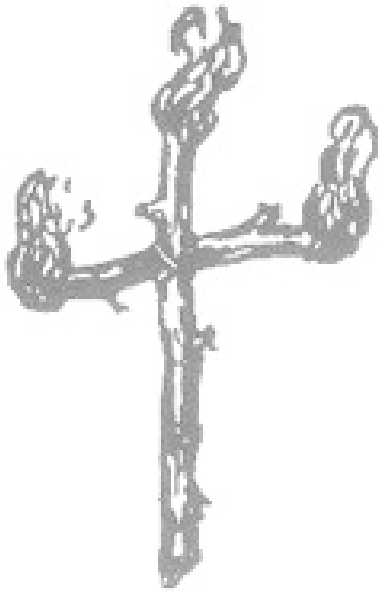


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*Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor*  
*Hereditary Chief of Clan Gregor*





*Randolph W. Walker, Chieftain  
American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.*

## **CHIEFTAIN'S REMARKS**

By Randolph W. Walker  
2018 Annual General Meeting  
Atlanta, Georgia

It seems like only yesterday that we were enjoying the Annual Gathering in San Antonio with visits to the Alamo, the World Heritage Site Mission San Jose, and visiting with Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor.

The fact is a full year has gone by and here we are in Atlanta, Georgia celebrating the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS).

Upon reflection it has been a busy year for our Society. I would like to take a few moments to go over with you some of the things that our membership has been involved in this year.

I would first like to acknowledge the work of our Area Deputy Chieftains. These men and women are the public face of our Society and they have been very busy representing ACGS and Clan Gregor from coast to coast this year. Several Area Deputy Chieftains have been recognized for their outstanding work. Ms. Adrienne Tomkins our ADC for Northern California was recognized as having the most outstanding Clan Tent at the Highland Games in Pleasanton, California. Mr. Peter Gregg our Ranking Deputy Chieftain and ADC for Delaware, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania was also recognized as having the most outstanding Clan Tent at the Covenanter Scottish Festival & Highland Games in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bill Black, ADC for Colorado was recognized as having the most outstanding Clan Society Parade Group at the Annual Parade for the Longs Peak Highland Games in Estes Park, Colorado. ADCs are busy today as I speak at various locations around the United States. Our ADCs are truly the unsung heroes of our Society.

In my opinion one of the most important activities that ACGS is involved in is the awarding of scholarships to worthy young students. This involves the work of the dedicated members of our Scholarship Committee, Dr. Richard Greer, Dr. Amy Fleming, M.D. and Ms. Danette Turner. Their work combined with the work of our Trustees, the Rev. Thad Osborne, Past Chieftain Sandy MacGregor, and Mr. Jack Simon ensure that a significant number of scholarships are awarded each year. This year ten \$1,500 scholarships were awarded. The awardees were: Emma Groves, Lindsay Argyle, Mikelle Argyle, Christopher Argyle, Isiah Barba, Tristen Armaruda, Andrew Ramlet, Travis Chumley, Alex Baltzegar and Cecily Counter. ACGS also made the first scholarship award to the North American School of Piping. This was a \$650 scholarship to Greyson Bledsoe.

In April of 2018 my wife and I along with our Immediate Past Chieftain, Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz, our Assistant Chieftain Kathy Whyte, our Treasurer Dr. Bruce Whyte, our Librarian Ms. Irene Nunley, Mr. Charles Grierson the ADC for Maryland and Western Pennsylvania, along with his father, were able to attend the National Tartan Day Celebration in Washington, DC. This is actually a full week of events associated with National Tartan Day. ACGS member Mr. John King Bellasai was one of the driving forces behind the National Tartan Day Celebration. He extended an invitation to ACGS members to attend if at all possible and we were the largest Scottish Clan group in attendance. Our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor was also in attendance and was one of the primary presenters during the week-long celebration. The highlight for Teresa and I was the opportunity to take part in the Annual Kirkin' of the Tartan held at the National Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. I had the opportunity to join some two-hundred kilted men in the blessing of the Tartans by the Lord Lyon, Dr. Joseph Morrow. We were also able to visit the University of Baltimore to meet Mr. Aiden Faust, Head of Special Collections and see where the ACGS Archives are held for safe keeping.

An additional highlight of the Tartan Day events was learning that Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz, Mr. Charles Grierson and his father would be granted Scottish Arms by the Lyon Court and we saw the artist's rendering of what these Arms will look like.

Several of our members who are also members of the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland made the trip to Scotland for the 2018 International Gathering of Clan Gregor. Based upon my conversations with members who were in attendance it appears that this was an outstanding event.

My wife and I also made the trek to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July to join with our ADC for Eastern Tennessee and Grandfather Mountain, the Rev. Thad Osborne, the ADC for Georgia, Northern Florida and Grandfather Mountain, Dr. Bruce Whyte, the Assistant Chieftain, Ms. Kathy Whyte, our Historian Ms. Elizabeth Joiner and Ms. Lillian Magruder and several other members of ACGS to represent ACGS and Clan Gregor at that premier Scottish Heritage Event.

Later this year there will be a large contingent of MacGregors who will participate in the Central Virginia Games and the Annual Christmas Walk in Alexandria, VA.

I am quite sure that there are many events that I failed to cover here such as Burn's Night Suppers, Tartan Day Events, and other Scottish Heritage events that our membership is active in supporting. Yes, as they say "MacGregors despite them."

# **PINSEL of MACGREGOR of MACGREGOR WHAT IS A PINSEL?**

Submitted by Randolph W. Walker, Chieftain



*Bruce MacGregor Whyte leads with the Pinsel as Chieftain Randolph Walker and John King Bellassai march in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Parade of the Clans*

The Pinsel is flown only with the Chief's permission, and only by individuals or organizations who are his official representatives at a certain event or in a certain geographical area.

In April 1984 Sir Gregor MacGregor, father of our current Chief Sir Malcolm, requested that a Pinsel be allotted to Clan Gregor by the Lyon Court.

In the fall of 1984, at the 75<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society, acting in his capacity as our honored guest and hereditary Chief, Sir Gregor, presented his Pinsel to



then Chieftain, L. Burns Magruder. On page 87 of the 1984 ACGS Yearbook, Sir Gregor is quoted as saying: “to mark this special occasion, it gives me great pleasure to ask your Chieftain, on behalf of the American Clan Gregor Society, to accept this Pinsel to be flown by your Chieftain on appropriate occasions when he is acting as my personal representative in the United States.”

This honor was once again reaffirmed by Sir Malcolm when he became Chief of Clan Gregor in 2003. He made the same presentation to then ACGS Chieftain, Sandy MacGregor.



*Chieftain Randolph Walker at the Atlanta Gathering*

The Pinsel is passed from one ACGS Chieftain to the succeeding Chieftain and they hold the flag in their personal possession for safe keeping.

This is a very special honor for the American Clan Gregor Society and a very special honor for the Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society. It is displayed at each Annual General Meeting of the Society and is routinely carried at the head of ACGS contingents in clan parades at major highland game events across the USA when the ACGS Chieftain is present. The Chief's Pinsel is never displayed when the Chief is present but only in his or her absence, as it signifies that someone else present is the Chief's official representative on that occasion.

The Chief has authorized only one other MacGregor Pinsel. At the recently concluded 2018 Clan Gregor International Gathering held in Scotland, Sir Malcolm MacGregor presented a Pinsel to Mr. Frank MacGregor, Lord High Commissioner (MacGregor) for Australia. This act signifies Frank MacGregor has become the Chief's personal representative in Australia.

*References: "Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopedia" Third Edition by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire – 2017*

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GATHERING

September 28 – 29, 2018  
Atlanta, Georgia



*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 109<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society was held September 28-29, at the Embassy Suites Buckhead in Atlanta, Georgia. This was an abbreviated Gathering, but there was nothing abbreviated about the warm fellowship we enjoyed, the MacGregor history and culture we explored, or the business affairs we discussed and settled!

The Gathering opened with the Friday afternoon Council Meeting. Later, that evening, at the Chieftain's Reception and Ceilidh, Chieftain Randolph Walker welcomed guests to Atlanta. He encouraged members to refresh old friendships and create new ones. Everyone enjoyed the sumptuous cocktail buffet and did use the evening to "meet and greet" old friends and new. The Reception was a great time to catch up on all the "family" news and meet new MacGregor "family" members.

At the Ceilidh, ACGS Piper, Matt Kuldell, performed an extraordinary program of MacGregor music for bagpipe. The tunes were taken from "The MacGregor Songbook," a collection presented by Sir Malcolm to the American Clan Gregor Society several years ago. Preceding each tune, Matt spoke about the technicalities of each piece of music and how each piece of music was relevant to the MacGregors. The program was enthusiastically received and no one wanted Matt to stop!

The Annual General Meeting was Saturday morning. Chaplain Thad Osborne began the meeting with a solemn Memorial Service. Diana Browne, Jenna Sorat, and Martha Smith placed the flowers in the ceremonial wreath as the names of memorialized members were read by the Chaplain. Piper Matt Kuldell played the traditional Flowers of the Forest.

After the Annual General Meeting, members gathered for the Saturday Luncheon Banquet. As usual, attendees donned their very best Scottish attire. The women were lovely, the men most handsome, the children all beautiful and well behaved!



*(L-R) Luncheon Head Table Peter Gregg, Jane Montmeny, Dr. Michael Newton, Chieftain Randolph Walker & wife Teresa Walker*

Speaker Dr. Michael Newton, Gaelic Scholar, enchanted the audience speaking about the history of Gaelic languages and peoples—incorporating the story of the MacGregors into that history. He used his vast knowledge to bring life to Gaelic literature and music. He astonished everyone that he was able to sing several old Gaelic tunes a cappella!

And then, another MacGregor Gathering was suddenly over. But we learned a lot about MacGregor music and history, we tended to business, and we all had a great time. We fulfilled Sir Malcolm’s directive from 2008 that we “Try to emphasise heritage, culture, links, socialising, having fun, and doing good in this world. Our descendants will thank us.”



*Jack and Jean MacGregor Simon bring the next generation into the MacGregor family. Son Don, daughter-in-law Amy, twin grandsons Finnlay and Jackson*





*Lillian Magruder and Kathy Whyte  
visit in the hotel lobby*

*Assistant Chieftain, Kathy Whyte, worked with  
John and Beth Wassell to plan the Gathering*



*Paul, John, and Peter Gregg meet with our Piper, Matt Kuldell and Scott MacGregor*



*Peter Gregg, Teresa Walker, Jenna Sorat, and Diana Browne*



*At the Banquet, (L) Stuart McGregor Ashley Peters, and Michael McGregor*



*Above, Richard Magruder and  
Treasurer Bruce MacGregor Whyte*



*Right, Scott MacGregor and Mum  
Miriam Trojahn*



*Teresa and Randolph Walker,  
Matt Kuldell*



*Chieftain Randolph Walker presents  
a MacGregor memento to honored  
guest and Banquet Speaker,  
Michael Newton, Ph.D.*

# LIST OF ATTENDEES

2018 Gathering

Atlanta, Georgia – September 28-29, 2018

## HONORED GUEST

Michael Newton, Ph.D.

## ATTENDEES

Diana	Browne	Washington	D.C.
Harold	Donnelly	Rapidan	VA
John	Gregg	Dover	DE
Paul	Gregg	Morrisville	NC
Peter	Gregg	Dover	DE
Judith	King	Charlottesville	VA
Thomas	King	Charlottesville	VA
Matt	Kuldell	Falls Church	VA
Bruce	MacGregor	Atlanta	GA
Scott	MacGregor	Norfolk	VA
Lillian	Magruder	Ridgeland	MS
Richard	Magruder	Augusta	GA
Michael	McGregor	Greenville	SC
Stuart	McGregor	Tuscaloosa	AL
Jane	Montmeny	Billings	MT
Amy	Nease	Rapidan	VA
Thad	Osborne	Knoxville	TN
Ashley	Peters	Prattsville	AL
Amy	Simon	Dunwoody	GA
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Finnlay	Simon	Dunwoody	GA
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*Special thanks go to Bruce and Kathy Whyte, John and Beth Wassell, Jenna Sorat, and Steve and Martha Smith for the generous gift of their time and expertise to plan and execute this successful Gathering. And to Jane Montmeny for her beautiful photographs of the Gathering!*

# MINUTES OF THE 2018 ACGS COUNCIL MEETING

Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe  
109<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Atlanta, Georgia  
September 28, 2018



Bob Young, Jane Montmeny, Tom King, Randolph Walker, Peter Gregg,  
Diana Browne, Bruce Whyte, Kathy Whyte

## **Officers and Council Members in Attendance**

Mr. Randolph W. Walker, Chieftain  
Mr. Peter Gregg, RDC  
Ms. D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe  
Bruce M. Whyte, M.D., Treasurer  
Ms. Diana G. Browne, Chancellor  
Mr. Thomas R. King, Member-At-Large  
Mr. Robert Young, Member-At-Large  
Rev. Thad Osborne, Chaplain and Chair, Board of Trustees  
Ms. Kathy Whyte, Assistant Chieftain  
Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz, Past Chieftain – Present on-line  
Mr. Michael McGregor, Area Deputy Chieftain  
Mr. J. Bruce MacGregor, member

The 2018 Council meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on September 28, 2018, in Atlanta, Georgia, at 2:10 pm by Randolph Walker, Chieftain. A quorum was confirmed with seven voting council members present plus one on-line; a quorum of six is required. Council members excused as unable to attend were Jeanne Lehr, Registrar, and Chuck Grierson, Member-at-Large. Member guests present were Michael A. McGregor, Area Deputy Chieftain and Bruce J. McGregor, member.

Invocation was given by Thad Osborne, Chaplain. Opening remarks were given by the Chieftain, Randolph Walker which included a message from Sir Malcolm McGregor with best wishes for the Gathering.

*(The full text of all the following reports appear elsewhere in this Yearbook.)*

Report of the Ranking Deputy Chieftain was given by Peter Gregg, RDC. As Merchandise Manager, his report also included contents of the storage locker. Motion to approve was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Bruce McGregor; motion carried.

Report of the Assistant Chieftain was given by Kathy Whyte. There was some discussion about budgeting for the Gathering and the items included. Motion to approve was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.

Report of the Scribe was presented by Jane Montmeny. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.

Report of the Treasurer was presented by Bruce Whyte, Treasurer. There was discussion about the history of the cost of the Gathering, and cost of the yearbook. The Chieftain proposed the formation of a working committee to review the costs of the yearbook and possible options to decrease costs without diluting the historical record of the Society. Motion to approve was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.

Report of the Registrar was submitted by Jeanne Lehr. There was a request to include the number of total members at the end of the year in future reports. The Chieftain reviewed the process of review and approval of applications. Other discussion included possible ways to ways to encourage membership. Motion to approve was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.

Report of the Historian had been submitted by Elizabeth Magruder Joiner, Historian and was presented by Thad Osborne. Motion to approve was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried.

Report of the Yearbook Editor was given by Teresa Walker. The printed copy of the 2018 Yearbook of the 2017 Gathering in San Antonio Texas serves as the report. Submission deadline for 2019 Yearbook will be delayed so end-of-year activities can be included. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.

