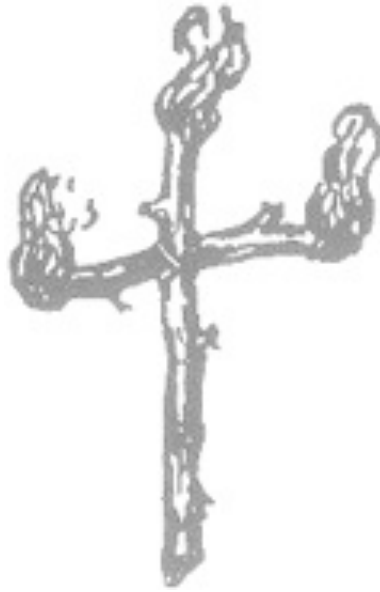


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# REPORT OF THE CHIEFTAIN

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.  
Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain  
107th Annual Gathering – Crystal City, Virginia  
OCTOBER 8, 2016

During the year since our last Gathering in 2015, our society has engaged in these activities:

1] Completed approval of our first ever Policy and Procedure manual. As you are aware, the membership approved the thorough review and revision of new bylaws at our 2014 Gathering. Any organization composed of volunteers counts heavily on cooperative governance among the officials and members. When you are applying for a paid or volunteer position within any business or other group, one of the first things most persons ask about is what will be my responsibilities? What is my job description?

A Policy and Procedure Statement (P&PS) was thoughtfully crafted for each elected and appointed position, as well as for standing committees, as they were identified in the Bylaws. Input was recruited from the person holding each position by means of a bulleted list of what their understanding was of their responsibilities. That was a total of twenty-seven (27) policies and procedure documents that had to be drafted.

Each Statement repeated any reference to that position from the Bylaws, and included the full text for that reference. A description of the procedures/ duties of that office were listed as well as what support from the society or other society offices might be expected. The “Find” tool in word processing software is a gem of an idea. Any person in a specific position need only look at his/her own P&P without referring to the 17 page Bylaws to understand his job description, or any other officer’s. A schedule to review one-third of these P&P was identified for each year on a rotating basis. Our first such review was just completed at Council meeting at this Gathering 2016.

To have such a Policy and Procedure manual has greatly aided our Society’s smooth operations, especially when transitions in officeholders occur. It was our effort to preserve our organizational memory in one location, and to be a guide not only for current office-holders but for new incoming ones, well into the future.

I am grateful for the cooperation of everyone involved in this process, particularly our Scribe, who has fine-tuned skills needed for such a project.

2] Held our first abbreviated Gathering at this location, with a repeat this year, as we look forward to the return of a traditional Gathering in 2017 in San Antonio, with honored guests Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor.

3] ACGS became an active clan society member of COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans and Associations - <https://www.cosca.scot>). John Bellassai, chair of our Board of Trustees, is their President, Bruce MacGregor Whyte, our Treasurer, is their new Newsletter Editor, and Sir Malcolm MacGregor is an Honorary Trustee. Their Clan Caucus was held at Lees-McRae College, Evans Auditorium in Banner Elk, North Carolina, with AGM being held the next day at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Several members of our group attended their meetings last summer 2016 and are also individual members.

4] One thousand dollars was donated by our members and contributed through our Treasurer to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Clan Memorial Stones Project.

Additional reports read by the Chieftain during Council and annual meetings:

5] Assistant Chieftain report - The Assistant Chieftain's position is still vacant. Somewhere among our members there is an organized, mission-focused person with strong communication skills, who would be willing to accept this position if asked. Would you put on your talent-search thinking caps please ☺ We have tried a year of "farming out" the AC duties; and sometimes things have fallen through the cracks because a single person did not have oversight of the big picture. I will ask about this again when appointments are announced. There is much to be done in the coming year as we prepare for the visit of our Chief and his Lady. Then there are future Gatherings – what will be their flavor - traditional or abbreviated?

6] Chaplain's report - Memorials: flowers were sent for Fanny, Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, mother of our Chief Sir Malcolm and also for Joseph C. Tichy, long time ACGS Assistant Chieftain. Robert F. MacGregor (Sandy), past Chieftain, was able to attend Joe's funeral on our behalf.

Past Chieftain George Franklin McGregor passed away 30 April 2016. In his will he bequeathed \$5,000 to our C&E Fund. Trustees will determine an appropriate use to honor his memory.

7] Gathering Report - In some instances, the Chieftain acted as her own Assistant Chieftain, in collaboration with the Treasurer Bruce Whyte, and local Chairmen Leighton and Mary Stradley, to accomplish yet another abbreviated Gathering, to assure a smooth transition forward to a traditional Gathering in 2017 in San Antonio, Texas.

8] Other activities will be reported by individual officials.

Additional report given at the end of the AGM...

Introduction to the documentary mentioned by Sir Malcolm in his greeting: Australia has its own version of the TV show "60 Minutes" and one of its reporters is Charles Woolley. Frank McGregor, CGS member who lives in Tasmania, who was host to Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor during their recent visit to Australia, invited Charles to attend a Gathering of his clan in Scotland. Charles and his camera crew packed up, along with Frank, went to Scotland, and the following is the documentary which was produced during that trip. It can be found on YouTube under the title "No Surrender – 60 Minutes" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGYP9dkV4wA>.

Sep 11, 2016

Opening clip of the documentary...

*Despite all the years of telling you he's Charles Woolley, he hasn't been entirely truthful. That's because he's really a MacGregor, a proud member of the infamous warrior clan from the Scottish Highlands. For centuries the MacGregors have been bravely - and it must be said mostly unsuccessfully - fighting to save Scotland from the hands of the English. So when Charles was invited to attend a clan gathering he thought it would be a chance to immerse himself in the romance of his ancestral family tree. What he found though was a much darker and unexpected history.*



# ONE HUNDRETH SEVENTH GATHERING AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

OCTOBER 7-8, 2016  
Crystal City, VA



*The moon's on the lake, and the mist's on the brae, and the clan has a  
name that is nameless by day.*

*Then gather, gather, gather, Gregalach!*

The 107<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society was held October 7-8, 2016, at the Holiday Inn in Crystal City, Virginia.

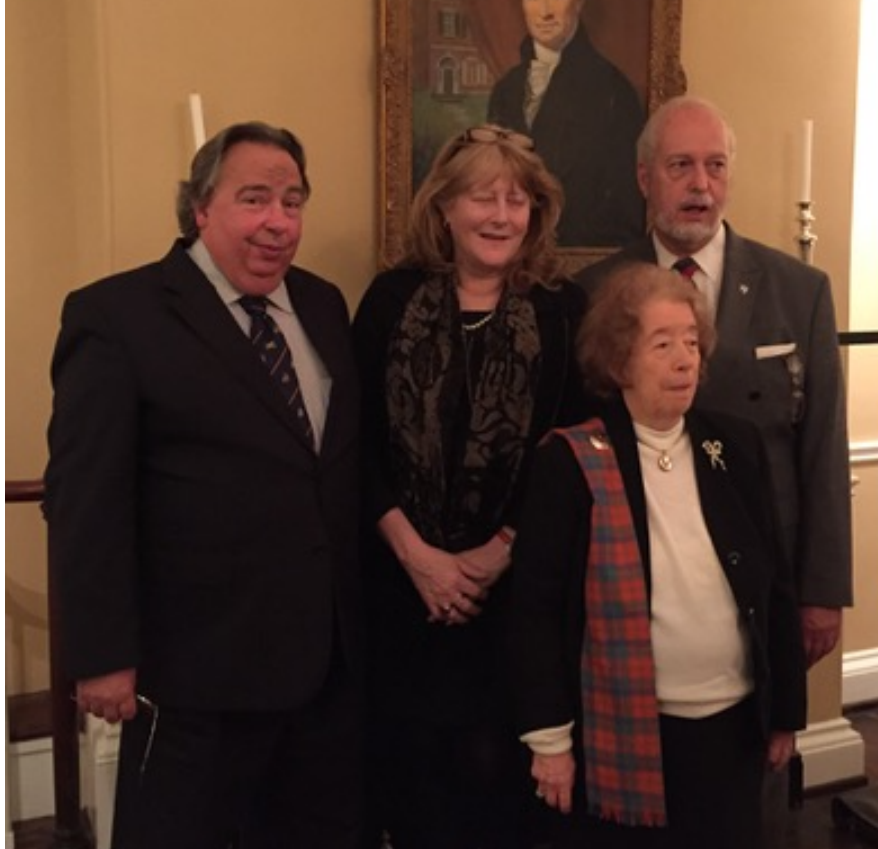
Business meetings were held as usual, but this was an abbreviated Gathering, so there was no Ceilidh and no formal tours. Members met Saturday for a mid-day Gathering Banquet after the Annual General Meeting.

The weather was surprisingly beautiful—not-too-warm afternoons and cool evenings. The first glimpse of Fall was particularly pleasant for members who have been suffering through the last hot days of summer back home!

Thursday evening, prior to the beginning of the Gathering, all attendees were invited to a very special lecture about Andrew Carnegie, one of the most successful Scottish immigrants to the United States. The lecture was jointly sponsored by The Living Legacy of Scotland, Inc. and the American-Scottish Foundation, in association with the American Friends of the Georgian Group; and was held at the Arts Club of Washington—the historic home of Scottish-American President James Monroe.

Prior to the lecture, guests were treated to a delightful cocktail buffet and Scotch whiskey tasting presented by Bart Forbes, president of the Saint Andrew Society of Washington,

D. C. Mr. Forbes, discussed characteristics of several Scotch whiskeys and provided samples which were heartily enjoyed.



***John Kinnear, Camilla Hellman, Anne Robertson Kennedy, and John Bellasai***

The featured speaker was noted architect John Kinnear, President of the American Friends of the Georgian Group and a member of the Board of the American Scottish Foundation. Mr. Kinnear spoke about Carnegie's life and philanthropy. Carnegie put into action the Scot's love of learning by financing and building over 100 libraries in cities across the United States.

The American Clan Gregor Society was well represented at the event by Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz, Jane Montmeny, Irene Nunley, John and Judith Bellasai, Bruce and Kathy Whyte, Randolph and Teresa Walker. The group enjoyed the interesting and entertaining party and lecture, but the real fun began on the trip to the Metro to go home. The streets of D. C. don't run in straight lines—they are on the diagonal—and what seemed like a quick, uncomplicated walk from the Arts Club back to the Metro turned into one of those

“which way did we come?” moments after the event! Fortunately, we had Jane Montmeny on hand to direct the group, and all turned out just fine.

Friday morning, there was no Gathering event planned, and members made independent tours of the Capital city. Randy and Teresa took the Metro downtown to visit the World War II Memorial, and registered an all-time great FitBit number over 11,000! Meanwhile, Bruce and Kathy Whyte were still relaxing from their visit to the 2016 Annapolis Sailboat Show and Ocean Sailing Club reception and lecture. Lois Ann and Irene visited with the Librarian at the University of Baltimore where the ACGS archives are maintained. They were treated to a tour of the temporary facilities by Aiden Faust, now director of Special Collections, while the Langsdale Library is being renovated. Lois Ann and Irene found a treasure trove of documents including correspondence between the founders and Sir Malcolm’s Grandfather regarding the establishment of the Society.

After the Friday afternoon Council Meeting most members adjourned to the Legal Seafood Restaurant down the street from the hotel, to enjoy a wonderful meal and lots of friendly conversation. A Gregor Gathering is much like a family reunion, and diners had to really listen as everyone brought us up to date on all of the “family” news since the last Gathering



*Tom King, Michael McGregor, Bill Tyler, Randy Walker, Robert Young, Bruce MacGregor Whyte, Kathy Whyte, and Teresa Walker visiting at the Legal Seafood Restaurant in Washington, D.C.*



*Enjoying the visit at Legal Seafood are Sandy MacGregor, Irene Nunley, Mary and Leighton Stradley.*

The Annual General Meeting began immediately after the ACCGS breakfast Saturday morning. The assembly learned about the work of the Council, Committees, and Officers over the year. As always, it was interesting to hear how the leadership is working to improve the Society. If you were unable to attend the Gathering be sure to read the committee reports contained in this Yearbook. If you were unable to attend the Gathering, but submitted your proxy, thank you for insuring we were able to meet the required quorum.



*Sister Act – Scribe Jane and Chieftain Lois Ann*



***Randy Walker presents the “Stepping Up” award to Bruce MacGregor Whyte***

The most entertaining event of the Annual General Meeting was the presentation of the newly-created “Stepping Up” Award. This award, established to recognize outstanding performance of service to the Society, was presented to the Treasurer, Bruce MacGregor Whyte. Bruce has been an extraordinary Treasurer. He has put all of our financial records in perfect order and has pulled us “back into the black.” Additionally, Bruce “Stepped Up” to assume many of the duties of the Assistant Chieftain, “Stepped Up” to work on the website, and “Stepped Up” to assist Thad Osborne at Grandfather Mountain. All this while continuing with his duties as Area Deputy Chieftain for Georgia and Northern Florida! Presentation of the award elicited resounding applause from the appreciative gathering. To the amazement of everyone, Bruce was rendered speechless, and responded to the award and applause with a simple “Thank You.” We’ll not soon see Bruce speechless again and we enjoyed it while we could!

The Saturday Banquet was an elegant affair, with attendees all gussied up in their very best Scottish attire. The women were beautiful, the men were most handsome, and the food was delicious.

Randy Walker began the banquet program with a solemn Memorial Service. Mary Stradley placed the flowers in the ceremonial wreath as the names of memorialized members were read.





*Mary Stradley assists with placement of flowers on memorial wreath*

After the meal and introduction of honored guests and past Chieftains, Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz introduced the Guest Speaker, Bart Forbes. Mr. Forbes, President of the St Andrew's Society of Washington D. C., spoke about how improvement can be encouraged in non-profit organizations like ours. Mr. Forbes was very informative, presented specific means to achieving retention and growth in membership, and tips for dealing effectively with volunteers. He was inspiring and made his points with clarity and great humor.



*Honored Guest Bart Forbes and Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz*

After Mr. Forbes spoke, Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz addressed the Gathering and introduced the piper, drummer and dancer who entertained the assembly in highland style.



After the Banquet, many members had to rush off to “hit the road,” but several stayed to watch Saturday College games—this means you, Stuart McGregor—and so the Gathering continued through an exciting afternoon of football. It was a great Fall day and the perfect end to abbreviated, but very enjoyable Gathering.



*Stuart – “Roll Tide” – McGregor*

*Thank you to Leighton and Mary Stradley, Lois Ann Garlitz, and Bruce Whyte for making this event possible.*

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American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.  
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107th Annual Gathering – Crystal City, Virginia  
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Mr. Michael A. McGregor, Member guest  
Mr. Robert E. Young, Member-at-Large 2019

The 2016 Council meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on October 7, 2016, in Crystal City, Virginia, at 2:10 pm by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain. A quorum was confirmed with six voting council members present; Richard Greer was in attendance by phone and was able to hear discussion and voice comments. A quorum of six is required. Council members excused as unable to attend were Diana Browne, Chancellor; Jeanne Lehr, Registrar; Lori A. Connery, Member-At-Large; Jean Simon, Member-at-Large; and Ronald A. McGregor, Immediate Past Chieftain. Members present at the meeting and introduced were Michael A. McGregor, Rob Young, Sandy McGregor and Bill Tyler.

**Invocation** was given by Randy Walker RDC, who read a prayer originally written for Clan Gregor Society, Scotland by Rev. James Benson, former Minister at Balquhider Church, Scotland. It is used every year at the Memorial Service in Balquhider Church. The full text of the prayer will be found in the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

**Opening remarks** were given by the Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz who read the following letter from Sir Malcolm MacGregor:

*Dear Lois Ann,*

*Good luck with the meeting in Washington DC, I am sure it will go well. We are very much looking forward to San Antonio next year.*

*The documentary organized by Frank McGregor is a real coup. I have forwarded it to Visit Scotland and the Scottish Government as an example of the*

*“added value’ that the overseas team brings. This was shown on prime time in Australia and it was free marketing - to put a business slant on it.*

*All good wishes,  
Malcolm MacGregor*

**Report of the Chieftain:** Lois Ann Garlitz, provided her report. There was a motion to approve by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.

**Old Business:** Policies and Procedures initially reviewed at an interim council-call meeting on September 6, 2016, were given final review and approval. The following had no revisions as currently written:

- 03 – Ranking Deputy Chieftain
- 07 – Immediate Past Chieftain
- 08 – Chancellor
- 09 – Assistant Chieftain
- 10 – At-Large-Council Member

A motion to approve as written without revisions was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried. The following Policies and Procedures had revisions.

