWIN, Landon Anthony**, 804 Pompano Arch, Chesapeake, VA; he the son of Mark Allen Gowin and Amy Elliot Gowin; he the son of Millard "Gregg" Elliot ACGS #2655, and Lynn Andrews Elliot.

One of our newest members!  
**Landon Anthony Gowin;**  
Grandson of members  
Gregg and Lynn Elliott



**#2024J TYLER, George William**, 1616 West End Place, Greensboro, NC27403; he the son of William E. Tyler IV and Laura Van Haut; he the son of William E. Tyler III and Helen Louise Diffiee.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

### BIRTHS

**TYLER**, George William, born 30 June 2006, grandson of William E. Tyler, III, ACGS #2582LM, and his wife Helen.

**GROVER**, Logan Alexander born 16 March 2006, son of Donald C. Grover and Jamie Sue (MacGregor) Grover, ACGS #2758LM, grandson of Scott MacGregor, ACGS #2450LM.



**Logan Alexander Grover**  
Logan when he was a couple of  
days old.



**SIMON**, Sullivan Elizabeth, born 02 March 2005R, granddaughter of Jean (MacGregor) Simon, ACGS #1526. She already has a nickname of "Livie".

## **DEATHS OF MEMBERS**

**MAGRUDER**, Ernest, ACGS #2503, of Lafayette, LA -- passed away on 17 December 2005

**DALAND**, Benjamin MacGregor, ACGS # 2569LM, of Harbeson, DE -- passed away on 25 November 2005 -- was State Deputy Chieftain for Delaware

**LUMMIS**, Mason Magruder, ACGS #1742, of Alexandria, VA -- passed away on 26 September 2005 -- was society Librarian

**DUTTON**, Dewey Eva, ACGS #1971, of Greensboro, NC -- passed away on 20 May 2005

**CRAIG**, MAJ GEN William Hutcheson, ACGS #1235LM, of Palm City, FL -- 01 February 2006

**GRIER**, Frederic Albert, ACGS #1926, of Rockville, MD -- 21 April 2006

**GATEWOOD**, David, ACGS #2337, of Minneapolis, MN -- 10 October 2006 -- was State Deputy Chieftain for Minnesota

**ALLENSWORTH**, James A., ACGS #1717LM, of Albuquerque, NM -- 11 October 2006 -- was State Deputy Chieftain for New Mexico

**MAGRUDER**, Jr., John B, ACGS #1882, of Towson, MD -- 08 June 2006

**MCGREGOR**, Russell C., ACGS #2228LM, of Rome, NY -- 28 January 2006

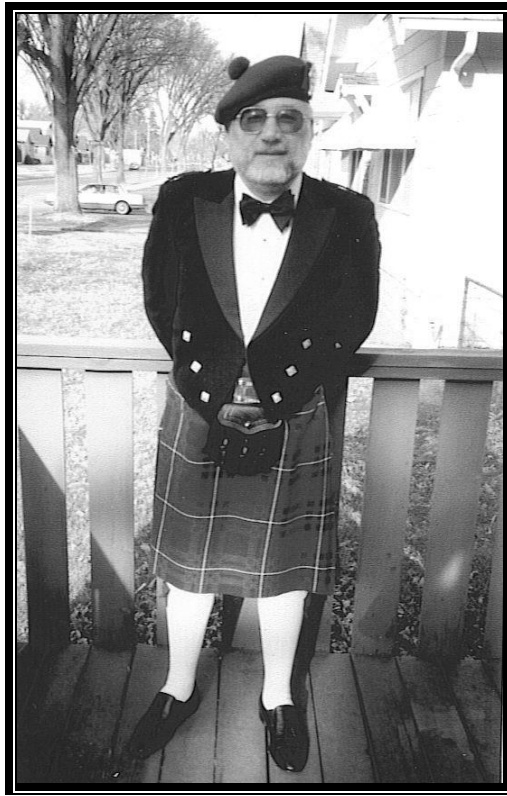
*(non-Members but officers of our sister society)*

**MCGREGOR**, Iain -- passed away on 07 August 2006 -- was the Clan Gregor Society President Emeritus

**SKINNER**, Douglas -- passed away on 11 November 2005 -- was the Clan Gregor Society treasurer and author of occasional paper #9

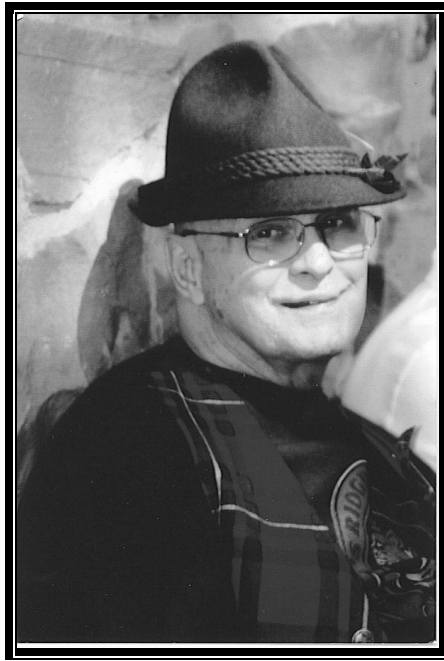


# MEMORIALS\*



***David Gregory Gatewood***

**David Gregory Gatewood**, #2337, and deputy for the state of Minnesota, USA, died October 10, 2006 from complications of surgery for cardiac disease. Born 1939 in Stewartville, MN to Mary Elizabeth Gregory & Ruel Gatewood, David was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Donna, and his children, Todd and Jenna. He is survived by his brother Ruel and sister-in-law Doris Gatewood of Appleton, WI; his former wife, LaëL Gatewood of St. Paul; his daughter, Deirdre and son-in-law Mark Smith and their daughter Jasmine of Greenville, WI; and his longtime friend, Lyn Lacy of Minneapolis. Trained with BA and MED degrees in Education, Dave was an elementary school teacher for 32 years in south Minneapolis and proprietor of Station 17 Book Store in the same Powderhorn neighborhood. To help support his family, he had also been an Army Sergeant at Fort Carson CO, a Fuller Brush salesman in southeast Minneapolis, and a Minneapolis Park Board policeman at Lake Nokomis. Before and during retirement, he doted on his granddaughter, read voraciously, collected Native American art, and enjoyed boating with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, traveling through the US, especially to the Black Hills, target shooting with buddies at his southeastern rural cabin, and pursuing his Scottish heritage with a trip to Scotland and participation in Scottish fairs with Clan Gregor.



### ***Ernest Robin Magruder***

**Ernest Robin Magruder** died on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Lafayette General Hospital Medical Center at the age of 78.

Survivors include: his loving wife Betty Magruder, one daughter: Lisa M. Brown and her husband Michael; one son: William Ernest Magruder; two step-daughters: Jill Decker and her husband Charles; Kim Warren and her husband George;

A native of Jackson, Mississippi and resident of Lafayette, LA for over 52 years, Mr. Magruder was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him. He served his country proudly as a member of the U.S. Army Corp from 1945 to 1953.

Mr. Magruder graduated from Ole Miss in Oxford, Miss., in 1950 with a major in Business and a minor in English. He worked for Texaco from 1953 to 1957 in the Louisiana-Texas area. Mr. Magruder then became an independent Landman in 1959 and worked until his retirement in 2001.

He enjoyed reading and writing poetry – especially spiritual poetry. He enjoyed traveling, gourmet cooking, collecting antiques, and reminiscing with family and friends. He loved L.S.U. and Ole Miss Football, and was always loyal to Ole Miss when the two teams met. Ernest remained active in the American Clan Gregor Society and was a member of both the Louisiana and Texas Petroleum Landman Associations. He was also a member of Asbury Methodist Church and the Challengers Sunday School Class.

# **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2006 GATHERING**

## **Ninety-Seventh Gathering**

### **American Clan Gregor Society**

**October 19 – 22, 2006**

### **Virginia Beach, Virginia**

**Submitted by Elizabeth Magruder Joiner**

One would think I grew up attending American Clan Gregor gatherings. My father, Abbey Magruder, a past chieftain, made sure my brothers and I had our fill of Scottish lore and MacGregor facts, including exactly how we were related to each and every MacGregor or Magruder in the United States...all of you and then some. As a child, and, truth be told, as a young adult, I didn't appreciate the knowledge he loved so deeply and passed on so freely. It saddens me to say that it was only after his passing that I felt the pull and the tug of my ancestry. Without the foundation he so carefully laid, I might never have had the desire or the opportunity to give in and let that tug bring me to such an incredible group of people...this family of Scots. This was only my second gathering and I am proud to be able to share this newfound love with all of you and my daughter, Abbey.

