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## **Annual Report of the Chieftain**

Randolph W. Walker - Chieftain

The past two years have been busy and very rewarding for me serving as the 32<sup>nd</sup> Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society. It was an honor to be your Chieftain.

I have had the good fortune of serving this Society along with some of the finest men and women I have ever known. They have all been committed to serving in their respective offices with one goal in mind. That goal was to serve in a manner that was in the best interests of the American Clan Gregor Society and its members.

The Society tried several "new" ideas during the past two years. They are as follows:

- 1. Establish a Genealogy Committee to work with the Registrar by providing limited genealogical research assistance to applicants making an application for Provisional Membership. This committee, composed of Lois Ann Garlitz, Adrienne Tomkins and Jeanne Lehr, has done an outstanding job and has proven the benefits of such committee.
- 2. The Registrar and I also tried out an electronic membership application where a prospective member could fill out the application on line and submit the application directly to the Registrar. After her review she could then send the application to me for a final review and attach an electronic signature. This would then be followed up with a welcome letter from the Chieftain and the Welcome Packet from the Registrar. This has worked well and the turn around time is now minutes rather than days in the mail.
- 3. The Society also expanded the use of Social Media to advertise the Society and provide a place where ACGS members and non-members alike could stay in touch with the "going ons" of the Society, Clan Gregor, and all things Scottish. This too has been successful and several new members came to us by way of the Face Book Group Page.

Of course our Area Deputy Chieftains continued their participation at Highland Games and other Scottish Heritage Events around the country. These people are the unsung heroes of our Society. They are kind of like the Postal Service in that they let neither rain, nor hail, nor snow, get in the way of displaying the flag of ACGS and telling the story of Clan Gregor.

Now it is time to turn the duties and responsibilities of Chieftain over to the person who will be the 33<sup>nd</sup> Chieftain of ACGS, Mr. Peter K. Gregg. I know without doubt that he will receive the same loyal support from the officers of our Society as I have. I wish him the best of success and as they say ... "*MacGregor despite them.*"

Respectfully Submitted,

Randolph W. Walker Chieftain



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Charles S. Grierson 2020 Steven Argyle, 2021 Keith Gregg, 2022

## FORMER CHIEFTAINS

Edward May Magruder, MD	1909-1925	(Deceased)
Caleb Clarke Magruder, MA, LLD	1925-1927	(Deceased)
James Mitchell Magruder, DD	1927-1930	(Deceased)
Egbert Watson Magruder, PhD	1930-1933	(Deceased)
Herbert Thomas Magruder	1933-1936	(Deceased)
William Marion Magruder	1936-1941	(Deceased)
Frank Cecil Magruder	1941-1947	(Deceased)
Douglas Neil Magruder	1947-1950	(Deceased)
Commodore John Holmes Magruder	1950-1952	(Deceased)
Brig. General Marshall Magruder	1952-1956	(Deceased)
Daniel Randall Magruder, DD	1956-1958	(Deceased)
Roger Gregory Magruder, MD		
John Kennedy Magruder		
Wm. B. Hamilton Magruder	1965-1966	(Deceased)
Thomas Garland Magruder, Jr	1966-1967	(Deceased)
John Murdoch MacGregor	1967-1970	(Deceased)
R. James Macgregor	1970-1972	(Deceased)
Frank R. McGregor	1972-1975	(Deceased)
William E. McGregor		· · ·
Archibald McGregor		
Burns Magruder, Jr	1979-1984	(Deceased)
Russell C. McGregor, PhD		• •
Abbey Wailes Magruder, Jr		
George F. McGregor	1990-1993	(Deceased)
Capt. Paul C. Gregg	1993-1996	Deceased)
Malcolm G. MacGregor		• •
Jeffrey R. McGregor	2000-2003	Delray Beach, FL
Robert F. MacGregor, Jr		
Thaddeus G. Osborne		
Ronald A. McGregor		
Lois Ann Garlitz		,
Randolph W. Walker	2017-2019	San Antonio, TX

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Jack E. Simon, Chairman, 2020 Lois Ann

Robert Young, 2022

Lois Ann Garlitz, 2021 Bruce M. Whyte, Treasurer, ex-officio

## **APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Matt Kuldell, Piper, Band Pipe Major Richard R. Walker, Webmaster Area Deputy Chieftains

#### 2019-2020 COMMITTEES

#### Nominating Committee for 2020

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Scholarship Committee

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

**Genealogy Committee** 

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Randolph W. Walker Scott MacGregor Stuart W. McGregor

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**IT Committee** Bruce MacGregor Whyte, Chair Richard R. Walker Aliana Shepard

**Gathering Site Selection Committee** 

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## ACGS Gathering 2019 Summary

Though I have been a member of ACGS and Area Deputy Chieftain of North Carolina for a few years now, this gathering was the first one I attended. Honestly, I was not completely sure what to expect. My father, aunt, uncles, grandparents, and other assorted family members told me stories over the years, of course, but they didn't prepare me for the sheer quantity of hospitality I experienced. From the moment I checked in at the Clan table in the hotel lobby through the formal banquet, everyone at the gathering treated me and my husband like long lost friends. People showed genuine interest in our stories and graciously shared their knowledge and support in matters related to the history and traditions of the MacGregors and Scotland. The old guard of the society, especially the council, warmly welcomed conversations with us and introduced us to many other members. Not once were we made to feel like outsiders or newbies.

Besides the wonderful people and fast friendships made during the gathering, we greatly enjoyed the events dispersed throughout the weekend. The Ceilidh showcased a fantastic band who played songs ranging from traditional instrumental pieces to modern folk favorites. Their array of instrumentation coupled with the dance lessons and copious amounts of whiskey made for an evening any Scots would enjoy. The general meeting mixed an appropriate amount of business and education. It was good to learn about the functioning of the society behind the scenes, but truly enjoyable to learn about the history of Robert Burns. As an amateur foodie, I also appreciated the selection of wines, hors d'oeuvres, and meals provided at the gathering, including vegetarian accommodations.

Though I expected to be one of the few people under age 30 attending the gathering, I did not expect the outpouring of interest and engagement from the older members in regards to my engagement. Multiple council members sought out myself and the few other millennials to specifically ask for our input and

opinions on ways to make the society more inclusive and accessible for our generation. The folks involved in ACGS clearly love genealogy and spreading knowledge and are working to engage younger generations. Their enthusiasm was contagious and has created a growing momentum for the millennial attendees to increase the social media presence of ACGS and engage in Celtic events. I am excited to see what directions the society takes to find the balance between upholding traditions and growing to meet the needs of upcoming members, and I look forward to being an active member of that process.

#### (Editor's Comment)

*This report was submitted by the young members of Team Ewell: Mary Byrd Pettenati, Anne Carrington Ewell, Aliana Shepard, Dustin Pettenati* 

Society members have been concerned about recruitment of new younger Gregors, young being anyone of lesser years than us! This Gathering had a higher number and proportion of young Gregors than normal. There were 10 members and visitors probably aged less than 30 years that contributed 10% of the Gathering attendees.

This report highlights the level of commitment and excitement that some of our younger members are exhibiting. Is it any wonder that Mary Byrd has already been appointed ADC for North Carolina? Or that Aliana and Mary Byrd are on the IT Committee? We are in good hands for the future.



## Minutes of the 2019 ACGS Council Meeting

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc. Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe 110th Annual Gathering – Norfolk Virginia October 4, 2019



Council Members in attendance:

Mr. Randolph W. Walker Mr. Peter Gregg Dr. Bruce M. Whyte Ms. D. Jane Montmeny Ms. Jeanne Lehr Ms. Diana G. Browne Mrs. Kathy Whyte Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz ACGS Chieftain Ranking Deputy Chieftain Treasurer Scribe Registrar Chancellor Assistant Chieftain Immediate Past Chieftain

The 2019 Council meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on October 4, 2019 in Norfolk Virginia at 8:03 AM by Randy Walker, Chieftain. A quorum was confirmed with six voting council members present; a quorum of six is required. Council members excused as unable to attend were Robert Young, Chuck Grierson, Steven Argyle and all Members-at-Large. Member guests present were Jack Simon, Jean Simon, Bill Tyler, Ian Greig, Irene Nunley and Gregg Elliott.

Invocation was given by Randy Walker, Chieftain: "Lord, as we come together today to conduct the business of our society allow us to keep an open mind and honor and respect each other, Amen."

Opening remarks were given by the Chieftain, Randy Walker which included a message from Sir Malcolm McGregor of McGregor, 24<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Gregor: "*Greetings from Scotland to members of ACGS attending the Annual Gathering in Norfolk, Virginia. I wish you well and hope you have a wonderful Gathering."* The greeting was also printed on the Gathering program.

Policies and Procedures that were submitted with revisions were Registrar, Assistant Chieftain and Genealogy Committee. Motion to approve as revised was made by Jeanne Lehr and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried.

Jane Montmeny presented a recommendation for the Bylaws changing the status of the Information Technology Committee to be a standing committee. The Bylaws section under standing committees would read: "The Information Technology Committee shall be appointed by the Chieftain and approved at the annual Council Meeting for a two (2) year term. The committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Web Master and other members as needed, the chairman to be selected by the committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to maintain the Society membership database, the Society webpage and any other appropriate IT responsibilities." Motion to approve was made by Jeanne Lehr and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried.

All Policy sections of the Policy and Procedures (P&P's) will be updated depending on the vote outcomes for Bylaws changes in the AGM. The council would direct the Scribe to change the Bylaws section of all P&P manual sections to conform with all changes to the Bylaws approved by the membership at the AGM. Recommendation from the Bylaws Review Committee: delete signature line from each P&P document. Replace it with the following:

Approved by ACGS Council on

Periodic review by Council

Scribe will regroup P&P's into three groups for rotating review. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jeanne Lehr; motion carried.

Policies and Procedures that were reviewed but had no changes were Chieftain, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Scribe, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chieftain, Trustees and Council Members-at-Large. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jeanne Lehr; motion carried. Peter Gregg gave a report from the Bylaws Review Committee. The following are the recommended changes to be submitted for an approval vote at the AGM:

#### Proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the American Clan Gregor Society as proposed by the Council of the Society

- 1. Amending of the Bylaws\_
  - The process of amending the Bylaws has been revised to require signatures of five (5) eligible voting members of the Society (rather than ten (10). Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing no later than ninety (90) days rather than sixty (60) days.
  - The Chancellor shall submit written comments on any proposed amendment(s) to the Scribe for distribution to the Council no later than sixty (60) rather than forty five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting
  - An added requirement is that the Chieftain shall appoint a Bylaw Review Committee every three years for the specific purpose of a comprehensive review of the Bylaws.
- 2. Revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual
  - Revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual may be proposed by any eligible voting member of the Society who is in good standing. The requirement to have signatures of five (5) eligible voting members of the Society was dropped; instead revisions can be submitted by any eligible voting member of the Society.
- 3. Eligibility and Classification of Members
  - The category of Life membership was abolished as of 1 October 2018; provided that the status of Life membership granted to persons prior to such date remains unaffected. Life members shall have all Society privileges. Any reference in these Bylaws to lineal members or associate members shall include lineal life members or associate life members, as applicable, except that life members of any category are not required to pay dues.
- 4. Provisional Members
  - These revisions changed the time for a person joining the Society as a lineal member to two (2) years rather than five (5) years, while researching the documentation to support eligibility as a lineal member.
  - Provisional members and their children are eligible for scholarships
  - Provisional memberships will automatically expire at the end of the second year, not the fifth (5th) year, and may not be extended or renewed beyond two (2) years rather than five (5) years.

