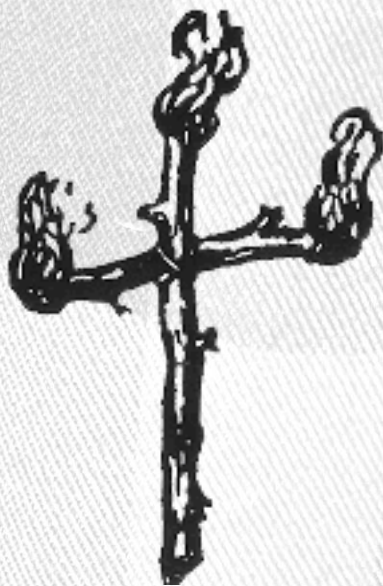


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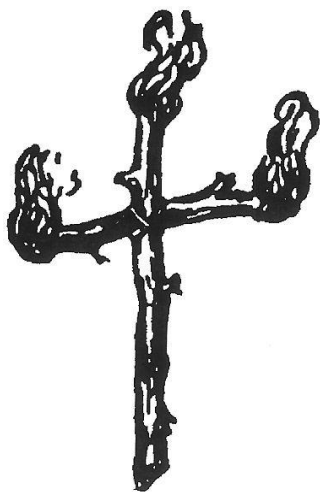


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24 October 2008



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ACGS Chieftain Thaddeus G. Osborne called the Council meeting to order at 08:10 AM on Friday, October 24, 2008. He then gave the invocation. Thaddeus introduced our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, who made a few brief remarks.

The scribe, Donald Gregg, reported on the General minutes of the 98th Annual Gathering as published in the 2007 ACGS Annual Yearbook. Council members had previously received copies of the report via the internet. The motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Ron McGregor and seconded by Steve Grier. No corrections to the minutes were presented and the motion carried.

**An interim Treasurer's** report was given by Howard Grossnickle due to the late collection of fiscal reports necessary to prepare a final report. All accounts presented were believed to be accurate with the exception of the gathering reservation deposits, account interest or dividends and checks not cleared until after the close of September statements of accounts. The Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship fund awarded five scholarships of one thousand five hundred dollars each totaling seven thousand five hundred dollars. Total net worth is \$382,438.89. Motion to receive the interim report was made by Lois Ann Garlitz and seconded by Ronald A. McGregor. The motion carried.

The **Registrar**, Lois Ann Garlitz, presented her report. She reported a total of fifty-four new members, which included 27 new life members. There is an additional potential twenty-

eight new members. Motion to receive the report was made by Ronald A. McGregor and seconded by Scott F. MacGregor. The motion carried.

**Historian's** report: Lillian Magruder was unable to attend this gathering because of a medical condition and filed a written report. Her report was received by consent and filed.

**Yearbook Editor** Lori A. Connery's report was given by Scott MacGregor. Lori published guidelines for correspondence that repeated her desire that reports be submitted electronically to her. All messages to her should be identified on the subject line by the originators name, followed by their position and then the subject of the message.

**Librarian's** report was given by Steven C. Grier. He reported on the funding and selection of the temporary archivist, Mr. Aiden Faust. He also discussed the sale of yearbooks from our climate controlled storage unit. A portion of his report dwelt on our collection of War Veteran Banners. Time and material was donated by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Betty Haley, and brother, Mr. Brian Grier, to recondition and restore the soiled or damaged banners. Randy Zimmerman suggested that we issue Certificates of Appreciation to those two individuals. Ron McGregor and Thad Osborne agreed to attend to the details. His report was received for the files.

**Trustees** report was given by Joseph C. Tichy. Our Chieftain noted that Dr Hallam Walker has retired from the position of trustee and recommended that the Society issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Walker. Motion made by Maggie Sanderfield; seconded by Randy Zimmerman; the motion carried.

**Assistant Chieftain's** report was given by Scott F. MacGregor. Scott reported on another busy year. He also noted that the Society Yearbook is now at the printers. Motion to accept the report was made by Ron McGregor and seconded by Maggie Sanderfield. The motion carried.

**Newsletter Editor's** report was given by Randal Zimmerman. He desires to see more contributions from council members, state deputies and individual members. Motion to receive the report was made by Maggie Sanderfield, seconded by Ron McGregor and carried.

### **Report of the Committee Chairperson**

- A. **Scholarship's** report was given by Thad Osborne for Susan Tichy, who was unable to attend.
- B. Details that are available concerning the 100th Anniversary Annual Gathering in Charlottesville, VA were outlined by Scott MacGregor. Sir Malcolm discussed the possible invitations to Officers of Clan Gregor in Scotland. He suggested that it would also be appropriate to notify the occupant of the White House by letter to announce this historic event

### **Unfinished Business:**

- A. Status of By-laws and Procedures Manual: **Committee Chairperson's** report was given by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. A great deal of progress has been made on revising the By-laws of the Society and adding a Procedure Manual. Much remains

- to be accomplished. It was proposed that a committee meeting be scheduled for next March and the By-Laws be attacked line by line and finalized at that time.
- B. The ACGS is a charitable organization that was incorporated in Washington DC. As such it has obligations to the Internal Revenue Service and requires a registered agent in DC in order to conduct business. These obligations are being addressed by our Treasurer and Chancellor. Thaddeus mentioned that there were Corporate Service Agents in DC that would qualify to be our official registered agent. Diana Browne volunteered to look into the matter.
  - C. Lois Ann Garlitz brought four proposals to digitally computerize approximately 2800 Society records (roughly 12,000-13,000 images) in order to preserve the records and be able to access them rapidly by computer for Society purposes. A detailed discussion followed amide several concerns for security and legal liability, etc. It was proposed that further investigation be done for a method that would keep the information within our control. The council accepted the idea that we should complete the work if at all possible and within clear budget limitations. Total cost of this project is estimated to be about \$6000. Lois Ann will get back to the Council concerning this project.
  - D. DNA Membership Requirements – Lois Ann Garlitz. DNA would not be available for the female gender in determining membership and for the present time DNA should be considered as supporting the application for membership and not determining. For the present, the council would prefer the approval basis to be on the applicant having a recognized Sept name and genealogical documentation.
  - E. Corporate Grant of Arms – Howard Grossnickle. The process to get a Corporate Grant of Arms continues with the Lord Lyon Court. We hope that approval by that court can be made prior to the 2009 International gathering in Scotland or the 100th Annual General Meeting.

### **New Business**

- I. Scott MacGregor proposed for the 100th anniversary gathering that we consider inviting the new recipients of scholarships from the University of Virginia and Randolph and, perhaps, a staff member from each of the particular schools to the luncheon or banquet. Steve Grier suggested that we also consider an invitation to Mr. Tom Hollowak, or others of the General Marshall Magruder Memorial Library, for lunch and be given an opportunity to present an informational meeting concerning our collection at the University of Baltimore.
- II. A committee of Steve Grier, Scott MacGregor and Ron McGregor was appointed to study the design of a flag or other device to recognize those members who have served in the War on Terrorism (Iraq and Afghanistan). Necessarily, this committee will have many facets to consider and bring back to the council for action. The Council desires proceed with this project and provide appropriate recognition to members who served during these recent conflicts.

### **III. Election of Officers :**

The **Nominating Committee** report was presented by Scott MacGregor.

Hereditary Chief	Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Baronet
ACGS Chieftain ...	Thaddeus G. Osborne,
Ranking Deputy Chieftain ...	Ronald A. McGregor,
Scribe ...	Donald A. Gregg



Registrar ...  
Treasurer ...  
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Yearbook Editor ...  
Chancellor ...  
Chaplain ...  
Historian ...  
Trustee ...  
Piper ...  
Surgeon ...

Lois Ann Garlitz  
Howard Grossnickle  
Steven C. Grier  
Lori A. Connery  
Diana Browne  
Donald W. Gregg  
Lillian Magruder  
John A. Grier  
Randal Zimmerman  
Dr. Thomas M. McNish

A motion to receive the report was made by Sandy MacGregor and seconded by Maggie Sanderfield. The motion carried.

**IV. Appointment of Assistant Chieftain.** Scott F. MacGregor was reappointed to be our Assistant Chieftain for the following year.

**Adjournment.** With no further business from the Council, a motion to adjourn was made. The motion was carried and the Chieftain declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectively submitted

*Donald Gregg*

Donald A. Gregg

ACGS Scribe 2007-2008



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

99<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Chattanooga, TN  
25 October 2008



#### **Attendees, Officers:**

Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor  
Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain  
Scott F. MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain  
Ronald A. McGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

Donald A. Gregg, Scribe  
Lois Ann Garlitz, Registrar  
Diana Browne, Chancellor  
Steven C. Grier, Librarian  
Joseph C. Tichy, Trustees  
Edward K. Gregor, Jr., Member-At-Large  
Nolan S. Sanders, Member-At-Large  
Carol Spitznagel, SDC – FL

Howard Grossnickle, Treasurer  
Randy Walker, State Deputy, South Texas  
Jean MacGregor Simon, State Deputy, AL  
Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., Trustees  
Margaret A. Sanderfield, Member-At-Large  
L. Dan Megehee, Jr., SDC – MS  
Fred A. Magruder, SDC – SC

The General Meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM on Saturday, 25 October 2008 by Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain. He began the meeting by welcoming the attendees. Thaddeus then gave a wee prayer over this assembled body. Two first time attendees, Joel Gregg of Louisville, KY and Taylor Hurst from Chicago, IL, were introduced. Thad also welcomed MS Ishbel McGregor and her sister, Margaret to our gathering. The chair recognized Sir Malcolm. He brought greetings from his mother, Fanny Lady MacGregor and his brother Ninian. Sir Malcolm noted that he has recently been elected unto the Executive Committee of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Upon conclusion of Sir Malcolm's opening remarks, Randy Walker, State Deputy Chieftain of South Texas presented him with a book, *Now is the Day, Now is the Hour*.

The ACGS Scribe, Donald A. Gregg, read the interim minutes of the council meeting held Friday morning 24 October 2008. The spelling of Dr Hallam Walker's name was corrected. The number of Society Records to be digitally computerized was clarified as about 2600 (approximately 12,000 images). The report was placed on file and a corrected copy will be published in the yearbook.

Howard Grossnickle gave the Treasurer's Interim Annual report. The figures in the report were complete to the end of August 2008. The General Fund Checking Account balance was \$39,352.93. The preliminary net worth in the societies' account was reported as \$382,438.89. The September records will be appended to complete his report. There being

no changes offered to the report before its audit, the report was received for the files. From the floor, John McGregor asked about plans for continuing support to the Dalmally Stones Preservation Project; several ideas are being pursued including applying for grants. Jean Simon said that we should consider donations to the Society when we are doing our estate planning. Thad echoed that sentiment and said we should consider the Society when we were making out our wills. Scott MacGregor said that our present Treasurer after five years of dedicated service will be retiring next year and the Society will require some knowledgeable person to take over the job. Do we have any nominations or volunteers? Joe Tichy touched on the subject of donating directly to our C&E Fund; from that point the donor can direct the donation to a particular project.

Lois Ann Garlitz gave the **Registrar's** report. She reported forty-three brand new members. As their names were called, new members present at the gathering were asked to stand and were warmly welcomed. Lois Ann also announced that ten former members were reinstated. No changes were made to her report and it was placed on file. Lois Ann then discussed the plans for digitizing the Society Records. She intends to do further research on this project this coming year, answer questions about any bonding businesses may or may not have, and try to have a potential contract to discuss with the council at the next gathering.

Ms Lillian Magruder was unable to be present to give the **Historian's** report. Scott read her interim written report, he detailed the five births, twelve deaths, and two marriages contained in her report. There were several minor additions to the report from the floor and the report was received for the file.

The **Yearbook Editor's** report was given by Scott F. MacGregor. Scott said that Lori had a new laptop computer and was ready to charge. Lori's report indicated that some photos she received made substandard copies when scanned. When sending her e-mails, please break down articles, reports, and other items into individual submissions. Once again, please submit reports, articles or pictures with a subject line consisting of Name, Title or Member, and the subject of the message. No changes were made to the report and it was received for the file.

The **Librarian's** report was given by Steve Grier. During his lengthy report, Steve went into great detail about the General Marshall Magruder Library (MML) located at the University of Baltimore. The MML consists of two distinct elements: (1) cataloged books available for circulation or local library on-site use; and (2) processed and unprocessed materials, e.g. genealogical charts, correspondence, photographs, registration documents, and financial records. The climate controlled storage unit in Kennett Square, PA is used to store the surplus supply of yearbooks, dating from 1909 to present, as well as other duplicate archival materials and books.

After his report, Steve talked about Tom Hollowak and Aiden Faust making a Power-Point presentation at next years General Meeting. He wants to reduce the number of yearbooks currently in storage in PA and will mail a yearbook to anyone requesting one for \$13.50 which includes handling and shipping. Steve gave background material about the original

war banners (WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam) which will be stored at the library; Scott will have possession of replica banners which can be displayed by interested parties.

A **Trustees** report was given by Joseph C. Tichy. The trustees manage and invest the funds of the society. Given the volatility that the market has seen this year, the value of our assets has fallen from \$300,000 to \$200,000. Joe said that our dividends remain good and that the Society is invested in solid companies. We have a good portfolio and we can expect the market to recover in the future.

The **Scholarship's** report was given by Joe Tichy; Susan being at Heinz Castle in Scotland for a detailed creative writing experience. There were five recipients of the Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund and one from separate funds provided by a donor. There were no freshman awards made this year. The basic scheme for awards are first made to clan members that are recommended by the Society, followed by other persons of Scottish descent and then as awarded by the college based upon individual applications and need for financial aid.

The **Assistant Chieftain's** report was given by Scott MacGregor. He acknowledged his work and cooperation with William Tyler and the interface he has with Lois Ann Garlitz, Howard Grossnickle, and the other Officers of the Society. Scott reported on the details of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering in Charlottesville, VA and the present availability of 125 rooms awaiting confirmation of the dates of the Gathering until late January, 2009. Sandy asked about the possibility of adding a fourth day to this upcoming Gathering. The extra day might be used for the MML PowerPoint presentation, a story telling session with Clan Bard - Mr. Paraig MacNeil, a DNA presentation by Professor Richard MacGregor, and an additional evening event.

The **Newsletter Editor** was not available to give his report. The Chieftain requested a hand for his hard working officers. He talked about the newsletter's publication (four issues per year) and how it needs to have more submissions from all quarters. There was a blanket motion to receive the previously mentioned reports by Dan Megehee, seconded by Fred Magruder; the motion carried.

Our Chieftain made endearing remarks about the City of Chattanooga and asked Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor to come forward. He presented the couple with a unique birdhouse to remember their visit to the area. Thad noted that it required some assembly, but, fortunately, does not require batteries in order to operate.

A report concerning the status of the By-laws and Procedures Manual was given by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. The work to split the By-laws into two separate elements has been in progress for two years now. Sandy wishes to convene the committee, possibly in March, in order to go over the documents line by line and have something to present to the General meeting next year for a vote.