We came from 25 states and France. Quite a representation for the gathering in Virginia Beach, Virginia. While October can be a squirrely month in this part of the country, we were treated to a beautiful weekend by Scott MacGregor and his team. A bit of rain early on, but our fears were put to rest when Friday turned into a brisk sunny day with the vast Atlantic Ocean just a step away. Not too long ago, the boardwalk at Virginia Beach was not necessarily at the top of anyone's list of "must see" destinations when visiting the area. A great deal of planning and investment have turned it into a true jewel along this coast and the perfect setting for our gathering.

With the bulk of our membership arriving on Thursday, the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel was abuzz with kilted men and women in various tartan attire, catching up with old friends and bestowing hearty greetings on those new to the clan. Those working the registration table quickly became the keepers of all knowledge for the rest of us and were put to the test with all manner of questions. "What time is the memorial service tomorrow?"... "Are we all eating together tonight?"... "How can I get a name badge?"... "Are you gonna finish that sandwich?" If you had a question, they had an answer. Scattered across one of the tables was a huge collection of photographs from events over the past year. Members who submitted these for possible publication in our newsletter and yearbook are to be thanked for sharing so that memories can be documented for future generations. Lillian Magruder, after a run-in with the photo machine at her local Wal-Mart, provided these free to anyone who wanted them, which was a treat for those who were in attendance at any of these events. I guess she had no need for 37 copies of each shot.

Friday morning the Council Meeting started bright and early. In looking back over past "Gathering Highlights", I see that Randy Zimmerman and I had similar impressions of our importance when first stepping onto the Board as members at large. While I don't take

lightly the honor I felt when asked if I would be willing to serve, I think there might have been a bit of embellishment when I explained to Abbey's principal why she would have to miss two days of school to attend the gathering where I would be serving on this board. I kept my words to a minimum and let the other, more experienced members do the talking; marveling at just how much this society takes on in a year's time. It is no small task and I would encourage more members to get involved.

Late Friday morning we boarded busses for our drive to Norfolk and lunch aboard the Spirit of Norfolk. With live entertainment we cruised the waters of Norfolk Harbor, dining on a buffet for land and sea lubbers alike. Our emcee provided a narrative of interesting and historical sites along the way. Old Fort Norfolk, the Battleship Wisconsin, the world's largest coal pier, the National Maritime Center and Mount Trashmore Park, the world's first landfill park are just a few of the points of interest we passed. It is hard not to feel the importance of this area when looking at the subtle blending of the historical, military and contemporary sites. Upon leaving the waterfront we made our way to Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the memorial service, officiated by The Reverend Dr. Fenton Wicker. Pipe Major Matthew Kuldell piped us into the circa 1739 structure which is the oldest building in Norfolk and the only structure to survive the British destruction of the city in 1776. After the service and a brief time to wander the grounds, we reboarded for our stop at the Tidewater Veteran's Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony. Unfortunately, not everyone was able to attend this portion of our tour as we spent some time getting to know a local law enforcement official after a small speeding issue. I'm told it was a very nice memorial and that we were sorely missed. Friday evening brought the ever-popular ceilidh with a fantastic local Celtic group, The Doorway Singers and our very own MacGregor Pipe Band providing a lively setting for MacGregors to try out some fancy footwork.

Saturday saw the General Meeting, which provided the general membership an opportunity to listen to the business of the Clan and the decisions that had been made the day before at the Council Meeting. The State Deputies followed with their meeting and, later in the day, Lois Ann Garlitz, our new registrar, conducted a seminar on genealogy and the Clan Gregor DNA Project. A few steps from the registration table, where the keepers of all knowledge sit, ("What time is the concert this afternoon?") a room was set aside for the display of many fascinating articles. There were two large photographs donated to the Society by Eleanor Magruder Harris, granddaughter of Edward May Magruder, co-founder of American Clan Gregor Society. Pictured were members at gatherings in Charlottesville in the early 1900's. As I stood studying the pictures I smiled to myself as others around me saw their own family members in the photos. There was also a display of the Dalmally Project and the efforts to preserve this site where many MacGregor chiefs lie buried. Betty Daland donated to the Clan a great deal of MacGregor and Scottish items belonging to her late husband, B. MacGregor Daland. These items were laid out and we were allowed to bid on them in the form of a silent auction. Through spirited, not so silent and at times, downright cut-throat bidding, the items brought in over \$2,000! I take great pride in my own personal war with another Magruder over an amethyst sash pin. With the assistance of my capable and equally determined mother, I was able to come home with the prize. A little lighter in the wallet, but well worth the effort and black eye.

At 3:00 we convened behind the hotel for a march down the boardwalk to Neptune Park. With the pipe band and dancers leading the way, MacGregors in all their finery marched in formation while interested onlookers and delighted children watched and joined in the walk to the park with a giant statue of King Neptune seeming to rise up out of the surf. As is always the case, our band drew a crowd. Not just because it's neat to see a pipe band play alongside the beach, but because they are just plain good! While they played, the dancers performed a series of dances to the delight of MacGregors and others. Visitors to the beachfront that day received a treat they won't soon forget!

There was still time left in the day and it was set aside for the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet. The reception beforehand offered another opportunity to visit with new friends before taking our seats and taking part in the history and pageantry that make these events so special to us. The pipers, the dancers, the toasts and the food...let's not forget the food! Our honored guest, Dr. Edward J. Brash, President of the Scottish Society of Tidewater proved to be an entertaining and captivating speaker. As we bid farewell to Sandy MacGregor's term as Chieftain, we welcome Thad Osborne with enthusiasm and the knowledge that he will continue to lead, as those who came before him, with confidence and the full support of this great society of Scots.

A host of thanks must go to Scott MacGregor and his committee. I believe he had his entire family working on one thing or another the whole weekend, and, I'm certain, the entire year preceding! For their hard work and the contributions of everyone else involved in the planning and putting on of this event, we are truly grateful. It'll be a tough act to follow



# Thursday



Registering for all  
the fun!  
(Behind Table)  
Helen Taylor,  
(L to R)  
Gene Watkins,  
Donna Watkins,  
Marilyn  
Zimmerman,  
Randal Zimmerman



Catching up at Registration!





Relaxing at the registration on Thursday  
(L to R) Charles Skinner, Dennis Orr, Janet Orr Denette,  
Ronald "Ron" McGregor

Cheers to a great  
weekend!  
James A. Petrie IV





(L to R) Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr.,  
Thaddeus G. "Thad" Osborne, Marian Skinner



(L to R) Joseph C. "Joe" Tichy, Jr.,  
Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., Debora J. Skinner

# Friday



Boarding the Spirit for our luncheon



Enjoying the grand buffet at the Friday cruise & luncheon



Clan Members enjoying dessert at the Friday afternoon Harbor Tour



Pipe Major, Matt Kuldell at St. Paul's Church for Memorial Service



Dr. Fenton Wicker giving the Memorial Service



Ms Tess Galloway and Mrs. Betty Magruder placing the flowers in the Memorial Wreath to represent the members who have passed away.