- The Registrar shall notify those Provisional members who have failed to establish sufficient proof of ancestry to become a lineal member within the two (2) year period, rather than five (5),
- 5. Resignation of Membership
  - Upon resignation of membership, all property of the Society in the possession or under the control of the resigned member shall be surrendered promptly to the Chieftain, Ranking Deputy Chieftain or Assistant Chieftain of the Society.
- 6. Reinstatement of Members for Non-payment of Dues
  - A member who has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues shall be reinstated upon written request to the Registrar and the payment of dues (current dues and one year missed dues).
- 7. The Charity and Education Fund
  - The sole purpose of the C&E Fund shall be to provide charitable and educational assistance. The revision removes the statement of a fund established for donations towards MacGregor related antiquities.
  - Donations were given in the past for this purpose but a formal fund within C&E was never established.
- 8. Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund.
  - The Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund shall be maintained for the purposes of using the income there from for the payment of a scholarship or scholarships.
  - The pool of applicants has been widened to include not only MacGregors, lineal descendants of MacGregors, their widows and widowers but also other worthy and qualified applicants who are of Scottish or Scots-Irish descent.
  - Recipients of assistance from this fund need not be members of or relatives of members of the Society.
- 9. Board of Trustees
  - Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer: Checks and drafts from C&E Funds may be issued solely by the Treasurer except for those in amounts greater than \$5,000 that also requires approval from the Trustee Board Chair, via email or regular mail.
- 10. Standing Committees
  - Members of the following Committees have previously only been appointed by the Chieftain: Scholarship Committee, Recognition Committee and the Heraldry Committee. The proposed revision requires that those appointments subsequently be approved by the Council.

- 11. Three new standing committees are being proposed:
  - The Genealogy Committee shall be appointed by the Chieftain and approved at the annual Council Meeting for a two (2) year term. The committee shall consist of three (3) members, the chairman to be selected by the committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to provide limited genealogical research assistance to prospective members having difficulty tracing his or her ancestry.
  - The Financial Review Committee (formerly called the Audit Committee) shall be appointed by the Chieftain and approved at the annual Council Meeting for a two (2) year term. The committee shall consist of three (3) members, the chairman to be selected by the committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine any and all of the Society financial funds and accounts to insure they are operated, ordered and maintained to reflect sound business practices thereby protecting the best interests of the Society and its members.
  - The Information Technology Committee shall be appointed by the Chieftain and approved at the annual Council Meeting for a two (2) year term. The committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Web Master and other members as needed, the chairman to be selected by the committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to maintain the Society membership database, the Society webpage and any other appropriate IT responsibilities.

Motion to approve with addition of IT Committee becoming a standing committee was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Jane Montmeny; motion carried.

The complete versions of these reports are found elsewhere in the Yearbook

Report of Registrar was presented by Jeanne Lehr which included description of a trial process of handling membership application between Registrar and Chieftain. It was suggested to continue the trial application process for another year with a progress report at 2020 Council meeting. Motion to approve was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.

Report from the Board of Trustees had been submitted by Thad Osborne and presented by Jack Simon. Motion to approve as submitted was made by Jeanne Lehr and seconded by Peter Gregg; motion carried.

Report from the Treasurer was presented by Bruce Whyte. Motion to approve was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.

Report from the Scholarship Committee had been submitted by Dani Turner, Chairman, and was presented by Randy Walker. Request from the committee was to revise the

scholarship application form to add more rigor to the application process. Jeanne Lehr made a motion to approve the report and the revised form and was seconded by Bruce Whyte; motion carried.

Jane Montmeny had requested approval to use an electronic proxy designation for votes in this year's AGM in addition to usual hard copy proxy form. Review by Diana Browne, Chancellor sent to Council members: "The D.C. Code provides that members of a non-profit corporation may vote in person or by proxy except as otherwise provided in the bylaws". ACGS Bylaws clearly permit proxy voting, stating that a member may appoint a proxy to vote or otherwise act for such member by signing an appointment form which shall contain or be accompanied by information from which it can be determined that the member authorized the appointment of the proxy. It also states that an appointment of a proxy shall be effective when a record of the signed appointment is received by the officer or agent of the corporation authorized to tabulate votes, or the secretary. While the issue of electronic proxies is not specifically addressed in the statute, there is nothing in the statute that expressly or implied would require the delivery of hard copy proxies or prohibit electronic proxies. Therefore, it would appear that provided that the proxy meets the stated requirements as described above, it would be valid." Motion to approve the continued use of electronic proxy was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jeanne Lehr; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM to allow time for cruise of the harbor and lunch on the Spirit of Norfolk. The Council reconvened at 3:00 PM by Randy Walker, Chieftain.

The following reports had been distributed to Council members for review two weeks prior to the meeting: Financial Review Committee, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Assistant Chieftain, Scribe, Historian, Librarian, Heraldry Committee, Recognition Committee, IT Committee and Webmaster, Merchandise Manager and Genealogy Committee. Motion to approve reports as submitted or revised prior to the meeting was made by Peter Gregg and seconded by Jeanne Lehr; motion carried.

A brainstorming session on options for improving attendance at future Gatherings was conducted by Randy Walker, Chieftain. Many ideas were put forward and discussed having to do with economy, younger generation of members, different time of year for the Gathering and perhaps with games that would provide entertainment. A survey tool will be developed and distributed after this Gathering. Stuart James McGregor was added as a member of the Site Selection Committee. A motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Jane Montmeny to request the Trustees transfer \$10,000.00 from the Ewell bequest to the Peg Tichy fund to cover Gathering obligations and build funding for the future. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. Council meeting was reconvened on October 5, 2019, at 8:45 AM to consider the slate of officers and officials for 2019/2020.

The recommendations from the Nominating Committee for 2019/2020 Council members were: Chieftain: Peter Gregg, Ranking Deputy Chieftain: Scott MacGregor, Treasurer: Bruce Whyte, Scribe: Jane Montmeny, Registrar: Jeanne Lehr, Chancellor: Diana Browne, Members-at-Large: Charles Grierson, Steven Argyle and Keith Gregg. Motion to approve the recommended slate of Council members was made by Bruce Whyte and seconded by Jeanne Lehr; Motion carried. Immediate Past Chieftain will be Randy Walker.

Appointment of officers for 2019-2020 was submitted by the incoming Chieftain, Peter Gregg as follows: Assistant Chieftain: Kathy Whyte, Chaplain: Thad Osborne, Newsletter Editor: to be announced, Yearbook Editor: to be announced, Librarian: Irene Nunley, Historian: Elizabeth Joiner, Webmaster: Rick Walker, Piper: Matt Kuldell, Council Member-at-Large: Keith Gregg. All Area Deputy Chieftains are in the second year of their appointments for three year terms. After review, a motion to approve was made by Jeanne Lehr and seconded by Diana Browne; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Randy Walker, Chieftain, at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Montmeny, Scribe



# Your 2019 Council

## Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc. Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe 110th Annual Gathering – Norfolk Virginia October 5, 2019

The 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on October 5, 2019, in Norfolk Virginia, at 9:12AM by Randy Walker, Chieftain. A quorum was established at 53 with twenty eight present plus twenty five proxies; required quorum was 45. Council members excused as unable to attend were Rob Young, Chuck Grierson and Steven Argyle, all Members-at-Large.

The invocation was given by Randy Walker, Chieftain: "Lord, as we come together at this Annual General Meeting to conduct the business of our Society, please give us clear heads, open hearts and a willingness to work together in harmony and to treat each other with respect. Amen"

The annual memorial service was conducted by Randy Walker, Chieftain, who provided this opening: "If you are new to our Gathering, I should explain that this is the time of each year when we remember those members of our Society who have passed away during the year. The names that are read represent people we have known very well and some which we did not know at all. Some of the individuals we will remember today have enjoyed much success and achievement during their life-times. Their accomplishments and fame is deserved and enduring. Then there are those who have not enjoyed any particular fame, but have lead virtuous if not famous lives. In all instances their generations will endure and their quiet and good lives will not be forgotten. Today, we remember both sorts of people, the famous and not so famous. All are part of our family and we give thanks for their lives and their loyalty. Now we will move on to the next portion of this service by asking a representative of the Society and the Piper to come forward and be prepared to insert a flower into the memorial wreath, as I read the names of those we remember this day. As the Piper begins to play, please stand in honor of all those being remembered today."

Mary Stradley assisted in the service by placing a white carnation into the green wreath as each name was read. Members were Donald E. Atchison, Duncan Magruder Mills, Jean Campau McGregor and Kathy Stone.

Opening remarks by Randy Walker, Chieftain, included a greeting from Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, 24<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Gregor: "Greetings from Scotland to members of ACGS attending the Annual Gathering in Norfolk, Virginia. I wish you well and hope you have a wonderful Gathering." This greeting was also printed in the Gathering program. Randy also reminded those who were participating in the silent auction in the "MacGregor Mart" that bids were to close at 3PM and items needed to be picked up by 4PM. *The complete following reports are available elsewhere in the Yearbook* 

Report of the Scribe was presented by Jane Montmeny which included minutes from the Council meeting yesterday. The report was accepted with no corrections or additions.

Report of the Treasurer was presented by Bruce Whyte. In answer to questions, he reported that there were 23 scholarships granted last year, a record number, and our membership number is stable at 443 members. The report was accepted.

Report of the Registrar was given by Jeanne Lehr with updated current numbers including applications just received. The report was accepted with no corrections or additions.

Recommendations from the Nominating Committee for 2019/2020 Council members was presented by Randy Walker, Chieftain. The nominees were: Chieftain: Peter Gregg, Ranking Deputy Chieftain: Scott MacGregor, Treasurer: Bruce Whyte, Scribe: Jane Montmeny, Registrar: Jeanne Lehr, Chancellor: Diana Browne, Members-at-Large: Charles Grierson, Steven Argyle and Keith Gregg. There were no nominations from the floor. Joe Whyte moved that the slate of nominees be approved, Ian Greig seconded the motion; vote to approve was unanimous, motion carried.

Recommended changes to the Bylaws were introduced by Randy Walker. A Bylaws Committee had reviewed the 2014 Bylaws and made the recommended changes which had been published in the September newsletter and were available in hard copy in the meeting room. During the Council meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the IT Committee had been added as a standing committee.

### Proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the American Clan Gregor Society as proposed by the Council of the Society

- 12. Amending the Bylaws\_
  - The process of amending the Bylaws has been revised to require signatures of five (5) eligible voting members of the Society (rather than ten (10). Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing no later than ninety (90) days rather than sixty (60) days.
  - The Chancellor shall submit written comments on any proposed amendment(s) to the Scribe for distribution to the Council no later than sixty (60) rather than forty five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
  - An added requirement is that the Chieftain shall appoint a Bylaw Review Committee every three years for the specific purpose of a comprehensive review of the Bylaws.
- 13. Revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual
  - Revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual may be proposed by any eligible voting member of the Society who is in good standing. The requirement to have signatures of five (5) eligible voting members of the Society was dropped; instead revisions can be submitted by any eligible voting member of the Society.
- 14. Eligibility and Classification of Members
  - The category of Life membership was abolished as of 1 October 2018; provided that the status of Life membership granted to persons prior to such date remains unaffected. Life members shall have all Society privileges. Any reference in these Bylaws to lineal members or associate members shall include lineal life members or associate life members, as applicable, except that life members of any category are not required to pay dues.
- 15. Provisional Members
  - These revisions changed the time for a person joining the Society as a lineal member to two (2) years rather than five (5) years, while researching the documentation to support eligibility as a lineal member.
  - Provisional members and their children are eligible for scholarships
  - Provisional memberships will automatically expire at the end of the second year, not the fifth (5th) year, and may not be extended or renewed beyond two (2) years rather than five (5) years.