Howard Grossnickle brought the attendees up to date on the progress toward approval of the society's request for a Corporate Grant of Arms. The petition is in the capable hands of the Chairman of the Heraldry Society, Mr. Romilly Squire. We hope to complete the process prior to either the 2009 International Gathering or our own General Meeting slated for next fall. Sir Malcolm stated that we need to make certain the new By-Laws contain the correct wording in Article XII, Section B Coat of Arms.

The slate of officers for the coming year was announced by Scott F. MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain. The nominees are:

Hereditary Chief	Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Baronet
ACGS Chieftain ...	Thaddeus G. Osborne,
Ranking Deputy Chieftain	Ronald A. McGregor,
Scribe ...	Donald A. Gregg
Registrar ...	Lois Ann Garlitz
Treasurer ...	Howard Grossnickle
Librarian ...	Steven C. Grier
Yearbook Editor ...	Lori A. Connery
Chancellor ...	Diana Browne
Chaplain ...	Donald W. Gregg
Historian ...	Lillian Magruder
Trustee ...	John Grier.
Piper ...	Randall Zimmerman
Surgeon ...	Dr. Thomas M. McNish

There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made to approve the slate of officers by Dan Megehee and was seconded Fred Magruder. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

Scott F. MacGregor had been appointed to be the Assistant Chieftain for the following year during the Council Meeting.

There is some work being done on the Grierson Home site in Scotland. Sir Malcolm was not aware of any details concerning the project. Apparently some sketchy information is available on the internet.

Sir Malcolm gave a brief rundown of Clan Gregor membership through out the world including the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, South Africa, and the Philippines.

With no further business from the Council, the motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the Chieftain declared the general meeting adjourned at 1120 AM.

Respectively submitted,

*Donald Gregg*

Donald A. Gregg  
ACGS Scribe 2007-2008



## **DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS MEETING**

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

99<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Chattanooga, TN  
25 October 2008

#### **Attendees, Officers:**

Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain  
Scott F. MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain  
Ronald A. McGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain  
Donald A. Gregg, Scribe

#### **State Deputies:**

Lois Ann Garlitz – Utah  
Edward Gregor, Jr. - New York  
Howard Grossnickle - Wisconsin & Iowa  
Fred A. Magruder - South Carolina  
Thaddeus G. Osborne – Tennessee  
Nolan S. Sanders – Kentucky  
R. Jean MacGregor Simon – Alabama  
Randolph Walker - Texas (Southern)

Peter Gregg – Delaware  
John A. Grier - Maryland  
Scott F. MacGregor - Virginia  
L. Dan Megehee, Jr. - Mississippi  
Maggie Sanderfield - Illinois  
Ronald Shankland - Michigan  
Carol Spitznagle - Florida (Southern)

#### **Special Guest:**

Ishbel McGregor, Secretary of the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland

The State Deputy Chieftain's meeting was called to order by RDC Ron McGregor at 11:30, Saturday, the 25th of October in the Plaza A meeting room of the Marriott Convention Center Hotel, Chattanooga, TN.

In his remarks thanking the SDCs for their continued support of our Society, he reminded them that they represent the "front ranks" of the American Clan Gregor Society. They are normally the first point of contact for future members and, therefore, can make the first and most lasting impression on these individuals. Please note that the first meeting has the potential of eliciting a keen interest in our society and their Clan Gregor heritage.

Ron discussed the two volume set of CD's produced by Howard Grossnickle. These CDs contain a tremendous amount of information about our Clan Gregor heritage specifically and Scottish heritage in general. Ron still has a few sets of the CDs for those SDCs that have not received a set. There is no cost for the CDs. He also brought the SDC Handbook that he had assembled while serving as the SDC for Colorado. He had these two volumes available during the Gathering for SDCs to review.

The RDC further reminded the SDCs that the tapestry depicting Sir Malcolm is available for loan to them for display at their Clan Gregor tents at the various highland games. Copies of

the ACGS brochure can be requested from him as well. Ron said that some pipe bands have adapted the MacGregor Tartan as uniform; if anyone has a photo of units wearing our tartan, please send him a copy.

Ron was sad to report the resignation of Donald W. Gregg, SDC for Georgia and James B. MacGregor, SDC for Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia. Neither person was able to attend this year's Gathering, but Ron commended them for their many years of service as SDCs. We eagerly look forward to their continued support of our Society.

Ron announced that although he had not received all of the State Deputies annual reports, those he had received were of excellent quality. He asked that those in attendance that had not submitted their reports to please do so right away but not later than November 2nd. He also commented on several of the SDCs annual reports, namely those of Michael Greer, SDC - West Virginia; Don Lynd, SDC - Arizona; Dan Megehee, SDC - Mississippi; Ron Shankland, SDC - Michigan; Nolan Sanders, SDC - Kentucky; Howard Grossnickle, SDC - Iowa & Wisconsin; Thaddeus B. Gregg, SDC - Pennsylvania.

The final agenda item for this meeting was the implementation of what Ron hopes will become an annual tradition, the presentation a Scottish Broadsword to one of the SDCs in attendance. The sword blade is engraved on one side "The American Clan Gregor Society" and on the other side the lower half of the blade is engraved "State Deputy Chieftain" leaving space above the inscription to have either the individuals name or the region they represent engraved. Ms Ishbel McGregor, a visiting member of Council of the Clan Gregor Society (Scotland), was asked to draw the lucky name. The winner of the first State Deputy's sword was Jean Simon, SDC - Alabama.

Lois Ann Garlitz reported that we have twenty-eight potential new members in the pipeline and requested relevant SDCs or other local society members make an attempt to contact these persons and see if they can use assistance with their application.

Howard described a walk-up table drape (double sided and washable) available to the society to enhance display tables at highland games for a 50 percent discount. State Deputies can e-mail him with their requirements and preferences of color, etc.

Thaddeus said that reimbursement requests up to the \$100 cap should be sent directly to Ron for approval and forwarding to the treasurer.

Ron concluded the meeting at 12:07 and sent the crew off to a welcome lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donald Gregg*

Donald A. Gregg

ACGS Scribe 2007-2008



## **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN**

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

99<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Chattanooga, TN

23-25 October 2008

Another year has come and gone with never a dull moment in between. This past year has been a productive one on a number of fronts with the following items being undertaken and many accomplished:

- The timely printing, envelope stuffing, and mailing of the Dues/Pledges Notices, the Spring Letter, and the Gathering Letter.
- The submittal of the three newsletter issues, the membership directory, and the yearbook (a little late but well worth the wait).
- Worked towards locating those members whose mail was returned by the USPS due to a change of address. Only a small fraction of these lost members have gone unfound.
- Visited with representatives of Randolph College and obtained their consensus towards giving priority to scholarship recipients who are recommended by our society.
- Worked with Bill Tyler to improve the membership database by added the following capabilities:
  - Ability to easily output the comments enter by our treasurer when the dues and pledges are received.
  - Ability to identify those members that are in arrears with their dues. Several summary reports.
  - Ability added to capture participants participating in the annual Gatherings and output of this information.
  - Ability to extract information towards recognition of our member's years with the society.
  - Ability to output listings of members by state, counts of members per state, etc.

Our database is a wonderful tool and over the past couple of years has come to provide even greater support in the daily efforts of my position as Assistant Chieftain. While a database is a great tool for collecting information, it's only as good as the information entered, and of little use if you're unable to extract the data



in a usable format. Bill thanks for your promptness in responding to my needs with the database enhancements.

I extend my thanks to all those members who throughout the year have responded to my numerous queries for contact information so that our new membership directory could be as complete as possible.

My thanks also go out to those State Deputy Chieftains who worked this summer to validate the addresses of those members within their state.

- Worked with our registrar towards obtaining information in locating the “lost souls” members and capturing the necessary member dates in the database. When identified member relationships are placed in the comments section of the database for easy reference. Some insight was provided with the possible scanning of registration applications.
- Worked closely with our librarian and treasurer towards getting the Library Archivist project off the ground to improve the cataloging of our non-book collection and provide better access to this exceptional resource of our society that covers the past 100 years.

Further assisted our librarian towards bring out to our Gatherings some of the treasures that can be found in our non-book collection. A prime example of this is the Veteran’s flags that are on display this weekend.

- Like numerous other Council members I provided some limited support to our treasurer in his magnificent handling of our tax-deductable status with the IRS being reinstated for donations to the Charity & Education Fund.
- I’ve taken on the effort to digitize our nearly 100 years of yearbooks, having completed 5 early issues to date. More on this project to be presented during the genealogy meeting on Saturday afternoon.
- Numerous articles were provided to our newsletter editor throughout the year.
- Towards membership and mailings, our last newsletter went out to 619 members across the United States and 6 members in Canada and overseas.
- Handled the duties of organizing this year’s Gathering here in Chattanooga. It couldn’t have been done without the superb assistance provided by the local representatives Thaddeus G. Osborne and R. Jean Simon.

A committee meeting was held in February in Charlottesville with a dozen representatives present. We identified a number of areas to further pursue in organizing our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering.

- Throughout the year as it was learned that one of our members had passed away I worked to obtain an obituary for the individual and provided it to our historian. During a recently discussion with our registrar it was noted that these obituaries when provided to her are placed in our members folder to provide some closure.
- One of my future endeavors is to address the concern of members who are in arrears with their dues. It not fair to our paying members to have these individuals

receiving the newsletter for free. With the new summary reports provided by Bill I'm able to identify numbers; there are 73 members who last paid in 2004, 28 members who last paid in 2005, and 38 members who last paid in 2006. That reflects 139 members who are over two year in arrears in their dues and still receiving the newsletter.

Another summary report reflects the number of dues notices sent out for the year and how many remain not paid. On average 416 dues notices have been sent out per year over the past six years. On average 151 members do not respond per year over the six year period excluding 2008. These numbers are slightly inflated as some members convert to life membership, others pay later, and unfortunately others have passed away that we were not aware of beforehand.

Throughout the year I've worked to promptly respond to all inquiries received via e-mail or phone. It's been wonderful hearing from everyone and I hope I've been able to satisfactorily resolve whatever concerns there were.

So as you can see I've had a busy year working for the betterment of our society and our many members.

While accomplishing much over this past year, including planning for the Gathering, I believe my biggest achievement has been working in support of my fellow council members and assisting our society members at large. I look to continuing in this supporting role over the next year.

Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450  
mcgregr@verizon.net  
Assistant Chieftain 2008





## **REPORT OF THE** **RANKING DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN**

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

99<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Chattanooga, TN

23-25 October 2008

Ronald McGregor, 14505 E. Pacific Place, Aurora, Colorado 80014

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Our State Deputy Chieftains continue to be our front line forces in making first contact with the men and women of our extended clan. In 2007, we added six new State Deputies. Last year we added two more bringing us up to thirty-one State Deputy Chieftain positions filled. In 2009, we are looking at the possibility of adding four more. These men and women have been doing an outstanding job. As the new SDCs get more comfortable in their duties and with our support we should be able to look forward to increased growth in our society.

Communications among our State Deputies has been commendable. As RDC, I have received and/or sent hundreds of SDC emails during the past twelve months and many phone calls. Since our last Gathering, the SDC Policy and Procedures was finally approved becoming the first ACGS P & P. This year, the tapestry of Sir Malcolm was displayed in six of our clan tents, which I understand was well received. The tapestry will continue to be available on loan next year to the SDCs. At this year's SDC meeting, one SDC will taking home a beautiful Scottish broadsword. One side of the blade is engraved "The American Clan Gregor Society". The lower half of the other side of the blade is engraved "State Deputy Chieftain" leaving room above for either their name or their state to be engraved. I hope this might become an annual event.

There are still a few of the two volume Clan Gregor informational CD package available. This very informative work was prepared by Howard Grossnickle. I distributed sets of these CDs to those SDCs that requested them at last year's SDC meeting.

Last weekend I attended the Stone Mountain Highland Games where Clan Gregor was the "honored clan" and Sir Malcolm was the "honored guest". Lady MacGregor accompanied Sir Malcolm and we were able to join the Clan Armstrong (Lady MacGregor's clan) in welcoming our two esteemed visitors from Scotland. Also traveling from Scotland to represent the Clan Gregor Society were two members of their council Ishbel McGregor (along with her sister) and Guy McGregor (along with his wife). Representing the ACGS were our Chieftain Thad Osborne, Assistant Chieftain Scott MacGregor, SDC for Georgia Donald W. Gregg, and myself.

I look forward to continue working with our fine cadre of State Deputies and will endeavor to offer our SDCs as much support as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald A. McGregor  
Ranking Deputy Chieftain.

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

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

### **AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC. STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP THE ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE NORMAL END OF THE FISCAL YEAR REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON 30 SEPTEMBER, 2008. I BELIEVE THAT ALL ACCOUNTS PRESENTED ARE ACCURATE WITH THE EXCEPTION FOR THE GATHERING RESERVATION DEPOSITS, AND CHECKS NOT CLEARED UNTIL AFTER CLOSE OF THE SEPTEMBER STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS. I DID NOT ADD ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO THE REPORT, BUT I HAVE PRESENTED PRESENT ACCOUNT STATEMENTS AS INDICATED BELOW:

Wells Fargo Bank,  
Consumer Banking Small Business  
MAC N9829-011

<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Account Number</u></b>	<b><u>Acct. Balance</u></b>	
		<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>
1. General Fund Checking Account	305-0425796	\$ 29,286.30	\$ 39,352.93
2. General Fund Savings Account	305-0425812	\$ 2,285.87	\$ 2,290.33
3. Peg Tichy Memorial Fund	719-3125247	\$ 9,796.60	\$ 9,855.85
4. Marshall Magruder Library Fund	719-3125239	\$ 2,005.79	\$ 2,017.28
5. Charity & Education Fund	719-3125254	\$ 27,147.47	\$ 32,102.94
6. Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund	719-3125221	\$ 2,407.09	\$ 2,420.88
Total WF cash Balance 9/30/2008		\$ 72,929.12	\$ 88,040.21
Total brokers Xpress Portfolio Equity		\$368,214.04	\$249,372.12
Total WF Cash Balance Dividends and Interest		<u>\$ 72,929.12</u>	<u>\$ 88,040.21</u>
Total Net Worth		\$441,143.16	\$337,412.33
Total brokersXpress Portfolio (Unrealized Profit/Loss)			

2007-8 Market Value \$249,372.12, loss of value of (-\$118,841.92) Est. Annual Income \$28,108.04  
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. The Trustees decided to maintain all accounts with BrokersXpres, El Paso, TX. 79913-0630 to maintain the Investment Management team with brokersXpress for this reporting period.

Howard R. Grossnickle  
Treasurer ACGS

## **2008 REPORT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Nolan Sanders, Joe Tichy, & Susan Tichy**

This year the Society awarded six scholarships—five from the Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund, and one from separate funds provided by a donor. With this additional help, we were able to award six \$1500 scholarships, and we hope you will join us in congratulating the recipients.

