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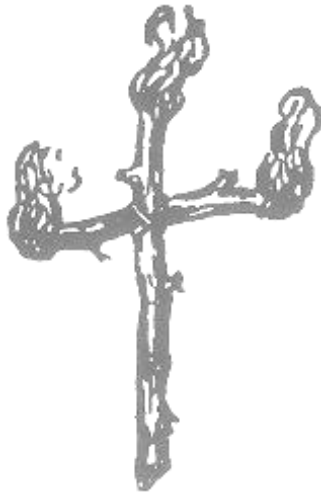
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Matt Kuldell, Pipe Major at 2013 Gathering in Richmond, Virginia

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Mary Stradley, Leighton P. Stradley III and Juliette M. Engel at Virginia Highland Games September, 2013



*Louise Taylor, 2013 Gathering,
Richmond, VA*

ACGS GATHERING 2013

104th Annual Gathering – Glen Allen, Virginia

Thursday, October 3 through Saturday, October 5, 2013

Submitted by Jean MacGregor Simon

Photographs (Virginia and Scotland) by: Dr. Juliette M. Engel



Doug Nelson - Address to the Haggis, Gathering 2013 Banquet

Our 104th American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) annual gathering was held October 3 – 5, 2013 in Glen Allen, a charming little suburb of Richmond, Virginia. Glen Allen's population in the 2010 census was 14,774, but the greater Richmond area, which includes Petersburg, Virginia, had a population of 1,258,251 people, up from 865,640 in 1990, quite a fast growing area. Our comfortable host hotel in Glen Allen was the Marriott Richmond West, easily reached from Routes 95 and 64. According to our Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Randy Walker, we had over 150 participants at this year's gathering. The final tally is yet to be determined. Local chairpersons for this gathering were James L. Magruder, Sally Smith, Harold I. Donnelly III, and Sandy MacGregor. Scott MacGregor was chairman, Kay Britt registration, Sally Smith centerpieces, Lois Ann Garlitz genealogy, Keith D. Macgregor antiquities, and Benjamin Blake, Marshall Magruder Library. All these people did an excellent job and we are grateful to them.

This was a significant, banner year for our society. This gathering of 2013 has marked the very first year that we now have an ACGS elected lady chieftain, our own Lois Ann Garlitz of American Fork, Utah. ACGS was founded in 1909. It is now 2013! We are proud to say that Lois Ann is a very competent, hard-working lady, who is making a wonderful chieftain of ACGS. Registration for the gathering was promptly organized and executed Thursday, October 3, in the lobby of our hotel, chaired by Kay Britt. The ladies were awaiting us at the table when we arrived Thursday afternoon. Registration continued from Thursday into Saturday afternoon, October 5.



J. Kay Britt and Jeanne Lehr greet the MacGregors

Our new chieftain's welcoming reception was held Thursday, October 3, at five o'clock. I am certain that the reception went very smoothly, but we were unable to attend. We had to leave the Marriott to drive to the Richmond airport to pick up our son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Tara Simon.

Friday's events are as follows: As usual, the ACGS Council meeting was held early, at eight-thirty o'clock. Please see the minutes of this meeting in this Yearbook, Volume XCVIII to be published in 2014.

The next item is our exciting ACGS tour, in two buses, of the Richmond area, so rich in history. We gathered in the lobby ten minutes before eleven o'clock. Our bus was the front one of the two buses. Our driver was especially expert at moving the cumbersome bus deftly through some very tight squeezes. Jim Magruder, our excellent tour guide, was amazing with his enthusiasm for and love of the Glen Allen area, wherein he has enjoyed living for the last twenty years. He mentioned rehearsing his talk, and it showed. If he could not give us an answer, he would telephone his "emergency" source, his wife at home, to supply us later with the answer!

Our first bus stop was for the memorial service at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. In such beautiful surroundings, the memorial service was conducted by our ACGS chaplain and past chieftain, Thad Osborne. We honored our many departed members who have left us since last October 2012, by placing a white flower on the large wreath to represent each departed member.



Doug and Tara Simon with Jean MacGregor Simon at church lunch

Afterward, a very delicious lunch was prepared for us in the church's all- purpose room, with generous seconds available for all who so desired.



Miriam Trojahn, Jane Montmeny and Chaplain Thaddeus Osborne



Next, we left this beautiful edifice and scrambled into our buses, to ride to the Hollywood Cemetery.

Here we would lay the flowered wreath at the foot of a very tall, impressive monument to the late Col. Henry Magruder Taylor, who was equally impressive in his life. Two of the colonel's daughters attended the memorial ceremony, and one of these daughters related the highlights of the colonel's colorful life.

The last tour stop was at the grandiose, centuries-old, immense Tudor-style manor house, Agecroft Hall and Gardens.



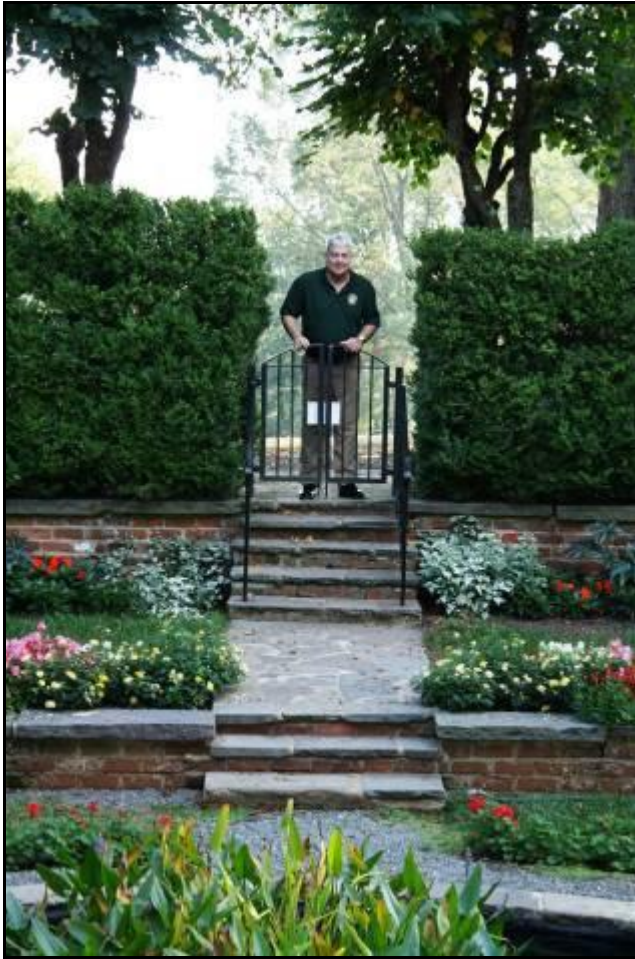
Thaddeus Osborne, Tobey MacGregor, Stuart McGregor, Lois Ann Garlitz, Jane Montmeny



Randolph Walker and John Wassell at Agecroft Hall

This jewel is now a museum. The original 15th century manor house, built in the late 1400s, was sold at auction in 1925 and imported, piece by piece, to the Windsor Farms section of Richmond, Virginia. Its original site was located on the banks of the Irwell River, in Pendlebury, Lancashire, England. Pendlebury in the shire of Lancashire is located in the countryside between the city of Liverpool, Merseyside, England and the city of Leeds in West Yorkshire.

Agecroft Hall has enabled us to peer into the lives of some opulent, British landed gentry who lived in, first, the Tudor and then the royal Stuart eras of England. We are reminded that this era included the reigns of King Henry VIII of England, his daughter, Elizabeth I of England, and also that of her cousin, James VI of Scotland (also known as James I of England). James VI was the son of Mary Queen of Scots.



Thaddeus Osborne in the formal gardens

It is somewhat ironic that Agecroft Hall was moved from the banks of the Irwell River in England to 23 acres of land by the James River in Richmond, Virginia. River to river. The James River surely was named for England's first Stuart king, King James VI of Scotland (James I of England), because Virginia's first permanent settlement began in 1607, four years after the Scottish King James VI left Scotland for England to become also England's king. King James ruled both England and Scotland from 1603 to his death on March 27, 1625. This, for us, is an important connection for Agecroft Hall to have this Scottish connection, thriving during the reign of the Scottish Stewart kings in England. I would venture to add that perhaps the oldest thing in the spectacular manor house is the 1556 portrait of its original British owner, William Dauntsey. That portrait is 457 years old!



Doug Murdock at the Agecroft Summerhouse

Back in our big buses again, we returned to our hotel, to freshen up and prepare for the Friday evening ceilidh scheduled for eight-thirty o'clock.



Edward Brash, John McGlynn and Tom Crouch of Glasgow Kiss

This tour had capped off for us a lovely fall afternoon. In fact, the whole gathering weekend in Glen Allen and Richmond was graced with beautiful weather and good times. To be redundant, the whole state of Virginia is beautiful as well. The ceilidh went well, and it was a relaxing time for us to renew friendships with long-time ACGS members and to meet new members too.

It was a joy to see on the dance floor the many children of the members. The children represent the promise of the continuity of our society. This means the preservation of our Clan Gregor heritage and culture. By Friday night, more members and their families had arrived at our hotel, just in time for this function, the ceilidh, with its main entertainment for the evening, the Scottish-American band, Glasgow Kiss, with its members born in three different countries, USA, Canada, and Scotland.



Lillian Magruder receives Recognition Award from Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz at Annual General Meeting.

Back row: Assistant Chieftain Scott F. MacGregor and Scribe Jane Montmeny

Saturday morning began with the Annual General Meeting at nine o'clock. It ran overtime into the eleven o'clock State Deputies meeting. Please see the minutes of the general meeting in this ACGS Yearbook to be published in 2014. Likewise, see the minutes of the State Deputy Chieftains Meeting elsewhere in this Yearbook. Briefly, at the deputies meeting, Randy Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, had a few items to offer so generously to the SDCs. There was an 82" by 148" burgundy background MacGregor tartan table cloth for the SDCs' tents at the Scottish games and festivals, plus a 4' by 6' Union Jack flag. There was the annual drawing of the much prized engraved sword and sheath. The sword went purposefully to a member who had not already received one in drawings from previous years. The new tri-fold leaflets with the correct info, the name of our new registrar, were also distributed. We all had to hurry out of there to join the rest for our very delectable lunch in the hotel at noon. Apart from the deputies meeting, in another room, there was an auctioning off of a member's considerable MacGregor attire and the like.

After the deputies meeting, we all had to hasten out of there, to be in time for the delicious lunch planned for us by the gathering committee



Keith D. MacGregor lectures Scottish MacGregors at Dalmally Kirk in Scotland over the ancient tombstones of the MacGregor clan chiefs

At one o'clock we had our Antiquities/Projects meeting, which brought us up to date on the current excavation of our ancient, sunken MacGregor stronghold at Stronmelchan, Sron nam Mialchan in Gaelic.



Dalmally Kirk, Scotland: Alpin MacGregor of Cardney, Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor and Keith MacGregor

Not too far from the northeast end of Loch Awe, the stronghold is in Argyle, Scotland, very near Dalmally, but on Route B8077, south of Glen Strae. The main road to Dalmally is Route A85. The present day owner of this Stronmelchan property is generously allowing us to dig to uncover the ruins of our ancient chiefs' abode, but the soil and the turf, so far, eventually will have to be returned to its original condition. Since sron means nose or point, according to a website entitled A Guide to Simple Gaelic, and mullach means a top or summit, one might guess that stronmelchan means summit point. Since meall means a round hill, another meaning could be hill point. A librarian representative from the University of Baltimore special collections about our ACGS Clan Gregor holdings also brought us up to date during this meeting.



Mavis MacGregor, Ken Flagg, Keith MacGregor, Iain MacGregor and Kate MacGregor atop Stronmelchan, Scotland

Three o'clock marked our thrilling and glorious MacGregor pipe band concert led by Pipe Major Matt Kuldell. Our graceful highland dancers entertained us beautifully. Performed under the evergreen trees on the hotel grounds, both the band and the weather were very hot!

Last but not least were the crowning jewels of our gathering, the meet and greet reception and the sumptuous banquet, all of us in our impressive, beloved Clan Gregor finery and with our best manners! During the reception, we had the opportunity to speak with the kilted manager of the Glasgow Kiss band and his attractive wife.



*Balladeer, Dr. Edward J.
Brash*

Dr. Edward J. Brash, the band's amazing Ontario born manager with the baritone voice, has many talents, both far and wide. According to the websites about the band and about him, he is both a popular physics professor at Christopher Newport University in Newport, Virginia and also an exceedingly fine musician who knows his Gaelic, both Irish Gaelic and Scottish Gaelic. He has studied Scots Gaelic song, according to zoominfo.com/p/Edward-Brash, "with International Mod (Gaelic singing competition) winner, Mairie MacInnes at the Cape Breton" (Nova Scotia) "Gaelic College of Celtic Arts Vermont Session". How fortunate to be able to get the Cape Breton Scottish Gaelic session in much closer Vermont! He has won the Top Male Singer competition at the Grandfather Mountain Mod in Linville, North Carolina. This singing competition was judged there by two International Mod winners and recording artists from Scotland. He has been president of the Scottish Society of Tidewater, Virginia. Dr. Brash was the honored guest for us as the President of the Scottish Society of Tidewater at the 2006 Gathering in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He has given a speech about the many contributions of Scottish immigrants both in the USA and Canada. He grew up in the "Scotch Line" area of Ontario, Canada. The couple's twin daughters, Sarah and Olivia, also have studied Gaelic song and have sung internationally.

Apart from Dr. Ed Brash's artistic talents, he received his bachelor and master's degrees in physics from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. His doctorate in physics came from Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia in 1993. He has also been a professor of physics at the University of Regina in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, plus a research associate at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Dr. Ed Brash, solo without his band, was our very fine entertainment at the banquet. Information about the band may be reached at glasgowkiss.org/ContactUs.html.

The multi-talented Dr. Brash and his band members have all settled in the Tidewater area of Virginia. The oldest of the three band members, very pleasingly, is a native Scot, from Glasgow, Scotland, as you might guess.



Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz greets members at the banquet

At our superb evening banquet, we, four members of the Simon family, sat at the Rannoch table with a friendly two-generation family of six. Membership- wise, they volunteered to us that they attended our ACGS gatherings approximately about every ten years. Needless to say, we were very glad to have them this year. They now expect to do much traveling, but we still hope to celebrate with them again next year.



Thomas Peter dressed for the Scottish banquet



Luci Finucan, Eileen Grant and Juliana Weber

Honored guests at the banquet included Mr. Joseph Schaub, President, Scottish Society of Richmond. The dinner menu of salmon, or ham, sweet minted peas, sweet potatoes, and berry trifle was so exceptional in taste that I must comment on it. The haggis was also good. As a fun surprise and a new touch, our chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz, generously provided us all with an additional dessert, a birthday cake. Then she called out the names of those members present who were born in October! Matt Kuldell played Happy Birthday on his bagpipes to top it off.

Finally came the traditional “Auld Lang Syne” (long time since) played by the band. We all joined in the singing, with crossed, inter-locked arms on the last verse. Full of good times and good song, we adjourned for another year to look forward to. There was also an after-banquet party for those who wished to attend.



Luci Finucan

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Mr. M. Gregg Elliott, Member-At-Large
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Mr. James B. MacGregor, Member-At-Large
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Mrs. Kathleen Stone, Member
Mr. Keith D. MacGregor, Member

The 2013 Council meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on October 4, 2013, in Richmond, Virginia at 8:33am, by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain. Invocation was given by Thaddeus G. Osborne, Interim Chaplain. Council members who were excused as unable to attend were Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, Treasurer; Dodd L. Greer,

Chaplain; Richard R. Walker, Webmaster; Lori A. Connery, Newsletter Editor; Richard M. Greer, Scholarship Committee; Lou Ann MacGregor, Member-At-Large; Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Past Chieftain; Ronald L. Shankland, Member-At-Large; and Robert N. Ellington, Member-At-Large. Diana G. Browne, Chancellor, was available by teleconference. A quorum was confirmed with 13 voting council members present. The Chieftain read a message from our hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor: "This message comes with all good wishes to American Clan Gregor Society for a successful gathering at Richmond. I hope you all have a fruitful and beneficial few days at this historic town within the spirit of Clan Gregor. With best wishes, Sincerely, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor".

Opening remarks by the Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz: A personal goal set for 2013 was to facilitate a Bylaws Review and complete the Policy and Procedure collection so they actually agree with each other. She visualized an ancestral homestead that doesn't fit us anymore. The Bylaws Committee acts as the Architect and the Policies and Procedures are similar to the construction company. Any group functions more efficiently and cooperatively when each member understands their own and each other's roles and boundaries within the group. The Bylaws Review Committee will report on their progress, some of the recommendations may be enacted today; some will have to wait until next year. Written reports were distributed to Council members several days ago and the agenda was recently distributed.

Report of the Scribe: D. Jane Montmeny gave the following report: The minutes from the 2012 ACGS Gathering, Tampa Florida, were published in the 2013 Yearbook of ACGS as submitted by Donald A. Gregg, acting Scribe. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The ACGS account address with CenturyLink for telephonic conferencing services was transferred to D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe. During this year, the conferencing service was used once for an ACGS Council meeting and twice for meetings of the Bylaws Review Committee. An interim ACGS Council meeting was held on May 21, 2013, by teleconference to vote for the chairman of the 2013 Nominating Committee. Keith D. Gregg was elected by acclamation.

A motion to accept the Scribe report was made by Thaddeus G. Osborne and seconded by Stuart W. McGregor; the motion carried.

Report of the Treasurer, submitted by Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, presented the balance sheet and a profit and loss report for the General Funds of ACGS with a comparison between FY13 and FY12 with notable differences. It also included a proposed budget for FY14 which was seen by Council members as a step forward, understanding that adjustments might need to be made during the year but it should be refined over the first year or two. Ronald A. McGregor moved to accept the submitted report and the proposed budget, Keith D. Gregg seconded; the motion carried.

Trustees Report submitted by Lillian Magruder, Trustee, to the Council was an overall C&E report that will be updated as of the end of September. Mrs. Magruder verbally reported on the investment funds that are managed by the Trustees. The starting balance for the fiscal year was \$304,679; the ending balance was \$323,260. Cash on hand is \$62,414. The face value of stocks at the end of September was \$260,846; earned dividends were \$11,726 which was an average yield of 4.53%. Estimated return for FY14 based on the same stocks is 6.15%. Randolph W. Walker moved to accept the report, Harold I. "Don" Donnelly seconded; the motion carried.

Report of Acting Registrar: Lois Ann Garlitz has functioned as Acting Registrar since October 2012. Ms. Jeanne Lehr, candidate for Registrar was introduced. Ms. Garlitz mailed out 80 formal membership applications resulting in 45 new members. Two Junior members who are now 18 years old have been sent invitation letters to become lineal members. This was the first year to have Provisional members (four); it will be interesting to see if this is a useful way to gain new members. Approximately 30 new style Coat of Arms lapel pins were sold at the Tampa Gathering, with additional pins being mailed to current members and also included in new membership packets. A new shipment of lapel pins is available for sale at the Registration Desk.

Council agreed on three requests: 1) Lois Ann Garlitz to continue as an unofficial genealogist for the Society; she will retain a set of yearbooks and an additional set will be sent to the new Registrar; 2) Ms. Garlitz will send the collection of twenty-four Registrar Resource Books to the Society archives at the Marshall Magruder collection at the Baltimore Library; 3) An applicant with unclear eligibility will be offered provisional membership. Thaddeus G. Osborne moved to accept the report, Ronald A. McGregor seconded; the motion carried.

Report of Historian: Keith D. Gregg presented the following information as reported to him by members: Since the last Gathering of the Society in Tampa, Florida, in 2012 until the Gathering in Richmond, Virginia in 2013, there have been four births, no marriages, fourteen deaths of members, and three deaths of relatives of members. Additions may be made during the Gathering. James B. MacGregor moved to accept the report, Ronald A. McGregor seconded; the motion carried.