- The Registrar shall notify those Provisional members who have failed to establish sufficient proof of ancestry to become a lineal member within the two (2) year period, rather than five (5).
- 16. Resignation of Membership
  - Upon resignation of membership, all property of the Society in the possession or under the control of the resigned member shall be surrendered promptly to the Chieftain, Ranking Deputy Chieftain or Assistant Chieftain of the Society.
- 17. Reinstatement of Members for Non-payment of Dues
  - A member who has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues shall be reinstated upon written request to the Registrar and the payment of dues (current dues and one year missed dues).
- 18. The Charity and Education Fund
  - The sole purpose of the C&E Fund shall be to provide charitable and educational assistance. The revision removes the statement of a fund established for donations towards MacGregor related antiquities.
  - Donations were given in the past for this purpose but a formal fund within C&E was never established.
- 19. Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund.
  - The Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund shall be maintained for the purposes of using the income there from for the payment of a scholarship or scholarships.
  - The pool of applicants has been widened to include not only MacGregors, lineal descendants of MacGregors, their widows and widowers but also other worthy and qualified applicants who are of Scottish or Scots-Irish descent.
  - Recipients of assistance from this fund need not be members of or relatives of members of the Society.
- 20. Board of Trustees
  - Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer: Checks and drafts from C&E Funds may be issued solely by the Treasurer except for those in amounts greater than \$5,000 that also requires approval from the Trustee Board Chair, via email or regular mail.
- 21. Standing Committees
  - Members of the following Committees have previously only been appointed by the Chieftain: Scholarship Committee, Recognition Committee and the Heraldry Committee. The proposed revision requires that those appointments subsequently be approved by the Council.

- 22. Three new standing committees are being proposed:
  - The Genealogy Committee shall be appointed by the Chieftain and approved at the annual Council Meeting for a two (2) year term. The committee shall consist of three (3) members, the chairman to be selected by the committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to provide limited genealogical research assistance to prospective members having difficulty tracing his or her ancestry.
  - The Financial Review Committee (formerly called the Audit Committee) shall be appointed by the Chieftain and approved at the annual Council Meeting for a two (2) year term. The committee shall consist of three (3) members, the chairman to be selected by the committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine any and all of the Society financial funds and accounts to insure they are operated, ordered and maintained to reflect sound business practices thereby protecting the best interests of the Society and its members.
  - The Information Technology Committee shall be appointed by the Chieftain and approved at the annual Council Meeting for a two (2) year term. The committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Web Master and other members as needed. The chairman to be selected by the members. It shall be the duty of the committee to manage the membership data base, the Society web site and other technology needs as necessary.

Bruce Whyte moved and Mary Stradley seconded a motion to approve the recommended changes; the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Ian Greig presented the educational portion of the meeting, "Robert Burns and America." Ian was born in Scotland and calls himself "a Scot through and through." Having a love of Scottish literature, he has become a scholar on Robert Burns and presented an interesting history of Robert Burns' life. He also detailed how to acquire your own Coat of Arms from the Lord Lyon in Scotland. Ian plus Lois Ann Garlitz and Chuck Grierson have all received their own individual Coat of Arms. Bruce Whyte has received them for his father in Australia. Ian and Lois Ann had a display table of their Coat of Arms and entertained questions following the meeting.

The current voting members of the Board of Trustees submitted the nomination of Rob Young to be a Trustee replacing Thad Osborne who is rotating off the Board. Peter Gregg moved and Bruce Whyte seconded a motion to approve the nomination. The vote to approve was unanimous, motion carried.

Appointment of officers for 2019-2020 was submitted by the incoming Chieftain, Peter Gregg as follows: Assistant Chieftain: Kathy Whyte, Chaplain: Thad Osborne,

Newsletter Editor: to be announced, Yearbook Editor: to be announced, Librarian: Irene Nunley, Historian: Elizabeth Joiner, Webmaster: Rick Walker, Piper: Matt Kuldell, Council Member-at-Large: Keith Gregg. All Area Deputy Chieftains are in the second year of their appointments for three year terms. The report was accepted. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Randy Walker, Chieftain, at 10:35 AM.







## **My Gathering Memories**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering in Norfolk, Virginia is now part of the recent past. What a fantastic experience it was for me and my family who were in attendance.

As your new Chieftain I want to tell each of you what a memorable experience it was for me. What a wonderful gathering of family and friends.

A tremendous amount of hard work and effort went on behind the scenes to ensure the success of the Gathering and to make sure that everyone in attendance had a great time. I want to thank several people who were involved in the planning and execution of the Gathering. Assistant Chieftain Kathy Whyte, our Treasurer Dr. Bruce Whyte and the local hosts Gregg Elliott and our new Ranking Deputy Chieftain Scott MacGregor.

Most of our members who were in attendance arrived on Thursday, October 3d. The hotel was fantastic and the registration desk was ready and welcoming. It was wonderful to see so many friends that I had not seen since the Gathering in Atlanta.

The Chieftain's Reception gave everyone an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet several new members in the process. Everyone was able to catch up on what had been going on in their lives over the past year.

On Friday morning the Council convened. We went through the submitted reports and conducted the usual business of Council. Everyone present was involved and made a positive contribution to a successful meeting.

On Friday evening, my cousin, Gregg Elliott, hosted a small get together for our immediate family. Gregg is a cousin who I first met at our 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering in Virginia Beach, VA. This was the first time in several years that all of my brothers and sisters, along with my cousins Susan and Janet were able to visit

and catch up on the goings on of the Gregg family. We talked until the wee small hours.

Then the fun began with the Spirit of Norfolk cruise. The weather cooperated and many of the attendees enjoyed traveling up the Elizabeth River. The sights along the Hampton Roads Harbor and seeing the Atlantic Fleet was wonderful. The lunch and music were second only to the camaraderie of our fellow clansmen and women. Everyone had a great time.

In the evening it was time to attend the Ceilidh and listen to our pipers and the band Glasgow Kiss. As always the sound of the pipes reminds me of my MacGregor ancestors and the life they led. It also reminds me that even though our lives may be different, our shared history unites each of us to this day. We all came to celebrate the name MacGregor and that we did.

Saturday began with the Annual General Meeting. We started with a heartwarming memorial service to remember and celebrate those of our number who passed away during the past year. This memorial service always makes you realize how fleeting life really is. As we listened to the piper play Flowers of the Forest each of us quietly said goodbye to old friends.

As always an educational segment is included as part of our AGM. Ian Greig gave an outstanding presentation on Robert Burns and America. His presentation was informative and entertaining. I want to thank Ian for his presentation and I for one learned so much and I will never forget this new historical lesson on how Scots have impacted the great nation in so many ways. There was also an interesting presentation on how to obtain Scottish Arms given by Ian Greig, Lois Ann Garlitz and Dr. Bruce Whyte.

After spending some time looking around "MacGregor Mart" (the silent auction) it was time for the Annual Banquet. This is always my favorite part of any full gathering. This one was special. Never did I ever think I would be voted in as Chieftain of ACGS. After a wonderful dinner, Chieftain Randy Walker started the ceremony. It was well planned and executed. I was proud to recite the Chieftain's oath in front of all my friends and family. When Randy placed the Chieftain's Medallion around my neck, I stood a little taller. All at once I became more confident. What an honor!

Our Society has lasted for 110 years and I am confident it will last for another 110 years. The reason why I am so confident is because of each of you. Our members. Both the old and the new who will give it new life. You are the ones who will ensure our legacy.

Our Society has a rich heritage that we inherited from our ancestors. It is our duty, each of us, to keep this heritage alive, to pass it along to as many people as we can. It is most important that we pass on this heritage to our children and grandchildren. They need to know about Clan Gregor and its rich history.

The Society needs each of you to participate as much as possible in the various events ACGS is involved in all over the country. If you can help out, consider volunteering for one of the vacant positions. At present we are in need of a Year Book Editor and a Newsletter Editor and a member of the Genealogy Committee. If you think you can help the Society in one of these positions please contact me, Randy Walker, or any officer of the society as soon as possible.

If you are not sure who the Area Deputy Chieftain is for your area visit the website and find out who your ADC is. If your area does not have one, please contact me. Perhaps you are the perfect person to take on this office.

We also need you to volunteer to assist our Area Deputy Chieftains as they participate in the various Highland Games. It is difficult for them to man the Clan Tent alone. They welcome any assistance you can give them.

I also encourage you to visit our website, acgsus.org often as well as our Facebook Group Page and our Instagram site. These are the primary tools we use to communicate with our members and others what ACGS is doing around the country. For those of you in the DC area I hope to see you at the annual Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk on December 7, 2019. Wear your Tartan and enjoy this wonderful Scottish Heritage event.

Best Wishes, Peter K. Gregg, Chieftain

## **Report of the Treasurer**

October 3, 2019

#### **General overview**

ACGS has managed to remain stable fiscally in the last year. In fact, we have been stable for 3 years now. There were no new areas of concern relating to declining income or increasing expenses.

The net income for the Society was virtually zero in FY2018, with some fluctuation over the previous 2 years but an overall positive net income.

Income/Expenses	FY2018	FY2017	FY2016
Income	\$19,407	\$27,278	\$19,829
Expenses	\$19,396	\$28,207	\$16,119
Net	\$11	-\$929	\$3,710

Account balances	FY2018	FY2017	FY2016
General funds	\$5750	\$5,353*	\$8,234
C&E funds	\$1,986	\$342	\$13,621
Total	\$7,736	\$5 <i>,</i> 695	\$21,855
*Excludes \$80,000 bequest which was a pass through only			
C&E Investment	\$543 <i>,</i> 695	\$511,668	\$469,662

Net income, meaning income minus expenses, was \$11 for fiscal year 2018. As close to cost neutral as you could get (balanced budget). Details are in the two tables at the end of this report.

### The 2020 Budget

A proposed budget is attached. It includes no support for the next Gatherings, further reduction in postage/delivery and printing and more reliance on digital means. This also means reviewing our current electronic methodologies and seeking more efficient methods. There has been minimal increases in income and expenses projected based on the last two years' worth of data.

### The Future for ACGS

We are in difficult times. Over the last 9 years we have progressively reduced our expenses. However, our income has declined also at a slightly faster rate. This has resulted in a net loss over that period. The vast majority of loss has been the Gatherings. For too many years they were run as they always had been run. No account was taken for the fact that the membership demographics had altered with the membership ageing and too few younger new members being recruited. It was a classic case of "doing what we had always done" which had been successful.

A number of methods have been used to improve both our financial position and our membership numbers:

- Centralization of the membership database has resulted in greater accuracy of data and improved communications across the membership;
- Members can now review their information held by the Society and change it if it has changed or was incorrect and they can block it from public view entirely or partially. They have the control now;
- This move also resulted in much improved communications within the Society;
  - Any updates to this Gathering for example were sent via the database and reached every single member with an email;
  - Members sign up now for the Gathering and the Gathering hotel on-line and through our website;

- Only two people used the previous method via the US Postal Service;
- Moved most print copies of newsletters to digital versions sent by email reducing postage and printing cost;
  - The only printed document now is the Year Book which may remain in print;
- Exerted greater efforts to reduce expenses such as postage;
  - Added on-line membership applications which further reduces postage;
  - This is still in early stages but seems popular and reduces turnaround time for approval;
    - Just in the last 2 weeks there have been four new on-line membership applications received;
  - Piloted by the registrar this looks to be one sure way to easier recruitment;
  - Those we are trying to reach are totally digital so this should be a winner!
- Altered the format of alternating Gatherings to mini-Gatherings reducing Gathering costs;
  - The rationale being mini-Gatherings would be more like a simple business meeting with no special social events organized;
    Hence cost should be reduced, which has been shown to be the case;
  - $\,\circ\,$  Costs for the mini are about one third that of a normal full Gathering;
- Eliminated life memberships resulting in increased ongoing annual dues;
  - Life memberships had cost far too little. We now have more members paying annually that has increased our annual income and will continue to do so.

There are very few options left to further reduce expenses. However, there are some:

- 1) Gatherings are our largest expense. Not only do they cost the Society money, but attendance is rapidly declining. Looking into the reasons behind these finds:
  - a) The timing of Gatherings is awkward and costly particularly for young families;
    - A 2 day Disneyworld vacation for a family of 4 costs about \$1,848 + travel;
    - ii) A 7 day Disneyworld vacation is estimated to cost \$5,700;
    - iii) A family is more likely to take a 7 day family vacation than a 2 day one;
    - iv) This is 4 times the cost of the Gathering, but . . .
    - v) A 2 day Gathering for 4 costs about \$1,380 plus travel;
    - vi) You choose!

