

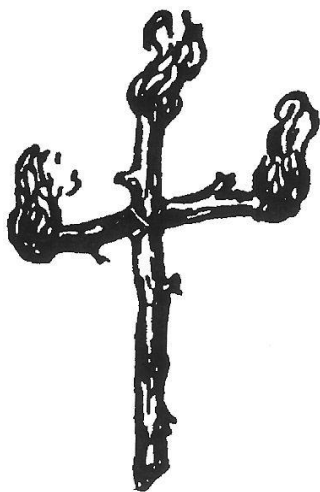
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# **AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY**

## **GATHERING 2012**

103rd Annual Gathering – Tampa, FL  
October 11 – 13, 2012



Submitted by Audrey R. Gregg

The 103rd Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society took place from October 11-13, 2012 in Tampa, Florida. The host hotel was the Hilton Tampa Westshore, beautifully appointed and convenient to historic and tourist sites, restaurants, and shopping. Chieftain Maj. Ronald A. McGregor welcomed the members of the Clan from far and wide. Our local hosts for the Gathering were Ian and Alma Grieg, whose efforts were mightily appreciated by all who attended. The "family" theme could be seen throughout the events: the members of our clan and the generations of owners of the restaurant and cigar factory.

Throughout the weekend, the weather was brilliantly sunny and showed only a bit of Florida's famous humidity. Tampa is the 55th largest city in the United States and has a unique blend of history and heritage. Visiting Clansmen and Clans women were able to visit museums, markets, sports mecca's, and malls under picturesque skies with warm breezes. On Friday, October 12th, the schedule included the memorial service, luncheon, and tour.

The memorial service was held at the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, at which time members who passed in the past year were honored with flowers placed on a wreath. The church is the location for the annual Kirkin' O' the Tartan by the St. Andrews Society of Tampa Bay and in keeping with their tradition, the Lord's Prayer was read in Gaelic. After the service, the tour bus passed magnificent mansions from many architectural styles, taking a route that paralleled the scenic ten-foot wide River-walk along glistening Hillsborough Bay.

Next, the group proceeded to the Tampa City Park on Bayshore Boulevard to place the wreath on the granite monument "In honor of the Scottish Settlers of Tampa Bay". At its base the monolith features a rock from the Scottish land upon which William Wallace's yew tree grows from which tree Wallace fashioned his

bows. Ian and Alma Grieg brought this yew tree stone back from Scotland. Siobhan Harley, Special Assistant to the Mayor of Tampa, read Mayor Bob Buckhorn's proclamation designating October 13th as Clan Gregor Day in Tampa.

The luncheon took place at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City, a short bus ride away. In the late 1800's, it was the site of a corner cafe frequented by local cigar workers. Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders also dined there. Touted as the "Gem of Spanish Restaurants", the site has been serving Cuban specialties since 1905. It has been a family-owned business for over 100 years. It has the distinction of being the oldest restaurant in Florida and purports to be the largest Spanish restaurant in the world, encompassing a city block. However it is unlikely that the skirl of the pipes has ever been heard here before.

Following the fine luncheon with Spanish specialties, our tour group traveled to the J.C. Newman Cigar Company. It is the oldest family-owned maker of cigars in America, operated by the fourth generation of Newman's. This 117-year old company is the only survivor of the nearly 150 cigar-producers that once were scattered throughout Tampa, once known as "Cigar City". Recently, events were held in this building during the Republican Convention. Our group was hosted by brothers, Eric and Bobby Newman, descendents of Julius C. Newman who apprenticed in 1890 to learn how to make cigars, and subsequently founded the business in 1895. The group watched as the workers operated the 60-year old machines, feeding through the flavored tobacco blend, ironing the outer wrapping, and forming and bundling the cigars. The Newman's are active in charitable ventures in the Tampa area as well as Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic where they partner with the Fuentes family. Their cigars are sold in 80 countries. It was an interesting and informative visit for all who are interested in history, cigar-smoker or not.

The Friday night Ceilidh featured the "Celtic Bards". This multi-talented and multi-instrumented trio used music and storytelling to entertain during their most enjoyable program. The purity of their voices and the diversity of their instrumentation made for a lovely evening. Our Clan bagpipers regaled the group with rousing and much-appreciated tunes, and the dancers nimbly performed time-honored steps. The MC was Michael Norton who looked and sounded like Robert Burns.

The General Meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was held the next morning, Saturday, October 13th. The meeting began with a prayer by Gathering Chaplain, Dodd Greer, with gratitude for our family of cousins and with the hope that there would be continued working together as a great people. New members of Council were elected and Certificates of Appreciation presented to James B. MacGregor, retiring webmaster, Steven C. Grier, retiring librarian, and to Thad Osbourne, John Bellassai, Ian Grieg, and Howard Grossnickle for their efforts on our new Coat of Arms.

At 1 pm there was an Antiquities/ Projects Meeting led by Keith MacGregor. (More information follows later in the newsletter).

At 3 pm, the ACGS Pipe Band and dancers performed at a park near the hotel. In their march to the park, they were accompanied by ebullient kilted Gregors. Music and applause filled the warm afternoon air.

The Annual Banquet was held at the Hilton Airport Westshore Salon ABC at 7:30 pm following the Daniel Randell Magruder Reception. On the dais were: Chieftain Ron McGregor, John C. and Ena McGregor, Jane Montmeny, Tampa St. Andrew's Society President Hunter J. Brownlee and wife, Sarah, Ranking Deputy Chieftain Lois Garlitz and H. Ron Grubbs. Ian Grieg deftly intoned the much-beloved Address to a Haggis, accompanied by appropriate pomp, circumstance, and dignity. After the meal, the Pipe Band and dancers performed brilliantly. They dedicated moving renditions of "Amazing Grace" and "When the Saints Go Marching In" to the memory of Greg O'Brien, long-time Pipe Major, who passed away during this past year. A singer from the "Celtic Bards" performed at no cost, since the Bards so enjoyed our group at the Ceilidh.

Maj. Ron McGregor, outgoing Chieftain, summarized his work experience: in the military, while at Rand/Martin Marietta, and his years with the ACGS, his "third career". He expressed his pride and gratitude to those who served and contributed to world history. Ron then passed the gavel to the thirtieth Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, Lois Ann Garlitz, the first woman to serve in this capacity. Lois Ann spoke of continuing the camaraderie of cousins and friends at ACGS, and said she looks forward to the coming years.

Following the Gathering, many out-of-towners extended their opportunity to be with "family" by exploring area attractions, such as Disney World and the Florida Keys.



# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, since its early history, Tampa Florida has been a center of diverse cultures and people that have immigrated from all over the world, helping to shape its rich heritage and uniqueness; and

**WHEREAS**, many who made Tampa home traveled from European countries, including Scotland, and they became developers, community and business leaders, public servants and clergy; and

**WHEREAS**, included in the many notables that hailed from Scotland and led Tampa into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century were **James McKay, Sr.**, who served as the only non-citizen Mayor of Tampa and one of the city's most respected residents; his son **James McKay, Jr.**, who also served as Mayor, and as Captain of the Mascotte steamship, Postmaster of Tampa, and two terms in the Florida State Senate; and **Hugh C. Macfadane**, a prominent lawyer, City of Tampa and Florida State Attorney, businessman, and credited with the development of West Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is indebted to the Scottish Settlers who risked a great deal to move themselves and their families to the United States of America and rebuild their lives in Tampa, and we are grateful for the contributions they made in developing our city into the vibrant and richly diverse place it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, across the nation and among Tampa residents are many that descend from the clan "Gregor," claiming descent from King Kenneth Alpin in the year 850 A.D., and over one-hundred years ago many of those descendants formed the **American Clan Gregor Society** in order to preserve their heritage, history and customs for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Clan Gregor Society will hold its 103<sup>rd</sup> gathering in Tampa, Florida on October 11-13, 2012, first meeting at the Scottish Settlers Memorial on Bayshore Boulevard for a Remembrance Ceremony with a luncheon to follow at the iconic Columbia Restaurant in Historical Ybor City.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2012 as

## "CLAN GREGOR DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in showing appreciation to those of Scottish heritage for the contributions to our country made by them and by their ancestors, and in congratulating Clan Gregor on this special gathering.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.



*City of  
Tampa  
Florida*

*Bob Buckhorn*  
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Mayor



# **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.**

Submitted by Acting Scribe Donald A. Gregg

103rd Annual Gathering – Tampa, FL

Friday, 12 October 2012



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### **Attendees:**

Dr. Juliette Engel, Member  
Mr. Michael Allen MacGregor, Member  
Mr. Keith MacGregor, Member

ACGS Chieftain, Ronald MacGregor, called the Council Meeting to order at 08:37 AM on Friday, October 12, 2012 after determining that a quorum was present. He reminded the attendees that only Council members were allowed to vote. Dodd Greer delivered the Invocation.

The **Trustees** report was given by Ian Greig. He reported a investment value of \$224,945.20, our cash on hand of \$79,733.38 for a net gain of \$26,448.75. A motion to receive his report was made by John C. McGregor and seconded. The motion carried.

The **Scribe**, Donald Gregg, reported that the 2011 Council minutes were published in the last yearbook. Keith Gregg made a motion to accept the Council Meeting minutes of the 102nd Annual Gathering as published in the 2012 ACGS Annual Yearbook. The motion was seconded by Ron Shankland. No corrections or additions to the minutes were presented. Motion carried.

An interim **Treasurer's** report was given by Bruce M. Whyte due to the late collection of fiscal reports necessary to complete a final report. All accounts presented were believed to be accurate. Total net worth is \$383,473.94. This is a net decrease of \$4,757.05 The interim report was received by the Chieftain for filing.

The **Registrar**, Lois Ann Garlitz, presented her report. She reported a total of 38 new members. The digitizing of the first one hundred years of membership records (1909-2009) is now complete. She also announced that new style membership pins are available. Motion to receive the report was made by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. and seconded by Carol Spitznagle. The motion carried.

The **Historian's** report was given by Keith D. Gregg. His report included no births, three marriages, eleven deaths of members and one death of relatives of members. A motion to receive this report was made by Dodd Greer. Seconded by Randy Walker, the motion carried.

The **Yearbook Editor's** report was delivered by Scott MacGregor. He requested that material for the next Yearbook should be sent to him no later than early February. His report was received for filing.

The **Librarian's** report was given by Scott MacGregor. Tom Hollowak is retiring in July, 2013 and Steve Grier says that he deserves special recognition. Steve also said that we need to be thinking about hiring a qualified archivist. Consideration of the material in storage and its disposition needs to be resolved. Motion to accept the report was made by Keith Gregg and seconded by John C. McGregor. The motion carried.

The **Assistant Chieftain's** report was given by Scott F. MacGregor. He discussed the planning and implementation necessary to deliver our newsletters and yearbooks by e-mail. Our Total membership is currently 761. Scott stated that no site has been selected for the 104th annual gathering. A motion to receive this report was made by Lois Ann Garlitz and seconded by Bruce Whyte. Carried

**Ranking Deputy Chieftain**, Lois Ann Garlitz, discussed her use of Yahoo Groups website to communicate with our State Deputies. She reported that we have less than thirty states with SDC's and those appointments need to be continually updated. Carol Spitznagle made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Jane Montmeny. John Bellasai remarked about the many contributions made by the State Deputy Chieftains and we need to thank them. We need to have more members volunteer for the positions of SDC. The motion carried.

**Newsletter Editor** Carol Spitznagle reported on the normal publication each year of three editions of the newsletter and remarked about the great layout work performed by Lori A. Connery. She asked that members continue to submit pictures, stories and other material for publication. Motion to accept the report was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Dodd Greer. The motion carried.

#### **Reports of the Committee Chairperson:**

The **Scholarship's** report was given by Scott MacGregor. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$1500 to each of five applicants making a total of \$7500 this year. One student, Michael Dennison is a new member of our Society. Randy Walker made the motion to accept this report and received a second from Keith Gregg. The motion carried.

Report of the **Long Range Planning Committee** was given by John Bellassai. John enumerated ten broad areas that are being actively pursued by his committee. A motion to receive his report was made by John MacGregor and a second was made by Ron Shankland. The motion carried.

**Heraldry**, John Bellassai. Now that the ACGS has an approved Coat of Arms, the discussion centered upon the proper use of the symbol and the need to tastefully display our Arms. The motion to accept the report was made by Robert (Sandy) MacGregor and seconded by John C. McGregor. The motion carried.

**Auditor**, Mr. M. Gregg Elliott submitted a satisfactory report based on an audit of the Treasurer's books through the period of September 2011. This audit had now been completed in a timely fashion, but we can expect a report of the current period by spring of 2013. The report was received for filing.

**Gathering**: Mr. Ian Greig. Have a good time here at the Gathering. The list of the Gathering Committee is listed on the back page of the program.

**Recognition**: Maj. Ronald McGregor. Ron intends to present Certificates of Appreciation to six deserving individuals at the General Meeting. A motion to approve these certificates was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Lou Ann MacGregor. The motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Policies & Procedures** status – Maj. Ronald A. McGregor. Ron reported on the progress of the job descriptions of various offices of the society. The duties of the scribe is nearly complete and the report for the librarian needs to be smoothed. Lois Ann displayed the Coat of Arms artwork on the new membership pins. John Bellassai made a motion to adopt their use and a second was made by Dodd Greer. The motion carried

**Society Coat of Arms** image, approved usages – Maj. Ronald A. McGregor. These issues are under consideration by the heraldry committee.

**Antiquities Project (Dalmally)** – Mr. Keith MacGregor. He reported that they now have permission from the church elders and the minister to move

the Stones inside the Dalmally Kirk. He announced that his presentation of the GPR project and related subjects will be given on Saturday afternoon.

**Antiquities Fund** - Ron MacGregor. Ron confirmed our commitment to support the Scottish Antiquities with a donation of Two Thousand dollars to CGS. Lois Ann Garlitz made a motion to approve this donation with a second by Jean Simon. The motion carried.

### **New Business:**

**Letter from the Chairman of the CGS** – Maj. Ronald McGregor. This e-mail from Richard McGregor pertains to a new communications protocol concerning members of CGS using derogatory or inflammatory language that would require a public apology or removal from Society membership. John Bellassai said that defamation laws in America are quite different from the UK and we need to carefully consider Freedom of Speech before we try to enact similar language into our by-laws. A proposed change to our by-laws was tabled.