Three of our Blunt scholars are impressive young women scientists—

Laura Megehee is a junior at the Douglass College of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. She is a member of the Douglass Scholars program and of Project SUPER, a program for women in science who are interested in research. Laura's major is Cell Biology and Neuroscience, and she plans to continue her work through the PhD. Outside academics, Laura is an accomplished pianist, and active in choral and theater groups, taking part each summer in a musical production to raise money for children's medical bills.

Laura Pritchard, a new member of the society, is the granddaughter of Charles and Marian Skinner. She is a junior at Binghamton University, pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences with a minor in Anthropology. She is active in student organizations and at the Student Volunteer Center, and hopes to pursue a career in Forensics.

Liza Sonnenberg's name is familiar to us all, as this is her third Blunt scholarship. Liza, who is the daughter of Lizz Sonenberg and the granddaughter of John Baldwin Magruder, Jr., is an Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia, where she is now a junior with a 3.9 grade point average. When we last heard from her she had just applied for the interdisciplinary distinguished majors program in Human Biology, a program in which science and humanities are integrated. Liza also is active in student government, and as a volunteer both within and beyond the medical field. She has begun EMT training, is a ski instructor for the physically handicapped, and last year made a trip to Louisiana to help rebuild houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Eliza is one of two young members of the society who hope some day to apply for another of the ACGS scholarships—the Edward May Magruder Scholarship at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Our fourth scholar is Allison Brinkerhoff, daughter of Stephanie Auld Brinkerhoff and granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Auld of Charlottesville. She is a senior at De Paul University, where she is studying art and elementary education, as well as broad range of subjects in the humanities. Allison chose DePaul for its emphasis on social justice and volunteerism, and she has been active in literacy programs, in her sorority's philanthropic committee, and in Amnesty International. After graduation, she hopes to teach in a high-need area, either here in the U.S. or abroad.

Our two remaining scholars are working toward Associates' Degrees.

Shannon MacGregor, another new member of the society, is the granddaughter of John MacGregor of Florida. She attends Daytona Beach Community College and hopes to work in Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy.

Jamie Grover is the daughter of Scott MacGregor. She is taking courses at Kaplan University Online, preparing to be a medical assistant. She is also the mother of a two year-old son. Her husband is on active duty at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The Harry and Edith Blunt scholarships may be used at any institution of higher learning, and are available to members and their children. In previous years, these scholarships were available only to children of members entering college for the first time. Under new guidelines adopted last year those applicants still receive preference, but the committee will also consider applications from adult members entering or returning to school, and from prior scholarship recipients who wish to receive funds for a second year. Available funds and numbers of scholarships may vary from year to year, but it is the intention of the committee that awards not fall below \$1000.

This year, none of our qualifying applicants were freshmen, so we'd like to ask again that members spread the word about availability of these scholarships. We also ask applicants to be mindful of the April 1 deadline. We had a large problem this year with late and incomplete applications, which make for a lot of extra work for the committee. The application process is relatively simple and all details can be found on the ACGS web site, where you can also find Susan Tichy's email address, in case you have questions.

This year the committee and Council members also worked to clarify the status of other scholarships funded by the society, for students at the University of Virginia and at Randolph College.

Largest of these are the Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarships, awarded annually to students at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Recipients are selected in keeping with the need-based award policies established by the School of Medicine; however, ACGS members, children of members, or others who have lineage to the Clan Gregor, and who demonstrate need, will be given first preference for these awards. In late 2007 principal for this fund was approaching \$900,000, with about \$30,000 of interest available each year for scholarships. Since UVA caps scholarships at around \$16,000, this is sufficient to fund at least two ASGS students at one time—an important point because we currently have two young members who are interested in applying in the near future.

To apply for a scholarship, an applicant should follow all normal procedures for applying to the Medical School and for Financial Aid. Magruder scholarships are awarded as part of complete aid packages put together by the financial aid office and cannot be awarded directly from the ACGS. However, to receive preference as a MacGregor, applicants do need to request a recommendation from ACGS, and that request must be received by us no later than February 15 in order for us to meet UVA's deadlines. More details are on the ACGS web site.

Also, through the combined efforts of Ron MacGregor and Scott MacGregor, we now have a better understanding with Randolph College that MacGregor applicants, should there be any, will receive preference for our scholarships there.

From Susan Tichy,

## **REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR**

(listing new members or other changes in membership status between the 2007 Gathering at Valley Forge and the 2008 Gathering in Chattanooga, Tennessee, plus some catch up from 2007. Also, if you should notice a discrepancy, please notify the Registrar)

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**#2845 HARRISON, Dr. Helene Westbrook**, 1316 Woodlawn, Lockhart, TX 78644; she the wife of Dr. George Homer Harrison; she the daughter of Oscar Barney Westbrook and Margaret M. McGhee; she the daughter of Henry Warren McGhee and Emma Keyser; he the son of Henry A. McGhee and Jane Warren; he the son of Merriman McGhee and Elizabeth Sims (Harvill?); he the son of Joseph McGhee and (unknown); he the son of Benjamin McGhee and (unknown); he the son of James McGhee and Rebecca Prewitt; he the son of William MackGehee and Mary Carr?; he the son of James McGregor and (unknown); he the son of Patrick McGregor and (unknown); he the son of Duncan McGregor and (unknown).

**#2846 LATIMER, Juliette Gregg**, 123 Arch St., Ramsey, NJ 07446; she the wife of Richard Orville Latimer (ACGS #2847A); she the daughter of William Kirker Gregg (ACGS #2557) and Louise Lydecker.

**#2847A LATIMER, Richard Orville**, 123 Arch St., Ramsey, NJ 07446; he the husband of Juliette Gregg Latimer (ACGS #2846).

**#2848A MCGREGOR, M. Christine**, 11 Oak Hills Drive, Clinton, CT 06413; she the wife of Donald N. McGregor (ACGS #1957LM).

**#2849 BOSCH, Julius Milton**, 3432 Crestview Way, Napa, CA 94558-5328; he the son of Milton K. D. Bosch (ACGS #2743) and Elizabeth Anne Walker (ACGS #2850A).

**#2850A BOSCH, Elizabeth Anne Walker**, 3432 Crestview Way, Napa, CA 94558-5328; she the wife of Milton K. D. Bosch (ACGS #2743)

**#2851 McADAMS, Thomas Robert**, 327 Berkshire Drive, London, Ontario, Canada N6J3R5; he the husband of Lisa DeMerchant; he the son of Robert McAdams and Barbara Golembuski; he the son of Robert McAdams, Sr. and Evelyn Tetrow; he the son of John McAdams and Jeanette Black; he the son of William McAdams and (unknown).

**#2852 GREGG, John Francis**, 4170 Shearwater Way, Southport, NC 28461-8423; he the son of Charles Stone Gregg (ACGS #2313) and Patricia Joanne Hagerty.

**#2853 DENNISON, Dr. Herbert Eugene**, 116 Elson Ave., Hendersonville, NC 28739; he the husband of Joan Ethel Koorndyk; he the son of Herbert Elwood Dennison and Marjorie Ruth Lanfear; he the son of Hector Kelly Dennison and Hannah Elwood Jones; he the son of Alexander Dennison and Margaret Kelly; he the son of Thomas Dennison and Mary Ross; he the son of William Dennison and Mary McLaughlin.

**#2854 GRIFFITH, Dennis Sean**, 1251 Brighton Drive, Hollister, CA 95023; he the son of Johnny Lynn Griffith and Carol Yeargain Griffith Tomlinson; she the daughter of Calvin Leon Yeargain and Gladys White; she the daughter of Charles Hugh White and Pearl Esther Oliver; he the son of Flavious Stapleton White and Sarah Middleton; he the son of James White and Margaret Holton.

**#2855 McGREGOR, Harry E.**, 193 LaRosa Road, Long Beach, MS 39560; he the husband of June A. Cross; he the son of Harry E. McGregor and Kathryn Hill; he the son of Harry E. McGregor and Elizabeth A. Morris; he the son of Duncan McGregor and Cora M. Pike; he the son of Robert McGregor and Ellen Mackey.

**#2856A McGREGOR, June A.**, 193 LaRosa Road, Long Beach, MS 39560; she the wife of Harry E. McGregor (ACGS #2855).

**#2857 GREER, Dodd Lacy**, 265 West 1650 South, Payson, UT 84651; he the husband of Annalyn Lawrence; he the son of Irl Calvin Greer, Sr. and Virginia Lee Lowery; he the son of Dodd Lacy Greer and Wilmerth Hazel Butler; he the son of Lacy Greer and Lydia Minerva Harris; he the son of Thomas Lacy Greer and Catherine Ellen Camp; he the son of Nathaniel Hunt Greer and Nancy Ann Terry Roberts; he the son of John David Greer and Sarah Hunt; he the son of Thomas Greer and Jane Dunlap; he the son of Thomas W. Greer and Rachel Sarah Morton.

**#2858 GILBERT, Christopher Warren**, 5870 Franklin Ave. #201, Hollywood, CA 90028; he the son of David Warren Gilbert (ACGS #22356) and Margaret Ann Becker.

**#2859 GILBERT, Matthew David**, 5870 Franklin Ave. #201, Hollywood, CA 90028; he the son of David Warren Gilbert (ACGS #22356) and Margaret Ann Becker.

**#2860 PRITCHARD, Laura Kathryn**, 29 Armory Street, Ilion, NY 13357; she the daughter of Gregg Edward Pritchard and Donna Jean Skinner; she the daughter of Charles LeRoy Skinner (ACGS #2661) and Marion Joan Storandt (ACGS #2672A).

**#2861 DENNISON, Carl Eugene**, 5600 Old US 421 E., East Bend, NC 27018; he the husband of Lou Ann McCollum; he the son of Dr. Herbert Eugene Dennison (ACGS #2853) and Joan Ethel Koorndyk.

**#2862 DENNISON, Eric Jon**, 624 Woodruff Parkway, Leeds, AL 35094; he the husband of Susan Alayne Hawkins; he the son of Dr. Herbert Eugene Dennison (ACGS #2853) and Joan Ethel Koorndyk.

**#2863 DENNISON, Thomas Samuel**, 312 Ogden Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792; he the husband of Lisa Guice; he the son of Dr. Herbert Eugene Dennison (ACGS #2853) and Joan Ethel Koorndyk.

**#2864 CONDIT, James Anthony, Jr.**, 9100 Highway 290 East, Ste. 100, Austin, TX 78754; he the husband of Michelle Wiley; he the son of James Anthony Condit and Carole Richardson (ACGS #2812).



**#2865 BRINKERHOFF, Allison Gorman Auld**, 8683 East D. Ave., Richland MI 49083; she the daughter of Robert Okie Brinkerhoff and Stephanie Auld (ACGS #2689).

**#2866 BRINTON, Greg Charles**, 2525 Court Ave., Baker City, OR 97814; he the husband of Patricah Pfel; he the son of Byron C. Brinton and Roberta Wright; he the son of Robert L. Wright and Anna Burr; she the daughter of George Burr and Mary A. King; she the daughter of James C. King and Annie Grieg.

**#2867 HOPKINS, Arlene Agnes McGregor**, 5501 Turkeyfoot Lane, Manhattan, KS 66503; she the wife of Theodore Louis Hopkins; she the daughter of Donald Leighton McGregor and Emma Jane Burnett; he the son of John McGregor and Mary Louise Tuttle; he the son of Duncan McGregor and Agness Hoggan; he the son of John McGregor and Mary Ellen Stirling; he the son of Duncan McGregor and Helen McPherson; he the son of Duncan McGregor and Ann Cameron.

**#2868 PRICE, Mark Thomas**, 7801 Stonewall Drive, Amelia, VA 23002; he the son of Ronald Wayne Price and Rosemary Thomas; he the son of Alvin Noe Price and Edna Elizabeth Williams; she the daughter of Radford Walker Williams and Alice Elizabeth Elnora Baldwin; he the son of Walter Dean Williams and Mary S. Woodson; he the son of Thomas Dean Williams II and Malinda Wood Covington; he the son of Thomas Dean Williams Sr. and Mary Tucker Black; she the daughter of James Black and Mary Irvine; he the son of James Black and Sarah (unknown); he the son of John Black and Isabel Elizabeth Catherine Brown; he the son of James Black and Eleanor (unknown); he the son of John Ian Black and (unknown).

**#2869 WALKER, Richard Randolph**, 662 Grove Ave., Imperial Beach, CA 91932; he the son of Randolph William Walker (ACGS #2587) and Luz Esther Rodriguez.

**#2870A McADAMS, Lisa**, 327 Berkshire Dr., London, Ontario, Canada N6J3RS; she the wife of Thom McAdams (ACGS#2851)

**#2871 SULIMOWICZ, Gladys Susan Gragg**, 442 South State St. #66, Clearfield, UT 84015; she the wife of Stanley Wayne Sulimowicz; she the daughter of James Harlan Edward Gragg and Virginia Sue Teague; he the son of Rudy Harlan Gragg and Gladys Viola Boice; he the son of Chester Franklin Gragg and Sally Sara McMath; he the son of Silvertes "Vess" Gragg and Julia Mae Reynolds; he the son of Thomas Malcolm Myron Gragg and Nancy Crow.

**#2872 KILLAM, Rebecca Anne**, 1207 Neely Ave., Midland, Texas 79705; she the daughter of David Thomas Killam (ACGS #1651LM) and Eleanor Anne Hawthorne.

**#2873 DARROW, Joshua Robert**, 282 Plumb Road, Poland, NY 13431; he the son of Randolph Edward Darrow and Carla Marie Skinner (ACGS #2834).

**#2874 OSBORNE, Elizabeth Mecklin Magruder**, 408 West Berry Ave., Foley, AL 36535; she the wife of James Stanley Osborne; she the daughter of Augustin Freeland Magruder II, (ACGS #544) and Helena Ingram.

**#2875 GREER, Harvey Alden, Jr.**, 146 Killoran Dr., New Castle, DE 19720; he the son of Harvey Alden Greer and Martha Clara Myers; he the son of Chester Greer and Maisy Farmer; he the son of Emmit Greer and Rinda C.; he the son of Eli Greer and Lovina Pugh; he the son of John Calvin Greer and Martha (unknown); he the son of Shadrack Marshall Greer and Elizabeth Walling; he the son of William Greer and Sarah Freeland; he the son of William Greer and Mary Ann Fitch.

**#2876 GREGG, Christopher Hardin**, 8301 Autumn Dr., Georgetown, IN 47122; he the son of Joel Hardin Gregg (ACGS #2801) and Tammy Lynn Gregg.

**#2877 THOMS, Paula Jean**, 2120 E. Daley Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85024; she the daughter of Walter Rudolph Thoms, Jr. and Frances Evelyn Paul (ACGS #1583); she the daughter of Francis Jennings Paul and Evelyn Valinda Lewis (ACGS #1670).