Thaddeus Osborne  
Holding the Memorial  
Wreath



Pipe Major, Matt Kuldell at the Memorial



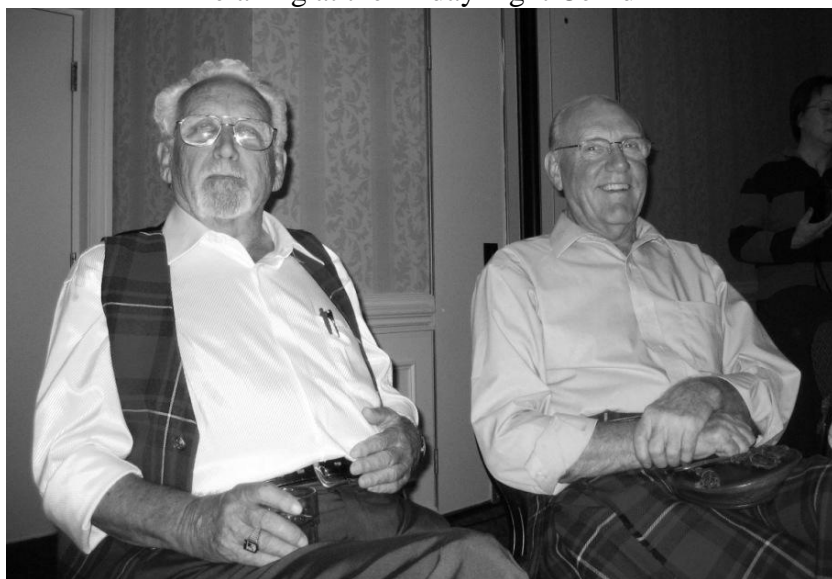
Lois Ann Garlitz  
Our new Registrar  
relaxing



A light moment for  
Scott F. MacGregor and  
Thaddeus Osborne



Bill and Mary Zimmerman  
Relaxing at the Friday night Ceilidh



John C. McGregor and William "Bill" Garret  
at the Friday night Ceilidh





The Ewell Family  
 (F to B, L to R) Mildred H. Ewell, Frances E. Honsharuk,  
 Richard S. Ewell, Carrington Ewell



Our new Newsletter Editor and his lovely wife,  
 Randal and Marilyn Zimmerman



Pipe Major, Matt Kuldell  
Friday night at the  
Ceilidh



Our Lovely Scottish Dancers entertaining us at the  
Friday evening Ceilidh



Our Friday Night Ceilidh Band, The Doorway Singers, providing us  
music for dancing and enjoyment



Maggie Sanderfield and  
Thaddeus G. “Thad”  
Osborne dancing up a  
storm Friday night at  
the Ceilidh!



### Clan Members dancing at the Ceilidh:

(L to R) Frances Honshurak and Scott MacGregor, Bill and Helen Garrett, Thaddeus G. "Thad" Osborne and Maggie Sanderfield

Sharing a good  
laugh Friday night  
at the Ceilidh!

(L to R) Gregg  
Jenson, Ronald A.  
"Ron" McGregor,  
and Josephine Sit



# Saturday



The ACGS MacGregor Pipeband  
Leading the parade of MacGregor's down the boardwalk on the Atlantic  
Ocean on Saturday!



MacGregors on parade showing their proud color and spirit. The flag  
holders (L to R) Ian Greig, Maggie Sanderfield, and Scott F. MacGregor



King Neptune must like the Highland Bagpipes as he provided calm seas and fair skies as the pipeband plays the Saturday afternoon concert

Piper Elliot Woodaman playing for the boardwalk with Ian Greig (standing on the left), Maggie Sanderfield (hidden behind Elliot), and Scott F. MacGregor (standing on the right)





Saturday Night Reception –  
(L to R) John C. McGregor,  
Lynnette and Dr. Edward Brash  
(Guest of Honor at Banquet,  
President of the Scottish  
Society of Tidewater)



Saturday Night Reception – (L to R) Ian and Alma Greig, Josephine Sit,  
Howard Grossnickle



In all their finery at the Saturday  
Night Reception,  
Janet Orr Denette and Dennis Orr

Charles “Chick” and Marian  
Skinner  
at the Saturday Night Reception







Saturday Night Reception (L to R) Lois Ann Garlitz, Ronald S. MacGregor (Father Gregory), Jane Montmeny, Thaddeus G. Osborne



Delores "Dee" Benallo and Ron A. MacGregor at the Saturday Night Reception



Stuart James MacGregor  
carrying the ceremonial Haggis



William Garrett  
Giving a beautiful address to  
the Haggis



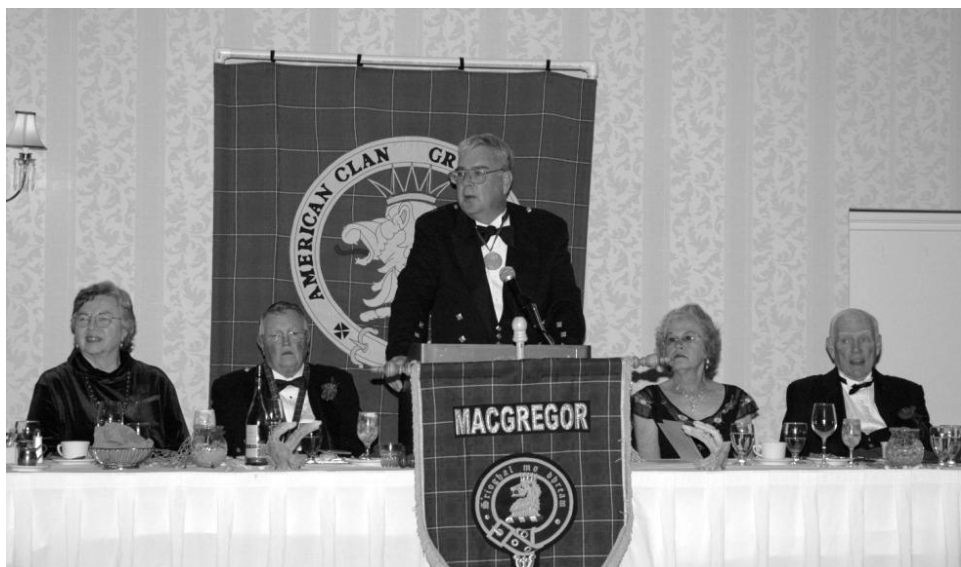
Pipers Elliot Woodaman and Patrick O'Brien playing at the banquet on Saturday evening



Dr. Edward Brash, our Guest of Honor at the Banquet is so captivating!



Ceremonial passing of the torch; Retiring Chieftain Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor, Jr., recognizing Thaddeus G. “Thad” Osborne as the new Chieftain of the ACGS



New Chieftain, Thaddeus G. “Thad” Osborne addressing the membership at the banquet, looking on (L to R) Helen Tyler, retiring Chieftain Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor, Jr., Miriam Trojahn, William E. “Bill” Tyler, III



Our Scottish Dancers entertaining us at the Saturday Evening Banquet

John Masterson serenading  
the membership; leading  
everyone in Auld Lang Syne  
and the MacGregor  
Gathering





### The MacGregor Gathering

“Come then, come then, come then Grigalach!”

(Front table L to R) Ronald A. “Ron” McGregor, Dennis Orr, Howard R. Grossnickle. (Back tables L to R) Pipeband members, Scott F. MacGregor (back to camera)

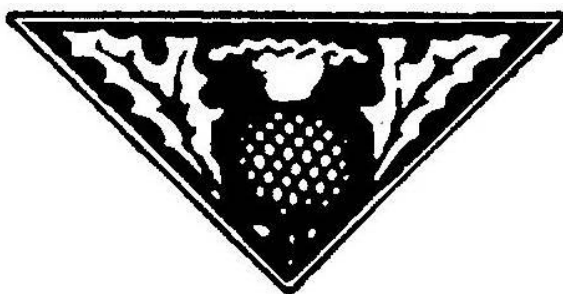


### The MacGregor Gathering

“Gather, gather, gather Grigalach!”