**Relationship with our Hereditary Chief** – Major Ronald McGregor. This matter was extensively discussed. Ron emphasized that Sir Malcolm is extremely busy with his official duties and preferred not to receive messages from the general membership regarding matters that are within the purview of the duties of members of the ACGS Council. Please be courteous and have your questions, comments and/or requests filtered through the Chieftain. Sir Malcolm's position was clarified: his is not an elected office and it was his father, Sir Gregor, that termed the position 'Patron'.

**Unauthorized use of ACGS name** to solicit charitable funds – Maj. Ron McGregor. With the assistance of Diana Browne, a letter of cease and desist has been issued to the offending party. It appears that no damage has been done to our Society.

**Storage Unit and Contents** – Mr. Scott MacGregor. Our Rental Storage Agreement runs out at the end of the year. And there is new material to be processed from past chieftain, Malcolm MacGregor. Sandy MacGregor and Scott MacGregor volunteered to work on this project.

**PayPal (Dues, Pledges, Gathering)** – Ms Lois Ann Garlitz. After some discussion, it was decided to work out a method for us to use the advantages

of Pay Pal - keeping our normal fees the same - with an additional small fee to cover the charge that using this website involves.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am to be completed this evening at approximately 4:15 pm.** This action was taken on a motion by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Lois Ann Garlitz. Carried.

**The meeting reconvened at 4:30 pm.** John Bellasai made the motion to accept the Pay Pal services as an option for members. Carol Spitznagle seconded the motion and it carried.

**Proposed By-Law Changes** – Dr. Bruce Whyte: After some discussion, Ron MacGregor moved to have these changes considered by a committee and have them approved by a telephone conference call of the Council sixty days before the next annual gathering. Dr. Whyte was nominated as a member of this committee and intends to have any changes ready for a vote at the next General Meeting.. John MacGregor seconded this motion and it carried.

**Election of Officers:** The **Nominating Committee's** report was presented by Scott MacGregor. Our Hereditary Chief remains Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Baronet.

**The slate of elected officers for the coming year are:**

ACGS Chieftain ...	Ms Lois Ann Garlitz
Ranking Deputy Chieftain ...	Mr. Randolph Walker
Scribe ...	Dr. Juliette Engel
Registrar ...	Mr. Michael A. McGregor
Treasurer ...	Dr. Bruce Macgregor Whyte
Librarian ...	OPEN
Yearbook Editor ...	OPEN
Chancellor ...	Ms Diana Browne
Chaplain ...	Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne
Historian ...	Mr. Keith D. Gregg
Piper ...	Mr. Randal Zimmerman

**Election of next Nominating Committee:** The following members will form the nominating committee for next year: Keith Gregg, Ron MacGregor and Bruce Whyte. Carol Spitznagle made a motion to accept these nominations which was seconded. The motion carried

**Appointments made by the Chieftain:**

Scott F. MacGregor was appointed by Ron MacGregor to be our Assistant Chieftain for the following year.

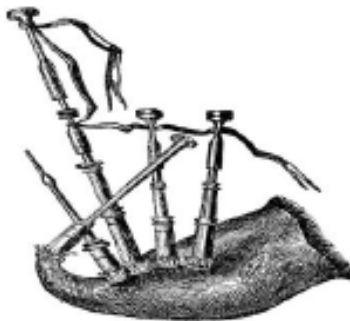
Ron MacGregor announced the appointment of Peter Gregg, James B. MacGregor, and Keith MacGregor as Members-At-Large.

Newsletter Editor: Carol Spitznagle was reappointed Editor  
Webmaster. OPEN

### **Special Committees:**

1. Gathering Committee – the Assistant Chieftain, Scott F. MacGregor
2. Scholarship Committee: Susan Tichy, Nolan Sanders and Richard Greer.
3. Recognition Committee: Carol Spitznagle, Robert Ellington and Lois Ann Garlitz.
4. Heraldry Committee: John Bellassai
5. Audit Committee: M. Gregg Elliot (Chairman) and Sandy MacGregor
6. The Bylaws Review Committee consists of Henry Stone, Randy Walker, Jane Montmeny, Robert F. MacGregor, Diana Browne and Bruce Whyte.

For the Good of the Order: Ron MacGregor felt that it was a good time for the Council to adjourn. A motion to that effect was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Lou Ann MacGregor. Carried.



# **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

Submitted by Acting Scribe Donald A. Gregg

103rd Annual Gathering – Tampa, FL

13 October 2012

After determining that a quorum was present, the Annual General Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM on Saturday, 13 October 2012 by Major Ronald A. McGregor, ACGS Chieftain. Dodd Greer gave the Invocation.

The **Trustees** report for the fiscal year ending 30 SEP 2012 was given by Ian Greig. He reported a investment value of \$224,945.20, and cash on hand of \$79,733.38 for a net gain of \$26,448.75. This represents an increase of 9.4 percent. A motion to receive his report was made by John Bellassai and seconded by Ron Shankland. The motion carried.

The **Scribe**, Donald Gregg, reported that the General Meeting minutes were published in the yearbook. Henry Stone made a motion to accept the Council Meeting minutes of the 102nd Annual Gathering as published in the 2012 ACGS Annual Yearbook. The motion was seconded. No corrections or additions to the minutes were presented. Motion carried. The Scribe then read the preliminary report of the minutes of the 2012 Council Meeting. That report received the motion to accept it from Lillian Magruder - seconded by Henry Stone. The motion carried.

Ron McGregor asked first timers, Irene Nunley (MD) and Joan Roman (NJ) to stand and introduce themselves at the meeting.

**An interim Treasurer's** report was given by Bruce M. Whyte due to the late collection of fiscal reports necessary to complete a final report. All accounts presented were believed to be accurate. Total assets of the Society is \$383,473.94. This is a net decrease of \$4,757.05. Dr. Whyte commended the work of the Trustees. A motion to receive the report was made by Michael McGregor and seconded by Henry Stone. The motion carried.

The **Registrar**, Lois Ann Garlitz, presented her report. She reported a total of 38 new members. The digitizing of the first one hundred years of membership records (1909-2009) is now complete. She also announced that membership pins displaying the new Coat of Arms are available. Motion to



receive the report was made by John C. McGregor and seconded by Sandy MacGregor. The motion carried.

The **Historian's** report was given by Keith D. Gregg. His report included no births, three marriages, fourteen deaths of members and one death of relatives of members. A motion to receive this report was made by Bruce Whyte. Seconded by Lillian Magruder, the motion carried.

The **Yearbook Editor's** report was delivered by Scott MacGregor. He requested that material for the next Yearbook should be sent to him no later than February 2013. His report was received for filing.

The **Librarian's** report was given by Scott MacGregor. Tom Hollowak is retiring in July 2013 and Steve Grier says that he deserves our recognition. Steve also said that we need to be thinking about hiring a qualified archivist. Consideration of the material in storage needs to be resolved. Motion to accept the report was made by John MacGregor and seconded by Henry Stone. The motion carried.

The **Assistant Chieftain's** report was given by Scott F. MacGregor. He discussed the planning and implementation necessary to deliver our newsletters and yearbooks by e-mail. Total Society membership is currently 761 which includes 179 life members. Scott stated that no venue has been selected for the 104th annual gathering. A motion to receive this report was made by John MacGregor and seconded by Henry Stone. The motion carried.

**Ranking Deputy Chieftain**, Lois Ann Garlitz, noted that many SDC's supported games outside of their own state and said that Thad Osborne was one of the best when it came to helping his peers. She discussed her use of a Yahoo Groups website to communicate with our State Deputies. She also reported that we have less than thirty states with SDC's and volunteers should give some thought to becoming an SDC and try out the position for a year. John MacGregor made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Robert Ellington. The motion carried.

The **Webmaster** was not present. The Chieftain reminded the members that we need a new webmaster for next year. The website is fully functional and primarily needs maintenance. John Bellassai said that we need to involve the younger members in these activities and offices. Randy said that his son, Richard Walker, would accept the position of Webmaster for our Society.

**Newsletter Editor** Carol Spitznagle reported on the three editions of the newsletter that are published each year and remarked on the great artwork work performed by Lori A. Connery. The newsletter depends on stories and photographs submitted by members. Once again, Carol requested that younger members submit material for the publication. Motion to accept the report was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Dodd Greer. The motion carried.

### **Reports of the Committee Chairpersons**

The **Scholarship's** report was given by Bruce Whyte. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$1500 to each of five applicants making a total of \$7500 this year. One student, Michael Dennison is a new member of our Society. Lillian Magruder made the motion to accept this report and received a second from Keith MacGregor. The motion carried.

Report of the **Long Range Planning Committee** was given by John Bellassai. John enumerated ten broad areas that are being actively pursued by his committee. A motion to receive his report was made by Sandy McGregor and a second was made by John C. McGregor. The motion carried.

**Heraldry**, John Bellassai described various aspects of the Full Achievement of Arms that was granted to ACGS. Now that the ACGS has an approved Coat of Arms, the discussion centered upon the proper use of the new device. The motion to accept the report was made by Lillian Magruder and seconded by Michael McGregor. The motion carried.

**Auditor:** Mr. M. Gregg Elliott submitted a satisfactory report based on an audit of the Treasurer's books through the period of September 2011. We can expect the review of the current period by early next year. A motion to receive his report was made by Juliette Engel and seconded by Ron Shankland. The motion carried.

**Gathering:** Mr. Ian Greig asked if members were having a good time. To a good response Robert Ellington made a motion to accept this report, which was seconded by John MacGregor. The motion carried.

**Recognition**, Major Ron McGregor. Ron presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following individuals: James B. MacGregor (Webmaster), Steven C. Griegg (Librarian), and Thad Osborne, Howard

Grossnickle, Ian Greig and John Bellassai for their work on obtaining our Coat of Arms. Ron MacGregor announced that his Address of the Chieftain would be given at the night's banquet.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Policies & Procedures** status – Maj. Ronald A. McGregor. Ron reported on the progress of the job descriptions of various offices of the society. Michael McGregor made a point of information concerning conflict of interests. Ron responded that Sir Malcolm - the Patron of both Societies - was not a paid position. Ian questioned the term 'Patron' and Ron noted that was the traditional language used by Sir Gregor and we were satisfied with continuing to call Sir Malcolm our Patron.

**Society Coat of Arms:** Major Ronald A. McGregor. The Council will identify approved usages and displays of the image of the Coat of Arms.

**Antiquities (*Dalmally*)** – Mr. Keith MacGregor. Keith informed the members about the one o'clock presentation that would cover the activities and some results of the Ground-Penetrating Radar Project.

**Antiquities Fund** - Ron MacGregor. Ron reaffirmed our commitment to support the Scottish Antiquities with a donation of Two Thousand dollars to CGS. Also, the proceeds of the R. James MacGregor raffle would be applied to a Memorial Fund for Dalmally.

### **New Business:**

**Letter from the Chairman of the CGS** – Maj. Ron McGregor. This letter is a protocol concerning members of CGS using derogatory or inflammatory language that would require a public apology or removal from Society membership. John Bellassai said that we in America need to carefully consider Freedom of Speech before we tried to enact similar language to our by-laws.

**Unauthorized use of ACGS name to solicit charitable funds** – Maj. Ron McGregor. With the assistance of Diana Brown, a letter of cease and desist has been issued to the offending party - Charity Blossom. It appears that no damage has been done to our organization.

**Relationship with our Hereditary Chief** – Major Ron McGregor. This matter was discussed and Ron noted that Sir Malcolm is extremely busy with his duties as Convener of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and prefers not to receive individual messages from the general membership. Please be courteous and have your questions, comments and/or requests filtered through our Chieftain. Ron also desires to present a medallion featuring our new Coat of Arms to Sir Malcolm.

**Storage Unit and Contents** – Major Ron McGregor. Our Rental Storage Agreement runs out at the end of the year. And there is new material to be processed from a past chieftain, Malcolm MacGregor. Sandy and Scott MacGregor volunteered to work on this project.

**PayPal (Dues, Pledges, Gathering)** – Major Ron McGregor. After some discussion, it was decided to work out a method for us to have the option to take advantage of Pay Pal - keeping our normal fees the same - with an additional small fee to cover the charge that using this website involves.

**By-laws Review Committee;** Ron MacGregor: Ron appointed Jane Montmeny (Chairman), Henry Stone, Randolph Walker, Robert F. MacGregor, Diana Browne and Bruce Whyte to serve on this committee.

**The Slate of Nominations for Elected Officers is:**

ACGS Chieftain	Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz
Ranking Deputy Chieftain	Mr. Randolph Walker
Treasurer	Dr. Bruce Whyte
Chancellor	Ms. Diana Brown
Scribe	Dr. Juliette Engel
Registrar	Mr. Michael A. MacGregor
Librarian	OPEN
Yearbook Editor	OPEN
Chaplain	Mr. Thaddeus Osborne
Historian	Mr. Keith D. Gregg

**Nominations from the floor** included John Bellasai accepting the position of Librarian. John C McGregor nominated Howard Grossnickle for the office of ACGS Chieftain. Dodd Greer was

nominated for the office of Chaplain. Juliette Engel accepted the nomination as Yearbook Editor, allowing Jane Montmeny to be nominated as Scribe. Lillian Magruder made the motion to accept the nominations from the floor; seconded by John MacGregor. Motion carried. Except for the contested office of Chieftain, this action completed the slate of officers. All positions except that of Chieftain were elected by acclamation. Paper ballots for the office of Chieftain were collected from attendees and delivered to the Scribe, Donald Gregg, and John MacGregor for counting.

The meeting was then adjourned at 12:15 PM for lunch to reconvene at 2:15 PM.

The General Meeting reconvened at 2:33 pm. The Chieftain had Donald Gregg and John MacGregor deliver the results of the vote for new Chieftain. Lois Ann Garlitz was elected as Chieftain for the coming year. A motion to vote for James E. Woolley for membership on the Board of Trustees was made by John Bellassai and seconded by John MacGregor. This motion carried. Lois Ann announced the availability of mugs displaying the Dalmally Kirk and one of the Stones on sale for Twenty dollars. A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Shankland and seconded by Keith MacGregor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM to be followed immediately by a meeting of State Deputy Chieftains.