Report of the Newsletter Editor was submitted by Adrienne Tompkins. The 2018 issues of the “Ardchoille” stand as her yearly report. The Chieftain noted the impressive

changes and additions to the publication over this year. Motion to approve was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried. It was noted that the spelling of the newsletter “Ardchoille” is different from the spelling on the pinsel. The Chieftain stated that the spelling from the Lord Lyon on the pinsel would be the correct spelling “Ard Coille”.

Report of the Librarian was submitted by Irene Nunley and presented by Randy Walker. Motion to approve the report was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.

Report of the Board of Trustees was given by Thad Osborne. Sandy McGregor is retiring after his three - year term on the Board and a new trustee will be presented for vote at the AGM on the following day. Ten academic scholarships and one piping scholarship were awarded this year. The Treasurer reviewed the financials associated with the investment funds. An investment policy has been written based on policies of other non-profit organizations and was reviewed by Thad Osborne.

### **Reports of the Committee Chairpersons:** *(Full text of the Committee reports appear elsewhere in the Yearbook.)*

- Heraldry Committee: No meetings in 2018.
- Scholarship Committee: Report submitted by Richard Greer. The scholarships awarded were included in the Trustees report. An incident was related of a family member who applied electronically for a scholarship but never heard from the committee. A suggestion was made that there be a phone number on the application for persons to be able to check if their application was received.
- Recognition Committee: One person was submitted for recognition; however, they were unable to attend the 2018 Gathering. The recognition is planned to be given at the Gathering in 2019.
- Audit Committee Report and Recommendations had been submitted by Paul Collinson, Chairman, and presented by Rob Young. A recommendation was made to change the name of the committee to “Financial Review Committee” and that a professional audit be done. Motion to approve the report was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Bruce MacGregor; motion carried.
- IT Committee report was given by Bruce Whyte, Chairman who also included the report of the Webmaster as submitted by Rick Walker. Motion to approve the report was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.
- Merchandise Manager, Peter Gregg, provided report details that were not given in his RDC report. The report value is now based on cost not on projected sales. Motion to approve the report was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.
- Gathering Site Selection Committee report was submitted by Ian Greig and presented by Tom King. A question was raised if going forward there will be a mini gathering alternating with a full gathering; there will be further discussion. Motion to approve was by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.



## **Old Business:**

Policies and Procedures initially reviewed at an interim council-call meeting on August 22, 2018, had been given the required thirty day review period and were presented for final approval. The following had no revisions as currently written:

- 20 – Gathering Committee
- 22 – Nominating Committee
- 28 – Gathering Site Selection Committee

Jane Montmeny made a motion to approve the P&P's as written without revisions and Tom King seconded the motion; motion carried.

The following Policies and Procedures were submitted with revisions:

- 04 – Scribe: Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.
- 05 – Registrar: Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.
- 06 – Treasurer: Motion to approve was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.
- 22 – Recognition Committee: Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.
- 25 – Audit Committee (to be renamed Financial Review Committee): Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.
- 26 – Information Technology Committee: Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.
- 27 – Merchandise Manager Committee: Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried.

Report on review of Policies & Procedures against the Society ByLaws: During this last year the Chieftain asked Lois Ann Garlitz and Peer Gregg to conduct this review and they have submitted a report to council. Randy Walker moved and Bruce Whyte seconded that the report be accepted as written. The Chieftain proposed a committee of five, to include Lois Ann Garlitz and Peter Gregg, to have revised ByLaws and Policy & Procedure documents ready for approval at the 2019 gathering. Bruce Whyte moved and Jane Montmeny seconded the motion; motion carried.

Report on the new Genealogy Committee and approval of Policy & Procedure: Lois Ann Garlitz reported on the activity during the last year and presented a draft P&P for the committee plus a letter to the ADCs. The committee members have been Adrienne Tomkins, chair, Jeanne Lehr and Lois Ann Garlitz. Bruce Whyte made a motion to give the committee status permanent and to approve the P&P, Jane Montmeny seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Election of Officers:** The members of the Nominating Committee were Diana Browne, Lois Ann Garlitz and M. Gregg Elliott. Their submitted report of nominated officers included:

- Chieftain: Randy Walker
- Ranking Deputy Chieftain: Peter Gregg

- Treasurer: Bruce Whyte
- Scribe: Jane Montmeny
- Registrar: Jeanne Lehr
- Chancellor: Diana Browne
- Lois Ann Garlitz will continue as Immediate Past Chieftain

Motion to approve the recommended slate of officers was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.

Thad Osborne, Chair of the Board of Trustees, announced that a new member of the Board is needed to replace Robert F. MacGregor Jr whose term is ending. Thad has nominated Lois Ann Garlitz to fill that position. Because she continues as Immediate Past Chieftain, she will become a non-voting member of Council to avoid conflict of interest between those two positions. Bruce Whyte moved to approve and Diana Browne seconded; motion carried. The final vote for a new trustee will be in the Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting on the following day.

Election of Nominating Committee for 2019: Nominations were John Bellasai, Jack Simon and Jeanne Lehr. Bruce Whyte moved to approve and Diana Browne seconded; motion carried.

The Chieftain’s appointments for October 2018 to September 2019:

- At Large Council members, listing year term ends
  - Robert E. Young - 2019
  - Charles S. Grierson - 2020
  - Steven Argyle - 2021
- Appointed Officials on Council – non-voting
  - Assistant Chieftain .....Kathy Whyte
  - 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.... All ADCs were reappointed for a term of 3 years effective January 1, 2019 and all agreed to continue serving.
- Committees (report to Council but do not vote, unless already a voting member of Council)
  - Scholarship Committee .... Danette Turner, Chair, Martha Smith, Amy Fleming, M.D.
  - Recognition Committee..... Randy Walker, Chair (Chieftain’s option to serve on this committee), Scott MacGregor, Stuart McGregor.
  - Heraldry Committee.....John King Bellasai, Chair, Peter K. Gregg, Charles S. Grierson

- Financial Review Committee..... Paul Owens Collinson, Chair, Robert E. Young and M. Gregg Elliot
- Merchandise Manager...Peter K. Gregg
- IT Committee.... Bruce Whyte, Chair, Richard R. Walker
- Genealogy Committee: Adrienne Tomkins, Chair, Lois Ann Garlitz, Jeanne Lehr
- Gathering Site Selection Committee... Ian Grieg, Chair, Tom King and Leighton Stradley

Motion to approve the appointments as announced was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.

### **New Business:**

- Report of the Treasurer on expenses associated with Gathering costs and budgeting for the future:
  - Bottom line is that we are losing money each year; the income from attendees does not cover the total costs. Contributing factors: the contract (signed several months ahead of the Gathering) is based on the estimated attendance and fewer may attend, the location, too many events scheduled with transportation costs.
  - Goal is to increase net income, decrease expenses and make Gatherings cost neutral.
  - DC law requires that there is an annual meeting.
  - Need to develop budgets for Gatherings including Sir Malcolm and without Sir Malcolm in attendance.
  - Suggest a committee to review these issues and options.
- Membership fee issues: Only 25% of members are dues paying every year (lineal and associate). Lifetime members who do not pay yearly dues are about 50% of the members. Dues accounts past due are about 26% of the members (have paid within the last two years).
- Immediate need is to address the fee for Life membership. Bruce Whyte moved and Jane Montmeny seconded to have a single Life membership category with a fee of \$3,000.00 effective after the 2018 AGM; motion carried.
- Deferred to a later conference call: Options for donations/grants/subsidies from members or others, proposal for professional audit, discussion on succession planning.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

# MINUTES OF THE 2018 ACGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.  
Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe  
109<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering – Atlanta, Georgia  
September 29, 2018

The 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on September 29, 2018, in Atlanta, Georgia, at 9:07AM by Randolph Walker, Chieftain. A quorum was established at 51 with twenty-four present plus twenty-seven proxies; required quorum was 45. Council members excused as unable to attend were Jeanne Lehr, Registrar, and Chuck Grierson, Member-at-Large.

**Invocation** was given by Rev. Thad Osborne, Chaplain.

**Memorial Service** was conducted by Rev. Thad Osborne recognizing persons whose names were submitted in the Report of the Historian for 2018. Rev. Osborne shared information about practices regarding deceased in Scotland that were especially common in village life. Jenna Sorat, Martha Smith and Diana Browne assisted by placing white carnations in the greenery wreath.

**Opening remarks** were given by the Chieftain, Randy Walker. His comments included:

- Accomplishments of Area Deputy Chieftains (ADCs) in promoting the Society
- Ten academic scholarships were granted in 2018 plus a new one in piping
- The Chieftain attended events during Tartan Day in Washington DC and events at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina
- The Lord Lyon, Scotland, is welcoming applications for personal Scottish Arms
- The Society now has 600 members on the ACGS Facebook page

*(Full text of reports from officers and officials can be found elsewhere in this Yearbook.)*

**Report of the Scribe:** Jane Montmeny reported on two telephonic interim Council meetings held in February and in August plus a summary of the Council meeting held on the previous day. The following reports were summarized by the Scribe: Assistant Chieftain, Registrar, Historian, Yearbook Editor, Newsletter Editor, Librarian, Scholarship Committee, Recognition Committee, Audit Committee, IT Committee and Webmaster, and Gathering Site Selection Committee. The report was accepted.

The Scribe reported on Policy and Procedures which were presented in Council:

The following had no revisions as currently written and were approved.

- 20 – Gathering Committee
- 22 – Nominating Committee
- 28 – Gathering Site Selection Committee

The following were submitted with revisions which were approved:

- 04 – Scribe
- 05 – Registrar
- 06 – Treasurer
- 22 – Recognition Committee
- 25 – Audit Committee (to be renamed Financial Review Committee)
- 26 – Information Technology Committee
- 27 – Merchandise Manager Committee

**Report of the Ranking Deputy Chieftain (RDC)** was given by Peter Gregg, RDC. He also serves as Area Deputy Chieftain (ADC) for Delaware/New Jersey/ Eastern Pennsylvania. He introduced the following ADCs present at the meeting: Bruce Whyte, Georgia/Florida; Michael A. McGregor, South Carolina; Jean Simon, Alabama; Thad Osborne, Eastern Tennessee, and Robert Young, Louisiana/Mississippi. As Merchandise Manager, he reported his activity in that capacity. The reports were accepted.

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

**Report of the Board of Trustees** was given by Rev. Thad Osborne. The report was accepted.

**Election of Officers:** The members of the Nominating Committee were Diana Browne, Lois Ann Garlitz and M. Greg Elliott. The report given by Diana Browne of the nominated Council officers included:

- Chieftain: Randy Walker
  - Ranking Deputy Chieftain: Peter Gregg
  - Treasurer: Bruce Whyte
  - Scribe: Jane Montmeny
  - Registrar: Jeanne Lehr
  - Chancellor: Diana Browne
  - Immediate Past Chieftain: Lois Ann Garlitz
- Lois Ann Garlitz was nominated by Thad Osborne to be a member of the Board of Trustees. As such, she will become a non-voting member of Council to avoid a conflict of interest; as the Immediate Past Chieftain, she will remain on Council to contribute historical knowledge of the Society.

Thad Osborne moved and Stuart McGregor seconded that all the nominations be approved; motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Bruce Whyte, Treasurer, reported on expenses associated with Gathering costs and budgeting for the future:

- Bottom line is that we are losing money each year; the income from attendees does not cover the total costs.
- Goal is to increase net income, decrease expenses and make Gatherings cost neutral.
- DC law requires that there is a face to face annual meeting.

- Membership fee issues: Only 25% of members are dues paying every year (lineal and associate). Lifetime members who do not pay yearly dues are about 50% of the members. Dues accounts past due are about 26% of the members (have paid within the last two years).
- Council has approved a new fee for Life membership of \$3,000. Current Life members are grandfathered in with no additional fee.

**For the Good of the Order:**

- Randy Walker, Chieftain, presented information about the displayed Pinsel of MacGregor of MacGregor. It is displayed at each AGM of the Society (when the Chief is not present) and is routinely carried at the head of ACGS contingents in clan parades at major highland game events across the USA as directed by the Chief of Clan Gregor. It is never displayed when the Chief is present but only in his absence, signifying that someone else is the Chief's official representative on that occasion.  
*(See full text of this document elsewhere in this yearbook)*
- It was announced that the next annual ACGS Gathering will be in Norfolk Virginia on October 3-5, 2019.

As there was no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Randy Walker, Chieftain at 10:43am.

## **MINUTES OF THE 2018 AREA DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN (ADC) MEETING**

Submitted by Jane Montmeny

Attendees:

Chair, Peter K. Gregg, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, ADC DE, NJ, Eastern PA  
 D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe  
 Bruce M. Whyte, ADC GA, North FL, Grandfather Mountain  
 Robert Young, ADC MS, LA  
 Michael McGregor, ADC SC  
 Jean Simon, ADC AL  
 Thad Osborne, ADC Eastern TN

The meeting was called to order by Peter Gregg, Ranking Deputy Chieftain at 10:50am on September 29, 2018. He congratulated everyone on the success of their work and efforts on behalf of the Society. As ADC, they are the public face of the Society and their efforts reflect not only on themselves but also the Society and our hereditary Chief.

The following were items of discussion:

- The ACGS Council has given permanent status to the Genealogy Committee which has sent an “Open Letter to ADC’s” as follows:

*Dear Area Deputy Chieftains,*

*Some of you may have heard for the first time today that a Genealogy Committee has been appointed to support the work of the American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) by providing genealogical research assistance to selected persons, such as those seeking to complete lineal membership applications to join the ACGS and provisional members of ACGS seeking to convert to lineal membership.*

*During the Committee’s first year, as its purpose was defined, we analyzed the current Provisional membership records (ten of them) for ideas as to how we might proceed with our responsibilities. All of them had initially been contacted and recruited by a state or area deputy. Two of them completed their research on their own to apply and received lineal membership within a year. The other eight did not. As a committee, it soon became clear that five years was too long for such a membership. Plans are under way to reduce that to two years. New provisional members will now be contacted by the committee within 90 days and offered research assistance. Along the way this past year, there were a few prospective members who contacted the registrar first and were referred to the committee for research assistance. Most of those persons are now lineal members.*

*Why are we sharing this information with you? It is well understood that the ADCs as they meet MacGregors face to face out in the field, are our front-line recruiters. Our Facebook page and our website are helpful too. There is something quite engaging about another person (you) taking a personal interest in a newcomer’s story about their own family story. Offer them the Provisional membership form, help them fill it out where they can, collect their first year’s dues (currently \$40) and mail them together to the Registrar – not the Treasurer. This information can then be referred to the Genealogy Committee as appropriate. If you need some help, take a look at this post on our Facebook page: “Five Things to Do When Applying to a Lineage Society”*

*<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/5-things-to-do-when-applyin.../>*

*Thank you for your assistance in bringing in new members.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*ACGS Genealogy Committee, 29 Sept 2018*

*Adrienne Tomkins, chair, Lois Ann Garlitz, research assistant, Jeanne Lehr, Registrar, ex-officio member*

- ADCs discussed ways to encourage membership other than the Facebook page and ACGS website such as to post on the webpage of specific games, or have a prominent location at games. Submitting an article to the Highlander magazine highlighting clan activities was also suggested.
- Peter reminded the ADCs that the provisional membership form can be found on the ACGS website. A request was made that there be room on the provisional membership form for the ADC to apply a label with their name. It would help the ADC know when such application was approved and the applicant becomes a member. As it is now, the ADC gets no feedback if the applicant has become a new member; they would like to be able to stay in contact with any new members that are found from their recruitment efforts.