- 02- Chieftain; a motion to approve as revised was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried.
- 04 –Scribe; a motion to approve as revised was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried.
- 05 – Registrar; a motion to approve as revised with changes was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Bruce Whyte; motion carried.
- 06 – Treasurer; document was clarified that scholarship checks are made out to the institution and mailed to the student who submits them to the registrar of the institution. If the student changes institutions after receiving the check, the student returns the check to the Treasurer who issues a new check made out to the new institution and mailed to the student for submission to the new institution. Motion to approve as revised was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Richard Greer; motion carried.
- 24 – Scholarship Committee; discussion focused on eligibility for scholarships. Motion to approve as revised was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Tom King; motion carried.
- 19 – Trustees; motion to approve as revised was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried.
- 21 – Heraldry Committee; motion to approve as revised was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Tom King; motion carried.

**Report of the Scribe** was submitted by Jane Montmeny, Scribe. Motion to approve was made by Tom King and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.

**Report of the Ranking Deputy Chieftain** was given by Randy Walker, RDC. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.

**Report of the Treasurer** was presented by Bruce Whyte, Treasurer. Motion to approve was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Tom King; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.

**Report of the Board of Trustees** had been submitted by John King Bellasai and reviewed by Council. Motion to approve was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.

**Report of the Registrar** had been submitted by Jeanne Lehr, Registrar, and reviewed by Council. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.

**Report of the Historian** had been submitted by Elizabeth Magruder Joiner, Historian. It was determined that one wedding needs yet to be included. Motion to approve with the addition was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Lois Ann Garlitz; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.

**Report of the Yearbook Editor:** The printed copy of the 2016 Yearbook of the 2015 Gathering in Crystal City VA serves as the report. Teresa Walker has been appointed to be the new Yearbook Editor. Submission deadline for 2017 Yearbook is December 1, 2016. Motion to approve was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Bruce Whyte; motion carried.

**Report of the Newsletter Editor:** The 2015 Winter and 2016 Spring and Summer issues of the “Ardchoille” stand as the report from Adrienne Tomkins, Newsletter Editor. Copy deadline for the winter newsletter is November 15, 2016. Motion to approve was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Richard Greer; motion carried.

**Report of the Webmaster,** Richard Walker, is included in the IT Committee report.

**Report of the Librarian** was given by Irene Nunley. In addition to a written report submitted, she updated the group that she had visited the Society storage unit in Pennsylvania and reported on the contents. Motion to approve the report was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Tom King; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.

**Reports of the Committee Chairperson:** (Full text of all the reports appear elsewhere in the Yearbook)

- **Gathering Committee** report was given by Lois Ann Garlitz. Motion to approve the report was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Tom King; motion carried. The full text appears with the Chieftain’s report
- **Heraldry Committee** report had been submitted by John Bellasai, Chairman, and reviewed by Council. Motion to approve as submitted was by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried. The full text appears elsewhere in the Yearbook.
- **Recognition Committee:** Lois Ann Garlitz reported that no recommendations had come from the formal committee but recognition of one member will be done at the AGM tomorrow.

- **Scholarship Committee:** Richard Greer, Chairman, reported the work of the committee for 2016. The scholarship application form will be updated for the website. Motion to approve the report was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried.
- **Audit Committee Report and Recommendations** had been submitted by Paul Collinson, Chairman, and reviewed by Council. Tom Peter, CPA, is no longer able to serve as a consultant to the Committee; the Chieftain has accepted his resignation. Motion to approve the report was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Tom King; motion carried.
- **IT Committee** report was given by Bruce Whyte, Chairman. Motion to approve the report was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried.
- **Merchandise Manager,** Peter Gregg, provided his report. It was clarified that profits from merchandise sales will go into the general fund. Motion to approve the report was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried.
- **Gathering Site Selection Committee** has not met this year but plan to meet in 2017 to plan for Gathering 2018 and beyond.

**New Business:** Randy Walker presented information on Gathering 2017 which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, on September 28-30, 2017. It will be a traditional three-day event complete with ceilidh, tour, lunch and banquet in addition to Council meeting and AGM. Initial planning is underway and more information will be forthcoming in future newsletters and on the ACGS website. It is anticipated that Sir Malcolm and Lady McGregor will be in attendance.

**Election of Officers:** The members of the Nominating Committee were Keith Gregg, John Bellassai and Diana Browne. Their submitted report of nominated officers included:

- Chieftain: Lois Ann Garlitz
- Ranking Deputy Chieftain: Randy Walker
- Treasurer: Bruce Whyte
- Scribe: Jane Montmeny
- Registrar: Jeanne Lehr
- Chancellor: Diana Browne

Ron McGregor will continue as Immediate Past Chieftain. Motion to approve the recommended slate of officers was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried.

**Election of the Nominating Committee** for 2017: As there were no Nominating Committee members present or on-line, nominations were taken from the floor: Diana Browne, Thad Osborne and Scott McGregor. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried. As stipulated in the By-Laws, those members will select their chairman from within the group.

The Chieftain announced her appointments for October 2016 to September 2017:

- **At Large Council members**, listing year term ends

- Dr. Richard Greer, '17
- Thomas R. King, '18
- Robert E. Young ' 19
- **Appointed Officials on Council – non-voting**
  - Assistant Chieftain.....vacant
  - Chaplain.....Rev. Thaddeus G. Osborne
  - Historian .....Elizabeth Magruder Joiner
  - Yearbook Editor..... Teresa M. Walker
  - Newsletter Editor.....Adrienne Tomkins
  - Librarian ..... Irene MacGregor Nunley
  - Webmaster ..... Richard R. Walker
- **Appointed Positions not on Council**
  - Matt Kuldell...Piper, Pipe Major
  - Area Deputy Chieftains... See listing.
- **Committees** (report to Council but do not vote, unless already a voting member of Council)
  - Nominating Committee for 2017... Rev. Thaddeus Osborne, Diana Browne, Scott F. MacGregor
  - Scholarship Committee..... Dr. Richard Greer – chair, Nolan Sanders, Dr. Amy E. Fleming
  - Recognition Committee..... Margaret Sanderfield - chair, Ron McGregor, Stuart W. McGregor
  - Heraldry Committee.....John King Bellasai – chair, Peter K. Gregg
  - Audit Committee..... Paul Owens Collinson, chair and M. Gregg Elliot. Thomas Peter, has retired from this committee as consultant.
  - Merchandise Chairman.....Peter K. Gregg
  - IT Committee.... Bruce Whyte – chair, Richard R. Walker
  - Gathering Site Selection Committee... Bruce Whyte, Ian Grieg

Motion to approve the appointments as announced was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Randy Walker; motion carried.

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain.

**MINUTES OF THE  
2016 ACGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.  
Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe  
107th Annual Gathering – Crystal City, Virginia  
OCTOBER 8, 2016

The 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on October 8, 2016, in Crystal City, Virginia, at 8:34am by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain. The Chieftain requested that if anyone has a proxy form that has not yet been given to the Scribe, please give them to the Scribe now so a quorum can be established. Quorum was established at 54 with 25 members present plus 29 proxies; required quorum was 42.

**Invocation** was given by Randy Walker RDC, who read the following prayer originally written for Clan Gregor Society, Scotland by Rev. James Benson, former Minister at Balquhider Church, Scotland. It is used every year at the Memorial Service in Balquhider Church.

*Lord God, we give you thanks that your hand has guided Clan Gregor throughout the ages, in times of peace and in times of adversity, nurturing within us qualities of courage, loyalty and open handed generosity. In humility and repentance, we plead for forgiveness for the sins of the past which we confess before You. We gather in this place, united in our heritage, committed to walk together in your ways. Grant us, we pray, strength and courage to uphold the honour of our Clan in the days to come. Bless us, each one, and keep us, we pray, close and faithful to You, loyal to our Chief, and loving to one another. In the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Lord and Chief over all. Amen.*

Council members excused as unable to attend were Diana Browne, Chancellor; Jeanne Lehr, Registrar; Lori A. Connery, Member-At-Large; Jean Simon, Member-at-Large; and Ronald A. McGregor, Immediate Past Chieftain.

**Opening remarks** were given by the Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz who read the following letter from Sir Malcolm McGregor, Chief, Clan Gregor Scotland:

*Dear Lois Ann,*

*Good luck with the meeting in Washington DC, I am sure it will go well. We are very much looking forward to San Antonio next year.*

*The documentary organized by Frank McGregor is a real coup. I have forwarded it to VisitScotland and the Scottish Government as an example of the “added value” that the overseas team brings. This was shown on prime time in Australia and it was free marketing - to put a business slant on it.*

*All good wishes,  
Malcolm MacGregor*

(**Scribe note:** Full text of the following reports from officers and officials can be found elsewhere in this Yearbook.)

**Report of the Chieftain:** Lois Ann Garlitz provided her report which was accepted.

**Report of the Scribe:** D. Jane Montmeny reported on the Council meetings over the past year including a summary of the Council meeting held on the previous day. The report was accepted.

**Report of the Ranking Deputy Chieftain (RDC)** was given by Randolph W. Walker, RDC. He also introduced the following ADC's present at the meeting: Peter Gregg, Delaware/New Jersey/ Eastern Pennsylvania; Lois Ann Garlitz, Utah/Nevada/Colorado; Robert Young, Mississippi/Louisiana; Bruce Whyte, Georgia/Florida; Chuck Grierson, Maryland/Western Pennsylvania; and Leighton Stradley, Northern Virginia. It was noted that Scott McGregor and Sandy McGregor represent the clan at the Richmond VA games so you don't have to be an ADC to help out. The report was accepted.

**The Chaplain's report** was given by Lois Ann Garlitz for Thad Osborne who was unable to attend. The report was accepted.

**The report of the Treasurer** was given by Bruce Whyte and was accepted.

**Report of the Board of Trustees** was given by John King Bellasai and was accepted.

**Report of the Registrar** submitted by Jeanne Lehr was read by Lois Ann Garlitz and was accepted.

**Report of the Historian** had been submitted by Elizabeth Magruder Joiner, Historian, and was read by Lois Ann Garlitz. The wedding of Stuart James McGregor will be added to the report. The report was accepted with the addition.

**Report of the Yearbook Editor:** The printed copy of the 2016 Yearbook of the 2015 Gathering in Crystal City VA serves as the report. Teresa Walker has been appointed to be the new Yearbook Editor. Submission deadline for 2017 Yearbook is December 1, 2016. The report was approved

**Report of the Newsletter Editor:** The 2015 Winter and 2016 Spring and Summer issues of the "Ardchoille" stand as the report from Adrienne Tomkins, Newsletter Editor. Copy deadline for the winter newsletter is November 15, 2016. The report was accepted.

The report from the Webmaster will be included in the IT Committee report.

**Report of the Librarian** was given by Irene Nunley. In addition to a written report submitted, she updated the group that she had visited the Society storage unit in Pennsylvania and reported on the contents. Scott McGregor, former



Assistant Chief, noted that the storage unit holds many books and printed materials other than Yearbooks that pertain to the Clan. The storage unit also has many historical and unique items that could not be housed in the Library. The report was accepted.

**Reports from Committee Chairs:**

- Gathering Committee report was given by Lois Ann Garlitz and approved.
- Heraldry Committee report was given by John King Bellassai and approved.
- Scholarship Committee report submitted by Richard Greer, Chairman, was reported by Lois Ann Garlitz. The scholarship application form will be updated for the website. The report was approved.
- The Audit Committee Report and Recommendations submitted by Paul Collinson was read by Jane Montmeny. The Chieftain has accepted the resignation of Tom Peters, a consultant to the Committee, who is no longer able to serve in that capacity. The Committee needs an additional member. The report was accepted.
- The IT Committee report was given by Bruce Whyte, Chairman; the report was accepted.
- Peter Gregg, Merchandise Manager, provided his report which included a report of the inventory. The report was accepted.

**Old Business:** The Scribe report contains the current status of the Policies and Procedures that were reviewed and approved by Council during 2016.

**New Business:**

- Randy Walker presented information on Gathering 2017 which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, on September 28-30, 2017. It will be a traditional three-day event complete with ceilidh, tour, lunch and banquet in addition to Council meeting and AGM. Initial planning is underway and more information will be forthcoming in future newsletters and on the ACGS website. It is anticipated that Sir Malcolm and Lady McGregor will be in attendance.
- Gathering 2018: Input from members will be gathered via on-line Survey Monkey. Options discussed were to alternate an abbreviate Gathering with a full traditional Gathering every other year. Local committee members are key and volunteers can help determine a Gathering location. Many members come not just for the meetings (although the AGM is required yearly) but for the social aspect of being together with other clan members. Scheduling an abbreviated Gathering in association with another large Scottish event/games was suggested with ideas on how to schedule it. Another idea is to schedule a Gathering in the summer time when school is out which might encourage attendance by younger members who are reluctant to take family out of school in the fall months.

**Election of Officers:** Keith Gregg, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following proposed slate of officers for 2017:

- Chieftain: Lois Ann Garlitz
- Ranking Deputy Chieftain: Randy Walker
- Treasurer: Bruce Whyte
- Scribe: Jane Montmeny
- Registrar: Jeanne Lehr
- Chancellor: Diana Browne

Ron McGregor will continue as Immediate Past Chieftain. There were no additional nominees from the floor. John King Bellasai moved and Don Donnelly seconded that the slate be approved; motion carried.

**Members of the Nominating Committee** for 2017 will be Thad Osborne, Diana Browne, and Scott McGregor as approved by Council. As stipulated in the By-Laws, those members will select their chairman from within the group.

**Election of Board of Trustees:** Thad Osborne was nominated to a full position on the Board; he had been serving in an acting position since 2014. Peter Gregg moved and Don Donnelly seconded the nomination; motion carried.

The Chieftain announced her appointments for October 2016 to September 2017:

- **At Large Council members**, listing year term ends
  - Dr. Richard Greer, '17
  - Thomas R. King, '18
  - Robert E. Young '19
- **Appointed Officials on Council – non-voting**
  - Assistant Chieftain.....vacant
  - Chaplain.....Rev. Thaddeus G. Osborne
  - Historian .....Elizabeth Magruder Joiner
  - Yearbook Editor..... Teresa M. Walker
  - Newsletter Editor.....Adrienne Tomkins
  - Librarian ..... Irene MacGregor Nunley
  - Webmaster ..... Richard R. Walker
- **Appointed Positions not on Council**
  - Matt Kuldell...Piper, band Pipe Major
  - Area Deputy Chieftains... See list from Ranking Deputy Chieftain
- **Committees** (report to Council but do not vote, unless already a voting member of Council)
  - Nominating Committee for 2017... Rev. Thaddeus Osborne, Diana Browne, Scott F. MacGregor
  - Scholarship Committee..... Richard Greer – chair, Nolan Sanders, Dr. Amy E. Fleming

- Recognition Committee..... Margaret Sanderfield - chair, Ron McGregor, Stuart W. McGregor
- Heraldry Committee.....John King Bellasai – chair, Peter K. Gregg
- Audit Committee..... Paul Owens Collinson, chair and M. Gregg Elliot. Thomas Peter, has retired from this committee as consultant.
- Merchandise Chairman.....Peter K. Gregg
- IT Committee.... Bruce Whyte – chair, Richard R. Walker
- Gathering Site Selection Committee... Bruce Whyte, Ian Grieg

A special recognition “**Stepping-Up Award 2016**” was presented to Bruce Whyte by Randy Walker for his excellent contributions to the Society, specifically:

*Dr. Bruce MacGregor Whyte is recognized for meritorious service to the American Clan Gregor Society over an extended period of time.*

*In addition to serving as the Society Treasurer, Area Deputy Chieftain for Georgia and Northern Florida and Ex-officio member of the Trustees, Bruce “stepped up” to assist the Webmaster, the Yearbook Editor and took on many of the duties of Assistant Chieftain as well.*

*He has displayed a tireless devotion and loyalty to the American Clan Gregor Society and has proven himself to be a rare asset to the organization. He is a credit to himself, the American Clan Gregor Society and Clan Gregor*

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by the Chieftain at 10:50am, October 8, 2016.

After the meeting was adjourned, members were treated to a video documentary produced by an Australian version of our “60 Minutes,” and anchored by reporter Charles Woolley. Woolley was invited by Sir Malcolm and Lady Fiona to attend a Gathering of the MacGregors in Scotland.

The video begins “Despite all the years of telling you he’s Charles Woolley, he hasn’t been entirely truthful. That’s because he’s really a MacGregor, a proud member of the infamous warrior clan from the Scottish Highlands. For centuries the MacGregors have been bravely—and it must be said mostly unsuccessfully—fighting to save Scotland from the hands of the English. So when Charles was invited to attend a clan gathering he thought it would be a chance to immerse himself in the romance of his ancestral family tree. What he found was a much darker and unexpected history.”