(L to R) Scott F. MacGregor, Joe Tichy, Gavin MacGregor-Skinner

“That’s All Folks!”  
CO-Chairman  
Scott F. MacGregor



# 2006

## GATHERING ATTENDEES

Virginia Beach, Virginia

<b>Member</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Number</b>
Lee & Burke Belknap .....	California.....	2229/2673A
Bessie Bierer .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Elizabeth Bierer .....	Virginia .....	1856LM
William & Mara Bostelman.....	Virginia .....	Guest
Claire Crain & Howie Brown .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Diana Browne .....	New York .....	1737LM
Frances Browne .....	Virginia .....	1550LM
John & Vida A. Burtis .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Lori Connery.....	Minnesota .....	2772
Elizabeth M. & William P. Cosgrove .....	Maryland .....	1156
Claire & Joe Crain .....	Virginia .....	1781LM
Janet Gregg DeBiasio .....	Florida .....	Guest
Janet Orr Denette .....	Colorado .....	Guest
Ellen T. Donnelly.....	Virginia .....	2129LM
Jason Elliott & Colleen Cooper .....	Virginia .....	Guest
M. Gregg & Lynn Elliott .....	Virginia .....	2655
Mark Elliott.....	Virginia .....	Guest
Richard & Cindy Elliott.....	Virginia .....	Guest
Whitney Elliott.....	Virginia .....	Guest
Carrington Waddell Ewell .....	Virginia .....	2292
John F. & Jo W. Ewell .....	Virginia .....	1228LM
Mildred Hart Ewell .....	Virginia .....	2319A
Nathaniel MacGregor & Antoinet Ewell .....	Virginia .....	2114LM
Richard Stoddert Ewell.....	Virginia .....	2205
Pat & Will Foster .....	North Carolina .....	2688
R. Tess & David Galloway .....	Florida .....	2305
Lois Ann Garlitz .....	Utah .....	2561
Helen MacGregor & William Garrett .....	Virginia .....	1973/2101A
Sally Knott & Maxfield Scott Gibbons.....	Connecticut .....	2785
Amy Elliott & Mark Gowin.....	Virginia .....	Guest
Landon Anthony Gowin .....	Virginia .....	2023J
Brian V. Gregg.....	Illinois .....	2779
Donald A. & Mary Kate "Katie" Gregg.....	Illinois .....	2580
James "JB" Gregg.....	Virginia .....	Guest
Louise Gregg .....	New York .....	Guest
Peter Gregg .....	Delaware .....	2686
Richard Gregg.....	New Jersey .....	2312
Susan Gregg.....	New Jersey .....	Guest
Thaddeus Gregg.....	Delaware .....	Guest
Edward K. Gregor, Jr.....	New York .....	933LM
Ian & Alma Greig .....	Florida .....	2535



Donald E. & Elizabeth C. Grier .....	Maryland .....	2731
John A. & Lillian Grier .....	Maryland .....	2243
Steven Grier .....	Pennsylvania.....	2552
Lucy Ann & Ben Grimm .....	Virginia .....	2480
Howard Grossnickle & Josephine Sit .....	Wisconsin.....	2638
Jamie Grover.....	Kansas .....	2758LM
Logan A. Grover .....	Kansas .....	Guest
Eleanor Magruder & Henry U. Harris, III ....	Virginia .....	1566LM
Frances Ewell Honsharuk .....	Montana.....	1799
John, Dorothy Gregg, & Robert Jensen .....	California.....	Guest
Rebecca L. Johnson .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Elizabeth Magruder Joiner.....	Florida .....	2172LM
Abbey Joiner .....	Florida .....	2011J
Rich & Judy Gregg Latimer.....	New Jersey .....	Guest
Daniel & Cindy Lee.....	Maryland .....	2584
Frances L. Lloyd .....	Washington DC .....	1052LM
Jake MacGregor .....	Colorado .....	Guest
John R. & LouAnn MacGregor .....	Colorado .....	2717
Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. ....	Virginia .....	2316LM
R. S. Gregory MacGregor .....	Virginia .....	1861
Scott F. MacGregor .....	Virginia .....	2450LM
Stuart J. MacGregor & Linda Kaplan .....	Pennsylvania.....	2759LM
Tobey, Melissa, Dakota, & Dylan MacGregor .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Gavin & Elizabeth MacGregor-Skinner .....	Washington DC .....	2769
Betty Magruder .....	Louisiana .....	2511A
Conan Magruder .....	North Carolina .....	2798
Fred A. Magruder .....	South Carolina .....	2433
Jerry B. Magruder, Jr. ....	New Jersey .....	2718
Lillian Magruder .....	Mississippi.....	1977ALM
Mark & Ella Magruder .....	Virginia .....	2797
Mia Magruder .....	Virginia .....	2799
Paul L. & Leah Magruder .....	Illinois .....	2692
James R. & Elizabeth McDaniel Jr. ....	Virginia .....	2780
John C. & Ena McGregor .....	Florida .....	2379/2742A
Ronald A. McGregor .....	Colorado .....	2142LM
L. Dan & Josephine Megehee, Jr. ....	Mississippi.....	2478LM/2576ALM
Dorothy & Claude Mercier .....	Pennsylvania.....	Guest
Leonard & Marie Mobley .....	Virginia .....	1552/2546A
Joe & Nora Monroe .....	Virginia .....	2425
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Virginia .....	Guest
Jane Montgomery .....	Utah .....	Guest
Chantal Murdock .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Douglas J. Murdock .....	Virginia .....	2274LM
Mary K. Murdock .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Robert B. & Elizabeth Murdock .....	Florida .....	1408LM
Dennis Orr .....	Colorado .....	2774
Thaddeus G. Osborne .....	Tennessee .....	1929

Lori Pardee-Cushing .....	Minnesota .....	Guest
James A. & Dee Petrie, IV .....	Colorado .....	Guest
Janice Pickett .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Eileen Pruett .....	Illinois .....	2186LM
Lise Gregg Revol .....	France .....	Guest
Margaret A. Sanderfield .....	Illinois .....	2253
Nolan Sanders .....	Kentucky .....	2240
Herman & Alice Schaeffer .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Darcie Schauf .....	Virginia .....	2757LM
William "WESS" Schauf .....	Virginia .....	2022J
Francis D. & Joan E. Shoemaker, III .....	Virginia .....	1687LM
Alan J. & Adele G. Shotwell .....	Virginia .....	2375LM
Doug Simon .....	Illinois .....	Guest
Jean & Jack Simon .....	Alabama .....	1526
Charles L. & Marian J. Skinner .....	New York .....	2661/2672A
Debora J. Skinner .....	New York .....	2671
Peter & Janet Smith .....	Maryland .....	2753
Sarah Smith .....	Virginia .....	2183LM
Leighton P. & Mary R. Stradley .....	Virginia .....	1938
Louise E. Taylor .....	Kentucky .....	2376
Joseph C. Tichy .....	North Carolina .....	1321ALM
Miriam E. Trojahn .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Barbara J. Turner .....	New York .....	Guest
William E. & Helen Tyler, III .....	Virginia .....	2582LM
Randolph & Teresa M. Walker .....	Texas .....	2587
Gene D. & Donna P. Watkins .....	Virginia .....	2728
Catherine Gregg & David B. Weisnicht .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Mary Wherry .....	Pennsylvania .....	Guest
Fenton & Louise Wicker .....	Virginia .....	Guest
Laurin Wittig .....	Virginia .....	2712
James E. & Patricia Woolley Jr. ....	North Carolina .....	2050LM/2215A
Mary & Bill Zimmerman .....	Florida .....	2335
Mitchell Zimmerman .....	Texas .....	2761
Randal & Marilyn Zimmerman .....	Alabama .....	2612

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We wish to thank the following people for their generous contributions toward the success of the Gathering; these contributions play a large part to help us keep the Gathering within our limited budget and to let us know you are really with us in spirit.

Richard & Retta Greer .....	Kentucky .....	2515
Gregory Magruder Harris & Brooke Mourain .....	Virginia .....	Guest
R. James MacGregor .....	Virginia .....	1462
Beatrice H. Magruder .....	Massachusetts .....	2035ALM
Elizabeth R. McDaniel .....	Virginia .....	2780

Thomas & Yona McNish .....	Texas .....	1764LM/2333A
Martha Pullen Tibbs .....	Tennessee .....	2598
Susan Tichy .....	Virginia .....	1577LM

## WINE DONATION CONTRIBUTORS

We'd also like to thank everyone who made an additional contribution towards the toasting wines for the banquet. Your contributions furthered assisted in keeping the Gathering within budget and such a success.



Thanks to everyone who participated in the 97th Annual Gathering to make it so memorable for one and all. We are look forward to sharing and enjoying another wonderful Gathering in 2008. See you there!