- As Merchandise Manager, Peter would like to make ACGS items available for ADCs to use. He suggested that he take pictures of ACGS merchandise for a digital catalog that could be sent to each ADC and posted on the website. This was approved.
- Peter suggested establishing standardized business cards for the ADCs to have available at clan tents. Peter has had the Delaware Department of Corrections Industry do printing of our clan merchandise. If the template design was established, and an initial order of 500 was done, the template could be sent to all ADCs for their use. Peter will send email copies to ADCs with the cost to order and print.
- Thad announced that Clan Gregor will be the honored clan at the Blairsville Georgia Scottish Festival in June 2019 and requested all who can to attend.

With a conclusion of further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am by Peter Gregg.

## **2018 REPORT OF THE SCRIBE**

Submitted by Jane Montmeny

1. The minutes from the 2017 ACGS Gathering, San Antonio Texas, were published in the 2018 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 two interim ACGS Council teleconference call meetings as follows:
    - A. ACGS Council teleconference call Thursday February 8, 2018**  
 ACGS Chieftain, Randy Walker, opened the interim Council Meeting on Thursday February 8, 2018 at 4:32pm MDT, per teleconference call. Jane Montmeny, Scribe, completed roll call and determined that eight voting Council members were on the call; a quorum of six is required. Thad Osborne, Chair of the Trustees, a non-voting member was on the call relative to the agenda being discussed. Because the Chancellor was unable to be on the call, Jeanne Lehr, Registrar, was asked to function as the Parliamentarian.  
 The Chieftain stated the purposes of the meeting:
      - Final vote on the revised P&P for the Scholarship Committee;
      - Nomination/council vote on the 2018 Nominating Committee;
      - The utilization of the \$80,000.00 bequest from the Ewell family.
- 1) Randy led discussion on the Scholarship Committee P&P and took comments/suggestions on specific wording to clarify parts of the document. Randy will make the changes and will distribute the P&P for the electronic final vote.
  - 2) Randy announced that the following members have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2018: Diana Browne, Lois Ann Garlitz and M. Gregg Elliott. Randy moved and Tom King seconded a motion for approval; motion carried.
  - 3) Randy asked Thad Osborne to present information from the Trustees about the proposed use of the \$80,000 bequest from the Ewell family. Their recommendations include:
    - Depositing the bequest into the investment C&E fund so that any subsequent donations would be tax deductible to members making donations.



- 13.8% (1/8) of the bequest funds to be used for educational component support at full ACGS gatherings.
- 86.2% (7/8) of the bequest funds to be used for academic scholarships.
- Restore the Henry and Edith Blunt name to some of the scholarships.
- At least one scholarship of the total given out would be named the Nathaniel and Antoinette Ewell Scholarship.

There was some discussion if we are giving enough financial aid in scholarships based on the total fund amount and in view of current college tuition costs. Tom King moved and Jeanne Lehr seconded a motion to approve the recommendations from the Trustees; motion carried.

- 4) For the Good of the Order: Randy announced that the proposed dates for the 2018 ACGS meeting is September 28 & 29 in Atlanta. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm MDT.

**B. ACGS Council Teleconference Call Wednesday August 22, 2018:**

ACGS Chieftain, Randy Walker, opened the interim council meeting on Wednesday August 22, 2018 at 5:03pm MDT, per teleconference call. Jane Montmeny, Scribe, completed roll call and determined that eight voting council members were on the call; a quorum of six is required.

- 1) Randy asked Jeanne to present information on the proposed P&P for the Genealogy Committee. The Committee has been in ad hoc status for about a year with members Jeanne Lehr, Lois Ann Garlitz and Adrienne Thompkins, chair. Following a detailed presentation, it was recommended that council consider approval of the P&P at the meeting in Atlanta. The change to a permanent committee will also be considered at that time.
- 2) Jeanne presented detailed information on proposed changes to the Registrar P&P. It was noted by Rob that the IT, Treasurer and Registrar P&P's need to use the same terms particularly related to the name of the shared data base. The P&P will be considered for approval at the council meeting in Atlanta.
- 3) Randy decided the Treasurer's P&P would be discussed at a later time when Bruce would be available to present the proposed changes.
- 4) Jane presented the proposed change to the Scribe P&P with some discussion. The P&P will be presented for approval at the council meeting in Atlanta.
- 5) Rob presented the proposed change to rename the Audit Committee to be the Financial Review Committee. All of the P&P's and other documents will need to be congruent with the change. The P&P will be presented for approval at the council meeting in Atlanta.
- 6) Jeanne asked that there be changes to the Recognition Committee P&P related to the responsibility of the Registrar to file copies of the awards. Randy and Jeanne will work on this.
- 7) Peter noted that in the Merchandise Manager P&P the term SDC (State Deputy Chieftain) needs updating to the current ADC (Area Deputy Chieftain). The P&P will be presented for approval at the council meeting in Atlanta.
- 8) Randy will be sending out a reminder to all officers who need to submit their annual reports for the meeting in Atlanta. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm MDT.

# REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN

Submitted by Kathy W. Whyte

Preparations for the 2017 Gathering were a new and challenging experience for me. It was a full gathering held at the historical Sheraton Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. There was the special attendance of Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor, a formal education session and many other activities and tours to be organized.

Our formal education component was a highlight of the dinner along with the haggis presentation. Fortunately, there were many kind and helpful folks to keep me on track. Members shared with me that they really enjoyed the site and the events. So, I believe it was a success!

The Gathering Committee, including Randy and Teresa Walker (hosts) and Bruce Whyte (Treasurer), did a complete review of the gathering including comments provided on evaluation forms, personal observations, costs (projected versus actual), etc. to assist with planning for future gatherings.

Planning for the 2018 Annual Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia began in January 2018. Our external meeting coordinator sent out requests for proposals to 13 hotels and 10 provided quotes. A comparison summary was prepared based on standard criteria which included cost and general suitability for the gathering. Four hotels were visited by the Assistant Chieftain and the Treasurer. The Embassy Suites Hotel on Peachtree in Buckhead was chosen based on cost of accommodations, availability and suitability of meeting spaces, access to airport transportation, cost of parking, access to restaurants and other sites.

The Gathering Committee consisted of Beth Wassell, Jenna Sorat, Don Simon, Martha Smith, Bruce Whyte and Kathy Whyte. The committee held one meeting and continued to correspond by e-mail. Based on shared information, the committee agreed that the Embassy Suites was the best hotel to host our event. The next steps included entering into a contract with the hotel indicating meeting space set up and food and beverage requirements. A “draft” agenda was shared with the Chieftain, Gathering Committee, and the hotel for review and comment. An educational speaker was identified. The Registration Fee was determined based on projected costs and anticipated attendance to ensure a cost neutral 2018 gathering. The site for the 2019 Gathering will be announced at the September 29, 2018 luncheon in Atlanta.

Other activities included proofing and editing of Newsletters and the Yearbook and working with the Treasurer to coordinate printing and disbursement.

A highlight for me this year was to attend the National Tartan Day in Washington, DC. It was very educational and enlightening for me and provided a greater understanding of the Society and the importance of our genealogy – and the cherry blossoms were in bloom!

There is the added attraction of attending the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games which are always so well organized and generates interest for identifying new members for the Society.

## REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

Submitted by Jeanne Peter Lehr

This report is a listing of new members or other changes in membership status between the Gathering at San Antonio, Texas held on 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the Gathering at Atlanta Buckhead, Georgia held on 28<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018. 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 September 2017 to September 2018:**

Corrections from previous years = 0

New members (lineal, associate and life) = 22

New provisional members = 0

Members advancing from provisional to lineal = 0

Members converting to life membership = 2

Juniors advancing to lineal membership = 1

New Junior members = 3

Reinstated members = 1

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

**#3197 Middleton, Holly Michelle, Texas.** She is the spouse of Darin Shane Middleton and the son of Kenneth Eugene Bisbee Sr. and Teri Lyn Burris; he the son of Nick G. Burris and Beverly Johnson; she the daughter of Floyd Hollick Johnson and Virginia Leishman; she the daughter of James Allan Leishman and Sarah Elizabeth Hansen; he the son of William A. Leishman and Esther McKay; he the son of John Leishman and Jane Allan; she the daughter of James Allan and Ann McGregor; she the daughter of Alexander McGregor and Jean Gowan.

**#3198 Roby Jr., David McGregor, Texas.** He is the spouse of Alison Sciuлло and the son of David McGregor Roby and Virginia Worden; he the son of Wilson Roby and Ida Jane McGregor; she the daughter of David McGregor and Nellie Birrell Patterson; he the son of William McGregor and Margaret Brown; he the son of David McGregor and Janet Sinclair; he the son of William McGregor and Elisabeth Thom.

**#3199 Tousey, Jennifer Ellen (King), California.** She is the spouse of Joshua Jamesbear Tousey and the daughter of Timothy Earl King ACGS #3118 and Kathleen Stephenson Erb; he the son of George Moerdyke King and Madelyn Ethel Hatfield; he the son of Karl Grant King and Miriam Moerdyke; he the son of Samuel Henry King and

Girttie Dorn; he the son of George Edward King and Eliza Margaret Kraft; he the son of Gorham King and Eunice Stephenson; he the son of Elisha King and Molly Knowlton; he the son of Dr Robert King and Rachel Knox; he the son of Robert King and Jennet Sterling; he the son of Henry John King and Margaret Scott.

**#3200 King, Madison Bella Yarrow, California.** She is the daughter of Matthew James Friedlander and Jennifer Ellen (King) Tousey ACGS #3199; she the daughter of Timothy Earl King ACGS #3118 and Kathleen Stephenson Erb; he the son of George Moerdyke King and Madelyn Ethel Hatfield; he the son of Karl Grant King and Miriam Moerdyke; he the son of Samuel Henry King and Girttie Dorn; he the son of George Edward King and Eliza Margaret Kraft; he the son of Gorham King and Eunice Stephenson; he the son of Elisha King and Molly Knowlton; he the son of Dr Robert King and Rachel Knox; he the son of Robert King and Jennet Sterling; he the son of Henry John King and Margaret Scott.

**#3201ALM Pettenati, Dustin Andrew, North Carolina.** He is the spouse of Mary Byrd Ewell Pettenati ACGS #2998LM.

**#3202LM Ewell, Anne Carrington, North Carolina.** She is the daughter of Richard Stoddert Ewell ACGS #2205LM and Elizabeth Jean Rickert; he the son of Nathaniel McGregor Ewell Jr ACGS #936 and Mildred Carrington Hart ACGS #2319A; he the son of Jesse Ewell Jr and Mary Jane Ish; he the son of John Smith Magruder and Helen Woods MacGregor; she the daughter of Jesse Ewell and Ellen MacGregor; she the daughter of John Smith Magruder and Eleanor Clark Hall; he the son of Nathaniel Magruder and Margaret Magruder; he the son of John Magruder and Susanna Smith; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder and Margaret Braithwaite.

**#3203 Garlitz, Donald W., Utah.** He is the spouse of Lora Lee Stewart and the son of Richard Lewis Garlitz and Lois Ann Cox; she the daughter of Donald Cox and Jeanette Rebecca Sneath; she the daughter of Charles Alexander Sneath and Lois Rebecca McGregor; she the daughter of Alexander McGregor Jr. and Mary Lois Bridges; he the son of Alexander McGregor Sr. and Rebecca Brown.

**#3204 Musick, Teri Beth, Virginia.** She is the spouse of Todd Allen Musick and the daughter of Larry Paul Haas and Betty Ann McGhee; she the daughter of Albert George McGhee and Doris Irene Farley; he the son of Joseph Harden McGhee and Nora Cozort; he the son of Charles Stewart McGhee and Julia Frances McGhee; he the son of Steward (Stewart) McGhee and Mary Murry; he the son of Joel McGhee and Catherine Evans; he the son of Peter McGhee and Judith Lively; he the son of John McGhee and Sarah Harvey; he the son of William McGhee Sr. and Elizabeth Lively; he the son of James McGhee and Rebecca Prewitt; he the son of William MackGehee and Mary Carr; he the son of Thomas MackGehee and Ann Bashop (Bishop); he the son of William Mackyhe (MackGehee) and Mary Mumford Johnson; he the son of Patrick MacGregor and Marion MacDonald.

**#3205 AUSA-VELASCO, Raul Ernesto, New Jersey.** He is the spouse of Sierra Van Ryck DeGroot and the son of Ricardo Merola and Laura Elisa AUSA; she the daughter of Luis Alberto AUSA and Laura Clementine Velazco; he the son of Cecilia AUSA and Maria Elisa MacGregor; she the daughter of Juan Carlos Mac Gregor and Manuela Rasilla; he the son of John McGregor and Mary Begg; he the son of Malcolm MacGregor and Margaret Bruges.

**#3206 Stuart Ian Hartwell, Virginia.** He is the spouse of Sara Willis and the son of Ward Hartwell and Ellen MacPetrie; she the daughter of George Meldrom MacPetrie and Jessie Mclean; she the daughter of Donald MacLean and Marion Morrison.

**#3207 Grierson, Michael Elmer, Maryland.** He is the spouse of Deborah LaVonne and the son of William Alvin Grierson and Doris Louise Trott; he the son of Lawrence Alvin Grierson and Sarah Iola Phipps; he the son of Andrew Charles Grierson and Anna May Smith; he the son of John Andrew Grierson and Elizabeth Ann Persey; he the son of Andrew Grierson and Ann Thompson Miller; he the son of Andrew Grierson and Jean Brown.

**#3208 Haas, Betty Ann, Virginia.** She is the spouse of Larry Paul Haas and the daughter of Albert George McGhee and Doris Irene Farley; he the son of Joseph Harden McGhee and Nora Cozort; he the son of Charles Stewart McGhee and Julia Frances McGhee; he the son of Steward (Stewart) McGhee and Mary Murry; he the son of Joel McGhee and Catherine Evans; he the son of Peter McGhee and Judith Lively; he the son of John McGhee and Sarah Harvey; he the son of William McGhee Sr. and Elizabeth Lively; he the son of James McGhee and Rebecca Prewitt; he the son of William MackGehee and Mary Carr; he the son of Thomas MackGehee and Ann Bashop (Bishop); he the son of William Mackyhe (MackGehee) and Mary Mumford Johnson; he the son of Patrick MacGregor and Marion MacDonald.

**#3209 Burkett, Karen Leigh Reynolds, Virginia.** She is the spouse of Dennis Luther Burkett and the daughter of Walter Diane Reynolds and Ethel Nelson Dabney; he the son of William Bunyan Reynolds and Susie Eugenia Drane; she the daughter of Stephen Drane and Susan Frances Hamrick; he the son of William Piles Drane and Cassandra Magruder; she the daughter of Ninian Beall Magruder and Rebecca Young; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Margaret Beall Jackson.