The video can be found on YouTube under the title “No Surrender—60 Minutes,” at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYP9dkV4wA>.

# **MINUTES OF THE 2016 AREA DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN MEETING**

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.  
Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe  
107th Annual Gathering – Crystal City, Virginia  
OCTOBER 8, 2016

**Attendees:**

Chair, Randy W. Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain  
D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe  
Leighton Stradley, ADC VA, DC  
Peter K. Gregg, ADC DE, NJ, Eastern PA  
Bruce M. Whyte, ADC Georgia, FL  
Lois Ann Garlitz, ADC UT, NV, CO  
Robert Young, ADC MS, LA  
Charles Grierson, ADC MD, Western PA  
Sandy MacGregor, guest, Southeast VA  
Michael A. McGregor, guest SC

The meeting was called to order by Randy Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain at 11:05am on October 8, 2016. He congratulated everyone on the success of their work and efforts on behalf of the Society over the last year. He introduced the newest member of the group, Charles Grierson, ADC for MD and western PA, and presented one of the clan flags for use in his clan tent at games/festivals.

There were several items available for ADC's for their clan tents including trifold clan brochures, pens from Peter Gregg and bags to hold insert handouts from Michael McGregor.

Mr. Walker asked for items/ideas that could be support for ADC's in their work as society representatives. Peter Gregg reported that he has available at his clan tent membership application forms and merchandise order forms so he doesn't have to mail them later. He feels this helps maintain initial interest in the society. Ideas were discussed about how to target local members and to get them more involved. Lois Ann reported that she started to have periodic no-host dinner at a local restaurant (about 4-5 times a year); it has taken consistency over many months but now there are several folks who come every time. Some of them have also brought interested prospective members. She also maintains a guest book at her clan tents and invites those who have signed the book to the dinners.

With a conclusion of further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30pm by Randy Walker.

## 2016 REPORT OF THE SCRIBE

Submitted by Jane Montmeny, Scribe

1. The minutes from the 2015 ACGS Gathering, Crystal City, Washington DC, were published in the 2016 Yearbook of ACGS.
2. The ACGS conferencing account with CenturyLink for telephonic conferencing services has been used this year for interim Council calls.
3. There were interim ACGS Council teleconference call meetings held on September 6, 2016 and one following the Gathering on October 28, 2016.

ACGS Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz, opened the interim Council Meeting on Tuesday September 6, 2016 at 6:04pm MDT, per teleconference call. Jane Montmeny, Scribe, completed roll call and determined that eight voting members were on the call; a quorum of six is required. There is one additional member with an interest on the call, John Bellasai as Chairman of Trustees; Trustees P&P is on the agenda.

The Chieftain opened by making the following announcements re: 2016 Gathering, October 7-8, 2016.

a] Officers reports are due to Council (10 days prior is 27 Sept)

b] Chieftain will send out agenda for Council meeting and AGM (7 days prior – 30 September)

c] Deadline for room reservations at Gathering is this Friday 9 Sept to get the same rates.

d] Nomination Committee... Keith Gregg's computer was down for two weeks because his phone line was out of order. Elected officers should be contacted soon by the committee determining if they are willing to serve for 2017.

The Chieftain stated that the purpose of the meeting is for ACGS Council members to consider revisions to P&P's designated for review in 2016. "This is our first time for a review, and we are still learning the rules of doing so. You have to have a guideline (P&P) before you can change it. The reason for the call is to allow discussion that otherwise would greatly lengthen our meeting in October. The first edition Policy and Procedure manual was completed in late October 2015. You are to all be commended for your participation in that completion. In fact, the story of the creation of our Policy and Procedure manual is about to be published as a "Best Practice" in the next newsletter of COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans and Associations), of which our society is a member. Per our Bylaws, the Chancellor and any others affected by the revisions have 30 days to review and make comments. We are reviewing proposed revisions and doing conditional votes to approve; however, the final vote to approve will be in the October 7th Council meeting."

Appointment: The Chieftain requested consideration and approval of the following appointment: Teresa Walker as Yearbook Editor. Richard Greer moved and Ron McGregor seconded that the appointment be approved; motion carried.

Review of Policies and Procedures:

The Chieftain divided them into two groups: those which requested no changes and the ones which received comments. A precedent was set last year during initial approvals, "It was decided not to approve individual words or language but instead to discuss the substance of concepts or duties and allow the Scribe to do grammatical clean-up."

The following officers had no revision suggestions for their P&P's:

03\_Ranking Deputy Chieftain  
07\_Immediate Past Chieftain  
08\_Chancellor  
09\_Assistant Chieftain  
10\_At Large Council Member

It was clarified that a vote to approve these P&P's would be taken in the October Council meeting, there being no revisions to consider at this meeting.

P&P's with suggested revisions:

The Chancellor has instructed that we can have initial discussion on each of the P&P's that have revisions and take input and have conditional approval as written. Then those "draft revisions" need to be considered for 30 days by the Chancellor and any others who would be affected; the final vote for approval will be in the October Council meeting in DC. The reason for our call is to allow discussion that otherwise would greatly lengthen our meeting in October.

The 2014 ACGS Bylaws, Article III, Section B, Subsection 2, Subsection 2(a) state "Revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual may be proposed by any eligible voting member of the Society who is in good standing. Proposed revisions shall be submitted in writing to the Scribe with the signatures of five (5) eligible voting members of the Society." To meet this requirement, the Scribe had received signatures from five (5) eligible voting members stating that they supported the proposed P&P's and approved forwarding to the Council for consideration and approval. The statements were received electronically which included instruction that the sender's name in the email shall serve as their signature:

- Chieftain P&P: Lois Ann Garlitz, Jane Montmeny, Thad Osborne, Randy Walker, Bruce Whyte
- Registrar P&P: Jeanne Lehr, Lois Ann Garlitz, Diana Browne, Randy Walker, Jane Montmeny

- Treasurer: Lois Ann Garlitz, Jeanne Lehr, Diana Browne, Jane Montmeny, Bruce Whyte
- Scribe: Jeanne Lehr, Randy Walker, Bruce Whyte, Lois Ann Garlitz, Jane Montmeny
- Scholarship Committee: Jane Montmeny, Jeanne Lehr, Diana Browne, Randy Walker, Richard Greer

02\_Chieftain P&P was presented by Lois Ann Garlitz. She had discussed the revisions with Sir Malcolm and had received his approval for the revision and the wording. Bruce Whyte made a motion and Randy Walker seconded for approval as written; motion carried.

04\_Scribe P&P was presented by Jane Montmeny. After discussion it was decided that rather than deleting the suggested sentence, it should be worded: "The Treasurer will receive the billing statements from the company and be responsible for payments." Bruce Whyte moved and Richard Greer seconded the motion for approval as revised; motion carried.

05\_Registrar P&P was presented by Lois Ann Garlitz; Jeanne Lehr, Registrar, was excused from the meeting.

Jeanne's revisions were considered and in addition a bullet point detailing dues required to be paid by a member being reinstated after non-payment of dues. Bruce Whyte moved and Ron McGregor seconded a motion for approval as revised; motion carried.

06\_Treasurer P&P was presented by Bruce Whyte. After discussion, Richard Greer moved and Randy Walker seconded a motion for approval as revised; motion carried.

24\_Scholarship Committee P&P was presented by Richard Greer, Committee Chairman. Discussion centered on who has responsibility to communicate actions by the Committee to ACGS members on the website and eligibility for scholarships. Richard Greer moved and Ron McGregor seconded a motion to approve with revisions; motion carried with one opposing vote.

Heraldry Committee and Trustees P&P's:

The Scribe queried the Council members on the call for support of these two proposed P&P's being put before the Council for consideration and approval. Verbal approval was received from Lois Ann Garlitz, Randy Walker, Ron McGregor, Richard Greer and Bruce Whyte.

19\_Trustees P&P was presented verbally by John Bellasai. Discussion centered on retaining an outside funds manager and specifying the purpose of the Trustees. Randy Walker moved and Ron McGregor seconded a motion for approval of revisions; motion carried

21\_Heraldry Committee P&P was presented verbally by John Bellasai, committee Chair. After discussion, Bruce Whyte moved and Richard Greer seconded a motion to approve of revisions; motion carried.

The Chieftain briefly repeated the announcements from the beginning of the meeting. As there was no further business, the teleconference meeting was adjourned by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain, at 7:32pm MDT.

ACGS Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz, opened the interim Council Meeting on Friday October 28, 2016 at 6:02pm MDT, per teleconference call. Jane Montmeny, Scribe, completed roll call and determined that nine voting members were on the call; a quorum of six is required.

The Chieftain stated that the purpose of the meeting is for approval of the following appointments made since the meetings at the Gathering in Crystal City VA earlier in October:

- Heraldry Committee: Charles S. Grierson and Michael A. McGregor
- Gathering Site Selection Committee: Thomas R. King
- Assistant Chieftain: Kathy Whyte

Richard Greer moved and Randy Walker seconded that the appointments be approved; motion carried. There was one abstaining vote for the Assistant Chief, being the husband of the appointee.

Jane Montmeny, Scribe, asked for input from the group having to do with meeting minutes from the Gathering (Council and AGM) that are both traditionally published in the annual ACGS Yearbook. She made a recommendation that the Council meeting minutes from the Scribe re: the reports submitted by officers and committees state that reports were given and by whom and that a motion to approve was made and carried. The AGM meeting minutes will indicate that the reports were given and if there was any discussion from the members. There will be a notation in the minutes that the full content of each report can be found elsewhere in the Yearbook. The intent is to record the action in the meetings without duplicating the reports also found in the Yearbook. Besides avoiding duplication, other benefits would be to decrease the number of pages in the yearbook with a possible money savings in the cost of publication and mailing; or this might make more room for pictures to be included in the Yearbook. After discussion and positive comments, it was agreed by general consent that the full text of reports by officers and committees will not be included in the minutes of the meetings but will be included in the Yearbook.

As there was no further business, the teleconference meeting was adjourned by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain, at 6:12pm MDT.



# REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

Jeanne Peter Lehr, Registrar

This report is a listing of new members or other changes in membership status between the Gathering at Crystal City, Virginia held on 2 and 3 October 2015 and the Gathering at Crystal City, VA held on 7th and 8th October 2016. 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 the member.

Here are the numbers at a glance for the year October 2015 to October 2016:

Corrections from previous years = 1

New members (lineal, associate and life) = 27

New provisional members = 2

Members advancing from provisional to lineal = 0

Members converting to life membership = 8

Juniors advancing to lineal membership = 4

New Junior members = 5

Reinstated members = 1

## CORRECTIONS from previous years

**#3011ALM Stradley, Mary**, upgrade to Life membership

## NEW MEMBERS – includes Lineal, Associate and Life Members

**#3141 King, Daniel Ray**, Missouri. He is the spouse of Debbie Ann Pankau and the son of Dale Richard King and Doris Charlotte; he the son of Clarence Jefferson King and Mildred Gerald Durden; he the son of John Harvey King and Lottie Rosetta Hudson.

**#3142 MacGregor, Bruce**, New Hampshire. He is the spouse of Barbara Whiting and the son of Forbes MacGregor and Elizabeth Clarke; he the son of John MacGregor and Tina Elnora Mong; he the son of James McGregor and Helen Frater; he the son of Peter Patrick McGregor and Elizabeth Taylor; he the son of James McGregor and Anna Fraser.

**#3143 Williams, Kenneth Wayne**, Colorado. He is the spouse of Victoria Cheesman and the son of Clinton Arthur Williams and Dorothy LaVerne Henderson; she the daughter of Stanley Bea Henderson and Lena Montgomery; he the son of James Oscar Henderson and Sarah Josephine Marks; she the daughter of Ezekiel M Marks and Margaret E Thornton; he the son of Benjamin Marks and Avie McGregor; she the daughter of Ezekiel McGregor and Sarah Jane Ware; he the son of William McGregor and Esther Stiles; he the son of William McGregor.

**#3144 Greer, Amber Rose**, Maryland. She is the daughter of James Robert Greer and Margaret Virginia Skinner; he the son of Ambrose Greer and Hattie Jane Pennington; he the son of James Monroe Greer and Margaret Taylor; he the son of Alexander Greer and Rebecca Taylor; he the son of William Andrew Greer and Susannah Dunn; he the son of Alexander Greer and Lydia Curd;

**#3145LM Megehee, Victoria Irene**, New Jersey. She is the daughter of Louis Dan Megehee III and Elsie Brandon Graham; he the son of Louis Dan Megehee Jr and Josephine Eleanor Zeller.

**#3146 Mathes, Terry Shane**, Tennessee. He is the spouse of Michelle McCartor and the son of Jerry Dwight Mathes and Phyllis Labelle Saxon; he the son of Harvard Burl Mathes and Ruth Elizabeth Gregory; she the daughter of William Walter Gregory and Clara Matilda Johnson; he the son of William Gregory and Adeline Harris; he the son of James R. Gregory and Armilda Owens; he the son of Rial Gregory and Isabel Crawford.

**#3147 Fritze, Clark John**, Texas. He is the spouse of Maryann Burkenhofer and the son of Warren Robert Fritze and Marriett Jane McDermott; she the daughter of Charles McDermott and Sadie Mae Denny; he the son of Frank McDermott and Martha Vane McAdams; she the daughter of Edward McAdams and Elizabeth Hickey; he the son of James McAdams and Jane Maguire; he the son of James McAdams and Janet Lawrie; he the son of William McAdams and Marion Grierson; he the son of John McAdams and Margaret Martin.

**#3148 Beall, Raymond Jr.**, Texas. He is the spouse of Glenda Lopez and the son of Raymond Beall and Ruth Salazar; he the son of Henry Walter Beall and Sara Misque; he the son of Josiah Beall and Josephine Catherine Yates; he the son of William Malcolm Beall and Mary Ann Watson; he the son of Josiah Daniel Beall and Nancy Tatum Dent; he the son of Frederick Beall and Martha Peyton; he the son of Thaddeus Beall and Amelia Jane Beall; he the son of Josiah Beall and Millicent Bradley; he the son of John Beall and Verlinda Magruder; he the son of Alexander Beall and Elizabeth Coombes; he the son of Alexander Beall and Margaret Ramsay; he the son of William Bell and Christian Traill.

**#3149 MacAdam, Dennis**, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Morris MacAdam and Catherine Procak; he the son of Harold MacAdam and Emma Cunningham; he the son of Foster MacAdam and Mary; he the son of Thomas MacAdam and Elizabeth Foster; he the son of Robert MacAdam and Jane Mark.

**#3150 Garlitz, Nicholas Robert Valoy**, Utah. He is the son of Donald Wayne Garlitz and Julie Kay Knowles; he the son of Richard L. Garlitz and Lois Ann Cox; she the daughter of Donald Cox and Jeanette Sneath; she the daughter of Charles Alexander Sneath and Lois Rebecca McGregor; she the daughter of Alexander McGregor and Mary Lois Bridges.

**#3151 Wildgen, Martha Elizabeth**, Missouri. She is the spouse of Robert Albert Wildgen and the daughter of James Rupert Gregory and Pauline Pearce Reed; he the son

of John Rupert Gregory and Hallie Daisy Haughton; he the son of John Gregory and Lila Florence Chandler; he the son of Benjamin Franklin Gregory and Hannah E. Heffley; he the son of James B. Gregory and Elizabeth L. Lee; he the son of William F. Gregory.

**#3152 Clayton, Cynthia (Cindy) Darlene**, Texas. She is the spouse of Jim Clayton and the daughter of Ora Jay Davis Jr. and Elsie Lee Pruitt; he the son of Ora Jay Davis Sr. and Dorothy Faye Simmons; he the son of Erse Monroe Davis and Pearl Collins; he the son of Ora (Ohra) Byrd (Bird) Davis and Ellie Eliza Anderson; he the son of Benjamin E. Davis and Jane.

**#3153 Schwalm, Cody Eugene**, Tennessee. He is the son of Eric Paul Schwalm and Dorothea Bauer; she the daughter of Eugene Bauer and Mae Laura Schutt; she the daughter of Henry Fredric Schutt and Laura Mae Black; she the daughter of Philomen Black and Cora Ann Clark; he the son of Joseph S. Black and Anna Thompson; he the son of John Black and Mary Sloan.

**#3154 Cascaddan, Erica Blythe**, Tennessee. She is the daughter of Eric Paul Schwalm and Dorothea Bauer; she the daughter of Eugene Bauer and Mae Laura Schutt; she the daughter of Henry Fredric Schutt and Laura Mae Black; she the daughter of Philomen Black and Cora Ann Clark; he the son of Joseph S. Black and Anna Thompson; he the son of John Black and Mary Sloan.