If we continue with annual Gatherings we need to seriously consider:

- holding less frequent but more substantive Gatherings;
- they must hold more to interest the various generations;
  - o perhaps we need to think outside the traditional square box;
- times more convenient for families;
- sites more easily and cheaply reached; and
- planning further out in the calendar.

One issue in the past and currently has been whether DC law allows less frequent or on-line annual general meetings. It would appear there is provision for on-line meetings which we need to explore. These could be used in place of mini-Gatherings.

### Membership

Like every other society/organization, we are having problems recruiting new and young members. What do we have to offer them? What do they have to offer us? Without improvement in this aspect we will run out of those silvered haired members. All clan groups are facing the same issues. I was talking to some sailing club members who expressed exactly the same concerns we have, namely lack of interest, too many other activities requiring less commitment and focus. Sailing clubs and clan societies would seem to have nothing in common, but just perhaps . . .

It has recently been noticed that the current "Millennial" generation is the poorest in recent memory. It has also been recorded that this generation has little focus, is easily distracted and hard to bring into organized structures. We are at the edge of not just a generation gap, but essentially a multi-generational gap within one generation of time. The means of reaching the younger population has dramatically and rapidly changed. We must address this urgently. Other Clan societies and organizations are in the same place. Working collaboratively with other societies will be in our best interest and of the highest priority.

One example of such a collaborative approach is the new initiative from Clan Colquhoun. They have suggested a different Gathering of just 4 clans: Colquhoun, Gregor, Scott and McFarlane. These four will socialize and teams from each will compete with each other. Competition will be both physical "*Cowboy Boots and Kilts*" (coed tug-o-wars, coed wheat sheaf tossing, "welly" tossing, more) and mental, "*Are You Scottish or Nottish*" (Scottish quizzes, reenactors, story telling). This event will be launched at the San Antonio Games in April 2020. It is a combined attempt at recruitment of new members. Remember, we are not competing for the same members. More on this later.

#### The Faces of ACGS

Who do people see when they try to relate to Gregor? Our ADCs! We need to provide greater support to our ADCs and helpers who toil in sometimes miserable conditions of heat/cold, rain/sleet, calm/wind. Extra dollars do not alleviate that. They need physical and bodily support, sometimes more than we realize. When I asked for a listing of events our ADCs were planning on attending this year, we had the lowest number of events seen in 9 years. Why is that? Were they just not attending Games? Could they not take the time to provide us details? Do we know why? They need our support to go out and spend time relieving them so they can get a drink, some food or have a biological break. Having one extra pair of hands makes the difference between a miserable day and a happy day.

Non-recruitment means no further increase in income. Simple but true. No new members with a progressive loss of existing members leads to lower income for the Society.

We also need to work with other clan societies and organizations to develop strategies directed at recruitment. Working with other clans means our dollars go further as we are all trying to grapple with the same issue. And none of us are battling over the same potential member. As a combined force we can appeal to potential members for all clans. We must jump out of the box and come up with some strategies that have not been used before. Facebook and Instagram are all very well. But we are dealing with a segment of our society that needs more instant gratification and understanding.

We are at a generational tipping point. We see this everywhere. No-one understands the latest "*Millenial*" Generation, but they are who we need to be marketing to. Remember, we are now 3 generations "behind" the current generation in physical age and our ability to relate to each other. Just think:

- 1. We come from the era of black and white TV, telephones that you actually dialed, that were wired to the wall and computers that were experimental and the size of houses;
- The next generation comes from the era of color TV, phones that you punched for numbers, phones that were no longer wired to the wall, and the first personal computers the size of a small suitcase (black and white or orange and white displays);
- 3. The following generation comes from the era of digital all on 24/7 high definition TV, phones that no longer are able to dial (though we still use that quaint term), that are no longer tethered to anything, and that are full blown computers that fit in the palm of your hand. They still work as phones.

- 4. Now, everything is digital, people stumble over objects unable to take their eyes off the smart phone, they need information now and frequently, have short attention spans and tend to ignore the great outdoors.
- 5. How we reach these people is the challenge.

### Nathaniel and Antoinette Ewell III Bequest

ACGS received a bequest from the estate of Nathaniel and Antoinette Ewell III for use in awarding scholarships and to support future Gatherings. In furtherance of their wishes, \$10,000 will be removed from the C&E Fund account and invested separately as a part of the General Operating Funds. The interest from this investment will assist future Gatherings, the principal shall remain untouched.


# AMERICAN CLAN GEGOR SOCIETY, GENERAL FUNDS

INCOME	CY18	BUDGET CY19
Gathering income	7,799	3,460
Membership dues	9,918	9,630
Merchandise	692	690
Donations and pledges	560	700
Reimbursed expenses	210	
Other	237	
Total Income	19,407	14,480
EXPENSES		
Gathering expenses	5,490	1,475
Bank/Stripe charges	681	635
SDC reimbursements	1325	2,500
Postage and delivery	1,406	1,468
Printing and copying	6,671	3,670
Software	630	1,260
Professional	1,266	1,330
Other	1,928	1,400
Total Expenses	19,397	13,738
NET INCOME	11	742

ACGS C&E FUNDS FY18			
Donations & pledges	2,400		
Dividends	14,905		
Total Income	17,305		
EXPENSES			
Gathering Expenses	1,318		
Bank charges	284		
Storage shed	695		
Professional	1,265		
Other	726		
Scholarships	13,500		
Total Expenses	17,788		
Net Income	-483		

# **Financial Review Committee Report**

## JULY 01, 2019

The Financial Review Committee, for the American Clan Gregor Society, has

reviewed the financial statements of the Society for the period:

January 1, 2018– December 31, 2018

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

Paul O. Collinson, Chairman M. Gregg Elliott, Committee Member Robert Young, Committee Member Original: Randolph Walker, Chieftain Copy: Dr. Bruce Whyte, Treasurer

# Area Deputy Chieftains' Meeting

American Clan Gregor Society Submitted October 5, 2019 MINUTES OF THE 2019 AREA DEPUTY CHIEFAIN (ADC) MEETING

Attendees:

Chair, Peter K. Gregg, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, ADC DE, NJ, PA East D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe Bruce M. Whyte, ADC Georgia, Grandfather Mountain Jean Simon, ADC AL Jeanne Lehr, ADC Missouri East Eleanor Hazucha: Florida North Mary Byrd Pattenati: North Carolina Leighton Stradley: Virginia North and DC Lois Ann Garlitz: Utah, Colorado and New Mexico The meeting was called to order by Peter Gregg, Ranking Deputy Chieftain at 12:45 pm on October 5, 2019. He congratulated everyone on the success of their work and efforts on behalf of the Society. As ADC, they are the public face of the Society and their efforts have done much in bringing in new members. The new RDC for 2020 is Scott MacGregor.

The following were items of discussion: Peter showed items that can be used in clan tents such as plastic bags with Clan Gregor printed on them, magnets, pens, and tri-fold flyers.

- It is helpful to explain who we are as a clan and a Society, the reason for the sept names, the story of Glen Fruin and resulting proscription.
- It was suggested to keep provisional membership forms to hand to interested folks or to refer them to the website for a membership application.
- The question was raised if the Society can print business cards and a large poster of the sept names.
- For new ADC's, the basic tent items furnished by ACGS are banners for the tent, table cover and flag. ACHS will reimburse up to \$150 per game/event.
- Peter will create a basic list of items for a tent.
- ADC's are strongly encouraged to submit a list of events/games for the web site from their area. The list can also be posted on the Society Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm. Donna Jane Montmeny, Scribe



# **Attendees 2019 Gathering**

Ann Taylor	Atwill	Ned	Harris
Kerry	Boyles	Eleanor Maver	Hazucha
Diana G.	Browne	Paul C.	Hazucha
Janet Gregg	DeBiasio	Kennedy	Hess
Daniel	DeBiasio	Blaise	Karpiak
Liz	Delude	Vivian	Karpiak
Harold I.	Donnelly	Jeanne Peter	Lehr
Bridget	Dowd	Pandora L.	Linkey
Gregg	Elliott	Scott F	Macgregor
Susan	Elliott	Stuart	MacGregor
Richard	Elliott	Jess	MacGregor
Cindy	Elliott	Sandy	MacGregor
Richard	Ewell	Elizabeth	McDonald
Anne	Ewell	Vivian	McGehee
Ralph	Frank	Francis	Mercier
Lois Ann	Garlitz	Dorothy	Mercier
Bill	Garrett	Claude	Mercier
John	Garrett	Donna Jane	Montmeny
Patty	Garrett	Robert	Murdock
Amy	Gowin	Betty	Murdock
Mark	Gowin	Douglas	Murdock
Landon	Gowin	Teri	Musick
Lynn	Gowin	Amy	Nease
Peter	Gregg	Irene MacGregor	Nunley
John F.	Gregg	Dustin	Pettenati
James B.	Gregg	Mary Byrd	Pettenati
Paul	Gregg	Jessica	Renaud
Keith	Gregg	Darcie	Schauf
Sadie	Gregg	WESS	Schauf

Susan	Gregg	Emmy	Schauf
Tad	Gregg	Aliana	Shepard
Oliver	Gregg	Alan J.	Shotwell
Mitchel	Gregg	Adele G.	Shotwell
Elijah	Gregg	Jack E.	Simon
Don	Gregg	Jean	Simon
Katie	Gregg	Sally	Smith
ian	Greig	Leighton P.	Stradley
Alma P	Greig	Mary T.	Stradley
Andrew	Greig	Miriam	Trojahn
Donald	Grover	Bill	Tyler
Jamie	Grover	Randolph W.	Walker
Logan	Grover	Teresa M.	Walker
Brennen	Grover	David	Weisnicht
Susan	Gundersen	Catherine	Weisnicht
Betty	Haas	Joseph	White
Eleanor Magruder	Harris	Elizabeth	White
Sandy	Harris	Bruce M	Whyte
Tim	Kirkpatrick	Kathy	Whyte
Douglas	Nelson	George	Hayes
Ruth	Nelson		







# **Report of the Registrar**

Submitted by Jeanne Peter Lehr, Registrar

This report is a listing of new members or other changes in membership status between the Gathering at Atlanta, Georgia held on 28th through 29th September 2018 and the Gathering at Norfolk, Virginia held on the 3rd through 5th of October 2019. If you should notice a discrepancy, please notify the Registrar.

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

Here are the numbers at a glance for the year September 30 2018 to October 4, 2019:

Corrections from previous years	0
New members (lineal, associate) 3	36
New provisional members	2
Members advancing from provisional to lineal	1
Juniors advancing to lineal membership	0
New Junior members	1
Reinstated members	2

#### NEW MEMBERS - includes Lineal and Associate

**#3219 Street III, William Alpheus, Maryland.** He is the son of William A. Street Jr and Renee Dawn; he the son of William Alton Street and Camellia; he the son of William Alpheus Street and Virginia Gowan; he the son of Walter Scott Street and America Virginia Ferneyhough; she the daughter of George Thrigt Ferneyhough and Lavinia Harrison Word

**#3220 Treadway, Russell Gregg, Tennessee.** He is the spouse of Janet Ann Smith and the son of Russell Aubrey Treadway and Flora Mae Gregg; she the daughter of Tolbert Ernest Gregg and Lydia Kate Cordell; he the son of William Gregg and Mary Hensley; he the son of John Gregg and Sarah Sally Holt. **#3221 Whitt, David Francis, Florida.** He is the spouse of Dorothy Gomez and the son of Malgum Everett Whitt Sr. and Irene Thomas; he the son of David Harvey Whitt and Rosetta Daniel; he the son of William Middleton Whitt and Georgia Ann Massey; he the son of William P. Whitt and Sarah McClendon; he the son of William Whitt and Ferobe Middleton; he the son of Shadrach Whitt and Mary Rodgers; he the son of Edward Whitt and Mary Elizabeth; he the son of John Witt/Whitt and Ann Dauz; he the son of Robert Quhyt (Whyt).