**Elected Officers for 2013 Council:**

Chieftain	Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz
Ranking Deputy Chieftain	Mr. Randolph Walker
Treasurer	Dr. Bruce Whyte
Chancellor	Ms. Diana Brown
Scribe	Ms. Jane Montmeny
Registrar	Mr. Michael A. MacGregor
Librarian	Mr. John Bellassai
Yearbook Editor	Dr. Juliette Engel
Chaplain	Mr. Dodd Greer
Historian	Mr. Keith Gregg

# **STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS MEETING**

**American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.**

Submitted by Acting Scribe Donald A. Gregg

103rd Annual Gathering – Tampa, FL

13 October 2012

Attendees, Officers:

Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain

Randolph W. Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

Donald A. Gregg, Acting Scribe

The State Deputy Chieftain's meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM by newly elected Society Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz. She distributed the new Dalmally mugs to the Deputies who included Ron Shankland - Michigan, Dodd Greer - Utah, Michael A. MacGregor - South Carolina, Jean Simon - Alabama, Carol Spitznagle - Florida and Keith Gregg representing New York. Lois Ann also had updated brochures of the Glen Orchy parish church available and/or a map of Scotland displaying Clan Tartans. She then proceeded to introduce the newly elected Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Randolph W. Walker.

Randy said that in his view his job was to support and assist the Deputies, submit ideas for brand new deputies and receive their feedback. He discussed the Guide for New State Deputy Chieftains (a work in progress). The State Deputies are the face of the Society. He asked that the Deputies provide him with periodically written reports or e-mails detailing the events they supported, the number of visitors and, perhaps, the number of applicants, etc. He also noted that he would notify each SDC sixty days before the Annual General Meeting that a final report was due from them.

Lois Ann announced the appointment of two new Deputies - Mark Anthony Beach for New Mexico and H. Ron Grubbs for North Carolina. The meeting concluded with a drawing for a basket sword provided by Ron McGregor. The lucky winner was Ron Grubbs. The meeting concluded at 3:10 PM.



# **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Submitted by Bruce MacGregor Whyte

Tampa, Florida

October 12/13, 2012

Revised December 5, 2012

## **American Clan Gregor Society 501(c)4**

### **General Checking Account**

October 1, 2011	September 30, 2012
\$14,854.65	\$7,061.46
Income FY12:	\$25,340.76
Memberships	\$10,820.00
Expenses FY12:	\$42,099.23
Gathering	\$21,706.28
Printing	\$6,224.10

### **General Saving Account**

October 1, 2011	September 30, 2012
\$22,407.45	\$17,421.48
Income FY12:	\$14.03
Expenses FY12:	\$5,000.00

### **Edith and Harry Blunt Scholarship Fund**

October 1, 2011	September 30, 2012
\$2,630.85	\$2,633.00
Income FY12:	\$1.12
Expenses FY12:	\$0.00

### **Marshall Magruder Library Fund**

October 1, 2011	September 30, 2012
\$2,524.90	\$2,682.26
Income FY12:	\$156.23
Expenses FY12:	\$0.00

### **Peg Tichy Memorial Fund**

October 1, 2011  
\$13,224.53

September 30, 2012  
\$10,473.07

Income FY12:  
Expenses FY12:

\$5.54  
\$2,757.00

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### **American Clan Gregor Society Trustees, 501(c)3**

#### **Charity and Education Checking Account**

October 1, 2011  
\$9,090.65

September 30, 2012  
\$15,825.80

Income FY12:

Income:

Donations

Investments

\$15,134.90  
\$8,130.00  
\$7,500.00

Expenses FY12:  
Scholarships

\$8,199.75  
\$7,500.00

#### **Charity and Education Saving Account**

October 1, 2011  
\$22,113.81

September 30, 2012  
\$22,131.51

Income FY12:

Expenses FY12:

\$17.70  
\$0.00

#### **Investments** (Stifel, Nicolaus & Company)

(Investment amounts include cash reserves held at Stifel Nicolaus and unrealized gains or losses)

October 1, 2011  
\$280,204.88

September 30, 2012  
\$306,653.63

Income:

Net Dividends FY11  
\$15,457.69

Net Dividends FY12  
\$12,810.29

#### **Total Assets of the American Clan Gregor Society**

October 1, 2011  
\$388,230.99

September 30, 2012  
\$383,473.94



# **REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR for 2012**

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz

## **CORRECTIONS from previous years**

Michael Kelly McGregor, is actually a Life member #2990LM, joining in 2011.

Patricia Woolley converted to Life Member #2215ALM in 2010

From 2011 yearbook – Detroit 2011.... **#2968 NUNLEY, Irene MacGregor**, 1605 Earlham Ave., Crofton, MD, 21114. She is the spouse of Clyde Dale Nunley and the daughter of James MacGregor and Irene D. MacGregor; he the son of James MacGregor and Annie Grey. (should actually be spelled Greig)

## **NEW MEMBERS – includes Associate and Life Members**

**#3010 WILCOX, Noreen Ann King**, 2140 Needmore Rd., Woodleaf, NC 27054. She is the spouse of Richard Wallace Wilcox and the daughter of James Fulton King, Jr., and Helen Theresa Kelly; he the son of James Fulton King, Sr., and Rebecca Jean Holman; he the son of William Samuel King and Viola Morris; he the son of Jonathan King and Elizabeth Nancy Hall; he the son of William Nelson King and Nancy Robertson Berry; he the son of Isaac King and Martha Crouch; he the son of Edward King and Elizabeth Nichols; he the son of Thomas King and Jane Catherine Sharp; he the son of Gilbert King and Helin Foyar.

**#3011A STRADLEY, Mary T.**, 10925 Milburn Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. She is the spouse of Leighton P. Stradley III (ACGS#1938)

**#3012 MCFARLAND, Peter Evert**, 3154 Crane Ave., Escondido, CA 92027. He is the spouse of Marie Louisa Fishback and the son of William Henry McFarland and Ruth Hilbor Clausen; he the son of William Evert McFarland and Florence Altha Brantley; he the son of John Wesley McFarland and Mary Elizabeth Stinton; he the son of Ira L(ane) McFarland and Mahala Chandler; he the son of William McFarland; he the son of William McFarland and Catherine; he the son of Thomas McFarland and Margaret (Peggy) Todd; he the son of Arthur McFarland and Elizabeth Porter; he the son of Walter McFarland; he the son of Duncan McFarland.

**#3013 GIBBARD, Norma Jean**, 7851 S. Hwy 99, Stroud, OK 74079. She is the spouse of Randy T. Ziesenis and the daughter of Norman Paul Gibbard and Joan Marvel Boiser; he the son of George Almer Gibbard and Vivian Wilson; he the son of Chas. (or Charles) W. Gibbard and Anne (or Annie) Petrie; she the daughter of John M. Petrie and Sarah E. Willson.

**#3014 LECKIE, Duncan Devon, Jr.**, 7825 West 117<sup>th</sup> Terr., Overland Park, KS 66210. He is the son of Duncan Devon Leckie, Sr. and Marior Elizabeth Church; he the son of James Alexander Leckie and Jamima Brown.

**#3015 WARD, ANDREW BRYAN**, 407 Rosehill Ct., Goodlettsville, TN 37072. He is the spouse of Leigh Ann Milam and the son of Jack Lewis Ward, Jr., and Jesse Joan Frye; she the daughter of Robert Ewing Frye and Gladys Louise Floyd; he the son of Walter Scott Frye and Mary Myrtle Henry; he the son of William Frye and Emily Ann Noland; he the son of Colonel A. Frye and Sarah Gregg; she the daughter of William Gregg and Ruth Jackman; he the son of William Gregg, Sr.; he the son of David Gregg; he the son of John Gregg; he the son of Capt. David Gregg; and he the son of David McGregor.

**#3016 GREER, RUSSELL ANSON**, 10805 Indies Dr. N., Jacksonville, FL 32246. He is the spouse of Cheryl Barbara Cartwright and the son of Walter Raymond Greer, Jr. and Doris May Grooms; he the son of Walter Raymond Greer, Sr. and Jennie Bell Pritchett; he the son of William G. Greer and Mary S. Hay; he the son of Joseph Greer and Almira Deal; he the son of Joseph Greer and Polly Mitchell; he the son of Martin Greer and Mary Wright.

**#3017 FLECK, LINDA LEIGH WHITE**, 542 Tapatio Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34759. She is the spouse of Gary Dean Fleck and the daughter of Loren Ellwood White and June Bonita Bjorge; he the son of Leonard Huston White and Eva May Wilford; he the son of Thomas White and Ellenor Bernard; he the son of Thomas White and Agnes Adamson; he the son of Thomas White and Beatrix Bennet; he the son of Alexander White and Isabelle Trail; he the son of Andrew Whyte and Isabel Kea; he the son of Thomas Whyte and Jain Bell; he the son of Thomas Quhyte and Isobell Woode.

**#3018 CZERWINSKI, PAMELA ARTHUR**, 420 Woodshire Ln., #C7, Naples, FL 34105. She is the spouse of Henry C. Czerwinski, Jr. and the daughter of Arthur Senter Laverty and Elizabeth Pauline Hammond; he the son of Arthur Flanders Laverty and Jane Adeline Magruder.

**#3019 WHITE, LESLI SANDRA**, 6111 7<sup>th</sup> Drive, Lubbock, TX 79416. She is the daughter of Loren Ellwood White and June Bonita Bjorge. Her sister is #3017 Linda Leigh White Fleck, listed above.

**#3020 BEACH, MARK ANTHONY**, 26 County Road 3074, Aztec, NM 87410. He is the spouse of Cindy Davis and the son of John Franklin Beach and Martha Luella Rivers; he the son of Franklin William Beach and Minnie Dare Allen; she the daughter of John Franklin Allen and Etta Mae Greer; she the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Greer and Rebeca Younce; he the son of Benjamin Greer and Elizabeth Reece; he the son of James Greer and Mary Pollie "Mollie" Hampton; he the son of John Greer Jr., and Sarah Ann Elliot; he the son of John Greer Sr. and Sarah Day; he the son of James J. Greer (immigrant) and Ann Taylor.

**#3021LM** – see Junior advancement.

**#3022 ALLRED, REBECCA ANNE**, 1005 View Street, Rock Springs, WY 8290. She is the spouse of Zen Allred and the daughter of Richard L. Garlitz and Lois Ann Cox (#ACGS 2561LM).

**#3023 RUSCIO, CAROLYN MARY DUROCHER**, 11133 Batello Dr., Venice, FL 34292. She is the spouse of Dominic Victor Ruscio and the daughter of Norman Leon Durocher and Claudine Marie Pauline Genesse; he the son of Paul Alfred Durocher and Marie Josephine Herbert; she the daughter of Francois Hebert and Victoire Paquette; he the son of Jean Baptiste Herbert and Margaret McGregor; she the daughter of James McGregor and Margaret Chabert de Joncaire; he the son of Gregor (Robert) McGregor and Regina Susanne Robert; he the son of James Mhor McGregor Drummond.

**#3024 STURGIS, NELLICIA CHECKLY**, 305 Fairview Drive, Biloxi, MS 39531. She is the spouse of Arthur Larry Sturgis and the daughter of Clarence Henry Checkly and Minnie Lee Wash; she the daughter of Alfred Lee Wash and Eva Inez Skinner; he the son of Pleasant Marion Wash and Mary Jane Roberts; he the son of Alfred Perry Wash and Lou Ann Simmons; he the son of Thomas J. Wash and Mary Clemens; he the son of William Whitten Wash and Annie Amelia Jones; he the son of Thomas Wash and Mary Lipscomb; he the son of Thomas Wash and Sarah Mackgehee (McGehee); she the daughter of Thomas Mackgehee and Mary Mumford.

**#3025 ROMAN, JOAN ISABELLE COWELL**, 187 Skyline Drive, Lakewood, NJ 08701. She is the spouse of Robert Allan Roman and the daughter of Norman Palmer Cowell and Isabelle Dorothy Goheen; she the daughter of Harry Ellsworth Goheen and Lillian Fleming MacGregor; she the daughter of William MacGregor III and Isabella Fleming; he the son of William MacGregor II and Elizabeth Blythe; he the son of William MacGregor and Margaret Nisbit.

**#3026 STAR-WILSON, CAROL ANN**, 429 N. St. Claire Cir., Mesa, AZ 85207. She is the spouse of James Edward Wilson and the daughter of Hinkle Munn Starr and Katie Ruth Holcolme; she the daughter of John Thomas Holcolme and Emma Mae Gannoway; she the daughter of Elias Thomas Gannoway and Mary/Martha (Mattie) Conaway; he the son of Walker Washington Gannaway and Sarah Palmira Flynt; he the son of James Gannaway and Nancy Grimes; he the son of Edmond Money Gannaway and Drucilla Woodson Walker; he the son of John Gannaway and Mary MacGregor; she the daughter of Edmond MacGregor.

**#3027 ORSINGER, KENNETTE KATHLEEN FUGATE**, 1617 SE Kane St., Roseburg, OR 97470. She is the spouse of James Bert Orsinger and the daughter of Thomas Roger Fugate and Maxine Leone Thornton; he the son of Loyd Dalton Thornton and Betty Jean Witcher; he the son of Carl Clyde Thornton and Pearl Ann Pepiot; he the son of Ernest Elmer Thornton and Maggie Ellen Offutt; she the daughter of John Littleton Offutt, Jr. and Eliza "Ellen" Longbreak; he the son of John Littleton Offutt and Louis Ann Cathenn Robertson; he the son of James Doull Offutt and Arah Offutt; he the son of William Offutt III and Elizabeth Jackson Magruder; she the daughter of Samuel Magruder and Margaret Beall Jackson.

**#3028 PATTENDEN, Nanci Marie**, 109 William Curtis Circle, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada L3Y 8L8. She is the daughter of William Howard Pattenden and Dorothy Marion Preston; she the daughter of Joseph Cephus Preston and Isabella McGregor; she the daughter of John McGregor and Annie Lavina Draper; he the son of

Alexander McGregor and Isabella Kennedy; he the son of John McGregor and Janet Meldrom.

**#3029 LETHAN NONA DEE JEFFRIES**, P.O. Box 772/ 2591 West 7000 South, West Jordan, UT 84081. She is the spouse of Keith Daniel Letham and the daughter of John Hughie Jeffries and Nona Darlene Hill; he the son of Hollis Edward Jeffries and Gladys Marie Franck; he the son of John Beard Jeffries and Harriet Ellen Shaw; he the son of John Jeffries and Elizabeth Gragg; she the daughter of James Harvey Gragg and Nancy Ann White; he the son of Henry Gragg and Elizabeth Pharoah.

**#3030** - see Junior advancement

**#3031** – see Junior advancement

**#3032ALM MAGRUDER, VERNON TATE**, 337 Sunbury Way, Madison MS 39110. She is the spouse of Abbey W. Magruder III ACGS#2171LM.