**#3155LM MacGregor, Andrew Steven**, Florida. He the son of Kenneth MacGregor and Leslie Young; he the son of James (Jim) MacGregor and Betty Antil; he the son of John James Reid Grant MacGregor and Mary Barr Young; he the son of James MacGregor and Annie Grant; he the son of James MacGregor and Mary Carmichael.

**#3156 Baltzegar, Mary-Sarah**, Texas. She is the spouse of Christopher Baltzegar and the daughter of Dan de Kock and Janet Aikman; she the daughter of Robert Paul Aikman and Mary Elizabeth Adair; he the son of Robert Patterson Aikman and Ruth Arnold Evans; he the son of John Aikman and Jane McGregor; he the son of Robert Aikman II and Ann McGregor; she the daughter of Robert McGregor and Margaret Flint.

**#3157 Clay, Shelley Joanne Warkentin**, California. She is the spouse of Doyle James Clay and the daughter of Vernon Eugene Warkentin and Betty Lee Strever; she the daughter of Leon Flagg Strever and Hazel Grace White; she the daughter of Rev. William Henry White and Esther Ann Baker; he the son of Jacob Main White and Phoebe Ann Kennard; he the son of Moses Whyte and Olive Main; he the son of George Archibald Whyte and Jean (Jonet) Scobie; he the son of Walter Whyte and Mary Cochran.

**#3158 Howle, Mary Jeanette McGregor**, Florida. She is the spouse of John Gunter Howle and the daughter of Angus Harris McGregor and Clara Hutchison; he the son of Archibald G. McGregor and Mary Ida Hall; he the son of Hugh McGregor and Lysiancy Vietta McLean; he the son of Archibald McGregor and Iffy Jane McDermott

**#3159 Orr, Beverly Jean**, North Carolina. She is the daughter of William Wallace Orr and Willie Florence Albright; he the son of John Brown Orr and Charlotte (Lottie)

Deaver; he the son of William Stewart Orr and Anne Margaret Craig (Brown); he the son of Mary Orr; she the daughter of James Orr and Mary Stewart; he the son of William Orr and Mary Shedden.

**#3160 Fowler, Olivia Salem**, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Stephen Thomas Fowler and Elizabeth Grubbs; she the daughter of H. Ron Grubbs and Carol Putnam, he the son of Horace A. Grubbs and Ellie Fletcher.

**#3161 Grubbs, Jordan Marie**, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Lance Putnam Grubbs and Vivian Cagle; he the son of Horace R Grubbs and Carol Putnam; he the son of Horace A. Grubbs and Ellie Fletcher.

**#3162 Condit, Krystina Renee**, Texas. She is the daughter of James Anthony Condit Jr. and Lisa Katrina Merriman; he the son of James Anthony Condit and Carole Virginia Richardson; she the daughter of Clyde Cecil Richardson and Ella William Fisher. she the daughter of John Franklin Millard Fisher and Dovie Catherine Anders; he the son of Millard Clay Fisher and Mary Elizabeth Boswell; he the son of Everard Geary Fisher and Muriel Elizabeth Dawes; she the daughter of Benjamin B. Dawes and Rebecca Perry; she the daughter of Erasmus Perry Sr. and Elizabeth Harding; he the son of Benjamin Perry and Elizabeth Magruder; she the daughter of Ninian Magruder Sr. and Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Captain Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder and Margaret Braithwaite

**#3163 Turner, Faye Danette Griffin**, Florida. She is the spouse of Timothy Clayton Turner and the daughter of Curtis Delano Griffin and Julia Faye Wakefield; he the son of Frank Curtis Griffin and Clara Louise Roman; he the son of Thomas Irvin Griffin and Nancy Elizabeth Vassetti; she the daughter of Vincenzo Malcolm Vassetti and Nancy Elizabeth (Lizzie) Jennings; heh the son of Pasquale Luigi Vassetti and Jane (Janie) C. Whyte.

**#3164 Payne, Kimberly Anne Gudger**, North Carolina. She is the spouse of Michael Ray Payne and the daughter of Harrison Alexander Gudger and Anne Leigh Landers; he the son of Robert Lee Gudger and Estie Kathleen Shope; he the son of Franklin Alexander Gudger and Celia Ellen Powers; he the son of William McCree Gudger and Mary Jane Shope; he the son of James McRee (Madison) Gudger and Sarah Ann Murray; he the son of Joseph Y. Gudger and Rachel Elizabeth McRee; he the son of William MacGregor and Martha Patsy Young.

**#3165 Gregory, Stephen Lynn**, North Carolina. He is the spouse of Lorraine Annette Wesa and the son of Robin Gregory and Pauline Bernice Kinkade; he the son of George Washington Gregory and Maye Daisy Plank; he the son of Thomas J. Gregory and Ellen Holsworth.

**#3166 McAdam, Gregor James**, North Carolina. He is the spouse of Barbar N. Rader and the son of Joseph McAdam and Neva Nadine Gish; he the son of James McAdam and Jane Jennie Neill; he the son of Joseph McAdam and Nancy McCullough

**#3167LM Smith, Martha Ann Hackl**, Georgia. She is the spouse of Stephen M. Smith and the daughter of Albert James Hackl and Christine Magruder; she the daughter of Abbey W. Magruder Sr. and Christine Francis Herbert; he also the father of Abbey W. Magruder Jr. ACGS #1658 and Herbert Magruder ACGS #1535.

### **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.

**#2021P Mason, Jacqui**, Virginia. She is the daughter of Jack Fennell and Marilyn Long; she the daughter of Earl Long and Elsie Olive Whorton

**#2021P Lackey, Michael**, Colorado. He is the son of Vincent Lackey and Norma Amaral Lackey; he the son of Vincent L Lackey and Geraldine DeCeratto.

### **ADVANCE from Provisional membership to LINEAL MEMBER**

#### **CONVERT to LIFE MEMBER**

**#1799LM Honsharuk, Frances C.E.**  
**#2382LM Croft, Elizabeth**  
**#2476LM Gundersen, Susan**  
**#2777LM Hawkins, Janda Carol**  
**#3018LM Czerwinski, Pamela Laverty**  
**#3044ALM Walker, Teresa M.**  
**#3048LM King, Thomas R.**  
**#3141LM King, Daniel Ray**

### **ADVANCE from Junior membership to LINEAL MEMBER**

**#3145LM Megehee, Victoria Irene**  
**#3150 Garlitz, Nicholas Robert Valoy**  
**#3160 Fowler, Olivia Salem**  
**#3161 Grubbs, Jordan Marie**

### **REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2016**

**#3015 Andrew Ward**

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

**#2016J Schwalm, Christopher Johnathan**, Tennessee. Sponsor is his mother Dorathea Bauer Schwlam #3138

**#2023J Barnes, James Michael**, Texas. Sponsor is great-grandmother Carole Richardson Condit #2812

**#2026J Sheehan, Ameila Faith**, Texas. Sponsor is great-grandmother Carole Richardson Condit #2812

**#2033J Sinclair, Sebastian Alexander**, England. Sponsor is his grandmother Anna G Wade #1657LM

**#2033J Condit, Torian Morris**, Texas. Sponsor is great-grandmother Carole Richardson Condit #2812



# Report of the Treasurer

Submitted by Bruce MacGregor Whyte, Treasurer

## ACGS General Funds

January 1 – September 30, 2016

Balances in the funds managed by ACGS (General) as of September 30, 2016:

Checking	\$9,284.43
Saving	\$2,930.32
Peg Tichy Memorial Fund	\$1,397.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,612.19</b>

The focus over the last year has been increasing net funds by increasing income and decreasing expenses. Since 2015:

- Income has increased: \$2,737 since 2015 (18%);
  - 2015 was \$15,125, 2016 is \$17,862;
- Expenses have increased: \$83 since 2015 (<1%);
  - 2015 was \$12,796, 2016 is \$12,879;
- Net income has increased: \$2,654 since 2015 (114%);
  - 2015 was \$2,329, 2016 is \$4,983
- **Cash on hand \$13,612.**

Income has increased **18%** since 2015 and expenses have increased minimally **<1%** resulting in a **114% increase in net income**.

(Note that expenses associated with the Gathering have been estimated only).

Major income source in 2016 have been membership dues (\$12,870, an increase of 52% since 2015). Major expenses have been reimbursements (\$2,002), printing/postage (\$4,297) and marketing (\$929 for shirts). We cannot reduce expenses significantly more.

A budget had not been prepared for 2016 but on the next page is a proposed budget for 2017.

### Recommendations:

1. Seek sponsorship of educational sessions at Gatherings from the C&E Funds;
2. Seek corporate sponsorship of Gatherings; and
3. Consider eliminating printed newsletters and yearbooks.

## ACGS, Profit and Loss Standard

No expenses recorded for Gathering 2016, not yet incurred

Jan - Sep '16

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

Total Gathering income	\$	3,760
Total Membership Dues	\$	12,870
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$	1,157
Reimbursed Expenses	\$	75

**Total Income** **\$ 17,862**

### Expense

Reimbursements	\$	2,002
Total insurance	\$	445
Miscellaneous	\$	504
Total Postage and Delivery	\$	294
Total Printing & Copying	\$	4,003
Advertising	\$	420
Office Supplies	\$	132
Merchandise Supplies	\$	929

**Total Expense** **\$ 8,730**

Net Ordinary Income	\$	9,132
Net Other Income	\$	1

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,133</b>
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Sep 30, '16

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Grandfather Stones		7.44
Blunt Scholarship Fund C&E		2,684.88
Charity Education Checking		9,364.70
General Checking		100.00
Magruder Library Fund C&E		660.96
Total Checking/Savings	▲	12,817.98
Total Current Assets	▲	12,817.98
Other Assets		
Investments - Stifel		
Apollo Investment		9,981.41
AT&T		22,919.26
Lilly Eli		25,254.34
Altria		30,125.81
Verizon Communications		30,164.82
Lockheed Martin		41,996.61
Southern Company		30,113.15
Royal Dutch Shell		20,946.94
Money Market		101,435.60
Unrealised gain/loss		147,929.81
Total Investments - Stifel	▲	460,867.75
Total Other Assets	▲	460,867.75
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	▲	<b>473,685.73</b>

## Charity & Education (C&E) Funds

January 1 – September 30, 2016

Balances in the funds managed by the Trustees (General) as of August 31, 2016:

Checking	\$10,049.70
Blunt Scholarship	2,634.92
Magruder Library	1,457.09
Grandfather Stones	7.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,149.15</b>

The Magruder Library Fund has been the source of payments for the Storage Shed in Pennsylvania where the remaining yearbooks are kept. The Blunt Scholarship Fund has not been used. The remaining \$7.44 in the Grandfather Mountain Stones Project shall be moved to the Charity and Education Checking Account.

<b>Income</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>%</b>
Donations	\$3,160	\$4,839	-\$1,679	-35%
Dividends	\$14,310	\$12,057	\$2,253	19%
Other	\$23,200	\$14,091	\$9,109	65%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$40,689</b>	<b>\$30,987</b>	<b>\$9,702</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Donations	\$1,785	\$0	\$1,785	∞%
Scholarships	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$4,000	25%
Storage shed	\$540	\$675	-\$135	-22%
Other	\$1,057	\$5,071	-\$4,014	-79%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$23,382</b>	<b>\$21,873</b>	<b>\$1,509</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$17,307</b>	<b>\$9,114</b>	<b>\$8,193</b>	<b>90%</b>

### Recommendations:

1. Complete a comprehensive investment plan;
2. Increase dividends to adequately cover and increase number of scholarships;
3. Define the value and use of the Blunt and Magruder Funds; and
4. Reconsider annual "Fund Drives".

## Proposed Budget 2017

<b>Income</b>	
Gathering San Antonio	\$12,500
Membership Dues	\$14,000
Other	\$2,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$31,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Gathering San Antonio	\$15,000
Reimbursements ADC's	\$1,500
Insurance/CPA	\$2,000
Postage	\$400
Printing	\$900
Other	\$2,700
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$22,500</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>

# 2016 REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Submitted by Elizabeth Magruder Joiner, Historian

Since the last Gathering of the Society in Arlington, Virginia in 2015 until the Gathering in Arlington, Virginia in 2016, there have been 3 births reported, 4 marriages, 11 deaths of members, and 3 deaths of relatives of members and friends of ACGS.

## BIRTHS

Sebastian Alexander Sinclair (ACGS#2033J), born September 28, 2015, son of Grant and Nancy Laws Sinclair (ACGS#2830LM), brother of Georgia Felicity Sinclair (ACGS#2030J), sponsored by his grandmother, Anna G. Wade (ACGS#1657LM).

Gregor Silas Grierson, born October 26, 2015, son of Charles S. (ACGS#3127) and Nora Grierson.

Edward Declan Simon, born December 22, 2015, son of Douglas Louis Simon (ACGS#2935LM) and Tara Gill Simon, grandson of Rosamond Jean MacGregor Simon (ACGS#1526) and Jack Simon.

Evelyn Anne Ford, born July 20, 2016, daughter of Joshua W. and Parris Yester Ford, great-niece of Stuart MacGregor (ACGS#2832).

## MARRIAGES

Shane Eric Anderson and Vida Walker (ACGS#2879) were married on February 14, 2015 in Missoula, Montana.

Dustin Andrew Pettenati and MaryByrd Ewell (ACGS#2998) were married April 16, 2016 in Winston-Salem, NC.

Joseph Paul Denton (ACGS#3041) and Holly Hufstetler were married May 14, 2016 in Rome, Georgia.

Stuart James MacGregor (ACGS#2759LM) and Jessica Lauren Renaud were married May 29, 2016 in Durham, NC.

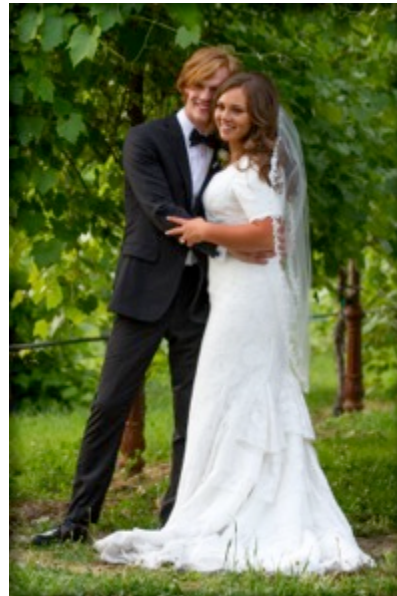
Steven Paul Pape, Jr. and Rachel Lea Garlitz (ACGS#3008) were married June 10, 2016 in Provo, Utah. Rachel is the granddaughter of Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS#2561LM).



*Stuart James MacGregor (ACGS#2759LM) and Jessica Lauren Renaud*



*Gregor Silas Grierson*



*Steven and Rachel Garlitz Pape*



*After daughter Vida Ann Walker (ACGS#2879) Married Shane Anderson in February, Ranking Deputy Chieftain Randy Walker performed a ceremony to welcome Vida's husband, Shane Anderson, and Shane's two boys, Caleb and Jude, as honorary members of Clan Gregor.*

## **DEATHS OF MEMBERS**

Mary Ethel Grammer Tyler (ACGS#2591A) died July 20, 2013.

Harold M. Gay, Jr. (ACGS#2236LM) died June 3, 2015.

Robert Bradshaw (ACGS#2294A) died July 21, 2015.

Col. Merrill Jenks King, Jr. (ACGS#1772LM) died August 5, 2015.

Louis Dan Megehee, III (ACGS#2581LM) died December 22, 2015.

Bascom Alexander Gregory (ACGS#2920) died January 1, 2016.

Ellen Lovell Taylor Donnelly (ACGS#2129LM) died January 8, 2016.

George Franklin McGregor (ACGS#1828LM), past Chieftain of ACGS (1990-1993), died April 30, 2016.

Ross Thomas Gregg (ACGS#2090) died June 13, 2016.

Louise Ewell Pugh (ACGS#939LM) died August 8, 2016.

Elizabeth McGregor Deason (ACGS#2077LM) died August 24, 2016.

Fredric Jules Black (ACGS#2540) died September 11, 2016.

Joseph Charles Tichy, Jr. (ACGS#1321ALM) died September 17, 2016.

## **DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ACGS**

Aaron James Magruder, son of Allen (ACGS#2775) and Libbie Magruder, died August 2, 2016.

Fanny, Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, mother of Sir Malcolm MacGregor, died August 10, 2016.

Frank Wherrett, Secretary of the Standing Council of Scottish Clans and devoted friend to MacGregors, died August 14, 2016.