**#3222 Whitt, Jr., Malgum Everett, Florida.** He is the spouse of Sheila Kathryn Smith and the son of Malgum Everett Whitt Sr. and Irene Thomas; he the son of David Harvey Whitt and Rosetta Daniel; he the son of William Middleton Whitt and Georgia Ann Massey; he the son of William P. Whitt and Sarah McClendon; he the son of William Whitt and Ferobe Middleton; he the son of Shadrach Whitt and Mary Rodgers; he the son of Edward Whitt and Mary Elizabeth; he the son of John Witt/Whitt and Ann Dauz; he the son of Robert Quhyt (Whyt).

**#3223 Coleman, Keren Lorinda, Missouri.** She is the spouse of Jason H. Coleman and the daughter of David D. Price and Wilma Bauer; he the son of Betty Geneva Cram; she the daughter of Harold Day Cram and Veda Marie Pickinpaugh; she the daughter of John William Pickinpaugh and Pearl May Gregg; she the daughter of Rezin Gregg and Caroline McKinley; he the son of Rezin Gregg and Nancy Groves; he the son of Richard Gregg and Ann; he the son of John Gregg and Susannah Curle; he the son ofGeorge Gregg and Sarah Hogg; he the son of William Gregg II and Martha Ann Wilkinson; he the son of William Gregg Sr. and Mary Grace James; he the son of Chief John Henry Gregg (MacGregor) and Ann Palmer; he the son of John MacGregor (Black John) and Jean Campbell; he the son of Gregor MacGregor and Isabel Cameron.

**#3224A Whitt, Janet E., Florida.** She is the spouse of David Francis Whitt #3221.

**#3225 Gregg-Hope, Cynthia M., Kansas.** She is the spouse of Brian E. Hope and the daughter of Robert Russell Gregg and Marion Peeler; he the son of Forrest R. Gregg and Mary C. Pettibone; he the son of James Russell Gregg and Nellie Blanche Cook; he the son of Thomas Jefferson Gregg and Elizabeth Jane Hildebrand; he the son of William Gregg and Lydia Starkey; he the son of William Gregg and Cynthia Ann Beall; he the son of Solomon Gregg and

Isabelle McCracken; he the son of Joseph Gregg and Hannah Beeson; he the son of John Gregg and Elizabeth Cooke; he the son of William Gregg and Martha Ann Wilkerson; he the son of John William Gregg Sr. and Mary Grace James; he the son of John David MacGregor and Lydia Ann Palmer; he the son of John Gregg MacGregor and Jean Campbell; he the son of Gregor Dubh Macgregor and Isabel Cameron; he the son of Duncan Ladassach MacGregor and Mary Campbell; he the son of Gregor Mohr MacGregor and Finvola McArthur; he the son of John MacGregor and Mary Allan MacLachlan; he the son of Gregor Aluin MacGregor and Iris MacAlpin; he the son of Iain Cam MacGregor and Margaret Clarke; he the son of Malcolm Dominos MacGregor and Mary MacAlpin; he the son of Gregor MacGregor and Marion Fileon De Gildchrist; he the son of Gregor MacGregor and Margaret Gilmour; he the son of John MacGregor and Marian de Arrochar; he the son of William Douglas MacGregor and Margaret Gilmour; he the son of John MacGregor.

**#3226 McGhee, Joseph Anderson, West Virginia.** He is the son of Albert George McGhee and Doris Irene Farley; he the son of Joseph Harden McGhee and Nora Cozort; he the son of Charles Stewart McGhee and Julia Frances McGhee; he the son of Steward (Stewart) McGhee and Mary Murry; he the son of Joel McGhee and Catherine Evans; he the son of Peter McGhee and Judith Lively; he the son of John McGhee and Sarah Harvey; he the son of William McGhee Sr. and Elizabeth Lively; he the son of James McGhee and Rebecca Prewitt; he the son of William MackGehee and Mary Carr; he the son of Thomas MackGehee and Ann Bashop (Bishop); he the son of William Mackyhe (MackGehee) and Mary Mumford Johnson; he the son of Patrick MacGregor and Marion MacDonald.

**#3227 Kotschegarow, Riley T. J., Kansas.** He is the son of Roger N. Kotschegarow and Cynthia M. Gregg-Hope; she the daughter of Robert Russell Gregg and Marion Peeler; he the son of Forrest R. Gregg and Mary C. Pettibone; he the son of James Russell Gregg and Nellie Blanche Cook; he the son of Thomas Jefferson Gregg and Elizabeth Jane Hildebrand; he the son of William Gregg and Lydia Starkey; he the son of William Gregg and Cynthia Ann Beall; he the son of Solomon Gregg and Isabelle McCracken; he the son of Joseph Gregg and Hannah Beeson; he the son of John Gregg and Elizabeth Cooke; he the son of William Gregg and Martha Ann Wilkerson; he the son of John William Gregg Sr. and Mary Grace James; he the son of John David MacGregor and Lydia Ann Palmer; he the son of John Gregg MacGregor and Jean Campbell; he the son of Gregor Dubh Macgregor and Isabel Cameron; he the son of Duncan Ladassach MacGregor and Mary Campbell; he the son of Gregor Mohr MacGregor and Finvola McArthur; he the son of John MacGregor and Mary Allan MacLachlan; he the son of Gregor Aluin MacGregor and Iris MacAlpin; he the son of Iain Cam MacGregor and Margaret Clarke; he the son of Malcolm Dominos MacGregor and Mary MacAlpin; he the son of Gregor MacGregor and Marion Fileon De Gildchrist; he the son of Gregor MacGregor and Marian de Arrochar; he the son of William Douglas MacGregor and Margaret Gilmour; he the son of John MacGregor.

**#3228 O'Neal, Charlotte Diane, Kentucky.** She is the spouse of Charles Miller O'Neal and the daughter of Howard Wayne McGregor ACGS #3213 and Frances Elaine Cash; he the son of Edward Herbert McGregor and Gladys May Vandiver; he the son of John Burse McGregor and Della Frances Caroll; he the son of John Marion McGregor and Serelda Ann Jackson; he the son of James McGregor and Elizabeth Chappel; he the son of William McGregor and Mary. **#3229 Comrie, Gregory Scott, Georgia.** He the spouse of Tiffany J. Brott and the son of Rev. Gary Scott Comrie and Lois Anita Most; he the son of James Forrest Comrie and Mary Kay; he the son of Roy Reedpath Comrie and Ada Duncan; he the son of James Comrie and Elizabeth Alexander; he the son of Peter Comrie and Marion Methvin (Methveh).

**#3230 McGregor, William Howard, Kentucky.** He is the spouse of Melissa Ann Rinehart and the son of Howard Wayne McGregor ACGS #3213 and Frances Elaine Cash; he the son of Edward Herbert McGregor and Gladys May Vandiver; he the son of John Burse McGregor and Della Frances Caroll; he the son of John Marion McGregor and Serelda Ann Jackson; he the son of James McGregor and Elizabeth Chappel; he the son of William McGregor and Mary.

**#3231 Farver, Richard Kevin, Pennsylvania.** He is the spouse of Jean S. Jeffords and the son of Richard Caldwell Farver and Eileen Winifred Shone; he the son of Harley W. Farver and and Emma Belle Parker; she the daughter of Zebulon Parker and Nancy Jane Caldwell; she the daughter of Booth Caldwell and Isabell Greer; she the daughter of Mathew Greer and Nancy Grier; she the daughter of William Grier.

**#3232 Giunti, Jeanne Margaret Schiesser, Maine.** She is the spouse of Gene Joseph Giunti and the daughter of Robert John Schiesser and Cewilla Selvage; she the daughter of Ollie Selvage and Elsie Jane McGehee; she the daughter of

Virgil Wheeler Assor McGehee and Mattie Beatrice Dennis; he the son of Samuel Perkins McGehee and Cynthia Wallace; he the son of Samuel Hezkiah McGehee and Elizabeth Mansfield; he the son of William McGehee and Dorina Shelton; he the son of William McGehee and Elizabeth Lively; he the son of James McGehee and Rebecca Prewitt; he the son of William MacGregor Mackgehee, Sr. and Mary Kerr; he the son of William (James MacGregor) Mackgehee and Mary Johnson; he the son of Patrick Aberach McGehee and Lady Marian McDonald of Auchnatricnatan; he the son of Duncan MacGregor and Christian MacFarlane.

**#3233 Bushman, Luke Anthony, Wisconsin.** He is the spouse of Lynn Ahl and the son of Robert Bushman and Helen Elaine Dunn; she the daughter of Robert Lee Dunn and Ruth Lee Nichols; he the son of William Thomas Dunn and Alice Gray Riggen; he the son of James M. Dunn and Elizabeth Martha Mays; he the son of Lewis Dunn and Judith Mays; he the son of Benjamin Dunn and Lucy Loften (Loftin).

**#3234 Kelley, Kimberly Kaye Griffin, Tennessee.** She is the spouse of Barry Joe Kelley and the daughter of Curtis Delano Griffin and Julia Faye Wakefield; he the son of Frank Curtis Griffin and Louise Roman; he the son of Thomas Irvin Griffin and Nancy Elizabeth Vassetti; she the daughter of Vinzenzo Malcolm Vassetti and Nancy Elizabeth (Lizzie) Jennings; he the son of Pasquale Luigi Vassetti and Jane (Janie) C. Whyte.

**#3235 Rodriguez, Erika Nicole, Texas.** She is the spouse of James Rodriguez and the daughter of Michael David Villarreal and Rebecca Perry; she the daughter of Earl Mayford Perry and Verdie Mae Surrat; she the daughter of James Hardy Surratt and Alma Clara Holland; he the son of Samuel Newton Surratt and Sarah Louella (Sallie) McAdams; she the daughter of Hugh L. McAdams and Francis Dickerson; he the son of William McAdams and Mary Cynthia Teague; he the son of James T. McAdams and Jemima Murray; he the son of James McAdam and Rebecca Hill; he the son of Joseph MacAdam and Jonet Moor/Muir; he the son of Thomas McAdam and Margaret McGiltru; he the son of Thomas M'Adam and Isobel Rorie.

**#3236 Leckie, Aven Eldridge, South Carolina.** He is the spouse of Eugenia Leone Jeane and the son of Ellis Eldridge Leckie and Erma Maudine Tapley; he the son of Elisha Neal Leckie and Sarah Laurette Nugent; he the son of Thomas

Lomax Leckie and Catherine Rebecca Conely; he the son of Robert Galatin Leckie and Elizabeth Swafford; he the son of Andrew Leckie and Alice.

**#3237 Jones, Brenda Larson, Utah.** She is the spouse of David Stafford Jones and the daughter of Glen Harold Larson and JoAnne Arnetta Lou Packard Larson Wittke; she the daughter of Joseph Holmes McGregor and Mary Louella Matson Blackwood; he the son of George Holmes McGregor and Alice Almira Morgan; he the son of Alexander McGregor (McGrigor) III and Jane Anderson (Mary Jane); he the son of Alexander McGregor (McGrigor)Jr. esq. and Margaretta Mary Alstadt Legett; he the son of Alexander B. McGregor (McGrigor) and Ruth Jane Adams; he the son of James McGregor (McGrigor) and Marion Brown.

**#3238A Kelley, Barry Joe, Tennessee.** He is the spouse of Kimberly Kaye Griffin Kelley #3234.

**#3239 Henshaw, Suellen Larson, Utah.** She is the spouse of Larry Spear Henshaw and the daughter of Glen Harold Larson and JoAnne Arnetta Lou Packard Larson Wattke; she the daughter of Joseph Holmes McGregor and Mary Louella Matson Blackwood; he the son of George Holmes McGregor and Alice Almira Morgan; he the son of Alexander McGregor (McGrigor) III and Jane Anderson (Mary Jane); he the son of Alexander McGregor (McGrigor)Jr. esq. and Margaretta Mary Alstadt Legett; he the son of Alexander B. McGregor (McGrigor) and Ruth Jane Adams; he the son of James McGregor (McGrigor) and Marion Brown.