**A few of The American Clan Gregor Society State Deputy Chieftains**

**Front Row:** (lft to rt) **Ronald A. McGregor** (Colorado), **Edward K. Gregor, Jr.** (New York)  
**Middle Row:** (lft to rt) **Lois Ann Garlitz** (Utah), **Margaret A. Sanderfield** (Illinois), **Lori Connery** (Minnesota), **Frances C.E. Honsharuk** (Montana), **R. Jean Simon** (Alabama), **John A. Greir** (Maryland)  
**Back Row:** (lft to rt) **Scott F. MacGregor** (Virginia), **Howard R. Grossnickle** (Iowa/Wisconsin), **L. Dan Megehee** (Mississippi), **Peter K. Gregg** (Delaware), **Nolan S. Sanders** (Kentucky), **Thaddeus G. Osborne** (E. Tennessee)

# REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS

## **2006 Annual Report for Alabama**

Submitted by Jean MacGregor Simon

This year the Scottish Games, called the Alabama Games, did not take place in September, as usual, at the Shakespeare Festival Grounds in Montgomery. They called it off a very few weeks before the Games were to be held, due to a need for more finances, more sponsors, and more volunteers. We later got a post card from them, stating they hoped to resume the AL Games in September 2007. I had already canceled my check to them for tent, chair, and table rental, plus other fees, but they returned my check to me anyway. So, no finances need reimbursement from ACGS.

We did represent ACGS, as well as Tennessee Valley Scottish Society, of which the undersigned is a board member, at various parades in the Huntsville AL area. As always, that was a great deal of fun, with ever so many people waving back at us, people of all ages, as we were fortunate enough to ride by in a very sporty car loaned to us by a local car dealer every year.

A most exciting event took place in June 2006 in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. It was totally social, and involved MacGregors and MacGregor/McGregor descendants from far and wide, from as far away as Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, where the special group, "the Geordies" live, where the famous entertainer, "Sting" is also from, and from as far away as Saskatchewan, Canada and Pennsylvania, and Michigan and Alabama USA. My husband Jack Simon and I were house guests for a few days of Annie (McGregor) Stadden and her husband, Jim. They couldn't have been any more hospitable than they were. The undersigned first got acquainted with the hostess via the wonderful internet. We were all really a gathering of internet friends, except for a very few people who were McGregor relatives of our hostess. Annie had an elaborate catered meal at her house for the all day function and dinner the day the 15 - 20 MacGregor related guests were there. Annie's well stocked MacGregor library, a room in her house, was at all the guests' disposal, and it was fun to browse through her hundreds of books about MacGregors.

On October 7 the undersigned and husband held a joint Clan Gregor - Clan Donald Dutch luncheon with Donnie Brown, Clan Donald Convener who is also an ACGS member, at Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant, 2315 Beltline Rd. SW in Decatur, Alabama, across the Tenn. River from Huntsville about 40 miles away. I had always held this Dutch luncheon in Huntsville before. One of my attendees, a Jeanette (McGregor) Cole, of Moulton, Alabama, asked for the website for membership in ACGS. I sent her the forms from my computer, at home, since she did not have a computer, for her convenience, with info about membership fees. The website was on the bottom of the pages, of course. She has said she is a Scottish Clan Gregor Society member, but she became interested in joining our society, after I had enticingly told her about the ACGS scholarships for all our ACGS-related MacGregor bairns who will become college freshmen that year. Also, Donnie Brown wanted to pay me his ACGS dues at the end of the meal. Donnie Brown and the undersigned decided not to hold

the luncheon again in September, because we got more attendees in the spring. We both were grateful that we had decided to hold the luncheon jointly this year.

We await this year's annual gathering at Virginia Beach, VA with joyous anticipation. We fly out of Huntsville in 2 days, 18 October! My husband Jack Simon and I will be attending, plus our youngest son, Doug Simon, who will be flying in from the Midwest.

### **2006 Annual Report for Arizona**

Submitted by Don Lynd

At a recent Mesa, Arizona gathering, we found ourselves busy on Saturday with 24 people signing in. Sunday was very slow. Because of space limitations, the clan area was situated in a low traffic area. There were 38 visitors last year.

Mesa is the largest gathering in Arizona. Others we will be attending are Camp Verde on March 31, Prescott on May 19, Flagstaff on July 21-22, and Tucson on November 3. Last year we sent post cards to everyone we could with McGregor-related names; we had one response. For Tucson, we had an article printed in the local newspaper to reach folks who might be McGregors. However, no one who came to the tent had seen the article.

My wife has the Lockhart tent adjacent to the ACGS tent and we share a number of genealogical resources which draws a large number of people. We are becoming the place to go for genealogical assistance. It has been three years since the McGregors have had a tent at the festivals, and people are pleased to see the McGregors return. We have hopes that the clan will grow.

We have become members of the Caledonia Society where we attended a Burns Night. I was the only McGregor present. However, many McGregors indicated they would attend next year since other clan members would be present.

### **2006 Annual Report for Colorado**

Submitted by Ronald A. McGregor

**August** – The weekend of August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> found us enjoying the 43<sup>rd</sup> Colorado Scottish Festival. As usual, our Clan Gregor tent was one of the largest and best appointed of the event. Thanks to the able assistance of my son **Scott McGregor** of Firestone, CO, **Jim McGregor** of Littleton, CO, **Thomas Peter** of Estes Park, CO and **James Petrie** of Keenesburg, CO we were able to welcome **sixty-one MacGregors or MacGregor “wannabes”** that visited our Clan tent. One visitor to our tent on Saturday morning was note other than the Clan Gregor lass **Kelsey Crane** from Utah who a few prior had won First Place in the National highland Dance competitions. At the mid-day parade of the clans and bands, Kelsey led the Clan Gregor formation carrying her large trophy. Kelsey and her parents came back to our tent later for photo's. See Lois Ann Garlitz's comment below for further details on Kelsey. Saturday afternoon I had the privilege of presenting the Clan

Gregor trophy to the winner of Highland Dance for the Novice Under Twelve category, **Summer Getty** of Plymouth MN.

Summer, daughter of Mark and Heather Getty, is 11 years old and has only been dancing since September 2005. She will be entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. It also turns out that Summer is also a Clan Gregor lass. When her great-great-great-grandmother came to Canada from Scotland in the early 1800's she chose to return to the MacGregor name. At Sunday's mid-day parade, Summer led the Clan Gregor contingent carrying the Clan Gregor trophy. That afternoon Summer visited our tent for more photos. The Clan Gregor Trophy for Highland Dance has been awarded at these games since 1990. ACGS member Jerry Van Dyke's granddaughter Jamie was the winner of that first trophy and Jerry made the presentation. Sixteen years later, a second Clan Gregor was the winner of the trophy.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, I fulfilled a long time desire of parachuting from a plane. My son Scott and I went sky diving for the first time, which required us to make tandem jumps (with instructors strapped to our backs). We both carried our MacGregor tartan fly plaids inside our jumpsuits. As we were preparing for our jump we watched the previous groups' chutes deploying and coming down – all but one. One chutist's parachute did not properly deploy and he came down fast and spiraling with his chute in the form of a streamer above him. We couldn't see the impact because a nearby building blocked the view. A few minutes later, as we finished boarding the aircraft for our jump, one last minute straggler ran up and climbed aboard. It was the man that had the bad jump just moments before! At the last minute he cut away his primary chute and deployed his reserve chute just in time to preclude a nasty impact. He quickly grabbed another chute and ran to the plane in time to jump with us. A real gutsy guy. It was more awesome than I ever expected and I want to jump again, the next time solo.

**September** – The 30<sup>th</sup> **Longs Peak Scottish Festival** was held September 8-10<sup>th</sup> in Estes Park, CO. One consistent note of Clan Gregor's participation in these games is that each year we try to do better than the year before. Prior to the start of the parade, a representative of another clan that had talked to the judges and asked what changes their clan needed to incorporate to have a chance at winning the parade someday approached me. They were told to observe Clan Gregor and find out. The rep said that because their clan always march well ahead of us (alphabetical) she had never seen us march. So I showed her our formation and she watched us as we practiced our "salute". Her reply was a simple "thank you" and "very impressive". This year we had **thirty-eight** tartaned clansmen and ladies marched in this Saturday morning carrying our Clan Crest banner in a flagpole, our large Clan Gregor banner and **eighteen** individuals carrying flags representing our various tartans. Again this year we had **four** wee MacGregor lads, all less than two years old, wearing their tartans and being pushed in their strollers. Our numbers were down from the forty-five we had marching with us last year, which I attribute to the heavy rainstorm that passed through the area the evening before. But the weather was perfect with an estimated 40,000 spectators lining the street. I was completely surprised by my being introduced as we passed each of the four reviewing stands along the way. That had never happened in the past and I only learned later that I was listed as one of the nine "visiting Dignitaries". It was both exciting and embarrassing at the same time. Oh, by the way, we won "**Best Clan in the Parade**" again.