Robert LeCuyer Black, brother of Charles Franklin Black (ACGS#2521) Died January 3, 2015.

# MEMORIALS

## *Col George Franklin McGregor, Past Chieftain*



Col George Franklin McGregor (ACGS#1828LM), former Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor, died April 30, 2016. He was born May 20, 1920, the son of Franklin James and Fannie Louella Austin McGregor.

George entered Michigan State College in 1938 and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery from Advanced ROTC in 1942. That same year, he entered Extended Active Duty in the U.S. Army. Later that year, he married his college sweetheart Marian Knight. They had three children, Margaret, Jean (deceased), George Franklin, Jr. (Camille), and Gordon Paul (Brenda). Marian died at an early age after a fight with cancer.

After the war, George returned to Michigan State and earned a M.A. in Economics. He attended graduate school at UC Berkeley, and later worked in the University's personnel office, and ultimately became Director at the Health Sciences campus of the University of Illinois. While in Chicago, he served as President of the Chicago Hospital Personnel Management Organization and as Vice-President of the College and University personnel Association, and member of the Elmhurst, Illinois City Council for eight years.

He and his wife, Anne, moved to Henderson County in 1980. George and his late wife Anne, endowed three scholarships at Blue Ridge Community College.

He married Brenda Henderson January 17, 2014 with whom he spent his last years. He is survived by Brenda's daughter and four children.



George served as President of the Western Highlands St Andrews's Society, Opportunity House, The Retired Officers Association, Golden Kiwanis Club, and Carolina Village Residents Council. He was a volunteer at Park Ridge Hospital, and a long time member of First Congregational Church, where he served on several boards and committees. George was honored to be elected Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society. He led a group of clan members to places of interest in Scotland, including sites relevant to the Gregors. One highlight was tea at the home of the Hereditary Chief of Clan Gregor.

***Frederic Jules Black***

Fedric J. Black (ACGS#2540), of Valparaiso, Indiana, passed away Sunday, September 11, 2016. Fred was born September 16, 1936 in Gary Indiana to Cletis and Margaret LeCuyer Black. Fred proudly served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea. January 31, 1959, he married Carol Eve Wood and lived the majority of his life with his family in the Boone Grove area. He worked for over 30 years as a Tool and Die Maker at Indiana General before retiring in 2000. Throughout his life, Fred was hard-working and devoted to his family. He was also an avid sportsman who loved hunting and fishing. Fred is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carol, and children Fredric L. Black (Vicky), Christopher Black (Sue), and Grace Brothers (Scott).

***Elizabeth McGregor Deason***



Elizabeth (Betsy) McGregor Deason (ACGS#2077LM) died in Bennington, Vermont on August 24,, 2016. She was born October 29, 1921, in Norwalk, Connecticut, the youngest of four children of the Rev. Ernest and Gertrude McGregor. Betsy graduated from Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, with a B.A. and M.A. in Zoology. She taught as a zoology instructor at Mount Holyoke, and then continued her education at the University of Minnesota, where she met her husband, John M. Deason. She taught biology at Hunter College, NY, before assuming the role of minister's wife and

eventually mother of five daughters. Later in life, she earned a M.A.T. from Rockford College and taught students with learning disabilities at The Gordon School, Barrington, Rhode Island, for 31 years.

Betsy was proud to have reached her 95<sup>th</sup> year and, as the last surviving member of her generation, she was honored as the family matriarch by her extended family. Betsy is survived by her five daughters Ellen Elizabeth Deason, Kathryn Louise Frieden, Anne Meredith Dayanandan, Marion Ruth Jackson, and Jean Martha Culver; four sons-in-law; and ten grandchildren.

*Ellen Lovell Taylor Donnelly*



Ellen Lovell Taylor Donnelly (ACGS#2129LM), of Rapidan, passed away peacefully at home January 8, 2016. Born November 17, 1924 in Charlottesville Va., she was the daughter of the late Franklin Minor Taylor and Alice Peyton Taylor.

Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Irvin Donnelly Jr., a brother, and two sisters. She is survived by one sister, Lucy Ann Taylor Grimm (Ben); her children, Charlotte Donnelly Wuebker(ACGS#2831LM) (Jim), Harold Irvin "Don" Donnelly (ACGS#2820LM) (Amy Nease), and Margaret Wetherbee "Meg" Donnelly (2837LM) (Glenn Minshall).

Ellen enjoyed her family and friends reading (especially historical novels), gardening and leaving better than she found them. She often walked the country roads picking up trash along the way, especially to and from the cemetery to visit Harold's grave. She enjoyed golf and tennis, camping hiking and travel. She was an active member of her church and

a proud member of the American Clan Gregor Society. She and Harold spent time after retirement researching the genealogy of their families, restoring a one-room schoolhouse and a log cabin, and collecting family heirlooms. Her family will remember the plays, games, and celebrations she organized, hiking the trails she made on her property, having a cool swim in the river on a hot day, her love for Virginia and her love for her family.

***Harold M. Gay, Jr.***



Harold M. Gay (ACGS#2236LM), died June 3, 2015 in Tulsa Oklahoma. He was born in Seattle, Washington January 31, 1942. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold M. Gay, Sr. and Dorothy Rankin Gay, and wife Caralee H. Gay. He is survived by his wife Ying Wang Gay, and sons Harold M. Gay III, John R. Gay, James R. Gay (Lorrie), and daughter Dorothy Gay.

Harold earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma and a M.S. in Geospatial Engineering from Texas A&M.

Harold loved flying and spent 53 years as a pilot. He flew as Captain on the 747 with Pan Am, and other airlines including China Airlines, where he met his wife, Susie. He enjoyed traveling, especially to Scotland and Russia. He came out of retirement to share the flight deck with his son flying cargo flights in and out of Iraq during the second Gulf War.

Harold was also a Professional Land Surveyor and Professional Engineer, and eventually started his own surveying company.

### ***Ross Thomas Gregg***

Ross Thomas Gregg, Jr.(ACGS#2090), passed away June 13, 2016, in Jacksonville, Florida. He was born in Urbana, Ohio to Margaret Gregg, who preceded him in death.

Ross married Virginia Kay Wright in 1971. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1963 and retired in 1983. He loved his family and treasured all the time he spent with his children and grandchildren. Ross studied his family history found his family roots in the Clan Gregor of Scotland. He was a member of the Jacksonville St. Andrews Society and the American Clan Gregor Society. He was also a member of the Arlington Lodge No. 309 F&AM.

Ross is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Virginia, his son Ross Thomas Gregg, III (Carol), and daughter Rebecca Kay Gregg (Elton Rice)

### ***Bascom Alexander Gregory***



Bascom Alexander (Bill) Gregory (ACGS#2920), of Winter Haven, died Friday, January 1, 2016. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 7, 1939, moving to Winter Haven after graduating from Florida State University. Bill spent his entire professional career with State Farm Insurance Company, earning his CPCU and CLU designations and retiring as an Executive in Management, Planning, and Information after 40 years. After retirement, he and his wife lived in Blowing Rock, North Carolina during the summers and fall months. Bill was an active member of Hope Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder. He was a long-time member of Rotary International and a Paul Harris Fellow. He volunteered at Bok Tower Gardens Visitors Center and the East Area Adult School. Bill was a lifetime member of the Friends of the Winter Haven Public Library and a member of the American Clan Gregor Society.

Bill is survived by his wife, Brenda Null Gregory; daughter, Suzanne Gregory DalBon (Mike DalBon); granddaughter, Alexandra Milagra DalBon; and sister, Geraldine Gregory Griffin (John Griffin). He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Bealey Gregory; his parents, Virginia Boone Gregory and Wilbur Alexander Gregory; and his brother, Robert Akin Gregory.

***Col. Merrill Jenks King, Jr.***



Col. Merrill Jenks King, Jr., MD (ACGS#1772LM), died August 5, 2016 in Rockland. He was born in Wiloughby, Ohio January 28, 1925, son of Dorothy Bell King and Dr. Merrill J. King, Sr.

Merrill attended Harvard Medical School, interned at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, NH, and served an ophthalmological residency at the Massachusetts Eye and ear Infirmary in Boston. When his father, also an ophthalmologist, relocated to Rockland, Merrill joined him starting a joint practice associated with the Knox Hospital in Rockland, serving as Chief of Ophthalmology.

Merrill joined the ophthalmological staff of the Togus Veterans Administration Hospital in Augusta. He returned to military service in the 1970's, joining the Army National Guard, and eventually became the State Surgeon. He described his time in the Army at Camp Keyes as among his best years.

Merrill planted hundreds of Scotch pine on his hillside in West Rockport, wore a kilt of McGregor tartan on holidays and special occasions, did meticulous hand work, including extraordinary gunsmithing and silver jewelry crafting. He spoke several languages, including French, German, Latin and Greek. He was known to have read the Encyclopedia Britannica front to back several times and wrote many correction letters to the august encyclopedia, which were later incorporated. He liked single malt Scotch, Gregorian chant, and the National Review.

Merrill was a member of the Appalachian Mountain rescue team in the White Mountains; the Rockport school committee, 1954-1965; the Maine Governor's Committee on Hunting Safety; New England Ophthalmological Society; Aesculapian Society; American Ordnance Association; American Clan Gregor Society; National Rifle Association; Appalachian Mountain Club; A.A.A.s., U.S. Naval Institute; U.S. Marine Corps Association; and remained an officer in the Navy Reserve for a number of years.

Merrill's first wife, Thelma (Libby), was the mother of his children, Kristina and Stefan. She died young at age 35. Several years later he married Martha Jane (Bromley). Jane predeceased him in 2013.

He is survived by his daughter, Kristina King, son, Stefan M. King, and stepchildren Denise Stadler (Mark), Merie Lee McLaughlin, and William Bromley (Cheryl).

***Louis Dan "Danny" Megehee, III***



Louis Dan "Danny" Megehee III (ACGS#2581LM), age 57, a resident of Bloomfield NJ, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 at Villa Marie Claire Hospice, Saddle River, NJ. He was born April 4, 1958 in Carmel, Calif., but Mississippi was always considered home, as he often visited his grandparents in Picayune and Hazlehurst.

Danny lived in Naval Bases in Guam, Kodiak, AK; Monterey, CA; Norfolk, VA; Mayport, FL; and Bellevue NE. While in Nebraska, he earned his Eagle Scout Badge and graduated with honors from Bellevue High School where he was on the swim team.

The family moved to Picayune in 1976 when his father was sent to the NASA test site. Danny left for the Univ. of Rochester, Rochester NY. After graduating with a BS in Astrophysics, Ensign Megehee married Elise Graham, his college sweetheart, and spent the next four years in the Navy, stationed in Norfolk. He took computer classes at Old Dominion College and then spent the next 31 years as a computer programmer and data analyst, often traveling overseas to see clients.

Danny was an avid reader from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade on. When not reading, he was into carpentry, playing his bagpipes, needlepoint, and watching old movies with his family. He was active in the Bloomfield Methodist Church and played in the Handbell Choir. He was behind the scenes volunteer at the Bloomfield High School theatrical productions and also played his bagpipes around town on St. Patrick's Day. He was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, the Mayflower Society, and several professional societies.

He will be missed by all who knew him. He was a happy person, always had a smile and made people laugh with his imitation of Donald Duck. Everyone he met became a friend.

Danny was preceded in death by his grandparents Louis D. and Mary Megehee of Picayune, and Dr. Raymond and Elenor Zeller of Hazlehurst.

Danny leaves behind his wife of 34 years, Dr. Elise Megehee; daughters Laura Elizabeth and Victoria Irene of Bloomfield NJ; parents L. Dan and Josephine Megehee; and his brother Raymond, all of Picayune; his nephew Greg (Felicia) Megehee of Carriere; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and 2 great nieces.

Memorials may be made to the Crosby Memorial Library or the Leukemia Society.

*Louise Ewell Pugh*



Louise Ewell Pugh (ACGS#939LM) died Monday, August 8, 2016. She was born February, 21, 1920, in Ruckersville, Virginia, to Nathaniel MacGregor Ewell and Mary Louise Camper Ewell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Olin Sharpe Pugh, as well as her brother, Nathaniel, and sister, Helen. She is survived by her three children, Catherine, Walter and Ernest; five grandchildren, Chris Cuneo, Joe Cuneo, Amy Pugh, Laura Pugh and Carolyn Pugh.

After ten years in Ruckersville and on the family farm in Greene County, Virginia, the family moved to Charlottesville, primarily to ensure she and her five younger siblings could obtain a better education. After Lane High School and one year at St. Anne's School, she attended the State Teachers College (now Longwood). Transferring to the University of Virginia for two years, she was granted a degree in education in 1941. She taught English and History in a small high school in Wythe County, Virginia, before moving to Washington, D.C. in WWII. There she worked to break the Japanese codes. After the war, with a teaching career in mind, she enrolled at Duke University to study History. There she met Olin Pugh, and they married in Charlottesville on September 2, 1949. They moved to Columbia, S.C., where Olin taught in the USC School of Business for many years, eventually becoming professor and holding the Chair of Banking. Louise was a dedicated and loving wife and mother. She showed a strong and steady love for her family, and taught by example more than words. Combining volunteerism and her love of history, she was for years a docent at the Hampton Preston House in Columbia, as well as a founding member of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a lifelong member of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, and Life Member of the American Clan Gregor Society.



*Joseph C. Tichy*



Joseph C. Tichy, Jr., (ACGS#1321ALM), died Saturday, September 17, 2016, at his home in Whispering Pines, North Carolina. Funeral services were held at Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 350 East Massachusetts Avenue, in Southern Pines.

Joe was born in NYC and raised in New Jersey. He served as a bomber pilot in WWII and graduated from The Georgia Institute of Technology in 1950. After a long career designing fire detection systems for major buildings in and around Washington, D.C., he retired with his wife, Margaret (Peggy) Bubb Tichy (ACGS#702), to Whispering Pines.

Joe served twenty-eight years as Assistant Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, and was a friend to every person he ever met.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy, and by his later partner, Dolores Rengert, as well as his sister, Jacqueline Lorch, and his son-in-law Lewis Michael O'Hanlon.

He is survived by his son, Joseph C. Tichy III (ACGS#1048LM) (Jacey), and daughter, Susan E. Tichy (ACGS#1577LM).

### *Mary Ethel Grammer Tyler*

Mary Ethel Grammer Tyler (ACGS#2591A), passed away July 20, 2013 at Petersburg, Virginia. She was the daughter of Warner and Emma Davis Edwards Grammer.

Mary was an honor graduate of Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary. She married James Otey Tyler in 1944, and she and her husband reared their children in numerous states and foreign countries, always taking a keen interest in the children's activities. Mary was active in the Officers Wives clubs, Volunteer with American Red Cross, school PTS's, Little League, Girl Scouts, Youth of the Chapel, and sang in the chapel choirs. When her husband was on the faculty of the Air University in Montgomery, Alabama, Mary was Chairman of the Officers Wives chorus for three years

When her husband retired and they settled in Petersburg, Mary became active in local organizations. She was a member of the Board of the Richard Bland College Foundation, and a founding member of the Southside Virginia Community Concert Association, board member of the Petersburg unit of the American Cancer Society and a volunteer District 7 Coordinator of its Reach to Recovery Program from which she was awarded the Teresa Lasser Memorial Award, its highest award. Mary was a Life Member of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, and a member of the Magnolia Twigs of SRMC Hospital Guild. Mary was a member of Waverly Methodist Church for 60 years, and later at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Mary is survived by her three children, James Otey Tyler, Jr. (Cathy); Susan Magruder Tyler Edwards (Stephen); and Mary Davis Tyler (the late Gerry Teasley)



*Fanny, Lady MacGregor of MacGregor*

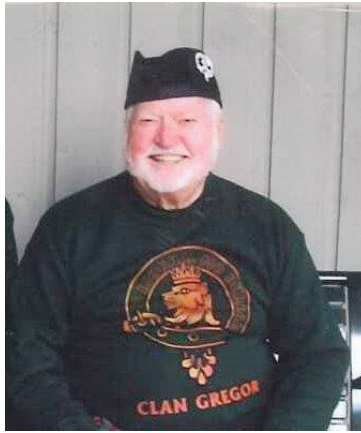


On August 10, 2016, Fanny, Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, the mother of our Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, passed away peacefully at Muirton House Nursing Home, Blairgowrie.

Lady MacGregor was the wife of the late Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, mother of Malcolm and Ninian, grandmother of Callum and Hermione, and step-grandmother of Natasha.

Service of Thanksgiving was held at noon on Thursday, August 18, 2016 in Newtyle parish Church.