**#2878 WATTS, Alyce Osborne**, 3252 Green Farm Trail, Dacula, GA 30019; she the wife of Timothy J. Watts; she the daughter of James Stanley Osborne and Elizabeth Magruder Osborne (ACGS #2874).

**#2879 BURTIS, Vida Ann Walker**, 196 Buckingham Drive, Kyle, TX 78640; she the wife of John Burtis; she the daughter of Randolph William Walker (ACGS #2587) and Luz Esthel Rodriguez.

**#2880 McGREGOR, Shannon Heather**, c/o John C. McGregor, 303 Cherrywood Lane, Edgewater, FL 32132; she the daughter of George McGregor and Nancy Slemp; he the son of John C. McGregor (ACGS #2379) and Ena Blackwood (ACGS #2742A).

#### Convert to LIFE MEMBER

**#2829 LAWS, Crane Dunbar**; Hanover, MD

**#2354LM MacGREGOR, JAMES B.**, Fairfax, VA

**#2819LM MEGEHEE, Laura Elizabeth**; Bloomfield, NJ

**#2821LM MEGEHEE, Raymond Gregory**, Bassfield, MS

New JUNIOR MEMBERS (# indicates the year they turn 18 years of age)

**#2024J BENEDICT-TILLMAN, Cayden**, Gainesville, FL. His sponsor is his grandfather, Gary Clarence Benedict (ACGS #2786).

**#2009J KILLAM, Austin**, Midland, Texas. His sponsor is his father, David Thomas Killam (ACGS #1651LM).

**#2025J KRUIDENIER, Liam**, Phoenix, AZ. His sponsor is his grandmother, Paula Jean Thoms (ACGS #2877).

**#2009J PRICE, Joshua Mark**; Amelia, VA. His sponsor is his father, Mark Thomas Price (ACGS #2868).

REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2008

**#2689 BRINKERHOFF, Stephanie**; Richland, MS

**#2476 GUNDERSON, Susan**; Brooksville, FL

**#2391 JONES, Lonnie**; Pensacola, FL

**#2740 HAZUCHA, Eleanor Linkey**; Milton, FL

**#2494 HOUSE, Lessie**; Metairie, LA

**#2721 KING, David Richard**; Charlottesville, VA

**#1057 POLLARD, Dr. William F.**, Georgetown, KY

**#1684 TINDALL, Ann Magruder**, Macon, MS

**#2641 WALKER, Anthony**; Chandler, NC

CATCHING UP (previously unreported membership status)

New Junior in 2007 - **#2013J OSBORNE, Thaddeus II**; Berkley Springs, WV. His sponsor is his uncle, Thaddeus G. Osborne (ACGS# 1929LM).

REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2007

**#2588 COREY, Linda Clark**; Cave Junction, OR

**#1922 GREGG, Paul Laurent**; Raleigh, NC

**#1862 MAGRUDER, George Brock, Sr.**; Winter Park, FL

**#2455 MINER, Dr. Frederick Parker Craig**; Boone, NC

**#1057 POLLARD, William F.**; Georgetown, KY

**#2302 WHITE, Norman Edward II**; Oakland, CA

**#2269 WHITE, Susan**; Moraga, CA

**#2303 WHITE, William Pixley**; San Francisco, CA

## **REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN**

Lillian Magruder

Since the last Gathering of the Society in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in 2007 until the Gathering in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 2008, there have been reported five births, two marriages, ten deaths of members, and two deaths of relatives of members.

### **BIRTHS**

**STAVELEY**, McLain Kent, born September 8, 2006, son of Susan Wassell Staveley and Robin Staveley, and grandson of Elizabeth Field Wassell (Clan No. 2182) and John Randolph Wassell.

**McDONALD**, Eli Ian, born February 26, 2008, son of Amanda McGregor and Kevin McDonald and grandson of John and Ena McGregor (Clan No. 2379).

**GARLITZ**, Alexander Hugh, born April 21, 2008, son of Don and Lora Garlitz and grandson of Lois Ann Garlitz (Clan No. 2561LM).

**ALLRED**, Emma Jean, born June 17, 2008, daughter of Rebecca Garlitz Allred and Zen Allred, and granddaughter of Lois Ann Garlitz (Clan No. 2561LM).

**TIDWELL**, Patrick Willard, born March 10, 2008, son of Jennifer Montmeny Tidwell and Dalin Tidwell and grandson of Jane Montmeny (Clan No. 2808).

### **MARRIAGES**

#### **Bradshaw – Hohenstein**

Lori McNish Bradshaw and Wesley Hohenstein were married on December 3, 2006. Lori is the daughter of Dr. Thomas McNish (Clan No. 1764LM) and Yona McNish (Clan No. 2333A).

#### **Linkey – Hazucha**

Eleanor Linkey (Clan No. 2740) and Paul Hazucha were married on October 2, 2004, in Milton, Florida.

### **DEATHS OF MEMBERS**

**SKINNER**, Gerald R., Clan No. 2386LM, died on November 21, 2007.

**MAGRUDER**, Alexander Leonard Covington, Clan No. 1214LM, died on September 5, 2002.

**McGREGOR**, Robert Polk, Clan No. 1707, died on May 18, 2008, six weeks shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, in Birmingham, Alabama.

**BOONE**, Ms. Martha, Clan No. 1765LM, death date unknown.

**GREER**, Thomas Keister, Clan No. 2556, died on May 23, 2008.

**MUIRHEAD**, Stanley N., Jr., Clan No. 2592, died on March 1, 2008.

**BAILY**, William M., Clan No. 2776, died on July 5, 2008.

**MURDOCK**, John R., Clan No. 2506, died on July 26, 2008.

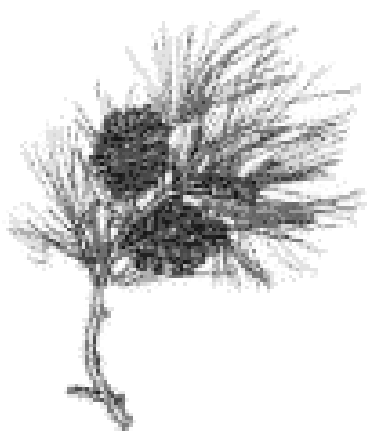
**MAGRUDER**, Warren B., Clan No. 2250, died on July 17, 2008.

**CRAIG**, Margaret Magruder, Clan No. 2151LM) died on April 24, 2008.

### **DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS**

**TOULMIN**, Martha Slason, wife of Dr. Priestley Toulmin, Clan No. 1405, died on January 4, 2008 at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C.

**COX**, Jeanette Sneath, mother of Lois Ann Garlitz (Clan No. 2561LM) and Jane Montmeny (Clan No. 2808), died on February 13, 2008.





# **MEMORIALS**

Obituary Jeanette Sneath Cox  
Submitted by Lois Ann Cox Garlitz

Our beloved matriarch, Jeanette Sneath Cox, age 93, peacefully slipped away from us at home on Wednesday February 13, 2008 to join her cowboy husband Don Cox.

She was born in Alameda, Saskatchewan, Canada on November 29, 1914 to parents Charles Alexander and Lois Rebecca McGregor Sneath. Her early years were spent in Canada where she trained to be a bank teller in Vancouver, later moving to Montana and then Wyoming where she met her future husband Don. After marriage in 1941, and after Don served in the cavalry during WWII, they raised their 3 daughters as a ranch couple, working at several ranches in northern Wyoming, Texas, and California.

Jeanette moved to Orem, Utah in 1994 after the death of her husband to be near their children and grandchildren. She enjoyed her fellowship at Orem Community Church, swimming at the Orem Recreation Center, and activities at the Orem Senior Center and with the Red Hat Society.



Jeanette Sneath Cox

Although she was not a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, she attended and participated in many MacGregor and other Scottish events with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Lois Ann Garlitz, Jane Montmeny, and Elizabeth Cox, 9 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990, 2 great grandchildren, and 3 siblings: Isobel Sneath Phillips in 2002, Donald McGregor Sneath in 1977, and William Alfred Sneath in 1943.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name at Sheridan County Library Foundation, 335 N. Alger, Sheridan, WY 82801 with proceeds earmarked for the Wyoming Room. Cremation had taken place, with a memorial service and final internment in Sheridan, Wyoming, next to her sweetheart, on July 10, 2008.

## **REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN**

OCTOBER 2008

The ACGS Librarian is responsible for the care and supervision of the General Marshall Magruder Memorial Library (MML) located at the Langsdale Library at the University of Baltimore and the yearbooks/archives stored in the climate controlled storage unit in Kennett Square, PA. The MML consists of two distinct elements: (1) cataloged books available for circulation or on-site use; and, (2) processed and unprocessed archival materials, e.g. genealogical charts, correspondence, photographs, registration documents, financial records. The climate controlled unit is used to store the surplus supply of yearbooks, dating from 1909 to present, as well as other duplicate archival materials and books.

### **MML**

This has been a year of great positive change for the MML. At last year's Gathering, I reported on the unsatisfactory condition of the archives stored at the MML. I requested the ACGS consider employing a part time Archivist to properly process and organize all of the archives contained in the MML. With the approval of the ACGS, a fundraising program was initiated to raise \$25,000 to hire a part time Archivist for a one year period. With donations from many ACGS members, the proceeds from the raffle at the 2007 Gathering and a donation from the ACGS, the \$25,000 goal was reached in short order. Many sincere thanks to all those who graciously gave to this important effort to preserve our history. I sent formal thank you cards to all contributors.

ACGS then transferred these funds to the University of Baltimore. The University was assigned the overall responsibility for this project, including the hiring and supervising of the part time Archivist. In May of 2008, this Librarian and Mr. Tom Hollowak, Head of Special Collections for the Langsdale Library and the ACGS liaison for the MML and Mr. Robert Shindle, Langsdale Special Collections Archivist reviewed resumes and interviewed numerous applicants for the Archivist position. As result of this process, Mr. Aiden Faust was selected for the position. Mr. Faust was selected because he has the relevant levels of education and experience to process the types of materials contained in the MML archives. Mr. Faust began work at the MML in July and works twenty hours per week. He first developed a written outline of the MML's history and then developed an extensive work and assessment plan which includes an organizational design for the archives. Mr. Faust submits detailed monthly reports on his progress to me. I have also made supervisory visits to the MML to discuss with Mr. Hollowak the quality of Mr. Faust's work.

Mr. Faust's contract will end in June 2009. It is fully expected the processing of the archives will be completed by this date. To aid in this process, the MML section of the ACGS web site was changed to indicate the MML archives are temporarily closed until completion of this project. The Langsdale Library web site was also changed to reflect this temporary closure. Accordingly, Mr. Faust will put in to place a new web page on the Langsdale Library site which details the content and organization of the MML archives. The ACGS web site, as well will be updated to reflect the changes made at the MML.



Many thanks to Mr. Hollowak for assuming the day to day tasks associated with the administration and supervision of this project.

## **CLIMATE CONTROLLED STORAGE UNIT**

### **-- Sale of Yearbooks/Archival Material**

In effort to recover the costs of renting the storage unit and to reduce the inventory of yearbooks, the ACGS now offers yearbook for sale. The cost of yearbook is \$13.50 and includes all mailing costs. Not all years are available. Interested purchasers should check with the Librarian to determine if a particular yearbook is in stock.

With the hiring of Mr. Faust, some the archival material being held in the storage unit was transferred to the MML for processing. These items included Gathering Programs, By-law booklets and membership directories.

### **-- ACGS War Veterans Banners**

The ACGS War banners commemorate those members or family of members who served or perished in World War I, World War II, Korean War or Viet Nam War. The banners are currently kept in the storage unit. The banners are in very poor and fragile condition. To prevent further deterioration, the banners were carefully repaired by my mother-in-law Mrs. Betty Haley. After this year's Gathering, the banners will be stored in protective boxes at the MML. Only person(s) approved by the ACGS Librarian or the Langsdale Special Collections Librarian will be allowed physically view the banners. Digital images of the banners, as well as history of the banners, will be available for the general public. To allow for the continued public display of the banners, I was able to have my brother, Mr. Brian Grier of *Bay Imagery*, create exact replicas. These replica banners are durable enough for public display and if lost or damaged could be easily reproduced because the artwork has been digitally stored. Great thanks are owed to Mrs. Haley and Mr. Grier for their contributions to preserving our heritage.

## **PATH FORWARD**

### **-- Call Numbers for the MML Books**

In last year's report, it was noted the ACGS and Langsdale websites provide little functionality for searching the contents of the MML book collection. This situation exists because the books in the MML were not given a uniquely identifiable "call number." Since much time and effort has been placed in getting the part time Archivist in place, I have delayed pursuing this matter. However, a plan for addressing this problem will be developed in the near future.

### **-- Our Missing History**

I, along with Mr. Faust, have identified the immediate need to locate and collect all relevant ACGS documents that maybe in the hands of ACGS members or families. There are

extensive chronological gaps in the ACGS archives. Now is the time to collect this material so Mr. Faust can properly process and organize the material. Gathering Programs, correspondence between officers, business reports, Gathering attendance information records are but a few of the items missing from the archives.

-- Internet access

To create better access ACGS archives, consideration should be given, at minimum to post the Yearbooks and Newsletter on the internet. Mr. Hollowak has indicated these items could be posted on the ACGS portion of the Langsdale Library website. The Yearbooks are the primary source material for researchers. Secondly, if agreed upon, this would allow for the possible phase out of the storage of excess Yearbooks. Having the Newsletter on the internet would provide members and the public up date information on ACGS activities and events.

-- Veterans Banners

Custody of the newly created Veterans Banners will be passed on to Mr. Scott MacGregor. I suggest a Committee be formed to authorize the creation of banner to recognize those members and family of members who have served in the War on Terrorism.

Respectfully submitted by:

Steven C. Grier  
Librarian

## **YEARBOOK EDITOR ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Yearbook Editor Report for 2007-2008**

Greetings and Salutations!

This year proved to be another challenging year.

This is due to many family challenges and computer issues. One fatal computer crash took everything with it!

With new laptop and external hard drive in hand for storage I am renewed with optimism for next year's edition. They say third times a charm, right?

Please see below for Revised Submission Guidelines for Year Book Articles/Reports:

- 1) **Deadline adjustment.** Most of the reports are already submitted for the gathering. And this will allow for less chance of conflicts with the newsletter deadlines.
- 2) **Photo submission.** I received a few copies of photos and the quality was very substandard when scanned.

The desired way to submit is via e-mail. If you have multiple reports please send them individually.

### **Revised: Submitting Photo's.**

When submitting photo's please be sure to include the name of the individuals in the photo's. Please list names from left to right and from back to front;

1) Here is an example:

- a. (Back row; L to R) John Wayne, Yule Brenner, Ronald Regan
- b. (Center Row L to R) Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Pluto

**\*\*Please note changes\*\***: If you do not have the photos on your computer, please send me the original! I can scan there into my computer. Please include your return address! Copies of originals are not high enough quality and come out grainy. Please DO NOT write on your photo. If you wish for a caption to be considered please list that on a separate piece of paper along with the names. (See above on how to list names.)