Report of Chaplain: Report submitted by Dodd L. Greer stated that he was honored to serve ACGS as Chaplain, particularly at the 2012 Gathering in Tampa where everyone was so supportive, kind and helpful. It was his pleasure to address in sermon the members as we visited the Presbyterian Church in Tampa. ACGS membership is made up of good, God-fearing sons and daughters of Scotland, and the spiritual heritage we share is important to our being a family and reaching out to help each other. This past year has witnessed the passing of several members of ACGS. As Chaplain, Mr. Greer had the responsibility and honor to address the loved ones of these Flowers of the Forest. He expressed sincere gratitude that he was allowed to serve, but regret that he now has to step aside after only one year. He expressed thanks to all who had assisted him. Motion to accept the report was made by Randolph W. Walker and seconded by James B. MacGregor; the motion carried.

Report of Yearbook Editor: Juliette M. Engel, MD, reported that the 2012 Yearbook was completed and printed in February of 2013. Submissions for 2013 Yearbook are due by December 15, 2013. Reports should be submitted as WORD files with MINIMAL formatting. Photographs should be submitted as JPEG files with captions including the names of those pictured. Dr. Engel also requested all State Deputy Chieftain reports be submitted in their final format and edited form along with photographs to the Yearbook Editor by the Ranking Deputy Chieftain. Motion to accept the report was made by Stuart W. McGregor and seconded by Thaddeus G. Osborne; motion carried. Dr. Engel also proposed a change to the cover of the Yearbook which was tabled until John King Bellasai, Heraldry Chair, is present (delayed in traffic).

Report of Newsletter Editor: In Lori Connery's submitted report, she stated that it was with a heavy heart that she stepped into the official role of the newsletter editor this year with the passing of Carol Lee MacGregor Spitznagle in May 2013. Mrs. Connery had done the layout and design for quite some time and with support of a team, was able to gather just enough articles for the summer issue.

She is adopting the previous deadlines for copy, March 15 for the spring/May issue, July 15 for the summer/fall/September issue and November 15 for the winter/January issue. She encouraged submission of articles that pertain to local events, historical events that may be enjoyable to revisit, and future events with a focus of informative and entertaining articles. Guidelines for submitting articles are: 1) Use Word or the body of the email to compose the article, 2) Indicate "Newsletter" in the email subject line, 3) Submit pictures as a .jpg and sent as an attachment, 4) Members may request an extension of time if necessary to meet the deadline. Motion to accept the report by Ronald A. McGregor and seconded by Dr. Juliette M. Engel; motion carried.

Report of Webmaster: Richard R. Walker was appointed Webmaster at the 2012 Tampa Gathering. Because of a security concern with the ACGS website, the service provider was moved from Panama to the United States and given a new domain name, ACGSUS.ORG. In addition to a very high level of security, the yearly cost of the service was decreased. Mr. Walker provided detailed analysis of use of the website including number of people accessing the website, internet browsers used for access, performance on cellular mobile devices and mobile providers being used to navigate to the web site which demonstrates that the site is friendly and accessible across multiple platforms. Most of the web traffic comes from within the United States, but visits from the United Kingdom and Canada are also seen. There is traffic coming from other international countries that are spreading spam; this traffic is monitored daily and shows that it usually gets blocked at the server level, through blacklists and spam filters. It is also shows that even in those countries our website is friendly, accessible, but not compromise-able. The Society website is a work in progress as it continues to change and modify as well as considering new ways to use the Website in the best way for the Society, encouraging all published documentation to have printed on it our web address www.acgsus.org. A motion to approve was made by Ronald A. McGregor and seconded by Peter K. Gregg; motion carried.

Report of Librarian: Deferred until John King Bellasai arrives (delayed in traffic).

Report of Assistant Chieftain: Scott F. MacGregor relayed his pleasure serving as the Assistant Chieftain over the past many years; however he is stepping down and that he looks forward to enjoying many future Gatherings as just a member. The mailings of the Newsletter and Yearbook go to those who are two year's current in paying dues, currently about 450 members. The annual dues notices and notice about the Gathering are sent to all members, about 720 members. He will have a more complete report for the Annual General Membership meeting. Motion to approve the report was made by Ronald A. McGregor and seconded by Stuart W. McGregor; motion carried.

Report of Ranking Deputy Chieftain: Randolph W. Walker was elected to serve the Society as Ranking Deputy Chieftain (RDC) during the Annual Gathering in Tampa, Florida in 2012. He noted the loss of a lovely lady this year, Ms. Carol Spitznagle, who was the State Deputy Chieftain (SDC) for Southern, Florida and also the Newsletter Editor.

Ms. Spitznagle was a proud MacGregor and devoted herself to representing the ACGS and Clan Gregor in an outstanding manner. All who knew her will miss Carol.

The ACGS has four new SDCs representing the Society this year and all of them have excelled in their efforts to represent the Society and Clan Gregor. As part of his duties and responsibilities, Mr. Walker distributed two table covers, a MacGregor Banner and several of the new ACGS Trifold. A new Resource Guide for SDCs was distributed with the primary intent to assist both existing and new SDCs by providing some uniform material that could be reproduced and readily used in public displays at Scottish Heritage Events such as handouts to visitors and prospective new ACGS members, and as educational/training aids. Mr. Walker asked for and received very good feedback from the SDCs as to content. Mr. Walker attempted to establish a Blog for the RDC on the Society Website but that was not successful. What was more successful was a group e-mail setup for regular communication with the SDCs around the country. A number of telephone calls to and from various SDCs were also very helpful.

In the report from the ACGS Long-Range Planning Committee last year, the question was raised as to whether or not the SDCs were underutilized as well as the role and functions of the SDCs. Even though there were a number of SDCs who were very active throughout the year representing the ACGS and Clan Gregor at Scottish Festivals and Games, there were a significant number who do not seem to be active at all in their respective States with no reports of any activity on their behalf.

This raised two questions for the RDC: What are the Society expectations for State Deputies? Has the Society communicated those expectations to the State Deputies? It was discussed that an SDC should represent the Society at least yearly in a Scottish heritage event and provide at least a yearly report to the RDC or Chieftain. If an SDC is no longer willing/able to continue, there should be a win- win way to make a change. According to the Registrar, approximately twenty-five percent of new membership is a result of ACGS representation and presentation at the various Scottish Festivals and other Scottish Heritage events around the country. It would appear that the Society is not reaching all of the possible new members in a large area of the country. The SDC for Delaware procures a proclamation from the Governor for Scots-Irish Heritage month and displays it on his table at games. Motion to approve the report was made by Dr. Juliette M. Engel and seconded by Peter K. Gregg; motion carried.

Scholarship Committee report by Richard M. Greer, Chair: No Blunt scholarships were awarded this year pending council clarification of the interrelationship of the Edith and Harry Blunt Scholarship Fund monies and the Charity and Education Account monies. Upon clarification, awards will be made for 2014 based on the "Policy and Procedures" guidelines. Motion to approve the report was made by Ronald A. McGregor and seconded by Stuart W. McGregor; motion carried.

Long Range Planning Committee and Heraldry Committee: Deferred until John King Bellassai arrives (delayed in traffic).

Report of the Audit Committee by M. Gregg Elliott: Mr. Elliott reviewed the Treasurer's books of the ACGS for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. He found that the ACGS books were free of material mismanagement and present fairly the financial position of the Society.

The proposed changing the timing of the fiscal year would be a great help. Paul O. Collinson will be a new member of the audit committee. Motion to approve the report was made by Peter K. Gregg and seconded by Harold I. "Don" Donnelly; motion carried.

Merchandise Manager report by Peter K. Gregg: Mr. Gregg detailed the current inventory of 58 t-shirts and 54 sweatshirts in forest green with the MacGregor Clan Crest which are available at the Gathering. He also has 15 forest green Polo shirts with the small arms pin design in assorted sizes which are selling quickly, with proceeds going back into the General Fund as seed money for more merchandise. Polo shirts in red are a possible future item. He is working with a vendor for name tags as well as other possible future items. A silent auction will continue until Saturday at 2pm with proceeds going to the C&E funds. A motion to approve the report was made by Randolph W. Walker and seconded by Ronald A. McGregor; motion seconded.

Report from the Gathering Committee: A report submitted by James L. Magruder, Local Gathering Committee Chair, included a welcome to the Society from Glen Allen VA and others of the Committee, namely Sarah M. "Sally" Smith, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor and Harold I. "Don" Donnelly as well as Scott F. MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain. The report previewed the upcoming Gathering events along with a history of the local area. The Council agreed that their job was very well done. A motion to accept the report was made by Harold I. "Don" Donnelly and seconded by Stuart W. McGregor; motion carried.

Recognition Committee: Lois Ann Garlitz, Committee chair, reported: The members of this committee as appointed a year ago were saddened by the passing of our good friend Carol Spitznagle in May 2013. Her smiling face and helping hands are greatly missed. To fill her position on this committee, Margaret Sanderson has been appointed and agreed to serve and Ronald A. McGregor assisted with creating laudatory text. Four members have been selected to receive recognition and their names will be announced during the General Meeting on Saturday morning. A motion to accept the report was made by Harold I. "Don" Donnelly and seconded by Dr. Juliette M. Engel; motion carried.

Bylaws Review Committee report was given by D. Jane Montmeny, Chair, which included work done through the year to review proposed changes submitted during the 2012 annual Council Meeting and any other appropriate changes with the goal to submit them to the Council sixty (60) days prior to the 2013 Annual Gathering. The Committee met in Atlanta GA on May 18th for a full day of work. All members were present: Henry A. Stone, Diana G. Browne, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, Randolph W. Walker and D. Jane Montmeny. Subsequent work was accomplished via two conference calls on June 27th and July 9th, and by many email messages. Recommendations to the Council were completed for Articles I- VIII and Articles X-XII. The Committee determined that Article IX, "Fund and Trustees," requires a legal opinion regarding the Society's non-profit tax exempt status with IRS. An attorney in that field has been contacted by Henry and Kathy Stone and historical ACGS documents are being researched.

Because recommendations on Article IX were not ready to be presented to Council, the Committee requested an extension of time for submission to Council of the complete ACGS Bylaws to be as soon as the work of the Committee is complete but at least ninety (90) days before the Annual Gathering in 2014.

They requested to be on the agenda for the 2013 Council meeting to present their recommendations completed so far to be able to entertain questions/discussion with Council members. They requested approval of the draft Bylaws recommendations Articles I – VIII and Article X-XII; however, it was determined that because the recommendations from the Committee do not include all of the Bylaws, that the Council can review the recommendations already submitted and do a preliminary vote with the understanding that more revisions will be likely in the coming year.

It was also determined, that because a Committee was chartered for Bylaws revision, the requirement for a document with ten (10) signatures was not necessary in this context. A document comparing the 2011 Bylaws and the 2013 recommended revisions had been electronically distributed to Council members and was used for a basis of the review and preliminary vote. Recommendations for Articles I-VI were reviewed.

The Council meeting went into recess at 10:47am for members to participate in Gathering activities. The meeting was reconvened at 7:09pm.

The Council continued discussion on Articles VII and VIII. Further discussion will be done at a future teleconference meeting to be scheduled.

Dr. Juliette M. Engel had proposed a change to the cover of the Yearbook which was tabled until John King Bellassai, Heraldry Chair, was present. After discussion of options, a motion was made by Peter K. Gregg and seconded by Ronald A. McGregor. With a show of hands eight voted to keep the Yearbook cover the same with the Fiery Cross, three voted against, one abstained. The Yearbook cover will stay the same.

Report from Librarian: John King Bellassai went to the Baltimore Library, met with the retiring librarian, Thomas Hollowak, and did a walk-through of the ACGS collection; he will return to meet with the new librarian, Benjamin Blake. There is a reading room available. Books go into the general collection so donated books will not be found in the specific ACGS collection. Papers not specific to the business of the Society will also be put into the general library collection.

Storage Unit and Contents: John King Bellassai reported that a determination needs to be made where to put the items that are in storage. He would like to move the items closer to him in the Washington metro area, but they need to be sorted and only essential items kept, with others either being digitalized or discarded.

Long Range Planning Committee: A detailed final report will be submitted by the end of 2013. Dr. Juliette M. Engel made a motion that all of Mr. Bellassai's reports be accepted which was seconded by Ronald A. McGregor; motion carried.

Under Old Business, the Policies and Procedures status report was given by D. Jane Montmeny: The two members of the Committee are Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain and D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe. There are ten (10) Policies and Procedures that have already been approved by previous ACGS Council. An additional sixteen (16) have been drafted and submitted to Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain. There are four (4) waiting to be drafted. When the Bylaws review is completed and finalized, all of the Policies and Procedures will need to be reviewed to ensure they are in concert with the new Bylaws.

Gratitude for the work accomplished on the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures was expressed by the Council. A motion to accept the report was made by Ronald A. McGregor and seconded by M. Gregg Elliott; motion carried.

New Business – Election of Officers:

Report from the Nominating Committee: Keith D. Gregg, Committee chair (other members were Dr. Bruce M. Whyte and Ronald A. McGregor) reported the following have agreed to nomination for office:

Chieftain – Lois Ann Garlitz
Ranking Deputy Chieftain – Randolph W. Walker
Scribe – D. Jane Montmeny
Chancellor – Diana G. Browne
Treasurer – Dr. Bruce MacGregor Whyte
Registrar – Jeanne Peter Lehr
Yearbook Editor – Dr. Juliette M. Engel
Librarian – John King Bellassai
Chaplain – open
Historian – Elizabeth Magruder Joiner
Trustee – Margaret A. Sanderfield

Thaddeus G. Osborne volunteered to be placed in nomination as Chaplain. A motion was made by John King Bellassai and seconded by Dr. Juliette M. Engel to accept the slate of candidates; motion carried. This will be presented tomorrow, October 5th, at the Annual General Membership meeting.

Report of Appointments by the Chieftain: Lois Ann Garlitz reported that she has appointed Keith D. Gregg to serve as the new Assistant Chieftain; this was approved by acclamation voice vote of the Council. Other appointments were:

Members-at-Large – Lori A. Connery. Two more members needed.
Newsletter Editor – Lori A. Connery
Web Master – Richard R. Walker
Scholarship Committee – Dr. Richard M. Greer, chair, Nolan A. Sanders, Susan E. Tichy
Recognition Committee – Lois Ann Garlitz chair, Margaret A. Sanderfield
Audit Committee – M. Gregg Elliott chair, Paul O. Collinson
Heraldry Committee – John King Bellassai, chair. Two more members are needed.
Bylaws Review Committee – D. Jane Montmeny chair, Randolph W. Walker, Henry A. Stone, Diana G. Browne, Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, and Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor.
Long Range Planning Committee – John King Bellassai chair, Lois Ann Garlitz, James B. MacGregor, Scott F. MacGregor, Keith D. MacGregor, Diana G. Browne, Dr. Juliette M. Engel and Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor.
Piper – Matt Kuldell, pipe major

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

October 5, 2013 at 8:33am.

Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain, reconvened the Council meeting to carry out business that needed a vote of the Council.

Keith D. Gregg was nominated to be the chair of the Nominating Committee for 2014. A motion was made by Thaddeus G. Osborne and seconded by M. Gregg Elliott; motion carried. He will need to select at least two more members of the committee.

John King Bellasai was nominated to be the chair of both the Heraldry Committee and the Records Management Committee. A motion to accept the nomination was made by Scott F. McGregor and seconded by Stuart W. McGregor; motion carried. The Council meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.

Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe

104th Annual Gathering – Richmond, VA

October 5, 2013

The 2013 Annual General Membership meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on October 5, 2013, in Richmond, Virginia at 9:06 am, by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Interim Chaplain, offered the invocation. Council members who were excused as unable to attend were Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, Treasurer; Dodd L. Greer, Chaplain; Richard R. Walker, Web Master; Richard M. Greer, Scholarship Committee; Lori A. Connery, Newsletter Editor; Lou Ann MacGregor, Member-At-Large; Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor, Past Chieftain; Ronald L. Shankland, Member-At-Large; Robert N. Ellington, Member-At-Large; and Diana G. Browne, Chancellor.

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Report of the Treasurer, submitted by Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, presented the balance sheet and a profit and loss report for the General Funds of ACGS with a comparison between FY13 and FY12 with notable differences. It also included a proposed budget for FY14 which was approved by Council. Even though adjustments might need to be made during the first year or two, this is seen as a major milestone for the Society. Appreciation to Dr. Whyte was expressed for his work. The report was accepted.

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Report of Acting Registrar: Lois Ann Garlitz has functioned as Acting Registrar since October 2012 and expressed gratitude for a new candidate being placed on the ballot. She read the names of new members and asked them to stand if they were present. The list with full information can be found in the Registrar's report elsewhere in this Yearbook. There are four (4) new Provisional members this year thanks to the work of State Deputy Chieftains at clan tents. She noted two best recruiters for the year, Russell Greer, Florida, with six (6) new members and Ruth Ann Walker, Arizona, also with six (6) new members. A great number of new members this year came from family connections. The report was accepted.

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He expressed sincere gratitude that he was allowed to serve, but regret that he now has to step aside after only one year. He expressed thanks to all who had assisted him. The report was accepted.

Report of Yearbook Editor: Juliette M. Engel, MD, requested a written memorial from family members of those who passed during this last year to be included in the Yearbook. She is also going to start a new section “Wee MacGregor’s” photo gallery and asked that parents and grandparents submit photos including a caption for correct information. Submissions for 2013 Yearbook are due by December 15, 2013. She also requested family histories as a record for future generations; stories and pictures should be considered for the Yearbook. A member suggested a section for military family history which was welcomed. Go to the ACGS web site www.acgsus.org and send them to Juliette Engel and they will be forwarded to her personal email. The report was accepted.

Report of Newsletter Editor: Lori Connery’s submitted report was read wherein she stated that it was with a heavy heart that she stepped into the official role of the newsletter editor this year with the passing of Carol Lee MacGregor Spitznagle in May 2013. Mrs. Connery had done the layout and design for quite some time and with support of a team, was able to gather just enough articles for the summer issue. She is adopting the previous deadlines for copy: March 15 for the spring/May issue, July 15 for the summer/fall/September issue and November 15 for the winter/January issue. She encouraged submission of articles that pertain to local events, historical events that may be enjoyable to revisit, and future events with a focus on informative and entertaining articles. Submissions can be done by the Society web site www.acgsus.org. News of births, weddings and deaths should go first to the Historian as the official record keeper. Guidelines for submitting Newsletter articles are: Use Word or the body of the email to compose the article; Indicate “Newsletter” in the email subject line; Submit pictures as a .jpg and send as an attachment. Mrs. Connery appreciates being able to serve the Society in such an enjoyable and creative way. The report was accepted.

Report of Webmaster: Richard R. Walker was appointed Webmaster at the 2012 Tampa Gathering; his report was reviewed by Lois Ann Garlitz. Mr. Walker provided detailed analysis of use of the website including number of people accessing the website, internet browsers used for access, performance on cellular mobile devices and mobile providers being used to navigate to the web site which demonstrates that the site is friendly and accessible across multiple platforms. Most of the web traffic comes from within the United States, but visits from the United Kingdom and Canada are also seen. There is traffic coming from other international countries that are spreading spam; this traffic is monitored daily and shows that it usually gets blocked at the server level, through blacklists and spam filters.

It also shows that even in those countries our website is friendly, accessible, but not compromise-able.

The question has been raised about why there is not a members- only link on our web site. Mr. Walker stated that he is not sure there is enough on the web site to warrant such a section, which would necessitate a password for everyone. He also feels that members-only links are exclusionary, they invite members-only trolls, and hackers to see what is posted that is private. These make a huge headache from a management perspective, to which there was strong agreement from the members. The report was accepted.

Report of the Heraldry Committee: John King Bellassai displayed the ACGS Grant of Arms that was received in 2009 from the Lord Lyon in Scotland. The goal is for everyone to be able to see it and appreciate what it means to the Society. He also told about the pinsel, the small triangular shaped flag of the Chief, which was draped on the head table, and which shows that ACGS is an official representative of the Chief in the US. It is only displayed when the Chief is absent from an event. Mr. Bellassai is looking for two additional members to serve on this committee with him and asked that anyone interested please contact him. The report was accepted.