***Robert LeCuyer Black***



Robert LeCuyer Black, brother of Charles Franklin Black (ACGS #2521), passed away January 3, 2015. Bob was born in Gary, Indiana to Cletis and Margaret LeCuyer Black, September 27, 1927. He married Jean Ann Henry, the love of his life for 63 years, on May 6, 1950. Jean preceded him in death on May 10, 2013. Bob started his career in banking and rose to become President at First National Bank ultimately owning his own bank. He also owned a Tasty Freeze and later went into the Oil and Gas business. He purchased the Aspen Mortuary in 1984 and later acquired a neighborhood bar in Arvada.

Bob was very active in sports and the community. He was involved with the Denver Athletic Club, Colorado Wildlife Federation, Shrine of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Arvada Elks and the Arvada Garden Club. He researched the history of the surname Black and traced his family back to the MacGregors. The Colorado and Indiana Black families participated in the Highland Scottish Festival held in Estes Park, CO, for several years.

Bob is survived by his children Ann Shirley (Lew), Debbie Kovash (Hal), Bob Black, Jr., Mike Black (Becky), Jeff Black, Bill Black (Frances), Kathy Strike (Greg), Kim Merr (Allan), and Karen Black.

***Aaron James Magruder***

Aaron James Magruder son of Allen P. (ACGS#2775) and Libbie J. Magruder passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, after a heart attack the week before. Aaron was born in the Hyde Park area of Chicago on April 19, 1961, a couple days after a late snowfall that year. Aaron came to Las Vegas when his parents moved there in July of 1968,

attended the public schools, where he excelled in the shop classes, and enjoyed playing with the tennis and golf teams. He developed his considerable skills working in construction all his life with materials of just about all types, including wood, metals, wallboard, as well as marinated steaks on a grill.

Aaron was always generous, sharing his master craft talents with all that asked for his help, and with many of those that didn't, but where and when he saw the need and knew he could use his time and effort to help. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Dawn Kathleen (nee Hinson), daughter Brittany Lynne Magruder, his son, Dustin James Magruder, his parents, Allen and Libbie Maguder, and his brother, Wade Allen Magruder (Kristen).

### ***Frank Wherrett***

Frank Wherrett, longtime member of Clan Gregor Scotland, and dear friend of Gregors worldwide, died August 12, 2016. Frank was instrumental in the organization of Gatherings of MacGregors in Scotland, and he will be fondly remembered by those of us who traveled to Scotland to join with the CGS for an International Gathering.

Frank served as Secretary of the Standing Council of Scottish chiefs, and was an officer in the Armstrong Trust.

Frank will be missed by friends in the American Clan Gregor Society, and by Gregors around the world



*Frank Wherrett (right) at Stone Mountain Games 2012, with Randy Walker, Ishbel McGregor (secretary CGS) and Ron McGregor*

## 2016 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Submitted by John Bellassai, JD, Chairman

The Society's four-member Board of Trustees—John King Bellassai, JD, chairman, Robert F “Sandy” MacGregor, Rev. Thad Osborne, and Dr. Bruce MacGregor Whyte (as Treasurer of the Society, *ex officio*)—met four times since the Gathering and AGM in 2015—in December of last year, in March and June of 2016, and again right before the 2016 Gathering. All trustees participated fully in all decisions made by the group.

As of their June meeting, the Treasurer advised that invested assets of the Charity & Education (“C&E) Fund under their stewardship amounted to \$474,000. Income realized on the investments over the past year amounted to \$36,348.

The primary decisions made and actions taken by the Trustees this past year, acting in concert as a Board and in all instances voting unanimously, were as follows:

- The Trustees voted to formally retain the services of Stifel Nicolaus & Co. of St. Louis, MO and Atlanta, GA as investment advisors and fund managers for the invested assets of the Society; a signed agreement to this effect has now been entered into. (Stifel Nicolaus has been informally advising the Treasurer on stock picks for several years.) Their annual fee for performing these services, based on the size of the client's portfolio, is expected to come to approximately \$4,000., payable out of the C&E Fund.
- The Trustees voted to adopt a formal, written investment policy for the Society—a best practice for all 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. A model policy adopted recently by the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC (which is configured the same as the ACGS—a 501 (c)(3) charitable fund embedded within a 501(c)(4) nonprofit membership organization which has elected Trustees responsible for managing a C&E Fund approximately the same size as that of the ACGS, and which has retained the services of an outside funds manager to handle day-to-day investment decisions), will serve as a template for the ACGS policy, which is now being drafted and will be presented to the Trustees for a vote shortly. The Chairman and the Treasurer had spoken previously by telephone with Mr. Vern McHargue, Jr., a past president of the DC St. Andrew's Society and Chairman of their Board of Trustees, about that Society's investment policy. (Mr. MacHargue, a Past Comptroller of the Heritage Society in Washington, DC, was the author of their investment policy.)
- Academic scholarships totaling \$22,000. were awarded to eleven worthy recipients, at \$2,000. each, in response to the list of recommendations received in May 2016 from the Scholarship Committee. One additional applicant was not funded, upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee, but advised he could apply again next year if his academic performance improved. The list of 2016 recipients is posted on the ACGS website as follows: Alex Baltzegar, Andrew MacGregor, Emily Burtis, Gemma Griggs, Jillian Lee, Johnna Gregg,

Jordan Marie Grubbs, Patricia Weisnecht, Travis Chumley, William Dennison, and Mary Jo Dennison,

- A check for \$1,000.00 was sent to Steve Quillin, Vice President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) in Linville, NC to purchase a paving stone in the name of our Society, to be included in GMHG's Memorial Paving Stones Project. (All of the 100+ clan societies represented at those games have been invited to each purchase a stone. Each stone will be engraved with the name of the donating society.) The ACGS has been attending the GMHG faithfully each year since the mid-1960's.
- The printed armorial flags, featuring the Society's new coat-of-arms, which by vote of the Trustees were paid for last year out of C&E funds, prior to the last Gathering, as an educational expense, were distributed last Fall to the State Deputy Chieftains for the games season now ending. Feedback has been uniformly positive.
- Working in concert with Dr. Richard MacGregor, Chairman of the Clan Gregor Society, Scotland, the Chairman of the ACGS Board of Trustees agreed to purchase genetic tests for two MacGregors living in Scotland—one indisputably descended from the Glencairneg (Glencarnock) branch of the Clan, the other from the Roro Branch—so as to isolate genetic markers particular to each line, which will serve as bench markers for other MacGregors. The two societies agreed to split the costs equally and to treat each other as full and equally partners in all respects—including acknowledgement in research publications, etc. Because the vendor selected to perform the testing was Full Genomes Corporation of Rockville, MD—an American corporation based in America—no ACGS funds were sent out of the country for this project. It was agreed that each Society would write its respective check for \$795.00 directly to Full Genomes Corporation, so no ACGS funds were transferred to the CGS in Scotland. (The ACGS funds paid for the testing of Alpin MacGregor, uncle of our Hereditary Chief.) We are now awaiting the results from the vendor.
- At a duly convened Council meeting held by telephone conference call, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees advised the Chieftain and the Council on suggested revisions to the draft Policies & Procedures Statement (P&P) for the Trustees. These suggested revisions were accepted by the Council and have now been posted to the membership for the required 30-day notice periods.

## 2016 Report of the Heraldry Committee

Submitted by John King Bellassai, JD, Chairman

Over the past year, the Committee continued to advise and assist the Chieftain, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, and the Council with matters heraldic. In recent months, this extended to working with the merchandise manager to decide which depictions of the Society's arms will appear on which new items being commissioned by the Society for sale to members, to include Tee shirts, pillows and challenge coins.

In response to her request, the Chairman advised the Chieftain on the proper way to display the Pinsel (a small triangular heraldic guidon) given to the ACGS back in the 80's by our Hereditary Chief in Scotland to signify that we are his official representatives in America. (When it is properly displayed, it is attached to a flagpole, which is carried at the head of a line of marchers, or it is affixed upright in the ground at the entranceway to a Society tent.) The Chieftain took the Pinsel to highland games in Utah and NC this past year and, with the encouragement of our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm, intends to display it at even more games next year to signify the Society's official status in the eyes of the Chief of Clan Gregor.

It was agreed by the Chieftain and the Council at the 2014 Gathering that the ACGS wanted to have fabricated an appliqued/ embroidered banner (NOT one that is digitally printed), and one that was two-sided (i.e., with double image), in the dimensions of four feet by six feet (4' x 6'), fringed, and with a pole-sleeve. The ACGS also requisitioned a seven foot (7') sectioned wooden flagpole, with a spear point finial, on which to display the new banner. (The ACGS wanted to commission such a large heraldic banner for the pipe band to carry when it marches at ACGS events.)

In May 2015, with the permission and at the direction of the Chieftain, the Chairman contacted the National Capital Flag Company in Alexandria, VA—a major flag design vendor in the Nation's Capital which not only designs flags for the various U.S. armed services but also for nonprofit heritage groups such as the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC—and commissioned the large embroidered banner, plus 30 smaller, printed ones for distribution to the State Deputy Chieftains.

The large, embroidered banner was completed according to specifications in mid-July, 2015; the Treasurer paid for it and the Heraldry Committee Chairman took physical possession of it from the manufacturer. (It features the new Society coat-of-arms (a ship under sail, on a dark blue background (field) and riding atop four stylized waves, undy white and blue), and on the ship's sail are the arms of the Chief of Clan Gregor (the crossed oak tree and broadsword, with a crown on its tip). At the top of the ship's mast is a pennon of the national flag of Scotland (a white saltire on a light blue field).) At the request of the Chieftain, the Chairman of the Heraldry Committee brought it to the 2015 Gathering in Crystal City, VA and displayed it to the attendees at the AGM, taking and responding to questions from the members present.

In addition, it was decided by the Council, upon recommendation from the Chairman of the Heraldry Committee, to have smaller, all-weather versions of the armorial banner

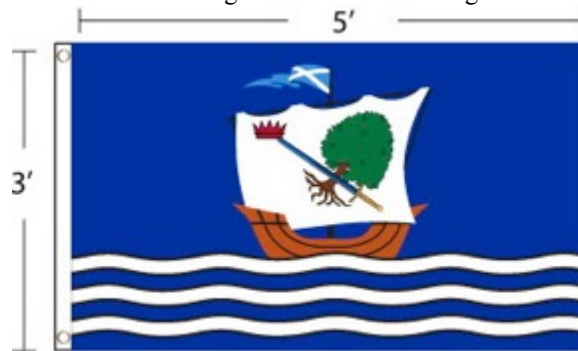


made up in printed form for display by each of the State Deputy Chieftains at ACGS tents, to be flown from the tent pole and carried at the head of a line of marchers at various Scottish highland games events around the country. These were received from the vendor (National Capital Flag Co. of Alexandria, VA) in August of last year shipped by the Chairman on to the Ranking Deputy Chieftain for distribution by him to the various State Deputies. Feedback received has been uniformly positive.

Subsequently, the Chieftain and Ranking Deputy requested that the Chairman of the Heraldry Committee again approach National Capital Flag Co. to have an additional 30 of these smaller (printed) banners fabricated for general sale to members, on a first-come/first-served basis. This was done in December of last year and these are now being sold at Society events to members, at cost plus a modest fee.

In September of last year, the Chieftain asked the Chairman of the Heraldry Committee to advise and comment on a draft Policy & Procedure Statement for the Committee that had been prepared. This was done initially last fall and again in September of this year, at which time the Council reviewed the proposed changes to the draft Committee P&P; heard from the Committee Chairman as to the rationale for his proposed changes; voted on the modified draft; and approved the changes proposed. This document is now pending final review and approval after the required 30-day period for posting it to the membership.

Finally, the Chairman of the Heraldry Committee advised the Chieftain and Mr. Charles Grierson, an ACGS member seeking to matriculate arms with the Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland, about how best to get a properly differenced version of MacGregor arms, nor Grierson arms, granted to him. The Chairman also corresponded at length with our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm, about the problems faced in getting a MacGregor matriculation not only by Mr. Grierson but by other lineal MacGregors who do not bear the surname MacGregor, but rather one or another of the recognized MacGregor "aliases." The Chief and the Committee Chairman agreed this matter should be taken up in due course with Lyon personally. As Lyon is himself of MacGregor descent, he will thus will appreciate the peculiar problem facing MacGregor petitioners whose forebears were forced to change their surname during the Proscriptions.



## **2016 REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Submitted by Richard M. Greer, Chairman

A total of twelve (12) applications were received. They were classified according to current policy. Four (4) were classified as Priority One, first time freshmen. Five (5) were classified as Priority Two, upper classmen who had not previously received scholarships. Two (2) were classified as Priority Three, upperclassmen who had previously received a scholarship. One (1) was classified as Priority Four, graduate or post-graduate. Per procedure, all applicants were notified if applications were incomplete and then when the applications were complete.

The Committee reviewed the applications, and recommendations were forwarded to the Trustees. The Trustees determine the actual number of recipients and the amount of the awards.

## **2016 REPORT OF THE LIBARIAN**

Submitted by Irene MacGregor Nunley , Librarian

Since the last Gathering of the Society in Arlington, Virginia in 2015 until the Gathering in Arlington, Virginia in 2016, there are on hand copies of the American Clan Gregor society yearbooks as follows:

Volume XCIX Published 2015     8 copies

Volume XCIX Published 2016     16 copies

Shortly after the 2015 Gathering, Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz and I traveled to Baltimore to visit the Library of the University of Baltimore where ACGS artifacts are stored. We met with the Ben Blake, who served as the University Archivist.

Shortly before the 2016 Gathering, Lois Ann and I traveled again to the Baltimore Library, and met with our good friend Aiden Faust, who organized the cataloging of our collection there several years ago, and is now Head of Special Collections.

# 2016 REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

Submitted by Paul O. Collinson, Chairman

The Audit committee, for the American Clan Gregor Society, has reviewed the financial statements of the Society for the period:

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

The audit Committee, composed of Paul O. Collinson and M Gregg Elliot, find that the financial statements reviewed, fairly reflect the American Clan Gregor Society to be free and clear of any financial mismanagement.

The Audit committee comments and recommends the following items for consideration:

- Check Memo Line Utilization. Much progress has been made in firming up the use of the check memo line with only a small improvement remaining in order to have all checks so notated.
- Transaction Sampling. This year's review did include a sampling of backup information to support checks payable to the Chieftain and Treasurer. Each was accounted for and properly documented.
- Delivery of documents. The delivery of documents from the Treasurer to the Audit Committee in .pdf format continues to be effective as members do not have access to software that will read QuickBooks files, etc.
- Tax Return. The Audit committee places a standing request to receive a copy of the completed tax return as soon as practical after its filing each year.
- Professional Audit. While objections arise to obtaining a professional audit—primarily due to costs—the Audit committee still believes it is in the best interest of all concerned that professional audit services be retained. As an alternative, perhaps there is an ACGS member who is qualified to do an audit and would consider low/no-cost fee to provide such. Or, an audit could be conducted on a limited basis (expenses only, investments only, etc.). Or possibly, an audit could be conducted on a limited basis, say over three years, and cover 1/3 of the items each year.
- Lastly, the Committee would like to explore the possibility of meeting together, perhaps at the Annual Gathering, and to also include the Treasurer and other interested officials.

Addenda to Audit Committee report to the Chieftain, received by email, 9 Dec 2016:

The Audit Committee is in receipt of the 2015 tax return. We have reviewed it and have no comments, it appears to be routine.

We await the corrected and updated Treasurer's P&P, as well as, the Investment Policy Statement.