**#3240 Smith, Jeffrey Wade, Ohio.** He is the spouse of Diane DeBevel and the son of Kenneth McGregor Smith and Mary Carolyn Walker; he the son of Paul Elder Smith and Anna Persis McGregor; she the daughter of Harlan Paige McGregor and Lucy Baggs; he the son of William McGregor and Elizabeth Hall; he the son of John McGregor and Susanna Blakely.

**#3241 Hafer, Joan L., New Jersey.** She is the daughter of John Joseph McGregor and Edna Longstaff Myers; he the son of John Crichton McGregor and Edith Turner Kidd; he the son of William D. McGregor and Elspeth Young Mann; he the son of John McGregor and Mary Crichton; he the son of David McGregor and Margaret Gorrie.

**#3242 Hackl, Robert Theodore, South Carolina.** He is the spouse of Jo Watson and the son of Albert James Hackl and Christine Magruder; she the daughter of Abbey W. Magruder Sr. and Christine Francis Herbert; he also the father of Abbey W. Magruder Jr. ACGS #1658 and Herbert Magruder ACGS #1535.

**#3243A Hackl, Jo Watson, South Carolina.** She is the spouse of Robert Theodore Hackl #3242.

**#3244 Phillips, Gregory Dean, California.** He is the spouse of Catherine Marie Leach and the son of Joel Phillips and Dorothy Lorene Rainey; he the son of John William Phillips and Rosa Elizabeth Greer; she the daughter of Dallas Winfield Greer and Millie E. Rainey; he the son of James Manning Greer and Molly Lueza Tarver; he the son of John Greer and Sarah Hawkins; he the son of Robert Greer and Isabel Kilgore; he the son of Joseph Greer; he the son of John Greer Sr.

**#3245 Riley, Karen L., New York.** She is the daughter of James Walker Riley, Jr. and Audrey Marie Tuschl; he the son of James Walker Riley, Sr. and Helen Cameron Holden; she the daughter of Edward Henry Holden and Mary Ann McKinnon; she the daughter of Duncan John McKinnon and Christy Christina Cameron; the the daughter of Rev. Duncan Cameron and Christina (Betsy) McGregor; she the daughter of Gregor McGregor and Catherine Cameron; he the son of Gregor MacGregor (John/James MacGregor) and Mary MacGregor VII of Glengyle (nee: Hamilton); he the son of Ranald MacGregor and Janet (Jean) Ghlun Dhubb McGregor (Janet McGrigor); he the son of Robert (Rob Roy) MacGregor and Mary HelenMacGregor; he the son of Donald Gras Stewart MacGregor 5th of Glengyle and Margaret Campbell.

**#3246 Wilkerson, Mary Juanita, North Carolina.** She is the spouse of Richard Earl Wilkerson and the daughter of George Dilworth Papperdick and Alice Gregg Winn; she the daughter of Charles Baxter Winn and Marguerite Juanita Gregg; she the daughter of James Dennis Gregg and Izona Varorra Foster; he the son of George Walter Gregg and Minerva Anne Kimrey; he the son of Joseph Gregg and Sarah Tobin; he the son of Samuel Gregg Jr and Ann Sinclair (Sarah Looney).

**#3247 Gregg, Christopher, Louisiana.** He is the spouse of Jennifer Cline and the son of Stephen Gregg and Maureen O'Neal; he the son of Harry E. Gregg and Ila Franklin; he the son of Obey D. Gregg and Esta Thomas; he the son of Granville Gregg and Nancy Waters; he the son of William Gregg and Elizabeth Thomas; he the son of Thomas Gregg and Nancy Baker; he the son of George Gregg and Mary Gregg; he the son of George Gregg and Elizabeth Hanby. he the son of George Gregg and Sarah Hogg; he the son of William Gregg and Ann Wilkinson; he the son of William Gregg and Mary Gregg).

**#3248 Mitchell, Susan, Tennessee.** She is the spouse of James Clayton Mitchell and the daughter of John Thomas Cheeley and Effie Mae Rodgers; he the son of Joseph Franklin Cheeley and Minnie Louella McAdams; she the daughter of Henry John (Jake) McAdams and Amanda Wilkins; he the son of Bluford McAdams and Rebecca Jane Michael; he the son of Henry McAdams and Ann Young Matthews; he the son of Robert McAdams and Sarah Williams.

**#3249 Marengo, Susan Joy, Michigan.** She is the spouse Fredrick Gary Marengo and the daughter of Charles William Munz and JoAnn Marguerite MacGregor., she the daughter of Duncan Alexander Mellis MacGregor and Marguerite Rose Gostage; he the son of Alexander Mellis MacGregor and Elizabeth Jane Shearer; he the son of Alexander Menzies MacGregor and Jane Melllis; he the son of William MacGregor and Janet Menzies; he the sone of John (Gregor) MacGregor and Jean "Jane" Stewart (Stuart); he the son of Donald MacGregor and Margaret; he the son of Gregor MacGregor.

**#3250 Ward, Edna Marie, California.** She is the spouse of Lance Edmund Ward and the daughter of Ross Eugene Gregory and Maudie May Deal; he the son of Calvin Luther Gregory and Mary Blackwell; he the son of Thomas "Siler Tank" Gregory and Ann Jenette Wright; he the son of James Gregory and ElizabethBeal; he the son of William Neaville Gregory and Sarah H. Queen; he the son of John Gregory and Judah Judy Morgan; he the son of James Thomas Gregory; he het son of Rev. John Gregorie Gregory; he the son of John Gregory; he the son of Capt. John Gregory; he the son of Robert Gregory; he the son of Sir John Gregory; he the son of John Gregory.

**#3251 Shepard, Aliana, Virginia.** She is the daughter of Charles Scott Shepard and Deborah Matthews; he the son of John Arthur Shepard and Elizabeth

Jaunelle Butler; he the son of Joseph Thomas Shepard and Mary Virginia Burr; she the daughter of Arthur Alvin Burr and Nell Pauline Bansall; he the son of William G. Burr and Julia Ann Leaky; she the daughter of Joseph Routh Leakey and Martha Ann Hasket; he the son of Levi Lakey (Leakey) and Susannah Routh; he the son of William Leakey and Elizabeth Bray; he the son of Alexander Lackey and Ann Huet (Ann Nutter - widow of Matthew Nutter); he the son of John Leckie and Margaret MacGregor; she the daughter of Donald Gras Stewart MacGregor and Margaret Campbell.

**#3252** Alteri, Jason Pace, Tennessee. He is the spouse of Ashely Davis and the son of Donald Arthur Johnson and Louise Alteri Bonacci; she the daughter of Albert Umberto Alteri and Dorothy Lee Pace; she the daughter of James Edgar Pace and Margaret Evelyn Kenney; he the son of Martin Bruce Pace and Virginia Perryman; he the son of John Andrew Pace and Sarah Shepherd; she the daughter of Travis Shepherd and Sarah Ann Higgason; she the daughter of Walter Higgason and Esther Elley; she the daughter of Edward Elley and Mary Ann Foster; he the son of Henry Elley and Ester Herndon; she the daughter of William Herndon and Sara Leftwich; he the so of William Herndon and Catherine Digges; he the son of William Herndon and Ann Bishop; he the son of John Herndon and Mary McGregor; she the daughter of Robert William McGregor

**#3253 Karpiak, Vivian Claire McGehee, Virginia.** She is the daughter of John Archer McGehee and Barbara Jean Christopher; he the son of Leland Bennett McGehee Sr. and Emily Ellis Ballentine; he the son of George Everette McGehee and Sarah Allwilder (Allie) Wright; he the son of George Washington McGehee and Sara Elizabeth (Sallie) Jordan; her the son of Augustine S. McGehee and Mary M. Hester; he the son of William McGehee.

**#3254 Karpaik, Blaise Robert, Arizona.** He the son of James Robert Karpaik and Vivian Claire McGehee; she the daughter of John Archer McGehee and Barbara Jean Christopher; he the son of Leland Bennett McGehee Sr. and Emily Ellis Ballentine; he the son of George Everette McGehee and Sarah Allwilder (Allie) Wright; he the son of George Washington McGehee and Sara Elizabeth (Sallie) Jordan; her the son of Augustine S. McGehee and Mary M. Hester; he the son of William McGehee.

#### PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

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

**#2024P Marengo, Susan Joy, Michigan.** She is the spouse Fredrick Gary Marengo and the daughter of Charles William Munz and JoAnn Marguerite MacGregor.

**#2024P Welch, Jonathan M., Pennsylvania.** He is the son of Michael James Welch and Joyce Renee Patzer.

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

Susan Joy Marengo from #2024P to #3249

#### **REINSTATED MEMBERS** in 2018/2019

**#2454** Christopher Micheal Lutz **#2889** Andrew M Magruder

<u>NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS</u> (their # indicates the year they turn 18 years of age)

**#2020J Kotschegarow, Lynze C.H., Kansas**. Sponsor is her mother Cynthia M. Gregg-Hope ACGS #3225

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Peter Lehr, Registrar



# **Report of the Assistant Chieftain**

Planning for the 2018 Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia began in January 2018. Our external meeting coordinator send out requests for proposals to 13 hotels, 10 provided quotes. A comparison summary was prepared based on standard criteria which included cost and general suitability for the Gathering. Four hotels were visited by the Assistant Chieftain and Treasurer. The Embassy Suites Hotel on Peachtree in Buckhead was chosen based on cost of accommodations, availability and suitability of meeting spaces, access to airport transportation, cost of parking, access to restaurants and other local sites. The Gathering Committee consisted of Beth Wassell, Jenna Sorat, Don Simon, Martha Smith, Bruce Whyte and Kathy Whyte. The Committee held one meeting and continued to correspond via email. Based on shared information, the Committee agreed that the Embassy Suites was the best hotel to host our event. The next steps included entering into a contract with the hotel indicating meeting space set up and food and beverage requirements. A 'draft' agenda was shared with the Chieftain, Gathering Committee, and hotel for review and comment. An educational speaker was identified. The registration fee was determined based on projected costs and anticipated attendance to ensure a cost neutral 2018 Gathering.

The 2018 Gathering was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and was a "mini" Gathering. The attendance was approximately 50 persons. Members were pleased with the Embassy Suites Hotel as they offered complimentary breakfasts and a daily Manager's reception with beverages and snacks. Each suite included a living area adding to their comfort.

Our educational speaker was Dr. Michael Newton and his topic was '*Minstrels, Ministers, and Refugees: A Short History of Clann Ghriogair Contributions to the Native Musical and Literary Traditions of the Scottish Highlands.*" In addition to his presentation, he sang several songs in Gaelic which was a special treat! In addition, Matt Kuldell provided several songs accompanied by some history. It was most enjoyable luncheon.

Norfolk, Virginia was announced as the site for the 2019 Gathering at the September 29<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Planning of the 2019 Gathering began in October with

our usual process utilizing the services of our external meeting coordinator requesting and receiving proposals from 4 hotels. In November, two hotels were visited by the Assistant Chieftain and Treasurer as well as some of the local sites. It was very helpful to meet with Gregg Elliott and Scott Macgregor, local hosts, who provided a wealth of information and recommendations for entertainment and special activities for the members at the Gathering to be held October 3 -5, 2019.

Other activities included proofing and editing of Newsletters and the Yearbook and working with the Treasurer to coordinate printing and distribution. There was the added pleasure of attending the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games which is always so well organized and generates interest for identifying new members for the Society.

Kathy Whyte Assistant Chieftain



Submitted by Elizabeth Magruder Joiner

Since the Gathering of the Society in Atlanta, Georgia in 2018 until the Gathering in Norfolk, Virginia in 2019 there have been no births reported, no marriages, three deaths of members, and no deaths of relatives of members of ACGS.

