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# **CHIEFTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Peter K. Gregg - Chieftain

My first full year as your Chieftain started out as an exciting adventure. My first event wearing the Chieftain medallion was participating in the 49<sup>th</sup> Scottish Christmas Walk in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. It was a chilly day, full of fun and comradery, surrounded by my fellow MacGregors. Aliana Shepard organized a breakfast for us all at the Fin and Hoof restaurant. It set the stage for the fun to follow. We all had a great time in the parade.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 hit shortly afterwards. Most of the Scottish events were canceled. I was asked to record a short message for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games to be posted on YouTube. It was a part of the Gathering of Scottish Clans Torchlight Ceremony that was held virtually.

There was one games in my area that was restricted to 200 people. It was the Covenanter Highland Games in Pennsylvania. The bagpipe competition was held virtually but the athletics was on the field. There were only about four clans present. The tents were double spaced to maintain the social distancing required by the state. We had about 20 visitors come by. I had requested permission from Sir Malcolm to display his Pinsel.

I visited our storage locker once just to be sure that everything was safe and secure and it was.

I wish everyone to be well and stay safe. I am hoping for a good year next year with a return to some degree of normalcy. I hope to see you at our Gathering in 2021.

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Thomas Garland Magruder, Jr	1966-1967	(Deceased)
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R. James Macgregor	1970-1972	(Deceased)
Frank R. McGregor	1972-1975	(Deceased)
William E. McGregor	1975-1976, 1979-1981	(Deceased)
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Abbey Wailes Magruder, Jr	1987-1990	(Deceased)
George F. McGregor	1990-1993	. (Deceased)
Capt. Paul C. Gregg		
Malcolm G. MacGregor		• •
Jeffrey R. McGregor		
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Thaddeus G. Osborne		
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### **APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Matt Kuldell - Band Pipe Major Richard R. Walker - Webmaster Irene MacGregor Nunley – Librarian Rev. Thaddeus G. Osborne – Chaplin Peter Gregg - Merchandise Manager Teri Musick – Newsletter Editor Elizabeth Magruder Joiner – Historian Michael A. McGregor – Yearbook Editor Area Deputy Chieftains (ADC)

# COMMITTEES

#### **Nominating Committee**

John K. Bellassai - Chair Jeanne P. Lehr Jack E. Simon

#### Scholarship Committee

Danette Turner - Chair Martha H. Smith Amy E. Fleming M.D.

#### **Financial Review Committee**

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#### **Genealogy Committee**

Lois Ann Garlitz - Chair Jeanne P. Lehr

#### **Recognition Committee**

Randolph W. Walker Scott MacGregor Stuart W. McGregor

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## **INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc. Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe Interim Meeting - Teleconference August 17, 2020

Attendees, Officers:

Peter Gregg, Chieftain Scott McGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain Bruce M. Whyte, Treasurer Jane Montmeny, Scribe Jeanne Lehr, Registrar Diana Browne, Chancellor Chuck Grierson, Member-at-Large Steven Argyle, Member-at-Large Randy Walker, Past Chieftain Kathy Whyte, Assistant Chieftain

Excused:

Keith Gregg, Member-at-Large

ACGS Chieftain, Peter Gregg, opened the interim council meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:04pm MDT, per teleconference call. Jane Montmeny, Scribe, completed roll call and determined that nine voting council members were on the call; a quorum of six is required.

1. Peter reviewed the following proposed amendment to the Bylaws:

Exhibit A to Resolution: Proposed Amendment 2020: ARTICLE III

Section C: Council Meetings; Annual General Meetings; Parliamentary Procedure

<u>Subsection 1: Procedural Rules:</u> In all matters not covered by the Bylaws or the Policies and Procedures Manual, the Society shall consult Robert's Rules of Order, as revised from time to time, if considered helpful. The Chancellor, if present, shall serve as parliamentarian at the Society's meetings. If the Chancellor is not in attendance, the presiding officer at such meeting may appoint a parliamentarian for such meeting.

<u>Subsection 2: Quorums</u>. Prior to the convening of Council Meetings, committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting, it must be determined and announced that a quorum is present. At all Council Meetings and committee meetings, including those meetings held electronically in accordance with subsection 3 below, a simple majority of the Council or committee must be present to constitute a quorum. At all Annual General Meetings, members of the Society having ten percent (10%) of the votes entitled to be cast shall constitute a quorum.

Subsection 3: Council Meetings. Action by the Council between Gatherings. The Council shall meet at least once each year. At least one Council meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting. Council may hold meetings between Annual Gatherings. Such Council Meetings may be conducted in person or by telephone conference or other electronic means in which all participants are able to hear the others speak. All Council members shall be notified of the time and date and provided all relevant information by first class or express mail delivery or by electronic means at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Council between Annual Gatherings may also be taken without a meeting if Council members unanimously consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. Such written consent is to be delivered to the Scribe by first class or express mail, or by electronic means. The action taken at such meetings and any written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Council.

<u>Subsection 4: Annual General Meetings</u>. Special Meetings: An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held once each year on a date and at a location in any state or the District of Columbia, as determined by the Council. In the event that a public health emergency has been declared or the Council otherwise determines that an in-person Annual General Meeting is not in the

best interests of the Society, the Annual General Meeting may be held by electronic communications technology in a fashion pursuant to which the members have the opportunity to read or hear the proceedings substantially concurrently with their occurrence, vote on matters submitted to the members, pose questions and make comments. At the call of the Council, a special meeting of the Society may be held at a time and at a location in any state or the District of Columbia, as determined by the Council, or by electronic communications technology, as described above.

<u>Subsection 5: Voting.</u> Voting on all matters that come before the Council may be conducted by mail, telephone call, telegram, cablegram, electronic mail, or any other means of electronic or telephonic transmission, provided that the member so voting shall state, or submit information from which it can be determined, that the method of voting chosen was authorized by such member. Voting on all matters that come before Council shall be conducted in person but not by proxy. Voting on all matters that come before the Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in person or by proxy.

<u>Subsection 6</u>: Failure to Respond to Notice. In the event any member of Council or a committee is not responsive to reasonable effort to provide notice of any meeting, such member is determined to be absent from the subject meeting. A simple majority of votes recorded shall be determined by the number of voting members present and such absent member is not included in the determination of a quorum.

After discussion, Bruce moved and Jeanne seconded that the proposed amendment be approved as written. The vote was unanimous to approve.

2. Diana stated that she has no further comments on the proposed amendment and is waving the usual required 90 day review period by the Chancellor prior to the Council meeting. Diana moved and Jeanne seconded that the 90 day notice period be waved. The vote was unanimous to approve.

3. Discussion followed about use of a proxy ballot for the AGM. Bruce will determine the number of votes required (10% of eligible voters). Randy suggested that a notice to members be sent out by email as well as posted on

the website stating the electronic process being used this year. The deadline for submitting a proxy ballot and how to return the proxy will be included.

4. A question was raised "Can ACGS at an electronic meeting vote on Bylaw amendment to allow an electronic meeting?" Diana explained that under DC Law, the DC Mayor has declared a current state of emergency through October 9, 2020. Because of the resolution, ACGS can vote to amend the Bylaws as stated.

5. Bruce and Rick Walker, Webmaster, have established an ACGS Zoom account to be used for the Council and AGM meetings. The account allows up to 100 members with a limit of a 40 minute meeting. A professional account costs \$14.99/month for a 24 hour period. Steven added that the professional account includes an interactive polling feature which could be used as a way to count votes.

6. Discussion followed re: the AGM agenda. Required items are election of officers, election of trustee, Bylaws amendment, and Treasurers report. A Memorial Service is usually included. Peter will write a message for the website and email blast explaining the electronic meeting, how the Zoom meeting will work and how & why to submit a proxy. Randy suggested a small ad hoc committee be appointed to develop creative ideas for the Zoom meeting.

7. Jane will develop a proxy form for the electronic meeting based on previous forms. It will include "This message constitutes my signature." Jane will also send out requests for reports to Council and then distribute them to Council members before the Zoom annual meeting.

8. After discussion, it was determined that the Council Zoom meeting will be on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> with the AGM Zoom meeting will be on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Times yet to be announced. The AGM announcement will need to be on the web site and in an email by September 3<sup>rd</sup> to meet the 30 day requirement.

9. Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm MDT.

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Annual Gathering)

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc. Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe 111th Annual Gathering – Virtual Meeting, Zoom Format October 2, 2020

Council Members in attendance:

Mr. Peter Gregg, Chieftain and Merchandise Manager Dr. Bruce MacGregor Whyte, Treasurer Ms. D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe Ms. Jeanne Lehr, Registrar Ms. Diana G. Browne, Chancellor Mrs. Kathy Whyte, Assistant Chieftain Mr. Randy Walker, Immediate Past Chieftain Mr. Chuck Grierson, Member-at-Large Mr. Steven Argyle, Member-at-Large

Guests in attendance:

Sir Malcolm McGregor and Lady Fiona McGregor Jack Simon, Chair, Trustees Lois Ann Garlitz, Trustee Teri Musik, Newsletter Editor Irene Nunley, Librarian Thad Osborne, Chaplain Rick Walker, Webmaster

The 2020 Council meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on October 2, 2020, at 3:25 Eastern Time, by Peter Gregg, Chieftain. This was the first time such meeting had been held in a virtual Zoom format. A quorum was confirmed with eight voting council members present; a quorum of six is required. Council members excused as unable to attend were Scott F. MacGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain and Keith Gregg, Member-at-Large.

Chieftain Peter Gregg turned the time to Sir Malcolm McGregor who had the following remarks:

"A great pleasure to be here on a historic moment – the first ever Zoom Council meeting that has taken place and tomorrow you will have the AGM by Zoom which will be quite an achievement, if you manage to get all of that going. As you know, we here in Scotland have always valued the role that overseas Scots or Diaspora have in our lives back here in Scotland. It is extremely important and you in ACGS, particularly on the Council, are exemplars of what we do in the world and in particular the clan network.

Although I was stood down as the Convener of the Standing Council of Chiefs, I am very much involved in the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, of which John Bellassai is the president; so we communicate quite a bit on that score. That is obviously far more wide ranging than American Clan Gregor. We really appreciate the work you do and the influence you have in the Scottish community around the world. Last week I was speaking to Visit Scotland and asking them about some positive messages about the dreaded COVID-19. They are going to speak or put out a message quite soon on that; so it is not all doom and gloom.

I don't know about your country in the States, but here we have not gone back into lockdown, but we have pretty severe restrictions on what we can do and in terms of meeting each other and any big gathering is completely out the window. So there is a threat next year to the highland games here, but we will see how that manifests itself. I think I will finish up by saying, of course, that it is noted that the President and First Lady are now diagnosed with corona virus and we are sorry to hear that and wish them a speedy recovery. Of course our own Prime Minister went down very badly with corona virus, so that is a worrying time in America. Thank you."

The invocation was done by Thad Osborne, "Let us pray: Lord God, we give you thanks that your hand has guided Clan Gregor throughout the ages in times of peace and in times of adversity, nurturing within us qualities of courage, loyalty and open-handed generosity. In humility and repentance, we plead for forgiveness for our sins of the past which we confess before you. We gather today remotely but united in our heritage, committed to walk together in your way. Grant us, we pray, strength and courage to uphold the honor of our Clan in the days to come. Bless us each one and keep us close and faithful to you, loyal to our Chief and loving to one another. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Lord and Chief over all. Amen."

#### The following complete reports are available elsewhere in the Yearbook.

Bruce Whyte presented the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve was by Randy Walker, seconded by Charles Grierson; motion carried.

The following reports from other officers had been distributed earlier to all Council members for review: Chieftain, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Registrar, Scribe, Assistant Chieftain, Immediate Past Chieftain, Chaplain, Newsletter, Librarian, Historian, Webmaster/IT Committee, Piper and Board of Trustees.

Reports from Committees had also been received and distributed: Nominating Committee, Scholarship Committee, Recognition Committee, Heraldry Committee, Genealogy Committee, Financial Review Committee including Financial Review Recommendations, Merchandise Manager, and Site Selection Committee.

The Librarian report noted a change in the name of the library at the University of Baltimore where the Society archives are housed. The new name is Robert L. Bogomolny Library after the university president from 2002-2014. The Scribe was designated to make appropriate changes in ACGS documents.