## 2016 REPORT OF THE MERCHANDISE MANAGER

Submitted by Peter Gregg, Merchandise Manager

*On hand inventory:*

	Value (cost) of Inventory:
T-shirts Old, Forrest Green – 12 each (\$5.00 each)	Unknown
Sweat shirts Old, Forrest Green – 54 each (\$15.00 each)	Unknown
T-shirts, Cardinal Red – 25 each (\$20.00 each)	\$225.00
Sweat shirts Cardinal Red – 15 each (\$30.00 each)	\$292.50
Golf/Polo Shirts – 19 each (\$25.00 each)	\$383.75
Coffee Mug – 13 each (\$15.00 each, \$35.00 for 4 each)	\$ 52.00
Pillow, 12 x 12” – 6 each (\$70.00 each)	\$300.00
ACGS Flags – 22 each (\$50.00 each)	\$836.00
ACGS Old Lapel Pin – 14 each (\$10.00 each)	Unknown
ACGS New Lapel Pin – 33 each (\$10.00 each)	<u>Unknown</u>
<b>Total Inventory Value</b>	<b>\$2,089.25</b>

*The price of postage has risen. The table below contains the current sales price for each item.*

<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Postage (For one)</i>	<i>Cost plus postage</i>	<i>Current price</i>	<i>To C&amp;E (for each)</i>
<i>Polo</i>	<i>\$15.35</i>	<i>\$6.80</i>	<i>\$22.15</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>	<i>\$2.85</i>
<i>Pillow</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	<i>\$18.75</i>	<i>\$68.75</i>	<i>\$70.00</i>	<i>\$1.25</i>
<i>Mug</i>	<i>\$4.00</i>	<i>\$8.98</i>	<i>\$12.98</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>	<i>\$2.02</i>
<i>Min order of four</i>	<i>\$16.00</i>	<i>\$16.35</i>	<i>\$32.35</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>	<i>\$2.65</i>
<i>Tee</i>	<i>\$9.00</i>	<i>\$6.80</i>	<i>\$15.80</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>	<i>\$4.20</i>
<i>Sweat</i>	<i>\$19.50</i>	<i>\$6.80</i>	<i>\$26.30</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>	<i>\$3.70</i>
<i>ACGS Flag</i>	<i>\$38.00</i>	<i>\$6.80</i>	<i>\$44.80</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	<i>\$5.20</i>

*Since last year's gathering the following items were sold:*

Sold:	Special Order	Tent Display (No charge)
Sweat Shirts – 2 each		
T-shirts – 5 each	4 each	3 each
Golf/Polo Shirts – 3 each	8 each	1 each
Coffee Mug – 1 each		
Pillow, 12 x 12” – 0 each		
Name Tag – 13 each		
Lapel Pin – 3 each		
ACGS Flag – 3 each		

This year I combined my regular order with the opportunity for special orders. I believe that this was successful and would like to offer this again on my next order. Special orders would be offered through the Ard Choille with a deadline. Special orders could include special sizes or even special color choice for the t-shirts. We could offer special sizing and women's cut for the polo's.

I special ordered a black t-shirt to show council. This was the color requested for the San Antonio Gathering next year. Since we plan on an event type t-shirt, I request that council compose the narrative for the back. For example:

American Clan Gregor Society  
108<sup>th</sup> Gathering  
September 27 through 30, 2017  
San Antonio, Texas

I also plan on producing some black t-shirts with the web site on the back for those who do not order the event t-shirt. I must have all orders at least 60 days in advance of the gathering in order to ensure deliver by the event start date.

Thad Osborne found a carton of “MacGregor's Second Gathering” cook books and sent them to me. He suggests a sales price of \$10.00.

I display a t-shirt, sweat shirt, polo shirt, pillow and coffee mug in my Clan tent during games. I have only sold two shirts but handed out many order forms. I am hopeful that more sales are forthcoming.

## REPORT OF THE RANKING DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN

Submitted by Randolph W. Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

2016 has been a busy and productive year for Area Deputy Chieftains. ACGS now has twenty active ADCs. All of them were busy during the year as they represented ACGS and Clan Gregor.

By the time the society holds its Annual Gathering in Washington, D.C. this October ACGS Area Deputy Chieftains will have participated in thirty-three Scottish Games all over the United States. Several of these games were first time participation by ACGS. They participated in seven Burn's Night Celebrations and Five Tartan Day Celebrations.

Area Deputy Chieftains continued to travel outside of their primary state of responsibility to assist with Clan Tents at other Scottish Game locations and assist their fellow ADCs. This demonstrates their commitment to the Society and to their MacGregor cousins as they continue to tell the story of Clan Gregor.

The Society agreed to increase the amount of financial support for Area Deputy Chieftains last year. This was long overdue. Yet, many of them choose not to ask for reimbursement for their expenses and continue to support their efforts for the Society out of their own pocket. Indeed, they are a credit to themselves and their MacGregor heritage.



*Ranking Deputy Chieftain Randy Walker Representing Clan Gregor in the Scottish Exhibit at the Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio*

## **REPORTS OF THE AREA DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS**

### **ALABAMA**

Jean MacGregor Simon  
ADC Alabama

The North Alabama Scottish Games and Festival was canceled for this year. We are hoping that this event will resume in the future.

Despite this postponement, there have been almost monthly opportunities for ACGS members to attend such as Kilt Nights at restaurants, plus a Scottish flair at the usual holiday celebrations.

Most notable for ACGS members to enjoy and bring their children to was the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International (iFest) Festival that was organized by the University of Alabama – Huntsville. It was free to the public to include free public parking. This event was held on September 17, 2016. This event attracts close to 3,000 people each year. The people who staff the various booths wear their native attire.

### **ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO**

Mark Anthony Beach  
ADC Arizona and New Mexico

My season started as usual with the Rio Grande Valley highland games and Celtic festival in Albuquerque the third weekend in May. The Albuquerque games were a big hit again this year with record attendance on both days. The weather was excellent with above average temps and clear blue skies. There were around 17 clans in attendance as well as many different societies and groups. MacGregor once again was one of the most popular and we were busy all day both days educating and entertaining the public. I had lots of help this year with Don Atchinson and Kurt Whyte helping out. Many MacGregors live in the area and stop by the tent to visit. Saturday evening several of the local clansmen and I had our annual dinner which has become a nice tradition

Next came my "home" games in Aztec the first weekend in October. We had great weather, and the event was very well attended by the public. It is held the same weekend as the balloon fiesta in Albuquerque so we have pretty stiff competition for attendance but the local people have come to love the Highland games and continue to show up in masses. It is held at a park in Aztec that, in my opinion, is the perfect venue. It is just the right size to be quaint with very large trees and the Animas River flowing through it. It really sets the mood well. Don Atchinson came again this year to help me with the tent. He really is a great help and is very knowledgeable with clan history and history of Scotland in general. As this is my home games and because we live just a couple miles from the event, my family can attend and help as well. This year I had a nice surprise

when my wife's parents came on Saturday. It was their first time at a Celtic festival. We had a ringside seat for the athletics and they thoroughly enjoyed the day. Having family there makes it all even more enjoyable.



I then had the pleasure of attending Scots on the Rocks Celtic Festival in Moab, Utah the first weekend of November. The weather was a bit Scottish on Saturday but improved for Sunday. This was my first time there and it was great. Dodd Greer is the ADC there and he is quite an entertaining person. He and his wife Annalynn are terrific people. Larry McAdams, piper, and wife were also there from Albuquerque and I had the pleasure of seeing our ACGS chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz again. She is a great chieftain and I always enjoy her company.

That about sums up my season, already looking forward to next year!



## ARKANSAS AND WESTERN MISSOURI

Lawrence Greer  
ADC Arkansas and Western Missouri



### **Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games fund raiser and Dinner.**

March 2016

Held in April by the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce at the City Park Community Center. I attended in Highland dress and participated in the dinner and auction to help raise funds and awareness for the Scottish festival and games held in Buffalo in September.

### **36<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Scottish Festival, Lyon College Batesville AR**

April 2016

We were honored to have Randy and Teresa Walker join us at this event. Randy brought me the new banner that I proudly displayed on my new banner stand that I built for this year. This was our first time at this event so we had the opportunity to speak with a host of potential members and give them my contact information. We participated in the President's reception on Friday night and a formal dinner Saturday night at the Lyon College.

Lyon College is an independent, residential, co-educational, undergraduate liberal arts college located in Batesville, Arkansas. It is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. Founded in 1872, it is the oldest independent college in Arkansas.

Our tent was honored as having “**The Best Clan Display**” for the event. Not bad for our first time! Thanks to Randy helping me out with more MacGregor historic details. We handed out 40 tri-fold brochures. No Money was collected.

**Scottish Highland Games and Festival**, Kansas City, JH Young Park Riverside MO  
June 2016

Attended the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games. The day before the event I received my new MacGregor Blue Wool Kilt so I was feeling pretty snappy all weekend. Met with fellow MacGregor descendants and handed out 33 tri-fold brochures, and 2 membership applications to potential members. There were over 20 clans represented with several pipe bands and a large group of competitive athletes. I Received no monies.

**Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival** – Buffalo MO 9/5 & 6

Overcoming some severe weather Friday night, again, we had a successful event on Saturday. This is the smallest event that we participate in but it is very active with visitors from the greater area. I participated in the calling of the clans on Friday night. Saturday was a beautiful day and was full of parades and music. We gave out 12 tri-fold brochures to potential members. I received no monies at this game.

**McPherson Kansas Cultural Festival**, September 2016

We were unable to attend due to a change in Debbie’s employment this summer.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Richard Adams  
ADC Southern California

This was my first year as Area Deputy Chieftain for Southern California. At several events I participated with the Western Chapter of CGS in a shared Clan Tent.

In February I participated in the Scottish Heritage event on the Queen Mary in Los Angeles. This was a shared Clan Tent with the Western Chapter of CGS. I gave out three membership applications.

In April I participated in the Kern County Games. Again this was a shared Clan Tent with the Western Chapter of CGS.

In May I participated in the Costa Mesa Games in a shared Clan Tent with the Western Chapter of CGS.

In June I participated in the San Diego Games in a shared Clan Tent with the Western Chapter of CGS.

In October I participated in the Seaside Games, Ventura County, CA. Once again this was in a shared Clan Tent with the Western Chapter of CGS.

## GEORGIA AND NORTHERN FLORIDA

Dr. Bruce MacGregor Whyte  
ADC Georgia and Northern Florida

The ADC attended the Savannah Highland Games in May, assisted by Michael Allen McGregor from South Carolina.

A beautiful day, not hot or humid, and zero “no-seeums.” An extreme rarity on the SE coast. The Games were well attended until about 2:00 pm after which time it was very quiet. There was a lot of interest in the Gregor tent. Provisional applications were given to 4 or 5 prospective members and 2 lineal membership forms also given. All sounded keen, had good family genealogical history (see shipping manifest) and would be assets to the Society. We were visited by Malcolm MacGregor, now of Michigan, who was the

REGULATIONS - Free Inhabitants of the 375th Regt. of the Army of the Tennessee  
Georgia enumerated by me, on the 19th day of Sept. 1862. Charles B. Catlett, Asst. Surg.

Name	Sex	Age	Profession, Occupation, or Trade		Place or Name of Home	Whether Adm. and Paid, (When Adm. apply to Surgeon)
			or Skill	Years in Service		
Thomas Wilson	M	25			Gea	1
Baldwin	M	25			do	1
Peter	M	25			do	
McGowan	M	25			do	
John K.	M	25			do	
Gray	M	25			do	
John Wilson	M	25			Michigan	
Clark	M	25			do	
H. Simpson	M	25	Farmer	1	1000 Tazewell	
Nancy	F	25			do	
John	M	25	Michael	1	100 do	
McGowan	M	25	Farmer	1	111 do	
Gray	M	25			do	
Wilson	M	25			do	

SDC for South Carolina in past years.

The North Atlanta Pipe Band provided and impromptu recital of several tunes as a result of the lead piper being a MacGregor, David Gregory.

We (Bruce and Thad Osborne, ADC Eastern Tennessee, ACGS

Chaplain) had our tent on the bank of the stream under the trees at the two day Blairsville Scottish Festival and Games in June. Once again we had a beautiful spring like day with reduced humidity and temperatures that lasted the entire weekend. Thankfully Thad assisted as we were overwhelmed by interested Greers, Gregorys, Griers, Magruder's, MacGregors, McDougals, McCammies and Whites

Twenty- two interested people signed in of which one person joined on the spot, one took a provisional application, four took lineal applications and an additional two want membership applications mailed (since completed). A successful Game we thought. Let's see the follow up results☺

Bruce also attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and assisted all aspects of the ACGS tent, along with many other Gregors, and the Smoky Mountain Scottish

Festival & Games held at the Maryville College in Maryville, Eastern TN assisting Thad Osborne.

In addition, Bruce was elected to the Board of Trustees as an At-Large Trustee at the annual meeting of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA). Immediately after election he was named the new editor of the COSCA newsletter.

## **GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN**

Submitted by Rev Thaddeus Osborne  
ADC for Grandfather Mountain

The big event of the year for my area of responsibility is of course the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, held on July 8-10, 2016 in Linville, NC. This was the fifty-seventh year the ACGS has been a clan sponsor here. Grandfather Mountain has long been considered the premier Scottish festival in the Southeast and the loyalty of the MacGregors proves it. Some of us are now coming as second-generation devotees of this weekend on McRae meadow at five thousand feet above sea level. Dr. Bruce Whyte bore most of the hosting for the Clan Tent providing information and extending a welcome to our visitors. Elisabeth Joiner and Lillian Magruder took care of the hospitality area. We had ACGS members from as far away as Texas come to visit and provide a helping hand. Many others too numerous to mention helped with the set-up, knockdown, banner bearing and interpretation.



*Chieftain Lois Ann and Ranking Deputy Randy Walker at Grandfather Mountain*

## KENTUCKY

Kay Britt  
ADC Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky

During the first weekend of June we traveled to Glasgow, Kentucky for our first Scottish Heritage event of the year. We had a very productive weekend with a large number of visitors to our Clan Tent. Many of these people asked for additional information about Clan Gregor, the American Clan Gregor Society and we handed out a number of applications for membership.

We had planned on attending the Middle Tennessee Highland Festival that was being held at the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson. A few days prior to the festival we received a telephone call from a friend who is a member of Clan Wallace who told us that the President of the Middle Tennessee Highland Festival wanted us to participate. His name is Andy Ward and he is a member of Clan Gregor. At the last minute I packed up our materials and off we went to these games in Tennessee. ACGS does not have an ADC for this part of Tennessee and we were happy to fill this void.

We were welcomed with open arms and a gentleman whose wife is a member of another clan society came and helped us set up. He told us that he had a MacGregor heritage but is not a member at present. The Hermitage set up a beer garden for those who enjoyed a cold brew on a very hot day. The food was delicious and there were thirty-three clan societies present.

The Nashville, Tennessee area had not had a Scottish Heritage event in several years. If attendance continues to grow this event could become quite large. It may in fact become as large as the Grandfather Mountain Games. Since there was a bad storm brewing in the Northwest our day wound down early. Just as we got our Clan Tent packed up the clouds opened and it rained so hard we could not see well enough to drive to our son's home.

This event was a huge success. Andy Ward paid our fee so it did not cost us any money.

We enjoyed stamping the kids' passports and handing out information on ACGS and Clan Gregor. We are hoping there will be a number of new members as a result of this new event. I also want to thank my husband Mike for all of his support and assistance throughout the year.

The next and final event will be the Scottish Games in Murray, Kentucky on October 22, 2016.

I hope everyone had a great year and that we will get to visit with all of our MacGregor cousins at the San Antonio Gathering in 2017.

## LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI

Col. Rob Young  
ADC Louisiana and Mississippi

In October 2015, I attended the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta to observe how a clan tent was run at a large event. My wife, son and daughter in law came with me and were very impressed. I was unaware of the issues between ACGS and CGS.

There were no Gulf Coast Highland Games in Biloxi, MS in November 2015 due to financial reasons stemming from the 2014 Games. The good news is that they are going to have the Games in November 2016 and I will have a Clan Gregor Tent.

The Baton Rouge Highland Games scheduled for May 2016 were rescheduled due to financial reasons stemming from the 2015 Games. The bad news is that the recent flooding in their area will move the Games to 2017.

Also in July 2016 I participated in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC, along with many officers and members of the Society. I got to observe how Bruce and Thad run a professional operation.

I attended the CelticFest in Sep 2016 in Jackson, MS. They did not have any Highland games this year due to the increased charge by the promoter. They had plenty of Celtic dancing and music events. Only 1 other clan participated, Clan Skene. I talked with him and the CelticFest manager on ways to contact more Clans for increased participation.

I will attend the AGM in October. I sent out 2 letters to our Louisiana and Mississippi members advising them of upcoming Scottish events. It has been a pleasure to serve the ACGS and Clan Gregor this year.



*Col. Rob Young and Grandson*

## **EASTERN MISSOURI**

Jeanne Lehr  
ADC Eastern Missouri

The first event for 2016 was the Missouri Tartan Day weekend held in Washington, Missouri held from Friday, April 8, 2016 through Sunday, April 10, 2016. This event was plagued by stormy, windy, inclement weather. Rumor has it that this event for 2017 will be held in June. I will continue to verify this information.

The second event was the St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival held in suburban St. Louis County, Missouri on Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24, 2016. The weather was unusual for this time of year. It was extremely hot and humid. Due to the weather the attendance for this event was down considerably than last year. It is doubtful that ACGS will participate at this event in 2017. The scheduled dates are the same as for the ACGS Annual Gathering to be held on September 28 through 30, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas.

The St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival was successful in spite of the weather. There were twenty-six clan societies represented this year. A number of visitors paid a visit to the ACGS Clan Tent and fourteen people with a MacGregor heritage signed the guest book. Applications for lineal membership were given to five of the people who signed the guest book.