**#3210 Elia, Barbara E. Stone, Maryland.** She is the spouse of Paul L. Elia, Jr. and the daughter of John Pool Stone and Nell Hallie Stone; he the son of John Dunbar Stone and Katherine Pool; he the son of Frank Pelham Stone and Lilly C. Moore; he the son of Philip Stone and Olivia Dunbar Magruder; she the daughter of Lloyd Magruder and Ann Holmes; he the son of Samuel Wade Magruder and Lucy Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder and Ann Wade.

**#3211LM MacGregor, Gordon Douglas Cotter, North Carolina.** He is the spouse of Caitlin Michelle Brown and the son of Peter Griscom MacGregor and Jean Marie DeSimone; he the son of Donald MacGregor and Nancy Sinclair; he the son of James

Kenneth MacGregor and Beatrice; he the son of Duncan MacGregor and Clara (Clary) Scorel; he the son of James MacGregor (McGrigger) and Christina.

**#3212A Turner, Timothy Clayton, Florida.** He is the spouse of Faye Danette (Danie) Griffin Turner #3163.

**#3213 McGregor, Howard Wayne, Kentucky.** He is the spouse of Frances Elaine Cash and the son of Edward Herbert McGregor and Gladys May Vandiver; he the son of John Burse McGregor and Della Frances Carroll; he the son of John Marion McGregor and Serelda Ann Jackson; he the son of James McGregor and Elizabeth Chappel; he the son of William McGregor and Mary.

**#3214 Stock, Emma Ruth, Texas.** She is the spouse of Robert Lynn Stock and the daughter of Alton Alexander Gault and Sarah Ruth Perry; he the son of John Rainey Gault and Mary Emma Alexander; she the daughter of Joseph Anderson Alexander and Martha Elizabeth Massey; she the daughter of Allen Alonzo Massey and Susan Tillery Greer; she the daughter of James Greer and Elizabeth Morgan; he the son of Henry Greer; he the son of James (Lt) Greer; he the son of Aquilla Greer; he the son of John G. Greer Sr; he the son of James Greer; he the son of Sir James Grierson; he the son of Sir William Grierson; he the son of Roger Grierson; he the son of John Lord Grierson van Lag; he the son of Roger Lord Grierson van Lag; he the son of Roger Grierson; he the son of Vedast Grierson; he the son of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord of Lags Gilbert Grierson; he the son of Gilbert Grierson of Lag (aka Gilbert MacGregor); he the son of Lord Malcom Dominos de MacGregor; he the son of Lord Gregor MacGregor; he the son of Lord William MacGregor; he the son of Sir Malcom Lord MacGregor; he the son of Sir John MacGregor Lord of Glenorch.

**#3215 Fritze, Jeffrey Richard, California.** He is the spouse of Erin Costigan and the son of Clark J. Fritze #3147LM, he the son of Warren Robert Fritze and Harriett Jane McDermott; she the daughter of Charles McDermott and Sadie Mae Denny; he the son of Frank McDermott and Martha Jane 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; she the daughter of William Grierson; he the son of Gilbert Grierson; he the son of William Grierson 2<sup>nd</sup> Bt; he the son of Robert Grierson, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet of Lag; he the son of William Grierson; he the son of Sir Robert Grierson; he the son of Sir William Grierson 9<sup>th</sup> of Lag; he the son of Roger Lord Lag Grierson; he the son of Sir John, 6<sup>th</sup> Lord of Lag & amp, Rock Hall, Grierson; he the son of Roger II Lord Windiehill Grierson; he the son of Roger 4<sup>th</sup> Laird of Lag Grierson; he the son of Sir Frederick Vedast 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Lage Grierson; he the son of Gilbert II 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord of Lag Grierson; he the son of Gilbert Lord Lag Grierson MacGregor; he the son of Malcolm 11<sup>th</sup> Lord of MacGregor; Gregor MacGregor 10<sup>th</sup> Lord MacGregor; he the son of William Macgregor; he the son of Malcolm Sir Macgregor; he the son of Sir John Laird Glen Orchy MacGregor; he the son of Gregor Lord Glenurchy MacGregor; he the son of Sir John (Eoin More "The Great") MacGregor of Bratich; he the son of Gregor De Bharrattich MacGregor; he the son of Constantine II King of Alba MacGregor; he the son of Dongallus

“The Prince” MacGregor II: he the son of Prince Gregor MacAlpin; he the son of Alpin IV King of Scots od Dalraida MacEochaid.

**#3216A Fritze, Erin, California.** She is the spouse of Jeffrey Richard Fritze #3215.

**#3217LM Fleck, Adam Brian, Minnesota.** He is the spouse of Lizette Rose Grinden and the son of Gary Dean Fleck and Linda Leigh White; she the daughter of Loren Elwood White and June Bonita Borge; he the son of Leonard Huston White and Eva May Willford; he the son of Thomas White and Ellenor Burnard; he the son of Thomas White and Agnes Adamson; he the son of Thomas White and Beatrix (Betty) Bennet.

**#3218 Netherton, Katharine Renee, Kentucky.** She is the spouse of Daniel Edward Netherton and the daughter of David Ray Pyles and Leslie Ann Thomason; he the son of Elton Dudley Pyles and Faye Lee Dean; she the daughter of Wade Dean and Atha Inez Magruder; she the daughter of Hollis Edgar Magruder and Jennie Belle Webb; he the son of William Owen Magruder and Anna Smith; he the son of Josiah Silas Magruder and Eleanor (Ellen) Graves (2<sup>nd</sup> wife); he the son of John Thomas Magruder and Nancy Ann Threlkeld; he the son of Josiah Harding Magruder and Elizabeth Cardwell Sutherland; he the son of Thomas Magruder and Priscilla Galot Beall; he the son of Elias Magruder; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Eleanor Wade; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder/MacGregor.

### **PROVISIONAL MEMBERS**

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

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

**#2205LM Richard Stoddert Ewell**

**#2998LM Mary Byrd Ewell Pettenati**

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

**#3202LM Ewell, Anne Carrington**

#### **REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2017/2018**

**#1592 Ebert, Karen Sue MacGregor**

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

**#2021J Garlitz, William Luke, Utah.** Sponsor is his father Donald W. Garlitz ACGS #3203

**#2023J Fritze, Sean Warren, California.** Sponsor is his grandfather Dr. Clark J. Fritze ACGS #3147LM

**#2027J Tousey, Sage Waabigwan, California.** Sponsor is her mother Jennifer Tousey ACGS #3199

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Submitted by Bruce MacGregor Whyte, M.D.

## Profit and Loss Statement

The Society incurred a loss of FY2017 of \$4,229. The major costs to the Society are the Gathering and ongoing operating expenses. The major sources of income are the membership dues and Gathering registrations.

## **P/L American Clan Gregor Society, FY 2017**

Income		
	2017 Gathering	\$12,332
	Dues	\$12,310
	Donations <sup>1</sup>	\$13,883
	Other <sup>2</sup>	\$2,830
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>		<b><u>\$41,355</u></b>
Expenses		
	2017 Gathering	\$32,098
	Promotions <sup>3</sup>	\$2,191
	Postage	\$647
	Office <sup>4</sup>	\$1,556
	Professional <sup>5</sup>	\$1,230
	Bank/Stripe charges	\$919
	ADC reimbursements	\$648
	Printing	\$6,295
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>		<b><u>\$45,584</u></b>
<b>Net Loss</b>		<b>(\$4,229)</b>

## End of year account balances

General Checking	\$1,575.69
General Savings	\$82,936.58 (includes bequest from Nathaniel Ewell)
Peg Tichy Memorial Fund	\$839.77

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<sup>1</sup>Donation from C&E and Tichy Fund for travel and accommodation for Malcolm and Fiona MacGregor, 2017 Gathering, San Antonio

<sup>2</sup> Merchandise, name tags

<sup>3</sup> Bags, shirts, magazine ads

<sup>4</sup> Teleconference costs, software, repairs

<sup>5</sup> CPA, insurance, internet hosting and domain charge



# REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Submitted by Elizabeth Magruder Joiner

Since the Gathering of the Society in San Antonio, Texas in 2017 until the Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia in 2018 there have been the following reports: one birth, no marriages, ten deaths of members, and seven deaths of relatives of members and friends of ACGS.

## BIRTHS



Henry Liam Pape, born December 31, 2017, son of Steven Paul Pape, Jr. and Rachel Garlitz Pape (ACGS#3008), grandson of Donald Wayne Garlitz (ACGS#3203), great-grandson of former Chieftain, Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS#2561LM).

## DEATHS OF MEMBERS

James Marvin Lowrey, Sr (ACGS#2384LM) died January 13, 2006.  
George Harlan Osborne (ACGS#2194LM) died September 18, 2009.  
Bettina Jones Schmalbach Curtis (ACGS#1937LM) died August 25, 2013.  
Phyllis Lynn Hodum (ACGS#2768) died October 7, 2015.  
Betty Lou Black (ACGS#2522A) died January 22, 2016.  
Dorothy Jane Cruikshank Higgins (ACGS#1145A) died October 27, 2017.  
Janet B. Broadbent (ACGS#2279LM) died January 1, 2018.  
Gallen L. Stone (ACGS#1371LM) died January 23, 2018  
Frances L. Lloyd (ACGS#1052LM) died March 23, 2018.  
Frederick Augustin Magruder (ACGS#2433) died September 16, 2018.

## DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ACGS

Maradee Magee Lowrey, widow of James Marvin Lowrey, Sr (ACGS#2384LM), died June 1, 2012.  
Carl Robert Rupenthal, husband of Carolyn Magruder Rupenthal (ACGS#1522), died January 11, 2017.  
Marguerite Mary "Peg" Whyte, mother of Bruce MacGregor Whyte (ACGS#2783), grandmother of Jeremy MacGregor Whyte (ACGS#3004) and Timothy Bruce Whyte (ACGS#3003) died December 13, 2017.  
Helen Louise Diffee Tyler, wife of William Elliotte Tyler, III (ACGS#2582LM), died May1, 2018.  
John Patrick Masterson, ACGS pipe band member and past Gathering balladeer, died May 17, 2018.

Herschel McKinley Browne, III, brother of Diana G. Browne (ACGS#1737LM), died July 9, 2018.

Michael Lee Webb, brother of Assistant Chieftain, Kathy Whyte (ACGS#3169A), died August 9, 2018.

## MEMORIALS



## MEMBERS

### **James Marvin Lowrey, Sr.**

James Marvin Lowrey, Sr (ACGS#2384LM) died Friday, January 13, 2006, at Sulphur, Louisiana, after a brief illness. He was an area superintendent for Cities Service Oil Co., where he was employed for 39 years. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in chemical engineering and had done graduate studies there and elsewhere. He was a Navy veteran and served in World War II. Mr. Lowrey was a former member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and numerous other professional and civic organizations. After retirement, his interests turned to history, genealogy and environmental concerns. He wrote three books focused on people and events in the lives of his forefathers.

He was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and its Military Order of Stars and Bars, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society and the Sierra Club. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Maradee Magee Lowrey; daughter Carla Jo Lowrey and husband Gary Faber; two sons, James Marvin Lowrey, Jr. and Jack Magee Lowrey and wife Nicki; daughter-in-law Lucy Lowrey; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

## **Galen L. Stone, II**

Galen L. Stone II (ACGS#1371LM) influential Senior Diplomat and WWII veteran who in retirement helped direct numerous educational and philanthropic organizations in the greater Boston area, passed away on January 23, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.

Ambassador Stone was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 1921, the eldest child of Robert G. Stone and Bertha Lea Barnes. He grew up in Brookline, MA, attended The Park School, Milton Academy, and Harvard College, and summered in Marion at his family's beloved Great Hill property. In 1942, he enlisted in the [Army](#) and joined the US Army Corps of Engineers as a second lieutenant. He landed in Normandy while still under fire, and after VE Day was appointed Military Governor at age 24 over some 50,000 people in the greater Leipzig region of Germany.

He remained active in the Army Reserve until 1970, and rose to the rank of Colonel. Ambassador Stone joined the Foreign Service in 1947 and served in numerous posts around the world. He became Deputy Chief of Mission in New Delhi, India and also served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Paris, France. He subsequently served as US Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to the Republic of Cyprus. Ambassador Stone was a recipient of the State Department Meritorious Honor Award.

After retiring from the State Department in 1981, Mr. Stone's commitment to public service continued in his private life, as he helped guide and support more than a dozen Boston area educational and philanthropic organizations. He notably served as Chairman of the Board of Overseers of Northeastern University, as Chairman of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, as a Trustee of New England Baptist Hospital and as a Director and Treasurer of United South End Settlements. Mr. Stone's son Brewer stated, "My father experienced both the Great Depression and the Second World War, which gave him a deep sense of empathy and lifelong desire to serve. He was born into privilege and spent his life giving back."

Mr. Stone is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Anne Brewer Stone, and by his brother Henry, of St. Clair Shore, MI. He is also survived by five children, Diana, of Asheville, NC; Mary [Smith](#) of Plainville; Pamela Evans of Marion; Galen III of Marion; Brewer of Mill Valley, CA.; 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

## **Frederick Augustin Magruder**

Frederick Augustin (Fred) Magruder (ACGS#2433) passed away September 16, 2018. He was born June 3, 1935, to Abbey Wailes and Christine Herbert Magruder.

He was a graduate of St. Bernard Prep School, Cullman, AL and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He had a thirty-five-year career as a design engineer and retired in 1995 from Easton Aluminum Company in Van Nuys, California, one of the premier producers of aluminum arrows and baseball bats in the world.

After retirement, Fred moved to Savannah Lakes in McCormick, SC. There he was a member of the McCormick Lions Club and served as its president. In 2014 he moved to Wesley Commons in Greenwood, where he lived until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Abbey Wailes Magruder, Jr., and a nephew, Leslie Charles Magruder. He is survived by a sister, Christine Magruder Hackl of Indianapolis, IN, a brother, Dr. Christopher Herbert Magruder and his wife Anne, of Greenwood, a sister-in-law, Lillian Magruder of Jackson, MS; and by thirteen nieces and nephews: Abbey Wailes Magruder III (Vernon), Elizabeth Magruder Joiner (John), Christine Hackl Walsh (Michael), Albert James Hackl Jr (Marguerite), Martha Hackl Smith (Stephen), Frederick Abbey Hackl (Marita), Elizabeth Hackl Brainard, Ellen Hackl Fagan, Robert Theodore Hackl (Jo), Dorothy Hackl Reiser (Carl), Christopher Herbert Magruder Jr., Thomas Abbey Magruder, and James Frederick Magruder, 35 grand nieces and nephews, and 16 great grand nieces and nephews, and by his special friend, Nancy Wolf.

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

### **Maradee Magee Lowrey**

Maradee Magee Lowrey, widow of James Marvin Lowrey, Sr (ACGS#2384LM) died June 1, 2012, after a short illness. She was born on February 14, 1922, in Mansfield, Louisiana.