Sir Malcolm was invited to comment on the spelling of "Ardchoille," which was included in a proposed change to the Society Newsletter. He stated that it could be spelled with or without the "h"; the meaning either way in Gaelic means "high wood." The Council decided to keep the spelling as it is, with the "h."

As there were no other questions or comments on any of the reports; Bruce Whyte moved to accept the reports as submitted; it was seconded by Charles Grierson; motion carried. Jack Simon, Chair of the Board of Trustees, gave a brief summary of the investment year noting that with the recent stock market recovery, we are about back to even with no dividend reductions in total shares held. The Trustees decided in March after the onset of COVID-19, to hold tight and work with our investment counselor, not act emotionally until a return to normalcy and even three months past a vaccine/return to normalcy in the stock investment environment. The Trustees treat their fiduciary responsibility with great care and he described the newly submitted Investment Policy. Comment: in Appendix A, #2 should be deleted. That fund was collapsed and put into the Charity and Education fund for a scholarship in the name of the fund (Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund.) Motion to approve the Investment Policy was proposed by Randy Walker and seconded by Steven Argyle; motion carried.

There were several Policy and Procedure documents up for review in 2020. Those submitted with no recommended changes were: Historian, Librarian, Piper, and Yearbook Editor. Those submitted with revisions were: Chaplain, Area Deputy Chieftain, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Some of the recommended changes were in the Bylaw section of the document; changes to Bylaws must be submitted early for consideration for approval by the AGM. Peter appointed Scott F. MacGregor to chair a Bylaw review committee with Thad Osborne as a member; they will report at the 2021 Gathering.

Motion to approved the Policy and Procedures as submitted or revised was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Charles Grierson; motion carried.

The Nominating Committee, comprised of John Bellassai, chair, Jeanne Lehr and Jack Simon, proposed the following slate of Council members for 2021: Treasurer, Bruce Whyte; Scribe, Jane Montmeny; Registrar, Jeanne Lehr; Chancellor, Diana Browne. The Chieftain, Peter Gregg, and Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Scott F. MacGregor, are both entering the second year of a two year term. Randy Walker will continue as Immediate Past Chieftain. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Jane Montmeny and seconded by Steven Argyle; motion carried. Council Member-at-Large, Charles Grierson, has completed his three year appointment.

Appointments made by Chieftain Peter Gregg were: Assistant Chieftain, Kathy Whyte; Council Member-at-Large, Paul L. Gregg; Chaplain, Thad Osborne; Newsletter Editor, Teri Musik; Yearbook Editor, Michael A. McGregor;

Librarian, Irene Nunley; Historian, Elizabeth M. Joiner; Webmaster, Rick Walker; and Piper/Band Pipe Major, Matt Kuldell. The current Area Deputy Chieftains will continue in their current appointments.

There was no old business to consider.

Under new business, Rick Walker, Webmaster, updated members on the process of having a virtual meeting. Ninety-five members responded initially to a survey to participate in a virtual AGM. A total of 404 announcements of the AGM were sent out by email; there must be a quorum of 35 members to conduct business.

Rick announced that the electronic ballot to vote for officers was now active in emails he had distributed. Each member receiving a ballot will have a unique identifying code even with a shared email address. Voting will be confidential.

For the Good of the Order: A site for the 2021 Gathering may be a mid-Atlantic site, however; the future effect of COVID-19 is certainly unknown at this time. There are many 2021 events already being cancelled.

The Yearbook for 2020 is currently being sent to the printers. Peter thanked all those who have helped with finalizing the volume.

The 2020 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4PM Eastern Time in a virtual Zoom format. Email notices/invitations are being sent out.

A motion was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Steven Argyle that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried

The meeting was adjourned by Peter Gregg, Chieftain, at 4:27PM, EST

Respectfully submitted, Jane Montmeny, Scribe

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (Annual Gathering)

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc. Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe 111th Annual Gathering – Virtual Meeting, Zoom Format October 3, 2020

The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on October 3, 2020, at 4pm Eastern Time by Peter Gregg, Chieftain. This was the first time the AGM had been held in a virtual Zoom format. A quorum was established at 47; required quorum was 36.

The invocation was given by Thad Osborne, Chaplain.

This was followed by the Flowers of the Forest memorial. Chaplain Osborne prefaced this as follows:

"Usually we have a memorial service after the Friday council meeting. This year we still need to remember those of our membership that have gone on to their reward, and also new members that have come along."

A slide show followed remembering Kathleen Ann Stone, Jane Magruder Watkins, Mildred Elrod Murdock, Dr. Christopher Herbert Magruder and John Jeffries. Chaplain Osborne offered the following prayer:

"Almighty God, we remember this day before thee, thy faithful servants, and we pray thee that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive them more and more into thy joyful service; that they may win, with thee and thy servants everywhere, the eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. The next slide honored births to member families: Chase Eichelberger, Julian Alaric Don Pape, Elias Rollin Gregg and Charles Weisnicht. Chaplain Osborne offered this prayer on their behalf: Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Opening remarks by Chieftain Peter Gregg indicated that because of COVID-19, this year's Gathering is not in-person as usual. Thanks to Bruce and Kathy Whyte and Rick Walker, we have an electronic meeting through Zoom and he thanked all for participating. This is the 111<sup>th</sup> AGM and it has taken that many years for us to go electronic. This will be unlike any other AGM you have been to. We will do the business of the Society. We won't be reading every report, but we will go as quickly as possible.

The following reports can be found in detail elsewhere in the Yearbook.

Chieftain Peter Gregg presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Teresa Milligan Walker for her accomplishments as the Yearbook Editor for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Jane Montmeny, Scribe, reported proceeding of the Council meeting on the previous day. Report was accepted.

Bruce Whyte gave the Treasurer's report for calendar year/fiscal year 2019. Report was accepted.

Jack Simon, Board of Trustee chair, reported on their activities for the year including the scholarships given. Discussion included amount, qualifications for, numbers of scholarships and impact for each student of the amount given. Chieftain will consider a task force to look at the ideas proposed. Report was accepted.

Jeanne Lehr presented the Registrar report. Sha stated that in spite of COVID-19, and with many clan events cancelled, there are more new members this year than last year which come from family, ACGS website and social media. The report was accepted.

There was no old business.

New Business: The results of on-line voting was reported by Rick Walker, Webmaster. The slate of Council officers was approved by positive vote. The proposed change to the Bylaws was also approved by positive vote. The selection of Randy Walker as a new member of the Board of Trustees was approved by positive vote. Response of members on the Zoom meeting was affirmative about the electronic voting process used this year.

Peter Gregg, Chieftain, read the list of his appointees for 2021.

For the Good of the Order: Peter Gregg, Chieftain, announced that this will be the last year for Bruce Whyte, Treasurer; Kathy Whyte, Assistant Chieftain, and Michael A. McGregor, Yearbook Editor. If anyone knows or is interested in the positions, contact Peter Gregg. Position announcements and criteria will be found on the website www.acgsus.org, the ACGS Facebook page and in the Society newsletter "Ardchoille."

Charles Grierson was thanked for his three year service as a Member-at-Large in the Council.

Peter Gregg, Chieftain, encouraged members to be safe when participating in any clan activities or games.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 Eastern Time by Peter Gregg, Chieftain.

# **BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

As amended by the Council and General Meeting on October 3, 2020.

#### Exhibit A to Resolution: ARTICLE III

#### Section C: <u>Council Meetings; Annual General Meetings; Parliamentary</u> <u>Procedure</u>

<u>Subsection 1: Procedural Rules:</u> In all matters not covered by the Bylaws or the Policies and Procedures Manual, the Society shall consult Robert's Rules of Order, as revised from time to time, if considered helpful. The Chancellor, if present, shall serve as parliamentarian at the Society's meetings. If the Chancellor is not in attendance, the presiding officer at such meeting may appoint a parliamentarian for such meeting.

<u>Subsection 2: Quorums</u>. Prior to the convening of Council Meetings, committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting, it must be determined and announced that a quorum is present. At all Council Meetings and committee meetings, including those meetings held electronically in accordance with subsection 3 below, a simple majority of the Council or committee must be present to constitute a quorum. At all Annual General Meetings, members of the Society having ten percent (10%) of the votes entitled to be cast shall constitute a quorum.

<u>Subsection 3: Council Meetings; Action by the Council between Gatherings</u>. The Council shall meet at least once each year. At least one Council meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting. Council may hold meetings between Annual Gatherings. Such Council Meetings may be conducted in person or by telephone conference or other electronic means in which all participants are able to hear the others speak. All Council members shall be notified of the time and date and provided all relevant information by first class or express mail delivery or by electronic means at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Council between Annual Gatherings may also be taken without a meeting if Council members unanimously consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. Such written consent is to be delivered to the Scribe by first class or express mail, or by electronic means. The action taken at such meetings and any written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Council.

<u>Subsection 4: Annual General Meetings; Special Meetings:</u> An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held once each year on a date and at a location in any state or the District of Columbia, as determined by the Council. In the event that a public health emergency has been declared or the Council otherwise determines that an in-person Annual General Meeting is not in the best interests of the Society, the Annual General Meeting may be held by electronic communications technology in a fashion pursuant to which the members have the opportunity to read or hear the proceedings substantially concurrently with their occurrence, vote on matters submitted to the members, pose questions and make comments. At the call of the Council, a special meeting of the Society may be held at a time and at a location in any state or the District of Columbia, as determined by the Council, or by electronic communications technology, as described above.

<u>Subsection 5: Voting.</u> Voting on all matters that come before the Council may be conducted by mail, telephone call, telegram, cablegram, electronic mail, or any other means of electronic or telephonic transmission, provided that the member so voting shall state, or submit information from which it can be determined, that the method of voting chosen was authorized by such member. Voting on all matters that come before Council shall be conducted in person but not by proxy. Voting on all matters that come before the Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in person or by proxy.

<u>Subsection 6: Failure to Respond to Notice.</u> In the event any member of Council or a committee is not responsive to reasonable effort to provide notice of any meeting, such member is determined to be absent from the subject meeting. A simple majority of votes recorded shall be determined by the number of voting members present and such absent member is not included in the determination of a quorum.

# RANKING DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN (RDC) REPORT

#### Fàilte,

While our local activities have slowed significantly since early Spring 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic we finished strong the end of 2019 and start of 2020 here in southeastern Virginia.

Following the Gathering in Norfolk we ventured west on I-64 for the two day Central Virginia Highland Games in Richmond. It. was wonderful seeing so many of our members and prospective members from around the state. Even better we were honored to share our tent with our Chieftain, Peter Gregg, and his brother John. Come November we attended our local Kirkin service and again had the most clans folk



present, roughly a dozen, each proudly wearing their tartan to be blessed. Later in the month was another excellent St Andrew's Dinner hosted by the St Andrews Society of Tidewater. Early December found us in Alexandria Virginia for the annual Christmas Walk. A good number of us enjoyed a wonderful breakfast prior to the walk, enjoyed each other's company and the lovey walk through the Old Town area. How do you end a good year, why with a Hogmanay Walk through Olde Towne Portsmouth



Virginia during the afternoon of New Year's Eve where we of Clan Gregor were once again out in force in all our tartan.

The St Andrews Society's annual Burns Nicht Dinner started off the 2020 year with a bang. At the end of February we enjoyed a festive evening with our Celtic cousins, the Irish-American Society of Tidewater, in celebration of their 40th Anniversary. An added surprise was the selection of my daughters, Jamie Sue (MacGregor) Grover and Darcie Rae (MacGregor) Schauf and granddaughter (Emerald Adeline Schauf) as 2020 Princesses of the society. Each is also a member of the American Clan Gregor Society. Here is a picture of them with the Irish Ambassador, Daniel Mulhall. Yes, my mother's side is Irish and in fact my immigrant McGregor married an Irish girl in Manhattan New York. In early March I along with my youngest grandson, Brennen Christopher Grover, once again shaved our heads for St Baldrick's towards finding a cure for childhood cancers.

A favorite event of ours, the annual Ocean View Saint Patrick's Day Parade was less than a week away when the pandemic hit in mid-March and the parade was cancelled. The start of a way too long a dry spell. The Games, Kirkin, and Christmas Walk have all been cancelled for 2020.

Like most we are anxiously awaiting the day when this virus is behind us and we can once again gather in person to share in our clan spirit. You all are truly missed.