**#3033 BALL, MARY ANN McADAMS**, 6237 Leeward Ct., Fleming Island, FL 32003-8013. She is the spouse of Charles Leon Ball and the daughter of Walter Bernard McAdams and Mary Lou Sittler; he the son of Bertram Arthur McAdams and Mary Inez Robinson; he the son of John Milton McAdams and Henrietta Schlosser; he the son of James Ruffin McAdams and Martha Edith Sherwood; he the son of William Whiteside McAdams and Charlotte M. Chesware; he the son of William McAdams and Fanny Margaret Whiteside.

**#3034 DENNISON, MICHAEL PRESTON**, 6695 Susan Circle, Leeds, AL 35094. He is the son of Eric Jon Dennison (ACGS#2862) and Susan Alayne Hawkins; he the son of Dr. Herbert Eugene Dennison (ACGS#2853) and Joan Ethel Koorndyk.

**#3035 HARAR, BETHANY ANN MASONE**, 14233 Beddingfield Way, Centreville, VA 20121-5321. She is the spouse of Michael Lawrence Harar and the daughter of Roger John Masone and Marsha Lee Hauschild (ACGS#2976

**#3036LM PUTNAM, SHAWN LESTER**, 446 East 300 South #11, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. He is the son of Calvin Dee Putnam and Dorothy Katherine Greer; she the daughter of John Robert Greer and Virginia Bradford. Here his pedigree joins that of his aunt Lois Lynn “Happy” Greer (ACGS#2885LM.)

**#3037LM PETER, THOMAS A.**, 560 Ponderosa Drive, Estes Park, CO 80517. He is the son of Arthur DeWitt Peter and Ruth Vera Rakow; he the son of Willis Tuthill Peter and Marion L. Weaver; he the son of John Peter and Lida M. Helm; he the son of John Peter and Margaret Turnbull.

**#3038 LEHR, JEANNE LOUISE PETER**, She is the daughter of Byron Keith Peter and Shirley Ruth Mechtel, he the son of Willis Tuthill Peter and Marion L. Weaver. Here her pedigree joins that of her cousin Thomas A. Peter (ACGS#3037LM )

**#3039 RYAN, CHRISTOPHER THOMAS**, 1100 Glenheath Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28791. He is the son of Thomas Alan Ryan and Laura Jean Pratt, she the daughter of Floyd Richard Pratt and Margret Jean McGregor; she the daughter of George Franklin McGregor (ACGS#1828LM – past Chieftain ACGS - and Marian Elizabeth Knight.

**#3040 DEAL, DONNA GAYE STRIPLING**, 814 East 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., Cordele, GA 31015. She is the spouse of Edward Jerome Deal and the daughter of Donald Jerry Stripling and Bettye Lola Dean; she the daughter of William Daniel Dean and Ruby Estelle Akinson; he the son of James “Jim” Estil Dean and Hattie Bell Greer; she the daughter of William Thomas Greer

**#3041 DENTON, JOSEPH PAUL**, P.O. Box 103, Farmington, ME 04938. He the son of Paul Howard Denton and Betty Marie Mull; he the son of Floyd James Denton and Francis Evelyn Goins; he the son of Charles George Denton and Fannie Caroline Skinner; she the daughter of James Benjamin Skinner and Laura C. Davis; he the son of Benjamin T. D. Skinner and Harriet Ellen Gray; he the son of Ronald Skinner and Sarah Owen; he the son of John R. Skinner.

**#3042 BROOKS, PATTI**, 10627 Country Flower, San Antonio, TX 78240. She is the spouse of Frank Edward Smith and the daughter of Daniel Jordan Brooks and Annette Pearl Horn; he the son of William LaRue Horn and Leila Honorine Creech; he the son of Willie Jordon Horn and Mary Pearl Crook; she the daughter of Dr. William Henry Crook and Emma Eliz Drane; she the daughter of Walter Smith Drane and Mary Austill; he the son of Walter Piles Drane and Aletha Magruder; she the daughter of Ninian Beall Magruder and Rebecca Young.

### **Convert to LIFE MEMBER**

none

### **REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2012**

**#1028 WILLMS, VICKI ANNA VAUGHN**, Myersville, MD

**#2132 MacGREGOR, NORMAN EDWARD**, Champaign, IL.

**#2739 LEE, ALICE GRIER**, Washington, PA

### **ADVANCE from Junior membership to Lineal membership**

**#3021LM SHERMAN, GERARD MacGREGOR**, 45 Bryants Nursery Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905. He is the son of Gary Bruce Sherman and Laura Hungerford (ACGS#1839).

**#3030 ALLRED, GILEAN MICHAEL**, 1005 View Street, Rock Springs, WY 82902. He is the son of Zen Daniel Allred and Rebecca Anne Garlitz (ACGS# 3022).

**#3031 KNIGHT, JOHN DAVID**, 1477 Schwarz Meadow Drive, O 'Fallon, IL 62269. He is the son of David MacGregor Knight (ACGS#2954) and Melody A. Knight.

**new JUNIOR MEMBERS** (their # indicates the year they turn 18 years of age)

**#2013J GREGG, DYLAN TIMOTHY**, Whippany, NJ. Sponsor is his father Timothy Cochran Gregg #3009

**#2014J SHERMAN, JACEN**, Silver Springs, MD. Sponsor is his mother Laura Hungerford # 1839LM.

**#2016J GREGG, CARLEY CATHERINE**, Whippany, NJ. Sponsor is his father Timothy Cochran Gregg #3009

**#2020J RICHARDSON, LILY JEANETTE**, Cokeville, WY. Sponsor is her grandmother Lois Ann Garlitz #ACGS 2561LM.

**#2030J SINCLAIR, GEORGIA FELICITY**, Placitas, NM. Sponsor is her grandmother Anna G. Wade #1657LM.

**RECRUITER for the Year 2012**

New member Patti Brooks has recruited two additional family members.

Another way to look at how new members arrived at our group: The most frequent way is through family (about half of recruitments), next is by visiting a clan tent, and close behind is internet and our website. Way to go members! Keep spreading the word about ACGS is an interesting and friendly group to join.



*Chuck Skinner, Scottish Christmas Walk, Alexandria VA 2012*

# **REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN**

Keith Gregg, interim Historian

Since the last Gathering of the Society in Detroit, Michigan in 2011 until the Gathering in Tampa, Florida in 2012, there have been reported no birth(s), three marriages, ten deaths of members, two deaths of relatives of members and one special mention.

## **BIRTHS**

No birth(s) were recorded.

## **MARRIAGES**

### **LAWS – SINCLAIR**

Nancy Marie Laws (Clan No. 2830) was married to Grant Sinclair on 13 June 2009.

### **CRANE – DEKLERK**

Kelsy Crane (Clan No. 2884) was married to Jake Deklerk on 18 August 2012.

### **MACGRUDER – TATE**

Abbey W. Magruder, III, (Clan No. 2171) was married to Vernon Adelle Tate on 9 June 2012.

## **DEATHS OF MEMBERS**

McGehee, Jo Berta (Clan No. 2304) died on 1 May 2012,

Walker, Hallam (Clan No. 2366) Doctor of French literature, died on 12 January 2012.

Daland, Elizabeth A. (Clan No. 2600) died on 18 February 2011.

Cosgrove, Elizabeth M. (Clan No. 1156), died on 24 February 2011.

Toulmin, Priestley Chewning (Clan No. 2881) died on 5 December 2011.

Hopkins, Arlene Agnes (Clan No. 2867) died on 31 July 2012.

Hinds, Edith C. (Clan No. 1675) died on 9 November 2011.

O'Brien, James Gregory (Honorary Life Member) Pipe Major Emeritus, died on 23 Jul 2012.

MacGregor, Robert James (Clan No. 1462) ACGS past Chieftain, died on 22 September 2012.

McGregor, Anne C. (Clan No. 2056) died on 15 August 2012.

## **DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS**

Ewell, Antoinette Strobino, wife of Nathaniel M. Ewell III (Clan No. 2114) died on 1 October 2012.

Prouty, David Lee, brother of Donald Allen Gregg (Clan No ) died on 6 APR 2012.

## **OTHER DEATH(S) OF MENTION**

Euan MacGregor, Younger of Cardney, passed away on 13 May 2012. He was the eldest son of Alpin MacGregor of Cardney, President of the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland.



*Greenville SC, 2012*



# MEMORIALS

## 2011 – 2012

*Robert James MacGregor*

*James Gregory O'Brien*



*Matt Kuldell (Piper) and Keith Gregg  
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church  
Tampa FL*

## Memorial to Robert James MacGregor

**Chieftain ACGS 1970 – 1972**

08/26/1923 - 09/22/2012



*Photograph: Jim at Glen Fruin during Memorial Service at Clan Gathering*

Passed away in Atlanta, GA at age 89. The son of Carol and Helen Hewett MacGregor, he was born in Lansing, MI and spent most of his childhood in Urbana, OH. He began his college studies at Syracuse University and transferred to George Washington University where he met his first wife Sue Spearman of Washington, DC.

His college studies were interrupted by WWII, when the Navy sent him to officer training school at Dartmouth and Harvard. He served as a supply officer aboard a destroyer escort in the South Pacific. He graduated from George Washington University after the war, and worked briefly as a White House correspondent for a radio station in Baltimore; then joined the Home Life Insurance Company as an estate planner for the remainder of his career.

Jim was an active participant in many organizations. During college he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He was an Eagle Scout and later served as Scout Master of Troup 923 in Bethesda, MD. History was a passion of his, and he became an avid genealogist researching both his American and Scottish roots. He was a direct descendent of the legendary Rob Roy MacGregor of Glengyle, Scotland, and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a past president of the Saint Andrews Society of Washington, DC, a former chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, and was a founder of Shenandoah Valley Saint Andrew's Society.

He retired to Winchester, VA in the mid 1980's with his wife Sue where they were active in many local organizations and events. They celebrated their 50th anniversary just prior to her death in 1994. Two years later, he married Martha Clevenger, where they continued to participate in the Winchester community until

her death in 2011. He then moved to an assisted living residence in Atlanta to be closer to family.

Jim was very active in the American Clan Gregor Society. In 1975, Jim and Sue led approximately 200 MacGregor's and their friends on a pilgrimage trip to Scotland to visit the MacGregor sites and to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the lifting of the proscription in 1774.

. It was a fantastic trip with many banquets and tours that reflected the extensive preparation Jim and Sue put into the trip. In 2003, Jim and his brother David, attended the World Gathering of the Clan at Stirling Castle.

Jim is survived by his brother David H. Macgregor of Lorain, OH; his son J. Bruce Macgregor and his wife Elizabeth of Atlanta, GA; and his daughter Karen Sue and her husband Daniel Ebert of Poolesville, MD. He had four grandchildren: Sarah Macgregor Williams of Leesburg, GA, James Macgregor Watson of Silver Spring, MD, Anna Macgregor Bramwell of Atlanta, GA, and Andrew Buchanan Watson of Fairfax, VA. Altogether, he had 3 great grandchildren and 4 step great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Winchester, VA on Wednesday September 26th.



*2009 ACGS Gathering - 100th Anniversary - Jim's last Gathering*

# Memorial to James Gregory O'Brien, Pipe Major

By Matthew F. Kuldell, Current Pipe Major

I met Greg O'Brien at 1805 Kirby Road, McLean, Virginia, 22101, when I was a Junior at McLean High School on Monday evening, May 8, 1972 with 3



school mates. We were at his home to start bagpipe lessons in the hopes of forming a Pipe Band at our school. He immediately introduced us to his wife, Una, daughter Siobhan, and two young sons, Brendan and Patrick. Turns out we were only a few of the many people that learned to play the Great Highland Bagpipe from Greg O'Brien. At the time I was 18 years old and all Greg's kids were under the age of 9, and I spent so much time at the O'Brien home over the next several years I felt like part of the family. By that October Greg was taking us to band practice at Whitby gym in the Washington Cathedral's girls school. Frankly I think he enjoyed bringing four

your high school student's to try and goad the rest of the band into working harder so they wouldn't be outdone by several young whipper snappers. Greg loved to tell stories about his friends and his experiences and I want to share just a few of these with you about my piping mentor and friend James Gregory O'Brien was born in New York City on Sept 27, 1928 to James and Ann O'Brien, and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child, the and older sister, Pat, and two younger sisters, Peggy and Elizabeth. Piping came into his life early. When he was about 16 years old he joined the Donegal Pipe Band and later took private lessons from the Pipe Major of the Lovat Pipe Band, John C. MacKenzie, probably the finest piper in the area at that time. At Greg's wake this past summer, his brother-in-law, John Burkner, Peggy's husband, told me that Greg was responsible for getting him into the Donegal band as a drummer and that Greg had become Pipe Major prior to being drafted into the U.S. Army.

During the Korean War Greg served for two years in Army security in San Francisco. Greg told me many times that San Francisco was his most favorite city in the World and he had the best job in the Army getting to run around in civilian clothes playing cloak and dagger the entire time. While there he managed to find an army pipe band and did some piping with them. Leave it to Greg to sniff out a pipe band and become a part of the fun.

After he was discharged from the Army he returned to New York in 1953 and resumed his role as the Pipe Major of the Donegal Pipe Band. During this period Greg earned his BA Degree from Brooklyn College and then earned a

Master's degree in Russian Studies from Fordham. He also held several jobs as well as woed and wed Una Gillespie, a Saint of a woman if ever there was one! Just ask any of the long time members of the society pipe band. They were made for each other and her family adored Greg. She and several of her sisters had moved to New York city from Killaia, County Mayo, Ireland and it was this Irish connection that brought them into each others company. Greg applied to and was hired by the Federal Government in Washington, DC as a geographer. Prior to moving to Washington he scouted out the area for a place to bring his wife AND to find a pipe band. He found the Washington Scottish Pipe Band, which was sponsored by the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC and led by a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, Bill Stokoe. He traveled to Washington for several practices, became a member of the band and arranged to be in Washington in time to perform his first gig with the band at the Kirking of the Tartans at the Washington National Cathedral in April 1962, the day before beginning his career with the Central Intelligence Agency.



While recently reviewing old archived copies of the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC newsletters I found an article in the Jan 1964 issue indicating that the band received the first set of Clan Gregor kilts in December 1963. I've never been able to learn how or who was responsible for the band becoming sponsored by the American Clan Gregor Society but since Greg didn't join the band till about 1962 then I assume that connection had been established by Bill Stokoe prior to Greg's arrival. I do know that Greg was very fond of the ACGS and spoke fondly of Harry and Edit Blunt, Joe Tichy, "The" (referring to Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor) and his lovely wife, Fanny. You were all family to him.

Greg and Una spent the rest of their lives in the house they bought in McLean, Virginia. Greg's wife and children were an entragel part of the band. Una booked band jobs and she and the kids were present at almost every full band performance. All of the children learned to play the pipes. Both Brendan and Patrick played pipes for the McLean High School band and eventually performed with Greg's band. Siobhan danced with the pipe band and all of them have performed at ACGS gatherings.