Maradee graduated from Louisiana Tech with a degree in English and married James M. Lowrey in 1944. After their children were in school, she became an English teacher, an occupation she held for twenty years. After her retirement she became very involved with the Louisiana Republican Women, serving as their regional president and then state vice-president. She assisted her husband in his genealogical research, doing most of the typing of his four books. She also wrote a memoir for the family and a book of children's stories.

Maradee is survived by a daughter, Carla Lowrey (Gary Faber); two sons, James M. Lowrey, Jr., and Jack Magee Lowrey (Nicki), four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

### **Carl Robert Ruppenthal, M.D.**

Dr. Carl Robert “Bob” Ruppenthal, husband of Carolyn Magruder Ruppenthal (ACGS#1522) died January 11, 2017, at Southminster Retirement Community in Charlotte, NC.

Bob was born in Philadelphia, PA, on November 6, 1935, to Carl and Elizabeth Weir Ruppenthal. He attended The University of Pennsylvania Medical School where he received his medical degree and was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. It was in Philadelphia that he met his future wife, Carolyn Magruder, whom he married in 1961. Bob served in the navy as a ship’s physician on the USS Piedmont stationed in Japan and San Diego. Upon discharge, he completed his medical residency at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, specializing in hematology.

In 1968, Bob and Carolyn moved their family of three sons to Charlotte where he practiced at the Nalle Clinic for the next 32 years. He was a skilled, compassionate physician, devoted to his patients and respected by his colleagues. He served as the President of the Nalle Clinic from 1982-1984 and was Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Charlotte Memorial Hospital from 1985-1987.

Bob was an active member of the Myers Park Baptist Church for 48 years, and was a volunteer in the community, donating his time to MedAssist, the Nalle Clinic Foundation, the Red Cross and as a member of the Board of Directors of Southminster.

Bob enjoyed gardening, particularly his roses. He loved music, played the piano throughout his life and was a church organist in his younger days. He was a member of two book clubs, Between The Lines Bible study group, and The Grapenuts, a wine-tasting and lively discussion group. Family time was precious to him, especially vacations at Wrightsville Beach. His grandchildren lovingly called him “Grandbob” and cherished his sense of humor and playfulness. Bob was loved by family and friends as someone they could always turn to for wise advice and guidance.

He was predeceased in death by a son, Steven Fiske Ruppenthal. In addition to his beloved wife of 55 years, Carolyn, Bob is survived by his sons, John Ruppenthal and his wife, Bannon Preston of Kensington, MD; Jeffrey Ruppenthal and his wife, Rachel Stewart of Davidson, NC; by grandchildren, Madison and Ethan, Ian and Sam; brother, Bruce Ruppenthal and his wife, Letty of Clarks Summit, PA; and sister, Sandra Derr of Willow Grove, PA.

## **Helen Louise Diffie Tyler**

Helen Louise Diffie Tyler, wife of William Elliotte Tyler, III (ACGS#2582LM) passed away May 1, 2018. She was the daughter of Jefferson Davis Diffie and Mildred Hall Diffie.

Helen was born in Waynesboro, VA February 5, 1935, attended Waynesboro High School, and graduated from Madison College as an elementary school teacher in 1956. She taught elementary school in Alexandria, VA, and after marriage in Allen, PA.

In 1960, the family moved to New Jersey and lived in and around Berkeley Heights NJ for 43 years. While in New Jersey she frequently served as a substitute teacher. Helen was very involved in local activities. She was a dedicated member of the Historical Society of Berkeley Heights for 20 years, serving as president for more than a decade. She had a crucial role in the rescue and preservation of the historic buildings at the Littell-Lord Farmstead, and in operating the 1760 Farmhouse as a museum and program center. She was also an active member of Questors, the American Association of University Women, and the League of Women Voters. She and Bill spent many summers at the AMC Echo Lake Camp on Mt Desert Island. She and Bill were first members of the New Providence, NJ Methodist Church and then members of the Berkeley Heights Presbyterian Church.

Helen is survived by her husband William Elliotte Tyler III of 61 years; two sons William E Tyler IV and wife Laura Tyler of Greensboro NC; Helen Markham Tyler and his wife Michele Tyler of Mechanicsville VA; sister Linda Diffie Dodd and two nieces Mindy Dodd and Caroline Dodd; and five grandchildren, Olivia Tyler, Lilly Tyler, George Tyler, Matthew Tyler and Brandon Tyler.

## **John Patrick Masterson**



John Patrick Masterson, 75, Professor Emeritus of English at Catonsville Community College, Piper and Bard with the Washington Scottish Pipe Band, the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. Pipe Band, and the American Clan Gregor Pipe Band, passed away May 17, 2018.

John joined the Saint Andrew's Society Pipe Band in about 1966 and stepped down on December 4, 2011, after 45 years active service with the band. He sang at the ACGS Annual Gathering banquets for decades, ending each one with a rousing "MacGregors Gathering." His final ACGS Gathering was 2010 in Annapolis, Maryland.

John will be remembered as a legendary wit, beloved teacher, devoted father and husband, noted reveler, and guitarist and piper extraordinaire; as a standard-bearer for all things Irish, merciless dispatcher of cocktails, grammar guardian, apron model, armchair Jeopardy wiz, purveyor of puns, and font of good cheer; as an insatiable news hound, a dimpled tippler, clever wordsmith, master of snacks (his "famous dip"), exemplar of charity, friend magnet, Jersey boy, iconic parade (magnificent in a Scottish feather bonnet), master of ceremonies, man of faith, and, quite possibly, the world's nicest man.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Pamela Walker Masterson, daughters Jennifer Martin Odenwald (Peter) and Joanna Masterson Young (Geoffrey), and grandchildren Jack, Maddy, and Peri Odenwald, all of Annapolis. His brother, Jim (Maureen), and sister, Liz, still reside in New Jersey with their daughters Colleen Masterson and Jennifer DiBenetto.

# **REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Submitted by Richard Greer, Ph.D., Chairman

A total of fourteen (14) applications were received. They were classified according to current policy. Six (6) were classified as Priority One, first time freshmen. Three (3) were classified as Priority Two, upperclassmen who had not previously received a scholarship. Four (4) were classified as Priority Three, upperclassmen who had previously received a scholarship. One (1) was classified as Priority Four, graduate or professional. Per procedure, all applicants were notified if applications were incomplete or if the applications were complete. Two (2) of the Priority One applicants did not complete the applications. The applications were then reviewed by the committee, and recommendations were forwarded to the Board of Trustees. The Board is the body that determines the actual recipients and the amount of the awards.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACGS CHARITY AND EDUCATION FUND (C&E)**

Submitted by Thad Osborne, Chairman

Between 7 May and 15 May 2018, the Trustees conferred by e-mail and discussed the recommendations of the Scholarship committee. Scholarships were awarded as follows:  
Priority #1-First time freshmen:

Emma Groves	Olathe, KS	\$1,500.00
Lindsay Argyle	Stansbury Park, UT	\$1,500.00
Mikelle Argyle	Layton, UT	\$1,500.00
Izaiah Barba	Rye, NH	\$1,500.00

Priority #2-Upperclassmen who have received an ACGS scholarship previously:

Tristen Armatruda	Mechanicsville, VA	\$1,500.00
Christopher Argyle	Layton, UT	\$1,500.00
Andrew Ramlet	Golden Valley, MN	\$1,500.00

Priority #3-Upperclassmen who have received prior ACGS assistance:

Travis Chumley	Concord, NC	\$1,500.00
Alex Baltzegar	Evans, GA	\$1,500.00

Priority #4-Graduate or Professional Student, career change:

Cecily Counter	Canton, MI	\$1,500.00
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The Trustees also approved a grant of \$650 to Noah Schnee for study at the North American Academy of Piping. This grant is on the recommendation of the Academy. Subsequent to this decision, Noah's mother advised us that Noah had received other financial aid sufficient for him to attend the Academy. The trustees then approved the award of this grant to Mr. Greyson Bledsoe of Elizabethton, Tennessee.  
Total amount of scholarships awarded: \$15,650.



# C & E PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

January through December, 2017

## Ordinary Income/Expenses

Income		
	Donations and Pledges	\$820
Total Income		\$820
Expense		
	Gathering Expenses	\$12,415
	Bank Service Charges	\$25
	Contributions	\$3,000
	Scholarships	\$18,000
	Storage rental	\$808
	Insurance	\$455
	Postage and Delivery	\$2,318
	Professional Fees	\$775
	Printing and Copying	\$2,947
Total Expense		\$40,843
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>		<b>(\$40,023)</b>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
	Interest Income	\$1
	Other Income (unrealized gain/loss)	\$46,206
	Dividends	\$13,972
Total Other Income		\$60,179
Other Expense		
	Foreign taxes	\$162
Total Other Expense		
<b>Net Other Income</b>		<b>\$60,017</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$19,994</b>

# **REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN**

Submitted by Irene MacGregor Nunley

In April I had the opportunity to visit the Langsdale Library at the University of Baltimore with the ACGS Chieftain, his wife, the Past Chieftain and the Treasurer. We met with Mr. Aiden Faust who is the Head of Special Collections at the Langsdale Library and had the opportunity to visit the ACGS Archives held at that institution.

During the year I also sent four copies of the ACGS Yearbook to the Library in Baltimore. Volumes XCVII, XCIX, C, & CII.

Due to other commitments I was not able to attend this year's Annual Gathering. I am planning to visit the ACGS storage unit located in Pennsylvania later this year.

# **REPORT OF FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Submitted by Paul O. Collinson, Chairman

The Financial Review Committee completed their annual review of the Society's financial practices and submits the following comments, recommendations, and requests for consideration:

1. Investment Policy Statement – the Financial Review Committee requests a copy of the Investment Policy Statement which governs the holdings and transactions within the investment accounts and states the general objectives of such.
2. Transaction Sampling – this year's review included a sampling of backup information to support checks payable to the Treasurer, the Ranking Deputy Chieftain, and to member Mike McGregor. Each was accounted for and properly documented.
3. Treasurer Policy & Procedures – the Financial Review Committee requests a corrected and updated version of the Treasurer P&P as page 1 omits Section B and ends in mid-sentence, then page 2 begins with Sub-section 5(d). Further, wording for STRIPE is absent.
4. Revision of all Policy & Procedures – the Financial Review Committee recommends that all Policy & Procedure statements be revised to include parameters to govern spending discretion and the approval of expenses.
5. Professional Audit – the Financial Review Committee is resolute that it is in the best interests of all concerned that a professional audit be commissioned. Benefits are numerous and include:
  - a. Protection of Society Officers and Society Assets
  - b. Identification of Process Improvements
  - c. Identification of Best Practices
  - d. Identification of material weaknesses
  - e. Ease of transfer in regards to future succession planning

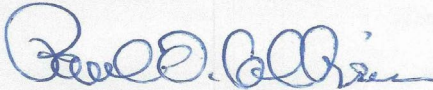
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**AUDIT COMMITTEE's REPORT**

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

January 1, 2017– December 31, 2017

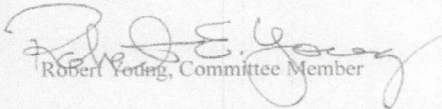
The Audit Committee, composed of Paul O. Collinson, M. Gregg Elliott, and Robert Young finds that the financial statements reviewed, fairly reflect the American Clan Gregor Society to be free and clear of any financial mismanagement.



Paul O. Collinson, Chairman



M. Gregg Elliott, Committee Member



Robert Young, Committee Member

Original: Randolph Walker, Chieftain

Copy: Dr. Bruce Whyte, Treasurer

# REPORT OF THE MERCHANDISE MANAGER

Submitted by Peter Gregg

Inventory Item	On Hand	Retail Price	Value (cost)
T-shirts Old, Forrest green	12	\$5.00	Unknown
Sweatshirts Old, Forrest Green	42	\$15.00	Unknown
T-shirts, Cardinal Red	17	\$20.00	17 x \$7.50 = \$127.50
Sweatshirts, Cardinal Red	9	\$30.00	9 x \$18.50 = \$166.50
Golf/Polo shirts	8	\$25.00	8 x \$16.50 = \$132.00
Coffee Mug	5	\$15.00	5 x \$4.00 = \$20.00
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Pillow 12" x 12"	4	\$70.00	4 x \$50.00 = \$200.00
ACGS Flags	23	\$50.00	23 x \$38.00 = \$874.00
ACGS Old Lapel Pin	13	\$10.00	Unknown
ACGS New Lapel Pin	21	\$10.00	21 x \$4.52 = \$94.92
MacGregor's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gathering Ck	52	\$10.00	Unknown
ACGS Tote Bag	2	\$35.00	2 x \$18.25 = \$36.50
<b>Total Inventory Value</b>			<b>\$1,651.42</b>

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

- Sweatshirts – 1 each
- T-shirts – 0 each
- Golf/Polo Shirts – 0 each
- Coffee Mug – 0 each
- Pillow, 12 x 12" – 0 each
- Name Tag – 19 each
- Lapel Pin – 5 each
- ACGS Flag – 41each
- MacGregor Cookbook – 0 each
- ACGS Tote Bag – 2 each

The price of postage has remained steady this year.

I have placed an order for some Tote bags, Sweat Shirts, Polo Shirts and coffee mugs. They are promised to be in by September 11, 2018. Delaware Correctional Industries has informed me that they will embroider any garment that is brought in for a cost of \$8.00 per piece. There must be at least 12 items to make it economically feasible for them to set up. I added a hoodie to my last order of polo shirts so we can see the quality of work on a drop off piece. We must determine a good price based on shipping.

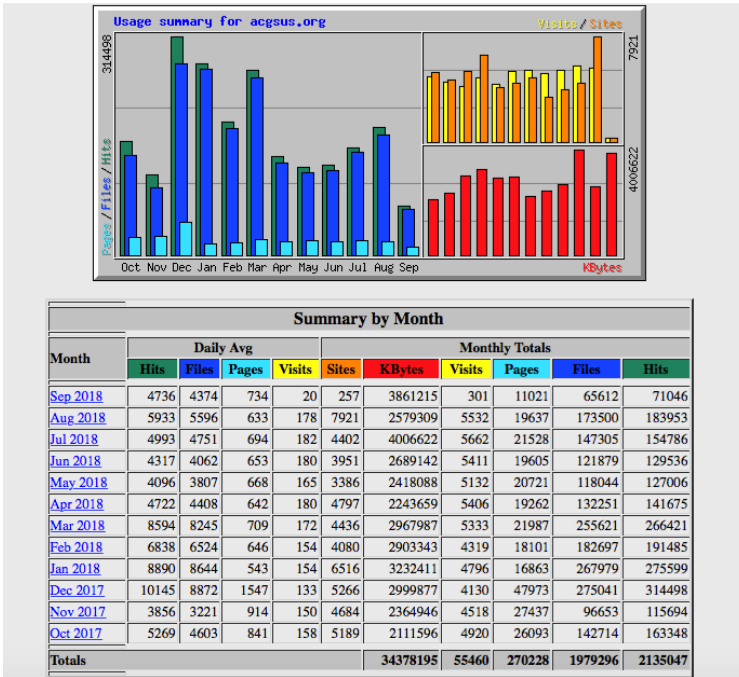
I have been informed that the blue fill on the belt used on our sweat shirts and tee-shirts is not proper. After discussing this with the Chieftain, we decided to change it to the same orange as used on the lion. I have attached a picture to this report.