Slàinte,

Scott MacGregor, ACGS 2019 Ranking Deputy Chieftain

# ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN & GATHERING SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

No Committee meeting or research was been done in this year in preparation for the 2021 Annual Gathering. This work will commence once more information is known about the Covid-19 pandemic.

## **SCRIBE REPORT**

See Council Meeting Minutes (Interim), Council Meeting Minutes (Annual Gathering), General Membership Meeting (Annual Gathering), and Bylaw Amendments.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

Overall, the Society has started to rebound from the status we found ourselves in over the last two years. Funds have been at least partially rebuilt and are healthier which will continue if we are careful with our expenses in the future. The value of all funds in ACGS is now \$646,891, an increase of 17% over 2018.

The largest area of fiscal loss still continues to be the annual Gathering. Within the expenses of the Gathering in Norfolk 2019 is a cost of \$5,000 for unused hotel rooms. That cost was after negotiation with the hotel that resulted in the hotel providing a discount to us of \$1,030!

When Gatherings are organized, an estimate of the number of rooms is critical to obtaining discounts elsewhere in the contract. It is heart warming to have a Gathering in your home town. It is tempting to save your personal cost by staying at home. But that only increases the cost of that Gathering. It can be a tough decision, stay at home and save your own money, or help the Society by staying at the Gathering hotel at your own personal cost which saves everyone else by reducing the cost of holding the Gathering.

## **Charity and Education Funds**

It has been a quiet year for the C&E funds. Investments continued to gain from \$470,005 to \$550,663, a net increase of 17%. This allowed the Trustees to award 16 scholarships totaling \$23,500. In addition, there were three scholarships awarded under the Dr E.M. Magruder Scholarship Fund at the University of Virginia amounting to \$50,000 for this year. Total amount in the C&E Funds at the end of 2019 was \$4,752.88 (just for comparison, the current balance of these funds as of the end of August 2020 was \$16,225.33):

C&E checking:	\$2 <i>,</i> 855.60
Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship fund:	\$1,475.60
Marshall Magruder Library fund:	\$421.68
Total C&E funds:	\$4,752.88
	Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship fund: Marshall Magruder Library fund:

## **General Operating Funds**

Overall, the total income for FY2019 was \$28,651 and expenses were \$26,890 resulting in a net gain of \$1,761.

There were no unexpected financial demands. The 2019 Gathering sustained the smallest loss for a number of years, but several members donated to the Gathering funds to reduce the loss to \$1,727. Thank you and you know who you are!

Expenses in 2019 were slightly less than expected but are near the lowest we would expect to see in a year with a full Gathering. The effect of moving to digital meetings and relying less on face-to-face meetings remains to be seen. One cost not reflected this year is that of printing the annual yearbook. Due to delays, the 2020 yearbook is only now at the printers, so we have yet to incur that cost. We will undoubtedly see a double cost in 2021.

The state of all general operating accounts through December 31, 2019 was \$4,864.20 (just for comparison, the current balance in the general funds at the end of August 2020 was \$8,741.57):

•	General checking:	\$2 <i>,</i> 439.83
•	General saving:	\$1,168.30
•	Tichy Memorial fund:	\$1,256.07
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Total general funds: \$4,864.20

Attachments:

ACGS general accounts Profit and Loss for FY2019 ACGS C&E accounts Profit and Loss for FY2019 ACGS C&E balance sheet through December 31, 2019

American Clan Gregor Society General Accounts Profit and Loss Standard January through December 2019			
Income			
	Gathering income	\$	15,832
	Membership Dues	\$	7,902
	Donations & pledges	\$	4,525
	Merchandise	\$	392
Total Inco	ome	\$	28,651
Expense			
-	Gathering Expenses	\$	17,560
	SDC reimbursements	\$	426
	Bank Service Charges	\$	626
	Dues and Subscriptions	\$	32
	Insurance	\$	961
	Miscellaneous	\$	2,243
	Postage and Delivery	\$	659
	Printing & Copying	\$	2,346
	Telephone	\$	159
	Advertising	\$	420
	Office Supplies	\$	170
	Software	\$	1,289
Total Ex	pense	\$	26,890
Net Inc	come	\$	1,761

ACGS C&E Balance Sheet Standard As of December 31, 2019			
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Checking/Savings			
	Grandfather Stones	\$	7
	unt Scholarship Fund C&E	\$	2,031
	harity Education Checking	\$	(75,731)
	Charity Education Savings		100
	General Checking	\$	(8,750)
М	agruder Library Fund C&E	\$	(1,114)
	Transfers	\$	(1,310)
Total checking/saving		\$	(84,767)
Other current assets		\$	824
Total current assets		\$	(83,943)
Other assets			
In	vestments ML		
	Unrealized gain/loss	\$	257,938
	Investments	\$	361,976
	Money market	\$	18,049
Total other assets	Investments ML	\$	637,963
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	554,020
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
A	ccounts Payable	\$	1,405
Total liabilities		\$	1,405
Equity			
Retained earnings		\$	469,365
Opening bal equity		\$	(10,780)
Netincome		\$	94,029
Total equity		\$	552,614
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	& EQUITY	\$	554,019

ACGS C&E			
Profit and Loss Standard			
	hrough December 2019		
Income			
	Donations & pledges	\$	385.00
Total Income		\$	385.00
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Expense	Bank Service Charges	\$	170.00
	Scholarships	э \$	24,450.00
	Insurance	\$	961.00
	Postage and Delivery	\$	92.89
Total Expense		\$	25,673.89
Net Ordinary Income		\$	(25,288.89)
Other Income			
	Interest Income Unrealised gain	\$ \$	0.39 99,957.31
	Dividends Stifel	э \$	19,531.51
	Total Other Income	\$	119,489.21
Other Expense			
	Foreign taxes	\$	171.44
	Total Other Expense	\$	171.44
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Net Other Income		\$	119,317.77
Net Other Income Net Income			<u>119,317.77</u> 94,028.98

# **REGISTRAR REPORT**

This report is a listing of new members or other changes in membership status between the Gathering at Norfolk, Virginia held on the 3rd through 5th of October 2019 and the AGM held electronically on October 3, 2020. 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 for the year October 5, 2019 to October 3, 2020: Corrections from previous years = 0 New members (lineal, associate) = 38 New provisional members = 4 Members advancing from provisional to lineal = 3 Juniors advancing to lineal membership = 3 New Junior members = 4 Reinstated members = 2

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

**#3255 Atwill, Ann Dudley Taylor, Virginia.** She is the spouse of Edward Bennett Atwill and the daughter of HenryMagruder Taylor Jr. ACGS #736 and Elizabeth Early Lichliter; he the son of Henry Magruder Taylor Sr. ACGS #436 and Elizabeth Horner Know; he the son of Garland Burnley Taylor and Lucy Ann Gilmer Magruder; she the daughter of Henry Minor Magruder and Sarah Gilmer Minor; he the son of Benjamin Henry Magruder and Maria Louisa Minor.

**#3256 Gregg, Alexander, Virginia.** He is the spouse of Meagan Gregg and the son of John Gregg and Wendy Lynn Noerr; he the son of William Gregg Jr. and Catherine Fitzwater; he the son of William Gragg and Bessie Warren; he the son of Leonard Gragg and Margaret Curtis; he the son of Chaney Elvina Gragg; she the daughter of William Buchanan Gragg and Celia Boone; he the son of

William Obediah Gragg and Elizabeth Pulliam; he the son of William Obediah Gragg Sr. and Elizabeth Martin; he the son of John Gragg and Nancy Wood.

**#3257 Smith, Clark Samuel, Colorado.** He is the spouse of Holly Lillian Pyle and the son of Samuel Gallatin Smith and Lea Ann McGehee; she the daughter of Earl Edward McGehee Jr. and Nina Sue Reynolds; he the son of Earl Edward McGehee Sr. and Martha Lilla Sawrie; he the son of Robert Augustus McGehee and Mary Marie Venable; he the son of Ransom McGehee and Mary Ellen Etheridge; he the son of John McGehee and Millie (Scilla?).

#3258 Brammer, Cindy R., Florida. She is the spouse of Wesley Brammer and the daughter of Donald E.Beste and Linda Lee Davis; he the son of Raymond Francis Beste and Margaret Maola Jones; she the daughter of Ernest M. Jones and Charilla Abigail Christmas McGregor; she the daughter of William McGregor Jr. and Charilla Emily Browning McGregor; he the son of William McGregor; he the son of John McGregor; he the son of John McGregor; he the son of George McGregor; he the son of Robert McGregor; he the son of Donald McGregor; he the son of Gregor McGregor; he the son of Gregor Dubh McCoulkeir McGregor; he the son of Malcolm MacCoulcheir McGregor; he the son of Gregor MacCulghere MacGregor; he the son of Dougal Maccoulkeir MacGregor; he the son of Dougal Ciar "The Dusky" McGregor last of Glenorchy; he the son of Gregor Aluin MacGregor; he the son of Ian Cam MacGregor; he the son of Lord Malcolm Dominus MacGregor; he the son of Lord Gregor MacGregor 10th Lord Lag; he the son of Gregor MacGregor of Glenorchy; he the son of William Dougeal MacGregor 9th Lord of MacGregor; he the son of John (Eoin) MacGregor; he the son of William MacGregor; he the son of Sir Malcolm MacGregor 8th Lord of Glenorchy; he the son of John MacGregor Lord of Glenorchy; he the son of Lord Gregor Barbh "The Stout" MacGregor Laird of Glenorchy; he the son of John "The Great" Macgregro; he the son of Gregor de Bhrattich MacGregor; he the son of Causantin MacGregor III; he the son of Dougallus MacGregor; he the son of Gregor Mac Alpin; he the son of Alpin Dungal Macaechdaach; he the son of Eochaid IV "The Poisonous"

**#3259 Page, Zoe, Virginia.** She is the daughter of Donald Franklin Page and Valerie Jean Eifler Booth; he the son of Donald Howard Page Sr. and Julia Evonne McGregor; she the daughter of Everett Reynolds McGregor and

"Billie" Maxine Moore; he the son of Edward Phelps McGregor and Hassie McGregor; he the son of Edward Bruce McGregor and Molly Phelps; he the son of Henderson McGregor and Martha McGregor.

**#3260 Smith, Lea Ann, Arkansas.** She is the spouse of Samuel Gallatin Smith and the daughter of Earl Edward McGehee Jr. and Nina Sue Reynolds; he the son of Earl Edward McGehee Sr. and Martha Lilla Sawrie; he the son of Robert Augustus McGehee and Mary Marie Venable; he the son of Ransom McGehee and Mary Ellen Etheridge; he the son of John McGehee and Millie (Scilla?).

#3261 Beste, Donald E., Texas. He is the spouse of Linda Lee Davis and the son of Raymond Francis Beste and Margaret Maola Jones; she the daughter of Ernest M. Jones and Charilla Abigail Christmas McGregor; she the daughter of William McGregor Jr. and Charilla Emily Browning McGregor; he the son of William McGregor; he the son of John McGregor; he the son of John McGregor; he the son of George McGregor; he the son of Robert McGregor; he the son of Donald McGregor; he the son of Gregor McGregor; he the son of Gregor Dubh McCoulkeir McGregor; he the son of Malcolm MacCoulcheir McGregor; he the son of Gregor MacCulghere MacGregor; he the son of Dougal Maccoulkeir MacGregor; he the son of Dougal Ciar "The Dusky" McGregor last of Glenorchy; he the son of Gregor Aluin MacGregor; he the son of Ian Cam MacGregor; he the son of Lord Malcolm Dominus MacGregor; he the son of Lord Gregor MacGregor 10th Lord Lag; he the son of Gregor MacGregor of Glenorchy; he the son of William Dougeal MacGregor 9th Lord of MacGregor; he the son of John (Eoin) MacGregor; he the son of William MacGregor; he the son of Sir Malcolm MacGregor 8th Lord of Glenorchy; he the son of John MacGregor Lord of Glenorchy; he the son of Lord Gregor Barbh "The Stout" MacGregor Laird of Glenorchy; he the son of John "The Great" Macgregro; he the son of Gregor de Bhrattich MacGregor; he the son of Causantin MacGregor III; he the son of Dougallus MacGregor; he the son of Gregor Mac Alpin; he the son of Alpin Dungal Macaechdaach; he the son of Eochaid IV "The Poisonous"

**#3262 Mauser-Storer, Nicole, Illinois.** She is the spouse of Corwin Eugene Storer and the daughter of Kent Murl Mauser and Danielle Lynn Anderson; she the daughter of Robert Eugene Anderson and Avis Lorrine Munter; he the son of Reuben Daniel Anderson and Gladys Opal Hagerdon; she the daughter

of Luther Hagerdon and Lena Leota Livermore; she the daughter of Joseph William Livermore and Sylvia Hazelrig; she the daughter of Fielding Hazelrigg and Lydia Priscilla Harvey; he the son of Charles Henry Hazelrigg and Eleanor Beall; she the daughter of Zachariah Hardin Beall and Nancy Ann Evans; he the son of Leonard Beall and Eleanor Magruder.