### **Revised: Deadlines:**

If you are unable to send me your reports/articles via email please be sure to have them to me via US Postal Mail by January 1<sup>st</sup>. This will ensure I have time to transcribe.

Please have Electronic submissions to me no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Submit to the following:

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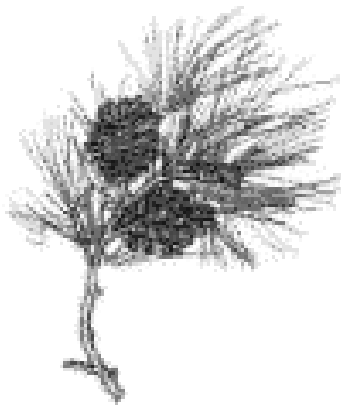
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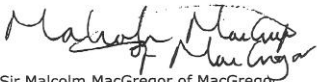
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ACGS State Deputy Chieftain, Minnesota



## **SIR MALCOM MACGREGOR OF MACGREGOR'S ACCEPTANCE AS THE SOCIETY'S HEREDITARY CHIEF**

Per Article VI, Section I of our Society's Bylaws, the Society must receive from the Hereditary Chief of the Clan Gregor in Scotland his acceptance to be the Hereditary Chief of the American Clan Gregor Society before the office can be filled. The below "fax" is Sir Malcolm's acceptance to the Society's request for him to be the Society's Hereditary Chief following the death of his father. This "fax" was received during the 2003 Annual Gathering in New Orleans and was read aloud to the attendees at the Saturday evening banquet. It is being recorded here for historical purposes.

15/10/2003 17:07	01576510305	MALCOLM MACGREGOR	PAGE 01
<p>Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor Irvine House, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire DG14 0XF, UK Tel : 01387 - 381817 Mobile: 07867 970180 Email: Malcolm_MacGregor@btinternet.com</p>			
<p>18th October 2003</p>			
<p>To: Mr. Jeffrey McGregor Chieftain American Clan Gregor Society The Embassy Suites New Orleans USA</p>			
<p>By Fax: 001-504-525-3437</p>			
<p>Dear Mr. McGregor,</p>			
<p>I have great pleasure in accepting the invitation of the American Clan Gregor Society to be Hereditary Chief.</p>			
<p>I am delighted that the relationship established between my grandfather and the American Clan Gregor Society in 1909, continued by my father, should now carry on through me.</p>			
<p>This is an honour for me, and the beginning of what I am sure will be a long and happy association with all members of the Society whether they be from the United States, Canada or Mexico.</p>			
<p>I wish you all the very best for a successful and enjoyable gathering in New Orleans this year.</p>			
<p>Yours sincerely,</p>			
<p></p>			
<p>Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor Baronet Chief of Clan Gregor</p>			
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## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2008 GATHERING**

### **Ninety-Ninth Gathering**

### **American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS)**

American Clan Gregor gathered for the ninety-ninth time at the Marriott Convention Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. At 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we began greeting old friends and making new ones when we went to the mezzanine floor to register and have a welcoming drink. Jane Montmeny and her sister Lois Ann Garlitz, distributed tickers for our upcoming events and directed our attention to a detailed genealogy of the Gregg family displayed on the registration table.

Early the next morning we had our first taste of southern hospitality when gift bags containing not only information about our host city but also bottles of Coca-Cola and Moon-Pies were delivered to our rooms. At 10:30 we entered buses bound for the Tennessee River where we boarded The Southern Belle for a cruise in search of fall colors. WE enjoyed a luncheon buffet while we listened to some great music which included golden oldies as well as blue-grass and even learned to line dance. The weather wasn't cooperative and we weren't able to stand outside very much but everyone commented that the fine rain and rolling hills made us feel that we were in the highlands of Scotland.

After the cruise, we traveled to Christ Episcopal Church, a lovely structure built in 1905 in the English Gothic style, for the memorial service for our departed members. WE then continued to Chattanooga National Cemetery, established in 1863 by General Thomas, for the laying of the wreath on the grave of Maxine MacGregor, the widow of a Civil War soldier. Our special guests for all these activities were Sir Malcolm, our Chief, and his wife, Lady MacGregor as well as Ishbel MacGregor, the secretary of Clan Gregor Society in Scotland, and her sister, Margaret, who came over for the games at Stone Mountain in Atlanta and stayed on to participate in our gathering.

That night we had a fine Ceilidh and listened to Olta, a great local group, while three young lassies, Kyra MacGregor, Erica Gatti, and Claudia Gatti, entertained themselves and us by dancing to the music. Of course our own pipe band and dancers were there too.

On Saturday morning we had our general meeting and took care of the business of the clan. We heard from the secretary, treasurer, librarian, trustee and had reports from others not in attendance and learned that the 100<sup>th</sup> Gathering would be in Charlottesville, Virginia next year. At the conclusion of the meeting Thad Osborne presented Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor with a suitable memento of their visit; a Rock City bird house. Jean Simon also left with a souvenir; a ceremonial sword.

After a luncheon of chef salad and rolls (an excellent choice considering the upcoming banquet), there was a meeting addressing genealogy, DNA, and MacGregor antiquities. Sir Malcolm addressed the group and spoke of the four recognized MacGregor tartans and the importance of saving the Dalmally Stones. He said that we needed a specialist to assist in preserving and moving these ancient gravestones of early MacGregor Chiefs. Later in the

afternoon the pipe band played in Miller Park and clan members as well as Chattanoogaans enjoyed the music. Thanks to a free shuttle provided by the city, (a very nice touch for people of Scottish descent), we were also able to tour the area and visit local sights, including the Choo-choo and the Aquarium.

That evening the pipers led the clan into the dining room for the banquet. Next the haggis and the scotch were paraded around the room and Ian Grieg gave an impassioned address to the “noble pudding” after which we all enjoyed a small sample served in mashed potatoes. The tables were decorated by Jean Simon and Jean Allen with a small wooden train engine, symbolic of the city. More prizes were announced from a raffle held to raise money for the library and John McGregor won another ceremonial sword while Lisa Smith won cash from a 50:50 drawing. More music and dancing followed the meal and at the end of the evening all present sang the haunting “MacGregor’s Gathering” and then “Auld Lang Syne”.

Not willing to let the evening end, some clan members went to the lounge and mingled and partied until it closed at 1:00 am. Small groups began leaving the next morning but judging by the great time had by all, we look forward to being together again next year to celebrate our centennial.

Submitted by  
Carol Spitznagle

## **SIR MALCOLM’S**

### **ADDRESS FOR THE 2008 GATHERING**

#### **Speech for ACGS Gathering 2008 – Chattanooga**

Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, Ladies and Gentlemen:

When my grandparents Gylla and Sir Malcolm came to their first ACGS gathering in 1952 to commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the settling in Maryland of Alexander Magruder, they did not know anyone in the ACGS. And I quote my grandmother’s words from that visit “*We came over without knowing any of you: but there was that wonderful feeling of kinship and affection that made your welcome so heart warming – the true clan feeling – that you belonged to us and we belonged to you.*” Well, I am happy to say that some things never change. My wife and I feel exactly the same as my grandmother did all those years ago. So may I begin by thanking you all for the most wonderful welcome that you have given to us. Your welcome has indeed been heart warming.

But then some things do change – many for the better. Since I was last with you in Jacksonville, I had the good fortune to get married and of course Fiona is here tonight. We did not meet in Scotland, we did not meet in the lower 48, but in Alaska where of course I learnt the term ‘the lower 48’. In fact it was on a fishing trip on the Alexander creek. And what a wonderful sparkle and energy she brings to the proceedings. She has, I may say, thrown herself at Macgregor history and is really very knowledgeable. Not only does she sport the MacGregor tartan from time to time but she is also writing a book about Miss Amelia Macgregor, my great-great-great aunt and author of the first and only comprehensive

history of clan Gregor. Amelia was also a close companion of Queen Victoria and organised many of her highland journeys. Some of you may have seen Fiona's reports of what we get up to in Scotland in the Scottish Banner newspaper. A veteran of many a highland games, at which MacGregors have had a dominant presence – she has taken to it all like the proverbial duck to water. I suppose her greatest test was the Jacobite piping recital that we attended at Culloden last year, at which I was presiding. Now I like the pipes but on this occasion each tune lasted 45 minutes, being Jacobite pibrochs from the 17th and 18th centuries, and were played in an enclosed hall with a low ceiling. Anyway she endured and has lived to tell the tale.

It has been four years since I last had the honour and privilege of addressing you in Jacksonville. That was my first gathering of the ACGS as chief and was a memorable event. This too, in Chattanooga as my second, will also be memorable for its location, and I believe for the first time that the children of the mist have gathered in this great city. I always consider it remarkable, given our history how MacGregors are able to gather in so many places around the world whether it be Salt Lake City, Chattanooga, Cape Town or Sydney. Truly remarkable: as it was the intention of the all powerful Stuart king, James VI, to exterminate the clan Gregor wherever they may be, invoked by Act of Parliament no less. This act remained in force for some 170 years and there is a letter under the Signet dated February 24<sup>th</sup> 1603, which reads as follows: James by the Grace of God to our Sheriffs:

*“ We, with a great number of our nobility and council having convened upon the matter of the wicked race of Clan Gregor, it is found that God cannot be appeased nor the country relieved unless that unhappy and detestable race be extirpated and rooted out and never to have rest or remain within this country hereafter”*

In spite of all this and other penal acts the MacGregors survived and in the words of Sir Walter Scott ‘flourished forever’. The same cannot be said for the Stuarts. It is curious to note that James VI's son, Charles I, was beheaded in 1649 and his grandson dethroned in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. James VI ordered that the MacGregors be hunted and pursued with fire and sword. Yet, Charles I, to be crude, was put to the sword and James II, his grandson, fled ignominiously down the Thames from a burning London. And we MacGregors did not just survive, clan intact, but prospered in many ways as evidenced by our gathering here in Chattanooga and indeed every year in the US and Scotland. There is a well known saying ‘what goes around comes around’ and maybe that is what happened to the Stuarts.

For those of you that have been to Lochearnhead you may be familiar with the hill which overlooks the village called Meal a'Mhadaidh which means hill of the hound. It was across the heather and bracken of this feature that MacGregors were pursued with bloodhounds in accordance with the wishes of the monarch.

My great great-great-great grandfather Sir John (1<sup>st</sup> Baronet) bought what was believed to be a musket that was used to kill the last of the bloodhounds in pursuit of the MacGregors. Well, he was a man with a sense of humour and the irony of his purchase is not lost on visiting MacGregors to our home in Scotland, where it is displayed in the hall. It is a symbol of our survival and ability to outwit the enemy. Indeed it was seen only a few weeks ago when Fiona and I hosted 11 MacGregors who, as a family came on a visit to Scotland. None

of them were members of any society but they managed to find my email address and a visit was fixed up in a matter of days. It was a complicated arrangement for them as the RV point was Edinburgh before proceeding to Balquhiddy. Some flew in from Texas, others from Kansas and a couple from Los Angeles. And one from Switzerland. It always gives us pleasure to show visiting MacGregors some of the artefacts in my possession that relate to our history.

When it comes to looking after visitors from overseas I am reminded of Robert Burns' words

*When death's dark vale I ferry o'er  
A time that surely shall come  
In heaven itself I'll ask no more  
Than just a Highland welcome*

Certainly for any MacGregors visiting the grand old country there is a highland welcome in store. We will do our best.

Well that recent visit just shows how things have changed. Whilst there may have been the odd exchange of letters back in my grandparents day, now I am in regular contact the chieftain and members at large about many different matters affecting clan Gregor. The relationship between the ACGS and the chief has always been based on good communication and cultural affinity. Due mainly because of my family's love of all things American. The key to this were two critical events – first my father's posting to Fort Benning, Georgia, a few hours drive from here. As a child growing up there I could not believe that such a place existed. Not just one or two tennis courts but a club of 20. Not just one swimming pool but three. Football and baseball pitches everywhere. And of course the PX and commissary with all sorts of appealing items for sale. For a youngster like myself it was overwhelming. The second significant event was when I came to live in the US for 9 months in 1978, working in New Orleans and travelling throughout the country on the greyhound bus. What an experience that nine months was.

Journeying from town to town on the bus, staying a night here and a night there in what is in some quarters called small town America. Those travels sowed a deep interest in the history and culture of the country and America's role in the world. A role the founding fathers could never have foreseen. Yet those people from so called small towns queued up to join the US armed forces to liberate Europe in the first world war and the second world war, flew aircraft in the Berlin airlift, manned trenches on the east/west German border during the cold war, liberated Kuwait in 1990, and delivered Kosovo from oppression in 1999. All, thousands of miles from home. In this century they have fought in Iraq and in Afghanistan. It is America which time and again has saved the western world and particularly Europe from what Winston Churchill called a new dark age. These patriots, descended from those who wanted to escape war, pestilence and persecution queued up in Europe's hour of need and said 'Send me'. Well, they may have come from small towns but they were pretty big when the bullets started flying. We in Europe have a lot to be grateful to America for.

Certainly on the Scottish side of the Atlantic we have all been fascinated by the Presidential election which you may find surprising. It is unusual for us to be interested in this until about the end of October. But seeing democracy at work in the primaries and then subsequently on



the campaign trail, not to mention some great speeches at the two conventions (pitbulls and lipstick) has given us a taste for the colourful nature of American democracy. Certainly the candidates, Mr. Obama and Mr. McCain are remarkable people with a story to tell. Not of course forgetting Mrs. Clinton who, I am sure would like a three party system so that the Clinton machine could keep rolling on. Nor indeed Mrs. Palin who brings a degree of originality. As the saying goes 'only in America'. So it is exciting for us to be here in election year.

Whilst America is astonishing in many ways, its real uniqueness in the world is its capacity to produce extraordinary leaders. In politics, business, the military, education, and exploration; all have produced outstanding household names. People who have shaped the destiny of the world and our knowledge of it, for the better. I hesitated on inserting exploration as I thought my country could trump America on that one, but if one includes space exploration otherwise known as the final frontier then of course you have it. However Neil Armstrong is of Scottish descent who himself received the freedom of Langholm in the heart of Armstrong country. Of course our greatest leader, Winston Churchill was himself half American, a fact that is often overlooked. But perhaps America's greatest achievement is to be leader of the free world and we in Britain and Europe should express more gratitude for this than perhaps has been done in the past. Ronald Reagan called America an island refuge for refugees from eastern Europe and the boat people fleeing SE Asia and central America. But also back in history for MacGregors and indeed other scots who were fleeing persecution or simply in search of a better life. Not many of them wanted to head east or go to Russia. Berlin Wall, Iron Curtain, Gulag Archipelago, are simply not part of the American story. Though America as leader of the free world was of course, instrumental in facing down these ugly facets of continental Europe and Asia.