Greg mentioned that when he first joined the Washington Pipe Band that weekly practices usually had about 3 – 5 pipers in attendance and only a drummer or two.



A typical show was the band circling up, the Pipe Major suggesting a tune or set of tunes, the band members arguing they had not practiced it or that not enough knew the tune, and basically putting on a rather unstructured performance. Greg's thoughts on the way the band

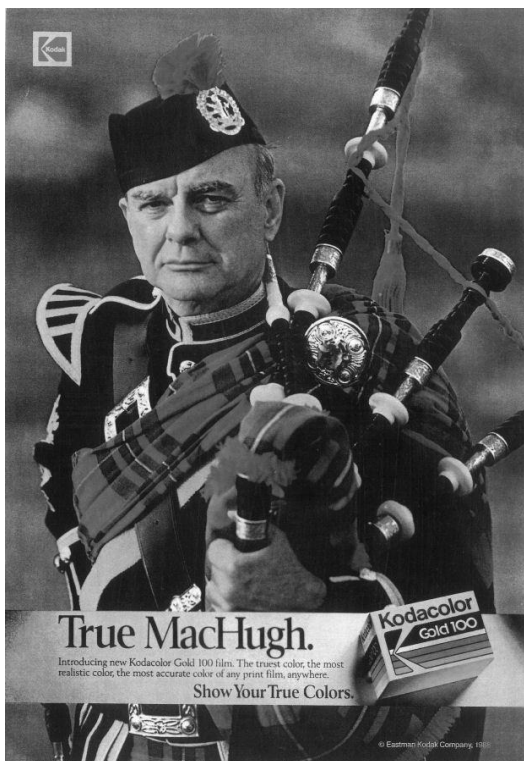
should appear in performance along with his experience performing with the Donegal Band for about 16 years as well as running that band for more than 10 of those years obviously influenced the band members. Recent pictorial evidence of the 1964 Tartan Ball held by the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC showed Greg sporting Pipe Sergeant Stripes on his dress tunic and in 1967 Greg was elevated to Pipe Major by the members of the band. Greg brought a more refined showmanship to the band's performances. He never gave a show without having a program worked out in advance. Greg also developed a series of marching formations that enabled us to build complex and varied programs easily, and that strategy is still utilized by the band. Under his leadership the band reached it's high mark in membership with 24 pipers, 8 drummers, a Drum major, and a corps of dancers (both male and female) in the 1980's.

Anyone that ever met Greg found that he loved telling stories about his and his friends' adventures, some of which seemed crazy or highly unlikely, but totally believable coming from him. He was always the life of a party. I can remember a Virginia Scottish Games ceilidh I was attending with 3 other young pipers from the band. There were a series of people piping, fiddling, singing, or dancing on a stage or in the middle of the room and folks were quietly sitting around. Sounds like fun, but quite frankly it was rather boring. Then there was a clatter in the back of the room and in walked the O'Brien's. Greg stops, looks around the room with everyone staring at him, and he booms out something like, "Is this the party? Let's drink!" Most of the room roared in agreement and the atmosphere immediately got all charged up and I could feel the entire room come to life. Greg was like that at every party or pub I ever attended with him. It was marvelous. If things got dull he

would just start singing, or tell one of us to pull out our pipes and play, or he would pull out his pipes and play. Ask permission? Are you mad?

I'll never forget the time at the San Antonio ACGS gathering when Greg marched the band down the river walk, followed by numerous of the clan members into an Irish pub, and before anyone could order a drink, in walks a police officer asking, "Who's in charge?" In one motion the entire band pointed to Greg and the officer walks up to Greg and asked who he was and to see his parade permit. Mind you the fellow is looking up to Greg, and Greg tells him, "Greg O'Brien and we don't have a parade permit, didn't know we needed one." We just don't know what to expect, but it turns out the police officer also has an Irish last name, and he tells Greg not to do it again and leaves. Greg could have led us into hell and we would have followed him without question.

Greg was with the American Clan Gregor Pipe band for 42 years, 37 years as Pipe Major. After "retiring" from the pipe band he never lost touch, even coming to practices for another 4 or 5 years whenever possible and continued to talk about getting back onto the pipes and rejoining the band until his last year. When you figure he started piping about 15 years old and never stopped till his health made it too difficult for him to march in 2003, Greg spent about 61 years as a piper and most of those years leading two pipe bands.



# **REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN**

Submitted by Steven C. Grier

This is my last report as ACGS Librarian. I have held the position since October of 2006 and feel it is now time to step down. It has been my pleasure serving in this position, and we were able to accomplish many critical tasks necessary to preserve the library and archives of the ACGS. Thank you all for your support and for the opportunity to serve.

## **THE GENERAL MARSHALL MAGRUDER LIBRARY (MML)**

The most significant news related to the MML is Tom Hollowak, Associate Director for Special Collections for the Lansdale Library at the University of Baltimore will be retiring in July of 2013. As many of us of know, Tom played a very important role in bringing the ACGS library and archives up to national standards. For this we owe him a great deal of thanks. I would like to personally thank Tom for all of the time and advice he graciously provided to me. I am sure we all want to wish Tom a well deserved happy and healthy retirement.

### **Path Forward for the MML**

There is a quantity of archive material which needs to be processed. Thus, planning for the hiring of a qualified archivist needs to begin. It is important ACGS not fall behind in preserving these important documents.

## **CLIMATE CONTROLLED STORAGE UNIT**

### **Path Forward for the Controlled Storage Unit**

Since no Yearbooks have been sold within the last couple of years, and with the Yearbooks now available in PDF format on the Langsdale Library website, it is seriously time to consider the final disposition of the Yearbooks in storage.



*John Bellassai, Scottish Christmas Walk Alexandria VA 2012  
Librarian elect for 2013*



## **REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Submitted by Susan Tichy

The committee would like to award \$1500 to each of 5 applicants, listed below. As soon as we have Trustee approval, we will inform the recipients and get their checks in the mail.

### **Freshmen:**

**John D. Knight**, son of Dave Knight. Will attend Greenville College.

**Gilean Michael Allread**, grandson of Lois Ann, parents have joined the society. Will attend Brigham Young.

**Christopher Greer**, son of Robert L. Greer, accepted at multiple schools, still making up his mind.

**Robert Greer**, Christopher's twin brother, accepted at multiple schools, still making up his mind.

### **Continuing student, no prior scholarship:**

**Michael Dennison**, son of Eric Dennison, grandson of Herbert Dennison. Will be a junior at University of Alabama.

We had an additional 4 applicants, all of whom had received prior Blunt scholarships. So, given that Bruce told us we had \$7500 to distribute, we elected to fund new applicants only.



*Lou Ann MacGregor, and future scholars  
Brennen C. Grover and Emerald A. Schauf*

## **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN**

Scott F. MacGregor

Due to increase needs of my family and work the time I have able to allot to society business has been significantly reduced.

Our mailings in January for the dues/pledge notices and August for the Gathering letter went out to over 700 members whom we have addresses for. The yearbook in May and the newsletters in the December, April, and July went out to the roughly 450 members who are current or within two years with their dues. We continued to have a number of letters returned by the postal service as undeliverable. The only reason I see that this continues is because our members are trying to do their part in keeping the postal service afloat.

It has been suggested in the past and was suggested again this summer by a member who prefers to have his mailings sent to his e-mail mailbox. While this would save the society a significant amount of money, it is something that we will need to look into further. We currently only have e-mail addresses for about half our members. So we will need to modify the membership database and then maintain it to flag those members who would like their mailings sent via e-mail. There are members who while having an e-mail address still prefer to receive their mailing via the postal service. Consideration must be made to the file sizes: on average the newsletter runs about 2 megabytes and the yearbook runs about 6 megabytes. These days these file sizes are acceptable by most Internet Service Providers (ISP). A number of ISPs have restrictions in place to control spamming which they identify by volume (*i.e. Verizon will freeze the sending account if more than 500 messages are sent out in a twenty-four hour period*). Finally, another down side is that using e-mail does not give geographical information, like how many members reside in each state.

I was able to make the last day of the first meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee appointed by Ron last year and headed up by John Bellassai. A key emphasis I left with was that it is all in the numbers and I will need to have the membership database provide these numbers out when requested. In response to an inquiry for statistical information on our membership the following numbers were provided:

Total Membership:	761
Life Members:	179
Members dues current:	336
Members dues arrear:	185
Junior Members:	66
Honorary Members:	3

Members 60 and older: 381 (290 or 76% are life members or current with their dues)  
Members 21 to 59: 273 (186 or 68% are life members or current with their dues)

Life members make up 34% of the members in good standing.

These are but just a few numbers, further evaluation and proposed direction will be provided by the long range planning committee.

To date no site has been evaluated or determined to host the 104th annual Gathering. Since it's been mentioned several times over the past year that there is not enough time devoted to the business meetings, Council and General, maybe it is time that we look at foregoing our typical Gathering format and look to strictly handle the society business over Skype.

Finally I will not be accepting an appointment or a nomination next year so I urge council and the general membership to strongly search and find another member willing to step up and serve their society.



*Don Donnelly, Scott F. MacGregor, John Bellassai, Andy Greigg  
Scottish Christmas Walk Alexandria Virginia 2012*

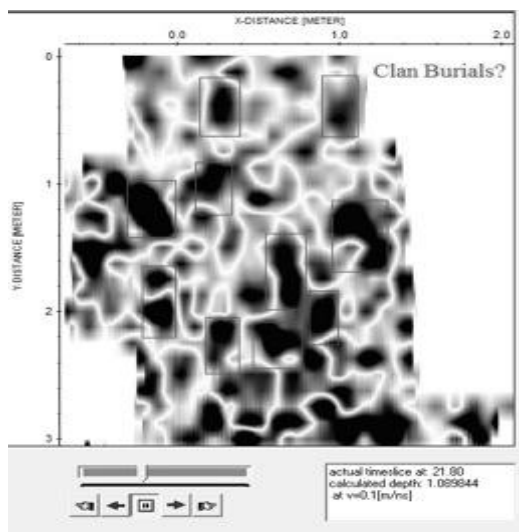
# DALMALLY SCOTLAND: GPR RESEARCH REPORT

23-27 July 2012  
Keith D. MacGregor

This past July, Richard McGregor and Keith MacGregor lead a team of specialists in carrying out extensive archaeological surveys at two significant MacGregor sites located in Dalmally glen, Argyllshire. Several years ago we had realized these sites merited a special, “down to earth” kind of attention. Armed with ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and magnetic gradiometers, satellite positioning units and metal detectors, we first focused on the entranceway to Dalmally church, using the *in situ* descriptions in the Book of the Dean of Lismore to try and locate the burial places of our first Chiefs. Next we moved on to the field at Stronmilchan (1/2 mi. west of the church), which you may recognize as the traditional home of these MacGregor chiefs. GPS satellite coordinates had to be “gridded” first so that things like alignment of the church foundation and three large grids covering the field could be submitted to Scotland’s national grid for use by the government, Historic Scotland, and future generations of researchers. Personally, we felt that these inquiries would make important contributions to the history and heritage of Clan Gregor. And more compelling as far as we knew, nobody had ever done this before!

The Scottish Reformation actually had a major impact on our monuments in the church. Eastern high altars (pre-Reformation) were moved to the west end in most cases. Burials on the altar and within the church, including our raised coffins, were forbidden –a major reason for our stones being tossed outside and our graves desecrated. The actual medieval altars, viewed as heretical, were sometimes buried in order to “bury the past”. Without a trace still visible, our task was to prove, as much as possible, the burials of our chiefs recorded by James MacGregor, Dean of Lismore at 500 years ago. Here’s what we “saw”:

Timeslice-Entrance to church (area under tower). North is to the right. The front door (East) is at the bottom. The white area on right is under the stairs (inaccessible). Depth setting for this slide is 1.08 meters. The large number of anomalies (potential gravecuts, outlined in red), in the area of



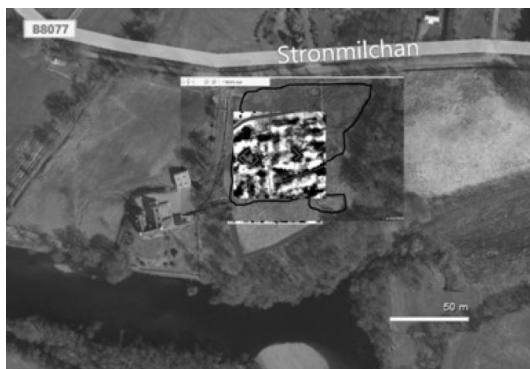
high altar, align in an east-west direction. Many lie in the locations described by the Dean, who notes 12 burials. There are also two large objects (2 m. or more) in the center of the floor. Any guesses ?



Moving on to Stronmilchan, we had records from 1554 describing a “mud and wattle fortalice” with a ”drawbridge and moat”. There were a number of areas of interest – partial foundations, unnatural mounds, etc. But to be certain, we made 128

passes over the entire field with gradiometers, moving 1 meter at a time, and ran crosscut scans with the GPR unit. Tradition has it that Black Duncan Campbell hauled away every stone from a castle in the glen because he couldn’t stand the association with the MacGregors – but it sure wasn’t this one! We began hitting stones everywhere, and it was apparent there were walls and buildings here that had been toppled or simply let fall. We are still waiting for more data, but here is a partial overlay of the field and our digital findings.

The nearly complete square inside the grid could well be a watchtower or it might be the chief’s home. There is evidence of many other structures, suggesting a medieval compound, sorry, settlement, in this grid alone. A mill was found in the trees on the right. Even better, the trench that had “silted in” turned out to be over 2 meters deep (the moat?)



Obviously, the investigation is far from over at Stronmilchan, or at Dalmally church. Our first search yielded as many questions as it did answers. There is much history still to extract, records to be found, even the rich process of getting to know these ancestors from their monuments and what they built. And of course, there should be more “digs” ahead! My special thanks goes out to everyone who did the heavy lifting, got wet, muddy, and enjoyed every

minute of it. All inquiries, etc. should be sent to me at [kmac1@optonline.net](mailto:kmac1@optonline.net). And it's a good thing somebody took a picture to prove it too!