The P&P for ADC’s and the Merchandise Manager allow for the consignment of merchandise to the Deputy Chieftains. This will be a topic for discussion at the ADC meeting during the gathering.

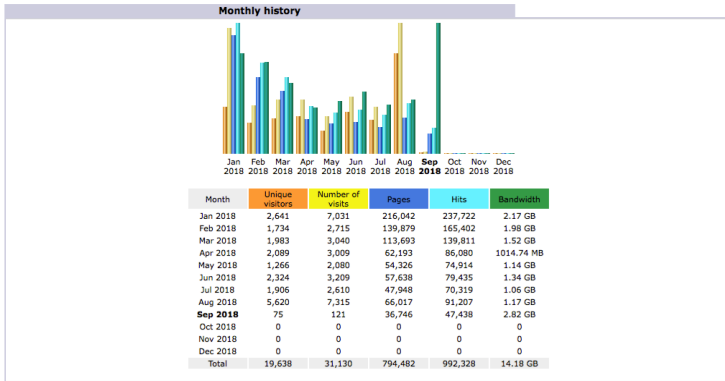
## REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER/IT COMMITTEE

Submitted by Bruce M. Whyte, Chairman

In 2017-2018, we saw continued growth in activity via our official website and our social media accounts. Below is usage summary by month over the past year, pages, files and hits, visits and Kbytes used:



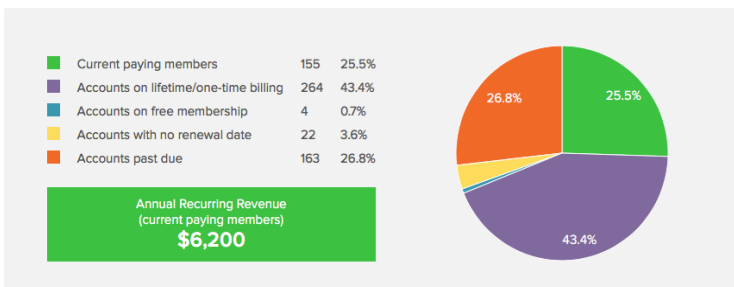
The graph below shows a monthly history of Unique visitors, number of visits, number of pages served and the bandwidth those visitors used. We saw an up-tick in September of 2.82 GB of bandwidth.



We also saw this past year the integration of MembershipWorks with our website, we have 744 accounts in MembershipWorks, 81.7% used MembershipWorks for their membership dues, 138 accounts without membership 18.3%.



Below is the breakdown of the Annual Recurring Revenue being processed via MembershipWorks. It shows the breakdown by membership levels.



# REPORT OF THE GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Adrienne Tomkins

As a genealogically based society, it is appropriate for the American Clan Gregor Society to maintain a team of experienced genealogists to further our organizational goals. Thus, in November 2017, an ad hoc Genealogy Committee (“GC”) was formed.

## **COMMITTEE FORMATION**

### **Purpose:**

The Genealogy Committee exists to support the work of the American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) by providing genealogical research assistance to selected persons, such as those seeking to complete lineal membership applications to join the ACGS and provisional members of ACGS seeking to convert to lineal membership.

### **Structure:**

The GC consists of a Chair (Adrienne Tomkins), an assistant (Lois Ann Garlitz) and the Registrar (Jeanne Lehr). The Registrar, as ex-officio member, is an integral part of this committee. All new membership applicants, whether Provisional or Lineal, come to the Registrar’s attention first; after which the Registrar shall forward the new Provisional’s contact information to the GC.

The amount of assistance we provide to each applicant shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, but the GC generally agreed that 5-7 hours should be sufficient, after which the candidate can build upon our findings to complete their application.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Provisional Members**

Our first Provisional Members (“PMs”) were accepted in summer 2013 (well before the formation of this committee). Since then, we have had ten applicants, two of whom progressed to Lineal Membership within two years of their original join date.

In an attempt to renew the remaining eight PMs’ interest in ACGS, we composed a form letter inquiring about the PM’s continued interest in membership and offering assistance with completing their applications.

Registrar Jeanne Lehr transmitted said letter this past Spring. None of the PMs responded or expressed an interest in receiving our assistance.

We then contacted the Treasurer to determine these PMs’ current membership status. We learned that none had paid their dues since joining ACGS. Due to their lack of response and payment of dues as outlined in the ByLaws, we have ceased to send periodicals to them.

## **New Applicants**

Since the advent of this ad hoc committee, our Registrar received inquiries and/or incomplete lineal applications from four individuals. These were referred to the GC, and we were able to provide enough assistance for them to complete their applications. Three have since submitted their Lineal Applications and another continues to express significant interest in joining.

## **Provisional Membership Term**

It became clear that, since PMs enjoy the same benefits of membership (and dues) as Lineals, there is little or no incentive for a PM to “upgrade.” Recent technology allows genealogical research to be completed much more quickly than it could be accomplished even five years ago, and people tend to lose interest fairly quickly. Therefore, the GC discussed limiting the term of Provisional Membership to two years rather than five. *We intend to propose a change to the ByLaws to that effect at the next Gathering.*

## **CONCLUSION**

Forming the Genealogy Committee in November 2017 has helped us, as well as the Chieftain, focus on what has worked with the Provisionals; as well as what has not, and why. It has also allowed us to learn how to help lineal applicants and determine approximately how much time is needed to help applicants, lineal or provisional. In future months we hope to solidify the goals and procedures of the Genealogy Committee in order to ensure they align with the mission and goals of the American Clan Gregor Society.

## **REPORT OF THE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

Submitted by Maggie Sanderfield

The Recognition Committee made a selection for this year’s award to be given at the Atlanta Gathering. Upon discovering that the selectee is unavailable to attend, the award will be given to the selectee at next year’s Gathering.

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

Submitted by Peter K. Gregg

Our Area Deputy Chieftains have been active this year representing the ACGS at numerous events. They will be attending many more after the due date for these reports. I have contacted the ADCs many times throughout the year offering the tri-fold pamphlets and ACGS pens for their use at their clan tents. To date I have sent about 250 pamphlets and pens. The ADCs have been proactive in sending their after-event reports for inclusion in our newsletter. The items that I have covered include requesting their input for the upcoming ADC meeting in Atlanta, requesting that they review and update as necessary their contact information on our website, and providing any business cards so that we may standardize them.



I journeyed to the ACGS storage locker in Kennett Square, PA to verify its condition and conduct an inventory of the contents.



*ACGS Storage Locker*

There are yearbooks ranging from 1909-1910 to 1969. I will return with the step ladder to complete the counts in the near future. Other items within the locker include the following: 25 each 9 inch vases; 32 each Maps of the districts inhabited by the Clan Gregor before the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century; a small silver and wood bowl presented by Sir Malcolm MacGregor at the 2004 gathering; a commemorative Quaich presented to the gathering participants at the 1975 gathering. There was a card describing a brass quaich presented by Sir Gregor MacGregor at the 1959 gathering. I could not locate the quaich. When I return, I will attempt to locate the quaich and get a measurement on the maps.

## REPORTS OF THE AREA DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS

### ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO

Mark Anthony Beach, ADC

This year has been an outstanding year so far for me here in New Mexico. I attended the Rio Grande Celtic Festival and Games in Albuquerque. I had the special treat of having our Chieftain and his wife Teresa come for a visit. We had a great time. The weather could not have been more perfect and there was record attendance again this year. I was joined in the tent by Kurt Whyte, his son Kristian, my granddaughter, Kaydence Lopez and my long-time tent partner Don Atchinson.



*Rio Grande Celtic Festival, Albuquerque, New Mexico*

In June, I had the pleasure of taking the tent to Cortez, Colorado for their first annual Celtic Festival. It was a real pleasure and the event was very well attended.

On the second weekend in October, I represented ACGS at the Aztec Highland games in Aztec, New Mexico. Saturday brought warm weather with cloudy skies and attendees enjoyed both the games and the many clans represented. The Clan Gregor tent was a huge success and had a steady stream of visitors all day. Sunday brought rain about midday, but a good time was had by all despite it. Looking forward to next season for sure!

## ARKANSAS AND WESTERN MISSOURI

Lawrence Greer, ADC

We started out this year supporting the Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival fund raiser and St. Patrick's Day Dinner. This is an effort by the Chamber of Commerce to help raise funds to support the Celtic Festival in September. The evening was filled with lots of food and music with proceeds going to support the festival. There was a pie auction and I participated in the musical performances to close the evening.

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Arkansas Scottish Festival, Batesville Arkansas, April 13-15<sup>th</sup>  
Held on the beautiful campus of Lyons College, we had a wonderful weekend in North Central Arkansas. Friday evening the clans were invited to the Presidents Reception at Bradley Manor to kick off the weekend.



Saturday's festivities included a clan parade, kilt race, piping and dance competitions, and a European car show. There was also a formal dinner Saturday night with lots of good food, fellowship, music and dancing. Sunday morning, we enjoyed a Scottish church service. The weather was cold and wet so we were forced to make an early exit.

No monies were received, but I did pass out 29 tri-fold information pamphlets. I had a chance to rekindle some contacts that were made at the festival last year and met some new family friends. I gave away a lot of "Cow Tails" and "Gummy Cows" candy to the kids.

The Kansas City Scottish Games and Festival has been cancelled until further notice.

I attended a donation ceremony for the Southwest Celtic Festival and Highland Games on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival will be held September 8-9<sup>th</sup> in Buffalo Missouri. I have been involved with the Chamber of Commerce to help plan this hometown event. I am looking forward to participating this year and will amend my report afterwards. Springfield Missouri will hold a third annual Highland game on October 20<sup>th</sup>.



*ADC Lawrence Greer helps the Chamber of Commerce plan the Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival in Buffalo, Missouri.*

## **CALIFORNIA (SOUTHERN)**

Richard Adams, ADC

I attended the Orange County Scottish Fair in Costa Mesa, California, which the Clan Gregor Tent was under the control of the Western Clan Gregor Society. The Western Clan Gregor Society has secured the Clan Gregor sites for all of the Southern California Region for several years.

## **DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Peter K. Gregg, ADC

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, my brother John and I represented the ACGS at the Fair Hill Scottish Games. We were assisted by our Nephew, Francis, my sister Cathy and my brother Thaddeus. The weather was rainy and chilly. I had received a small space heater for Christmas and it came in handy to take the bite out of the chill. They relocated the Clachan to a new area so we were hard to find. They also moved the bandstand so it was just behind us. We kept inviting people into our small tent to warm up. We must have had 20 or so visitors but only one or two of MacGregor descent. Despite the weather, it was a wonderful day with the pipes and fiddles beckoning us to the games.

September will be my busy month. The first weekend we will attend the McLean Celtic Festival in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and the very next week will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual

Covenanter Scottish Festival. This is the only games that I know of that has a demonstration of the flaming caber. They light the end of the caber before tossing.

Coming up in October is the Chesapeake Celtic Festival in Snow Hill, Maryland and the New Jersey Celtic Festival in South Amboy. I am hoping to attend the Chesapeake Celtic Festival and am still waiting to hear from the organizer of the New Jersey Celtic Festival.

This year I again contacted the State of Delaware and received a Scotts – Scotts Irish Heritage Month Proclamation from Delaware’s Governor, John Carney. I attempted again to contacted the Governors offices in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Again, only Delaware came through. I urge all ADCs to contact their State Representative and see if one is available in their state.

## **GEORGIA AND NORTHERN FLORIDA GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN**

Dr. Bruce M. Whyte, ADC

ADC Whyte attended multiple Highland Games and Celtic Festivals as the host in ACGS tents at these Games and assisted at other Games. Almost always assisted by other Society members for which he is eternally grateful. It is very difficult to man a tent, answer all the questions, provide information and food and drink and then find time to visit the Porta-Potties. Presented here is an abbreviated report of each Games attended.

### **North East Florida Games, Jacksonville, FL (February)**

Unfortunately, the assistant was unable to attend at the last minute so it was a solo event. But various Gregors, Virginia, Rebecca and Elton assisted during the day. Thank y’all sooooo much. This is an interesting Games which is held indoors in an agricultural arena. We all awaited the arrival of the coos!

A lot of interest with multiple membership packets given out and one person likely to reinstate. This is basically held in Jacksonville, FL so attracts many from that major metropolis.



### **Savannah Highland Games, Savannah, GA (May)**

The ADC attended these Games and was ably assisted by Michael Allen McGregor, ADC-SC.

A beautiful day, not even hot or humid, and zero no-seeums, a rarity on the SE coast. The site of the Games is stunningly beautiful, surrounded by “Live Oaks” draped with

Spanish moss. Although somewhat less busy than previous years, the interest was more intense. Multiple non-members had fascinating stories to tell.

1. The grandfather of one came out to NC in the 1790's as a brick layer hired by the contractor building the University of Georgia (UGA). This brick layer helped build the first brick building at UGA. It is still there and used and is known as "*Old College*". Quite imaginative really!

2. We learned of Air Vice-Marshal Andrew MacGregor, CB, CBE, DFC, OLM (USA), COC (Belgium). He was a decorated World War I pilot credited with 6 "kills" as an Ace pilot while in the British Air Force (RAF).

Finally, the parade of tartans was very different. A friend, Ron Jones joined us in our tent as his clan had not come apparently. So he and his wife, Colquhouns, decided to just share space with us. We agreed that he could and should march with us. Moreover, he was agreeable to carrying the MacGregor banner to lead us onto the field. The ACGS Coat of Arms followed and two Gregor tartans came next carried by a Gregor and a Colquhoun. We found his clan people had arrived just before we marched, but he rebuffed their invitations and continued with Gregor. Of course they wanted to know what was going on. We left him to explain that one!! Must have done a good job because he and some of the clan came around later for a wee chat.

#### **Gallabrae Highland Games, Greenville, SC (May)**

I assisted the ADC for South Carolina, Mike McGregor, at these Games and am recording this merely as completeness in my annual report.

#### **Blairsville Highland Games, Blairsville, GA (June)**

The ADC for Georgia was more than ably assisted by the ADC for Eastern Tennessee, ACGS Chaplain and Past President Thad Osborne over the two day Games in Blairsville, far north Georgia.

These Games are traditionally very well attended and the ACGS tent has always varied from popular to overwhelmed. We have **THE PRIMO** position right at the entrance to the Games. So no-one can say they did not see us as they trip over us trying to get in. So much so that we have moved our vertical Sept/Map display to the other side of the pathway to allow people and easier passage.

This year we were fortunate to have John and Beth Wassell, ACGS members and co-hosts for the 2018 Gathering in Atlanta, spend the day assisting us and marching with us in the Parade of Tartans. On the march we were also joined by Peter and Jane Witts and his brother Malgum Witts.

They have clear documentation back to Scotland and to the Gregors and are likely new members. (Since then they have submitted their detailed applications that look stellar and should be new members before the next Gathering in September).