**#3263 McGregor, Stuart I., Florida.** He is the spouse of Ava Marie and the son of Ian McGregor and June Adele Lord; he the son of James McGregor and Mavis Goodall.

**#3264 Magruder, Mary Olivia, Nevada.** She is the daughter of Leslie Charles Magruder ACGS #2173LM and Mary Jane Park; he the son of Abbey Wailes Magruder Jr. ACGS #1658LM and Lillian Ledbetter ACGS #1977ALM; he the son of Abbey Wailes Magruder and Christine Frances Herbert; he the son ofLeonard Augustin Magruder and Lydia Bell Cooper; he the son of Augustin Freeland Magruder and Julia Harriet Abbey.

**#3265 Gragg, Ronald E., Pennsylvania.** He is the spouse of Donna Gray and the son of Manuel June Gragg and Betty Jenny Wallner; he the son of Leroy Gragg Sr. and Grace Florence Hulvey; he the son of Emanuel H. (Manuel) Gragg and Laura McAninch; he the son of William Henry Gragg and Nancy Jane Cornett; he the son of Henry Harlan Gragg and Mary Ann (Polly) Gragg; he the son of Malcolm Gragg and Rebecca Broadhurst; he the son of Thomas Gregg/Gragg Sr and Nancy Ellender Crow; he the son of Robert Gregg Sr and Lydia Alice Harrison; he the son of John Gregg and Nancy Ann Wood.

**#3266 Nelsen, Amanda, Texas.** She is the spouse of Brad Nelsen and the daughter of A.D. Robinett and Cleo McGehee, she the daughter of Thomas Middleton McGehee, Jr. and Ava Loene Mace, he the son of Thomas Middleton McGehee and Cornelia A. Stevens, he the son of James Newton McGehee and Hannah Lavena Freeman, ho the son of George Middleton McGehee and Louise Dennis, he the son of Richard McGehee and Nancy Fanning.

**#3267 Richardson, Lily Jeanette, Wyoming.** She is the daughter of Dan Richardson and Sue Garlitz; she the daughter of Richard Lewis Garlitz and Lois Ann Cox ACGS #2561LM; she the daughter of Donald Cox and Jeanette Sneath;

she the daughter of Charles Alexander Sneath and Lois Rebecca McGregor; she the daughter of Alexander McGregor Jr. and Mary Lois Bridges; he the son of Alexander McGregor Sr and Rebecca Brown.

**#3268 McClanhan, Mira Venise, Tennessee.** She is the daughter of James Hoyal McClanahan and Zadie Rubena Johnson. **Paternal line:** he the son of James Calvin McClanahan and Mattie Lorene Porter; he the son of Willie T. McClanahan and Agnes D. Gregory; she the daughter of Steven (or Stephen) Calvin Gregory and Cynthia Jane Shoulders; he the son of Major "Dink" Gregory and Bettie (Elisabeth); he the son of Major Gregory and Kate Boston. **Maternal line:** she the daughter of Herman Talbert Johnson and Lillie Esther Griggs; she the daughter of Joseph Lelan Griggs and Lavina Jane Harris; he the son of Richard Wiley Griggs and Winnie Francis Carter; he the son of Richard Griggs and Edy (or Eda) Walker.

**#3269 Walker, Saydie L., Texas.** She is the daughter of Richard Randolph Walker ACGS #2869; he the son of Randolph William Walker ACGS #2587LM and Luz Esther Rodriguez; he the son of Fred Randolph Walker and Dorothy Ann Jonas; he the son of Lewis Edgar Walker and Mary Jettie Nash; he the son of George William Walker and Virginia Ann Givens; he the son of Lewis William Walker and Margaret Wallace; he the son of George Robert Walker and Mary Irene MacNee.

**#3270 Sachs, Amy Marie Lewis, Maryland.** She is the daughter of William Melvin Lewis and Mary Mae Wolfe; she the daughter of Ira Wolf and Nellie Lenora Wolfe; she the daughter of Albert McLangton Wolfe and Alice Virginia Draper; he the son of James Knox Wolfe and Susan Malinda Stottlemyer; she the daughter of John MaGruder Stottlemyer and Hanrietta Hanrietta Hayes; he the son of David Stottlemyer II and Margaret Ann (Agnes) Magruder; she the daughter of Samuel Magruder IV and Ann Clagett; he the son of Samuel Magruder III and Jane Haswell; he the son of Samuel Magruder II and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander MacGruder) "The Immigrant" and Margaret Braithwaite; he the son of Alexander McGruder McGruder and Lady Margaret Campbell; she the daughter of Sir James Campbell and Mary Montifex; he the son of Donald Campbell and Lady Margaret Campbell.

**#3271 Laverty, Kari Evalyn Richman, New Mexico.** She is the spouse of Steven John Laverty and the daughter of Glen Myler Richman and Carole Viona Yeates; he the son of Samuel LeRoy Richman and Flora Emily Myler; she the daughter of Orin Franklin Myler and Emily Wheatley; she the daughter of Heber Kimball Wheatley and Isabella Neish; she the daughter of Thomas Neish/MacNeish and Elizabeth (Betty) Penman; he the son of Thomas Neish/MacNeish and Katharine Cowan.

**#3272 Morrow, James A., Texas.** He is the spouse of Karen Crumley and the son of Robert F. Morrow and Mary Margaret Basey; he the son of William Edward Morrow and Ester Estella Lindstrom; he the son of Jacob Hull Morrow and Ida Pifer; he the son of Silas Green Lee Morrow and Lady Helen Mar McGregor; she the daughter of James Love McGregor and Thankful Thompson; he the son of James Henry McGregor and Elizabeth Love.

**#3273 Hodges, Stacey L., Missouri.** She is the daughter of Michael Leroy Hodges and Helen Irene Wells; he the son of Johnnie Richard Hodges and Ethel Cloeva Gregg; she the daughter of William Nelson Gregg and Jennie Lynn Harvey; he the son of Jesse Marion Gregg and Hannah Jane Northcutt; he the son of James Wesley Gregg and Martha Patsy Timmons; he the son of John Wesley Gregg and Elizabeth E. Boothe.

**#3274 Melville, Rachel, California.** She is the daughter of Thomas D. Melville and Mary K. (Pittman) Bishop; she the daughter of James O. Pittman and Katherine Botsios; he the son of Claude H. Pitman and Beulah P. Gragg; he the son of Thomas Melvin Gragg aka Melvin Gragg and Alberta Holder; he the son of David Obediah Gragg and Francis Elizabeth Dellinger; he the son of Leason O. Gragg and Martha Sarena (Rena) Coffey.

**#3275 Griggs, Jr., Robert Joyce, South Carolina.** He is the spouse of Audrey Barfield and the son of Robert (Bobby) J. Griggs and Jerrie Lynn Murray; he the son of Thomas Buff Griggs and Annie Sue Cassidy; he the son of William Griggs and Sarah Olivia Howle; he the son of William Morgan (Shave) Griggs and Rachel O'Neal; he the son of Samuel Clement Griggs and Eva; he the son of Burwell Grigg and Sabra Elam; he the son of Jesse Anderson Grigg and Nancy Webb; he the son of Abner Gregg Sr. and Mary Ford; he the son of William Grigg III and Elizabeth Mitchell; he the son of William Grigg II and

Susannah Lockett; he the son of William Grigg and Elizabeth Frances Burwell; he the son of Michaell Gregg and Mary Carter.

**#3276 Clary, Charles Andrew, Texas.** he is the spouse of Theresa Anne Dusek and the son of James Curtis King and Laura Ruth Latta; he the son of Clive George King and Anna Belle O'Dell; he the son of James Curtis King and Loella Dewey George; he the son of John Lewis King and Mary Belle Crow; he the son of James (Jesse) Louis King and Mary Jane Woodward; he the son of Victor King and Eliza Rowe Lyle.

**#3277 Kaiser, Deborah Hearst, Maryland.** She is the spouse of Joseph William Kaiser and the daughter of William Charles Hearst and Marilyn Claire Tainter; he the son of Charles Chester Hearst and Nora Lee Hatton; she the daughter of Peter Hatton and Loah Clayton; he the son of John Hatton and Elizabeth Ann (Lizeann) Chambers; she the daughter of William Chambers and Matilda Justice; she the daughter of George Justice and Martha McFarland; she the daughter of William McFarland and Elizabeth Gibson; he the son of Duncan McFarland (MacGregor) and Anne Porter.

**#3278** Anderson, Dennie Lee, Iowa. He is the spouse of Vonda and the son of Leonard Anderson and Dorothy Nell Binnion Mason; she the daughter of John Pen Binnion and Rae Binnion; she the daughter of Martin E. Binnion and Sarah Letitia Hudspeth; she the daughter of Henry Street Hudspeth and Nancy Haynes Greer; she the daughter of David Greer and Mary Greer Haynes; he the son of James Greer and Nancy "Nannie" Haynes; he the son of Aquilla Greer and Elizabeth Lowe; he the son of John Greer and Sarah Day; he the son of John James Greer and Margaret Ann Taylor; he the son of James Grierson and Mary Browne; he the son of William Grierson and Nichola Maxwell.

**#3279 MacGregor, Kendall Reid, California.** He is the spouse of Amy Marie Percival and the son of Robert Muir MacGregor, Jr. and Shirley Ann Jenkins; he the son of Robert Muir MacGregor, Sr. and Margaret Katherine Wandell; he the son of Andrew Reid MacGregor and Jeannie Muir; he the son of William Reid and Grace Miller; he the son of Andrew Reid and Lillias Norval.

**#3280 Toso, Karyn, Virginia.** She is the spouse of David A. Toso and the daughter of Evans Hawthorne, Winner Jr. and Judith Ann Belov; he the son of

Evans Hawthorne Winner and Anna Kennedy Freeman; he the son of Joseph Eastburn Winner and Florence Elizabeth MacGregor; she the daughter of Joesph McGregor and Elizabeth Moore; he the son of William MacGregor and Mary Smith.

**#3281 Gregg, Larry James, California.** He is the spouse of Patricia Ann Pacheco and the son of James Leonard Gregg and Shirley Mae Wine (Volk); he the son of Charles Slater Gregg and Gladys Selena Rowe; he the son of Jasper "Gasher" Gregg and Harriet "Hattie" Muir; he the son of William Gordon Gregg and Catherine "Katie" Hayes; he the son of James M. Gregg and Elizabeth Blackwell Raine; he the son of John Gregg and Elizabeth Maria Garrard.

**#3282 Pierce, Karen (Karey), Texas.** She is the spouse of Tim Pierce and the daughter of Robert Allen King and Anne Elizabeth Pykerman; she the daughter of John (Jack) Henry Pykerman and Annie Emma Harriet Demont; he the son of John Pykerman and Agnes Christina McGregor; she the daughter of John W. Mcgregor and Helen Reid; he the son of John Forbes Mcgregor and Agnes Smith; he the son of Robert Macgregor and Christan Smith; he the son of Gregor C. Macgregor and Elizabeth Stewart; he the son of Peter McGrigor and Mary Grant.

**#3283 Jones, Catherine Lynn, Florida.** She is the spouse of Phillip Charles Jones and the daughter of Bruce C. Gregory and Annie Laurie Henry; he the son of Clark Leonard Gregory and Edith Belle Schneider; he the son of George Steven Gregory and Rosalina Vincent; he the son of Robert Steven Gregory and Margaret Hilton.