Report of Librarian: John King Bellassai assumed the responsibility this year. He visited the Marshall Magruder collection at the University of Baltimore library. He met with Thomas L. Hollowak, long-term librarian who is about to retire, will return to meet with the new librarian, Benjamin Blake. There is a reading room available which holds the papers specific to ACGS. We are one of only five non-profit heritage groups who have that kind of arrangement with the Library. The McGregor collection is listed and one can request to see things in the collection. They were very helpful to Mr. Bellassai in obtaining records related to our 501(c)(3) status which was provided to the Bylaws Committee. Books go into the general collection so donated books will not necessarily be found in the specific ACGS collection unless they are unique and about McGregor's. Duplicate books and papers not specific to the business of the Society will also be put into the general library collection. Members are encouraged to visit the Library and take advantage of the collection. The report was accepted. Lois Ann Garlitz added that Benjamin Blake, the new Librarian, will be doing a presentation about the Library after lunch today and will be in attendance at the banquet this evening. A new link to the digital collection at the Marshall Magruder Library (yearbooks, newsletters and a few photos) can be found at <http://ubalt.libguides.com/acgs>

Report on the Storage Unit and contents: John King Bellassai reported that the storage unit located in Pennsylvania close to the home of the previous Librarian will be moved to the Washington DC area. He expressed concern about papers in a storage unit, which incurs a monthly cost without much benefit. He plans to go through the contents and decide what to do with it. Archives, records and papers should go to the Baltimore Library, which has already been done. The remaining contents are Yearbooks and other papers that could be sold or otherwise distributed. Report accepted.

Long Range Planning Committee: John King Bellassai distributed copies of an abbreviated summary from the committee. They have been focusing on ten different areas for the past two years and will finish their work this year. The areas are Membership, Organizational Structure, Overarching Communication Strategy, Records and Archives, Publications, Mailings, Gatherings and other social events, Budgetary Issues, Scholarships and Other. Many of the things being discussed are in the works; some of them are happening such as the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, a budget template, use of the Grant of Arms.

Subjects that will have much discussion will be the future of Gatherings and how social media can be used. Change can be hard but is inevitable; we can take charge of the change instead of change taking charge of the Society. A final report will be submitted to the Council and probably posted on the web site. Transparency of actions of the Council and committees is important for the membership so they know what is going on. But the members need to be interested and get involved by sharing thoughts and concerns and become stakeholders in the future of the Society. The report was accepted.

Report of Ranking Deputy Chieftain: Randolph W. Walker was elected to serve the Society as Ranking Deputy Chieftain (RDC) during the Annual Gathering in Tampa, Florida in 2012 and expressed his pleasure in serving in this capacity. He noted the loss of a lovely lady this year, Ms. Carol Spitznagle, who was the State Deputy Chieftain (SDC) for Southern, Florida. The ACGS has four new SDCs representing the Society this year and all of them have excelled in their efforts to represent the Society and Clan Gregor. As part of his duties and responsibilities, Mr. Walker distributed two table covers, a MacGregor banner and several of the new ACGS trifold brochures.

A new Resource Guide for SDCs was distributed with the primary intent to assist both existing and new SDCs by providing some uniform material that could be reproduced and readily used in public displays at Scottish Heritage Events such as handouts to visitors and prospective new ACGS members; it can be used as an adjunct to resources distributed by earlier RDCs. Mr. Walker asked for and received very good feedback from the SDCs as to content and welcomes input from any others as well. Mr. Walker attempted to establish a Blog for the RDC on the Society Website but that was not very successful. What was more successful was a group e-mail setup for regular communication with the SDCs around the country. A number of telephone calls to and from various SDCs were also very helpful. According to the Registrar, approximately twenty-five percent of new membership is a result of ACGS representation and presentations at the various Scottish Festivals and other Scottish Heritage events around the country. The SDC is the face of the Society as they represent us all over the country and they do a very good job. Because we are a genealogically based society, they spend significant time in conversations concerning the possibility of MacGregor family ties, however, there is little possibility that some of them will join the Society because it takes effort. However, sometimes you run into that person who is interested, makes the effort and does join.

We are losing State Deputies for a variety of reasons which has created a number of vacancies. It is an important part of what our Society does in bringing the face of our clan to the country. Mr. Walker asked that anyone interested let either he or the Chieftain know so they can discuss the role and how efforts would be supported. The number and location of SDCs depends on the size of the state, the number of activities, and there may be more than one in a state. Members are encouraged to attend activities and help out as needed. Members were also encouraged to visit the ACGS web site to be familiar with clan activities world-wide. The report was accepted.

Report of Assistant Chieftain: Scott F. MacGregor relayed his pleasure serving as the Assistant Chieftain over the past many years and 15 years as a member of the Council; however he is stepping down and he looks forward to enjoying many future Gatherings as just a member. His complete report with demographics will be submitted to the Chieftain and will be found in the Yearbook. Hearty applause from the members showed their appreciation for his lengthy and significant contributions. The report was accepted.

Scholarship Committee report was submitted by Dr. Richard M. Greer, Chair, Nolan Sanders and Susan Tichy. No Blunt scholarships were awarded this year pending council clarification of the interrelationship of the Edith and Harry Blunt Scholarship Fund monies and the Charity and Education Account monies. Hopefully the Society will be able to award scholarships in 2014. The report was accepted.

Report of the Audit Committee was done by M. Gregg Elliott. Mr. Elliott reviewed the Treasurer's books of the ACGS for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

He found that the ACGS books were free of material mismanagement and present fairly the financial position of the Society. Paul D. Collinson will be a new member of the audit committee and they are hoping to identify best practices for the Society, to look at the positive. Dr. Bruce M. Whyte spends a lot of time for the Society as the Treasurer and manages the money well. Members are encouraged to let him know that. The report was accepted.

Merchandise Manager: report was given by Peter K. Gregg. All of the new shirts at the Gathering have sold out; however, he will be purchasing more and can be contacted for them to be mailed. His email is www.ardchoille1.aol.com. He has been asked such other items as coffee cups and ladies polo shirts; he will need to obtain pricing and approval. He is working with a vendor for name tags which will have three options for attachment to clothing. The silent auction will continue until Saturday at 2pm with proceeds going to the C&E funds. The report was accepted.

Report from the Gathering Committee: Lois Ann Garlitz commented on the report submitted by James L. Magruder, Local Gathering Committee Chair; other members of the Committee are Sarah M. "Sally" Smith, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor and Harold I. "Don" Donnelly as well as Scott F. MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain. General agreement was that everyone is having a great time. The report was accepted.

Recognition Committee: Lois Ann Garlitz, Committee chair, and member Margaret A. Sanderfield, recognized the following members for contributions; Edward K. Gregor, Jr. for 55 years as the SDC for New York and having been a member since 1946; Louis Dan Megehee upon his retirement as SDC for Mississippi since 1999; Lillian Magruder on the occasion of her retirement from active service to ACGS. The report was accepted.

Bylaws Review Committee report was given by D. Jane Montmeny, Chair, which was included in the Scribe's report of the minutes from the Council meeting. She gave credit to the other five members of the Committee, Henry A. Stone, Diana G. Browne, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, and Randolph W. Walker. The Committee progress on Article IX requires a legal opinion regarding the Society's non-profit tax exempt status with IRS and will be forthcoming in the next year. The report was accepted.

Policies and Procedures status report was given by D. Jane Montmeny. When the Bylaws review is completed and finalized, all of the Policies and Procedures will need to be reviewed to ensure they are in concert with the new Bylaws. That should complete the full package of the Society's governing documents. The report was accepted.

New Business – Election of Officers:

A count of 43 members present showed a quorum present for the vote.

Report from the Nominating Committee: Keith D. Gregg, Chair, presented the following slate of candidates who have agreed to stand for office:

Chieftain – Lois Ann Garlitz

Ranking Deputy Chieftain – Randolph W. Walker

Scribe – D. Jane Montmeny

Chancellor – Diana G. Browne

Treasurer – Dr. Bruce MacGregor Whyte

Registrar – Jeanne Peter Lehr

Yearbook Editor – Dr. Juliette M. Engel

Librarian – John King Bellassai

Chaplain – Thaddeus G. Osborne

Historian – Elizabeth Magruder Joiner

Trustee – Margaret A. Sanderfield

Nominations were also open from the floor, but there were none. John King Bellassai moved that the nominations be closed and it was seconded by Michael A. McGregor. The motion carried. John King Bellassai moved to accept the nominations of the Committee and it was seconded by Randolph W. Walker. The motion carried. The new Registrar, Jeanne Lehr was introduced to the members as was Margaret A. Sanderfield, new Trustee.

Report of Appointments by the Chieftain: Lois Ann Garlitz reported that she has appointed Keith D. Gregg to serve as the new Assistant Chieftain; this was approved by acclamation voice vote of the Council.

Other appointments were:

Nominating Committee – Keith D. Gregg, chair, this was approved by Council. Two more members are needed.

Members-at-Large – Lori A. Connery. Two more members needed.

Newsletter Editor – Lori A. Connery

Web Master – Richard R. Walker

Gathering Committee – Assistant Chieftain, Keith D. Gregg, chair. He will find local members when the location is determined.

Scholarship Committee – Dr. Richard M. Greer, chair, Nolan A. Sanders, Susan E. Tichy

Recognition Committee – Lois Ann Garlitz chair, Margaret A. Sanderfield

Audit Committee – M. Gregg Elliott chair, Paul O. Collinson

Heraldry Committee – John King Bellassai, chair. Two more members are needed.

Records Management Committee – John King Bellassai, chair

Bylaws Review Committee – D. Jane Montmeny chair, Randolph W. Walker, Henry A. Stone, Diana G. Browne, Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, and Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor.

Long Range Planning Committee – John King Bellassai chair, Lois Ann Garlitz, James B. MacGregor, Scott F. MacGregor, Keith D. MacGregor, Diana G. Browne, Dr. Juliette M. Engel and Robert F. “Sandy” MacGregor.

Piper – Matt Kuldell, pipe major

For the Good of the Order:

John King Bellassai added the following to the Heraldry Committee report. A large embroidered banner is being made with the ACGS Grant of Arms which will be carried by the pipe band along with other flags on appropriate occasions. The same company can also make a smaller banner that would be appropriate for SDCs to display at clan tents to reflect the Society.

The meeting was adjourned by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain at 11:17am.

STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS MEETING

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.

Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe

Attendees:

Chair, Randall W. Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain and SDC Texas

Jeanne P. Lehr, Registrar

D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe

Randall B. Zimmerman, SDC Vermont & New Hampshire

Margaret A. Sanderfield, SDC Illinois

Michael A. McGregor, SDC South Carolina

Leighton P. Stradley, SDC Northern Virginia

Peter K. Gregg, SDC Delaware

Jean Simon, SDC Alabama

Thaddeus G. Osborne, SDC Tennessee

The meeting was called to order by Randall W. Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain at 11:30am on October 5, 2013. He expressed profound thanks for all the work done by the SDCs over the last year. There are several vacancies and he asked to be notified of anyone willing to become an SDC.

New ACGS brochures were distributed with a picture of Glenorchy Parish Church. The “Scots” magazine was shown; the current issue has a cover photo of Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor with an article about his role as the Convener of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. There are also mugs available with the Glenorchy Church at Dalmally. These could be useful as display items in clan tents.

Mr. Walker displayed a new Clan Gregor banner that was awarded to Margaret A. Sanderfield by drawing. A drawing for Dalmally mugs awarded them to Jean Simon, Jeanne P. Lehr and Randall B. Zimmerman. A drawing for two swords awarded them to Randall B. Zimmerman and Randall W. Walker, who presented his sword to Peter K. Gregg.

Jeanne P. Lehr, newly elected Registrar, distributed her return address labels to be put on the ACGS brochures so prospective members can contact her. Michael A. McGregor stated that he would like to give input to ACGS brochures before any new update or printing.

Mr. Walker opened discussion about succession planning for SDCs. It is a position that can only be done for so long and continue to be effective; there is no shame in not being able to continue. Please send event information to the Web Master including event, date, location and other specifics. Any photos should be sent as direct email attachments. Any information garnered in the clan tent will only be used between SDC and the prospective member to protect privacy of their information.

A list of Sept names can be very informative as a display in the clan tent. If a sign-in sheet is used, the number of names can be compared to the number of brochures distributed to account for numbers of visitors. "Highlander" magazine is a useful tool as well as Scotlandspeople.gov.uk. The Family Tree DNA McGregor project is important to feature in the clan tents.

With a conclusion of further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.



D, Jane Montmeny and Scott F. MacGregor



D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe, Gathering 2013, Richmond Virginia

REPORT OF THE CHIEFTAIN

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz



*Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain,
visiting in Dalmally Scotland, 2012*

The only goal I set for 2013 was to facilitate a Bylaws Review and complete the Policy and Procedure collection so they actually agree with each other. Any group, whether familial, volunteer, or corporate, functions more efficiently and cooperatively when each member understands their own and each other's roles and boundaries within the group. This would seem to be common sense.

In addition to thinking of a book of rules, I chose to visualize this effort in a second way... Say we have been living in the ancestral homestead for a number of years and the blueprint no longer works for our family. We want to retain our heritage, but we need to streamline our lives.

We are now at a place where the architects (Bylaws Review Committee) are meeting with us at the dinner table to get feedback before the construction company moves in. One family member speaks up and says "I never did like those chartreuse curtains in the bathroom" (council is too large). Another says "I love the fireplace just as it is – don't put in natural gas. I volunteer to haul the wood in and take the ashes out myself" (the Fiery Cross issue). Feedback time is now... Let's hear from you today. Think of it as an Extreme Home Makeover... Some of the Recommendations can be enacted today; some will have to wait until next year.

Let's begin by hearing reports from the several family members and learn what they want their room to look like, then proceed to the architects, and decide which changes we are ready for today.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN

Submitted by Scott F MacGregor
October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013

If you were with us in Richmond Virginia for the society's one hundred and fourth annual Gathering General Meeting on Saturday morning you heard me mention that my initial report was just two sincere lines. *"It has been a pleasure serving as the assistant Chieftain over the past years. I look forward to enjoying many future Gatherings as just a member."* This was because those months leading up to the Gathering are the busiest for the Assistant Chieftain. I promised to expand my report and provide some demographic statistics on our membership from the society's database. These numbers are available in the table below.

Seeing that I am stepping off council this year this will be my final report as the society's Assistant Chieftain. I'm not big on certificates to hang on the wall, it's just not me. Over the years I have relished receiving praise or a sincere thank-you when we pass in the halls of the hotels, riding the elevators, or in one of our phone or email conversations. Very much to my surprise our wonderful Chieftain, Lois Ann, called me to the dance floor during the banquet. She upheld my request of no certificate but instead presented me with a very lovely plaque affixed with a friendship Quaich. With three-fourths of my grandkids at my side I nearly choked up. I am so grateful of the recognition and appreciation of all my efforts.

Please keep those thank-you and praises flowing, not to me but to all our members who continue to serve on council keeping our wonderful society functioning successfully. Everyone can use an occasional nice pat on the back.

As noted in my short report I am only stepping off counsel, I'm not going anywhere. I look forward to seeing you at many of our future Gatherings. If you have yet to make a Gathering I encourage you to start soon as there is not better group of people to hang out with than your won Clan Gregor kinsfolk.

I am sure like yourself I cannot wait until our new Assistant Chieftain, Keith Gregg, finds and announces the Gathering hotel for 2014.

Respectively submitted,
Scott MacGregor, ACGS #2450
mgregor@verizon.net
Assistant Chieftain 2013

ACGS Membership Count by Demographics

State	Total	Membership Type						Inactive	Dues 2 Years
		Life	Lineal	Associate	Junior	Provisional	Honorary		
Alabama	20	3	17		4			4	8
Alaska	1								
Arkansas	2		2					0	1
Argentina	1								
Arizona	14	1	11	2	1			1	3
California	37	5	31	2	2	1		4	15
Canada	5								
Colorado	26	8	24					6	11
Connecticut	11	3	8		1			1	5
District of Columbia	6	3	5					2	3
Delaware	8	2	6					1	0
Florida	80	9	64	4	12			10	26
Georgia	35	9	28		1			3	14
Hawaii	1	1						0	0
Iowa	1	1						0	0
Idaho	1		1					0	0
Illinois	14	4	11					1	3
Indiana	8	1	6	1	1			1	4
Kansas	7	2	5					0	1
Kentucky	16	4	12		2			2	5
Louisiana	10	1	9	3				3	10
Massachusetts	13	7	7					1	2
Maryland	58	13	46	3	9		1	14	25
Maine	5	1	3	1				0	1
Michigan	14	3	8		2	2		1	4
Minnesota	5		4		1			0	1
Missouri	11	3	9					1	5
Mississippi	19	6	13	1				3	9
Montana	4		4					0	1
North Carolina	50	9	38		7	1		5	13
Nebraska	5	1	5					1	2
New Hampshire	8	1	7					0	4
New Jersey	15	4	8		3			0	3
New Mexico	10	3	8					1	5
Nevada	6	3	4		2			3	1
New York	23	6	16		4			3	9
Ohio	11	2	9					0	5
Oklahoma	3	1	2					0	0
Oregon	9		9	1				1	4
Pennsylvania	18	3	11	1	5			2	5
Rhode Island	1		1					0	0
South Carolina	19	11	11	1				4	8
Scotland	1								
Tennessee	14	3	15					4	10
Texas	33	3	33	1				5	14
Utah	14	3	10		1			0	5
Virginia	113	45	48	5	21		1	7	23
Vermont	4	2	2					0	0
Washington	14	5	9	2				2	5
Wisconsin	3	2	4					3	4
West Virginia	5		4		1			0	0
Wyoming	6		4		2			0	1
Totals	794	197	594	28	82	4	2	100	278

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Submitted by Bruce MacGregor Whyte

October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013

This is a final report of the financial status of the American Clan Gregor Society, General Operating Funds for the fiscal year October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 (FY13).

Presented are the balance sheet and a condensed profit and loss report for the General Funds of ACGS with a comparison between FY13 and FY12. Notable differences:

- Gathering income in FY13 is markedly higher than those for FY12. As the Gathering is held at the very start of one financial year, income may be received and expenses incurred in the year of the Gathering (in this instance FY13) or the previous year (FY12). In addition in FY12 some items were not coded to a specific Gathering so the apparent improvement in Gathering fees in FY13 is apparent only;
- Under Gathering income, the Other category consists of refunds for those who could not attend at the last minute and have included a tour;
- Income from membership fees in FY13 is lower than FY12, largely as a result of fewer life memberships in FY13. The large amount shown in the Provisional/other category includes ACGS pins and name tags that were re-categorized in FY13 to correctly identify the source of income;
- ACGS introduced PayPal for on line payments in FY13. A total of 16 members paid on line, ACGS received \$1,639.00 in gross receipts and paid \$49.70 in fees for a net income of \$1,589.30;
- Donations are less in FY13 than FY12 as a result of directing donations more correctly to the C&E Fund (difference of \$646), In Memoriam (difference of \$740) and a real decline in donations;
- Other income (shown on the expense sheet at the end of the financial data) is far greater in FY12 than FY13. During FY13 the dividends were moved to the C&E Fund from the General Fund;
- There were no scholarships awarded in FY13;
- Printing costs have increased in FY13 by 31% including printing and mailing of newsletters, year books and membership listing. These have been addressed in the proposed budget also submitted with this report;
- Expenses have been reduced by \$3,884 or 9%;

The financial report for the Charity and Education Funds was presented by the Trustees.