The weather on Saturday was quite nice and Sunday's weather was great until 3:00 p.m. when a heavy rainstorm hit us. The field activity shut down quickly. Within a few minutes the ditches filled with water and over-flowed. The ditch behind our huge tent (containing forty-nine clan spaces) was one of those that over-flowed and we were wading ankle deep in water gathering our precious clan materials. We were lucky in that we were able to quickly put everything on our tables. Unfortunately, several of the clans experienced quite a bit of damage to their displays.

Our 10x20 foot Clan Gregor tent drew a lot of visitors. Well over **seventy** MacGregors visited our clan tent over the weekend. One of the notables that visited our tent was **Loretta Thompson**, entertainer extraordinary. We were particularly indebted to the efforts and support of the following individuals:

1. **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 and Sunday.
2. ACGS applicant **James Petrie IV**, was of great help on Sunday working at the tent.
3. ACGS applicant **Thomas Peter** not only assisted in manning our Clan Gregor tent all day Saturday and Sunday; helped with the dissembling of the tent after the close of the games.
4. Clansman **Jim Best** and his daughter also were big help manning the tent.
5. Finally, I would be totally remiss if I did not recognize **Scott Sanders McGregor** that worked very hard all three days to make our appearance a success. Year after year he has been the principle supporter of the Clan Gregor at every one of the highland games we attended the Denver area, Estes Park and Grand Junction. 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: For those interested in statistics, so far this year my efforts in supporting Clan Gregor activities include: 25 local phone calls, 104 long distance phone calls, sending or receiving 823 emails, sending or receiving 21 pieces of snail mail, 38 hours preparing the first two newsletters and traveled more than 4,200 miles (including the Gathering), for a total of 500 hours. And we still have two and a half months left in this year with plenty to do/

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

**2006 Annual Report for District of Columbia  
(DC Metropolitan Area Incl. Northern Virginia)**  
Submitted by Jim MacGregor

The Society in the area of the District of Columbia participated in the Potomac Celtic Heritage Festival in Leesburg and the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Festival. The Deputy Chieftain for the District of Columbia, Jim MacGregor, ACGS Councilman John Ballassai, and member Andy Greig, led our contingent at the Potomac Celtic Heritage Festival.



Heritage Festival Tent



ACGS Pipe Band Serenade

This is the second year that the ACGS participated in the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair which started in late 1988. Jim MacGregor and Andy Greig represented the Society with help from the ACGS Pipe Band which performed a concert that attracted many visitors to the tent. A group of non-members and members who live in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area called the "Friends of the ACGS" came by to visit. Carl Peterson, a Scottish Folksinger and native of Greenock, Scotland, who is a longstanding supporter of the Society, visited the tent where he attracted additional visitors. The Society in the DC area, joined mostly by members from Virginia, participated in the annual Alexandria Christmas Walk in December.

### **2006 Annual Report for Iowa and Wisconsin**

Submitted by Howard R. Grossnickle

This is my first year as a State Deputy Chieftain after assisting Ron McGregor for many years with the games tent in Colorado, before moving to Wisconsin. The Iowa games started off with the Carlisle Central Iowa Celtic Festival & Highland Games at the Scotch Ridge Center. This game started in 2004 with an off year in 2005, but the attendance has doubled this year. Iowa follows up with the Quad Cities Celtic Highland Games, a one day game that is a big draw and very friendly to vendors and clans. Wisconsin highland Games and Celtic Fling is a 3 day game over the Labor Day weekend that is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. There were 14 bands competing on Saturday, with a very impressive massed band at noon and at Saturday's closing ceremonies. I did receive some 14 declared MacGregor descendants who received handouts and ACGS applications. Everyone was glad to see Clan Gregor representation, and there are many new friends that we are looking forward to seeing next season.

### **2006 Annual Report for Kentucky**

Submitted by Nolan Sanders

The 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of June 2006 provided pleasant weather to enjoy the Glasgow Kentucky Highland games at Barren River State Park. With 50 clan and society tents represented the



main field was surrounded by the color of tartan and the sounds of a few thousand people enjoying the athletic contests, sheepherding demonstrations and pipe bands.

Two permanent pavilions have been constructed for the variety of music ranging from individual performers such as Colin Grant-Adams of Oban, Scotland to the Celtic Rock sounds of groups like Seven Nations. The numerous pipe bands provided for an uplifting opening ceremony. Throughout the weekend, piping competitions provided background music as visitors traveled from the main field to the second field where a pavilion was constructed to promote highland dance competitions,

Rita and Richard Greer were of great help supervising our American Clan Gregor tent on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, I was pleased to see the crowds continue aided by beautiful weather and children's activities planned on the main field for that day.

In late summer, the land between the Lakes region of Kentucky provided the setting for the West Kentucky Highland Games, held in the city of Murray, Kentucky at the county park near the campus of Murray State University. This Saturday event was well received by the approximately 1000 people who attended. This was considered by many sponsoring the event to be the largest crowd for this re-emerging Scottish Games.

The park with its rolling hillsides combined with wooded settings and a concrete amphitheater provided the stage for a successful resurrection of these well received and attended games. About 15 clan tents as well as several vendors seemed to enjoy the new location and the beautiful clear weather made for many happy clansmen and attendees. Kay Britt supervised an American Clan Gregor tent displayed with many MacGregor items showing not only her decorating skills but also her talent at handiwork. It is hoped that these games will continue and grow as increased support is provided by the community.

A third highland games held in Kentucky at General Butler State Park in Carrollton, Kentucky. This event in May each year is known as Kentucky Scottish Weekend and is highlighted each year with a Ceilidh headlined by singer Alex Beaton. It is hoped in the future that American Clan Gregor can have a tent there, as we have had one in past years.

### **2006 Annual Report for Michigan**

Submitted by Ron Shankland

I attended the Alma Games and worked the Clan Tent with help of other McGregors plus ACGS. CG materiel was sold in the Clan Tent and we want ACGS'S items next year as well. We had two dogs as mascots in the tent,

1<sup>st</sup> was a seeing eye dog and 2<sup>nd</sup> was a Border Collie. The dog attractions drew a lot of visitors'. Visitor Edgar MacGregor from 516 W Clay St; New Buffalo, Michigan 49117, phone number 269.469.3009; needs help in locating his family history papers of the early years which are written in the Celtic language. Someone in his family tree might be a member of CG or ACGS and know the whereabouts of his tree. Some reader of this, please help him.

Also, I worked the Livonia Games being the 157<sup>th</sup> Game of this group near Detroit, Michigan, and pushed both CG and ACGS.

I took a digital photo of each visitor to the Clan Tent. However, I recommend that a name tag for each photo be made and placed in the photo. Paper work and confusion would be reduced.

At both Games we had a total of 49 visitors. The clan items for sale were very popular. In the future, I hope to make more items for sale.

It was a pleasure to give our US-Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow, a Certificate of Achievement and a McGregor Tartan Scarf. We are wishing her good luck with her re-election efforts!

A concern to CG/ACGS is to find away for a joint membership if possible. This would help in doing the recruiting work from the Clan Tent at the Games.

Also, the Michigan ACGS would like the opportunity to host the ACGS Gathering in Michigan or Ontario, Canada, being near the Border. Someone in ACGS, please advise in writing about this request? Attention to the 2007 ACGS President.

## **2006 Annual Report for Minnesota**

Submitted by Lori Connery

This year was pretty quiet. We had a few pub nights at the start of the year and extended our invite to a number of others in the Scottish community. Fun was had, but people were busy!

In January my husband and I attended our first Burns Night Dinner, a very wonderful and formal affair! We had a ball! I have never seen my husband dance like this before! It was also our first encounter with Haggis! I LOVE IT!