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Olly O'Grady, Ishbel  
McGregor, Gavin  
MacGregor, Richard  
McGregor, Keith MacGregor,  
Janet Buchanan, Lois Ann  
Garlitz At the Church:  
Monika & Jurgen  
MacGregor, Angelika Winter,  
Hendrik Kappler(Not  
pictured: Morag Malcolm,  
Charlotte Langoz)  
(Visitors): Guy McGregor,  
Odile Grenet, Catherine  
McGregor*



*Richard McGregor and Sir Malcolm MacGregor  
Watching GPR in Dalmally Kirk*

# **THE GATHERING IN PICTURES**

**Tampa, Florida**

**October 11 – 13, 2012**



*Ian Greig, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., City of Tampa Representative, Ronald A. McGregor*



*Tampa City Park on Bayshore Boulevard to place the wreath on the granite monument "In honor of the Scottish Settlers of Tampa Bay"*



*Ian Greig reading Tampa Declaration*



*Ian Greig and Matt Kuldell (Piper)*





*Keith Gregg and Dodd Greer at Memorial Service at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church*



*Miriam E. Trojahn and Carol Spitznagle at Memorial Service*



*Piper Matt Kuldell pipes the MacGregors  
into the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City*



*James E. and Patricia Woolley enjoy Spanish buffet*



*The Gregg Family enjoys the Columbia Restaurant*



*J.C. Newman Cigar Company*



*Jim Magruder, Susan D. Elliott watch cigar making*



*Touring the J.C. Newman Cigar Company*



*Seated, L-R: Judy Dotts Smith, Bailey Magruder, Abby Magruder, Jim Magruder  
Standing, L-R: Linda Hoffmann, Steve Hoffmann, Bill McMullen, Linda McMullen*



*Hand Rolling Cigars*



*Matt Kuldell (Pipe Major), Dr. Doug Nelson, Tim Kirkpatrick. Kevin O' Brien, Paul Berilla, George Hayes*



*Eileen Grant, Luci Finucan*



*Brennen Grover*



*Sophie Gregg*





*Donald C. Grover, Jamie Sue Grover, Scott F. MacGregor, Darcie Rae Schauf, Aaron T. Schauf, Brennen C. Grover, Logan A. Grover, Emerald A. Schauf, William E. S. Schauf*



*Susan D. Elliott, Janet G. Debiasio,  
Lou Ann MacGregor, Susan Gregg*



*Lois Ann Garlitz and Keith D. MacGregor*



*Lillian Magruder, Miriam E. Trojahn, James E. Woolley, Jr  
Patricia Woolley, Dr. Juliette M. Engel*



*Ronald A. MacGregor and Lois Ann Garlitz*



*Matt Kuldell (Pipe Major), Ronald A. McGregor, Lois Ann Garlitz*



*SDCs 2012: L to R: Robert N. Ellington, Jr, Florida; H. Ronald Grubbs, North Carolina; Carol M. Spitznagle, Florida; R. Jean Simon,, Alabama; Lori Ann Connery,, Minnesota; Lois Ann Garlitz,, Utah, Randolph W. Walker, Texas; Dodd L. Greer, Utah; Scott F. MacGregor, Virginia*



*Council 2013: Keith D. Gregg, Lou Ann MacGregor, Donald A. Gregg, Jane Montmeny, Robert N. Ellington, Jr., Lois Ann Garlitz, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., R. Jean Simon, John C. McGregor, Bruce M. Whyte, Carol M. Spitznagle, Juliette M. Engel, Ronald A. McGregor, Scott F. MacGregor, M. Gregg Elliott, John K. Bellassai, Randolph W. Walker*



*Kathy Whyte and Stuart McGregor*



*Michael Allen MacGregor*



*Robert N. Ellington, Jr., Ian Ragsdale, Ian Greig*



*Bruce and Kathy Whyte*



*Ena MacGregor, Nancy Barrow, Phillip Barrow*



*Joyce Briggs, Betty M. Avis, Joan Roman, Robert Roman*



*Judy Dotts Smith, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr, Bailey Magruder*



*Pat Skelton, Betty M. Avis, JoAnn M. Pippin, Keith D. MacGregor,  
Katie Gregg, Ronald A. McGregor*



*Mike Connery, Lori Ann Connery*



*Henry Stone, Lillian Magruder and Ian Greig*



*Ian Greig and Susan Gundersen*





*Mary and Leighton P. Stradley*



*Keith D. Gregg, Sadie Gregg, Katie Gregg, Sophie Gregg, Donald A. Gregg*



*Alma Greig, Teresa Walker, Carol M. Spitznagle*



*Lillian Grace Magruder, Kate Magruder*

## **2012 GATHERING ATTENDEES**

Tampa, Florida

### **Honored Guests (President, St. Andrew's Society of Tampa)**

Brownlee, Hunter J.	Tampa, FL
Brownlee, Sarah H.	Tampa, FL

### **Participant**

Avis, Betty McGregor  
 Bellassai, John K.  
 Briggs, Joyce A.  
 Connery, Lori  
 Connery, Mike  
 Darrow, Nancy  
 Darrow, Phillip  
 Debiasio, Daniel  
 Debiasio, Janet G.  
 Donnelly, III, Harold I.  
 Ellington, Ernestine  
 Ellington, Robert  
 Elliott, M. Gregg  
 Elliott, Susan D.

### **City/State**

Hollandale, MS  
 Washington, DC  
 Pinellas Park, FL  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 Zephyrhills, FL  
 Zephyrhills, FL  
 St. Petersburg, FL  
 St. Petersburg, FL  
 Rapidan, VA  
 Melbourne, FL  
 Melbourne, FL  
 Chesapeake, VA  
 Chesapeake, VA

### **Member**

2683  
 2321  
 Guest  
 2772  
 Guest  
 2905LM  
 Guest  
 Guest  
 2816  
 2820LM  
 2697  
 2697  
 2655  
 2945A

Engel, Juliette	Takoma Park, MD	2971
Garlitz, Lois Ann	American Fork, UT	2561LM
Greer, Annalyn	Payson, UT	Guest
Greer, Dodd L.	Payson, UT	2857
Gregg, Audrey R.	Pompano Beach, FL	2414A
Gregg, Brian	Crystal Lake, IL	2779
Gregg, Donald A.	Holiday Hills, IL	2580
Gregg, Donald B.	Pompano Beach, FL	2367
Gregg, Keith D.	Wolcott, NY	2618
Gregg, Louise	St. Petersburg, FL	Guest
Gregg, Mary Kate "Katie"	Holiday Hills, IL	Guest
Gregg, Richard T.	Hackensack, NJ	2312
Gregg, Sadie	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Sophie	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Susan	Mahwah, NJ	2840LM
Greig, Alma	Tampa, FL	Guest
Greig, Ian	Tampa, FL	2535
Grover, Brennen	Norfolk, VA	2027J
Grover, Donald	Norfolk, VA	Guest
Grover, Jamie	Norfolk, VA	2758LM
Grover, Logan	Norfolk, VA	2024J
Grubbs, H. Ron	King, NC	2827
Gundersen, Susan	Brooksville, FL	2476
Johnson, Ruth Ann		Guest
MacGregor, John R.	Boulder, CO	2717
MacGregor, Keith	Redding, CT	2941
MacGregor, Lou Ann	Boulder, CO	2995A
MacGregor, Robert F., Jr.	Smithfield, VA	2316LM
MacGregor, Scott	Norfolk, VA	2450LM
Magruder, Abby	Glen Allen, VA	Guest
Magruder, Bailey	Port St. Lucie, FL	Guest
Magruder, James L.	Glen Allen, VA	2072LM
Magruder, John	Winston-Salem, NC	Guest
Magruder, Kate	Winston-Salem, NC	Guest
Magruder, Lillian	Ridgeland, MS	1977ALM
McGregor, Ena	Edgewater, FL	2742A
McGregor, John C.	Edgewater, FL	2379
McGregor, Michael A.	Greenville, SC	2883LM
McGregor, Ronald A.	Aurora, CO	2142LM
McGregor, Stuart W.	Tuscaloosa, AL	2832
Monroe, Joe	Ashland, VA	2425
Montmeny, D. Jane	Aurora, CO	2808
Nease, Amy	Rapidan, VA	Guest

Nunley, Irene	Crofton, MD	2968
Pippin, JoAnn McGregor	Inverness, FL	2446
Ragsdale, Evelyn	Melbourne, FL	2697
Ragsdale, Ian	Melbourne, FL	2697
Roman, Joan	Lakewood, NJ	3025
Roman, Robert	Lakewood, NJ	Guest
Schauf, Aaron	Norfolk, VA	Guest
Schauf, Darcie	Norfolk, VA	2757LM
Schauf, Emerald	Norfolk, VA	2027J
Schauf, William	Norfolk, VA	2022J
Shankland, Ronald	Jackson, MI	2471
Simon, Jack E.	Huntsville, AL	Guest
Simon, R. Jean (MacGregor)	Huntsville, AL	1526
Skelton, Pat McGregor	Atlanta, GA	Guest
Smith, Judy	Palm City, FL	Guest
Spitznagle, Carol	Hollywood, FL	2555
Stone, Henry A.	Harrisville, MI	1920LM
Stone, Kathleen	Harrisville, MI	Guest
Stradley III, Leighton P.	Fairfax, VA	1938
Stradley, Mary R.	Fairfax, VA	3011A
Taylor, Louise E.	Ashland, KY	2376
Towler, Carolyn		Guest
Trojahn, Miriam	Norfolk, VA	Guest
Walker, Randolph W.	San Antonio, TX	2587
Walker, Teresa M.	San Antonio, TX	Guest
Wassell, Beth	Jacksonville, FL	2182
Wassell, John	Jacksonville, FL	Guest
Whyte, Bruce MacGregor	Roswell, GA	2783
Whyte, Kathy	Roswell, GA	Guest
Woolley, Jr., James E.	Charlotte, NC	2050LM
Woolley, Patricia R.	Charlotte, NC	2215ALM

### **Band**

Kuldell, Matt (Pipe Major)  
Nelson, Dr. Doug (Piper)  
Kirkpatrick, Tim (Piper)  
O'Brien, Kevin (Piper)  
Berilla, Paul (Drummer, tenor)  
Hayes, George (Drummer, snare)

Grant, Eileen (Dancer)  
Finucan, Luci (Dancer)

### **Band Guests**

Hayes, Bonnie  
Nelson, Ruth

### **Absentee Guests**

Browne, Frances A.	Fairfax, VA	1550LM
Ewell, III, Nathaniel M. & Antoinette	Palmyra, VA	2114LM

Gregor, Jr., Edward	Rochester, NY	933LM
Harris, Eleanor M.	Norfolk, VA	1566LM
Megehee, Jr., L. Dan	Carriere, MS	2478LM
Osborne, Thaddeus G.	Knoxville, TN	1929
Stone, Galen L.	Westwood, MA	1371LM



*Friday night Ceilidh featured the "Celtic Bards"*



*Bard Michael Norton*

**SIR MALCOLM MACGREGOR AND LADY**  
**MACGREGOR ATTEND**  
**STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Submitted by Jane Montmeny and Lois Ann Garlitz



*Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor, Stone Mountain GA October 2012*

It is hard to believe that 2012 was the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival. The first games were held on October 20, 1973 and were a one-day event as were the games in 1974. In 1975 the games expanded to two days and have continued to grow through the years.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Games and Festival of 2012 also served to honor those who had participated in earlier games. As a previous Guest of Honor in 2008, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Chief of Clan Gregor was welcomed as an Honored Guest for 2012. J. Bruce MacGregor was recognized for his contribution as President of the Games from 1980-1982, which included the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Games in 1982.

Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival of 2012 was a celebration of piping and drumming, highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, fiddle and harp competitions, athletic events, Scottish entertainers, and the highlight of the parade of tartans and the Massed Pipes and Drums performances. There were also performances by a variety of Scottish entertainers from Scotland, England, Ireland and the US. A variety of commercial vendors as well as craftsmen/artisans gave attendees the opportunity to take home remembrances of

the event. The weather was perfect, the competitions superb, the crowds amazing and the fun abundant.

Just prior to the regular festivities, COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans and Associations) and the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs co-sponsored a seminar titled "From Scotland to Stone Mountain 2012: Chiefs and Clans Connecting to Sustain Our Common Future". Our own Sir Malcolm MacGregor was the moderator for the nearly two hour discussion. The agenda can be found at <http://www.cosca.net/documents/Stone%20Mountain%20Agenda.pdf> and also a recording of the session at <http://www.cosca.net/>. We heard from clan Chiefs, heirs to Chiefs, presidents of clan societies in Scotland as well as in areas away from Scotland, clans without Chiefs, Armigers, clan commanders, regional organizations for Scots, etc. A goodly number of ideas were exchanged. Also discussed was Ancestral tourism as the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle at Bannockburn and other events are being planned for Gathering 2014. Visit our new website at [www.acgsus.org](http://www.acgsus.org) for updates about how MacGregors will be participating in their own Gathering that summer.

The MacGregor Clan tent was hosted by the Southeast Chapter of Clan Gregor Society, as well as the American Clan Gregor Society, and welcomed clan members from all over. In addition to exhibits of clan information and history, there was food, drink and hospitality for all. The MacGregor Clan tent was awarded the Ken MacKenzie Memorial Trophy for "Outstanding Scottish Spirit", which required application in advance. An excellent, congenial spirit of clanship was enjoyed by all.



*MacGregors from ACGS and CGS attend Stone Mountain Highland Games*



*Young piper Garrett Helmick. Bob Turpin, Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor*



*Randy Walker, Ishbel McGregor, Ron McGregor, Lois Ann Garlitz, Frank Wherrett*



## **MAGRUDER COUNTRY** **OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

John E. Muncaster, Maryland  
American Clan Gregor Society Yearbook of 1934  
(Submitted by Lillian Magruder)

After looking over all the Year Books for a model paper to follow, and finding them full of memorials of people of the past, one paper on "The MacGregor Country of Scotland" was found. Here was something to go by! Close reading revealed that it told all about how to travel to get there, how the author was entertained, and how nice the people were, but mighty little else, so I hope the Committee will be pleased with this which is all "my very own."

The Magruders of the old time were like all other colonists, depending on farming for a living, and always on the move on the lookout for better land, soon spread over the four counties of Calvert, St. Marys, Charles and Prince Georges, quite a stretch of country. About 1700 a few of them sifted over into what was then Frederick County between the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers, extending west to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Among these there was a John Magruder of Dumblance. Although holding several large tracts in Prince Georges County, he and Captain Alexander, son of Samuel, looked toward Frederick County, and in 1776, when Montgomery County was erected out of that part of Frederick east of the Monacacy, son of both of them were on the first commission to govern the county.