ACGS General Operating Funds
Profit and Loss FY12 - FY13
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2013

<u>Income</u>	FY13	FY12
4010		
Gathering	\$265.00	\$385.00
4011 Ceilidh		
4012 Meals	\$5,510.00	\$365.00
4015 Full program	\$9,240.00	\$3,380.00
4016 Donations	\$2,195.00	\$605.00
4020 Tours	\$1,420.00	-\$25.00
4010 Other	-\$596.00	\$781.00
Gathering income	\$18,034.00	\$5,491.00
4090		
Membership dues		
4091 Lineal	\$7,960.00	\$6,200.00
4093 Junior	\$56.44	\$95.00
4094 Associate	\$25.00	\$45.00
4095 Life lineal	\$630.00	\$2,540.00
4096 Life associate	\$500.00	
4098 Provisional/other	\$170.00	\$1,940.00
Membership dues	\$9,341.44	\$10,820.00
4130		
Donations		
4131 Blunt	\$0.00	\$1,160.00
4132 Magruder Library	\$754.00	\$1,250.00
4133 Antiquities	\$1,497.00	\$3,305.00
4134 C&E	\$224.00	\$870.00
4135 In Memoriam	\$25.00	\$765.00
4130 Other	\$0.00	\$780.00
Donations	\$2,500.00	\$8,130.00
4150		
Other income		
4151 ACGS pins	\$640.00	\$230.00
4150 Other	\$160.00	\$669.76
Other income	\$800.00	\$899.76
Total Income	\$30,675.44	\$25,340.76

<u>Expenses</u>	FY12	FY13
5000 Gathering		
5002 Hotel charges	\$9,471.91	\$3,718.97
5004 Catering	\$611.40	\$11,061.68
5008 Ceilidh	\$150.00	\$150.00
5006 Entertainers	\$0.00	\$244.12
5005 Luncheon	\$1,800.30	\$965.96
5007 Band	\$2,270.23	\$2,757.00
5019 Transportation	\$199.08	\$1,392.00
5020 Tours	\$2,400.00	\$1,052.56
5021 Gathering printing	\$484.59	\$39.99
5022 Gathering postage	\$359.71	\$324.00
Other	\$63.27	\$0
Tax refund	-\$759.36	\$0
Gathering expenses	\$17,051.13	\$21,706.28
5050 SDC reimbursements	\$481.50	\$540.00
6120 Bank charges	\$268.53	\$531.52
6145 Scholarships	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
6160 Pins/badges	\$372.16	\$669.40
6175 Storage rental	\$1,108.04	\$527.02
6180 D&O Insurance	\$630.00	\$950.00
6250 Postage/delivery	\$1,982.16	\$1,379.21
6270 Accounting fees	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
6260 Printing	\$6,803.25	\$5,265.09
Other	\$3,690.90	\$1,530.71
Total expenses	\$33,137.67	\$42,099.23
Other Income		
7010 Interest	\$8.18	\$39.51
7200 Dividends	\$0.00	\$13,052.94
Other Expense		
8100 Foreign taxes	\$0.00	\$282.65
Net Income	-\$2,454.05	-\$3,948.67

Treasurer's Report on Development of a Budget

It is not apparent if there has ever been a budget presented to the Society. Regardless, it is unusual for any organization to maintain its financial status without one.

Hence, a proposed budget is being presented by the Treasurer to the Council and Membership for approval.

This budget is solely for the Society's General Operating Funds that includes the General Checking and General Savings Funds and does not include the Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund, the Marshall Magruder Library Fund, the Peg Tichy Memorial Fund, the Charity and Education Saving Fund or the Charity and Education Checking Fund

It is based on the last two years of data, which have all been entered and stored electronically using QuickBooks for Mac 2012. Most of the line items are readily understood. Those relating to Gathering income and expenses are more difficult. They are difficult because the Gathering takes place in October of one fiscal year, most income is received prior to October that puts it in the previous fiscal year, some expenses are incurred in the previous year and some in the current fiscal year. The coding initially created two years ago did not allow clear distinction of income/expenses for a particular Gathering to be allocated to one year. Hence, some income/expenses may have been allocated to the incorrect year. It has required some detailed coding to allow this to be more readily and accurately tracked in the future which has been completed.

The proposed budget makes some assumptions that are detailed following the itemization of the budget. If this budget were to be adopted, it is likely that it will be found to be insufficient and may need to be adjusted during the year. That is a normal process in any organization. The Society needs to start with a proposed budget and refine it over the first year or two.

ACGS General Fund

Proposed Budget

	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
<u>Income</u>				
1. Gathering	\$15,496	\$5,491	\$18,034	\$15,000
2. Memberships	\$10,028	\$10,820	\$9,341	\$11,200
3. Donations	\$4,700	\$6,495	\$2,500	\$7,000
4. Merchandise	\$125	\$761	\$160	\$1,500
5. Name tags/Other	\$942	\$138	\$640	\$900
Subtotal	\$31,291	\$23,705	\$30,675	\$35,600

Expense

6. Gathering	\$7,767	\$21,706	\$17,051	\$15,000
7. Bank charges	\$461	\$532	\$269	\$500
8. Digitization records	\$1,036	\$112	\$0	\$0

9. SDC reimbursements	\$532	\$540	\$482	\$2,000
10. Scholarships	\$9,000	\$7,500	\$0	\$0
11. Dues, subscriptions	\$599	\$669	\$289	\$650
12. Storage shed	\$484	\$527	\$1,108	\$250
13. D&O insurance	\$0	\$950	\$630	\$630
14. Postage/delivery	\$2,079	\$1,379	\$1,982	\$650
15. Professional fees	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
16. Printing	\$9,463	\$5,265	\$6,803	\$2,000
17. Coat of arms	\$4,706	\$512	\$0	\$500
18. Marketing	\$0	\$615	\$252	\$600
19. Office supplies	\$659	\$364	\$418	\$500

Subtotal	\$37,536	\$41,420	\$33,138	\$24,350
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Net income	-	\$6,245 -	\$17,715 -	\$2,454	\$10,650
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Explanation

Income

1. Gathering income has never previously met expenses. Over the last two years of documented income, it has varied markedly. Some is due to difficulty in tracking that income due to the difficulty in crossing over fiscal years. Income has been pegged to the average expense of a Gathering.
2. Membership income has increased slightly by 8% over the last two years. It has been conservatively increased for FY14 by 3%. There appears to be a greater push for new membership so this should be a conservative estimate. This item includes application fees and annual dues.
3. Donations are hard to predict as they are responsive to the general economic trends and also those transiting life. A substantial 180% increase has been proposed.
4. There is a proposal to modernize and increase Gregor merchandise for sale at various venues. There has been absolutely minimal income from this stream over the last two years, probably as the merchandise has been outdated. With the current proposals to modernization an eight-fold increase of income is included.
5. Other sales items have varied markedly. With the awarding of our own Coat of Arms, the promotion of a new website and the possibilities of selling from that site, it would not be unreasonable to expect a doubling of income from this source. In addition, ACGS pins realized over \$600 in FY13 so an estimate has been included in this item for pins also.

This would result in an increase in income of \$11,895 over FY12 (50%), an increase of \$4,925 (16%) over FY13 to \$35,600 for FY14.

Expenses

6. Gathering costs vary greatly based on location and activities promoted. There has not been a budget that can be determined. The proposed is based on an average of the last two Gatherings only and is at best a guesstimate only. But it is tied to the income and it is proposed that the Gathering should cover itself or be income neutral, also known as a balanced budget.

7. Bank charges do not change significantly and it may be possible to reduce these to zero by combination of two different accounts.

8. The membership records have been digitized so this should not be an ongoing expense, except perhaps to digitize those that are new members. It is proposed that this can be done in house due to small numbers.

9. SDC reimbursements have been increased by 300%. Most SDC's do not request reimbursement (only 5 did so in FY13) but with discussions about increasing support to SDC's, such as banners etc, it seems reasonable to allocate a substantial amount to encourage new SDC's.

10. There are usually no scholarships offered by the ACGS General Funds. Scholarships are the responsibility of the C&E Funds and therefore will be included in their budget when the legal concerns are resolved. Hence there is no allocation to this line item.

11. ACGS pays dues and subscriptions to a limited range of vendors, including two newspapers and Ancestry.com for member use via the Registrar. There is no increase needed in this line item.

12. There has been much discussion about the need to retain a storage shed for our Yearbooks and sundry other items. It is proposed that this line item be eliminated as there has been no demonstrated need. An amount of \$250 has been retained to cover the cost of the shed until it is let go during FY14.

13. ACGS and ACGS C&E are ethically and morally required to provide Directors and Officers insurance to provide liability insurance to Council members and Trustees in order that they carry out their duties in the knowledge that if they do so correctly, they will have full support. This cost has not changed in the last two years and the assumption has been made that it will not change in the next year.

14. The majority of the costs of postage have been the mailing out of newsletters and yearbooks. The option to convert those to digital versions, with a minimal number being mailed out, would largely eliminate these costs. There will be some who do not have digital access and they have been included here. Most other organizations now put all their correspondence on-line and if their members wish to have a hard copy, rely on those members printing from their own printers.

15. Professional fees only include a yearly premium for a CPA firm to complete our annual taxes. This firm also provides ad hoc advice as often as needed to the Treasurer at no additional cost. There has been no increase in this line item for two years and none is anticipated.

16. Printing charges are large. They include three newsletters and one Yearbook a year and one Member Directory every several years. It is likely that not every member will be able to receive these publications digitally so \$2,000 has been included for printing as needed of these items. This is a large allocation and should be significantly less than proposed.

17. This is a \$500 guesstimate only as there has been no suggestion made about ongoing costs of the Coat of Arms.

18. It is estimated that marketing costs will increase through advertising, on-line promotions and sponsorship of various venues. Once again, it is a guesstimate of \$600 based on costs of FY13.

19. Office supplies are those incurred by the Assistant Chieftain, Chieftain, Treasurer and Registrar for printer supplies, paper for copying, envelopes and other sundry items.

This results in a reduction of expenses by \$17,070 (41%) over FY12, \$8,788 (26%) over FY13 to \$24,100 in FY14. Note: the amounts presented by line item in this budget do not total the amounts described as this is a summary budget and does not describe each line item individually. This proposed budget would result in a surplus of \$11,150 in FY14.



Bruce MacGregor Whyte, Treasurer



REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz

(Listing new members or other changes in membership status between the Gathering at Tampa, Florida in October 2012 and the Gathering at Richmond, Virginia 3-5 October 2013. If you should notice a discrepancy, please notify the Registrar).

Readers are reminded that the genealogies presented here are as they were submitted by the member. Any inquiries should be sent to that member.

NEW MEMBERS – includes Lineal, Associate and Life Members

#3043 GREGG, Christopher Bryant, 865 Kesslersville Rd., Easton, PA 18040. He is the spouse of Lorraine Moll, and the son of Donald Benjamin Gregg (ACGS#3467) and Catherine Jane Quinn; he the son of Benjamin Paul Gregg and Catherine Jane Fales.

#3044A WALKER, Teresa M., 12214 Whisper Willow St., San Antonio, TX 78230. She is the spouse of Randolph W. Walker (ACGS#2587).

#3045 BROOKS, Dannette Horn, 2275 Scenic Hwy #118, Pensacola, FL 32503. She is the sister of Patty Brooks (ACGS#3042).

#3046 BROOKS, Daniel Jordan III, 1360 Lakeshore Dr., Snellville, GA 30078. He is the spouse of Mary Jo Henry and the brother of Patty Brooks (#3042).

#3047 WELIVER, Jere Gene, Jr., 1 Random Road, Englewood, CO 80113-6105. He is the spouse of Marcia Helena Moore and the son of Jere Gene Weliver, Sr. and Jean Lois Anderson; he the son of Howard Aubrey Weliver and Lois Marie Johnson; he the son of Frank Jefferson Weliver and Sarah Elsie Earl; he the son of Aaron W. Weliver and Ellen Barthena Williams; he the son of Phineas Weliever and Matilda Cope; he the son of William Weliever/MacLiver and Eve Weliever.

#3048 KING, Thomas Rutledge, Jr., 2401 Pine Garth Run, Charlottesville, VA 22901. He is the spouse of Judith Watkins and the son of Thomas Rutledge King, Sr. and Louise Webb; he the son of Thomas Smith King and Mary Gladys Hearon; he the son of Peter Rutledge King and Mary Amanda Wellington Smith; he the son of Thomas King and Sarah H. Morrell; James Harvey King and Jane Gregg; he the son of Thomas King and Susan Ann Sharp; he the son of Edward King and Elizabeth Nichols; he the son of Thomas King, Sr. and Jane Sharp.

#3049 FORD, James Leroy, 328 N. Dixon St. - Apt 3, Gainesville, TX 76249. He the son of Ernest Mitchell Ford and Rebecca Jean McGaugh; she the daughter of Richard Elmer McGaugh and Christine Lovella Mace; he the son of Guy William McGaugh and Rosa Lee Nance; he the son of Samuel Porter McGaughey and Lillia Ann Alston; he the son of William Gaines McGaughey and Hulda L. Page; he the son of Samuel B. McGaughey and Elizabeth M. King;

he the son of William McGaughey III and Serene Margaret Boyd; e the son of William McGaughey Jr. and Elizabeth Lackey; he the son of William J. McGaughey and Margaret Boyd; he the son of John McGaughey and Lucille Turnbull;

he the son of John William McGhee “Mackgayhe” and Parley Childs; he the son of Patrick Aberach Mac Gregor and Lady Marion MacDonald; he the son of Duncan Lochaber MacGregor and Christian Macfarlane; he the son of Gregor Og MacGregor and Isabel Cameron.

#3050 McADAMS, Larry Keith, 410 Pinion Cr. Ct SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123. He is the spouse of Jacqueline Kay Wallace and the son of Donald Cleveland McAdams and Joan Barrett; he the son of Cleveland McAdams and Clara Belle Gibson; he the son of Joseph McAdams and Harriet Emeline Perew; he the son of John McAdams and Elizabeth Amy; he the son of Samuel McAdams, Jr. and Eliza Nottingham; he the son of Samuel McAdams Sr. and Sarah Hagan.

#3051A GREGORY, Patricia, 1408 Daventry Dr., DeSoto, TX 75115. She is the spouse of Edward S. Gregory III (ACGS#2505).

#3052 SKELTON, Patricia McGregor, 139 Dixon Circle, Fayetteville, GA 30215. She is the spouse of Max Skelton and the sister of Ron McGregor (ACGS#2142LM), they the children of Alvie McGregor and Margaret Gilbow.

#3053ALM STONE, Kathleen A., P.O. Box 323, Harrisville, MI 48740. She is the spouse of Henry A. Stone (ACGS#1920).

#3054 KAISER, Mary Catherine Collinson, 2112 Markham Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. She is the spouse of William Richard Kaiser, the sister of Paul Owens Collinson (ACGS#2949), they the children of John Collinson III and Mary Clagett Magruder; she the daughter of John Baldwin Magruder, Sr. and Catharine Mabel Dukes.

#3055 DENTON, Jason David, P.O. Box 103, Farmington, ME 04938. He is the son of Joseph Paul Denton (ACGS#3041).

#3056 DENTON, Hillary Janelle, P.O. Box 103, Farmington, ME 04938. She is the daughter of Joseph Paul Denton (ACGS#3041).

#3057 DEAL, Jonathan David, 814 East 29th Ave., Cordele, GA 31015. He is the son of Edward Jerome Deal and Donna Gaye Stripling (ACGS#3040); she the daughter of Donald Jerry Stripling and Bettye Lola Dean.

#3058 WALKER, Paul William, 1161 E. Madera Grove Lane, Sahuarita, AZ 85629. He is the spouse of Ruth Ann Hilbert (ACGS#3059A) and the son of Paul Vernon Walker and Kathleen Lavern Russell; he the son of John Alford Walker and Minnie Catherine Howerton; he the son of Joseph Hays Walker and Susan Adaline Hubbard; he the son of William Walker and Rachel Potter; he the son of Thomas Walter Walker and Elizabeth Ann Magill; he the son of John Walker III and Mary Anderson; he the son of John Walker II and Ann Houston; he the son of John Walker and Katherine Rutherford.

#3059A WALKER, Ruth Ann Hilbert, 1161 E. Madera Grove Lane, Sahuarita, AZ 85629. She is the spouse of Paul William Walker (ACGS#3058).

#3060 KUNSTER, Kathleen Ann, 17670 Neely Road, Guerneville, CA 95446-9130. She is the spouse of Herman Kunster and the daughter of William David Baker, Jr. and Maxine Ruth Wold. She the daughter of Benjamin Wold and Ella Adelle Welch; she the daughter of William Welch and Jesse Dimond Blake; he the son of William Leslie Blake and Adelle McGreer; she the daughter of John M. (or H.) McGreer and Susan Roberts.

#3061 MILLS, Philip MacGregor, 3512 Horseshoe Dr., Quinton, VA 23141. He is the spouse of Karen Ann Butler and the son of Duncan Magruder Mills (ACGS#2528) and Cornelia Handley; he the son of Francis Duncan Mills and Vivian Magruder Moore.

#3062 MILLS, Brian Duncan, 515 East Anderson Street, Savannah, GA 31401. He is the son of Duncan Magruder Mills (ACGS#2528) and Cornelia Handley; he the son of Francis Duncan Mills and Vivian Magruder Moore.

#3063 ATCHISON, Donald Eugene, 1825 Poplar Ln SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105. He is the spouse of Leiah Atchison and the son of Donald Leo Cox and Oma Lavern Rogers; she the daughter of Tanner Rogers and Mable Sue Walker; she the daughter of Rufus Henry Walker and Myrtle Lee Metcalf; he the son of Asa Henry Walker and Amanda E. Worley.

#3064 WITT, Tanya D'wan, 736 N. Highlands Grove Lane, Sahuarita, AZ 85629. She is the spouse of Brian Daniel Witt, and the daughter of Paul William Walker (#3058) and Ruth Ann Hilbert (ACGS#3059A).

#3065 LEE, Patricia, 1515 Wynn Terrace, Arlington, TX 76010. She is the spouse of Thomas F. Miller and the daughter of Harry F. Hill and Edna M. Summy. He the son of James L. Hill and Mabel A. English; she the daughter of Simon P. English and Martha M. MacGregor; she the daughter of James Campbell MacGregor and Mary Elizabeth McCleary; he the son of John MacGregor and Hannah J. Ferris; he the son of Andrew MacGregor and Elizabeth Curran.

#3066 COLLINS, Joshua Stephen, 6492 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. He is the spouse of Ginger Anne Lynn Boersma and the son of Stephen Karl Collins and Colleen Anne Wilcox. She the daughter of Ralph Raymond Wilcox and Sarah Moe Brown; he the son of Floyd Allen Wilcox and Eleanor Sophia Dardy; he the son of Rev. Horton Abraham Wilcox and Elizabeth Alice (Lide) Gould; he the son of William Robert Wilcox and Savilla Roush; he the son of Simon Peter Wilcox and Lydia Sharp.

#3067LM MAGRUDER, John Lawson, 1071 Foxhall Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. He is the spouse of Kathryn Rita Kasicky and the son of James L. Magruder and Barbara Abigail Allen.

#3068ALM MAGRUDER, Barbara Abigail Allen, P.O. Box 5186, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6442. She is the spouse of James Lawson Magruder (ACGS#2072LM).

#3069LM MAGRUDER, Jennifer Carol, P.O. Box 5186, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6442. She is the daughter of James Lawson Magruder (ACGS#2072LM) and Barbara Abigail Allen (ACGS#3068ALM).

#3070 WALKER, Kenneth DeWayne, 5123 Woodbird Court, Great Falls, MT 59405. He is the spouse of Andria Robin Ibsen and the son of Paul William Walker (ACGS#3058) and Ruth Ann Hilbert (ACGS#3059A).

#3071 GRIGGS, David Michael, 1608 S. Topeka St., Wichita, KS 67211. He is the son of James Lee Griggs, Jr. and Peggy R. Cassell. He the son of James Lee Griggs and Roxie Price; he the son of Charles Burrell Griggs and Daisy R. Ammons; he the son of James Griggs and Dicey Moseley.

#3072A GREER, Cheryl Barbara, 10805 Indies Dr. N., Jacksonville, FL 32246. She is the spouse of Russell Anson Greer (ACGS#3016).

#3073 DAMEWOOD, Debra Michelle, 4246 Timberlake Dr. N., Jacksonville, FL 32257. She is the spouse of Michael G. Damewood Jr. and the daughter of Russell Anson Greer (ACGS#3016) and Cheryl Barbara Cartwright (ACGS#3072A).