Once again, we were totally surprised by the intensity of the people visiting our tent. About half had no idea about their heritage other than they had been told since childhood that they were Gregors but had little documentation and did not know where to go to get that. The other half had done their research, knew they had Gregor roots and wanted further assistance tracing it further back and/or filling gaps. All took away our bags stuffed with all the paper we have that describes who we are and how to get the DNA test. We had Greers, Whites, Magraders and Kings. We had Deavers, Drummonds and MacFarlands.



The most interesting interaction was with the Witts brothers, Peter and Malgum. They arrived with a torn piece of paper with 2 lines written naming the Clans their family believed they belonged to:

*Lamont/Whyte/MacGregor*  
*MacGregor/Lamont/Whyte/another*

They first asked which one was their Clan. They had been to the another Clan that they thought was their clan (cannot remember which one) and felt they were not very welcoming. Lamont was not there. Whyte/White was not there. So that left us. ACGS members do not know that I happen to be a Whyte (paternal), Lamont (maternal) and Macgregor (both sides). So when asked I responded: *Lamonts are too staid, Whytes are never here* and really do not class themselves as a Clan and the *MacGregors have way too much fun*. Once I also told them that each of those three used the MacGregor tartan as their own, they signed up for the MacGregors!

### **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC (July)**

What can you say about these Games? They are simply the best! They officially start on Thursday evening with a Calling of the Clans and the Lighting of the Gathering Fire.

Once again, we were ably represented at the Calling of the Clans by Gaerith Horner who read a beautiful announcement that the Gregors were present. This was also set up day for most of us. These Games start for the public on Friday morning and finish Sunday evening. And we were busy busy, each and every hour of that time. We had huge support from Chieftain Randy Walker, Teresa Walker, Assistant Chieftain, Kathy Whyte, Lillian Magruder, Elizabeth Joiner, Thad Osborne, and Clans on either side.

ACGS has been represented at these Games since the first one in 1973. Past Chieftain, Abbey Magruder was a huge personality at that time and his wife continues that tradition. There were so many MacGregors attending that there will be no attempt to list them. This year, Sir Malcolm MacGregor had requested that our Chieftain, Randy Walker, should take and fly his Pinsel.

Each year I have been to these Games, I am not just surprised, but quite frankly blown away. Where do these potential members come from? Each and every year new ones come. We saw a similar but different group last year. And the year before. We average 30 seriously interested people each day with another 30 or so. This year, we ran out of handouts and had recorded over 65 serious visitors.



*Gaerith Horner*

*Gaerith Horner read the following passage to announce that the Gregors were present for the opening of the 2018 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.*

Glen Orchy's proud mountains  
Coalchuirn and her towers  
Glenstrae and Glenlyon no longer are ours;  
But doom'd and devoted by vassal and lord,  
MacGregor has still both his heart & his sword

## **KENTUCKY**

Kay Britt, ADC

This year the games at Glasgow started off on a down-hill note. The weather was iffy, but didn't turn out too bad. Although we had some rain, it was the heat and humidity that did us in. The numbers were down because of the heat and the games were scheduled the same time as the state-wide yard sale. We managed to have a great time anyway. There were around thirty clans in attendance setting up along with several Societies.



This year, Clan Burnett was the 2018 Chief of the Games. Sir James Burnett of Leys was in attendance with his lovely wife, Fiona. The honored Clan of the Year was Clan MacKenzie, and the honored Society was the Scottish Society of Louisville.



Richard and Reta Greer came out and spent the day with us. We visited with many old friends and made just as many new ones. During the day, a young gentleman, by the name of Bryce Bonher, visited us dressed in leather from head to toe in an outfit he had hand-tooled himself. It was a magnificent outfit. His workmanship was out of this world. He has a great future in leather works.

The entertainment this year was headed by Colin Grant-Adams along with Barrenheart, Father, Son and Friends. A new group joined them in the festivities called The Tanner Hill Weaver; and one other called Tuatha Dea from the Appalachian Mountain area that appealed to every age group. Their music was great. They played the old Celtic favorites.

In a few weeks, I will travel to Beaver Dam, Kentucky for the first time music festival hosted by Colin Grant-Adams.



# LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI

Col. Rob Young, ADC



I attended the AGM last September in San Antonio. I sent out 2 letters to our Louisiana and Mississippi members advising them of upcoming Scottish events. I did not receive any contacts from any member.

The Baton Rouge, LA Highland Games were held in Oct 2017. There were 5 Clans and Societies present. The Clan Gregor Tent won 2nd Place and I received a \$25 prize.

I attended the Gulfcoast Highland Games in Gulfport, MS in November 2017. There were 7 Clans and Societies present and the local TV station covered the Clan March. They had the largest attendance in 5 years with about 4,000 attendees.

I attended the Robert Burns Supper in Feb 18 organized by the Celtic Society of New Orleans. There were about 100 attendees and the Society president made homemade Haggis. Will seek new members from this group.

I attended the CelticFest in March 2018 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. 5 clans participated, Clan Skene, Clan Gregor, Clan Campbell, Clan MacDonald and Clan Wallace.

In April, I attended the Hattiesburg Highland Games. It had about 50 competitors from the local area and was sponsored by a local CrossFit gym. There were no clan tents, vendors or other activities.

My wife and I attended the Clan Gregor Society Worldwide Gathering in Loch Awe in July. We visited many sites in the Western Isles, Glen Coe, Dalmally, Castle Menzies and the Lochernhead Games. Great visit and I encourage all ACGS members to attend in 2022.

In 2018-2019, I plan to attend our AGM, Gulfport Games, Celticfest and maybe the N.E. LA Highland Games.

I plan to contact the local Scottish societies in Mobile, New Orleans and Baton Rouge to locate possible new members.

## EASTERN MISSOURI

Jeanne Lehr, ADC



ADC Jeanne Lehr attended the Missouri Tartan Day Festival held on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8, 2018 in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri. Sainte Genevieve is about one hour south of St. Louis on the Mississippi River. This was the first year the festival has been held in Sainte Genevieve.



Upon arrival, ADC Lehr was informed that Clan Gregor would be the honored clan for this weekend. The weekend was very cold (30's and low 40's for the daily highs) and windy.

Attendance was fairly light, but it was the first year for this festival in this part of the state and was in competition with Prom and a wine festival.

ADC Lehr was assisted by Kay Britt ADC Kentucky and her husband on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival is held on the last weekend of September in suburban St. Louis County, Missouri. Because of the conflict with the 2017 ACGS Annual Meeting and Gathering, ADC Lehr did not attend this festival last year.

There is a conflict again this year, 2018, and because ADC Lehr skipped the festival last year she did not feel that she should skip the festival two years in a row. The report for this festival will necessarily appear in next year's annual report and ACGS Yearbook.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Mary Byrd Ewell Pettenati, ADC

Events in North Carolina have been somewhat slow this year. Multiple new members joined in the region, and some annual members became lifetime members. I moved to Raleigh with my husband this year, and I plan on attending one of the local Celtic festivals in the name of ACGS in the fall. I am still familiarizing myself with the new area and hope to become more involved here after I finish graduate school in May. We look forward to seeing folks in Atlanta in September!

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Michael McGregor, ADC

2018 (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saltwater Highland Games & Heritage Festival, North Myrtle Beach, SC (Park & Sports Complex, Little River, SC); Saturday, March 24 (9 to 5) and Sunday, March 25 (9 to 4). Visitor Attendance (sign-in): **14** (Saturday only). Friday afternoon set-up was little work due to the forecasted rain for the night, which it did. Saturday morning, I completed set-up and hoped for no more rain. The temperature was 40 degrees and even with wool clothes and a windbreaker jacket, I was very cold. So cold in fact that I decided not to attend on Sunday.

2018 (13<sup>th</sup>) "Gallabrae", Greenville Scottish Games; Greenville, SC (Downtown & Furman University Campus); Friday, May 25 (6 PM, Parade) & Saturday, May 26 (8 to 5). ACGS Volunteer ADC Assistant: Bruce Whyte, Atlanta, GA. Visitor Attendance (sign-in): **11**. Friday afternoon set-up was little work due to the forecasted rain for the night, which it did. We did not walk in the parade Friday evening. Saturday morning, I completed 'minimal' set-up due to the forecasted rain all day. For the first time in the history of these Games on Saturday, it did rain; one heavy sprinkle. Otherwise it was hot and muggy all day.

2018 (47<sup>th</sup>) Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering; Mt. Pleasant, SC (Boone Hall Plantation); Saturday, November 3 (9 to 5). Visitor Attendance (sign-in): **24**. Saturday was a wonderful weather day; chilly, so wool Scottish clothing was appropriate. The attendance for the Gregor tent/booth was higher than normal. One attendee commented that Clan Gregor was the most organized Clan at the Games, due to the bag with all the Clan information.



Are you interested, as an ACGS Member, to become the next Area Deputy Chieftain (ADC) in SC? I will donate to you the tent banners, flags with poles & stands, Clan Gregor Tartan 8-foot table cloths, roll-up banner, handouts, etc.  
Contact: [michaelallenmcgregor@gmail.com](mailto:michaelallenmcgregor@gmail.com).

## EASTERN TENNESSEE

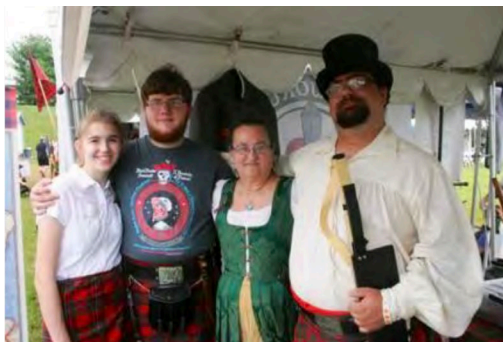
Thad Osborne, ADC

It was another busy year for the Eastern Part of Tennessee and surrounding area. The following is a summary of my ADC activity this year.

My plans to assist Bruce Whyte at the Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games fell through very shortly before the event, due to developments in my parish. Bruce handled very ably in my absence.

I hosted the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games in Maryville, Tennessee 19-20 May. This was the eighth year, the Games took place on the campus of historic Maryville College, “in the foothills of the Smokies.” The Smoky Mountain Games are successor to the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival which began in 1981. Our American Clan Gregor Society has had a continuous presence here since the beginning. I was assisted by Mrs. Martha Horner and family. Martha has since been accepted as a member. A hard downpour Friday afternoon dampened the field but had little effect on attendance Saturday and Sunday. The MacGregors were on the front row of clans again, close to one of the music tents.

I assisted Bruce Whyte at the Blairsville, Georgia Scottish Festival 9-10 June. We had a good turnout and great weather. ACGS will be the Clan of Honour next year, and we are expecting many Gregors to be present, including Chieftain Randolph Walker. Watch for announcements.



*The Horner Family at the Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival*

I assisted Bruce Whyte, Randy Walker, and Elizabeth Joiner at Grandfather Mountain Games, 12-15 July. I passed the torch here to Bruce last year, and he is doing a great job!

## **MIDDLE AND WESTERN TENNESSEE**

Andrew Bryan Ward, ADC

I am happy to report on the area that I am responsible for which includes Middle and Western Tennessee. Although there are not as many games and activities as some states, we are picking up once our Celtic heritage is known and since so many folks of Celtic families settled here. We have good ground for growth.

The first event I can report on was our representation at Piping on the Green at the Celtic Cup in Tullahoma, Tennessee—a wonderful Coffee/Tea/Food/Gift Shop in the heart of downtown. It's an early April staple for Celtic festivals in Middle Tennessee.

Our biggest presence as Clan Gregor was at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Festival in Nashville, Tennessee. Thousands of visitors came by our well-attended tent. Janice K. Britt has been invaluable at these games as I am President of the games and cannot stay long in our tent. Many membership packets and information sheets were handed out with lots in interest in joining us. This year's games are September 8<sup>th</sup>, and again we will be manning the tent looking for Gregors!

## **TEXAS**

Dr. Clark Fritze, ADC

The summer, while hot, has been very quiet here in Texas, with no scheduled events until the Kerr County Celtic Festival in October. I received an email from the event committee informing everyone that had registered that the event has been cancelled. Reasons given were financial constraints due to a notable decrease in vendor registrations, a lack of sponsorships and volunteers, competing events in the area and an overall lack of community support. With that said, the next event will be Burns Night in late January or early February (date not yet announced) followed by the San Antonio Games in early April of 2019.

On a different note, my son Jeffrey, his wife Erin, and their son and my grandson Sean have joined the ACGS. They live in Citrus Heights, California.

## **UTAH**

Steven M. Argyle, ADC

ACGS and the Utah MacGregors have been active representing our clan at events in Utah. Many MacGregors attended the Utah Scottish Association's Burn's Night Supper. ACGS members Dodd and Annalyn Greer delivered the toasts to the Lassies and Laddies. In April, we held our annual Spring Supper at a local restaurant to foster clanship and good cheer.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games was held June 8-10, 2018. The ACGS was present to represent our clan with a tent and participation in the March of the Clans and the Kirkin' o' the Tartan.



We had lots of visitors and told stories of MacGregor history and heritage to dozens of curious visitors. We handed out lots of membership applications to enthusiastic potential members.

We were lucky enough to have immediate past Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz come down from Wyoming to enjoy the festival with us. Lois Ann's grandson, Luke Garlitz, played in the Juvenile Utah Pipe Band which took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the band competition.

The Payson Scottish Festival In Payson, Utah, was held on July 13-

14. This is a very popular festival in Utah and we hosted scores of curious visitors at our tent. We passed out lots of pens and brochures and applications and order forms. ACGS member Dodd Greer serves on the board of this festival.



The Masters of Dueling, a performing group that does Ren Faires and such, did a demonstration on the martial prowess of the Scottish Highlander. Utah ADC Steve Argyle narrated the performance and his son Adam



Argyle was one of the actor-combatants.

Still to come this year are the AGM in Atlanta, our Autumn Supper, and the Celtic Moab Festival, "Scots on the Rocks."

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Leighton P. Stradley III, ADC

In December 2017, we participated, along with a large group of Gregors, in the 2017 Annual Campagna Center's Scottish Christmas Walk in Alexandria, Virginia. Despite the breezy, cold weather, our hardy group marched along with the other clan units in a colorful and fun-filled pageant. Clan groups in their blasts of Tartan plaid, bagpipes, drums, Scottish dancers, Scottie dogs, dignitaries, classis cars, Santa Claus—there was something for everybody!

The parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and concludes at Market Square with a massed band concert.



*Alexandria Christmas Walk December, 2017*

I was unavailable to attend the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games at Richmond, Virginia, but as you can see from the pictures below, Scott MacGregor and Sandy MacGregor ably took over and did a fine job of representing ACGS at the event.



*Andy Grieg, Scott MacGregor, Mr. McCauley, Buster Magruder*



*Scott MacGregor and Sandy MacGregor*



*Scott with Mr. McCauley, Janet, and Buster Magruder*

*Sandy, Scott, Erin Morrissey, and Edward Brash*



The annual Northern Virginia Scottish Games took place over Labor Day Weekend, at The Plains, VA, not far from Manassas. We had 20 registered guests, most living in the local area. Of the guests, one couple lives in Bermuda. Another couple was from Edinburgh.