**#3284 Magee, Guy Gwinn, Tennessee.** He is the spouse of Suzanne Ladner and the son of Guy M. Magee and Peggy Chain; he the son of Sylvester Twin Magee and Clara McPhail; he the son of Robert B. Magee and Lucy McInnis; he the son of Warren G. Magee and Martha Weathersby; he the son of Robert Magee and Margaret Graves; he the son of Phillip Magee and Mary Butler; He the son of John Mumford Macgehee, he the son of William McGehee; he the son of William MacGehee; he the son of Thomas MackGehee; he the son of John William McGregor; he the son of Patrick Aberach MacGregor. **#3285 Dellert, Lauren McAdams, Texas.** She is the spouse of Christopher Dellert and the daughter of Michael Andrew McAdams and Judith Keenom; he the son of Alvin Luther McAdams and Evie (Eva) Jenkins; he the son of James Leon McAdams and Linnie Rye; he the son of Andrew James McAdams and Mary Loeocadia Lelux; he the son of Felix Grundy McAdams and Mary Clark; he the son of William Rainey McAdams and Sarah Patterson; he the son of Samuel McAdams and Catherine Rainey; he the son of John McAdams and Sarah Sloss; he the son of John McAdams and Rebecca.

**#3286 Corder, Jason Scott, Maryland.** He is the spouse of Kristie and the son of Jerry H. Corder and Carolyn Fletcher; she the daughter of Clarence L. Fletcher and Thelma Duiguid; he the son of Lester L. Fletcher and Lora Knight, he the son of John Fletcher and Sarah Simpson; he the son of Howell J. Fletcher.

**#3287 Nunnery, Terry Ann, Arkansas.** She is the spouse of Kevin Nunnery and the daughter of Charles David Davis and Billy J. Manes; he the son of Doyle Davis and Ima Daisy Sanders; he the son of Eliza Davis; she the daughter of Benjamin E. Davis and Jane J (Auitt?).

**#3288 Esposito, Kathleen J., California.** She is the spouse of Vincent Charles Esposito and the daughter of Eugene William Haffey and Gladys Salomia Gregg; she the daughter of Charles Slater Gregg and Gladys Selena Rowe; he the son of Jasper "Gasher" Gregg and Harriet "Hattie" Muir; he the son of William Gordon Gregg and Catherine "Katie" Hayes; he the son of James M. Gregg and Elizabeth Blackwell Raine; he the son of John Gregg and Elizabeth Maria Garrard.

**#3289 McGregor, Calli, Georgia.** She is the spouse of Scott Feldman Southern and the daughter of Thomas Hugh McGregor and Tammy Ruth Carllile; he the son of Elwin Dean McGregor and Margaret May Roberts; he the son of Hugh Albert McGregor and Stella Edwards; he the son of Albert Curtis McGregor and Jennie Ferriter (Ferator); he the son of Robert McGregor (McGrigor, McGregory) and Isabella Bankhead; he the son of Moses Malach McGregor; he the son of John McGregor; he the son of George McGregor.

**#3290 Osborn, Michael Gregory, Utah.** He is the son of Peter Gregory Osborn (ACGS #3098) and Jessica Renae Murray, he the son of William Gregory Osborn and Candace Williams; he the son of Ralph Anderson Osborn and Jean Gregory; she the daughter of William Garrison Gregory and Ann Esell Ziph; he the son of Charles Hickman Gregory and Lucy Lovella Hill; he the son of James Allen Gregory and Amanda White; he the son of Peter Gregory.

**#3291 McLemore, James Hill, Alabama.** He is the spouse of Laura Patrick and the son of William Henry McLemore and Ruth Hill Cook; he the son of Andrew Jackson McLemore and Mary Ledyard Oliver; she the daughter of Thomas Winfrey Oliver II and Fannie Thorton Ledyard; he the son of Thomas Winfrey Oliver and Mary Eliza Brown; he the son of Samuel Clark Oliver and Mildred Spencer McGehee; she the daughter of Abner William McGehee and Charlotte Mildred Spencer.

#3292 Walker, Erica, Georgia. She is the daughter of James Parson and Charlotte Joy Phelps; she the daughter of O'Neil Phelps and Carol Rae Harlan; she the daughter of Paul Horner Harlan and Gladys Atkinson; he the son of George N. Harlan and Carrie Bell Snyder; he the son of Marcellus G. Harlan and Eliza Jane Miller; he the son of George Harlan and Ruth Gregg; he the son of Aaron Harlan and Elizabeth Gregg; he the son of John Gregg and Sarah Susan; he the son of Samuel Gregg and Eliza Alford; he the son of Thomas Gregg and Lucy Heabeard; he the son of Captain David Gregg and Lady Janel Jessie Stewart; he the son of John Gregg and Janel Gibson; he the son of John MacGregor (Gregg) and Margaret McIntyre; he the son of John MacGregor; he the son of Malcolm MacGregor and Findlay Glas McIntyre; he the son of Gregor MacGregor; he the son of Dougal MacGregor and Daur of Stewart; he the son of Duncan MacGregor 1st of Glengyle and Margaret, Daughter of Duncan McFarlane (granddaughter of King James IV); he the son of Dougal Cair "The Dusky" MacGregor Last Laird of Glenorchy; he the son of Gregor MacGregor and Iris McAlpin; he the son of John Cnain (one eyed) MacGregor; he the son of Gregor MacGregor of Golden Bridles (descendent of King Alpin through son of Griogar); he the son of Malcolm MacGregor (The Lame Lord) and Mary McAlpin; he the son of Gregor MacGregor and Marian de Arrochar; he the son of Duncan MacGregor and Daughter of Lindsay of Buck Null Earl of Lennox; he the son of Eoin MacGregor Lord of Glenorchy; he the son of Gillefealan (William) MacGregor and Dau Lindsay; he the son of Malcolm

MacGregor and Marjory Fitzduncan (daughter of Earl of Moray); he the son of Duncan "Beg" MacGregor Laird of Glenorchy; he the son of Dunan "a Strailadh" MacGregor and Margaret Ross; he the son of Ioin (John) MacGregor and "an English lady of great beauty"; he the son of Gregor "The Stout" MacGregor Laird of Glenorchy and Nic Duibhne (Macduibhn); he the son of Eoin (John) MacGregor Lord of Glenorchy and Alpina nic Oengusa (daughter of Oengus MacAlpin); he the son of Gregor de Bhrattich MacGregor (nephew of King Malcolm) and Daviegeldurn of Galloway; he the son of Malvina (daughter of Donald II); she the daughter of Donald II King of Scots; he the son of Constantine I mac Cinaeda (Constantine I MacAlpin King of Scots); he the son of Cinaed Kenneth MacAlpin (Kenneth I King of the Picts); he the son of Alpin Maceochaid King of Scots and Unvistice, Princess of the Picts.

#### PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

We are excited to gain Provisional members this year. These are persons who have not been able to fully show their connection to a MacGregor family line. In prior years, these people were mostly those who visited a clan tent and decided to be part of us on the spot. With the changes brought about by stayat-home orders and cancelation of those events, more people are finding us, contacting us, and applying for membership with us through the internet. Initially Provisional members were allowed five years to research their MacGregor family line and provide that connection to the Registrar to become a Lineal Member. Now, with access to the ACGS Genealogy Committee to help with that research, provisional members have two years in which to complete this research. As with Juniors, their membership number reflects the end of their allotted time period and ends with the letter P to indicate their Provisional status.

**#2022P Jones, Catherine Lynn, Florida.** She is the spouse of Phillip Charles Jones and the daughter of Bruce C. Gregory and Annie Laurie Henry; he the son of Clark Leonard Gregory and Edith Belle Schneider.

**#2022P Nunnery, Terry Ann, Arkansas.** She is the spouse of Kevin Nunnery and the daughter of Charles David Davis and Billy J. Manes; he the son of Doyle Davis and Ima Daisy Sanders.

**#2025P Mullon, Lee, Florida.** He is the spouse of Christine Dellert and the son of Christopher Gray Mullon and Katherine Klipp; he the son of Franklin Gerard Mullon and Marjorie White.

**#2025P Gregg, Larry James, California.** He is the spouse of Patricia Pacheco and the son of James L. Gregg and Shirley Mae Volk Wine; he the son of Charles Slater Gregg and Gladys Selena Rowe; he the son of Jasper Gregg and Harriet Muir.

#### ADVANCE FROM PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP TO LINEAL MEMBER

Larry James Gregg: from #2025P to #3281 Catherine Lynn Jones: from #2022P to #3283 Terry Ann Nunnery: from #2022P to #3287

#### JUNIORS ADVANCING TO LINEAL MEMBERSHIP

Mary Olivia Magruder: from #2019J to #3264 Lily Jeanette Richardson: from #2020J to #3267 Michael Gregory Osborn: from #2020J to #3290

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

#2023J Pierce, Emma Taylor, Texas. Sponsor is her mother Karey Pierce ACGS #3282
#2023J Potter, Landon Elliott, Virginia. Sponsor is his grandfather Clifton William Potter Jr ACGS #1840
#2027J Pierce, William Jacob Christopher, Texas. Sponsor is his mother Karey Pierce ACGS #3282

**#2037J Kohls, Orson Talbert, Tennessee.** Sponsor is his grandmother Mira McClanahan ACGS #3268

#### REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2019/2020

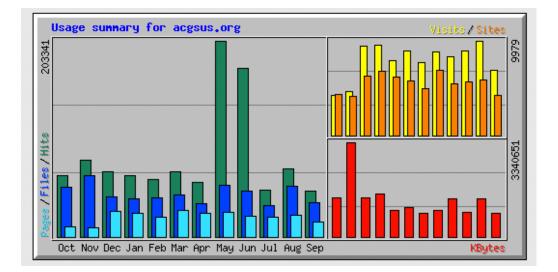
#### #2987 Catharine Alexandra Street #3156 Sarah (Mary-Sarah) Baltzegar

Respectfully submitted Jeanne Peter Lehr Registrar

# WEBMASTER & IT COMMITTEE REPORT

As you all know 2020 has been a challenging year for us all. As a result, many events were cancelled; you may assume that the cancelling of events impacted our web traffic as we normally saw a bump in site hits after events were held.

From October 2019 to September 2020, our website hit count at the low end was 1568 hits in July and at the high end in May of 6559 in fact both June and May were very active via our website.



One very important item contributed to the May and June Traffic and that was the posting of the newsletter.

In May the top 10 of 190 Entry Pages are as follows:

1	2252	1.11%	2834	47.75%	/homepage			
2	556	0.27%	453	7.63%	/member-sign-in/membership-directory/			
3	478	0.24%	349	5.88%	/2019/02/02/macgregor-dvd-trailer/			
4	307	0.15%	147	2.48%	/feed/			
5	193	0.09%	78	1.31%	/macgregor-dna-project/			
6	186	0.09%	76	1.28%	/membership/			
7	159	0.08%	76	1.28%	/our-tartan/			
8	167	0.08%	75	1.26%	/distinguished-macgregor-descendants/			
9	119	0.06%	69	1.16%	/comments/feed/			
10	87	0.04%	69	1.16%	/john-mcgregor-of-the-alamo/			

A lot of people think that the words "hits" and "visits" mean the same when measuring the number of visitors on their website. While measuring the traffic of a website, it is important to understand the difference between a hit and a visit. Every time a web browser such as Internet Explorer, Chrome, or Firefox requests for a file from a web server, a hit is recorded. Generally, web pages consist of a number of files. For instance, a web page is a combination of several different files such as a graphic file, side menu, and terms and conditions file. Whenever a user views a web page, more than ten hits might get registered on the web server. Therefore, a hit is a term that indicates the number of files downloaded from a server. A visit is registered on a web server whenever a user opens a web page irrespective of the number of files downloaded from the server. Whenever a user tries to view a web page, it is considered as a single visit no matter how many more pages on that website are opened.

A hit is often a request made to a website for a particular file to be downloaded from the server. When a user clicks on a web page, regardless of the number of files downloaded, it is called a visit. The difference between the two terms can be explained with the help of an analogy. Consider a bookshop where a user goes to buy some books. The user enters the shop (Visit) and picks up some books which he would like to purchase. If the user flips through the contents of the book and looks at a few pages, in order to see if it's exactly what he needs, then it is (Hits). The hits also represent the total number of physical resources that were requested from the server. A visit, however, represents the number of times the user visits the website to view a single page or multiple pages.