#3074 GREER, Michael Edward, 10805 Indies Dr. N., Jacksonville, FL 32246. He is the spouse of Stephanie Lyn Stanley and the son of Russell Anson Greer (ACGS#3016) and Cheryl Barbara Cartwright (ACGS#3072A).

#3075A WITT, Brian Daniel, 736 N. Highlands Grove Lane, Sahuarita, AZ 85629. He is the spouse of Tanya D'wan Walker (ACGS#3064).

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

We are excited to gain Provisional members this year. These are persons who visited a clan tent and decided to be part of us on the spot. They are allowed five years to further their research into their MacGregor family line and provide that to the Registrar to become a Lineal Member. As with Juniors, their membership number reflects the end of their five year period, and ends with the letter P to indicate their status.

#2018P GREGG_MARSHALL, Elizabeth, 46961 Torrey Hill Court, Canton, MI 48187. She is the spouse of Gregory Marshall, and the daughter of Robert James Gregg and Sandra Lee Newman; she the daughter of Ben and Ruth Newman.

#2018P JOHNSON, L. Paul, 8205 Granada Ln., Loomis CA 95650. He is the spouse of Laura Milliron and the son of Leonard W. Johnson and Yolanda Rowbottom. He the son of Rollin T. Johnson and Alma Mackie.

#2018P MacGREGOR, Donald Sanders, 64647 Norwich Circle, Washington, MI 48095. He is the spouse of Donna Rhines and the son of George Hope MacGregor and Janet Francis Lamm; he the son of Alfred MacGregor and Helen Sanders.

#2018P TORMEY, Blair Ryan, 149 Hillcrest St., Sylva, NC 28779. He is the spouse of Cheryl Waters-Tormey and the son of Brian Bertram Tormey and Judith Eleanor Anderson. He the son of Bertram Michael Tormey and Margaret Jean Mildrum, whose mother was a Comrie, a MacGregor sept.

CORRECTIONS from previous years none

CONVERT to LIFE MEMBER none

ADVANCE from Junior membership to Lineal membership none

REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2013

#1522 RUPPENTHAL, Carolyn Magruder, Charlotte, NC 28211.

#2645 BRITT, Janice Kay Greer, Wingo, KY 42088-8446.

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

#2013J DENNISON, William Jon, Leeds, AL. Sponsored by his grandfather, Dr. Herbert Eugene Dennison #2853.

#2014J DENNISON, Mary Johanna, Leeds, AL. Sponsored by her grandfather, Dr. Herbert Eugene Dennison #2853.

#2014J MacGREGOR, Dakota Joseph, Norfolk, VA. Sponsor is his father Tobey Allen MacGregor #2823LM.

#2016J DAMEWOOD, Michael George III, Jacksonville, FL. He is sponsored by his mother Debra Michelle Damewood #3073.

#2017J DAMEWOOD, Arielle Nicole, Jacksonville, FL. She is sponsored by her mother Debra Michelle Damewood #3073.

#2017J MacGREGOR, Dylan Grant, Norfolk, VA. Sponsor is his father Tobey Allen MacGregor #2823LM.

#2026J WITT, Lucas Paul, Sahuarita, AZ. He is sponsored by his mother Tanya D'wan Walker Witt #3064.

#2028J DAMEWOOD, Luke Daniel, Jacksonville, FL. He is sponsored by his mother Debra Michelle Damewood #3073.

RECRUITER for the Year 2013

There are three “recruiters” I am pleased to mention this year. Ruth Ann Walker (ACGS#3059A) submitted six members of her family – first herself, then her husband, her daughter and son-in-law, her son and daughter-in-law, then one grandchild.

From Barbara Cheryl Greer (ACGS#3072A) there was herself, a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren, also totaling six new members.

Patty Brooks (ACGS#3042), our last new member from last year, sponsored two siblings.

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 that ACGS is an interesting and friendly group to join.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Ann Garlitz, Acting Registrar

REGISTRAR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

As I complete seven years of service to this society as its Registrar, it has been an interesting and rewarding time. As many of you know, family history is one of my passions and as the book's title says about pioneers in Ontario where my McGregor ancestors first came to from Scotland "Much to Be Done".

Once the Registrar materials were received from the previous Registrar, there was little information to assist me going forward, other than reading the membership files themselves. There were boxes and boxes of them, along with a full collection of our yearbooks and 24 resource books of genealogies from early Maryland. Also in the collection were several 3 ring binders of wills (sometimes illegible), old letters, and other miscellaneous documents.

To me, it was obvious that reorganization was in need. Supplies of acid-free file folders and library document cases were ordered and "best practices" for home archives were reviewed from the National Archives and other archival standards websites.

Guidelines were written for creating a useful Excel spreadsheet index to the nearly 3,000 membership file folders, which eventually included twenty points of information being collected. Then the time intensive, data entry work, along with extracting data from every page, began, as the First 100 Years Collection (1909-2009) was prepared for digitizing.

A search was initiated to locate a local commercial company who might digitalize all these pages. Initial quotes were \$2 per page. Moved forward to obtain other quotes, until finally, ReadyMicro in Orem, Utah, said five cents a page. Why wait any longer? The treasurer said yes, so the nearly 14,000 pages are now easily retrieved from two 500 GB external hard drives. And the original pages, and file folders, within alphabetically arranged document cases, are library ready, for whenever the Council might decide to move them to the MML at the University of Baltimore's Langsdale Library Special Collections. Digitizing of accepted membership records past 2009 is now done in house.

Before, November 2006



After, January 2012



Additional improvements to accommodate modern archival practices included changing applications from legal size to letter size. Legal size paper can hardly be found to purchase any more, and very few home office printers and scanners accommodate legal size paper. Applications were reformatted using Microsoft Word to create a four page application which now asks for not only names and dates and places of events in the lives of your ancestor, but asks for sources of information to show how each generation is related to the next.

It also asks how did you learn of ACGS, and who was your immigrant ancestor? Applications now collect contact information to assist in mailing publications to a new member. The Registrar may now “print on demand” the forms which are needed, without having to rely on a commercial printing company for supplies, enabling forms to be customized as needed.

As Chieftain, I am looking forward to working with our new Registrar, Jeanne Lehr, as we review applications for membership together.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Ann Garlitz, Former Registrar

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Keith D, Gregg, Historian



Since the last Gathering of the Society in Tampa, Florida in 2012 until the Gathering in Richmond, Virginia in 2013, there have been reported 5 birth(s), 1 marriage, 13 deaths of members, 3 deaths of relatives of members.

BIRTHS



Born single, Georgia Felicity Sinclair born on 17 August 2012 to Nancy Laws Sinclair (ACGS#2830LM) and Grant Sinclair. Georgia is (ACGS#2030J) and sponsored by her grandmother Anna Wade (ACGS#1657LM).



Born single, Ella Stowe Ford, born August 23, 2012 to Joshua W. Ford and Parris Yester Ford with her brother Cahlan McGregor Ford born September 14, 2009. Joshua is the nephew of Stuart Walton McGregor (ACGS #2832) of Alabama.



Born single, Connor Sorat, born on August 30, 2012 to Jenna L. Sorat (ACGS #2909) and Nahlunat "Mao" Sorat of Lawrenceville, Georgia.



Born twins, Jackson Clark Simon and Finnlay MacGregor Simon, born on 19 October 2012 to Donald Standish Simon (ACGS#2934LM) and his wife, Amy Elizabeth (Storey) Simon. Grandsons of Jack and Jean (MacGregor Simon)



Born single, Reginald Max Engel born on 18 May, 2013 to Gregory Max Engel and Elisa Ponds Engel of Seattle, Washington. Grandson of Dr. Juliette M. Engel (ACGS #2791)



Born Single, Truman Don Garlitz born on 7 June 2013 to Don and Lora Garlitz, and grandson of Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS #2561LM)

MARRIAGES



Married, December 15, 2012: Abby Walton and Erik Steffen, son of Lynn Friestedt Steffen (ACGS #2943) and David Steffen at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, MO.

ANNIVERSARIES



Celebrated 16 June 2012: Fiftieth anniversary of Jack Edward Simon and Rosamond "Jean" (MacGregor) Simon, (ACGS #1526) in Huntsville, Alabama.

DEATHS

Mr. Paul William Walker (ACGS#3058), a new member, died 7 July 2013. Survived by his wife is Ruth Ann Walker (ACGS#3059A).

Past Historian of the American Clan Gregor Society Helen M. Garrett (ACGS#1973) died on Sunday, June 16, 2013.

Roscoe Ruddle (ACGS#1906ALM) died 4 September 2011.

Shirley Triplett (ACGS #2687) died early 2013

F. Lauren Ashley (ACGS#2178LM) died October 23, 2012.

John B. Magruder (ACGS#699LM) died on 29 July 2012.

Edward S. Gregory III (AGCS#2502) died on 14 September 2012.

Richard Thornton Gregg (ACGS#2312) died 21 January 2013.

Eileen M. Pruett (ACGS#2186LM) died on 12 January 2013.

David Lee Prouty (ACGS#2930) died on 6 April 2012. This is correction to last year's report of being a relative.

William Clark Douce (ACGS#1519ALM) died 13 November 1999.

Willene Brady Magruder Douce (ACGS#1518LM) died 5 June 2008.

Carol Lee MacGregor Spitznagle (#2555) died 5/27/2013, SDC for South Florida, Newsletter Editor.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

The father of Janice K. Britt (ACGS#2645) - Joseph Pierce Greer died on 4 June 2013.

Husband of Carole Richardson Condit (ACGS# 2812) - James "Tony" Anthony Condit died on 22 April, 2013.

Mother of Peter K. Gregg (ACGS#2686), SDC for Delaware, plus siblings members Paul L. Gregg (ACGS#1922), Thaddeus B. Gregg (ACGS#2844), John F. Gregg (ACGS#2852), Catherine (ACGS#2927), Dorothy (ACGS#2958), and James B. Gregg (ACGS#2962), - Patricia Hagerty Glowka died on 23 November 2012.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Submitted by John Bellassai

John King Bellassai assumed the responsibility this year. He visited the Marshall Magruder collection at the University of Baltimore library. He met with Thomas L. Hollowak, long-term librarian who is about to retire, will return to meet with the new librarian, Benjamin Blake. There is a reading room available which holds the papers specific to ACGS. We are one of only five non-profit heritage groups who have that kind of arrangement with the Library. The McGregor collection is listed and one can request to see things in the collection. They were very helpful to Mr. Bellassai in obtaining records related to our 501(c)(3) status which was provided to the Bylaws Committee. Books go into the general collection so donated books will not necessarily be found in the specific ACGS collection unless they are unique and about McGregor's. Duplicate books and papers not specific to the business of the Society will also be put into the general library collection. Members are encouraged to visit the Library and take advantage of the collection. The report was accepted. Lois Ann Garlitz added that Benjamin Blake, the new Librarian, will doing a presentation about the Library after lunch today and will be in attendance at the banquet this evening. A new link to the digital collection at the Marshall Magruder Library (yearbooks, newsletters and a few photos) can be found at <http://ubalt.libguides.com/acgs>

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Dr. Richard M. Greer, Chair,
Nolan Sanders and Susan Tichy

No Blunt scholarships were awarded this year pending council clarification of the interrelationship of the Edith and Harry Blunt Scholarship Fund monies and the Charity and Education Account monies. Hopefully the Society will be able to award scholarships in 2014.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Chair

She gave credit to the other five members of the Committee, Henry A. Stone, Diana G. Browne, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, and Randolph W. Walker. The Committee progress on Article IX requires a legal opinion regarding the Society's non-profit tax exempt status with IRS and will be forthcoming in the next year.



REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Submitted by John Bellasai



Broad Topics Under Discussion by the ACGS Long-Range Planning Committee

1. Membership

- New Member Recruitment Generally
- Attracting Younger Members – What Works and Why
- Streamlining The Membership Application Process
- Membership Retention Strategies That Work
- New Membership Pins--Redesign

2. Organizational Structure

- Council Meetings Apart from at the Annual Gathering – By Telephone Conference Call and Email
- Reducing the Size of the ACGS Council (and Thereby Easing the Quorum Requirement)
- Revisiting Bylaws Revisions Generally
- Assigning Duties for Council Members at Large
- Job Descriptions/ P&Ps for All Elected/ Appointed Positions
- The Role and Functions of State Deputy Chieftains – Are They Being Underutilized?
- Revisiting the Role and Function of the Trustees: Are We Now in Full Compliance with All 501(c)(3) Requirements of the IRS?
- Moving Away from A Vertical Organizational Structure to A More Horizontal One – Member Empowerment & Strategies for Getting More Members Involved in the Affairs/ Activities of the Society

3. Overarching Communications Strategy

- Polishing the Brand
- Revamping the Look and feel of the ACGS Website
- Social Networking Between Gatherings
- Increased Use of Social Media (Facebook, etc.)

- Activating the “Members only” Feature on the ACGS Website and Other Website Enhancements
 - Increased Use of Skype Technology for Communications with Scotland
4. **Records**
- Digitizing Our Archives (Yearbooks, Membership Records, etc.)
 - Accessing Our Current Library-based Archives
5. **Publications**
- Giving the Yearbook a face-lift
 - Members Directory
 - Newsletter—making the content more diverse, interesting, longer
 - Increased Use of Newly Granted ACGS Coat of Arms from the Lord Lyon
6. **Mailings**
- Surface Versus Electronic Mailings – Do We Have the Right Mix?
 - Surface Mailings Versus Electronic Mailings – Cost/Benefit Tradeoffs
7. **Gatherings and Other Social Events**
- Rethinking Our Annual Gathering—Changing the event mix at the Gathering. Making it more kid-friendly. Maybe holding it every other year?
 - Featured Speakers at the Annual Gathering
 - Raising Our Society’s Profile at Other (Outside) Scottish Heritage Events
 - Plans (if any) for participating in the 2014 Clan Gathering at Stirling/Bannockburn in Scotland
8. **Budgetary Issues**
- Dues Level
 - Other Sources of Revenue (Event Registrations, Merchandise, etc.)
 - Fundraising Strategy
 - Charitable Donations
 - Bequests
 - E-commerce (Online Payments for ACGS Events, Dues, Merchandise)
9. **Scholarships**
- Existing ones
 - New ones
 - The Scholarship Application Process
10. **Other**
- Our Relationship with the CGS
 - The GPR Project in Scotland



REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN

Submitted by Dodd Greer



As Chaplain it was an honor to serve ACGS, particularly at our Gathering in Tampa. Everyone was so supportive, kind and helpful to me. It was my pleasure to address in sermon the members as we visited the Presbyterian Church in Tampa. Our membership is made up of good, God-fearing sons and daughters of Scotland and the spiritual heritage we share is important to our being a family and reaching out to help each other. This past year has witnessed the passing of several members of ACGS. As Chaplain, I had the responsibility and honor to address the loved ones of these Flowers of the Forest. It is with sincere gratitude and regret that I was allowed to serve, and now have to step aside after only one year. Thank you to all and God be with us all in the New Year.



*Chaplain Elect Thaddeus Osborne with
Tobey A. MacGregor at St. Stephens, Richmond*

THE “WEE MACGREGORS”



Kyra MacGregor, 10, granddaughter of Howard R. Grossnickle, dances at Estes Park Colorado Games September 2013 with the 7 Nations pipe band. She tied for the trophy



Sophie Gregg and son Xaiden Morey dance at Gathering Pipe Concert



Obadiah Gregg (son of Keith D. Gregg) and Mitchel Greg (grandson of Keith D. Gregg and son of Oliver and Mickie Gregg at the 2013 Gathering Banquet



Blaise Kingsley Whyte, age 3, son of Timothy Bruce Whyte (deceased) and grandson of Bruce MacGregor Whyte



Grandchildren of Scott F. MacGregor: Emerald Schauf, Logan Grover, William "WESS" Schauf, Brennen Grover



Lynn Gowin, Grandfather M. Gregg Elliott and Landon Gowin



Grandmother Abby Magruder and Lillian G. Magruder



*William Makoto Shotwell and his father Steve Shotwell –
Grandson of Alan and Adele Shotwell of Rapidan, Virginia*

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN – JULY 11-14, 2013

Submitted by Thaddeus Osborne



The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were just four years old in 1960, when the American Clan Gregor Society became a sponsoring clan. In the years since, other, larger Games have arisen, but the pioneer of Games in the Southeast has lost none of its mystique. Your Society has supported these Games as a sponsoring clan, contributor of a stone for the Memorial Cairn, and assisted the construction of their new office after their old one was irreparably damaged in a flood. Weather conditions at the Games site, which is 5000' ASL, have remained consistently unpredictable. This year, we turned out in number to welcome our Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, who attended the Games as a guest of the Council of Scottish Clan Associations.



Lois Ann Garlitz and John King Bellassai

Thursday, COSCA held a workshop at Lees-McRae College at which Sir Malcolm was the keynote speaker. Attending for the ACGS were Mrs. Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain, and Mr. John Bellassai, Council. The Games began Thursday evening at dusk with a torchlight ceremony. A representative of each sponsoring clan announces his presence and carries a lit torch from the corners of the meadow to a central pyre. We were delighted to find our chief happily carrying the MacGregor torch and also that the ceremony was without rain this year.

Friday and Saturday were busy days on the field. There were competitions in Highland Dancing, Heavy Athletics, Piping, as well as demonstrations of Border Collies herding. Music of all sorts and conditions filled the air. Ron Grubbs manned the information tent for the first time as a State Deputy, and he truly was amazing as he enticed, persuaded, cajoled, and recruited prospective new members to the Society. Some of us would be more productive adopting Ron's methods. Elizabeth Joiner of nearby Banner Elk and her mother, Lillian Magruder of Ridgeland, Mississippi, graciously provided their usual lunch in our hospitality tent.

On Saturday evening, fellow MacGregors Sir Malcolm, Randy and Teresa Walker of Texas, Lois Ann Garlitz of Utah, Bruce and Kathy Whyte and John and Beth Wassell of Georgia, John Bellassai of Washington, D.C., as well as non- MacGregor friends of your writer Richard and Nancy Chick, Mike and Myra Kirby, and Gary and Cheryl Davis, all of Galax, Virginia, joined our Chief at the Eseeola Lodge for dinner. The Eseeola is an old southern summer resort with a distinguished history. After dinner, Sir Malcolm summarized some of the developments in Scotland affecting heritage tourism. Ranking Deputy Chieftain Randy Walker made special gifts of gourmet Texas salsa to everyone.

Everyone was expecting another great day on the field Sunday, but the weather conditions turned foul early, and by 0900, were as bad as Grandfather Mountain can offer short of snow. The worship service was moved under the Chief's tent, but all further events, including the massed bands, Parade of Tartans, and inter-clan visiting were cancelled after its conclusion. Most clans and visitors had to pack, load, and depart in a downpour.





The fifty-eighth Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will take place in 2014, as they do every year, on the second full week-end of July. We can't promise perfect weather, but would welcome all to the beauty of the "High Country."



Teresa Walker, John Wassell, Lois Ann Garlitz, Thad Oaborne, Beth Wassell

FIRST LADY CHIEFTAIN

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz



Lois Ann with sisters Jane and Elizabeth and their mother Jeanette Cox at Gathering 2005 in Salt Lake City.

It is an honor indeed to be the first lady chosen to lead the American Clan Gregor Society at this time, and in this place. “Big medicine” was my son Don’s comment when he first learned of my election. Those familiar with history in the Great American West will recognize that sentiment.

My experiences growing up were tempered by the cowboy and frontier/pioneer culture in Wyoming, which is a culture of hard work, self-reliance, and service to their neighbors. I never remember my parents saying to any of their three daughters - “you can’t do that because you are a girl”. My dad would often say “come on girls, let’s go” whether it was for chores, or caring for our animals, or headed to town, or even social activities. Wyoming has a heritage of being the first state in the United States to give women the vote, also claims the first woman governor, and the first woman mayor.