The migration of people from Scotland westward across the waste of seas as the Atlantic Ocean has been described, over the years, has created inextricable cultural links between your country and mine. In fact Scots and American traders made the dangerous journey back and forth across the Atlantic many times, Flora MacDonald being an example. If there were no such links I would not be here before you tonight. These links can only be strengthened by events such as these.

The age old dichotomy "I know where I come from but who am I?" applies to MacGregors just as much as to any one else – perhaps more so given our history. Clan societies such as yours with their knowledge base built up over the years can go a long way to answering that question. DNA expertise is becoming more refined but does not answer all the questions, though it certainly helps.

Somebody once said that culture is a pyramid to which we all bring a stone. Wallace Stegner – an american. Nothing could be truer than in the case of our culture and the maintenance of it. My great-great-grandfather, Sir Evan MacGregor founded the Scottish clan Gregor Society and his daughter Amelia wrote the first and only comprehensive history of the Clan, as already alluded to. My grandfather Sir Malcolm, was one of the founders of the Scottish Country Dance Society formed to preserve our splendid national dances. Incidentally the word country dance is a misnomer, as it does not mean dances done in the country but comes from the word contra, meaning opposite - meaning you dance with the person opposite you.

Dr Edward May Magruder and Caleb Magruder founded this society; a novelty in its day and one of the first of its type in the United States. Today we have one of the biggest clan DNA projects being run by Professor Richard MacGregor. Heritage projects such as the preservation of the Dalmally stones, the burial place of the ancient chiefs, being coordinated by Mr. Keith MacGregor in New York. A long way from Dalmally. Those are but a few of the myriad of things going on. People in this society and in Scotland are constantly writing articles, updating history, contributing to websites, making films, manning tents at highland games and clan gatherings.

As you know I had the honour to be chieftain of the Stone Mountain Highland Games last weekend. What a marvellous games it was too. The amount of work and organisation that was put into it must have been phenomenal. All of course unpaid. A games that is five times the size of our biggest games in Scotland. But it was great that such an event can marshal so many clans and deepen the clan spirit every year. It was of course tremendous that our clan was there in force for all to see. That MacGregors from the South East of the US were able to use the games to get organised, promote themselves and our clan. I must pay tribute to the SE chapter of the clan gregor society and the Georgia branch of the ACGS in organising a tremendous tent and offering the great hospitality that is legendry in that part of the United States.

Next year one of the biggest gatherings ever to take place in Scotland will be in Edinburgh which will showcase what Scotland has to offer the world. It is strange to think that we in Scotland have probably taken our cue from you here in America in how a large games should be organised. Anyway it is the first of its kind in Scotland, made more unique in that it will be hosted by the standing council of Scottish chiefs. If that is not enough the standing council is organising a clan convention in the Scottish parliament - also a first. Whilst stones may crumble from the pyramid from time, there are always people who come along and rebuild the pyramid making it better, stronger. And that is what the ACGS has done. In 1908 there was no pyramid, just an empty piece of terrain if you will, and just consider what has been achieved over the past 99 years. But to use an accounting term, the bottom line is: if we do not safeguard our heritage nobody else will. The vanguard of our Macgregor culture are the two societies in Scotland and here in the US. From this gathering onwards the ACGS is in its 100<sup>th</sup> year. May I implore you to use that landmark to really do something about increasing membership of the society. The society is well organised by states which is unique. Try to emphasise heritage, culture, links, socialising, having fun, and doing good in this world. Our descendants will thank us.

Some of you may have thought that I have had a bit of a go at the Russians. Well maybe, but I think that we can perhaps learn something from Lt-Gen Mikhail Kalashnikov who, when asked why he had diversified from producing assault rifles to selling his own brand, Kalashnikov vodka replied: 'I've always wanted to improve on the good name of my weapon by doing good things'. I am not suggesting that we MacGregors go and produce whisky, though that would be good, but to use our good name, some would say romantic name, to build up our culture and promote our heritage as best we can and in a determined, cheerful way, secure in the knowledge that our story is unique and a great one.

I therefore propose the toast: **'The American Clan Gregor Society'**

# *The Gathering in Pictures*

Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Southern  
Belle!



*Friday Afternoon Tour*



Sailing up and down the  
Tennessee River!



MacGregors waiting to partake in lunch!

### *Friday Afternoon Tour*



Lunch on The  
Southern Belle.



More Members and MacGregors enjoying lunch on the Southern Belle.

## *Friday Afternoon Tour*

The Buffet Line...so  
much to choose  
from!



The Buffet  
Line...hmmm



## *Friday Afternoon Tour*



Friends catching  
up and enjoying  
the great food!

Diane Brown,  
Maggie Sanderfield  
and  
Carol Spitznagle  
preparing to do the  
Chicken Dance!



## *Friday Afternoon Tour*



MacGregors enjoying  
the entertainment on  
the Southern Belle

Matt Kuldell  
doing the  
Rooster Dance  
with the ladies!

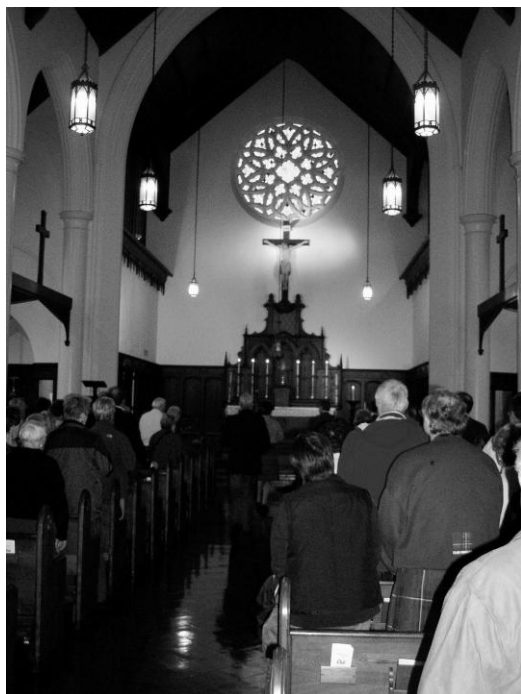


## *Friday Afternoon Tour*



Pipe Major,  
Matt Kuldell





Inside of the beautiful  
historic Christ Church!

### *Friday Memorial Service*



Tess Galloway and Lois Ann Garlitz placing flowers on wreath as  
Thaddeus G. Osborne reads the names of members who have passed.



Tess Galloway and Lois Ann Garlitz placing flowers on wreath

## *Friday Memorial Service*



Memorial wreath  
and  
Thaddeus G.  
Osborne



Memorial wreath  
with flowers  
recognizing  
members who've  
passed away  
during the year

## *Friday Memorial Service*



Chieftain Thaddeus G. Osborne and Chief Sir Malcolm MacGregor  
laying the wreath



Friday evening Ceilidh, Local Celtic band “Olta” performing!

## *Friday Evening Ceilidh*



Dancers Susan Rodgers and Judith O’Hehir!



MacGregor Pipe Band!

## *Friday Evening Ceilidh*



(L to R) Lady MacGregor, Sir Malcolm MacGregor  
and Maggie Sanderfield



MacGregor Pipe Band leading the Clan Gregor parade to the concert!

## *Saturday Afternoon Parade & Concert*



Sir Malcolm & Lady MacGregor  
Leading Clan Gregor!



Jake MacGregor and  
his daughter taking in  
the American Clan  
Gregor Society Pipe  
Band!

## *Saturday Afternoon Concert*

MacGregors taking  
in the concert and a  
bit of sun!





MacGregors enjoying  
the ACGS Pipeband!  
Doug Simon holding the  
Saltire flag.

## *Saturday Afternoon Concert*

The American Clan  
Gregor Society  
Pipeband.







Chattanooga Choo-Choo Banquet Table Centerpiece  
Arranged by R. Jean Simon

## *Saturday Evening Reception*



Sir Malcolm  
MacGregor and  
Lady MacGregor



Jane Montmeny, Lois Ann Garlitz, and Miriam Trojahn

## *Saturday Evening Reception*

Sisters  
Margaret  
McGregor  
and  
Ishbel McGregor  
of Cambus by  
Alloa, Scotland





(L to R) ACGS Pipeband: Pipe Major Matt Kuldell, Dave Taylor, George Hayes, Tim Kirkpatrick and Doug Nelson with several young ladies!

## *Saturday Evening Reception*



Scott F. MacGregor and Nolan S. Sanders



Josephine Sit and  
Howard Grossnickle  
take a moment to  
stop for the camera  
before the evening  
festivities begin.

### *Saturday Evening Reception*



The Head Table...the Evening Begins!



Piping n the  
Haggis!

Ahhh, The  
Haggis!



## *Saturday Evening Banquet*

Ian Greig giving the  
Address to the  
Haggis with Peter  
Gregg, Steven C.  
Grier and Randolph  
Walker looking on!





Doug Nelson playing  
the MacGregor tune,  
“The Rout Of  
Glenruin”, a  
Piobaireachd.

## *Saturday Evening Banquet*

Dancers Susan  
Rodgers and  
Judith O’Hehir!



Thaddeus G. Osborne  
presenting Sir  
Malcolm with a gift  
from the ACGS!



### *Saturday Evening Banquet*



Howard Grossnickle presenting Sir Malcolm with a check from the society for  
the Dalmally Stones project.

John C. McGregor  
showing off the sword  
he won in the raffle  
with Steven C. Grier,  
who handled the  
raffle!



### *Saturday Evening Banquet*



Band members concluding singing the “MacGregor Gathering”!





(L to R) Jane Montmeny, Lois Ann Garlitz,  
Lady MacGregor, and Maggie Sanderfield

### *Saturday Evening Banquet*



Sir Malcolm, Susan Rodgers, Judith O'Hehir, and Lady MacGregor!

## **2008 GATHERING ATTENDEES**

Chattanooga, Tennessee

### **SPECIAL GUEST**

### **CITY/COUNTRY**

Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor Bart.  
Lady Fiona MacGregor

Canonbie, Scotland  
Canonbie, Scotland

### **MEMBER**

### **CITY/STATE**

### **NUMBER**

Allan, Jean	Double Springs, AL	Guest
Baker, Sheila	Benton, KY	Guest
Barnett, Caroline	Albuquerque, NM	Guest
Browne, Diana G.	New York City, NY	1737LM
Browne, Frances A.	Fairfax, VA	1550LM
Cannon, Joni	Hollywood, FL	Guest
Dennison, Carl	East Bend, NC	2861
Dennison, Eric	Leeds, AL	2862
Dennison, H. Eugene	Hendersonville, NC	2853
Dennison, Joan	Hendersonville, NC	Guest
Drane, J. Wanzer	Johnson City, TN	1868LM
Free, Leland	Double Springs, AL	Guest
Galloway, David	Pensacola, FL	Guest
Galloway, R. Tess	Pensacola, FL	2305
Garlitz, Lois Ann	American Fork, UT	2561LM
Gibbons, Maxfield S.	Greenwich, CT	Guest
Gibbons, Sally Knott	Greenwich, CT	2785
Greer, Richard M.	Bowling Green, KY	2515
Gregg, Brian	Crystal Lake, IL	2779
Gregg, Donald A.	Holiday Hills, IL	2580
Gregg, Isabelle	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, J. Hardin	Louisville, KY	2801
Gregg, Keith D.	Wolcott, NY	2618
Gregg, Mary Kate	Holiday Hills, IL	Guest
Gregg, Patricia	Louisville, KY	Guest
Gregg, Peter	Dover, DE	2686
Gregg, Sadie	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregor, Jr., Edward	Rochester, NY	933LM
Greig, Alma	Tampa, FL	Guest
Greig, Ian	Tampa, FL	2535
Grier, John A.	Grasonville, MD	2243
Grier, Steven C.	Kenneth Square, PA	2552
Grossnickle, Howard	Oregon, WI	2638
Hawkins, Janda	Benton, KY	2777
Hurst, Taylor	Chicago, IL	Guest
Key, Grace K.	Birmingham, AL	2407
Krebs, Jo	Birmingham, AL	Guest
Lloyd, Frances L.	Washington, DC	1052LM
MacGregor, Jacob R.	Denver, CO	2818
MacGregor, Kyra	Denver, CO	Guest
MacGregor, Robert F., Jr.	Smithfield, VA	2316LM
MacGregor, Scott F.	Norfolk, VA	2450LM
Magruder, Fred A.	McCormick, SC	2433
Magruder, Paul L.	Chicago, IL	2692

McGregor, Ena	Edgewater, FL	2742A
McGregor, Ishbel	Cambus by Alloa, Scotland	Guest
McGregor, John C.	Edgewater, FL	2379
McGregor, Margaret	Cambus by Alloa, Scotland	Guest
McGregor, Ronald A.	Aurora, CO	2142LM
McGregor, Stuart W.	Tuscaloosa, AL	2832
McKee, Gary S.	Albuquerque, NM	2681A
McKee, Mary S.	Albuquerque, NM	2586LM
McKee, William	Albuquerque, NM	Guest
Megehee, Josephine	Carriere, MS	2576ALM
Megehee, Jr., L. Dan	Carriere, MS	2478LM
Miller, Christy	Chattanooga, TN	Guest
Montmeny, Jane	Holladay, UT	2808
Morris, Barbara A.W.	Madison, AL	Guest
Morris, Jr., Charles E.K.	Madison, AL	Guest
Osborne, Thaddeus G.	Knoxville, TN	1929
Page, Linda	Johnson City, TN	Guest
Poe, Retta E.	Bowling Green, KY	Guest
Prouty, David	Holiday Hills, IL	Guest
Sanderfield, Maggie	Athens, IL	2253
Sanders, Nolan S.	Russellville, KY	2240
Sartain, James P.	Chattanooga, TN	Guest
Sartain, Linda	Chattanooga, TN	Guest
Shankland, Alice	Jackson, MI	Guest
Shankland, Ronald	Jackson, MI	2471
Simon, Dena	Atlanta, GA	Guest
Simon, Douglas	Chicago, IL	Guest
Simon, Frank	Atlanta, GA	Guest
Simon, Jack E.	Huntsville, AL	Guest
Simon, Lexis (5)	Atlanta, GA	Guest
Simon, Livie (3)	Atlanta, GA	Guest
Simon, R. Jean (MacGregor)	Huntsville, AL	1526
Sit, Josephine	Oregon, WI	Guest
Smith, Lisa	Hollywood, FL	Guest
Smith, Sarah	Quinton, VA	2183LM
Spitznagle, Carol	Hollywood, FL	2555
Stradley, Leighton P.	Fairfax, VA	1938
Stradley, Mary R.	Fairfax, VA	Guest
Taylor, Louise E.	Ashland, KY	2376
Tichy, Joseph C.	Whispering Pines, NC	1321ALM
Trojahn, Miriam	Norfolk, VA	Guest
Tyler, Helen	Nellysford, VA	Guest
Tyler, III, William E.	Nellysford, VA	2582LM
Walker, Randolph	San Antonio, TX	2587
Walker, Teresa M.	San Antonio, TX	Guest
Wassell, Beth	Jacksonville, FL	2182
Wassell, John	Jacksonville, FL	Guest
Woolley, James E., Jr.	Charlotte, NC	2050LM
Woolley, Patricia R.	Charlotte, NC	2215A
Zimmerman, Bill	Lakeland, FL	Guest
Zimmerman, Marilyn	Rutland, VT	Guest
Zimmerman, Mary	Lakeland, FL	2335