Had a chance to talk with the guests, describing the ACGS. Some guests checked on their connection to MacGregor. I passed out many Scottie dog Walker's shortbread.

Overnight Saturday, we had trouble with a tropical storm which demolished our clan tent. On Sunday, we entertained without our tent. The MacGregor Band, led by Matt Kuldell, our very own pipe major participated in the festivities that day. The band visited the ACGS location during the afternoon. The band played several songs, a few were accompanied by lassie dancers. Spectacular; many fairground spectators witnessed the "concert". As the weather was hot, we passed out many bottles of water to the band participants.



*MacGregor Pipe Band*



# TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION 2018 WASHINGTON, D.C.

Submitted by Randolph Walker



The St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC has sponsored a national Kirkin' of the Tartans since 1941. For several years this event has been co-sponsored along with the National Capital Tartan Day Committee.

The National Kirkin' of the Tartans was originally conceived by the Rev. Dr. Peter Marshal, Chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society and of the U.S. Senate. He of course was a native Scot and this event was used as a fund-raiser for the British war effort against the Axis Powers in WWII.



*John King Bellasai*

Our own John King Bellasai, JD, is Vice President of the National Capital Tartan Day Committee and was the official host for the event. John was one of the primary driving forces behind this year's celebration.

Clan Gregor and the American Clan Gregor Society were well represented at this year's event. In addition to John Bellasai, immediate Past Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz, Assistant Chieftain, Kathy Whyte, Treasurer, Dr. Bruce Whyte, and my wife Teresa and I were all able to participate in this event. Chuck Grierson, Area Deputy Chieftain for Western PA and his father were also able to attend one day of this historic event.

What an experience it was to say the least. The event started out on Tuesday, 10 April 2018 at the James Monroe House (The Arts Club of Washington, DC). This is a beautiful home that has been around since 1802. There is evidence that James Monroe who came to Washington as Secretary of State in 1811 lived at this house when the British invaded Washington in the War of 1812. It is now the home of the Arts Club of Washington, DC. After welcoming remarks by John Bellasai and Joni Smith, Scottish Government Counselor for North America things got down to “things tartan.” The opening panel, entitled “The Role of Tartan in Forging A Scottish National Identity,” led by our Hereditary Chief Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, along with Clare Campbell a Tartan Weaver and Proprietor of The Prickly Thistle & Board Member of the Scottish Tartans Authority, Peter MacDonald, a Noted Tartan Scholar and Weaver & Board Member, Scottish Tartans Authority, Advisor to the Scottish Registry of Scotland and Siobhan MacKenzie a Scottish dress designer who incorporates tartan into her fashions was interesting, compelling, and not a sound was heard from the audience. It was simply outstanding.

After a break there was a Special Presentation by Mr. Iain McMenemy on the work of the newly formed Bannockburn House Trust, once owned by the famous Wilsons of Bannockburn, Scotland’s foremost family of tartan merchants.

Later in the evening we were treated to a grand buffet and cocktail reception that included a Scotch Whisky Tasting. There were formal remarks by Donald Maclaren, Chief of Clan Maclaren and the newly appointed Convener, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. This was a very interesting, educational and informative presentation. Then it was off to bed after a very full day.

Day Two started off at the Oracle Townhouse on Capitol Hill. This is a beautiful suite of offices and meeting rooms. The opening panel composed of Jim Brewster, Events Manager, Family Tree DNA, Keith MacGregor, Project Administrator, MacGregor Surname Project, Bob MacLaren, Project Administrator, Clan MacLaren Surname Project and Dr. Bruce Durie, Scottish Genealogist presented another interesting and informative session entitled “Behind the Tartan: Update of the Work of the 300+ Scottish Surname Genetic Testing Projects” Sponsored by Family Tree DNA, of Houston, Texas. We learned all about the ins and outs of DNA testing.

This was followed by a speech from the Rt. Hon. Henry McLeish, Former First Minister of Scotland. Teresa and I met Henry several years ago and have had the pleasure of having dinner with him several times over the past three years as he finishes up teaching a course at St. Mary’s University School of Law here in San Antonio each spring. On this evening he talked about the “Turbulent Political Times: The EU, Britain and Scotland after Brexit”. Again, it was a very interesting and thought-provoking presentation.

We then made our way from the Oracle Townhouse to the Rayburn House Office Building (Gold Room) on Capitol Hill for the Annual Tartan Day Reception, hosted jointly by The Friends of Scotland Caucus, U.S. House of Representatives, and the National Tartan Day Committee. We enjoyed a full buffet and open bar, Scotch-tasting, visiting with other Scottish Americans and listened to various guests and dignitaries make

remarks related to National Tartan Day. Once again Sir Malcolm captivated the entire audience with his remarks. There was a variety of Scottish entertainment, Pipers, Dancers, Fiddlers and a Scottish vocalist. A great time was had by all.

On Thursday it was back to the James Monroe House to hear remarks from the Rt. Hon. Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms, Andrew Morrison, Viscount Dunrossil, Honorary British Counsel for San Antonio, TX, Donald Draper Campbell, U.S. Board Member of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, Dr. Bruce Durie Scottish Genealogist, Heraldist and Sennachie, Council of Scottish Clans & Associations (COSCA), Scott MacMillan, a former Herald of the Republic of Ireland and Baron Rathdown, and John Cochran, COSCA Board Member, Sennachie of Clan Cochran and a recent armiger. This panel gave a most interesting presentation, "Overview of Scots Heraldry for A Scottish-American Audience – All You Need to Know to Apply for Scottish Arms from the Lyon Court".



*Lois Ann with Joseph Morrow,  
Lord Lyon King of Arms*

During this presentation we learned that Lois Ann Garlitz, Chuck Grierson, and Chuck's father, will all be receiving Scottish Arms as approved by the Lyon Court; and we saw what they will most likely look like when final.

Later, we learned that our Treasurer, Bruce MacGregor Whyte, had applied for arms on behalf of his father. It was a great day in Australia when the Lyon Court approved the Coat of Arms in time for Bruce to present the honor to his father on the occasion of his 98th Birthday!

This was followed by the last panel for the day: "Keeping it Real – Celebrating Tartan Day All Around the USA". The presenters were James Morrison, Secretary, National Tartan Day Committee, Andrew Morrison, Viscount Dunrossil, Bob Currie, Commander, Clan Currie and Board Member, Ellis Island Foundation, and Donovan Murray, President, Celtic force Productions and Co-Producer, Tartan Day South. We learned how Tartan Day is celebrated on Ellis Island, in the Carolinas and in San Antonio, Texas. Once again, a very interesting and educational presentation. In the evening we were invited to a wonderful dinner at the Capitol Hill Club as guests of The St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC. The ACGS "crew" had the pleasure of sharing our dinner table with Sir Malcolm and it was a lovely evening.

On Saturday we were joined by our society Librarian, Irene Nunley for a visit to the University of Baltimore Library to see the ACGS archives and meet Mr. Aiden Faust, Head of Special Collections at the Langsdale Library. This was followed by a wonderful lunch on the inner harbor in Baltimore.

On Sunday afternoon we made our way to the National Cathedral for the annual National Kirkin' of the Tartans with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms preaching the sermon. The Cathedral was full and I had the honor of joining the members of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC in the presentation of the tartans. This is a beautiful Cathedral with the most amazing acoustics and it was a time to be remembered. Again, we assembled together for a reception at a local eatery close to the church.

I think I can speak for everyone who had the pleasure of participating in this event by saying ... Simply Amazing! Thank you, John, for the invitation to attend.



*Chieftain Randolph Walker and Teresa Walker*

## GREGORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE ST. BALDRICK'S EVENT

Submitted by Scott MacGregor

Each March since 2007 this MacGregor has volunteered to have his head shaved for cancer research with the annual St Baldrick's event in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Through the help of many members of the society, family, and some very good friends we have raised over \$13,000. In recent years my daughters and grandchildren have joined me and in addition raised over \$5,000 dollars themselves, plus they have also donated their hair to making wigs for the less fortunate.

St Baldrick's has grown from a small event started in Manhattan in 2000. Since 2005 they have provided \$253 million in research grants. Funding much needed research towards finding new and improved ways to tackle childhood cancers, get them FDA approved, and available to those children fighting cancer. Visit <https://www.stbaldricks.org/> for much more insight on what they accomplished and continue to do.

In 2017 I was accompanied by my three grandsons: Brenny age 7, Logan age 11, and Wes age 12. The oldest two, after a two year endeavor, made their first donation of hair towards wigs. While my granddaughter Emmy age 7, who also wanted to participate, couldn't because she had a harder path to follow. She had to first persuade her parents. It was an uphill battle but being the determined young lady she is, she gained their approval and support. She eagerly participated in 2018. She not only joined grandpa but convinced both her mother, Darcie, and aunt, Jamie, to join the team too. Her aunt Jamie was undecided about going all the way bald until the last minute on the event day. Emmy's grandpa provided her a little assistance in convincing her aunt. He challenged the audience and they came through on the spot placing an additional \$207 on her head. How could she refuse.



*(l-r) Jamie (MacGregor) Grover, Scott MacGregor, Darcie (MacGregor) Schauf, Emerald Schauf, March 2018*

I personally recognize how strong all the ladies are in making such a difficult decision as in volunteering to shaving off all their lovely locks of hair and going bald. My girls have been great ambassadors for the cause in the weeks that followed. They were recognized by individuals at their places of work and others were enlightened of the cause when they inquired. I am very PROUD of my three ladies along with my three grandsons for what they're doing to conquer childhood cancers.



*(l-r) Jamie (MacGregor) Grover, Scott MacGregor, Darcie (MacGregor) Schauf, Emerald Schauf, October 2018*

March 2019 is rapidly approaching and the boys are getting pretty shaggy. They are looking forward to event day where they'll once again donate their hair to a worthy cause. Even if March has passed when you read this article, should you like to support our endeavor just drop me an e-mail at [mccgregr@verizon.net](mailto:mccgregr@verizon.net) and I'll provide you the donation link.



*(l-r) Brenny Grover, Logan Grover, Wes Schauf, October 2018*

## AGCS MEMBERS ATTEND GATHERING IN SCOTLAND

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz and Robert E. Young

Clan Gregor held its worldwide Gathering at Loch Awe, Scotland from July 15-22, 2018 with over 100 members attending from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, USA, and UK.



*MacGregors at Menzies Castle*

We started our tour by visiting the islands of Iona and Staffa. It took three ferries to reach the islands. Staffa is the world known location of Fingal's Cave where you can see volcanic towers of basalt rising from the Atlantic Ocean. Next, we visited Iona, known for the Abbey of St. Columba and the grave of Macbeth. The ancient Chiefs of Clan Gregor are also buried there.

The following day we traveled up into to the Highlands visiting Glen Coe. There was still snow on the tops of the peaks in July! We visited Ft. William and then stopped at the Glenfinnan Monument which commemorates the start of the 1745 revolt. The best spot was across the field where we saw the "Harry Potter" train cross the Aqueduct!

Next, we visited the ancient lands of the Gregors in Glen Strae where Kilchurn Castle is located on Loch Awe. It was built by the Campbells but occupied by Clan Gregor for many years. We stopped by Dalmally Church to see the progress of the Gregor burial stone project. The highlight of the day was lunch at the Auchindrain Community Center where the local ladies in 17<sup>th</sup> century dress provided us lunch and a demonstration of spinning wool and making wool garments.

The highlight of every Gathering is attending the Lochearnhead Highland Games. As the honored Clan we marched in 100 strong led by Sir Malcolm. The march was through town and covered about ½ mile. Sir Malcolm handed out trophies to the various athletes. Unlike the US games, running events are the biggest part of Scottish games. My favorite was the "unmarried female over 30" 400 meter run. The annual Tug-of-War between

Clan Gregor and MacLaren did not happen as MacLaren could not muster eight males. The MacGregors then took on the UK champions and were beaten 2-1. We did manage to beat the team of French Explorer Scouts!

The last event was the Annual Dinner held at Castle Menzies in Glen Lyon. The Castle is now the location of the Clan Gregor Museum. The exhibits were once located in Callandar and Stirling. Sir Malcolm told us of his plan for the 2022 Gathering to be part of the annual Edinburgh Tattoo and march on the field.



ACGS members who attended were Richard E. Adams and his daughter Jennifer from California, Rob and Cathy Young from Mississippi, Charles and Phyllis McGrew from Florida, Celia Brown from Houston, Texas, Jane Montmeny from Billings, Montana, Lois Ann Garlitz from Cokeville, Wyoming, and Larry L. MacGregor from Scottsdale, Arizona and a dozen other members of his family.

During the AGM, held at the hotel, besides the other annual business being conducted, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, our hereditary Chief, made a special presentation to the leader of the Australian CGS members. It seems that the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, an organization to which most clan groups there belong, only recognize clans and their representatives who have an official document and heraldic devise from their clan Chief. Frank MacGregor took over leadership of MacGregors there in 2015, and among other accomplishments, has greatly increased the active CGS membership and their attendance at Scottish events. Frank and the MacGregors had pretty much been sent to the back of the queue for games, Robert Burns suppers and other such events organized by the SAHC. After collaboration with Dr. Morrow, Lord Lyon, King of Arms of Scotland, Sir Malcolm prepared a written petition and pinsel flag which he presented to Frank, whose official title is now Lieutenant and High Commissioner of Clan Gregor in Australia. Congratulations and a well-deserved honor.





*Frank MacGregor with the Chief and Australian members*

When you compare the ACGS pinsel to Australia's pinsel you will notice they are the same design, as registered in the Lyon Court's Books of Arms.

Planning has tentatively begun for the two hundredth anniversary of the organization of Clan Gregor Society in Edinburgh in 2022. Hopefully it will be in or near Edinburgh, perhaps limited to two hundred CGS attendees. Planning will not be finalized until probably a year or two before the event. It is never too early to beef up your travel fund as lodging in Edinburgh will be expensive.

# ACGS – THE EARLY YEARS

Transcribed by Randolph W. Walker

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

From the Annual Address of The Chieftain

Dr. E. M. Magruder  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering 1919

“What moved the small Scottish nation to dare the power of England at the risk of annihilation, and what impelled Clan Gregor to strive for five generations against overwhelming odds rather than bow to injustice and wrong?”

To all these questions the answer is ... the love of that something called Liberty.

There has been implanted in the breasts of every living thing, from the lowest beast of the field, to the highest of heaven’s creation, the love of Liberty, and since the world began man has freely sacrificed all his worldly worth and life itself for the preservation of this his greatest blessing.

At the entrance to New York harbor stands the great statue of a woman holding aloft in her right hand a torch, as if to illumine the four quarters of the earth. It is called “Liberty Enlightening the World,” the gift of ever glorious France in 1884, to her old comrade in arms, the United States of America.

No better compliment could be paid by one nation to another, nor could a more appropriate sentiment be pledged, for it was America’s Declaration of Independence that first enlightened the world with a correct definition of Liberty, and she is now recognized as its foremost champion, as well as asylum for the oppressed peoples of the world.”

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