Both visits and hits are important statistics; however, the number of visitors is of much greater importance because that provides information about the potential customers visiting the site. Hits provide information about the total number of files downloaded or the total number of pages viewed by the potential customers. As this information can help to check the effectiveness of a website through a simple calculation called hits-to-visitors ratio. The ratio helps to determine the depth of the site and also helps to figure out if any measures need to be taken to improve the website if the stats are bad.

As you can see we have seen a steady increase in visits starting in Dec of 2019 and that uptick as continued through the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Summary by Month													
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals								
Month	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits			
Sep 2020	2063	1535	677	301	4246	833622	6923	15579	35322	47456			
Aug 2020	2293	1694	714	321	5879	1357820	9979	22157	52527	71105			
Jul 2020	1568	1038	647	287	5614	876336	8902	20057	32180	48613			
Jun 2020	5814	1581	719	278	5452	1341184	8349	21595	47450	174425			
<u>May 2020</u>	6559	1740	831	283	6921	921483	8791	25771	53947	203341			
Apr 2020	1891	1159	804	257	4896	848967	7710	24132	34780	56749			
<u>Mar 2020</u>	2187	1419	872	288	5771	1043177	8942	27057	44008	67800			
Feb 2020	2038	1408	705	273	6207	942918	7937	20466	40851	59122			
Jan 2020	2057	1263	792	307	6734	1508112	9537	24563	39157	63770			
Dec 2019	2175	1352	862	304	6291	1376689	9452	26734	41919	67441			
Nov 2019	2639	2119	319	153	4105	3340651	4600	9573	63585	79179			
Oct 2019	2044	1651	329	136	4302	1378430	4220	10207	51210	63391			
Totals	_					15769389	95342	247891	536936	1002392			

One key benefit to the information being accessed has been keeping important and key information on the top part of the website main page. This provides visitors key information about important events and activities of the Society. Other trends of note are that from the main page people are accessing our Member section and/or pages related to joining the Society.

### **New Initiatives**

One of the things I want to develop over the next year is **Social Media Managers**. These persons would be in charge of representing American Clan Gregor Society across our **social** channels: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Facebook Groups and they will respond to comments, create content design to support Society events, such as our Annual Clan Gathering, and I would also like for the Social Media Managers to be involved with our Area Deputy Chieftains to help them promote events they may be attending in their various states.

I hope the Council will support the creation of these Social Media Manager roles out of the IT Committee. We have members, in good standing, that are interested in being involved in these roles and it is a great way to get more people involved, especially the younger members.

First Time Online AGM Meeting...to be continued. Will report next year on how this year's goes.

Thanks you Rick Walker ACGS Webmaster IT Committee - Chair

### LIBRARIAN REPORT

The Library at the University of Baltimore is now named the Robert L. Bogomolny Library. He was President of the University of Baltimore from 2002-2014.

The extra 2019 yearbooks will be sent to me soon. I have a request for two of them.

Irene Nunley, Librarian

# CHAPLAIN REPORT

As you know, most of the organized events to which we have been accustomed did not take place this year. Consequently, my activity has been much reduced.

Your chaplain was unable to attend the 2020 Gathering on 4-5 October in Norfolk, Virginia due to a conflict in my parish.

On 28 December, Dr. C. Herbert Magruder died in Greenwood, South Carolina. I sent condolences to the family and a memorial gift to the Society.

On 20 April, I was made aware of the death of Mrs. Martha Horner, a resident of my city, and a membership aspirant in the Society. I attended her service and extended condolences to the family.

I plan to participate remotely in your council and general meetings this year. I pray the blessings of continued health on all of you and your families.

Respectfully submitted, Thad Osborne, Chaplain

# MERCHANDISE MANAGER REPORT

Last year I was requested by the Financial Review Committee to transition to a calendar year report instead of submitting a partial year report. It was understood by the committee that the data would be 9 months old. The committee believed that this would not be a problem and would make it easier to account for the inventory and would eliminate the void in transaction reporting caused by submitting a partial year report. With this in mind, I am submitting the full year report for calendar year 2019.

### On hand inventory: Value (cost) of Inventory:

T-shirts Old, Forrest Green – 12 each (sale price \$5.00 each) Unknown

Sweat shirts Old, Forrest Green – 32 each (sale price \$15.00 each) Unknown

T-shirts, Cardinal Red – 8 each (sale price \$20.00 each) \$7.50 each = \$60.00

Sweat shirts Cardinal Red – 16 each (sale price \$30.00 each) \$18.50 each = \$296.00

Golf/Polo Shirts – 14 each (sale price \$25.00 each) \$16.50 each = \$232.00

Coffee Mug – 9 each (sale price \$15.00 each, \$35.00 for 4 each) \$4.00 each = \$36.00

Pillow, 12 x 12" – 4 each (sale price \$70.00 each) \$50.00 each = \$200.00

ACGS Flags – 17 each (sale price \$50.00 each) \$38.00 each = \$646.00

ACGS Old Lapel Pin – 11 each (sale price \$10.00 each) Unknown

ACGS New Lapel Pin – 9 each (sale price \$10.00 each) \$4.52 each = \$40.68

MacGregor's Second Gathering Cookbook – 50 each (\$10.00 each) Unknown

ACGS Tote Bag - 13 each (sale price \$35.00 Each) \$18.25 each = \$237.25

#### Total Inventory Value \$1,747.93

Even though the price of postage for a first-class letter has gone up. The cost for packages has gone down slightly.

### This calendar year we sold the following items:

Sweat Shirts – 15 each

T-shirts – 5 each

Golf/Polo Shirts – 7 each

Coffee Mug – 8 each

Pillow, 12 x 12" – 0 each

Name Tag – 9 each

Lapel Pin – 14 each

ACGS Flag – 2 each plus 2 each sent to new ADC's and 1 each provided to Rick Walker for display.

MacGregor's Cookbook – 2 each

ACGS Tote Bag – 1 each

No new items have been ordered this year except for the event t-shirts for the 2019 gathering in Norfolk. All event shirts were pre-purchased and prepaid during the registration process. I brought the inventory with me to Norfolk in the hopes of generating some sales. There were 31 maps located at the ACGS storage locker. I brought them to the Gathering but only sold one. I also brought 10 each of the centennial plates given at the 100th Gathering but there was no interest. I will return them to our storage locker.

Respectively submitted, Peter K. Gregg

# **NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT**

The Ardchoille newsletter editor appointment was a bit late in this fiscal year since an editor was not appointed at the 2019 gathering. The newsletter appointment was made in March, 2020 and as a result the Spring publication was delayed until May, 2020. The newsletter publication continued on schedule during the COVID-19 pandemic and has successfully been able to meet publication deadlines.

In July, 2020, Bruce Whyte, MD, recommended shifting to a monthly newsletter publication schedule, with a shortened 8-9 page content, in order to keep up communication and raise the spirits of our fellow MacGregor's across the country during the pandemic. With the approval of Chieftain Peter Gregg, and several others, the Aug.2020 and Sept.2020 editions have been published, and the final 2019/2020 October edition is in progress.

Below are the recommended updates to the P&P for *The Ardchoille* and the newsletter:

# 1. Deliver Means: Recommended updating these requirements since we are not presently delivering hard-copies of the newsletter

Current Language:

The top half of last page should contain in the upper left:

- The current Clan Crest
- "ARDCHOILLE" followed by,
- NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY followed by,
- Address of the current Assistant Chieftain followed by,
- Two line spaces below the above should appear,
- RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED followed by,
- ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED. These last two lines obligates the US Postal Service to provide us with better Forwarding Address service.
- The Assistant Chieftain will be responsible for mailing and sending the newsletter.

Recommended Language:

*The Ardchoille* will be delivered to members via electronic delivery (email, website publication, etc...)

- The newsletter editor will submit the newsletter for review.
- Upon approval, the Assistant Chieftain and the WebMaster will publish the newsletter to the American Clan Gregor Society website.
- The Assistant Chieftain send digital communication to members when the newsletter has been published.
- Hard-copies or printed copies of the newsletter will be available upon request.

It has been a pleasure serving as your newsletter editor, and I look forward to another successful year in 2020/2021.

Regards, Teri Musick, Editor, *The Ardchoillle* 

# **HISTORIAN REPORT**

Since the Gathering of the Society in Norfolk, Virginia in 2019 until the Virtual AGM in 2020 there have been four births reported, no marriages, four deaths of members, and one death of relatives of members of ACGS.

#### BIRTHS

Chase Eichelberger, born July 3, 2018, son of Justin and Sarah Atchison Eichelberger, grandson of Donald E. Atchison (ACGS#3020).

Julian Alaric Don Pape, born November 27, 2019, son of Rachel and Steven Pape, grandson of Donald Wayne Garlitz (ACGS#3203), great-grandson of Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS#2561LM).

Elias Rollin Gregg, born July 16, 2020, son of Olivia Gregg and Christopher Wilmer, Grandson of Thaddeus Gregg (ACGS#2844), Grand-Nephew of Peter Gregg (ACGS#2686), Paul Gregg (ACGS#1922), John Gregg (ACGS#2852), and Dorothy Gregg Mercier (ACGS#2958).

Charles Lee Weisnicht, born August 7, 2020, son of Gregg and Kim Weisnicht, Grandson of David (ACGS#2928A) and Catherine Gregg Weisnicht (ACGS#2927), Grand-nephew of Peter Gregg (ACGS#2686), Paul Gregg (ACGS#1922), John Gregg (ACGS#2852), and Dorothy Gregg Mercier (ACGS#2958).

### **DEATHS OF MEMBERS**

Kathleen Ann Stone (ACGS#3053ALM) died December 22, 2017. Jane Magruder Watkins (ACGS#965J) died August 12, 2019. Mildred Elrod Murdock (ACGS#2507A) died October 18, 2019. Dr. Christopher Herbert Magruder (ACGS#1535) died December 28, 2019.

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

John Jeffries, father of Nona Dee Jeffries Letham (ACGS#3029), died March 27, 2019.

Elizabeth Magruder Joiner - Historian

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACGS Nominating Committee for 2020 met (online) as required and then confirmed the willingness of each of the following officers and Council Members to serve another (one-year) term in their current positions:

- For Scribe Jane Montmeny
- For Treasurer Bruce Whyte

- For Registrar Jeanne Lehr
- For Chancellor -Diana Browne

In addition, the Chairman spoke to both the current Chieftain (Peter Gregg) and the current Ranking Deputy Chieftain (Scott MacGregor) and confirmed their willingness to continue in office for another year. (Both are in the middle of their first (two-year) term and so are not up for reelection this year.)

Yours aye, John King Bellassai, JD Chairman

# **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### THE CHARITY AND EDUCATION (C&E) FUND

The Trustees have greatly benefitted from the ability to conduct business using telephone conference calls during the past year. The Trustees met numerous times using this form of communication.

#### Thursday 19 December 2019

Mr. Rob Young was welcomed as a new Trustee having been nominated and elected at the 2019 AGM. Jack Simon was elected Trustee Chair.

Discussion on Scholarships.

It was agreed to review the method by which Scholarship applications are evaluated and whether the ratings for applicants should be changed based on new criteria. This review will be coordinated with the Scholarship Committee Chairman, Danie Turner. We are undertaking this review because of a growing number of applicants and a limited amount of Scholarship funds available.

ACGS Statement of Investment Policy

The Trustees have developed a draft of this policy that needs to be reviewed, updated as necessary, and approved. This will be completed within the next year.

Disposition of Ewell Funds

The \$80,000 that was left to the Society was transferred to the C&E Fund and these funds were invested into the ACGS Stock Portfolio. Additionally, there was discussion about naming one of the scholarships for the Ewell family.

#### Wednesday 15 January 2020

The Trustees agreed on a set of recommendations to assist the Scholarship Committee for considering applicants. These recommendations were conveyed to Danie Turner.

#### Tuesday 17 March 2020

The Trustees undertook a review on portfolio performance because of the Covid-19 stock crash. Of major concern was whether the dividends could be maintained in this environment and should they be restructured. We included our Fiduciary representative, Linda Powell, from Merrill Lynch to explain portfolio performance as well as coordinate the revision, and update as necessary, the ACGS Investment Policy. It was decided to make no investment portfolio changes until at least three (3) months following some return to normalcy in the stock investment environment. It was also agreed to clarify the conditions for use of bequests to ACGS in the Investment Policy revision.