In 1728 the records show that John bought from Thomas Gittings two tracts of land in Frederick County known as Knave's Dispute and the Ridges containing 180 acres. Our Clansman, my first cousin Thomas D. Singleton, spent a couple of weeks looking up the lines of this section and computing the area, made this land amount to nearly 400 acres, but a few acres more or less at five dollars an acre, did not make so very much differences. In 1747 he patented The Ridge, 78 acres. The lines run parallel with Turkey Thicket. He also bought a tract called Robert and Sarah adjoining the Ridges. All this land lay on the north side of Rock Creek, and is gently rolling, watered by numerous springs most of which never fail. It will grow double the quantity of tobacco to the acre that the southern Maryland counties will.

Caleb Clark Magruder, who whenever he gets weary of the dry papers of his profession, looks up a will and studies up the administration of an estate. He says John deeded Knaves Dispute, Charles and Benjamin, the Ridges and an addition to Turkey Thicken to his son, Nathan Magruder in 1747 – 310 acres in all. He left to his son Zadoc, The Ridges, Turkey Thicket and Robert and Sarah—528 acres.

Nathan appears to have been the more prominent of the two brothers, both of whom seem to have come to the county about 1747. Nathan was a county justice in 1748, member of the House of Burgesses in 1751, '61, '62, and '63,

member of the commission to erect the county in 1776. Zadoc's land grew from 528 to 640 acres during the Revolution.

In the olden time when a boy was ten years old, he was taken around the plantation, and spanked on every cornerstone, so he would remember the lines. If Nathan followed this out he had more than a day's job with each of his sons, and they ate off the mantle for a week. The place had eighty-seven corners.

Both Nathan and Zadoc built brick houses on the land and lived in them. Zadoc's is still standing and is solid and true yet. Nathan's home was sold at the death of his son Jeffrey, and afterwards the house was taken down and rebuilt on a different site. He had a brick house on the Granby place, which was replaced with a new house about 1820 by an immense frame mansion, the brick being used to line the wall of the first story. This was burned in 1928 and never rebuilt. There was an old story-and-a-half frame building on the part of Magruder Farm left to Isaac Magruder, which was replaced with a new house about 1895 by the family of the present owner.

Practically valueless as farming land under modern conditions, the whole section has become a playground for Washington, and the splendid buildings of some half dozen country clubs, and the homes of multimillionaires have added some millions of dollars to the taxable basis of the county on land where the old farmers made a bare living.

Some years after the War of 1812, when, as usual after wars are finished, depression set in without the A.A.A. to pay them thirty cents a bushel for wheat they did not sow, nor ten cents a pound for hogs they did not grow, when they got two crops of tobacco on hand with no sale whatsoever, they pulled up stakes and took their slaves and livestock to the South, where they did not have to buy so many clothes, nor burn so much wood. There are a number of the descendants of Samuel Wade Magruder in Montgomery County, but not many are members of the Society.

If I were not so busy nowadays filling in the chinks and doing the errands and odd jobs on a 400-acre farm, I would like to spend a month looking up the old patents and mapping the lines of the Magruder sections in this part of the county as Singleton did for the other, but it now looks like such a time will never come unless another young, enthusiastic Clansman engineer without a job comes along, this short sketch will have to suffice for all time.



## **REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS**

### **Alabama, Jean Simon, SDC**

Once again we in Huntsville, Alabama of the Tennessee Valley Scottish Society are the only entities putting on a Scottish Games and Festival in the whole state of Alabama. This October, we put on yesterday, 6 October 2012, a well-attended 2012 North Alabama Scottish Festival presented by the Tennessee Valley Scottish Society, of which I am a board member. The good attendance was a nice bonus, because the weather that day had turned very cold. Much to our pleasure, the good attendance was touted yesterday by our TVSS treasurer who spent some time at the entrance gate, collecting tickets. We had a very rough start in putting on the festival this year. During the past 2 years in 2010 and 2011 we have held the festival at beautiful Goose Pond Colony resort in Scottsboro, Alabama. Without telling us before we had made plans and spent money on advertising the festival again for this year in Scottsboro, the City of Scottsboro cunningly and very belatedly informed us, the Tennessee Valley Scottish Society, that the City of Scottsboro had sold the Goose Pond Colony resort in Scottsboro to a buyer. This meant that we could now not hold our festival at the Goose Pond Colony resort, as planned! Needless to say, we were shocked, very inconvenienced, and troubled that they had not informed us earlier. Obviously, the City of Scottsboro kept mum about it, for fear that the sale of the resort to business people would fall through. If they kept mum about it, and the sale of the resort fell through, they would still have our TVSS business generated for the city by having our 2012 Scottish Festival still, as usual, in Scottsboro. The other venues in Scottsboro that Scottsboro suggested for us were far inferior to that of Goose Pond Colony. We looked at their suggested sites, dismissed those Scottsboro sites, and returned to Sharon Johnston Park in New Market, AL where we had held many such TVSS Scottish festivals in past years. We saved the day for the continuation of our Scottish Festivals in Alabama, despite the formidable odds against it. My husband, Jack Simon, also secured the largest financial contributor, a car company, for the festival as well. I am giving credit where credit is due!

Furthermore, my husband Jack Simon and I represented the ACGS at the usual Tennessee Valley Scottish Society holiday celebrations, such as St. Andrews Day in November 2011, the Robert Burns Birthday pot luck in January 2012, the Tartan Day celebration in April, the annual TVSS indoor picnic in August, and of course, the TVSS Scottish Festival yesterday, preceded by the catered Patrons' Cocktail Reception with heavy hors-d'oeuvres this past Friday night, 5 October. All these functions were held in Huntsville AL but the festival! We are very proud that we have managed to keep the Scottish Games and Festival alive in Alabama, especially

since all the other Scottish Games in Alabama all over the state have folded! We participated in a new adventure. The TVSS was invited by a local movie theater to help them promote the movie, “Brave”. We of the Tenn. Valley Scottish Society board showed up early before the premiere of the “Brave” movie, wearing our kilts and sashes, some in full regalia, to help the theater promote the movie about Scotland and create advance excitement. There were many children accompanying their parents and grandparents as well. It was a fun thing to do, and we reached the youth! It provided us with an opportunity to hand out the tri-fold literature about our up-coming festival to everyone attending the movie. We now look forward to seeing all of you in Tampa this week!

## **California, Carlyne McGregor Long, SCD**

Greetings to all my kith and kin! It’s that time of year again for gathering, having fun, fellowship and taking care of ACGS business.

My report this year is rather brief, in that I seemed to have spent more time at my computer than at actual games and events. Many of you are aware of the extremely difficult time we Gregors’ have had here in California/West Coast due to perhaps lack of leadership, mismanagement, personalities and simply bad clan politics. However, I’m happy to report that there appears a “light at the end of the tunnel”, so to speak.

It would seem that I may not yet be a welcome presence at our northern tent, however, the southern tent has made available for me to represent ACGS in conjunction with CGS. Most of you may know that for years I endeavored to keep both societies under one tent, thus creating a unified front on clan row. I’m not sure how this all unravels future, but for the moment ACGS will be represented here in California.

My best to each of you and may this be your best “Gathering” ever. ***“MacGregor, despite them!”, and keep our “torch” burning!!!***

## **Colorado, Scott S. McGregor**

Our annual Rocky Mountain Highland Games were held August 4 & 5th where I once again had the honor of presenting the Clan Gregor trophy to the winner of the Novice Under-Twelve category. The winner was Jaimi Mueller. We set up our tent in the usual 10 x 20 configuration. We had a good turnout at the games with somewhere between 10,000 – 11,000 attendees. These games were produced with a standing volunteer committee of 61 people and we had another 400 volunteers for the weekend. That says a lot about the commitment of the Scottish community in

Colorado with Clan Gregor noted as a sponsor. We had 41 visitors to the Clan Gregor tent. Several visitors were quite interested in our Dalmally project where a number of our ancient Chiefs are buried and it was brought to our attention that the chapel of St Oran on the island of Iona in the Hebrides, holds the tombs of 48 kings of Scotland, 8 kings of Norway, 4 kings of Ireland and 4 kings of France. To which my Dad replied: "Aye? Perhaps true enough, but were any of them a MacGregor?" We also learned that there were seven Scotsmen in the US 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry with General Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876. "It would make a 'wee macgregor' wonder what might have been the outcome been if there were 7 or 8 more?" To which the auld MacGregor would reply: "Wha, et wuld pend o'the clans fra they cam I s'pose." On another note Bonnie knee's contest was held and once again a McGregor won first place. (Not what you were thinking) Ethan McGregor age 7 won the Wee Bonnie knee contest this year. The trophy was not ready by at time of the event but was presented by one of the officials the following day.

There is one rather interesting item of note regarding these games this year. We here in Colorado, as well as the athletes that have competed at the highland games over the years here in the west, would recognize the name Jerry Van Dyke. No not the TV star, but the MacGregor that came to the ACGS through the Quaker Greggs. Jerry was a proud member of the ACGS and was a competitor in the 'Senior' athletic events and was a principle announcer and judge of the athletic events at the highland games across the west for many years. The kilt he wore was the Red tartan that many people confused with what has become known as the 'Ancient' tartan. Jerry would just laugh and peel back a portion to show the bright red on the underside and explain the outer side was faded from his years on the athletic fields. We were there for the marriage of his daughter Bobbie and we were there a few years later when his grand daughter won the first Colorado Clan Gregor dance trophy – which Jerry was given the honor of presenting. We were there when Jerry passed away. We were there when Bobbie trained to be a judge for the athletic events in honor of her Dad. We were there to see his grand daughter competing in the female athletic events. And, we were there to see Jerry's great grand daughter last year win the Colorado Clan Gregor trophy for highland dance. What a memorable event it was when these descendents of Jerry all visited our Clan Gregor tent at the same time. I know Jerry would have been very proud of them and we in turn were also proud because we were there.

September 7-9th found us at the Long's Peak Highland Games in Estes Park, Colorado where ninety-eight clans gathered. We were especially pleased to have our Ranking Deputy Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz, her sister and Member of Council Jane Montmeny, State Deputy Chieftain for Southern Texas Randy Walker, and State Deputy Chieftain for Arizona Donald Lynd all in attendance. While these games have been a three day event [Friday – Sunday] for the past few years we had

managed to participate only on Saturdays and Sundays due to work. This year Dad offered to get up at 4:30 am on Friday to drive there alone and start setting up the tent from 6:30 – 8:00 am [per the rules of the games committee]. That afternoon the parade officials dropped by our tent to let us know that since we won “Best in Parade” last year we would be expected to provide a judge for this year’s parade. Since Randy is recovering from a leg injury we decided he would be the Clan Gregor judge.

While forming up for the parade we were told that we would not be marching directly behind the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team as we were previously told. So Dad went to the Air Force unit and expressed as one Air Force type to another, our disappointment in not being able to watch them perform as we marched. He asked the senior NCO if it would be possible to have one of their men to go through his practice routine as a special demo for our clan. So our contingent got a private and extremely impressive show just before the parade. Thirty-three tartan wearing clansmen and ladies marching in the Clan Gregor contingent in the Saturday morning parade through Estes. Our contingent was led by a clansman and his twin six year daughters carrying our Clan Gregor banner, followed by our Chieftain and our Ranking Deputy Chieftain. I followed behind them carrying our large tartan flag followed by our honor guards. These included six clansmen and women carrying broadswords, one carrying a “Wee MacGregor” broadsword, and one carrying a claymore sword. Most of the remaining members of the contingent carried our smaller various tartan flags. When we passed the judges table we gave Randy a smart and well deserved salute. Further along the parade route one of the announcers told the crowd “Our next clan is Clan Gregor, and a finer bunch of folks you could never hope to meet. And as you might also note, they are one of the larger clans here today.”

The weather was perfect. Warm and lots of sun shine. It was estimated that well more than an estimated 40,000 spectators lined the main thoroughfare through the town. We were not eligible to compete for “Best in Parade” since we won last year, but one thing that I am confident about is there was no prouder clan in the parade.

Seventy-nine MacGregors from various septs and eight different states signed our guest book at our tent but probably at least that many more visited us without signing. We had kinsmen from Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New Mexico and Virginia sign our guest book.

My father will be attending the Annual Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society in three weeks where he will conduct his last Gathering as the Chieftain of our Society.

## **Georgia, Bruce MacGregor Whyte, SDC**

### **October 14-16, 2011**

Established the tent for ACGS at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, helped by Jenna Sorat and her son Colby of Atlanta, together with CGS SE Chapter. All Clan Societies were required to occupy a single tent if multiple Societies represented the same Clan, such as Gregor. So we shared a tent with CGS and assisted all visitors in understanding Clan Gregor and the two seemingly different organizations. We sent out 25 follow up letters with applications. In some instances, visitors wanted some genealogical information on their families which we provided after the Games.

Clan Gregor won the Clan tent of the Games. Representatives of ACGS and CGS were jointly presented the award on the field.

### **May 5, 2012**

The SDC attended the Savannah Scottish Highland Games held at the beautiful Bethesda Boys' Home. Once again we were ably supported by Thad Osborne from East Tennessee and Mike Patillo and his family from Savannah. Assisting at some of the time was John C. McGregor and his wife Enid, a previous Assistant Chieftain, from Florida.

We were visited by many interested attendees and gave out about 10 provisional application forms.

### **June 8, 2012**

After arriving back from Australia the day before, we set up the tent at the Blairsville Highland Games along with many of our good friends. Michael A. MacGregor, SDC from South Carolina, came to assist. However, after the set up and checking into the hotel, I was summarily dismissed by the Chieftain as SDC for Georgia and advised I could not continue as a representative of ACGS at the Games. The SC SDC was asked to replace me at those Games, to which he declined.

I packed up the tent the next morning and returned home.

## **Iowa and Wisconsin, Howard R. MacGregor Grossnickle, SDC**

It gives me great pleasure to report that Josephine and I were invited to attend the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games at Farmington. We brought some of our tent items to help augment those of our gracious host Lori Connery. This was a great experience for us, and I hope to be asked back to Lori's tent in the near future. Our next event was the Milwaukee Highland Games on June 2nd, where we met many old friends and had 13 new friends sign our guest register. Both of these games are the best way to start of your Highland experience of the upper-midwest summer.

Our next adventure took us to the Chicago Scots 26th Scottish Festival & Highland Games on the 15th and 16th of June at Itasca IL. This was also attended by my son Jake MacGregor and my Grand Children Kyra and Caleb who both competitively danced. Kyra placed in most of her Highland Dance events, and Caleb also made me proud as could be to see him compete in the Highland dance. I look forward to seeing them both dance many more times. I had some thoughts of bringing my tent down next year if there would be some kind MacGregors to help out, and If I could get the Chieftains approval.