When was I first aware of being a MacGregor? Probably quite early in life and from my grandmother, Lois Rebecca McGregor Sneath, who was the most recent McGregor in my family tree. She corresponded quite regularly with two of her cousins with whom she went to high school, as well as her two daughters, keeping up on the news about their contemporary families and recounting stories about their McGregor ancestors. No email or Facebook in those days, and her trademark was to write in green ink! As you can see from the included photo, my sister Jane and I got started early expressing our Scottish heritage. Hold hands and stay together.

Other life experiences along my journey included twenty five years as a military spouse to a US Army Field Artillery officer, with moves every couple of years or so. Our residences included Ft. Sill, Oklahoma four times, Texas, Wyoming, Kansas, Vietnam War, Virginia, Germany twice, and California. You learn pretty quickly in that culture too, that your neighbors are your extended family and to pitch in. When we found ourselves living in Utah after Dick’s retirement, on a lark, my mother and two sisters went to a local Scottish Festival and Games. That was probably the time when my MacGregor genes really kicked in. I wanted to know more about my heritage. Local MacGregors were only too happy to fill me in and assign me tasks, not unlike that song of the Men of Worth duo called the “Clan Tent Cavaliers”.

MacGregor t-shirts were an easy choice to share with the grandchildren, and their parents brought them along to local Scottish events. To march with their clan group alongside their grandmother seemed like a great adventure. Did I mention the boys loved the wooden swords and shields? Warriors and lassies need to start somewhere learning their heritage and why not at Scottish festivals.

My time with the American Clan Gregor Society began in 1997, when Joe Tichy arranged for me to attend the Gathering in San Antonio, Texas. After following our pipe band along the River Walk, with the local constable watching warily, I decided this was a pretty fun group. In the Winter Ardchoille 2011, you can find more details listed of my activities with ACGS. There have been five trips to Scotland; plans are in the works to go for the Gathering in 2014 also, with my side-kick sister Jane and two granddaughters.

Looking forward, my vision is to continue to nurture/facilitate the correlation efforts by the Bylaws Review committee plus the Policy and Procedure committee to benefit our society through its governing documents, to complete their work by our next Gathering in the fall. Intentions are to continue recruiting new members while retaining the current members. To bring attention to only one of our mission statements – to gather together in clanship – the RDC, Randy Walker and I collaborate often concerning ways to increase the effectiveness of our state deputies to reach out to new MacGregors.

Visitors as well as members are finding our website (www.acgsus.org) thanks to the efforts of our very knowledgeable webmaster Rick Walker. At the moment, I am answering new queries every week about the MacGregors.



Lois Ann Garlitz and Jane Montmeny at an early age

A SCOTTISH-AMERICAN MYSTERY

Who was Daniel MacGregor?

(1672 – 1736)

Submitted by Lynn Friestedt Steffen



Lynn Friestedt Steffen

My cousins, Amedee Friestedt, Juliette Engel, M.D., and I have stood in Daniel MacGregor Sr.'s graveyard, The First Parish Church in Ashby, Massachusetts, where his gravestone has completely sunk into the earth, as have many others. We are well-documented direct descendants of Daniel MacGregor Sr. However, we know very little about this eight-year-old who was kidnapped from his family in Scotland and forced to emigrate to the Colonies.

Daniel MacGregor, Sr. was born about 1672 in Carlton, Stirlingshire Scotland and died March 20, 1736, in Watertown, Massachusetts, USA. We have, for the present, been unable to prove his parentage; however, many suspect Daniel MacGregor was in line to inherit land in Scotland.

We know that Daniel MacGregor arrived in Watertown Harbor in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, America, in 1680 at the tender age of eight years old. Accompanied only by his ten-year old brother (possibly Alexander), Daniel

was aboard a sailing ship for three-months as a “shanghaied” passenger. According to Blake in the *History of Princeton, Massachusetts*:

“It was related that early in the settlement of the colonies, two McGregor boys were placed on a ship, sailing for America, having taken a letter to the Captain, and they were landed at Watertown (Massachusetts) to seek their fortunes in this country.”

“It was suspected by these lads that they were got rid of that others in the clan {MacGregor} could obtain property that they {Daniel and his brother} were entitled to. {Editor’s Note: This would suggest that their father and any older brothers were deceased.}”

“This theory appears more probable from the fact that several years after, a party came from Scotland to trace this American branch of MacGregors, but for some reason not stated, they failed to find the McGregors in the Gregorys.” {Editor’s Note: In the second and third generations their surname changed to the Anglicized version “Gregory.”} (*History of the Town of Princeton, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1759- 1915 (Volume 2)*, Blake.)

Our Scottish-immigrant ancestor married in Watertown Elizabeth Robinson, eldest daughter of William Robinson [Bond] on 20 December 1693 [Blake; Bond; Torrey]. William Robinson was reportedly the harbor master, who took in and raised the abandoned eight and ten-year old boys. Daniel and Elizabeth had five sons [Blake; Bond]: Daniel Jr. (1695 – 1769); William (1699 – 1740); John (1701 – 1769); and twins, Isaac (1704 – 1755) and Abraham (1704 – 1755). My cousins and I are well-documented direct descendants of Daniel MacGregor and his son Abraham, who married Susannah Whitney, great-aunt of Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin that industrialized the South (USA).

If you go to ancestry.com on the internet, you will find Daniel’s parents listed as Donald MacGregor and Helen McChrofish with no documentation to verify this connection. Any suggestions or help would be greatly appreciated by Daniel MacGregor’s many American descendants.

Please e-mail us at lynn_steffen@att.net. [Note: Our Daniel MacGregor was a farmer is not the same person as the Daniel MacGregor who sailed on the “Rising Sun,” nor is he the same age.]



Dr. Juliette M. Engel and Amedee C. Friestedt, Gathering 2013

THE GATHERING IN PICTURES
Richmond, Virginia
October 2 – 5, 2013



Silent auction: Mary Stradley, Frances Loyd, Beth Cooke, John F. Gregg



Peter K. Gregg, Francis Mercier, James Weisnicht, Catherine Weisnicht, John F. Gregg, Didi Mercier, Patricia Weisnicht, David Weisnicht, JB Gregg, Michelle Mercier



Stuart J. MacGregor, Darcie Schauf, William Schauf, Jamie Grover, Brennen Grover, Donald Grover, Emerald Schauf, Melissa MacGregor, Logan Grover, Miriam Trojahn, Tobey MacGregor, Scott F. MacGregor



Karen Mills, Philip M. Mills, Cornelia Mills, Duncan Mills, Brian Mills and Jennifer



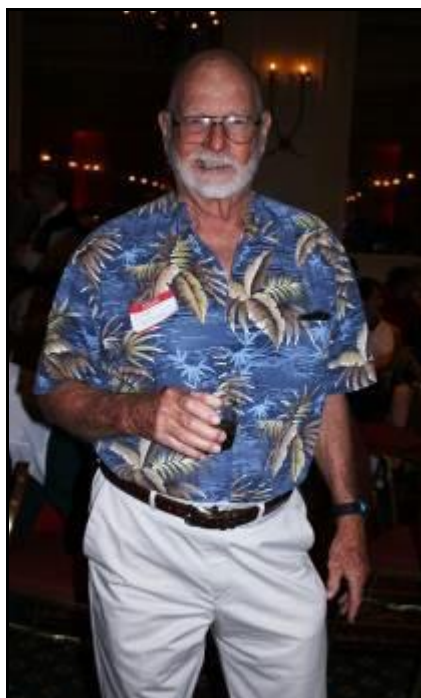
*Front left to right: Charlene Turnage, Judi Gregg, Katie Gregg, Obadiah Gregg, Isabelle Gregg, Xaiden Morey, Mickie Gregg, Mitchel Gregg
Middle Row Left to Right: Kim Slowik, Donald Gregg, Brian Gregg, Gertie Slowik, Sophie Gregg, Terri Robinson, Sadie Gregg, Keith Gregg
Back Row Left to Right: Tom Slowik, David Turnage, Anahbelle Gregg, TJ Slowik*



Keith D. MacGregor and John King Bellasai



John Wassell and Beth Wassell



Bailey Magruder



William and Mary Kaiser



William Garrett and Deidre Garrett



Richard Magruder, Judy King and Thomas King



James McGregor, Scott F. MacGregor and Patricia Lee



Didi Mercier, Catherine Weisnicht and Michelle Mercier



Lois Ann Garlitz presenting award to Scott F. MacGregor



Scott F. MacGregor with Grandchildren, Emerald Schauf, William "WESS" Schauf and Logan Grover



Alice Schaefer



Janet Debasio, Michelle Mercier, Susan Gregg



Jonathan McGregor son of Colorado SDC Scott McGregor and grandson of Past Chieftain Ron McGregor. Betty Brunton, Joe Monroe, and Ron McGregor



Amedee C. Friestedt, Susan Gunderson, Theresa Walker



Jane Montmeny and Susan Elliott



Maggie Sanderfield



R. Tess and David Galloway



James MacGregor and John King Bellasai



Stuart W. McGregor and Juliette M. Engel



Melissa Johnson and Joseph Schaub (honored guest)



Lynnette Fitch-Brash and Edward Brash (balladeer)



Lillian Magruder



Donald B. Gregg and Audrey Gregg



"Don" Donnolly



Stuart McGregor, Michael McGregor

2013 GATHERING ATTENDEES

Richmond, Virginia

Honored Guests (President, Scottish Society of Richmond)

Schaub, Joseph	Richmond, VA
Johnson, Melissa	Richmond, VA
Blake, Benjamin (<i>ACGS MML Archivist</i>)	Baltimore, MD

Participant	City/State	Member
Andrea	Perkasie, PA	Guest
Atwill, Ann Taylor	Richmond, VA	Guest
Atwill, William "Henry", II	Richmond, VA	Guest
Barclay, William	Lincoln, MA	Guest
Bellassai, John K.	Washington, DC	2321
Berry, Elizabeth A.	Midlothian, VA	Guest
Berry, Elspeth	Midlothian, VA	Guest
Berry, John A.V.	Midlothian, VA	Guest
Brash, Edward	Virginia Beach, VA	Guest
Britt, J. Kay	Wingo, KY	2645
Browne, Diana G.	New York City, NY	1737LM
Brunton, Betty	Ashland, VA	Guest
Collinson, Paul	Arlington, VA	2949
Cooke, Beth	Ashland, KY	Guest
Debiasio, Janet G.	St. Petersburg, FL	2816
Donnelly, III, Harold I.	Rapidan, VA	2820LM
Drane, Guest	Horse Shoe, NC	Guest
Drane, J Wanzer	Horse Shoe, NC	1868LM
Easterling, Cynthia	Pittsboro, NC	Guest
Elliott, M. Gregg	Chesapeake, VA	2655
Elliott, Susan D.	Chesapeake, VA	2945A
Engel, Juliette	Takoma Park, MD	2971
Fitch-Brash, Lynnette	Virginia Beach, VA	Guest
Friedstedt, Amedee C.	Takoma Park, MD	Guest
Galanti, Paul	Holiday Hills, IL	Guest
Galanti, Phyllis	Holiday Hills, IL	Guest
Galloway, David	Pensacola, FL	Guest
Galloway, R. Tess	Pensacola, FL	2305
Garlitz, Lois Ann	American Fork, UT	2561LM
Garrett, Deirdre M.	Charlotte, NC	2032LM
Garrett, Patricia B.	Norfolk, VA	Guest
Garrett, William	Norfolk, VA	2101A
Garrett, William J.	Norfolk, VA	2102LM
Gilbert, Dave	Maplewood, NJ	2356
Gilbert, Meg	Maplewood, NJ	Guest
Gowin, Amy Lynn	Chesapeake, VA	Guest
Gowin, Landon (8 yr)	Chesapeake, VA	2023J

Gowin, Lynn (4 yr)	Chesapeake, VA	2027J
Gregg, Anahbelle	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Audrey R.	Pompano Beach, FL	2414A
Gregg, Brian V.	Crystal Lake, IL	2779
Gregg, Donald A.	Holiday Hills, IL	2580
Gregg, Donald B.	Pompano Beach, FL	2367
Gregg, Gertie	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Iseabelle	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, John F.	Dover, DE	2852
Gregg, Judi	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Katie	Holiday Hills, IL	Guest
Gregg, Keith D.	Wolcott, NY	2618
Gregg, Michel	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Mickie	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Millie	Pensacola, FL	2385A
Gregg, Obadiah	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Peter K.	Dover, DE	2686
Gregg, Sadie	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Sophie	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Susan	Keene Valley, NY	2840LM
Gregg, Terri	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Gregg, Xaiden	Wolcott, NY	Guest
Grimm, Ben	Rapidan, VA	Guest
Grimm, Lucy Ann	Rapidan, VA	2480
Grover, Brennen (4 yr)	Norfolk, VA	2027J
Grover, Donald	Norfolk, VA	Guest
Grover, Jamie	Norfolk, VA	2758LM
Grover, Logan (7 yr)	Norfolk, VA	2024J
Grubbs, H. Ron	King, NC	2827
Gundersen, Susan	Brooksville, FL	2476
Harris, Eleanor M.	Norfolk, VA	1566LM
Harris, Sandy	Norfolk, VA	2914ALM
Hundley, Kathleen G.	Pittsboro, NC	2803
Jones, Alma A.	Manakin Sabot, VA	2833LM
Kaiser, Mary C.	Chapel Hill, NC	3054
Kaiser, William R.	Chapel Hill, NC	Guest
Kies, Amanda	Firestone, CO	Guest
King, Judy	Charlottesville, VA	Guest
King, Thomas R.	Charlottesville, VA	3048
Lee, Patricia	Arlington, TX	3065
Lehr, Jeanne L.	St. Louis, MO	3038LM
Lloyd, Frances L.	Washington, DC	1052LM
Lynn, Bob	Athens, IL	Guest
MacGregor, James B.	Springfield, VA	2354LM
MacGregor, Keith D.	Redding, CT	2941
MacGregor, Melissa C.	Norfolk, VA	Guest
MacGregor, Patty	Springfield, VA	2948A
MacGregor, Robert F., Jr.	Smithfield, VA	2316LM

MacGregor, Scott F.	Norfolk, VA	2450LM
MacGregor, Stuart J.	Pittsburgh, PA	2759LM
MacGregor, Tobey A.	Norfolk, VA	2823LM
Magruder, A. Clarke	Alexandria, VA	Guest
Magruder, B. Abigail	Glen Allen, VA	3068ALM
Magruder, Bailey	Port St Lucie, FL	2822
Magruder, Clarence H., Jr.	Cullen, VA	2770
Magruder, James L.	Glen Allen, VA	2072LM
Magruder, Janet	Cullen, VA	Guest
Magruder, Jennifer C.	Arlington, VA	3069LM
Magruder, John L.	Winston-Salem, NC	3067LM
Magruder, Lillian	Ridgeland, MS	1977ALM
Magruder, Lillian G. (infant)	Winston-Salem, NC	Guest
Magruder, Richard L., Jr.	Augusta, GA	1523LM
Magruder, Richard L., Jr.	Augusta, GA	1523LM
Marks, Jennifer	Quinton, VA	Guest
McDonald, Denson	Sarnia, Ontario, Canada	Guest
McDonald, Elizabeth	Sarnia, Ontario, Canada	Guest
McGregor, Jonathan	Firestone, CO	2843
McGregor, Michael A.	Greenville, SC	2883LM
McGregor, Ronald A.	Aurora, CO	2142LM
McGregor, Stuart W.	Tuscaloosa, AL	2832
McKinney, Barb	Quinton, VA	Guest
Mercier, Claude	Perkasie, PA	2961A
Mercier, Dorothy G.	Perkasie, PA	2958
Mercier, Francis	Perkasie, PA	2957
Mercier, Michelle	Perkasie, PA	2959
Miller, Sean T.	Memphis, TN	Guest
Mills, Brian D.	Savannah, GA	3062
Mills, Cornelia H.	Quinton, VA	Guest
Mills, Duncan M.	Quinton, VA	2528
Mills, Karen A. B.	Quinton, VA	Guest
Mills, Philip M.	Quinton, VA	3061
Monroe, Joe	Ashland, VA	2425
Montmeny, D. Jane	Aurora, CO	2808
Murdock, Douglas J.	Virginia Beach, VA	2274LM
Nease, Amy	Rapidan, VA	Guest
Osborne, Thaddeus G.	Knoxville, KY	1929LM
Peter, Thomas A.	Estes Park, CO	3037LM
Sanderfield, Maggie	Athens, IL	2253
Schaefer, Alice T.	Rapidan, VA	Guest
Schauf, Darcie R.	Norfolk, VA	2757LM
Schauf, Emerald A. (4 yr)	Norfolk, VA	2027J
Schauf, William E.S. (9 yr)	Norfolk, VA	2022J
Shotwell, Adele G.	Rapidan, VA	Guest
Shotwell, Alan J.	Rapidan, VA	2375LM
Simon, Douglas L.	Chicago, IL	2935LM
Simon, Jack E.	Huntsville, AL	Guest

Simon, R. Jean (MacGregor)	Huntsville, AL	1526
Simon, Tara	Chicago, IL	Guest
Smith, C. Taylor	Lanexa, VA	2370LM
Smith, Carol A.	Lanexa, VA	Guest
Smith, Sarah	Quinton, VA	2183LM
Stone, Henry A.	Harrisville, MI	1920LM
Stone, Kathleen	Harrisville, MI	3053ALM
Stradley, Leighton P., III	Fairfax, VA	1938
Stradley, Mary T.	Fairfax, VA	3011A
Taylor, Elizabeth K.	Lincoln, MA	Guest
Taylor, Louise E.	Ashland, KY	2376
Tedford, Elizabeth Taylor	Richmond, VA	Guest
Trojahn, Miriam E.	Norfolk, VA	Guest
Van Meter, Kathleen	Elida, OH	2917LM
Van Meter, Michael	Elida, OH	Guest
Van Meter, Patrick	Elida, OH	Guest
Walker, Randolph W.	San Antonio, TX	2587
Walker, Teresa M.	San Antonio, TX	3044A
Wassell, Elizabeth F.	Johns Creek, GA	2182
Wassell, John R.	Johns Creek, GA	Guest
Weber, David E.	Charlotte, NC	Guest
Williams, Jim	Pensacola, FL	Guest
Woolley, Jr., James E.	Charlotte, NC	2050LM
Zimmerman, Marilyn	Rutland, VT	Guest
Zimmerman, Mary	Lakeland, FL	2335
Zimmerman, Randal	Rutland, VT	2612

Band

Kuldell, Matt (Pipe Major)	Hayes, George (Drummer, snare)
Nelson, Dr. Doug (Piper)	Grant, Eileen (Dancer)
Kirkpatrick, Tim (Piper)	Finucan, Luci (Dancer)
Berilla, Paul (Drummer, tenor)	Weber, Juliana (Dancer)

Band Guests

Hayes, Bonnie
Nelson, Ruth

Absentee Guests

Browne, Frances A.	Fairfax, VA	1550LM
McNish, Thomas M.	San Antonio, TX	1764LM
Stone, Galen L.	Westwood, MA	1371LM
Greer, Richard M.	Bowling Green, KY	2515
Ewell, III, Nathaniel M. & Antoinette	Palmyra, VA	2114LM
Taylor, David H.	Richmond, VA	765
Magruder, Linden L.	Baton Rouge, LA	1942A
Whyte, Bruce M.	Roswell, GA	2783



Chancellor, Diana G. Browne, Banquet



Frances Lloyd, Banquet

REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS



Ranking Deputy Chieftain Randolph Walker and grandson Samuel Alexander Miller

ALABAMA

Jean MacGregor Simon, State Deputy Chieftain

Once again here in Huntsville, Alabama, we, the Tennessee Valley Scottish Society (TVSS), are proud to present and represent ACGS at the North Alabama Scottish Festival. This is the only Scottish Festival and Highland Games in the entire state of Alabama.

Other Scottish Highland Games and their same day festival have ceased to exist elsewhere in the State for several years.

This Alabama festival will be held in a suburb of Huntsville, Alabama, at Sharon Johnston Park, 783 Coleman Road, New Market, Madison County, Alabama. There will be one big change since the TVSS festival of 2012. This year the North Alabama Festival will be held on October 4 – 5, 2013, on the very same weekend as our American Clan Gregor Society's annual general meeting in Glen Allen, Virginia. The ACGS gathering will take longer, October 3 -6, 2013. My husband Jack and I will loyally and with great pleasure attend the ACGS clan gathering.