#### Thursday April 2 2020

The meeting included Merrill Lynch representatives who were asked to make recommendations to the draft ACGS Investment Policy . Since the text of the Investment Policy involves performance goals their input was important. The Merrill Lynch representatives agreed to review the draft Investment Policy and respond. Further a general discussion followed on the Covid-19 impact on financial performance. We requested to be alerted when any of our corporate stock holdings reduce dividends. Dividends are the source of scholarship funds for the Society.

#### Tuesday May 26 2020

This meeting was called to allocate available scholarship funds to deserving applicants. We had received the Scholarship Committee recommendations. Danie joined this meeting to answer any questions or provide clarifications where needed. The Scholarship Committee had prioritized the applicants base on published criteria. There were sixteen applicants whose submissions were reviewed and determined to be qualified. A total of \$23,500 was awarded to the scholarship applicants as follows:

- 1. Priority one received \$1800 each,
- 2. Priority two received \$1500 each,
- 3. Priority three received \$1200 each, and
- 4. One graduate student received \$700.

It was further decided to advise each scholarship awardee to notify the Treasurer of any change in college plans as a result of the Covid-19 impact. The checks are written to the college as to the benefit of the awardee. The schools must follow our rules regarding use of these funds and return these funds if not used for the benefit of the student.

A decision was reached to close the Harry and Edith Blount Scholarship account at Bank of America. This account was costing us \$60/year. The balance of \$1375.97 was transferred to the C&E Fund. That amount would be supplemented by the C&E Fund to award an \$1800 scholarship to a Priority one candidate. This Scholarship grant would be the last as an ACGS Blunt Scholarship.

The Trustees also acknowledged Dani and her Committee for their huge contributions to the scholarship process.

Remaining business was to complete the update and rewrite of the ACGS Trustee Investment Policy.

#### Friday 21 August 2020

Earlier the Trustees had received the Merrill Lynch recommendations to the Investment Policy. Through a series of Emails, the Trustees agreed to a final version for this document and will forward this updated and revised policy to Council for approval at the next AGM.

Chairman's comments

Firstly, we want to thank the Scholarship Committee for the professional way they handled their responsibilities in selecting the candidates for scholarships. This made our work much easier in making awards.

Secondly, we need to thank Bruce Whyte for his invaluable support in keeping us focused on meeting our goals. It is easy to get distracted and Bruce as an ex officio member was there to keep us on path.

Thirdly, we would like to echo what Thad said in last yea'rs Trustee Report. Our source of Scholarship funds comes from Dividends and not from individual stock performance. There may be tax advantages to donating Required Minimum Distributions to the benefit of the Society. The C&E Fund could be a vehicle for this and this method is covered in the Tax Code.

Fourthly, on a personal note, I would like to thank the other Trustees for working harmoniously in this troubled year of Covid-19. Each of us acted in the best interests of the Society. We withstood a sharp decline from the initial Covid-19 impact but relieved that the market recovery has largely overcome the initial deficit.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Simon, Chair

Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz, member

Robert Young, member

Bruce MacGregor Whyte, ex- officio

# SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

This year the committee received all ACGS Scholarship Applications via mail and/or hand delivery.

A total of twenty (20) applications were received. Sixteen (16) were considered and each received an award. Four (4) were rejected for not meeting the required April 1, 2020, deadline.

All applicants were classified according to current policy. Six (6) were classified as Priority One, first-time freshmen. Four (4) were classified as Priority Two, upperclassmen who had <u>not</u> previously received a scholarship. Five (5) were classified as Priority Three, upperclassmen who had previously received a scholarship. One (1) was classified as Priority Four, graduate or professional.

The applicants below were listed in ranking order within their respective priorities and the trustees awarded each recipient as follows:

Priority #1 – \$1,800, First-time freshmen:

Sophia Comrie Saydie Walker Marshall Magruder Lily Richardson Jolie Baltzegar Benji Thalheimer

<u>Priority #2</u> – \$1,500, Upperclassmen who have <u>NOT</u> received an ACGS Scholarship previously:

Alyssa Gregory Annika Berentsen Kimsey Scott William Jordan As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic travel restrictions, Priority #2 recipient, Kimsey Scott, will no longer be attending the University of Stirling located in Scotland, but will be attending Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

<u>Priority #3</u> – \$1,200, Upperclassmen who <u>have received</u> prior ACGS assistance:

Brenna Gregory Jamie Williams Emma Groves Izaiah Barba Carolyn Barrett

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Priority #3 recipient, Emma Groves, returned her award due to her decision to place her higher learning on hold.

Priority #4 – \$700, Graduate or Professional Student, career change:

#### Brigette Auld

<u>Rejected Applicants</u> – Applications received after the April 1, 2020, deadine.

Morgan Brooke Burtis Travis J. Chumley Annika Little Hannah Elizabeth Lorenz

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of September, 2020.

Danie Griffin-Turner, Chair Amy E. Fleming Martha Smith

# **RECOGNITION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Recognition Committee received one recommendation for a Certificate of Appreciation this year.

Lois Ann Garlitz sent in a recommendation to issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Teresa Milligan Walker, ACGS#3044ALM on September 15, 2020. The recommendation was sent to the members of the committee on September 15, 2020 with a request for their comments, recommendations, and approval/disapproval to be sent to the chair of the committee no later than September 21, 2020.

The recommendation for a Certificate of Appreciation for Mrs. Walker was for her service as Year Book Editor for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

All members of the Recognition Committee reviewed the nomination and agreed it should be approved. The recommendation was sent to the Chieftain who was also in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted, Randolph W. Walker – Chair On behalf of the committee – Scott F. Macgregor and Stuart W. McGregor

#### **Recognition Certificate**



# American Clan Gregor Society

Incorporated SIR MALCOLM MacGREGOR of MacGREGOR, BARONET Hereditary Chief Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland

### American Clan Gregor Society Proudly extends this Certificate of Appreciation

To

### Teresa Milligan Walker

The Officers and Members of the American Clan Gregor Society present on this date the ACOS Certificate of Appreciation to Teresa Milligan Walker for her contribution as Editor of the Society's Annual Yearbook for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Her organizational skills greatly improved the timely delivery of a Yearbook to each member of the Society before May 1st of each of the three years. The initial copy submission deadline was changed to December, the first draft completed and edited by the end of February, sent to the printer by mid-March, with printed Yearbooks in the mailboxes of each member by May 1.

The benefit to the Society was a semi-annual reminder of the Society's activities on behalf of the membership. For these and many more reasons, the Society is truly appreciative.

Peter K. Gregg Chieftain October 3, 2020



# HERALDRY

The Committee did not meet during the year just ended. It had been planned that we would meet at the Gathering, prior to the AGM, if and when an inperson Gathering occurred. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, no in-person meetings occurred this year.

The Committee did received Tartan Day greetings from Lord Lyon Dr. Joseph Morrow, who drew particular attention to the significance of 6 April 2020 as the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath—Scotland's declaration of independence from English tyranny. Lyon asked that we convey his greetings to the Council and the Membership of the Society. See below.

Yours aye, John King Bellassai, JD Chairman, Heraldry Committee



### Message from the Lord Lyon – The Celebration of the 700th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath

Greetings from Edinburgh on this spring day albeit that we are affected by the pandemic which is playing such a critical role in all our lives worldwide. On 6 April 2020 we are celebrating the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath. This document was signed at Arbroath Abbey which is just a few miles from my home and the ruins of which I have walked round on many occasions.

The Declaration is one of the most significant documents that emerged from Mediaeval Europe. It is a document that is marked by learning and scholarship and for the 14<sup>th</sup> century provides an argument for the self determination of

the Scottish people. It changed constitutional thinking – such that our King was required to rule in the best interests of his people who, through the Declaration, kept a right to Depose the king.

This fundamental principle in constitutional law of the power of the people remains even to today and applies in all democratic states to Monarch and State Leader alike.

Throughout the centuries this principle was drawn on by many including the Committee who drafted the American Declaration of Independence. Today we all celebrate the living Scotland whether here at home or abroad acknowledge the influence this Declaration has had and further celebrate our Scottish heritage. One simple fact that highlights the influence of the living Scotland is shown in the fact that at the 1776 Convention of Philadelphia 10 of the 13 emerging States of America were represented by those who claimed Scottish birth. All of this led to the establishment by the United States Senate of the celebration of Tartan Day each year on 6 April.

Happy 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the Declaration of Arbroath and Happy Tartan Day.



Lyon

Dr Joseph J Morrow, CBE, QC, LLD, FRSE. Right Honourable Lord Lyon, King of Arms

# FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

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

#### January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

The Financial Review Committee, composed of Paul O. Collinson (solo) completed the review of financial transactions and found that the records to fairly reflect the interests of the American Clan Gregor Society and to be free and clear of substantial financial mismanagement.

All discovered transaction discrepancies have been corrected and are unlikely to reoccur provided that recommended methods for prevention are adopted. Unfortunately, not all requested credit card transactions were fully documented by receipts/invoices and thus could not be verified.

### COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, and REQUEST

The Financial Review Committee respectively submits the following comments, recommendations, and requests for consideration:

1. Investment Policy Statement – the Financial Review Committee requests a copy of the approved Investment Policy Statement which governs the holdings and transactions within the investment accounts and states the Goals and Objectives, Risk Tolerance, and Risk Assessment. Please note that the ratification of a new Investment Policy Statement would have been responsibly required by Merrill Lynch when the investment accounts were moved there in mid-2019.

2. Transaction Sampling – this year's review included a sampling of backup information to support checks and credit card transactions related to scholarship recipients and to the Gathering. Discrepancies that were discovered were corrected. Unfortunately, not all requested credit card transactions were fully documented by receipts and thus could not be verified.

3. Treasurer Policy and Procedures – the Financial Review Committee

requests a copy of the approved Treasurer P&P that reflects the use of STRIPE and the ACGS credit card.

4. Revision of all Policy and Procedures – the Financial Review Committee continues to recommend that all Policy and Procedure statements be revised to include parameters to govern spending discretion and the approval of expenses.

5. Professional Review/Agreed Upon Procedures– the Financial Review Committee is resolute that it is in the best interest of all concerned that a professional review/agreed upon procedures be commissioned. Benefits are numerous and include:

-protection of Society Officers and Society Assets
-identification of process improvements
-identification of best business practices
-identification of material weaknesses
-ease of transfer in regards to future succession planning

Monthly Account Statements - the Financial Review Committee 6. recommends that electronic copies of the Bank of America bank accounts, Merrill Lynch investment account, and ACGS credit card account be delivered the sending institution the Chieftain via the directly bv to chieftain@acgsus.org and not as forwarded emails from the Treasurer or Trustees. This is a common practice and well worth any nominal fee that might be charged by a financial institution.

7. ACGS Purchases – the Financial Review Committee recommends that all purchases of goods, services, and software be purchased in the name of the Society through effective use of the checking account and the credit card. Doing so effectively ensures that the Society is the owner of said assets and in full control of their use and disposition. This change would also end any need for Officers and Members to seek reimbursement for the purchase of such assets, services, and software.

8. Cash Receipts – In regards to the cash sale of merchandise or other cash receipts paid to the Society. The Financial Review Committee

recommends that cash receipts/reimbursement be converted to Stripe transactions or paper check. There is a nominal fee upon conversion to Stripe and a potential inconvenience/delay in regards to paper checks but these are minor in respect to the importance of creating a document trail and maintaining records of transactions. The further objective is to eliminate any instance of cash deposits or cash withdrawals.

Paul O. Collinson, Chairman

### **GENEALOGY COMMITTEE REPORT**

During this past year, the researcher for the Genealogy Committee has received six requests for genealogical assistance from the Registrar which produced five new Lineal members and one Provisional member.

Two additional requests were forwarded from our website regarding prior members listed in our yearbooks. One request from a member regarding resources for their own further research.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Ann Garlitz, Chairman

# **AREA DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN (ADC) REPORTS**

#### ALABAMA

Jean MacGregor Simon

It is with much disappointment that I must report that the COVID-19 worldwide virus ramifications have forced a relatively short notice of the cancelation of our several years long, carefully planned, North Alabama Festival and Games this year. These games, run by the Tennessee Valley Scottish Society, were slated for a weekend this past April 2020 in a small suburb of the city of Scottsboro, Alabama. We have waited so long, for a few years, for the return of these North Alabama games, wherein I have run the ACGS MacGregor tent happily with my family, whether in Huntsville, Madison, or Scottsboro, Alabama. Some years in the recent past, our North Alabama Games were the only games held in the whole state of Alabama. I have attended the games in Pelham, AL, outside Birmingham, and also in Montgomery AL, the capital. We look forward to the year 2021.