I had knee replacement surgery on August 16th that was going to put me out for the Wisconsin Highland Games at Waukesha over the Labor Day weekend, but it was on our calendar to attend even if I couldn't put up my tent. Unfortunately, upon arriving home from hospital, I received a long letter from our Chieftain stating that he would not reappoint me nor would the current appointed RDC at the coming Gathering/AGM. We did not attend the games that weekend nor did we attend the Quad Cities Games or the Haggis Games at Cedar Rapids IA. as his letter cut our plans short.

Certain events over these past three years have left a bitter taste for me and my wife, and we just could not continue to throw good money and effort away for this level of disrespect any more.

I do hope that better times will come of the future representative for these games and the people of Clan Gregor that might be glad to see a tent, once again, grace the field in the name of Clan Gregor.

### **Illinois, Maggie Sanderfield, SDC**

Once again, I was chairperson of the VIP tent for the Central IL Highland Games & Celtic Festival held May 19 in Chatham, IL.

Since this involves setting up the tent, feeding the VIPs three meals the day of the games, purchasing & preparing the food, getting volunteers for helping in the tent, etc.; unfortunately, I do not have any time to do a clan tent.

### **Michigan, Ronald Shankland, SDC**

I attended a good percentage of the Michigan Scottish games in 2012 to promote the McGregor cause. These games were at Alma, Saline, and Lenawee County. Both ACGS/CGS were represented at the MacGregor clan tent at each. Points of interest popped up at these games as follows:

1] The clan tents at Alma were moved to a new location and the MacGregors won! Our location was just inside the main gate and captured many potential MacGregors coming to the games.



2] The Saline games was the introduction of a Mr. McGregor statue (see photo) I would like comments about how to dress him and what colors to paint him.

3] Lenawee Games was about the Lenawee Highlander Club and Pres. Tom Adams, who is in the second year of these games

## Minnesota, Lori Connery, SDC



January brought us our Annual Robert Burns Dinner! The MacGregor's were of course in attendance!

Our Scottish Fair in May was super fun! Howard Grossnickle drove out to join us and he brought with him many wonderful items to adorn our "tent". He brought us an amazing banner and numerous flags and so much wonderful printed materials we were filled to the brim!

He helped man the "tent" while we marched and with his banners and flags and the turnout of MacGregors, about 15, we certainly made our presence known! I KNOW we were the loudest! "Ard Choille" could be heard from one end of the fair to the other! With Howard, Warren Porter, Michelle Johnson, family members and our ever present supporters Len and Kathy Libby we were well manned and well kept for the day! Many thanks to all! This year we were inside which was wonderful! We find we have a bit more room and the weather is never a bother! I look forward to next year as we continue to grow!

I hosted a Clan Picnic in August. The day was sunny and fair, perfect for a picnic! Although our numbers were small again, it was well met! I can't wait to gather again as I know our numbers will continue to grow! In attendance was of course, as always, Warren Porter and

Michelle Johnson! Family and friends made about 10. Shortbread and Haggis were also in attendance but not for long!

## **Missouri, Larry Greer, SDC**

My job this year consisted of around 80% travel so I have had an interesting year trying to keep up. I made it to St. Patrick's fundraising dinner for the Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games in Buffalo, St. Louis Tartan Days - St. Charles MO, Warrensburg MO - Highlands in the 'Burg, Kansas City MO Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Wichita was cancelled this year due to problems with the city/organization but are supposed to resume next year, and the home festival and Games in Buffalo, MO.

I am planning on attending the upcoming events by the Springfield St. Andrews Society. I have committed to the Boxing Day get together Dec. 29th and have purchased my tickets for the Burns night dinner on January 12th.

I posted photos in a Missouri 2012 folder in the group pictures section of the group site and am making some upgrades to the display materials this winter for a different look next season. Hopefully this next year's efforts will yield more memberships. I appreciate you getting me the informational brochures this last year and have given out most of them. I belong to a couple of Engineering societies and realize how hard it is to get people to join or participate in anything anymore. If there is any information that you have for me to improve that yield please let me know.

Howard told me about a video that I thought may help with explaining AGCS but I never received one.

Sorry to have missed the gathering. I spent most of the last three months in Chicago or Ohio and just couldn't get away.

## **South Carolina, Michael A. McGregor, SDC**

Sponsor & Host the following ACGS Games Tent/Booth:

- 2012 "Tartan Day South" Games in Columbia, SC (2<sup>nd</sup> annual); Cayce (Columbia), SC (Columbia Speedway); Friday, March 30 (evening) & Saturday, March 31 (full day).
  - Volunteer Assistance: Bruce Whyte
  - Non-member Visitor Attendance (sign-in): 13
- 2012 "Gallabae", Greater Greenville Scottish Games and Highland Festival (7<sup>th</sup> annual); Greenville, SC (Downtown & Furman University Campus); Friday, May 25 (evening) & Saturday, May 26 (full day).
  - Volunteer Assistance: Fred Magruder
  - Non-Member Visitor Attendance (sign-in): 20.

- 2012 Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering (41st annual); Mt. Pleasant, SC (Boone Hall Plantation); Friday, September 14 (evening) & Saturday, September 15 (full day). Unable to attend due to job travel requirements; unable to get a substitute host.

Assisted at other Games:

- 2012 Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games; Blairsville, GA (Meeks Park); Friday, June 8 (evening), Saturday, June 9 (full day), & Sunday, June 10 (full day). Traveled to assist Bruce Whyte – SDC/GA, who was wrongfully dismissed as the SDC by the Chieftain, Ron MacGregor, on Friday night while Bruce was preparing for the Games. I was given permission to lead the Games by the Chieftain; however, since Bruce decided to leave, I decided not to stay and host the Games by myself.

General:

- Sponsored the Raptor Display and Falconry Flight Demonstration at Gallabae (GSG), Saturday, May 26. Hosts:
  - The Center for Birds of Prey; Awendaw (Charleston), SC
  - SC Falconry Association
- Paid for all Games Sponsorships and tent/booth materials; no reimbursement requested from ACGS.

### **South Texas, Randy Walker**

Here is my report on the Scottish Festival & Highland Games in Arlington TX this past weekend. A number of photos are attached.

The ACGS participated in the Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games in Arlington, TX during the period May 4-6, 2012. These games are held at the University of Texas at Arlington stadium. This is an outstanding location for a Highland Games event.

Once again the ACGS and Clan Gregor Scotland co-located to present Clan Gregor to Texans. We set up our clan tents on Friday afternoon. It was a beautiful day, about 90 degrees, but we had a nice breeze as we were setting up. At 6:30 p.m. we attended a welcome BBQ dinner for all of the participants. The food was excellent.

A calling of the Clans was scheduled for 9 p.m. Friday evening on the football field. Mother nature had other ideas as it is inclined to do here in Texas. You can see the

chain of events in the photos that are attached. At 8:15p.m. the National Weather Service gave a severe weather warning and everyone was told to take cover in a protected place. After taking a few photos of the storm that was about to hit Teresa and I decided the better part of valor would be to head for our motel. The storm hit about 10 minutes after we were in our room. The power went out and there was a lightening show you would not believe. We were very glad we made the decision to leave the games area.

We headed back to the Games at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. The storm had passed and it was another beautiful day. A bit hotter than on Friday but still very nice. Sunday we once again had beautiful weather, hot (heat index of 98) but with a nice breeze. Over the course of the two days we had a total of 27 visitors, 16 on Saturday and 11 on Sunday. I gave out 9 ACGS brochures, 1 provisional application and 1 regular application worksheet. No money was collected at the clan tent. The music provided for the participants and visitors was outstanding. My favorite was Ed Miller, Ed is a native of Edinburgh who came to the USA to do graduate work at the University of Texas in Austin, TX. Over 40 years later he is still in Austin and travels throughout North America entertaining and educating audiences with his wonderful music and stories of Scotland. He has established himself as one of Scotland's finest singing exports and is in demand all over the United States. Second on my list was Hugh Morrison who made his first recording in Scotland at age 16, with an album called "Button Box" with backing from Ali MacGregor. He was given substantial exposure on the BBC radio Scotland and Moray Firth Radio. These days he is busy giving performances all over the world. He has lived in Houston, TX since 1998. I was told that there were 64 clan societies represented at the games this year. I do know that the clan village was quite large. There were 34 men involved in the Heavy Games and 16 women as well. Since we had a 5 hour drive back to San Antonio we decided to depart about 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

Here is my report on ACGS participation in the Texas Folk Life Festival held at the Institute of Texan Cultures this past weekend. I wore three hats for this event. I am a member of the Scottish Society of San Antonio, the American Clan Gregor Society, and I am a Docent at the Institute of Texan Cultures. In my role as a docent I go into the public schools and give presentations (about an hour) on the Texas Cowboy, Texas Indian Tribes, Early Pioneers in Texas, Going To School In A One Room School House and Scottish Contributions to The Development of the Republic of Texas and the State of Texas.

For this event I spent time at two locations. Each day I represented the ACGS in association with the Scottish Society of San Antonio (2 hours), where I was able to talk about Clan Gregor, the ACGS as well as the Scottish Society, and then provided general information to visitors to the Folk Life Festival (2 hours) at another location.

I wore kilts each day. Both the MacGregor Modern and the MacGregor Black and Red. On Sunday, about 1p.m. a Mr. Jeffrey MacLeod and his wife Rachel stopped to

visit with me at the Information Desk. They are here on a Roads Scholar Tour with a group of some fifty plus people from around the world. They had spent several hours on Friday at the Alamo as part of the organized tour and decided to visit the Folk Life Festival on Sunday (a free day) prior to returning to Scotland today. They live



any excuse to "kilt up" and that we were proud of our Scottish ancestry.

The San Antonio Pipes and Drums, one of three pipe bands in this area performed each afternoon and drew a huge crowd. This is a wonderful event that celebrates the various peoples and their culture who came to Texas and helped make, first the Republic of Texas, and then the State of Texas what it is today. There were lots of great ethnic foods for tasting, great music from all around the world, and costumed dancers who entertained the thousands of people who streamed through the event. I have not heard what the official attendance was but I am sure it was a most successful event. Some photos are attached.

I also got some new information related to the efforts to take a group of Texans to Scotland in 2014 for a presentation of a block of pink granite, obtained from the same place the granite was quarried for the Texas State Capital, which was laid by stone masons brought from Scotland. This effort is being headed up by the Scottish Society of San Antonio and State Senator Leticia Van de Putte. The block of granite has been purchased and it is being inscribed now. Commitments have been made by men and women of Scottish heritage from Kerrville, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio to go to Scotland to present this block of granite to the Scottish Government and place it somewhere on the battle field at Bannockburn. The details of all this is of course being worked out between the two governments.

As an aside... these Scottish Stone Masons were called scabs by the local Texas stone masons who had gone on strike, they were ill treated and never paid what they were owed. They were eventually paid with grants of land in Texas that were in fact worth far more than the \$4.00 a day wages that they were not paid. There are many descendents of these men from Scotland living in Texas today.

## Tennessee, Thad Osborne

Although my official commission extends to only Middle and East Tennessee, some of this year has been devoted to assisting at ACGS tents in neighbouring areas. This makes for a more convivial experience and informs me about the unique ideas of



other games and festivals. There are but two currently extant in Tennessee, and I share something about them below.

In February 2012, I assisted clansman Robert Ellington at the Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games in Green Cove Springs, Florida. This is a very well-staged one-day event and as always, Robert had an inviting and busy tent.

In early May, I assisted Georgia deputy Bruce Whyte at the Savannah Scottish Games. This is also a one-day event at a

very comfortable time in coastal Georgia. We were honoured by a visit from former Assistant Chieftain John MacGregor and his lovely Ena.

Later in May I represented the Society at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games in their second year at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. Since moving from Gatlinburg in 2011, these games have attracted about seven thousand people. There are many people in that area with Greer and Gregory surnames who are just now learning about their connections to the MacGregors. This was a solo effort, but we had one of the busiest tents there.

In July, I co-hosted at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina. Our Society has participated here since 1960, and they are only about fifteen miles from Tennessee. Robert Ellington, Elizabeth Joiner, and friends Richard and Nancy Chick (non-members) helped me considerably at the tent. We were disappointed that Lillian Magruder was unable to come at the last minute. We have two tents there, one for information and one for hospitality. Sudden rains are almost a tradition here.

In September, Robert Ellington and I co-hosted a tent at the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival in Elizabethton, Tennessee. In 1781 the Overmountain Men gathered at this very spot to march to King's Mountain, South Carolina and defeat a British force under Col. Ferguson. Many people in this area are of Scots-Irish ancestry and increasingly curious about their heritage. In a few more years I expect some new members will emerge from our presence there.

Late in September, Robert, his lady Ernestine, and I will again have an ACGS tent at Dandridge, Tennessee, on the banks of the French Broad River. This is also a one-day event with music, vendors, and tours, but no competitions. This will conclude my festival activities for the year.

### **Virginia, Scott Mac Gregor SDC**

Warm greetings are extended to all our society members here in Virginia and across the country.

A tent was hosted at the Williamsburg Games the weekend prior to our Gathering this year in Tampa, Florida. Unfortunately the date for the Richmond Games was moved up to the same weekend as the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia. The latter was attended in support of our clan and its hereditary Chief Sir Malcolm MacGregor.

This year I have not had the ability to represent our clan and the society to the extent that I normally do because I along with many other family members took on a large project of love in renovating a new home in preparation for my daughter and her family's return from Kansas in late July following the medical retirement of my son-in-law from the Army.

While I am not accepting another appointment as the State Deputy Chieftain for Virginia you will find me around at many of the Celtic events in southeastern Virginia. I also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over in Scotland in 2014 for the big Gathering of the Clans to be hosted around the lovely Stirling countryside.

It has been an honor to serve as the State Deputy Chieftain for Virginia since first taking the position in 2002. I am stepping aside due to other obligations with work and family that have limited the time I am able to give. Besides, I have occupied the position for the past decade and it is time to allow another the same opportunity to serve.



*Scott F. MacGregor (with shades) with nephews  
Dakota and Dylan MacGregor and friend Anthony*



*Ellen Donnelly, Scottish Christmas Walk, Alexandria VA 2012*



*Greenville Games, Greenville SC*



*MacGregors in Washington, VA lead Christmas Parade*





*Tobey A. MacGregor, Scottish Christmas Walk, Alexandria VA 2012*



*Erin Lamont Beagle, Robert F. MacGregor, Claudia Barlow, Tobey A. MacGregor  
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