We are most grateful to our oldest son, Frank Stewart Simon, ACGS Life Member, for his gracious offer to man the ACGS Clan Tent at the TVSS North Alabama Scottish Festival in New Market in our stead. Frank and his lovely wife, Dena, she born a Gordon, and two little daughters, Lexie and Livie, will host the ACGS Clan Tent.

We have represented the ACGS and Clan Gregor at all of the various TVSS functions during the past year. We are having weekly TVSS board meetings, since the North Alabama Festival is coming up so quickly, and we are busy with all the necessary planning.

Both my husband Jack and I serve on the TVSS Board. Jack has been very successful in securing financial donations for the festival from hefty sources such as the automobile industry and from banking sources as well.

A new Scottish function for TVSS has been introduced for the Huntsville, Alabama area this year, and that is an after-work and/or possibly regular, monthly weekend, night function called ... "Kilt Night."

Many people from Tennessee as well as Alabama are free to attend this new function because many people live in Tennessee and work in Huntsville, Alabama. They are commuting Federal Employees at Redstone Arsenal and NASA. Men who have kilts are encouraged to wear their kilts to the chosen restaurant or bistro. However, the wearing of kilts is not required to participate. The kilts give us publicity and unity as a group. Ladies, including spouses and friends, are also encouraged to participate in "Kilt Night." We also hope to increase membership this way. "Kilt Night" is now in its infancy stage, so we will see how it will develop and how often it will be held.

One additional item related to kilts. Our North Alabama Scottish Festival will have Heavy Athletic Competition and no one can enter that competition without wearing a kilt. There will be full 7 Event, 3 Class (A, B & Masters) athletic competition on the Athletic Field at Sharon Johnston Park in New Market, Alabama, all day, Saturday, October 5, 2013.

There will be the turning of the caber, the sheaf toss and other strength events. The nationally well-known Scottish singer, Colin Grant-Adams, will again be part of the entertainment, as well as two other bands and another singer.

CALIFORNIA

Carolyn McGregor Long – State Deputy Chieftain



Greetings to All ACGS from California!

Another year has gone by and the games and festivals are a continual reminder of how strong

Clan Gregor remains regardless of today's current economy and world changing events. This years report includes a message of cheer to our California membership.

As most of you are aware, California MacGregors' have an ongoing saga regarding CGS WUSA Chapter and CGS, Scotland. Hopefully a solution will be forthcoming in the months ahead. Until then, ACGS members will be pleased to know that we have a platform (still) with the Southern Contingency and are always welcome to share their clan tent. We look forward to the time when the North will come under new leadership and we (ACGS) will again feel welcome in their tent, as well. This situation has been ongoing since I stepped down from the presidency of WUSA Chapter, some years past. My history will prove that I feel strongly that Clan Gregor should not be presented as a divided clan and together (regardless of society affiliations) we should stand firmly together in "Clan Row" and the Games.

In the meantime, and until such time, we ACGS CA Members intend to stay a strong force on the Western Coast. I'm honored to acknowledge and recognize my fellow members, without whom a representation would not be needed or possible:

To all my CA kith and kin, my phone line and email are always open should you desire to contact me. I will be happy to hear from you, whether you have concerns, suggestions, corrections or just wish to chat. You may contact me at: crownlyon11@sbcglobal.net, phone: (559) 757-3745. Looking forward to seeing many of you at one or more upcoming games. Blessings aye.

COLORADO

Scott S. McGregor – State Deputy Chieftain

The Annual Rocky Mountain Highland Games were held in August 2013 where I had the honor of presenting the Clan Gregor trophy to the winner of the Novice under Twelve categories. Mr. Thomas Peter who has assisted us for several years at both Estes Park and at Highlands Ranch was unable to attend. He was greatly missed.

The Long's Peak Highland Games in Estes Park were held in September 2013. We had close to forty, tartan wearing clansmen and women, of Clan Gregor who marched before an estimated 40,000 spectators through the town. Ninety-six signed the Guest Book at our clan tent. Several asked for membership applications, and one person filled out the application then and there. A special thank you goes out to Terry Hill of a little town outside of Trinidad, Colorado who came up for the weekend and worked so hard that he pulled his shoulder out of joint and had to have his wife drive the three hours up to take him home. He convinced us that he seriously wants to become a very active member of our Society. He is retired and highly motivated. I think we have a real winner.

Of course during it all we had to cope with the Colorado flooding. We checked on several of our local clan members to see if we could help us anyway. To our surprise many were doing well and did not need help. There was some damage, but we MacGregors are a tough bunch and holding our own. My father, past Chieftain, Ron McGregor, and my mother, suffered quite a lot of damage to their home and are waiting contractor's bids to start the repairs.

Though I was unfortunately unable to attend the Gathering I submit this report with my best wishes to all of our MacGregor kith and kin.

ILLINOIS
Maggie Sanderfield – State Deputy Chieftain

In May 2013 I was busy as Chairperson for the Central, Illinois Highland Games VIP Tent where I represented the ACGS and Clan Gregor.

In September 2013 I represented the ACGS and Clan Gregor at the first annual Central, Illinois Celtic Festival where I helped with the merchandise tent. At each event I set up a corner of the tent for ACGS information.

KENTUCKY
Richard M. Greer – State Deputy Chieftain

The Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games began in 1986 and Clan Gregor was one of the Charter Clans. In fact, we were the honored clan in 2003.

In 2013 we continued our presence with our 27TH year presentation for Clan Gregor. We have always had our tent beside Clan Wallace and “Rob Roy” and “Braveheart” movie posters have on occasion been side by side.

For many years, past Kentucky SDC’s Nola Williford and Nolan Sanders hosted our Clan Tent. This year, I, with the help of my son John and my wife, Retta, followed in their footsteps.

The three days of Scottish music, Scottish food, Scottish athletic competition and Scottish heritage warmed the hearts of Scots and non- Scots alike.

As an added note...the president of the games has approached me concerning the possibility of Sir Malcolm’s being the Chief of the Games in the near future.

The Carrollton Highland Games were begun in 1983, and Clan Gregor was represented. However, these games were discontinued in 2012. In their place is a new Celtic festival and Highland Games, which is part of the Central Kentucky Renaissance Fair. Plans are now being made to have a Clan Tent for next year.

The newest Highland Games in Kentucky began in 1998 and are known as the Western Kentucky Highland Festival in Murray, Kentucky. Kay Britt has been our Clan Gregor tartan bearer at these games. It is a one-day event, October 26th, and we have reserved a tent space for these games. In an effort to expand Clan Gregor presence at these games, letters have been sent to all ACGS members in Kentucky.

We Kentucky Macgregor’s are working to make our presence known in the “Bluegrass State.”

MICHIGAN
Ronald L. Shankland – State Deputy Chieftain

I hosted a Clan Tent at three Michigan Scottish and Celtic Games. I represented both the ACGS and CGS. These three games were in Alama, Saline, and Livonia, Michigan.

My wife and I worked the Alama Games together and we sold a record number of Tee Shirts/Sweat Shirts. There were fourteen visitors to the Clan Tent.

The Games in Saline was not as successful and there were no merchandise sales. Only one person signed the guest registry. The Livonia Games was the most successful of the three. We sold a large amount of merchandise and acquired two new memberships. Mr. Ray Lynd helped out at the tent for these games and we had twenty-five visitors at the Clan Tent.

I have worked very hard this year to make the Clan Tent look more professional. Please note the statue and the two easels to the left and right of the statue. Viewers can see these easily and they grab their attention. Now I am ready for the next step.

We had fun asking a MacGregor woman if they would like to kiss the statue for good luck, kind of like the Blarney Stone.

MINNESOTA
Lori Connery – State Deputy Chieftain

This year we had a great time at the Minnesota Scottish Fair. It was cold and wet so attendance was down. Thankfully we have our Clan Tent inside and we were somewhat warmer and dry.

We had very few Macgregor's stop to visit and I suspect this was due to the bad weather. It was actually snowing as we packed to go set up. ACGS member Warren Porter was in attendance and assisted me in our tent. Warren is a steadfast supporter and wonderful "assistant" and I am eternally grateful for all his continued help. Many thanks and much gratitude goes to him. We are looking forward to 2014.

NEW MEXICO
Mark Anthony Beach - State Deputy Chieftain

Greetings,

On October 5th and 6th ACGS attended the Aztec New Mexico Highland games and Celtic festival. The weather was a bit chilly, 25deg. at 7am and warmed to the low 50's. Sunday was much nicer at around 65deg with sun and no wind on both days. We had a good attendance on Sat with MANY people stopping by our booth. Good attendance Sunday too. MacGregor seems to be among every ones favorite. There were only 8 clans this year due to some cancellations citing health reasons. There were also 4 Celtic bands with the headliner being Celtica. The games were excellent as usual and Aztec has been chosen as the site of next year's regional championship. We are all excited about that. Many clan pamphlets and history sheets were handed out and lots of contacts made. We were interviewed by the local paper and mentioned at length in the article. We apparently were the reporter's favorite too!! We also had a new member helping out on Saturday. Donald Atchinson drove from Albuquerque to help. A three hour trip each way. He was very good and I was glad to have him here.

Until next time, Yours Aye,
Mark Beach



NORTH CAROLINA
Ron Grubbs – State Deputy Chieftain



*Lois Ann Garlitz and Randy Walker display the new ACGS Grant of Arms at
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 2013*

I was appointed as the State Deputy Chieftain for North Carolina at the ACGS Annual Gathering in Tampa, Florida, in October 2012.

During the spring of 2013 I purchased a tent and assembled the appropriate MacGregor materials and paraphernalia for the presentation as well as scheduling events where a MacGregor Clan tent would be seen for the first time.

I arranged two new events and along with Thad Osborne arranged for a MacGregor Clan Tent at Franklin, North Carolina's "A Taste of Scotland Festival." I also arranged for a tent for the first time at the Triad Games in Greensboro, North Carolina and The Bethabara Games in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

I began to feel that I was "jinxed" because these two events were first on the schedule and neither came to realization. I drove over to the Triad Games in the neighboring City of Greensboro the day before the games were to commence to see where my tent would be located, but that night I became very ill with a stomach virus and was unable to attend the next day. A few weeks later it was time for the Bethabara Games and I had high hopes of working my first venue but bad luck intervened again. It rained most of the day and when it was not raining there were severe thunderstorms.

Better days were in the offing and I arrived in Franklin, North Carolina, a beautiful little town in the heart of the awe inspiring Great Smokey Mountains on Thursday, June thirteenth and did some reconnaissance to see where everything was to be located. I also visited the Tartan museum, for which Franklin is noted worldwide.

In the eighteenth century many Lowland Scots settled in these mountains and became friends with the Cherokee Indians. It is said that there are few full-blooded Cherokees due to the intermingling and intermarriage with these Lowland Scots. There are also numerous red-headed Cherokees in this part of North Carolina.

Thad Osborne, SDC for Tennessee and Michael McGregor, SDC for South Carolina arrived on Friday and the three of us did some additional reconnaissance.

Saturday arrived bright and sunny. Clan Gregor was allotted two tent spaces, as we were the Honored Clan. Over the course of the Games we had approximately twenty-five or thirty people sign our guest book and two individuals signed on as Provisional Members and many others demonstrated considerable interest in becoming a member of ACGS.

We did save the best for last...the Granddaddy of All (OK, it is a pun)...Grandfather Mountain. If you have Scottish heritage and have never visited during this four-day event, you have missed a real "happening." I don't know how many Clans were represented but I would venture to say fifty to seventy-five.

MacGregors were especially enthusiastic about the Grandfather Mountain Games this year. In attendance were our Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz, our Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Randy Walker and his lovely and gracious wife Teresa, Bruce Whyte our Treasure and his lovely wife Kathy, as well as Sir Malcolm MacGregor our Hereditary Chief who was representing the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs at a meeting with the Council representing the various Scottish Clan Societies, held as an adjunct to the Games.

The ACGS Clan Tent at Grandfather Mountain had many, many visitors who signed the guest book and were seeking information about Clan Gregor as well as asking about the membership requirements for the ACGS. One person joined as a Lineal Member. As it happens, he is a piper, who resides in Snead's Ferry, on the coast of North Carolina.

As always, we had plenty to eat, thanks to Elizabeth McGruder Joiner and her mother, Lillian McGruder. Once again the weather did not cooperate. It was wet, wet, wet. Although our clothing was a bit damp, our spirits were not.

I would be remiss if I did not express my thanks to Thad Osborne, who has represented the ACGS in various capacities for many years at Grandfather Mountain.

On a personal note....I had wanted to greet Sir Malcolm sometime during the Games, but always someone seemed to have his ear and I did not wish to intrude. On Saturday afternoon about four-thirty, I still had the Clan Tent open and was enjoying my solitude when Sir Malcolm appeared. He was searching for some personal item that he thought he might have left at the MacGregor tent earlier in the day. We were able to have a most interesting conversation that lasted some twenty minutes. What is that thing about good things come to those who wait?

Next year I hope to add one or two more venues to my schedule. There is a great Highland Game and Festival in October but it is generally held the same weekend as our Annual Gathering. It is held in Lauinburg and the name of the county is...Scotland County!



NORTHERN VIRGINIA and DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Leighton P. Stradley – State Deputy Chieftain



Leighton P. Stradley at Virginia Scottish Games and Festival

As a new State Deputy this year was a learning year for me, and my wife Mary who assisted with each and every event as we represented the ACGS.

In March 2013 we participated in a Scottish Heritage event in Reston, Virginia where we met up with Matt Kuldell and the MacGregor Pipe Band. We were not able to attend the Alexandria Christmas Walk as we were away from the area at that time.

We were able to represent the ACGS and Clan Gregor with a Clan Tent at the 40th Annual Virginia Scottish Games and Festival in The Plains, Virginia on August 31 and September 1, 2013. We had numerous visitors to the Clan Tent and gave out a number of application work sheets. Hopefully they will follow through and apply for membership.

The Northern Virginia area did pick up a pair of new ACGS Members (compliments of Lois Ann): Mr. Thomas Rutledge King, Jr. and Mr. Josh Collins.

We look forward to representing ACGS during the current year.



SOUTH CAROLINA
Michael A. McGregor – State Deputy Chieftain



The following events in the State of North Carolina had an ACGS/Clan Gregor representation during 2013.

1. 2013 Tartan Day South Games in Columbia, SC (3d Annual) at Cayce (Columbia), SC Speedway, on Saturday, April 6, 2013. ACGS Treasurer Bruce Whyte assisted at the Clan Tent. There were 15 visitors who signed the registration guest book.
2. 2013 Galabrac, Greenville Scottish Games (8th Annual); Greenville, SC (Downtown & Furman University Campus), on Friday, May 24, 2013. Bruce Whyte, and Fred Magruder provided volunteer assistance. There were 24 visitors who signed the registration guest book.
3. 2013 Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering (42d Annual); Mt. Pleasant, SC (Boone Hall Plantation), Saturday, September 21, 2013. There were fifteen (15) visitors who signed the registration guest book.
4. General:
 - Sponsored the Raptor Display and Falconry flight Demonstration at Gallabrac (GSG, on Saturday, May 25, 2013. Vendors: The Center for Birds of Prey, Awendaw (Charleston), SC. The SC Falconry Association did not attend this year.
 - Assisted Thad Osborne at Taste of Scotland, Franklin, NC, on Saturday June 15 and Sunday, June 16, 2013.
 - No reimbursement was requested from ACGS.

EAST TENNESSEE
Thad Osborne – State Deputy Chieftain



In February 2013 I assisted Florida SDC Robert Ellington at the Central, North and Northeast Florida Scottish Highlands Games. We had beautiful weather and a great turnout of Scots from that part of the country. Robert has asked to retire from his service as SDC and I hope we can continue to have a presence in Florida. We were delighted to see John C. and Ena MacGregor among our tent visitors.

In May 2013 I represented the ACGS and Clan Gregor at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games in Maryville, Tennessee. The weather was rainy and severely hurt the turnout both on Saturday and Sunday. Even so it was a great event with a much-improved location, and they take care of the Clan Societies very well.

In June 2013 I assisted the North Carolina SDC, Ron Grubb at Taste of Scotland Festival in Franklin, NC. This is a small Festival undergoing a rebirth. Ron is a great recruiter and I am sure the Society will see results from his work.

Also in June 2013 I participated in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC, along with the North Carolina SDC Ron Grubb and local member Elizabeth Joiner acting as hostess. We had a large turnout of MacGregors including our Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, who was attending as a guest of the Council of Scottish Clans Associations. Many thanks to all of the MacGregors who came, and made this very memorable. The ACGS has been a continuous Clan Sponsor since 1960.

In September 2013 I participated in the Scots-Irish Music Festival in Dandridge, Tennessee. Although this event is but one block long, it is well-attended and very clan friendly. It is Saturday only and there are no competitions, but lots of greet music and visiting Dandridge, which is the second oldest town in Tennessee, and known for its historic preservation.

Finally in October 2013 I attended the 104th ACGS Annual Gathering in Richmond, Virginia.

This most likely will wind up my activity for 2013. It has been a pleasure to serve the ACGS and Clan Gregor this year.

TEXAS
Randolph W. Walker – State Deputy Chieftain



Randy Walker toasting at 2013 Gathering Banquet

The Scottish heritage year began in Texas with the Annual Burns Night Dinner on January 26, 2013. It was held at the Scottish Right Masonic Temple in downtown San Antonio. Several hundred people attended in honor of their Scottish Heritage and in memory of Robert Burns.

The next event was the Annual Tartan Day Ceremony held at the Alamo to honor the memory of the men of Scottish heritage who died there in March 1836. This year our Society Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz came to San Antonio for this event. She had the honor of making the floral presentation at the Gates of The Alamo for both the ACGS and the CGS in honor of the Piper, John McGregor.

This was followed by two days of Highland Games in Helotes, Texas, just outside of San Antonio. Lois Ann was able to participate in one day of this event. The weather this year was beautiful and there was a fine turnout of some 5, 000 plus visitors to the games. The ACGS Clan Tent hosted by Lois Ann, my wife Teresa and I were busy both days with 38 Clan Tent visitors.

We then made our way to the Houston Highland Games, held in Houston, Texas, April 26-28, 2013. This event had been discontinued for two years. The weather once again was beautiful and the event was well attended. The ACGS Clan Tent was busy with many people interested in the history of Clan Gregor.

We were on our way to Arlington, Texas for the Scottish Festival held there May 3-5, 2013. As usual it was extremely hot in Arlington but with the help of some new battery powered fans and a few very cold beers we survived the heat. Our Clan Tent had over 40 visitors and as usual there were some 6,000 to 7,000 visitors to these games.

In July 2013, my wife Teresa and I drove to Grandfather Mountain, NC for the Scottish Festival there. This was a wonderful experience for both of us, and our Society Representative there, Thad Osborne, made our visit truly memorable. The only downside was a lot of wet weather.

Next up is our Annual Gathering in Richmond, Virginia in October 2013 and we are looking forward to visiting once again with our “extended MacGregor family.”

In November 2013, the ACGS will participate in the Central Texas Highland Games held in Salado, Texas. This event is always exciting and we expect that we will be as busy as we have ever been at this event.

UTAH Dodd Greer – State Deputy Chieftain

Since the **AGCS Gathering** last year in Tampa, Clan Gregor has been well represented in the State of Utah, and has been proud to have our new Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz, present at all our events.

Salt Lake City's annual **Kirkin' o' the Tartan** has always had representation from the MacGregors. In October two sessions were standing room only at the First Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City, and many who proudly wearing the Clan Gregor tartans were present and participating in the services.

Burns Supper celebrations are important gatherings for Scottish descendents in Utah, and MacGregors participated in two major dinners, one in SLC hosted by the Utah Scottish Association, another very large event at Brigham Young University in Provo. Both Lois Ann and I had the honor of taking part in these annual events.