Zimmerman, Mitchell	Houston, TX	2761
Zimmerman, Randal	Rutland, VT	2612

**BAND PARTICIPANTS**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
<b>Drums</b>	Gatti, Claudia (5)
Hayes, George	Gatti, Eric
Taylor, Dave	Gatti, Erica (7)
<b>Pipes</b>	Gatti, Linda
Kirkpatrick, Tim	Hayes, Bonnie
Kuldell, Matt	Nelson, Ruth
Nelson, Doug	Taylor, Lana
<b>Dancers</b>	
O'Hehir, Judith	
Rodgers, Susan	

**ABSENTEE GUESTS**

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.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Ewell, III, Nathaniel M. & Antoinet	Palmyra, VA	2114LM
Garrett, William & Helen	Norfolk, VA	1973
Gregg, Donald W. & Dianne	Atlanta, GA	2239LM
Gregg, Richard T.	Hackensack, NJ	2312
Gregor, Marilyn	Rochester, NY	1594ALM
Grier, Lillian R.	Grasonville, MD	Guest
Grimm, Lucy Ann	Rapidan, VA	2480
Harris III, Eleanor M.	Norfolk, VA	1566LM
Leonardi, Catherine	Grand Junction, CO	2621
Magruder, Leah	Chicago, IL	Guest
Magruder, Lillian	Ridgeland, MS	1977ALM
McNish, Thomas & Yona	San Antonio, TX	1764LM
Priest, Lydia P.	Gloucester, MA	2493LM
Stone, Henry A. & Kathleen	Harrisville, MI	1920LM

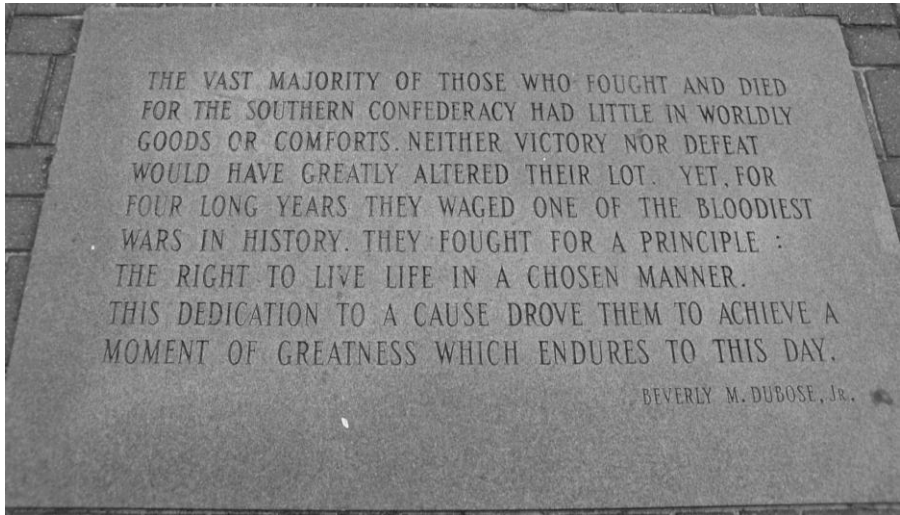
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We’d also like to thank everyone who made an additional contribution towards the toasting wines for the banquet. Your contributions further assisted in keeping the Gathering within budget and such a success.



Thanks to everyone who made our 99th Annual Gathering such a memorable event through their participation. We are look forward to sharing and enjoying yet another wonderful Gathering in 2009 in Charlottesville, VA. See you there!

**~ STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**  
**IN PICTURES ~**



*Stone Mountain*



**Carving on face of Stone Mountain reflecting Confederate President Jefferson Davis and Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson**

**Scott F. MacGregor  
talking with  
Ronald A. McGregor**



*Stone Mountain Highland Games*



**Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor conversing with Carolyn and Randy  
Bruce <sup>(light shirts)</sup>, Donald W. Gregg and a games representative.**



**Sir Malcolm  
leading Clan  
Gregor in the  
Parade of  
Clans!**

*Stone Mountain Highland Games*



**ACGS banner stepping out in the Parade of Clans!**

**Clan Gregor  
Flag Brigade!**



*Stone Mountain Highland Games*



**Sir Malcolm recognizing the other Clans...  
with Lady MacGregor enjoying the parade!**





**Sir Malcolm  
and  
Lady  
MacGregor  
In front of the  
Clan Tent**

*Stone Mountain Highland Games*





### **State Deputy Chieftains in attendance 2008**

(Knelling L to R) **Rosamond Jean Simon**, SDC for AL; **Ronald L. Shankland**, SDC for MI; **Edward K. Gregor, Jr.**, SDC for NY; **Scott F. MacGregor**, SDC for VA; **Ronald A. McGregor**, SDC for CO; (Standing L to R) **Howard R. Grossnickle**, SDC for Iowa/Wisconsin; **Lois Ann Garlitz**, SDC for UT; **Nolan S. Sanders**, SDC for KY; **Dan Megehee, Jr.**, SDC for MS; **Sir Malcolm MacGregor**, Hereditary Chief; **Fred A. Magruder**, SDC for SC; **Carol Spitznagle**, SDC for FL; **Randolph W. Walker**, SDC for TX; **Peter K. Gregg**, SDC for DE; **John A. Grier**, SDC for MD; **Margaret A. Sanderfield**, SDC for IL

## **REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS**

### **2008 Annual Report for Alabama**

Submitted, by Jean (MacGregor) Simon

This has been a busier year for the undersigned, with the added planning for the 2008 ACGS Gathering in my neighboring state, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Please see in this issue my report on the previous gathering in Valley Forge PA, and the clan births, deaths, and marriages sections for the state of Alabama. As a board member for the Tennessee Valley Scottish Society, I represented ACGS at many of their functions, including the Robert Burns night and the St. Andrews night. I also had the usual, annual, joint Clan Gregor – Clan Donald weekend luncheon in Huntsville AL for both clans. In July 08 my husband, Jack Simon, and I made an advance trip to Chattanooga to meet with Scott MacGregor, Sandy MacGregor, and our chieftain, Thad Osborne, at our 2008 ACGS meeting's selected hotel,

the Marriott at the Convention Center, to coordinate with their convention planner our ACGS plans for the October 2008 meeting. I submitted selections for the banquet menu and the Saturday luncheon menu to Scott MacGregor, which selections were approved. The convention planner helped us all, with decoration suggestions, and information that it was less expensive to fly into Nashville, rather than directly flying into Chattanooga, because one could take cheaper land transportation from Nashville's airport to the hotel in Chattanooga. I also secured a wonderful, tried and true, haggis recipe for our Chattanooga banquet from a long-time Tennessee Valley Scottish Society member for our taste bud pleasure at our banquet this month. The hotel chef is very excited to cook his first haggis!

This week I picked up 16 wooden, carved vintage steam engines for the banquet tables, from a Huntsville AL artist named Bob Turner, 222 Sanders Road, Huntsville AL. My daughters-in-law, Amy Simon and Dena Simon, and a new member, Jeanie Allan, have all contributed to the success of my decoration committee. We plan to keep the greenery for the tables fresh, 3 days before use! In 5 or 6 days, I will pick up the newly printed Gathering Programs for our banquet from Graphic Publishing, 6170 Research Park Blvd., a Huntsville printer, to take them by car to Chattanooga on Thursday, 23 October.

I am proud to say that this year my husband Jack Simon and I will generate 11 people attending our weekend in Chattanooga this year. This will be the first attendance for our oldest son, Frank Simon, wife Dena (Gordon) Simon, daughters Alexandra Simon 5, Sullivan Simon 3; our youngest son Doug; new member Jeanie Allan and friend Lloyd; and our Huntsville Newcomer Club friends Charlie Morris (MacGregor descendant) and wife, Bonny. Add Jack Simon and myself—11 people!

For future reference, time and space permitting, I would like to list Cathy Pharr's above haggis recipe, which contains no ingredients that might be possibly offensive to our ACGS members. I feel that it is very important to be able to find this recipe for use by our ACGS in the future. Cathy Pharr is very well known for her cooking talents, and she is very much in demand for her terrific haggis which she has been making for us in Alabama for years! I adore her haggis especially!

#### EDIBLE HAGGIS by Cathy Pharr of Huntsville, Alabama

Sufficient for 75 people as an hors-d'oeuvre course.

4 lbs. Pork sausage, low fat preferred (she uses a combination of Jimmy Dean sage and low fat)

1 lb. liver: calf or beef

4 C. Quaker oatmeal

2 C. finely chopped onion

4 – 6 C. water (use the water from cooking the liver)

herbs, spices to taste (she normally uses fresh rosemary, fresh thyme, fresh basil, fresh or dried sage, minced fine)

1. Unwrap and put sausage in LARGE mixing bowl – use the largest one you have.
2. Simmer liver in large pot with 6 – 10 cups water and 1 tsp. salt until liver is no longer pink.

3. Put liver through a food processor until it is “pate” consistency (adding cooking water as necessary to process). Add to sausage.
4. Chop onion and add to sausage/liver mixture.
5. Using hands, thoroughly mix sausage, liver and onions together. (NOTE: She wears disposable rubber gloves when she does this.)
6. Add herbs/spices. Don’t be hesitant about the herbs. It’s tough to “overdo” this ingredient. She uses about ¼ - ½ C. of whatever she has on hand. Mix thoroughly with meat mixture.
7. Add one cup of the water that the liver was cooked in, and mix.
8. Add oatmeal, one cup at a time, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Alternate one cup of oatmeal with one cup of water, ending with water. The mixture should be extremely moist, but not “runny”. Add more water if necessary. The more water, the moister the haggis is.
9. Divide meat mixture into two (2) Reynolds baking bags. She uses the ones for turkey. They’re more substantial and less prone to breaking.
10. Form haggis into a round “loaf”, and gather top of bag. Close, using ties provided with baking bags. Allow about 1 – 2” of room at the top, between the haggis and the closure, to allow for expansion. Remember, oatmeal expands as it cooks.
11. Cut 4 small slits in the top of the baking bag for steam to escape.
12. Place haggis in a 2” deep baking pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven, until internal temperature reaches 180 degrees. If low fat sausage was used, there should be minimal grease. However, if low fat sausage was not available, it may be necessary to poke several holes in the bottom of the bag(s) to drain grease.
13. Remove from oven and let rest about 15 minutes. Carefully peel plastic baking bag away from haggis.

If the “Address to the Haggis” is to be recited over the haggis, arrange one of the two “haggi” on a silver tray (with handles), surrounded by kale, lettuce, or other garnishments. The other haggis is normally plated as 1 – 2 bite-size servings with crackers, melba toast rounds, or suitable accompaniment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean (MacGregor) Simon  
State Deputy Chieftain, Alabama

## **2008 Annual Report for Arizona.**

Submitted by Donald Lynd

This is the third year my wife and I have hosted clan tents after moving to Arizona in August, 2005. We have now become an expected and recognized clan at the five games around the state.

Activities for this report actually start with the Tucson Celtic Festival which is held 135 miles SE of Phoenix. In 2007 the games were held November 3 and 4 with the first two-day event in the twenty-one year history of the games. In 2007 we had 15 visitors sign in versus 7 in 2006. We will be attending the games this year on November 1 -2.

Activities in 2008 started with the Burns night in February. A number of people we met commented about how glad they were to see the clan again represented in Arizona. The Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games was a two day event on 23 and 24 February relocated this year to a site in downtown Phoenix. This was the 44th year for the games and is the largest of the games in Arizona with 54 clans represented. We had 26 visitors sign-in, down from 30 in 2007. This is a much better site, and the number of people attending should improve this year.

The Camp Verde Highland Games are held 100 miles north of Phoenix and is the smallest of the games with only six clans hosting tents this year. This was the fifth year for the one-day games held on March 29. We had 2 visitors sign-in down from 3 in 2007. The present site is terrible, and was made worse by relocating the vendors and dancers away from the area reserved for the clans - so there was very little traffic. We have debated about whether to attend in 2008, but have been notified that the games will move to a site in Sedona.

The Prescott Highland Games are held 115 miles north of Phoenix. This was the fourth year for the one-day games and has held on May 17. We missed the games in 2007. This year we had 8 visitors sign-in in spite of the high winds and severe thunder storms that reduced the number of visitors.

The Arizona Highland Celtic Festival is held in Flagstaff 155 miles north of Phoenix. The festival became a two-day event in 2006. This was the tenth year for the festival and was held July 19-20. We had 21 visitors sign in versus 13 in 2007.

We will be attending the games at Stone Mountain this year, and hope to see many friends that we have missed since moving west.

The Arizona Pipe Band wears the MacGregor tartan and they always seek out our tent to provide a rousing "serenade" which attracts attention and provides the opportunity to discuss our clan with on-lookers.

Although the attendance is small, I still think this is a fertile area for expanding ACGS membership.

I hope this provides the information needed for the annual report. I am looking forward to the 2009 activities.

Respectfully submitted this 5<sup>th</sup> of October, 2008.

Donald Lynd

SDC for Arizona

## **2008 Report for California**

Submitted by Carolyn J. McGregor –Long

Dear Society Members,

Greetings and warmest wishes to Chief Sir Malcolm MacGregor and Lady MacGregor, may your visit be delightful and full of memorable times during this exciting event.

It is with deep regret that I cannot be there with you during this, our (ACGS) special annual event. I felt positive that when I retired, I would be able to travel and do the things I wish most to do. Unfortunately, and for some unknown reason known only to God, this past year has been truly a difficult year, health wise, for my family. At this particular time, it is a wee early to be any distance from both my husband and son, who need me to be close by. So,

once again, I must look forward to next AGM, with the hope that I can be there with you to share and celebrate our Clan Gregor history.

Any road, as for reporting the activity of this year, between ACSG CA and CGS WUSA Chapter, there appears to be a slight downturn of groups at the various games and events. Fuel prices here in California continue to fluctuate back and forth, with prices normally over \$4.00 per gal. The most expensive tank of gas I have purchased topped out at \$4.69 per gal. Thus, I'm quite sure the tough economic times are taking its toll on the populous and their travels. However, Clan Gregor still stands tall amongst "clan row" at the games, and our passion still runs high for in regards to our royal and colorful heritage.

Slainte!