I also assisted with the ACGS Clan Tent at the Scottish Games in Estes Park, Colorado, along with our Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz and my cousin Tom Peter. This was as always a very successful event.

## **MONTANA**

Vida Ann Walker Anderson ADC  
Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming

The past year provided few opportunities other than the Annual Missoula Celtic Festival for participation and making connections with potential ACGS members. However, in August 2015 I secured a space at the Missoula Celtic Festival and along with my family we spent the entire day making contacts with people attending the festival who were curious about the Macgregor tent. This event is more about all things Celtic than it is an event with tents set up representing or engaged to connect with either Scottish or Irish clans. In fact, MacGregor was the ONLY clan represented with a tent all others being vendors selling Celtic related merchandise. That being said, we made nearly 200 connections, successfully handed out 53 membership applications and had a lot of fun and educational conversations with people who were curious about their own potential clan lineage.

I have looked into attending the Bitterroot Celtic Festival which does feature the traditional Highland Games and clan tents, however, I discovered the Northwest chapter

of the Clan Gregor Society is very active with this festival and my inquiry was met with a bit of suspicion from the organizers of the festival. I do not wish to cause any controversy so I decided not to push the request for a tent this year rather I have attended several monthly meetings held just for fun and I'm working on establishing a friends relationship that will hopefully open a door in the future. I did attend the festival and made my way around the festival as an attendee.

I am also putting in inquiries to participate and attend two other events, The Kilt of the Falls (Great Falls, MT) and the Flathead Celtic Festival (Kalispell, MT) for the coming year.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Randy Zimmerman

ADC New England – Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont

On September 17, 2016, Marilyn and I joined 32 other Scottish Clans and organizations at the 41<sup>st</sup> New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire. Set in the midst of the beautiful White Mountains, an estimated 30,000 visitors enjoyed perfect weather and the usual variety of Scottish song and dance, sheep dog competition, and pipes and drums. The athletic competition included numerous national champions as well as Magnus Ver Magnusson from Iceland, four times the world's strongest man.

The honored chieftain was Lord Lyon, King of Arms, Dr. Joseph Morrow (a friend of Sir Malcolm). The honored clan was the Morrisons.

The ACGS tent was a beehive all day. 150 ACGS brochures were distributed, until we ran out. Almost 50 persons signed our guestbook, expressing an interest in our organization. And happily, two of our clan members, Ellen Skapski and Joseph Denton, paid us a nice visit. Overall, it was a terrific day for the Scots and the MacGregors.

## **NEW JERSEY and EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Peter K. Gregg,

ADC East – Delaware, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania

2016 was my last year covering Maryland. I gladly welcomed Charles "Chuck" Grierson as the ADC for Maryland and Western Pennsylvania. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, my brother John and I journeyed to Mount Airy, Maryland to assist Chuck with hosting his first ACGS ten at the Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival. To our surprise, we were visited by Adrienne Tompkins, the ADC for Northern California. The weather was great, except for a one-



hour period of thunder, lightning and torrential rain. Many Clan tents were whisked away to OZ. Chuck, John and I lowered our tent and hung on. We weathered the storm and enjoyed the sunny remains of the day.

The very next week, John and I were representing the ACGS at the Fair Hill Scottish Games. We were assisted by our Nephew, Francis. It was typical Scottish weather, overcast and drizzly, all day. We only left the tent for sustenance. Luckily the dance competition stage was next to our tent so we had plenty of entertainment. There were very few visitors. Still, we are looking forward to next year.

September was my busy month. The first weekend we attended the McLean Celtic Festival in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. John and I were helped by our sister Cathy, our brother Tad and future member Jon Welsh. We had the games in front of us, highland dancing and music on the stage to our right and Clan Campbell to our left. It was a great time with 25 or so visitors to our clan. I gave out many fliers and a few applications. The very next week was the Covenanter Scottish Festival, the home of the Flaming Caber. I was joined by Chuck Grierson, ADC for Maryland, and Western Pennsylvania, as well as Jon Welsh, John, Tad, Cathy and her husband David.

Coming up later this month will be the Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival in Bethlehem PA and the Chesapeake Celtic Festival in Snow Hill, Maryland. This will be my first year at both of these and will submit a report to our newsletter at a future date.



This year I not only contacted my State representative to facilitate this year's Scotts – Scotts Irish Heritage Month Proclamation from Governor Markel, I also contacted the Governors offices in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Regretfully, only Delaware came through.

## **EASTERN TENNESSEE**

Thad Osborne  
ADC Eastern Tennessee

This was a busy year for my area of responsibility. On February 27, 2016 I hosted an ACGS Clan Tent at the NE Florida Scottish Highland Games, in Green Cove Springs, FL. This well staged event draws lots of visitors from the Jacksonville, FL metro area as well as Southeast GA. The Clan Tent area is in a covered pavilion, so we are prepared for whatever sort of weather Florida chooses to offer in late winter. This year the weather was very good. Robert Ellington assisted me with the tent this year, and many old friends, as well as new visitors, stopped by the Clan Tent.

On May 21-22 2016 I participated in the Smoky Mountain Scottish Games held in Maryville, TN. Bruce Whyte assisted me with the tent at this location. Attendance continues to increase yearly since these games were moved here nearly seven years ago. We had a steady stream of visitors and distributed several lineal and provisional applications.

On June 11-12, 2016 it was the Blairsville Scottish Festival held in Meeks Par, Blairsville, GA. At these games I assisted Dr. Bruce Whyte in hosting the tent for ACGS. This festival gets better with each passing year. The entire community is very supportive of the clan societies who attend these games. Blairsville is in the North GA foothills near Tennessee and North Carolina, so it draws people from the tri-state area. Saturday was quite warm with temps in the 90s, but Sunday turned out nicely with slightly reduced temperatures.

On September 24 a Clan Tent was sponsored at the Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival, Dandridge, TN. This is a small admission free event without judged competitions, but there was lots of music and good fun. Not many people appeared to be interested in the Clan Tent area so I did not get any prospects. It was very hot in 93 degree, East TN sun.

Space has been reserved for the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival that will be held 22-23 October 2016 in Elizabethton, TN. Robert Ellington is planning to assist me at this location.

## SOUTHERN TEXAS

Dr. Clark Fritze, Ph.D  
ADC Southern Texas

In April 2016 I assisted Randy Walker – RDC with the ACGS Clan Tent during the San Antonio Highland Games. The weather was very nice for the games and we enjoyed many visitors, some of whom had a MacGregor heritage. We gave out several applications.



*Dr. Clark Fritze and Randy Walker*

On October 8-9, 2016 I will host the ACGS Clan Tent at the Scottish Games in Ingram, Texas. I plan on communicating with all Texas ACGS members prior to the games to make them aware of these games since it is only the second year of their existence. I have secured two tent spaces with electrical power hook-up. Randy Walker passed on his Clan Tent, along with the various items he used for his presentation. I will add several other items to this display. I am looking forward to my first Scottish heritage event as the Area Deputy Chieftain for South Texas.

## UTAH

Lois Ann Garlitz  
ADC Nevada and Utah

2016 has been another year of enjoyable activities for MacGregors who reside in Utah. No-host suppers about three times a year continue to be popular and bring us together away from the structure of Scottish festivals where we greet numerous visitors with questions about who they are and explain how to discover more about their ancestors and their clan heritage. Long lasting friendships have blossomed within such a congenial atmosphere. This included a shout out at our January Burn's Supper to the best photographer of highland games in Utah, Cody Hoagland, whom we have adopted as an honorary MacGregor.



*Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz and Dr. Joseph J. Morrow, QC, Lord Lyon, King of Arms  
At the Utah Scottish Association's Scottish Festival and Highland Games*

The three Scottish festivals we support in Utah begin at Lehi's Thanksgiving Point location for Utah Scottish Association's Scottish Festival and Highland Games, during the second weekend in June. Imagine our delight to discover that the honored guest this year would be Dr. Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon, King of Arms, the highest legal officer in Scotland, and that he has MacGregor ancestors and wears a MacGregor tartan kilt.

Payson's Scottish festival is held the second weekend in July. My thanks go out to Adam Argyle and friends, Randall Nish family, and others who graciously accepted responsibility for our presence in Payson, due to my travel to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this year. Adam's father Steven Argyle and Dodd Greer, both master storytellers, shared MacGregor tales with festival goers. Gordon Orr, a long-time presence at the MacGregor tent, returned again to support our welcome to visitors there.



*MacGregors at Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival at Estes Park*

In early September, Jeanne Lehr, ADC for eastern Missouri, and I met in Estes Park, Colorado to provide a transition year for MacGregors at the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival. Both Ron McGregor and his son Scott had retired from Area Deputy Chieftain duties for Colorado. Jeanne and her cousin Tom Peter manned the clan tent, trading out with others over the weekend. Janet Orr Dennison accompanied me to the staging area for the Saturday morning parade down Main Street in Estes Park. Not knowing how many MacGregors might come to march with us, we had taken few flags. We should not have been concerned: like true Children of the Mist, nearly 40 tartan clad clansmen and clanswomen appeared to form up for the large parade. Carole Condit and four generations of her family from Texas and Colorado marched, as well as descendants and other relatives of Robert LeCuyer Black from Colorado and Indiana, who were mentioned in Scott's report last year. This MacGregor group was well received along the parade route

as Ron and Scott had taught the marchers well, to salute the viewers with flags and swords. On the festival grounds, over 50 visitors came to our clan tent and signed our guest book. One new Provisional member signed that weekend. There are excellent prospects for a new Colorado ADC next year.

The last festival for us in 2016 was the first weekend in November. Dodd Greer and wife Annalyn and I packed up our hiking boots as well as clan tent displays and traveled south four hours to Moab for the experience of Scots on The Rocks Celtic festival. A most picturesque location. Mark Beach, ADC from New Mexico joined us this year

## **NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

Leighton P. Stradley III

ADC Tidewater – District of Columbia and Northern Virginia

My wife Mary and I had a busy year as we represented the American Clan Gregor Society and Clan Gregor in the State of Virginia.

ACGS hosted a Clan Tent at the Richmond Scottish Games held in October 2015. Scott MacGregor and Sandy MacGregor assisted with the tent here as they have over several years. My wife and I were unable to participate at this event due to other commitments.

We also participated in the Annual Christmas Walk in Alexandria, VA. There were a number of MacGregors who participated, including members of Scott MacGregor's family who made the trip up from Virginia Beach, VA that morning.

I also participated in the Annual Kirkin' of the Tartan held at the National Cathedral in April 2016. The St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C hosts this event. This event is always well attended.

On Saturday, September 3, 2016, Mary and I hosted a Clan Tent at the Great Meadows Scottish Games. We were assisted in this effort by fellow ACGS member; Gary Greer Hodges, Gary and I also marched in the parade of Clans held on Sunday. We had a number of visitors at the Clan Tent and we handed out several membership applications. The visitors were also given my business card and we invited them to visit the ACGS website as well.

All in all, we felt we had a productive year.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COSCA CAUCUS MEETING

Submitted by Randolph W. Walker

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If you ever have the opportunity to go to the Games at Grandfather Mountain, please take advantage of the opportunity, it is a very special place. ACGS has hosted a clan tent at these games since the very beginning of the games. Our Society ADC with that responsibility is Thad Osborne, and he has been attending these games since 1960. We have a long history of participation at these games.

The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) was founded at Grandfather Mountain in 1976, and the COSCA Annual Meeting is held there every year—during the Games.

ACGS is a member of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA). The Chairman of our Trustees, John King Bellassai, is currently the President of COSCA. Dr. Bruce MacGregor Whyte is the Newsletter Editor.

COSCA was founded for the purpose of supporting Scottish Clan organizations and preserving Scottish Heritage as it pertains to the Scottish American Ancestral Diaspora. Our Clan Chief, **Sir Malcolm MacGregor**, is an advisor to COSCA, and there is a very close association between COSCA and the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, of which Sir Malcolm is the Convener.

This year's meeting of COSCA was very interesting. It was held at Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, NC. The meeting started out with the keynote speaker, former Congressman **Jim McIntyre** (D-NC) who was the co-chairman of the Friends of Scotland Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2004 to 2014. He spoke about his own Scots-Irish heritage.

Second to speak was **Dr. Bruce Durie**, Shennachie of COSCA. Dr. Durie read an open letter from the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland, and talked about the Lyon's new, expanded policies on eligibility of Scottish-Americans to petition Lyon Court for grants of Scottish Arms.

The third speaker was **Mr. Steve Quillin**, Vice President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Mr. Quillin spoke about the games and the success of the Games over the years.



After lunch, there was a presentation by **Mr. Keith MacGregor**, North American Representative for Clan Gregor Scotland. He presented the latest results from the Dalriadic DNA study – “The Genetic Links between the West Highland Clans Going Back to the Dark Ages and the Scottish Kingdom of Dalriada, and How They Differed Genetically From the Other Irish Tribes.” This was very interesting, but a bit complicated as well. Assisting with the presentation were staff members from Family Tree DNA of Houston, Texas, who answered questions for members interested in learning more about their own DNA.

The highlight of the day, at least for me, was a joint presentation by **Donald Maclaren** of Maclaren, Chief of Clan Maclaren and **Andrew Durie** (Durie of Durie) Chief of the Name and Arms of Durie. They gave a presentation on the difference, if any, between a Clan and A Scottish Family. Donald Maclaren represented clans and Andrew Durie represented families. They both sit on the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and both are of the opinion that there is very little difference between the two. In fact, they both said that members of Scottish families are more famous than most members of Scottish Clans. They gave a number of examples. A long day, but very informative, and very interesting.



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## **ACGS – THE EARLY YEARS**

*In this section, we look back through the hundred-plus Society Yearbooks to read the amazing history of the American Clan Gregor Society and to select reports, essays, or historical facts that are of interest to us as “modern-era” members of the Society.. This article appeared in the 1910-1911 Year Book of The American Clan Gregor Society.*

### **ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETY ON THE PURPOSE OF ACGS (In Part)**

**Dr. Edward M. Magruder, Chieftain  
October 26, 1910**

The first objective of this Society is to gather kindred together in clanship. Each member should constitute himself or herself a committee of one to work for the society and so strengthen and up-build it.

The second objective is to inspire cordiality among its members. We are all blood of one blood, kindred, and clansmen, and as such should need no formal introductions.

The third objective is to foster home ties. While this under all circumstances is most commendable, to us as descendants of Scottish Highlanders, it should appeal with peculiar force and power. The ties of home, of kindred, and of country, are perhaps stronger among Scots, than with any other race and among them the spirit of clanship has reached its highest perfection.

The fourth objective is to collect genealogical and historical records for the compilation of a complete and authentic history of our society and its members.

Transcribed by Randolph W. Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

## **Fiona Armstrong, Lady MacGregor of MacGregor** *Lord Lieutenant of Dumfriesshire*

Of interest to all MacGregors, was the appointment by Her Majesty Elizabeth II, Queen of England, of Fiona Armstrong, Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, to the office of Lord Lieutenant for Dumfriesshire.

The Lord Lieutenant is Queen Elizabeth's personal representative in each county of the United Kingdom, and Lady MacGregor will, among other things, arrange visits of members of the royal family, participate in charitable, civic, and social activities within the lieutenancy, and liaison with local units of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, Royal Air Force.

Appointment to this position is a great honor, and while in their lieutenancies, Lord Lieutenants are among the few individuals in Scotland officially permitted to fly the banner of the Royal Arms of Scotland--The Lion Rampant of Scotland, as it is more commonly known.

The Lord Lieutenant is appointed for life.



*Lord Lieutenants with Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh  
Lady MacGregor, second row, in the blue suit  
This picture was taken by Beaumont Photography at St. James Palace in London*

## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017 GATHERING IN SAN ANTONIO



*Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor Chief of Clan Gregor  
And Lady Fiona Armstrong MacGregor*

As our Yearbook is about ready to go to the publisher, our Society has received confirmation that our hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, and Lady Fiona Armstrong MacGregor will be our honored guests at the 2017 Annual Gathering to be held in San Antonio, Texas, September 28 – 30, 2017. We have also received notice that Viscount Dunrossil, Andrew Morrison, Honorary British Consul to San Antonio, and his wife, have accepted our invitation to be special guests at our Gathering, as well as Mr. John McInnis, President of The International Association of Clan MacInnes.

We are looking forward to seeing each of you in our fair city next year. This promises to be an exciting Gathering, and it is our pleasure and honor to act as your hosts.

*Randolph and Teresa Walker*



*Dr. Bruce MacGregor Whyte and Randy Walker  
at the Alamo in San Antonio making plans for the 2017 Gathering  
(not pictured Kathy Whyte and Teresa Walker)*

***Bienvenido a San Antonio, ya'll!***

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