Each year in SLC, the **St Paddy's Day** parade and ceilidh are huge events sponsored by the Utah Hibernian Association, each year seeming to be larger than the previous. Hundreds of the Celtic heritage join the 2-hour long parade, and we took part among the pipe bands and clans proudly boasting tartan and crest. Utah Scottish Association's annual celebrations of the **National Tartan Day** are well attended. At the annual Tartan Banquet & Ball MacGregors again participated in various Clan Gregor tartans.

The major Scottish festival in Utah happens in June in Lehi, just south of SLC, and the dead center of Utah's population concentration, and features 10 to 14,000 participants each year. In this year's **Utah Scottish Association Festival & Games**, Dodd Greer, ACGS SDC, again took a central role at the opening of the festival & games, and Clan Gregor had a featured spot in Clan Circle with it's 20' foot booth featuring MacGregor heritage and historical items in display. Always an important goal - to gain membership in the Clan - several new clansmen and women visited the booth and have become active new members.

Quick on the heels of the Utah Scottish Festival in Lehi is the **Payson Scottish Festival & Highland Games**, in beautiful and historic park in Payson, Utah. Once again, Clan Gregor had its featured location on Clan Row in a double space, and was again visited by hundreds of festival goers. MacGregors took prominent roles in the Main Street parade, the Highland athletics, and our regular show & tell about the Clan in our booth. Again, new MacGregors were welcomed into our clan family, some coming with the family and proudly showing off new kilts, T-shirts and clan pins.

Our final event to report on was a **Highland Honor Guard** at the wedding of the son of a very active family, who proudly wear the name MacGregor. Rennie, son of Dianna and Murray MacGregor, and his bride exited the marriage ceremony through an archway of crossed sabers and claymores, both proudly wearing Clan Gregor tartan sashes and kilt.

The last year's activity has yielded good things and good feelings among the Clan Gregor family here in Utah. 2013-14 looks to be another good year for the MacGregors and it's hoped to involve many newly found and activated members of the Clan.



VERMONT & NEW HAMPSHIRE
Randal Zimmerman – State Deputy Chieftain

The 40th annual Quechee, Vermont Highland Festival, sponsored by the St. Andrews Society of Vermont was held on August 24, 2012. This Festival is rather small but also very popular and well attended.

Aside from the usual events at Scottish Games, Quechee hosts competitive sheep herding which is lively and a joy to watch.

There were five pipe bands participating and over fifty Clan Societies joined with us to greet the crowds.

The ACGS Clan Tent was very busy throughout the day. One 89-year-old Robert MacGregor, from Massachusetts, happily assisted Marilyn and me. Our tent was situated next to Clan Macintosh who provided us with plenty of apples by the same name. We had a great time and excellent weather.

On September 22, 2012, Marilyn and I hosted the ACGS Tent at the 37th Annual Loon Mountain Scottish Festival in New Hampshire. This event is one of, if not the largest in New England. These Games host over seventy Clan Societies, dozens of Pipe Bands, and a Drum Major Competition drawing Drum Majors from around the world.

Clan Gregor had not been represented at these Games for some time and the ACGS Tent was clogged with guests and people wishing the MacGregors well. There was no doubt that we were welcomed there. Thirty-five people signed our register and hundreds more paid us a visit. It was an exhaustingly great day.

The 2013 Game Season is currently underway.



Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville South Carolina 2013

MEMORIALS

A photograph of two bagpipers in kilts playing bagpipes at a memorial service. The bagpipers are wearing dark blue jackets and kilts with a red, green, and yellow plaid pattern. They are standing in a grassy area with trees in the background. Other people are visible in the background, some standing and some sitting.

Helen MacGregor Garrett

Paul William Walker

James Anthony "Tony" Condit

Richard Thornton Gregg

Eileen Peters Pruett

F. Lauren Ashley

Carol MagGregor Spitznagle

Helen MacGregor Garrett

January 31, 1929 to June 16, 2013



Helen MacGregor Garrett (Clan No. 1973) passed away on Sunday, June 16 with her loving family beside her. Helen is survived by her husband of 60 years, William Garrett (Clan No. 2101A), her daughter Deirdre MacGregor Garrett (Clan No. 2032LM) and husband David E. Weber, her son William John MacGregor Garrett (Clan No. 2102LM) and wife Patricia B. Garrett, and beloved grandson John MacGregor Garrett (Clan No. 2923LM).



Born in Glasgow, Scotland on January 31, 1929, Helen was the eldest daughter of Duncan and Helen Wood MacGregor and sister of Elizabeth MacGregor McLean. She and Bill were married on April 4th, 1953 at Maxwell Parish Church in Glasgow. They immigrated to Canada in 1957 for a two year adventure. In 1959 they went on to make the United States their home, living in Sussex County and Chatham, New Jersey before they retired to Norfolk, Virginia in 1991.

Helen worked in administrative capacities for several companies including the Rolls Royce Aero Division and CF Braun. She was a Life Member and past Historian of the American Clan Gregor Society, a member of the Clan Gregor Society in Scotland, a member of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Past Matron of Owassa Chapter No. 43 Order of the Eastern Star,

a Girl Scout Leader for many years, and an Elder of the Yellow Frame Presbyterian Church.

Helen was blessed to have many cherished friendships. Many of those most dear to her were Clan Gregor friends both in America and in Scotland. Helen's association with the American Clan Gregor Society began in the early 1980's at a brunch hosted by long time family friends Betsy and Charlie Bennett at their home in Ardsley, NY. There she met Edith and Harry Blunt, their daughter Gussie von Heisermann (Clan No. 1474LM), and Helen Maycock (Clan No. 1379A). It was with their encouragement that Helen and Bill attended their first ACGS gathering in Richmond, Virginia the following year. And the rest... is history! From then on Helen and Bill rarely missed a gathering. Helen served the ACGS first as a Councilor, and then as the.



Historian. A position she thoroughly enjoyed and held for many years.

At the 2013 ACGS Memorial Service in Richmond, Thad Osborne spoke warmly about landmarks. For many, Helen was a landmark, but many in the society were her landmarks and endearing friends as well. In particular Libby and Pat Bierer, Lillian and Abbey Magruder, Maggie and Tom Greig, Barbara and Malcolm MacGregor Carrington (Clan No. 2292) Ewell, Sandy MacGregor (Clan No. 2316LM), and Scott MacGregor (Clan No. 2450LM)... to name only a few. At gatherings in Scotland Helen always looked forward to seeing "the Greig sisters" Ruth and Doreen, Ishbel McGregor, and Lady Fanny MacGregor who were always so kind and welcoming. The family received friends on Friday, June 21 at H. D. Oliver in Norfolk, Virginia. There was lots of MacGregor tartan and Scottish music to celebrate Helen's life. Several sets for Scottish country dancing would probably have fit in the chapel too. Helen would have really enjoyed that!

Our society would like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals who have made memorial donations to the Charity and Education Fund in Helen's memory. These donations will be invested and the ongoing income earned will be used to further the missions and goals of the American Clan Gregor Society for many years to come.

*Martha and Harold Ash
Lois Ann Garlitz
Sally Hartman
Thad Osborne
Ted Remley*

*Cindy Dillon
The Garrett Family
Lillian Magruder
Adina and Calin Maniu
Sue and Pat Yerby*

We extend our apology to any additional members who made memorial contributions and are not reflected in the list above.

Paul William Walker
August 2, 1933 to July 7, 2013



*Paul William Walker, wife Ruth Ann Hilbert Walker, daughter-in-law Andera Ibsen Walker,
and son Kenneth DeWayne Walker*

SFC Paul William Walker, US Army Retired, of Sahuarita, Arizona passed away July 7th 2013. He was formerly from Great Falls, Montana. The son of Paul Vernon and Kathleen (Russell) Walker, he was born on August 2, 1933 in Harrison County, Indiana. He was raised in New Albany, Indiana and Claremore, Oklahoma.

Paul is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann (Hilbert) Walker, of 45 years, his three children Audrey Darlene (Walker) Freeman of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kenneth DeWayne Walker and his wife Andrea of Great Falls, Montana; and Tanya D'Wan (Walker) Witt and husband Brian of Sahuarita, Arizona.

He is survived by six grandchildren, Michael Allen Mead of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Curtis James Freeman of Norman, Oklahoma, Tyler Eugene, Kelsey Robin, Jessica Cheyanne Walker all of Great Falls, Montana, one great granddaughter, Shayleen Raevin Mead of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Paul was a beloved husband and father. Paul served 23 years in the military and had to put the military first and then his family came in second. He said family would always come first when he retired. He kept that promise to the end.

A few favorite memories from his wife Ruth... We used to laugh about him getting orders to Vietnam while he was stationed in Germany; he was told he was getting too white and needed another tan. He was picked in 1971 for the Presidential staff to protect President Richard Nixon. He told them he was just a country boy and had no business being in Washington on all that cement, so he turned it down.

After retiring, he spent his time hunting, fishing and playing golf. He always managed to shoot something, if it was only the radio antenna or mirror off his buddy's pickup truck.

Once, Paul and his best friend Randy, who has also recently passed away, spent a whole day looking for just the right fishing net, because they caught a fish the day before which they couldn't get into the boat.

He loved giving his grandkids chocolate cupcakes, bubblegum, and snow balls, just to see the look on their parent's faces. If you asked him not to do something, you can bet he'd do it provided it wouldn't hurt anyone.

Paul's motto in life was to stay "Cool, Calm and Collected"! He was the much beloved patriarch of our family and he will be greatly missed by all. He will always be in our hearts and prayers till we are together again

Memories from ACGS member Tanya Witt:

My father Paul was a wonderful man. He spent his life providing for and protecting his family and his country. He was a man always ready and willing to tell a funny story in the midst of a social gathering. He was a man you could always go to for advice. He was a man that was always willing to help a family member in need. He was a man that I looked up to and admired, a man that I used as inspiration for my future husband. He was a man that any little girl would be proud to call "My Daddy, My Hero."

James Anthony "Tony" Condit

Passed April 29, 2013

My dear husband, Tony Condit, passed away on April 29th of this year. In his own way, he



was a brother to all of you, too. You see, Tony was adopted by a childless couple in the 1940's. In the chaos of wartime, his adoption records were lost, so, when his adoptive parents passed away, he was unable to identify ANY living family. My family became his only family, my heritage his heritage. He gladly embraced Clan Gregor as a noble heritage, with its history of courage and determination. Now this sweet, loving, fiercely protective husband has gone ahead, and my wish for him is "Fly free, My Love". Thank you, Clan Gregor for being there to inform and inspire us all.

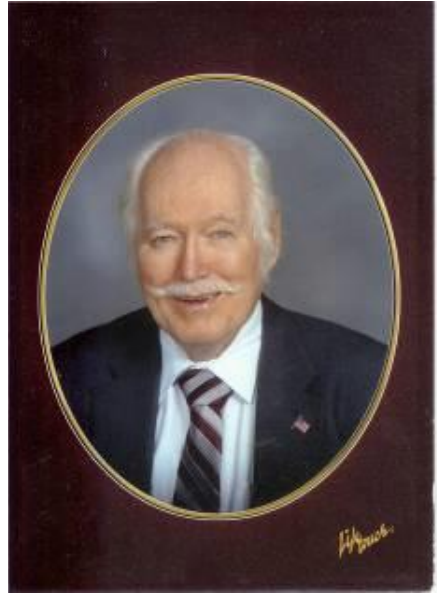
Submitted by Carole Kay Condit. (ACGS#2812)

Richard Thornton Gregg
October 7, 1923 to January 21, 2013

Richard Thornton Gregg, son of the late Otis Tiffany Gregg and Juliette Kirker Gregg is the 9th generation to descend from William Gregg of Scotland who came to the America in 1682 on S/S Welcome ship with the William Penn Party and settled near Wilmington, Delaware.

Richard was born in NYC, he grew up in Hackensack, NJ attending local schools before transferring to Mount Hermon in Massachusetts, graduating with the class of 1941. He then attended MIT before enlisting in the army and serving in the 771st Ordnance Company. His unit had the distinction of going the furthest into Germany.

On return from the war, he graduated with the class of 1947 from MIT. He was active in the manufacture and sale of railway wagons throughout the world,



with The Gregg Company, Ltd., residing both in Belgium and in the United States. He was also active in the business service and temporary personnel business in Belgium.

While in Belgium he was involved with the International School of Belgium and the St Andrew's Church.

On his return to the US, he was active in the Van Ost Institute (now part of Vantage Healthcare), President of the US Chapter of the International Bond & Share Society (IBSS) and served in various capacities at the Second Reformed Church of Hackensack. He was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) and the Clan Gregor Society, Western USA Chapter. He was the Chairman of The Gregg Company, Ltd.,



A business started by his grandfather, William C. Gregg in 1903. He traveled extensively, going to over 78 countries (if they had a railroad, he probably was there). He particularly enjoyed his vacation trips to New Guinea, Fiji and Mongolia.

Known for his humor, while in the service, he invented soldier "J Cheever Loophole", whose only issued uniform was one helmet liner and 600 shoe laces. Another example of his humor is in this photo of Richard posing in Papua New Guinea with native hunters.

He was fond of his dogs, starting with Rip, a Fox Terrier known for his many tricks (but only when directed in French with an "accent horrible"), as well as his Airedale Terriers: Dale, Freddie, Scooter, Fonzie and Winston, and most recently, a Lakeland Terrier named Benji

Richard is predeceased by his sister Mary H (Frath) Gregg Elliott, brother-in-law J Frank Elliott III, nephew, JF (Jef) Elliott IV and his brother, William K. Gregg.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Louise L Gregg of Keene Valley, NY, nieces: Susan Gregg of Pinellas Park, FL, Juliette and Richard Latimer of Ramsey, NJ, Janet and Daniel DeBiasio of St Petersburg, FL and Dorothy and John Jensen of Alameda, CA, and nephews M Gregg and Susan Elliott of Chesapeake, VA and Richard and Cindy Elliott of Virginia Beach, VA and eight great nieces and nephews.



Richard was an ardent supporter of the ACGS. Pictured here are his brother, William K. Gregg and his two cousins Newton Gregg and Charles Gregg, all passed members of ACGS. After William K. Gregg passed away his kilt was given to M. Gregg Elliott who enjoys it now. For the last 10 years descendants of William C. Gregg have enjoyed getting involved with the ACGS and attending the annual meetings. Peter Gregg and Tad Gregg (2

of Charles' children) hold positions on the council along with Gregg Elliott.

Eileen Peters Pruett

November 7, 1915 to January 12, 2013



Eileen Pruett was the only child of John & Winnie Peters born Nov. 7, 1915 in Mason City, IL. As a child she lived in Mason City, Bloomington, & Chicago, IL and Kalamazoo, MI.

After graduating from Mason City High School, she attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. & then transferred to the University of IL and graduated with a degree in Journalism. After graduation Eileen lived in Springfield, IL and worked for the IL State Journal Register newspaper. She then moved to Chicago and worked for Montgomery Ward's catalogue section and then the Methodist Publishing House. After WW II, Eileen married her high school sweetheart, Vernon Pruett, in Chicago. They moved back to Mason City to raise their family of a son & 2 daughters. Eileen was very active in community organizations & church. Eileen loved to travel via any mode of transportation. She especially loved Scotland & Ireland and all things Celtic. She loved seeing and learning about new places and things. Eileen was soft spoken and loved life. She was small in stature, but had a big heart for people and animals. She was a happy person and had a wonderful outlook on life. On Jan. 12, 2013 God called her to join his angels. She left a son, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

F. Lauren Ashley

July 18, 1927 to October 23, 2012



Beloved Husband, Father & Grandfather With the grace of God our Lauren, now on his last assignment, walks with Jesus in the Kingdom where his family and friends joyfully greet him. He is Home!! Alleluia!! F. Lauren Ashley was born on July 18, 1927 in Rantoul, Illinois to Floyd Lee Ashley and Marguerite (Gibson) Ashley. As an "army brat" Lauren attended various schools in Illinois, Texas, Mississippi, Florida, Hawaii and Wisconsin.

He met his wife-to-be, Jean Wall, while in high school in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. After graduation Lauren joined the Navy and then entered the U.S. military academy at West Point while Jean attended St. Olaf College. At graduation they were married in the West Point Cadet Chapel on June 6th 1951, and were off to a life in the military.

In Germany their two children Susan and Paul arrived and they were now a family. Lauren enjoyed the hectic life in the military, spending time with the troops, attending military schools and developing "Night Operations": at Fort Knox. He gained a masters degree in Physics at the [University of Illinois](#) and taught chemistry at West Point for 3 years. He served his country around the world in Korea, England, Germany and Vietnam, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. As a career officer he moved 26 times in 29 years and received many military awards and decorations including the Silver Star and the [Purple Heart](#). When he retired in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1976 he became the Commandant of Cadets at Thomas Academy and then put aside his uniform and entered the real estate business. He was active at Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Maplewood, MN) as its treasurer and also at St. John Lutheran Church (Woodbury, MN). Lauren was a passionate golfer and had wonderful times with his two golfing buddies Bob Marben and Harlan Biebighauser. After a life of good health and physical fitness, Lauren's health began to decline, developing trouble with his heart and back and having several knee and shoulder surgeries. He lost his battle with Alzheimer's on Oct. 23, 2012 while under the loving care of the Good Samaritan Society in Stillwater, MN. Lauren was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Faith Klee. He is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Susan Gvazdauskas (husband Peter and children Paul, Laura and Keith), son Paul (wife Julie and daughters Lauren Rizzo and Allison Seel), his sister Marcia Siker and her children Pat and Carrie, his brother-in-law Robert Peterson, and his wife Erna, nephew John, niece Nancy Buennemeyer, (husband John and children Kate and Josh), daughter-in-law Saralouise Wall and nephews Barry and Kim and many other nieces and nephews.

Carol MacGregor Spitznagle

July 4, 1945-May 27, 2013



Carol Mac Gregor Spitznagle was born on July 4, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan to Robert and Jean Mac Gregor. Throughout her childhood, Carol lived in Decatur, Alabama and Ontario, Canada. Carol attended Nursing School at the University of Alabama for 2 years. There she met Earl Spitznagle and they married on September 4, 1966.

Carol and Fred moved to South Florida and had a son, Chris and a daughter, Erica. Carol finished her nursing degree at Broward Community College in 1967. She then began working part time at Broward General Hospital on the Labor and Delivery floor until she moved to a full time position in Pediatrics. Carol was an Assistant Nurse Manager for over 20 years. In 1990, Carol began working for Broward Community College as a Clinical Instructor. Carol retired in 2007 and immediately began working part-time in the pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department.

Carol had a passion for learning. She continued her education and received her Master's degree in Nursing and a Master's Degree in Anthropology from Florida Atlantic University. Carol was currently studying Archeology and was enrolled in classes at FAU up until the time of her death. Carol was fascinated by history and she became an avid genealogist researching both her English and Scottish roots. Carol traced her family history and wrote a book, titled "Evolution of a Family", which detailed both sides dating back to 1560. Being a Mac Gregor was something that Carol was very proud of. Carol was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society and was also the editor & contributor for the "Ardchoille", Newsletter of the American Clan Gregor Society. Carol was also the leader of the South Florida Clan Gregor Chapter for many years. She loved being surrounded by her fellow Scots and sharing information at the Scottish Games about The Mac Gregors. Each year she also looked forward to the Annual Mac Gregor Gatherings and was excited about traveling to Scotland next year. During Carol's life she traveled to over 30 different countries. Each year she planned a trip with friends and another with her family.

Carol was an extraordinary person. She had a love of life and adventure. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, nurse, instructor, and friend. She was adored by all that met her and touched so many people throughout her life. Unfortunately, she lost her fight with cancer and left us far too early. The life of Carol Mac Gregor Spitznagle was celebrated on June 1, 2013 where Mac Gregor tartan was displayed and a bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" as goodbyes were said.

Carol is survived by her daughter: Erica, son-in-law: Albert, grandson: Ashton and sister: Linda. Carol was eagerly awaiting the birth of her granddaughter, Ella who was born 2 months after she passed away. Submitted by: Erica Cooper-Sturgeon, daughter.

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