In February, Warren Porter and I attended the Scottish Ramble in St. Paul, MN where Warren had our tartan blessed. Also in February I made a decision to formally resign my membership from the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans, this decision was made due to some political unrest within the Coalition which I felt would reflect poorly on the ACGS. I found a large number of clans and other groups in the Scottish Community that were still participating in all the events with out being members of the coalition. I have become involved with these groups and have had great success and a ton of fun! My gratitude goes to the Scottish Tartan Authority especially, for all their help and support during the last year. I would be lost without them! I may revisit this organization in the future if it appears that they have laid their differences to rest.

I had a fabulous banner made for my first "real" year at the Minnesota Scottish Fair on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Farmington, MN! The MacGregors were definitely a presence at the Fair this year! This turned out to be the hottest day of our summer!

I made and carried the MacGregor flag in the parade of tartans and of course as we passed the podium we all stopped and cried out: "Ard Choille! Ard Choille! Ard Choille!". We were the only clan to do so! I felt like a bit of a rebel so of course I felt right at home! I believe we had 7-8 people in tartan marching for us! We had a great turnout of spectators despite the heat and have a lot of interest from local Gregors! I have received one application for membership from this event and several inquiries for pub nights and information. I will be following up on these. We also worked with Greg Anderson this year who is a representative for Clan Gregor of Scotland.

September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> was the Minnesota Renaissance Festival Highland Fling weekend in Shakopee, MN! Our clan was represented both days in the parade with our flag! My “second in command” so to speak, Warren Porter was there both days that weekend. We received several inquiries for pub night and more information. Again, we will follow up on these.

Going forward we will continue to plan informal pub nights and hopefully with the new interest some parties as well. I am still working on a website and a Minnesota Newsletter!

### **2006 Annual Report for Mississippi**

Submitted by L. Dan Megehee

This year didn't start off very well. Most houses in the area still had “blue roofs” and many were still unlivable. But time, and lots of hard work has replaced most of the blue roofs and most homes, at least in our area, are now restored. There's still years of work left to do on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and New Orleans.

The Swamp Highland Games, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, came at the same time as our last unmarried nephew's wedding so Josephine and I spent the weekend in San Marcos, TX at his wedding and a mini family reunion.

After a rather difficult (and expensive) year, Josephine and I decided to forego the Gatlin Games as well as the Grandfather Mountain Games but “the Lord willing and the Hurricane don't come” we'll see you at the gathering this year.

The Gulfport Highland Gems survived Katrina, although most of the sponsoring Society member's homes were pretty well destroyed. We will again man the MacGregor Tent and look forward to another great outing this November.

### **2006 Annual Report for New York State**

Submitted by Edward K. Gregor

A tent was set up at Scottish, Celtic Festivals and Games with information and shelter from the rain for those interested in the MacGregor Clan. Our display included; Scottish Maps, ACGS brochures, tartan, flag, and Scottish publications.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the “Genesee Country Museum Highland Gathering”, Genesee Country Village, Mumfords, NY the athletics, piping, dancing, provided excellent entertainment.

August 12<sup>th</sup> the “65<sup>th</sup> annual Central New York Celtic Festival” at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, NY near exit 39 of the NYS thruway was well attended and events were on schedule even with some showers.

August 19<sup>th</sup> the “Amherst Museum Scottish Festival”, Amherst, NY was pleasant. It was one of the few times there was rain but it cleared up enough so we could wait in line for some meat pies and scones.

## **2006 Annual Report for Eastern Tennessee**

Submitted by Thadeus Osborne

Dear Friends, I am sure you have been waiting on my report, and I am sorry to be so tardy in submitting it, as I have been quite hard on the other state deputies to theirs in.

February 2006: Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games, Green Cove Springs, Florida: Robert Ellington hosted the tent, and Thad Osborne, John and Beth Wassell and John and Ena MacGregor assisted.

May 2006: Savannah Scottish Festival Bethesda Boys' Home, Savannah, Georgia. Mike Patillo and family hosted our tent, and Thad Osborne took some McGregor goodies to sell. The good attendance was made possible by very mild weather, and we had many visitors. This was the first time in their new location and all seemed to agree with it.

May 2006: Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We had a very subdued presence this year because of the inability of some of our long-time regulars to attend. A trophy in junior open piping was not awarded, for lack of entrants. We are looking forward to having our regulars back in 2007.

July 2006: Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina. Again, we were without the presence of some of our stalwarts, but Robert Ellington and Elizabeth Joiner rose to the occasion and hosted our tent.

Although this year's games were their fifty-first, the Grandfather Mountain Games celebrated their fiftieth anniversary this year. Elizabeth's late father, Abby Magruder, was recognized by the games for his past presidency.

We had a large number of visitor's and sales of merchandise were brisk.

Membership application worksheets were distributed or mailed subsequently to all who requested. A trophy in the caber toss, sponsored by Lillian Magruder in Abby's memory, was won by Mike Nease; a similar trophy in Piping, Amateur Grade IV, aged 17 & under, similarly sponsored, was won by Benjamin Pollard. Mrs. Magruder also sponsored a trophy for Dancer of the Day, but the name of that winner is not yet available. We thank Lillian for her active and generous sponsorship of these awards.

## **2006 Annual Report for Northern Texas**

Submitted by Muriel Gregory King

I had planned to have a tent at the annual Scottish Games held in Arlington, Texas, in June. The plans were shelved after I fell in a parking lot in February and broke my right arm. It is now fine after considerable therapy. The Arlington Games are usually very well attended despite the hot weather. For more information about setting up tents, admission, dates of the event, etc please call the Arlington Visitors and Convention Center at 817-461-3888.

The next area Scottish event was the Bedford/Eules/Hurst Celtic Festival held in mid October at The Boys Ranch in Bedford. This is a Saturday/Sunday event and while it is not a

large venue it does provide an historical look at life as it used to be in the Highlands. Very enjoyable for all ages. For more information log on to [www.celticheritagefestival.org](http://www.celticheritagefestival.org)

I have been contacted by group of citizens in and around Denton who are interested in an informal supper club to 'enjoy all things Scottish'. More information on this at a later date.

### **2006 Annual Report for Utah**

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz

At the beginning of 2006, Utah McGregors were to a small degree, still basking in the glow of the Gathering held here in Sept. 2005. We loved having so many of you come here and feel the ambiance of our city and state, where another group of persecuted persons came for refuge over 150 years ago. We really enjoyed showing you so many ways that those early pioneers "made the desert bloom like a rose".

The several Utah Scottish activities where McGregors participated during 2006 included the Salt Lake City's St. Patrick's Day parade, Tartan Day, plus 2 Scottish festivals and highland games - one in June at Thanksgiving Point (just south of Salt Lake City) and one in July at Payson, about 60 miles south of SLC.

I also packed up my Honda and took a tent to participate in the Jackson Hole, Wyoming Scottish Festival. It is a small festival and focuses on piping and athletics - there were only 6 clan tents. But it is well attended by tourists and I met at least 3 interesting persons. As it turns out, the husband of one of our members serves as the volunteer chaplain at the Chapel of the Transfiguration in Grand Teton National Park for the month of August. Two of the "science project" display boards that I took with me produced some interest. About the one for Preservation of McGregor Antiquities at Dalmaly Church - the visitor remarked "I have been there...". He and he wife are school teachers in foreign countries for the US Government and they had been on vacation in Scotland, where they rented a car to drive all over the Highlands. His wife remarked "that is a very spiritual place" and I knew for sure that they had been there, for Dalmally Churchyard certainly is. Another visitor was very interested in the other display board about our DNA project as he had been a participant with the National Geographic Project.

It is so true that anyone who hosts one of our booths at a Scottish festival is bound to meet some really interesting people - like the Mr. Peterson, who was convinced he was Scandinavian. However, his DNA testing showed he was pure McGregor!

### **2006 Annual Report for Virginia**

Submitted by Scott MacGregor

First let me extend greetings to all our members across the state of Virginia and throughout the country. I hope everyone had a very good year. It's been nice not hearing of any severe hurricanes wrecking havoc this year on our gulf friends.

Since our Gathering in Salt Lake City a MacGregor presence was had at the Games in Radford and Richmond. There were many visitors who stopped by the Clan tent to learn more about our clan heritage and what our society is about. Come December I joined our fellow MacGregors in Alexandria for the annual Scottish Christmas Walk. During the Spring I attended a couple of Kirkings in Virginia Beach and Irvington.