I feel compelled and obligated to report the demise of a very dear MacGregor friend, though she is not a member of ACGS. I felt like she was a sister. She has been to two different ACGS annual meetings. In addition, my husband Jack Simon and I have been to a small international gathering of the MacGregor clan hosted by her, in her private home, in Woodstock, Ontario. We MacGregor descendant guests came from USA, Scotland, and of course, Canada. Annie (McGregor) Stadden died September 22, 2019 at age 73, survived by her husband Jim Stadden, and her daughter, Pam Stadden. Annie was ever so keenly interested in all things MacGregor, whether history, genealogy, or helping others "daily", for free, with our socalled brick walls of Clan Gregor genealogy. Annie was extraordinarily generous with her time and research for others. For ACGS, Annie organized and conducted the bus tour for our ACGS Annual Meeting in the Sandwich/Windsor area of Ontario, Canada, in 2011. For a fuller obituary with photo, at least two can be found on the internet, searching for Ann McGregor Stadden, or in a Clan Gregor periodical by a WM Parker, Volume 4, Issue 2 – January 2020. It is not clear whether the newsletter was from the Clan Gregor or from the Canadian Chapter of Clan Gregor. Annie, a loyal friend, is sorely missed!

#### **CALIFORNIA NORTH**

Adrienne Tomkins

Unfortunately, I have nothing to report for 2020. The earliest event scheduled for this year was in mid-March (the Sonora Celtic Festival). As you may recall, the Bay Area was the first in the nation to enact a shelter-in-place order, on March 17. Prior to that, things were already heating up around here and I believe the powers that be for Sonora had already elected to cancel that event. Regardless, I wasn't planning to attend because I was by then 7 months pregnant with my fourth child and on total bed rest!

The Bay Area and the rest of Northern California remained under lockdown for the entire season, only relaxing into "yellow" tier in late October, well after the traditional final event which typically occurs on Labor Day weekend (The Annual Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at Pleasanton, one of the largest gatherings on the west coast).

We anxiously await a vaccine and resumption of large scale events in the area! Unfortunately, due to California's extremely strict rules in this regard, I suspect that 2021's report will be similar to 2020.

#### **CALIFORNIA SOUTH**

**Richard McAdams** 

The Southern California Region Scottish Games were all cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA EAST Peter K. Gregg

I regret that due to the virus no games or events were held in my area. There is one still scheduled for September. I will let you know if they still have it. I must submit a negative report for this year.

### GEORGIA, FLORDIA NORTH & GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN, N.C Bruce M. Whyte

#### Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, January 2020

Weather was perfect, as is only to be expected in the world of Disney! We were expecting a large crowd and were not disappointed. Fortunately, there were three of us: Bruce and Kathy Whyte and Cindy Brammer.

Cindy lives in Mt. Dora, about an hour north of the Games venue, Winter Garden. She had only become a member of ACGS one month earlier in December. She and her husband own a medical device repair shop in Mt Dora.

She earned her stripes at the Games, so much so that in January she was appointed the ADC for Central Florida. She had her best friend accompany her and they had decided to camp out in her 21' camper. Unfortunately they found out the camping area had no running water, no bathroom facilities and no power. Gave new meaning to "dry camping".

We had an almost overwhelming number of visitors, approximately 60 actually signed the guests. We gave out 5 provisional, 6 or so lineal and several junior paper applications. All of those, and about 12 other seriously interested visitors of course were told of the on-line applications.

But of greater interest were some individual Gregors that we would like to highlight:



• Maddlein Dunn, granddaughter of member Catherine Gregory Jones

(Winter Gardens, FL) is an up and coming Scottish dancer, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on multiple events (second from left in blue in group picture). She has since received almost as a donation, a Gregor dancer's kilt and spare material;

- Ian White, "skinned" on the right, is a part time film fill in for "violent" Scottish fighting scenes and a trainer for those arts;
- Grant Paplauskas, also known as the Marvel figure, Thor (big guy 4<sup>th</sup> from the right). He is a member of the extended family of Chuck McGrew in Cassleberry, FL Grant adopts his Thor persona and visits children in Children's Hospitals in the Chicago area for Make A Wish Foundation. Although he puts on this deep throated, muscular alpha male person, he is the most soft hearted person you could ever meet. Just ask his wife!
- Cindy Brammer is the woman 3<sup>rd</sup> from the right in the green blouse.

## Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival, February 2020

These Games are different in that they are held in an agricultural "hall" that is roughly 400' long, 200' wide and the roof is about 100' high. No walls. Like the cattle care about that? We do. Today it was windy and gusty (20 mph) and cold (48F). Thermal underwear was the phrase of the day: why did I leave it at home? Where can we buy some? In Florida?



But, we had the same tried and tested threesome of Kathy, Bruce and Cindy. Cindy was fortunate to have her best friend attend again as she acted as another unpaid helper, "nanny" for the three children and camping assistant in their 21' camper. This time with

full facilities!

We were not as busy as usual, but still managed to be on our feet all day answering tons of questions. Once again, interesting visitors. The man who was of American and German descent on his father's side and The Azores on his mother's side. The woman with both Native American and French/Iberian parentage. Raised thinking she was a Gregor.



We were surprised to have 7 Gregors in the Parade of Tartans. Apart from Kathy, Bruce and Cindy there were Russ and Cheryl Greer from Ocala, FL, Carol Kobylars from Middleburg, FL and her sister Elizabeth MacGregor Viens from Connecticut. And it was a special treat to dip the Coat of Arms to the Honored Clan, MacLaren, represented by our dear friend Steven Quillan, President also of the Grand Father Mountain Highland Games.

We referred multiple people to the web site again. Gave out all our paper applications and most of our literature, again. It is unfortunate that so few tent visitors actually sign up to be members of ACGS. It is disheartening to not see much, or any, yield for the hours, and dollars, put in on behalf of the Society. But all ADCs go through this.

Other Games usually attended were all cancelled due to Covid-19. These included Blairsville and of course, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

## KENTUCKY

Kay Britt

All Games were cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### **MARYLAND & PENNSYLVANIA WEST**

Charles Grierson

This year, having been unusual in nearly all aspects of daily life, was no different for our local events and public outreach. Our games season was thoroughly interrupted, with events such as the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering and the Mid-Maryland Highland Games postponing. We can instead look forward to the next season in hopes that we might all safely gather again.

# MISSISSIPPI & LOUISIANA

Robert E. Young

Here is my report on the Gulfcoast Games in Gulfport, MS on 9-10 Nov. I set up our clan tent on Saturday morning next to Clan MacBean. It was great Highlands weather at 55 degrees. There were about 10 Clans and 2 Scottish Societies in attendance. The crowds were enormous (5,000) for this event. On Sunday, they had a Highland Games event with 50 men and 25 women. Most of the visitors were interested in learning about the roots of their Scottish names to the clan system. I asked Adrienne Tomkins for the creator of her pop-up display units. I ordered 2 of them and they were a great way to explain the MacGregor clan. I also built a shadow box for my claymore sword and it was a hit with the kids.

The CelticFest in Jackson in March 2020 was cancelled. The S.E. Alabama Games in Dothan, AL was cancelled in March 2020 and rescheduled for this September but was cancelled. The GulfCoast Highland Games in Gulfport, MS was scheduled for November, but has been cancelled.

I plan to attend a Burns' Dinner in New Orleans next January. I will attend the CelticFest Games in Jackson, MS on March 2021. I also hope to make either the Panama City Beach, FL Games or the S.E. Alabama Games in Dothan, AL in 2021 as we have no ADC that covers South AL or West FL.

# **MISSOURI EAST**

Jeanne L. Lehr

I attended no Scottish events during this reporting period as there were no events held in this ADC's territory during 2019-2020 reporting period.

The St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival held in suburban St. Louis County, Missouri was not held in 2019 because of the retirement of the leadership. The 2020 Festival was not scheduled because of the loss of venue. It is hoped that the event will be held again in 2021.

The Tartan Day event and ceilidh usually held in April was cancelled due to COVID-19.

# **MISSOURI WEST**

Lawrence Greer

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 Buffalo Chamber of Commerce to help raise funds to support the Celtic Festival in September. The evening was filled with lots of food, music, and an auction with proceeds going to support the festival.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Arkansas Scottish Festival, Batesville Arkansas was postponed from it's April schedule. We were all signed up and ready to go pre pandemic. At this point there has been no announcement on the rescheduled date.

The Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games scheduled for September has also been cancelled until next year. I worked with the Chamber of Commerce event planner extensively to try and have a successful event this year. The ravages of COVID-19 would not relent. With declining participation numbers, we regrettably canceled the event this year.

Hopefully all of this will be behind for next year's event and we can take our place as the honored clan.

I did participate in some of the virtual events as a spectator. Hopefully we will all be able to gather next year!

# SOUTH CAROLINA

Michael A. McGregor

I had only planned to sponsor/attend Gallabrae (Greenville Scottish Games) in May; it was cancelled.

General:

- 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.

# CALIFORNIA SOUTH

Richard Adams

Due to medical restrictions, I was only able to attend the 2019 Scottish Festival at the Orange County Fair Fairgrounds, located in Costa Mesa, California.

The Clan Gregor is under control of the Western Clan Gregor Society. They have dwindled in membership due to the death of Kelly McPeter's untimely death.

Inquiries were light. Total attendance for the two (2) day event was about 16,000.

# **TENNESSEE EAST**

Thad G. Osborne

The cancellation of Scottish heritage events in my area has drastically altered my summer schedule. We hope, however, that these measures arrest, or at least slow the transmission of the coronavirus.

1. The Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival scheduled for 23-24 May 2020 was cancelled, and monies refunded to the clans and patrons.

2. The Blairsville Scottish Festival scheduled for 13-14 June 2020 was cancelled, for the second consecutive year. I normally assist Deputy Bruce Whyte here; we are in line to be honoured clan when they resume in 2021.

3. The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans were also cancelled. Patrons/clan sponsors were offered the option of applying their 2020 payments as a contribution, which I elected to do. I am now assisting at this event, having given primary responsibility to Dr Bruce Whyte.

4. The Dandridge (TN) Scots-Irish Festival, scheduled for September, has likewise been cancelled. This realistically eliminates my ability to host at an event in my area of responsibility, as required per ACGS policy.

I ask the indulgence of the Society and permission to continue in my efforts on your behalf for 2021.

5. In March, a recent membership applicant, Mrs Martha Horner, died unexpectedly. I attended her visitation, and have maintained contact with her family, who value highly their MacGregor heritage. We look forward to the Smoky Mountain and Grandfather Mountain events in 2021.

The loss of these traditional events, some of which I have attended for 45 years, has been very keen. The written and recorded publications that are widely available are keeping me connected.

May everyone emerge from the current situation in health and prosperity, and prepare for a good season in 2021.

#### TENNESSEE WEST & MIDDLE Andrew Ward

Our local September games were cancelled and a few of our members were active in planning this event so most of what we have been doing is hunkering down and waiting for the pandemic to subside. Other events have been curtailed and so we thought it prudent to do what the health experts have ask of us and stay home.

Our goal is to work on communication for Gregors in the area and firm up the ability to put together events but first we stay home and wait, texting and posting is the rule for Middle and West Tennessee, but relief is on the horizon and we will be ready.

# UTAH

#### Steven Argyle

Like nearly everywhere else, all public festivals and events to date in the Utah region were canceled in 2020. The Utah Scottish Association, however, experimented with a virtual festival that was interesting to say the least. Clans were invited to submit content for a virtual clan village, and Clan Gregor provided the most pages of clan history and stories of any of the participating clans.

The clan here in the Utah region continues to maintain a Facebook group to help members stay in touch. We're all enduring with the classic MacGregor tenacity and looking forward to better days and festivals in the future.

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# ACGS YEARBOOK, PUBLISHED 2021

Readers of this index are reminded that the genealogies presented here are as they were submitted by the member. Any inquiries should be sent to the member. When a wife's maiden name is not known, she is listed with her husband's surname.

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