#### **Deaths of Members**

Donald E. Atchison (ACGS#3063) died December 4, 2018. Duncan Magruder Mills (ACGS#2528) died February 6, 2019. Jean Campau McGregor Greaves Ghio (ACGS#1872) died March 29, 2019.

# **Report of the Genealogy Committee**

The Genealogy Committee is finding its stride after its formative period last year and is truly functioning smoothly as a committee. During this past year the committee has assisted four people in becoming Lineal members and is currently helping one Provisional member become a Lineal member. Without the help of the Genealogy Committee these Lineal memberships would not have been possible. This Registrar is very grateful to the chairman and assistant of this committee for the many hours of research and correspondence with the applicants which were donated to these new members and ACGS. Thank you for your support in gaining new members for ACGS.

Jeanne Lehr ACGS Registrar



On hand inventory	Value
T-shirts Old, Forrest Green – 12 @ \$5.00 each	Unknown
Sweat shirts Old, Forrest Green – 42 @ \$15.00 each	Unknown
T-shirts, Cardinal Red – 11 @ \$7.50 each	\$82.50
Sweat shirts Cardinal Red – 20 @ \$18.50 each	\$370.00
Golf/Polo Shirts – 17 @ \$16. 50 each	\$280.50
Coffee Mug – 15 @ \$15.00 each \$4.00 each	\$60.00
Pillow, 12 x 12" – 3 @ each \$50.00 each	\$150.00
ACGS Flags – 20 @ \$38.00 each	\$760.00
ACGS Old Lapel Pin – 11 @ \$10.00 each	Unknown
ACGS New Lapel Pin – 15 @ \$4.52 each	\$67.80
MacGregor's Second Gathering Cookbook - 52 @ \$10.0	00 each Unknown
ACGS Tote Bag – 14 @ \$18.25 each	<u>\$255.50</u>
Total Inventory Value	\$2,026.30

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

he following items were sold:
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No new items have been ordered this year. A quote was received for the event tshirts planned for this year's gathering. I will be bringing the inventory with me to Norfolk in the hopes of generating some sales. There were 31 maps located at the ACGS storage locker. I will be bringing them to the Gathering to sell for \$20.00 each. I will also bring 10 each of the centennial plates given at the 100<sup>th</sup> Gathering to see if there is any interest.

I will update this report to include the Gathering sales and provide the final report at the end of the year as recommended by the Financial Review Committee.

Respectively submitted,

Peter K. Gregg Merchandise Manager

# **Report of the Nominating Committee**

As appointed by the Chieftain, the 2019 ACGS Nominating Committee consists of John King Bellassai (Chairman), Jeanne Lehr, and Jack Simon.

The charge given to the Committee was to nominate a slate of officer candidates to be presented to the membership for a vote at the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October.

The Council offices for which candidates are to be nominated are Chieftain, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Scribe, Treasurer, and Chancellor. The Committee met once by telephone conference call (on Saturday, 17 August, 2019, and communicated by email on several occasions both prior to and subsequent to that call. All decisions of the Committee were unanimous and in each instance, the Chairman contacted the nominee by email subsequent to the Committee's deliberations and confirmed that each nominee agreed to be nominated and if elected, agreed to serve. .

As a result of these discussions and deliberations, the following candidates were selected to be presented to the membership at the AGM:

- For Chieftain: ......Peter Gregg
- For Ranking Deputy Chieftain:.....Scott MacGregor
- For Scribe:....Jane Montmeny
- For Treasurer: .....Bruce Whyte, MD
- For Registrar: .....Jeanne Lehr
- For Chancellor: .....Diana Browne, Esq.

John Bellassaí

Respectfully submitted:

John King Bellassai, JD, Chairman

Date Submitted: 21 September 2019

# **Bylaws Review Committee Report**

During the ACGS Council meeting on September 28, 2018, in Atlanta Georgia, Randy Walker, Chieftain, formed a committee with the purpose of a formal complete review of the Society Bylaws last approved in 2014. The members of the committee were Lois Ann Garlitz, Peter Gregg, Rob Young, Michael McGregor and Jane Montmeny. The following are the minutes of the committee meetings during this year.

#### October 24, 2018:

The teleconference call was called to order by Jane Montmeny, ACGS Scribe at 5:10pm (Mtn time). All other members of the committee were on the call: Lois Ann Garlitz, Peter Gregg, Mike McGregor and Rob Young.

The first order of business was to select a Chair of the committee. By consensus Peter Gregg was selected as Chair. After discussion and input by all, it was decided to schedule a face-to-face meeting after the first of the year at a site to be decided; however the following pre-work needs to be done to take best of advantage of the meeting:

- Scribe to send basic documents to all who need them (Bylaws and review already done by Lois Ann and Peter, Table of Contents and P&P Preface)
- As documents are reviewed, use "track changes"
- By agreement, the following P&P's were assigned:
  - Lois Ann: Registrar, Immediate Past Chieftain, Trustees, Scholarship Committee, and Genealogy Committee
  - Rob: Audit (Financial Review) Committee, Nominating Committee, Treasurer, IT Committee, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor
  - Mike: Heraldry Committee, Area Deputy Chieftain, Chaplain, Piper, Gathering Committee, Gathering Site Selection Committee
  - Peter: Chieftain, RDC, Chancellor, Council Member-at-Large, Recognition Committee, Historian, Merchandise Manager
  - o Jane: Scribe, Assistant Chieftain, Librarian, Yearbook Editor
- Peter had reviewed the Certification of Incorporation from the Bylaws by looking at DC Law and discovered that Chapter 6, which ACGS fell

under as a corporation, had been rescinded. He has emailed Diana Browne for input. Previously it was believed that DC Law specified that a membership meeting had to be held yearly.

- Peter will back-schedule from the Gathering next year, October 3-5, 2019, so a drop dead date for completion of our work can be identified.
- San Antonio was suggested as a site for the face-to-face meeting which might allow Randy to be there.
- Peter requested to be cc'd on all documentation distributions.
- A next teleconference call was scheduled for Wednesday November 14, 2018 at the same time (5pm Mountain, 6pm Central, 7pm Eastern)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm (Mtn.) Respectfully submitted, Jane Montmeny, Scribe

#### November 14, 2018:

The teleconference call was called to order by Peter Gregg, Chairperson, at 5PM mountain time. All members of the committee in addition to Peter were present on the call: Mike McGregor, Rob Young, Lois Ann Garlitz and Jane Montmeny, scribe. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the teleconference call held on October 24, 2018.

Peter had contacted Diana Browne, chancellor, about apparent changes to DC Law where the section on corporations had been rescinded. What is the effect of those changes on ACGS and do we now fall under a section re: businesses? Diana was dealing with a number of personal and work issues and will respond to Peter as soon as she can. In the meantime, this committee can move forward with our work.

Peter had calculated the following "Drop-dead" dates for Bylaws changes leading up to the 2019 Gathering on October 4-6, 2019:

- 60 days documents due to Scribe: August 3, 2019
- 45 days documents to Chancellor for her review: August 20, 2019
- 30 days documents to Council members for review: September 4, 2019 plus proposed changes to be posted to the web site promptly.

The following details were discussed:

- Was the Gathering in Atlanta financially successful? Peter will contact Bruce Whyte
- Pros & cons of yearly vs. every two year Gathering

- Main changes anticipated to the Bylaws have to do with Life memberships, scholarship recipients do not need to be a McGregor, Provisional memberships change from 5 years to 2 years.
- Many sections of the Bylaws will need no changes
- Need to have consistent wording and formatting of documents
- The work of the committee is to make recommendations to Council
- The "owners" of the P&P's will need a chance to review any recommendations

The members had agreed to have a face-2-face meeting in San Antonio. After discussion on how long it will take for each member to complete the review of their assigned P&P's, it was determined that we would be ready to meet by mid-January. The dates of January 18-20 were agreed on but after the call were changed to February 1-3, 2019. Peter will look for a hotel close to the airport with transportation and a meeting room and get back to the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM mountain time.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Montmeny, Scribe

#### February 2, 2018:

The meeting was called to order by Peter Gregg, Chairperson, at 8:45am, in the DoubleTree Hotel, San Antonio TX. Those present in addition to Peter were: Rob Young, Lois Ann Garlitz and Jane Montmeny. Mike McGregor was excused. Randy Walker, Chieftain, was also present.

Peter had been unsuccessful in contacting Diana Browne, chancellor, about apparent changes to DC Law where the section on corporations had been rescinded. Randy offered to make contact with DC and subsequently shared the following email on February 4, 2019:

The original incorporation of the Society was under Chapter Six, Section 29-601 of Title 29 of the Code of Laws for DC in 1949. There have been a number of modifications to this law over the years. The current Law in effect is the same Title 29, but under Chapter 4. It appears that we are required to hold an annual meeting under DC Law.

The committee members systematically reviewed and made changes to the Bylaws over the course of the day-long meeting. See the attached draft Bylaws document; new changes are in red text, text to be deleted is highlighted in yellow.

A joint agreement was made to delete the signature line on the bottom of all Policy and Procedure documents. In its place will be the following two lines:

 Approved by ACGS Council on
 (date)

 Periodic review by ACGS Council:
 (year)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

In early August, 2019, the committee worked via emails for final discussion and approval of all sections that were revised. A spreadsheet comparing the 2014 and proposed 2019 Bylaws was created and forwarded to Randy Walker, Chieftain, for his approval. The final committee revisions were sent to Diana Browne, Chancellor for her review. Diana sent her recommendations to the committee on August 20 and email exchanges accomplished consensus within ten days. The committee revisions were sent by email to Council members who agreed on final revisions to be presented for approval by the membership at the annual General Meeting of the Society on October 5, 2019. Respectfully submitted, Peter Gregg, Chair, Jane Montmeny, Scribe



# **Report of the Trustees**

#### THE CHARITY AND EDUCATION FUND THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

The Trustees have greatly benefitted from the ability to conduct business by telephone conference calls during the past year. The trustees met four times in this manner:

Wednesday, 10 April 2019: Mrs. Lois Ann Garlitz was welcomed as a new trustee, having been elected at the Gathering of 2018. Thad Osborne elected chair. Mr. Reece Calovini of Parma, Ohio, designated recipient of the ACGS scholarship grant to attend the North American Academy of Piping.

Monday, 22 April 2019: Extensive review of Fund investments, with Mrs Linda Powell of Stifel, Nicholas & Co. participating. Approved sale and buy of individual securities in order to re-position portfolio according to investment policy and goals (see attachment).

Thursday, 23 May 2019: Recommendations of the Scholarship Committee reviewed and twenty candidates awarded \$1250 each for study at various institutions of higher education. Two priority #4 candidates who hold full-time employment were awarded \$750 each. The scholarship committee was invited to suggest improvements to the process of screening applicants.

30 June-30 July 2019: Trustees have used Stifel, Nicholas, & Company as brokers of and advisors on the Fund's investments. We have successfully and closely worked with Mrs. Linda Powell of their Jackson, Mississippi, office. Stifel has decided to close their Jackson office as of the end of June, and Mrs. Powell will be moving to a similar position with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, & Smith, who maintain a Jackson office. Because of Mrs. Powell's attentive and careful experience with our account, all trustees consented by e-mail to move our account to Merrill Lynch, where Mrs. Powell can continue to service our needs. Chairman's comments:- 1. All your trustees are proud of our ability to grant assistance to deserving students for the purpose of their education. This year, we had a record number of highly-qualified men and women. Evidently, our area deputies, our web site, and our families are doing an excellent job publicizing our scholarship program. Against this success is the fact that money available to fund these scholarship grants is limited by the amount of income earned by the Fund's investments (we never disburse out of principal). This can result in diminished amounts of each grant as the number of grantees grows. Most academic scholarships are awarded on the basis of achievement (which is relatively easy to quantify) and need (which is more difficult to quantify). We want to continue to make meaningful awards, but we need to consider additional methods of screening applicants should our available earnings become more limited. The trustees have invited the Scholarship Committee to recommend ways in which to do this.