The state of Virginia is extremely honored to be hosting this year's annual Gathering along the sandy shores of the mighty Atlantic Ocean. After a year of hard work preparing for this year's Gathering in Virginia Beach I look forward to a wonderful weekend of festivities and especially seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I hope you too will be joining us.

The MacGregor DNA study being conducted by our sister society continues to provide interesting results with new cousins being discovered regularly. If you're not already participating in the study I encourage you to do. It's neither expensive nor invasive.

While discussing participation in society projects I hope everyone's donating to the Antiquities fund towards the preservation of our ancient MacGregor stones better known as the Dalmally project. Don't participate in this project for yourself but for all those future generations of MacGregors to come. So when they visit Scotland they too can enjoy these magnificently carved stones.

In closing I'd love to have you join me at the many Scottish events around Virginia in the coming year and again at the 98<sup>th</sup> ACGS Gathering in the fall of 2007.

## **51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Submitted by Thad Osborne

The 2006 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were celebrating their fifty-first gathering this year. Many fiftieth anniversary recognitions were made this year. Our late past Chieftain, Abbey Magruder, was recognized for his service to the Games as a director, and later as President. His lovely lady Lillian, and daughter Abbey Joiner of Melbourne, Florida, along with Robert Ellington, also of Melbourne, assisted me with the tent, greeting and feeding visitors. David McGregor of Lantana, Florida, joined us with an attractive new friend. Although many familiar faces of the past were absent, tent traffic was good, and merchandise sales brisk.

We are all looking forward to the 2007 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Yours aye,  
Thad Osborne

# **FAMILY REUNITED AT VIRGINIA BEACH ACGS GATHERING**

Submitted by Gregg Elliott

Richard T. Gregg, long time ACGS member, has attended many clan gatherings and functions over the years, often by himself or with just one or two family members. What a sight it was for him to be accompanied by 26 additional family members at the recent Virginia Beach, Virginia ACGS Gathering.

Separated by years and miles, the Gregg family members joined together to reunite as a family, and enjoy their Scottish roots and heritage. Aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandparents and grandchildren all came together – some after many years of being apart, and some to meet one another for the very first time.

Richard's brother, Bill Gregg, was a member of the ACGS who died in 1998. Bill's wife, Louise Gregg, along with her four daughters (Susan, Judy, Janet and Dorothy) all attended the October gathering. Judy's husband, Rich and Dorothy's husband, John, along with Louise's grandson Robert, were all able to come to Virginia Beach. They came from as far away as New Jersey, New York, Florida, and California.

Richard's two nephews, Gregg and Richard Elliott, live in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, Virginia. Gregg's wife Lynn, daughter Amy Gowin, grandson Landon Gowin, son in law Mark Gowin, and son Mark Elliott, all were able to enjoy various ACGS events. Richard Elliott and wife Cindy, daughter Whitney, and son Jason (with girlfriend Colleen) also attended different parts of the weekend and had a great time.

Lise Gregg Revol, a Gregg cousin, came all the way from France to join the festivities. Her nephews and nieces, (also Gregg Cousins), many whom she had not seen in years, came from Richmond, Virginia as well as Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. James Burr (JB), Peter, Tad, Didi (& husband Claude) and Cathy (& husband David) all traveled to Virginia Beach, and were able to spend quality sibling time together, as well as reunite with their aunt Lise Gregg. They also met cousins Gregg and Richard Elliott, and their respective families, for the first time.

At a family dinner Thursday night, everyone was able to get acquainted, and talk about their link to the wonderful Gregg family. Scottish heritage and family trees dominated the social time, and family stories delighted those meeting for the first time. It was a wonderful coming together, and the barriers of time and distance were overcome by a warm and gracious extension of family love and acceptance by all.

And, the Gathering weekend itself brought forth even more kinsman ship, through the wearing of the MacGregor Tartan, appreciation of our outstanding Bagpipe Band, and those extraordinary MacGregor Dancers. The Spirit of Norfolk boat ride through the Norfolk harbor was the first time for many of the family to see MacGregors in their full Scottish

dress, and to get to know some of their Clan family. During the boat ride, John Jensen and JB Gregg provided an entertaining lip sync version of the “Temptations” to the music of the band on board. During dinner at the hotel one evening, I was able to renew acquaintance with an old friend, Joe Tichy. Joe many years ago taught me the fine art of Haggis consumption at a Banquet (His secret is to always top off the Haggis with a few well placed drops of Macallan scotch). During our dinner at Virginia Beach, Joe struck up a conversation with Louise Gregg, only to find out they were high school classmates. They both enjoyed catching up on what was happening with their fellow class members. We won’t divulge the year of the class graduation.

The Friday night Ceilidh was the first exposure of many family members to the Pipers and Dancers. Many commented about the quality and professionalism of the Band, and the skill and dedication of the dancers. Family cameras were flashing all night! Joe Tichy joined us again for the Ceilidh, and indoctrinated my daughter, Amy Elliott Gowin, to the Society and exactly how a society was run. I knew she was in good hands.

The parade on Saturday afternoon again renewed our appreciation as the Pipers and Dancers led us down the Virginia Beach Boardwalk, with many locals and tourists joining in and enjoying the music, dancing and Scottish flare. Of course the formal banquet Saturday night was the highlight of the weekend, and enjoyed by all. Mark Gowin, especially liked the Haggis, and his son Landon Gowin, newly accepted junior member of the ACGS, attended his very first banquet. Landon’s favorite was the base drum in the band.

And, with a few hugs and kisses, it was all too soon time to say goodbye - all in all, it was quite a memory. In short - a time to come together. For the many Gregg’s in attendance at Virginia Beach, it was a family reunion to be remembered fondly over the years to come, but also the rebuilding of a family foundation for the future as well. As Richard Gregg addressed us all at our family dinner – “family” is one of the most special of all gifts, and is to be cherished and held on to.

On behalf of the reunited Gregg Family, a special thanks to the ACGS for it’s part in bringing us back together, and for allowing us to participate in the superb Clan Macgregor weekend events. And, a sincere thank you to Scott MacGregor and Sandy MacGregor for your hard work in pulling the weekend together, and making it such an interesting and fun time for all of us. We are already marking our calendars for the first weekend in October of 2007 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. For us it is yet another chance to come together - as a family and as MacGregors!





Greggs – four generations present for the Gathering

**Front Row:** (l – r seated) Richard Gregg, Louise Gregg **Middle Row:** (l – r) Amy Gowin, Catherine Gregg Weisnicht, Lynn Elliott, Lise Revel, Didi Mercier, Claude **Back Row:** (l – r) Gregg Elliott, Landon Gowin (being held), Mark Gowin, JB Gregg, Janet Gregg DeBiasio, David Weisnicht, Tad Gregg, Peter Gregg

## MCGREGOR 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN MONTANA

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz

A bright, warm, fall weekend greeted the family and friends of Douglas and Barbara McGregor in Billings, Montana on September 9, 2006, as they gathered to share a day of golf and a day of celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in the city park. Children, grandchildren, and friends came from around the state of Montana, a couple from Wyoming, a long time friend from the Philippines, and especially friends from the old family home in Sheridan, Montana, where Doug grew up.

Douglas and Barbara have had a long time tradition of sharing their love for golf at their annual McGregor Open Golf Tournament with their seven children, and some of their golfing buddies. Three grandchildren are now old enough to play and each came equipped with their own set of golf clubs. There is a traveling trophy, lots of awards, as they are quite serious about score keeping. Barbara and her daughter Jennifer are great at planning for and

rewarding all the participants. They even flew the Saltaire flag on one of the golf carts to announce their special day.

Their life together began 8 September 1956 in Miles City, Montana, and they immediately left for Ames, Iowa, where Doug was enrolled in veterinary medical school at Iowa State College. Seven children have joined them along the way as Douglas has continued his practice in Billings for many years: Steven, Bryon, John, Mike, Joe (now deceased), Kathy, and Jennifer. They have ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Some of Douglas's ancestors were featured in an article in the 1932 ACGS yearbook, written by his first cousin once removed, Ruth Eliza McGregor Henkel. Douglas is a participant in the McGregor DNA project.



Douglas and Barbara McGregor Wedding  
1956



Douglas and Barbara McGregor 2006



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