Your kith and kin,

*Carolynne*

## **2008 Annual Report for Delaware and Pennsylvania**

Submitted by Peter K. Gregg

2008 was a grand year for me as State Deputy Chieftain My brother, Thaddeus, and I represented the ACGS at the Colonial Highland Games in Fair Hill Maryland. The weather was beautiful, the people friendly and the Clachan was full of our fellow Scotsmen renewing old friendships and making new ones. We were again situated a few paces from one of the judging areas for the bagpipe competition so we listened to the wonderful strains of pipe music all day. We were visited by Joe Wiggington, President of the Armstrong Clan Society. He told us of his recent visit with Lady Fiona MacGregor and Sir Malcolm MacGregor. More than 25 people visited our tent, many of whom were looking for clues to their Scottish descent. 13 brochures were handed out. I followed up with 11 emails thanking those who signed in. At the end of August, I travelled to Carlisle, PA to help my brother, our SDC for Pennsylvania, man the MacGregor table at the McClain Celtic Festival. Although a small games, we renewed some old acquaintances with friends from Clan MacDougall and Clan Scott. Thaddeus handed out another 10 brochures. These games kept the wee ones busy by holding a children's competition. They had the sheaf toss and caber toss. Afterwards, Thaddeus competed in the sexy knees contest and won first prize. I created a myspace page to help keep people informed about our Clan. Please visit and let me know what you think. The address is [www.myspace.com/acgs01](http://www.myspace.com/acgs01). I attended the Bethlehem Celtic Festival with my sister Dorothy. I recommend it to any who are in the area. There were four event tents on the grounds and music and camaraderie abounded. We plan on going again next year, perhaps to host a table.

Respectfully submitted.

Peter K. Gregg  
SDC, Delaware

Thaddeus B. Gregg  
SDC, Pennsylvania

## **2008 Report from South Florida**

Submitted by Carol Spitznagle

The two Highland games held in South were made more pleasant and productive due to participation from northern clansmen. Maggie Sanderfield flew in from Illinois to help host the MacGregor tent in Fort Lauderdale on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Don and Audrey Gregg also stopped by to visit and greet game-goers. The weather was typically gorgeous and native sons as well as snow-birds turned out to watch the athletic games and dancing and hear the lovely strains of the bagpipes. Twenty-six signed the guest book with two indicating an interest in joining the clan.



Ft. Lauderdale, FL Games January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Pictured: Maggie Sanderfield and Carol Spitznagle

When March 29<sup>th</sup> rolled around, Ron Shankland and his wife, Alice, who winter in Sarasota helped run the tent at the games there. Twenty-eight people visited us and enjoyed the MacGregor exhibits as well as the other highland events. Again the weather cooperated and scores of Scots and would be Scots strolled around enjoying the sights and sounds while learning more about Scotland and their roots back in the homeland.

The tents are always a lot more fun when old friends come by and stay to chat and help out. I appreciate having all their help and look forward to seeing them all again next year when we celebrate our centennial.

## **2008 Report for Iowa**

Please see Wisconsin State Report

## **2008 Report for Kentucky**

Submitted by Nolan Sanders

Immersed in the sounds, color, and tartans of the highlands, the Glasgow Kentucky Highland

Games at Barren River State Resort Park provided a beautiful weekend for family and friends to enjoy.

Our 24th annual games were held May 30 thru June 1st, 2008 with two games fields, 45 clan tents and two entertainment venues for the approximately 8,000 visitors attending. The weekend was a great opportunity to listen to musical groups, watch band and athletic competitions and gather for fun and fellowship.

Witnessed by some this year was an amazing feat of athletic strength and agility, when our Clan

Gregor member, Richard Greer, made us proud. He stepped boldly into the athletic arena to challenge all seven members of Clan Wallace to the tug of war. There, Richard held his own in the contest. This year, the tug of war; next year as a strong haggis-fed lad, he plans to toss the caber like a toothpick being flicked across the field.

From Kentucky, the land of fast horses and beautiful women (though some say fast women and beautiful horses) we wish our American Clan Gregor members all the best.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nolan Sanders

## **2008 Report for Southeast Louisiana**

Please see Mississippi State Report

## **2008 Annual Report for Michigan**

Submitted by Ron Shankland

I attended the Alma, Kalamazoo, and Livonia Scottish Games handling the McGregor Clan Tent. Both CG and ACGS personnel helped in the tent. Alma G was the busiest followed with Livonia G, next. The Kalamazoo G had lots of wind with much difficulty in keeping the tent upright. Member Nancy Lepkowski at the Alma Games gave the Clan, a life size piper Teddy bear for display purposes which has attracted much attention. We Still have not won the best clan tent award

Member Malcolm C. Macgregor has expressed an interest in being the Michigan State Deputy Chieftain. I will take him under my wing and see what happens. My goal would be to enlarge the membership count in order to handle a ACGS GATHERING IN MICHIGAN, SOMETIME!

RON SHANKLAND



## **2008 Annual Report for Minnesota**

Submitted by Lori Connery

In January we attended our annual Burns Night dinner. As usual we had a wonderful time. Warren Porter spent the evening dancing and having fun with us.

February brought us the 2008 Scottish Ramble and Warren Porter attended as the Minnesota Clan Gregor representative as I was unable to attend. He said it was a great time and he had our tartan blessed.

In May we attended the Annual Minnesota Scottish Fair! We had so much fun! Greg Anderson the Great Lakes representative for the Clan Gregor Society joined us in our tent and together we greeted and represented our great Clan. We had the most pleasant weather if you can ignore the wicked winds that took down a number of clan tents on Clan row. This year we had two tents which provided us more space to relax in. Warren Porter brought his guitar and we had great music and sang some fun Scottish songs. Len and Kathi Libbey joined and assisted us in our tent. We had a great number of visitors who stopped by and received information brochures and applications for membership!

The day went well and I believe that our Clan has firmly re-established our place among the Minnesota Scottish Community.

August found us at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. In highland dress (I broke down and had one made for this event) and kilted up we had a great time making merry and mischief. Warren Porter assisted me with manning our tent. This is a two day event and we had great fun.

It was a great year. We continue to have more attendance and interest from Macgregor's at our events. As always, any advice or tips will be greatly welcomed and much appreciated!

## **2008 Report for Mississippi and Southeast Louisiana**

Submitted by L. Dan Megehee

The 22th Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Music festival on the Mississippi Gulf Coast was held on Saturday and Sunday, November 10 & 11, 2007, with some new wrinkles. First, a member of the Clan Gregor Society, Fintan McGregor, was here to film a documentary on how the Americans Celebrate Scottish Highland Games, and we had him join us in the Parade of Tartans, and his film crew made sure they got lots of footage of "Us MacGregors." The major new item this year was Full Contact Jousting and Knights Battle provided by War Horse Farms. This turned out to be a big draw, especially the children. We have also added a 5k run and a Kilted Mile run.

In April, we planned to host the MacGregor Table at the Gonzales, LA, Highland Games, but Dan had a surgical procedure, and we were unable to get there.

On the way to the 99<sup>th</sup> Gathering in Chattanooga, TN, we swung by the Stone Mountain Highlands Games, near Atlanta, where Clan Gregor was the Honored Clan and Sir Malcolm was the Honored Guest.

## **2008 Report for New York**

Submitted by Edward K. Gregor, Jr

January 2007 Represented Clan Mac Gregor on a Sunday at the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Albion, NY for the Kirken of the Tartan sponsored by the Rochester Scottish Heritage Society. We also attended the Robert Burns Dinner later in the month.

June 2 and 3 2007 At the Genesee Country Village and Museum Highland Gathering in Mumford, NY the overall attendance was down from previous years. We had the Pipe Bands and Athletic events and entertainment. Ms Ruth E Hall and Becca were with us at our tent.

August 11, 2007 We had our tent at the 66th Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival at Long Branch Park near exit 39 of the New York State Thruway. We all enjoyed the Opening Ceremony and Tartan Parade with the pipe bands

June 8, 2008 The Genesee Country Village and Museum Highland Gathering was only a one day event for the first time in many years. The Pipe Bands and other Scottish events provided a nice day as usual. Our tent had the largest group and we all participated in the Opening Ceremony. Keith and Judi Gregg, Isabelle Gregg, Sadie Gregg, Anabelle Gregg, Obie Gregg, David Gregor, Meredith Gregor, and Heather Jamieson Connors were with us.

August 9, 2008 We had a tent at the 67th Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival. Keith and Judi Gregg, Isabelle Gregg, Anabelle Gregg, Obie Gregg, Sadie Gregg, and Heather Connors helped and participated in the Opening Ceremony. During the day someone came to our tent with an old photo of his grandfather in a Piper's Uniform. He said It was all he had and was tracing his ancestry. He hadn't known that there are group photos of the Regiment Pipers in the Scots Guards Piping Music books.

## **2008 Report for Pennsylvania**

Please see Delaware State Report

## **2008 Report for South Texas**

Submitted by Randy Walker

I intended to attend the Scottish-Irish Faire in Midland, TX (March 2008). I requested the application for clans twice but never received a response. There was a telephone number that I called but there was never an answer. At the Highland Games in San Antonio I ran into a person connected with these events in Midland. She told me that there had been a lot of confusion and many dropped balls and that there was some fear they may not be able to have the games in 2009. I did check their website yesterday and it appears there will be an event next year.

My wife and I attended the Burns supper sponsored by the San Antonio Scottish Society. Clan Gregor was one of twenty clans who were recognized at the supper. It was an outstanding event and well attended.

My wife and I attended the Tartan Day ceremony held each year at The Alamo to honor the men with Scottish surnames who gave their lives there in defense of Texas independence. I had the honor of presenting a floral wreath in honor of the piper John MacGregor. This event is held the Friday prior to Tartan Day and the Highland Games follow on Saturday and Sunday. I did man a Clan Gregor tent at the Highland Games. The weather was beautiful, however, due to the NCAA Basketball playoffs in San Antonio and a car show being held the same weekend our attendance was poor.

In view of my experience with the Midland event I decided to attend the Highland Games in Houston to get the lay of the land and to talk in person with the individuals responsible for those games. Clan Gregor was well received and they assured me that they would send me the forms to attend and put up a Clan Gregor tent next year. This is an outstanding place to have the games. The vendors and clans are inside a covered pavilion and the heavy games and outdoor events have several acres to use. I do plan on going to Houston and Midland next year.

Randy Walker  
SDC STX

## **2008 Annual Report for Virginia**

Submitted by Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450

Greetings from southeastern Virginia!

We once again concluded the 2007 Games season in Virginia at the Richmond Highland Games meeting and greeting numerous fellow clans' folk and a few society members. Over the winter months I represented our clan and society at the St. Andrew's Dinner in November hosted by the St. Andrew's Society of Tidewater who honored me with their Scot of the Year award. This was followed by the another wonderful Christmas Walk in Alexandria, the annual Burns Nicth in January, the St. Patrick's Day parades in both Norfolk and Richmond in March, Tartan Day in April, and the Wallace Day celebration in August. In September Clan Gregor was honor at the Charleston Highland Games in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina with our Chieftain, Thad Osborne being the honored guest. In a show of support several of us from Virginia; "Sandy" MacGregor, Tobey A. MacGregor, and I made a quick trip down and back. The setting for these Games was spectacular being on the grounds of an old plantation. The weather was comfortable and the people just wonderful.



(L to R) Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., Scott F. MacGregor, Thaddeus G. Osborne, Tobey A. MacGregor, and Fred Magruder standing in front of South Carolina's official palm tree at the Charleston Scottish Games in September 2008

Before I headed south in mid-October for the Stone Mountain Highland Games where our Clan, along with Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor were honored, I was again hosting a Clan tent with "Sandy" MacGregor at the Williamsburg and Radford Scottish Games in Virginia. We again assisted numerous visitors with their Clan Gregor heritage, and hosted many friends.



(L to R) Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., Dakota MacGregor, Tobey A. MacGregor, Dylan MacGregor, Melissa MacGregor, and Scott F. MacGregor standing in front of the Clan tent at the Williamsburg Scottish Festival in October 2008

Both Games were memorable this year with us hosting a good number of society members at the Williamsburg Games; this included Tom and Lisa McAdams of London, Ontario,

Canada, Sally Smith, David King to name a few. At Radford Games we had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a young Highland coo (cow).

(L to R) Miriam Trojahn, Scott F. MacGregor, and Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr. standing around our new found friend a Highland coo (cow) at the Radford Scottish Games in October 2008



The highlight of my year was in March when I stepped forward to volunteer to have my head shaved in support of St. Baldrick's fundraising for children's cancer research. So many of my friends came forward with their generous donations that \$1,200 was raised to shave my head and another \$55 on the spot for my mustache that I had for over 25 years. It was such a great event, for a good cause, that I'm thinking of doing it again next year.

In closing I'd love to have you join me at the many different Scottish events around Virginia during the coming year and then at the 100<sup>th</sup> ACGS Gathering in the fall of 2009. You can't miss this one as its right in our home state of Virginia at the birthplace of the American Clan Gregor Society, in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

*Scott MacGregor*

Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450  
mcgregr@verizon.net  
State Deputy Chieftain for Virginia

## **2008 Annual Report for West Virginia**

Submitted by Michael Greer

The North Central West Virginia Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering was held in Bridgeport, WV the weekend of May 1-3, 2008. for the second year our Clan tent welcomed MacGregors and other festival attendees. Many of the visiting MacGregors marched with our tartan banner in the Parade of Tartans.

Grandson, 14 year old, Robert Greer was a steward for the EUSPBA sanctioned Bagpipe competition. Robert is now a piper with the St Andrew's Pipe and Drum Corps of Parkersburg, WV.

A MacGregor medal for piping was awarded for the first time this year. The festival committee welcomed our sponsorship of the medal which will be awarded annually.

In June I accompanied grandson Robert and the St Andrew's band to the 21<sup>st</sup> annual McHenry Highland Games in Garrett county, MD where I was able to greet several kilted MacGregors and encouraged them to join the ACGS.

In September, we attended the Ligonier Highland Games in Ligonier, PA. These games are one of the oldest and largest in our region. There was no Clan tent at these games and has not been for some time. I had indicated last year to our Chieftain Thad that I would explore the opportunities to reestablish an ACGS presence there. I met a number of Mac Gregors sporting our tartan, and I believe that we should host a tent there in 2009.

My nephew's wedding directly conflicts with this year's Gathering, but I hope to be there next year.

## **2008 Annual Report for Wisconsin and Iowa**

Submitted by Howard R. Grossnickle

This is my third year as a State Deputy Chieftain here in Wisconsin and Iowa.

The Iowa games started of 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. Iowa follows up with the Quad Cities Celtic Highland Games, a one day game that is a big draw and very friendly to venders and clans.

Wisconsin highland Games and Celtic Fling is a 3 day game over the Labor Day weekend that is in its 7<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 was unable to setup my tent this year, but I have redesigned the tent structure to make it easier for one person to set it up. I am sure that everyone will be glad to see Clan Gregor representation and tent return for the many old friends that we are looking forward to seeing next season.

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