2. We want to thank the Scholarship Committee for the excellent work they have done this year. That committee is composed of Amy Fleming, Danie Turner, and Martha Smith.

3. We want to remind the Society that the Charity and Education Fund is a non-profit charity qualified by the Internal Revenue Service under rule 501(3) of the Federal tax code. This means that we have a vehicle to receive donations which may reduce a donor's income tax liability. I know that some of us have reached that magic age when we are required to withdraw required minimum distributions from our individual retirement accounts. All or part of your distribution can be directly transferred to our C&E Fund without incurring tax liability. We can receive other kinds of gifts, such as bequests from your estate. Not every Scottish heritage organization has this ability. So, remember your ACGS Charity & Education Fund in your giving and estate planning.

Respectfully submitted, Thad Osborne, Chair, Mrs. Lois Ann Garlitz, member Jack Simon, member Bruce MacGregor Whyte, ex-officio

# **Report of the Scholarship Committee**

A total of 22 applications were received. They were classified according to current policy. Eight (8) were classified as Priority One, first time freshmen. Five (5) were classified as Priority Two, upperclassmen who had not previously received a scholarship. Seven (7) were classified as Priority Three, upperclassmen who had previously received a scholarship. Two (2) were classified as Priority Four, graduate or professional. Per procedure, all applicants were notified regarding the completeness of their application. The committee received letters of recommendation for Matthew Little, but no application was submitted by Mr. Little, nor did we have his contact information. Therefore, Mr. Little is not an eligible applicant.

The committee received letters of recommendation that were unsigned from the majority of the applicants. The applicants were contacted and asked to provide signed letters or to provide an email confirmation from their recommender. All applicants satisfied this request.

It is worth noting that half of the applicants did not provide transcripts. Since this requirement was not stated on the application posted on the website, we did not count this against the completed state of their application. For the 2020 school term, the committee will work to update the application to include the necessary requirements listed in the scholarship policy and procedures.

The applications were reviewed by the committee and ranked in each separate priority category on a merit basis such as academic record, extra-curricular involvement, and community involvement.

It is our pleasure to assist with this excellent program and if you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted this 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019, ACGS Scholarship Committee.

Danie Turner, Chair Amy E. Fleming Martha Smit

Priority #1 – First time freshman Hannah Fleming Hannah Lorenz Brenna Gregory Carolyn Barrett Peyton Rhodes Riley Kotschegarow Hannah Pannell Ryan McGregor

Nashville, TN Portland, TX Lubbock, TX Charleston, SC Bowling Green, KY Hutchinson, KS Fulton, KY Snohomish, WA

Note: The GPA scores of two first priority applicants were converted to a 4.0 scale. Hannah Lorenz - 108.435 to a 4.34; and Brenna Gregory— 107.107 to a 4.28. (Applicant, Hannah Fleming is the daughter of scholarship committee member, Amy Fleming. Amy recused herself from grading her daughter's application in this process).

<u>Priority #2</u> — Upperclassmen who have received an ACGS Scholarship previously

Annika Little	West Hartford, CT
Kennedy Hess	Cleveland, VA
Jamie Williams	Roseburg, OR
Ben Barba	Rye, NH
Santina MacGregor	Douglas, MA

Priority #3 — Upperclassmen who have received prior to ACGS assistance

Mikelle Argyle	Layton, UT
Alex Baltzegar	Evans, GA
Emma Groves	Merriam, KS
Travis Chumley	Concord, NC
Christopher Argyle	Layton, UT
Izaiah Barba	Rye, NH
Carly Gregg	Whippany, NJ

Note: Carley Gregg received a scholarship in 2017.

Priority #4— Graduate or Professional Student, career changeLexi McCauslandProvo, UTKevin MillerSan Antonio, TX

# **Report of the Librarian**

I have been away from home since the middle of August. I have been in England and Scotland and now in Ireland. I fly back on the 17th. I plan to be at the Gathering in Norfolk and will add below some words for my report. Irene Nunley, Librarian

During the year I inventoried the yearbooks and other items in my possession. There were a number of items from the 2009 Gathering in Charlottesville: 48 pewter plates and about 120 medallions. I had two boxes contains a fairly complete set of yearbooks along with membership directories from 1982 and 2013, Bards Notes from 1932-33, ACGS Rules and Regulations from 1910, Gathering Programs from 1959 and 1969 and Gathering Proceedings from 1947. I arranged with Peter to meet him at the storage facility in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. My son came with me to help with the boxes. We inventoried what was in storage there and stored the extra items I brought up to the facility. On hand at home, I have a few copies of the recent yearbooks.

Irene Nunley, Librarian

# **Report of the Webmaster**

This past year we have continued to improve the ACGS website through various initiatives. We are currently working on the processes involved in becoming an ACGS Society Member, automating the process of submitting required information, automating the dues processing, and looking for ways we can use these processes to see some savings from having to use postal services for processes that we can make electronic.

We continue to see new users visiting our website, we are actively looking at the heat maps of where our visitors visit most frequently so we can make sure that content, and the pathways they take to that connect is fresh, accessible and relevant to the our users.

We continue to look at website offerings and services to make our membership experience better.

We continue to monitor a very robust website security protocol and other than a brief version coding issue earlier this year that corrupted a file, we have had zero security incidents in the last fiscal year.

We continue to look for ways to make member works more integrated into our processes.

This concludes the Webmasters Report.

Rick Walker



Over the past year, the Committee continued to advise and assist the Chieftain, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Merchandise Manager, and individual ACGS members with matters heraldic. In recent months, this extended to advising on the question of whether "banners" could be designed and fabricated for use at ACGS tents at highland games around the country which contained heraldic images and elements particular to Clan Gregor without first seeking approval of the designs by our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm In response, the Chairman advised as follows:

• Banners which utilize words and slogan (our clan motto, etc.), the MacGregor "clansman's crest" the strap and buckle around the crowned lion's head, on a wreath), and/or the Society's own arms (the MacGregor

galley at sea, under sail) need not get the Chief's prior permission, only that of the Chieftain and Council.

- Likewise, if the Chief's personal arms are displayed on tent banners and signage, his prior permission is not required so long as the full achievement is displayed (i.e., shield, helmet, crest and motto) and the words "arms of the Chief of Clan Gregor" appear immediately beneath them
- The Chief's arms alone on a banner (i.e., the oak tree crossed with the broadsword bearing an antique crown on its point) may not be displayed in the absence of the Chief, as this is his personal banner.

That said, the Chief's pinsel may instead be displayed at an ACGS tent, or at any ACGS gathering or event, given that the Society has the Chief's prior permission to display it, as it signifies thr ACGS is the Chief's "official representative" in the USA. (When it is properly displayed, it is attached to a flagpole, which is carried at the head of a line of marchers, or it is affixed upright in the ground at the entranceway to a Society tent.)

In addition, various individual members of the Society who are now armigers in their own right from time to time over the course of the year sought guidance from the Chairman about the proper display of their newly granted arms. In this regard, they were advised that the painted version of the respective arms that they received from Lyon Court along with their letters patent were merely an individual artist's rendering, interpreting the arms as described in the written grant of arms. If the bearer (i.e. armiger) wanted to have a different artist's rendering painted, that is perfectly permissible, so long as all the elements described in the grant (the tinctures, or colors, the charges on the shield, the crest on the helmet, and the motto) are accurately and faithfully portrayed, exactly s described in the grant of arms from the Lord Lyon.

John Kíng Bellassaí

Respectfully submitted:

John King Bellassai, JD, Chairman

# **Report of the Recognition Committee**

The Recognition Committee did not receive any recommendations for Society Recognition in 2019. The committee did not make any recommendations as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randolph W. Walker Chair Scott MacGregor — Member Stuart W. McGregor – Member



Our Area Deputy Chieftains have been active again this year representing the ACGS at numerous events. They will be attending many more after the due date for these reports.

I have contacted the ADC's throughout the year offering the tri-fold pamphlets, refrigerator magnets and ACGS pens for their use at their clan tents. To date I have sent about 500 pamphlets and pens. The ADC's have been proactive in sending their after event reports for inclusion in our newsletter.

I journeyed to the ACGS storage locker in Kennett Square, PA twice this year. I verified its condition and conducted an inventory of all yearbooks stored.

I removed the 32 Maps of the districts inhabited by the Clan Gregor before the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and will bring them to the Gathering in Norfolk to sell. One map I had professionally framed and will bring it for raffle. I also removed 10 each of the 100<sup>th</sup> gathering commemorative plates and will bring them for sale.

Respectfully submitted.

Peter K. Gregg Ranking Deputy Chieftain

# **Reports of Area Deputy Chieftains**

## ALABAMA

Jean MacGregor Simon

There have been no Scottish Games or Scottish Festival scheduled for Alabama. Thus, a negative report. Respectfully submitted, Jean (MacGregor) Simon

#### ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO Mark A. Beach

#### Greetings

This June I attended the second annual Celtic fair in Cortez Colorado. I had the pleasure of having past ACGS Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz join me in the Clan Gregor tent this year. I truly enjoy having her visit, she is great company and her knowledge of Clan Gregor and most, if not all the other Scottish clans and genealogy is indispensable. This was the second year of the Cortez Festival and it was an even larger success this year. People came by the droves and even persevered a rain storm to enjoy the day.

As summer winds down it brings us closer to my home games, the Aztec Celtic gathering and Highland games on October 5/6th. I always enjoy Aztec as it's the perfect venue. Cool weather, nice park with many huge trees and the animas river flowing through it. It lends itself to a perfect atmosphere. On a sad note, last year I lost my long time tent partner Don Atchinson. Don courageously battled a lung ailment for many years. The tent has not been the same without him as he lent both knowledge and charisma to our society. He was a good friend and We made a great team. He will be sorely missed.

Yours aye Mark Beach

#### **GEORGIA AND GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN, N.C**

Bruce M. Whyte

#### Events in Georgia

<u>Savannah Highland Games (May)</u> Not attended

#### Blairsville Highland Games (June)

Cancelled due to inclement weather. Gregor was to be the honored Clan and will be so in 2020.

<u>Stone Mountain Highland Games</u> (October) We are not attending.

#### **Event attended in North Carolina**

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (July)



This was well attended by members of ACGS and guests. The weather was near perfect. The crowds large and interest high. Around 75 guests signed into the tents (ACGS sponsors 2 tents, an informational/business tent and a hospitality tent). Some of the more notable guests were Reece Calovini, the 2019 recipient of the Piping Scholarship (below). He also competed in the piping events and secured one 2<sup>nd</sup> and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A mature young man who thoroughly enjoyed his time at the North American Academy for Piping and Drums at Valley Crucis. He stayed there in a bunk house which won tidiest/cleanest bunk room for the week! Excellent assistants were present the entire 3 days. We were joined by Lillian Magruder, Elizabeth Joiner, Thad Osborne, Buster and Janet Magruder, Beverley Orr, to mention a few. Sept names were many: MacGregor, Gregg, Greer, King, White (even a Bruce White), Magruder, Gregory as examples. Over 10 either took membership applications or were going to try on-line.

#### **Event attended in South Carolina**

#### Greenville Gallabrae Games (May)

The Georgian ADC assisted the South Carolina ADC, Mike McGregor, at these well supported Games at Furman University, Greenville. We were spectators to a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July flying performance of vintage planes to honor our veterans.

#### **KENTUCKY**

Kay Britt

Clan Gregor had a great show of support this year from many visitors to our clan tent at the Middle Tennessee Festival games over the weekend. This year the games was held in at new location, the Percy Warner Park in Brentwood Tennessee. They had forty-nine out of fifty-two clan in attendance.

I attended for as Kentucky's ADC and very proud to do so in order to help their president and Tennessee ADC Andrew Ward while he tended his other duties during the game. This was their fifth year and are growing more and more in leaps and bounds. On a different note I'm also proud to say Clan Gregor this year we came in second place on tent presentation and I didn't have to march in the Parade of Tarten by myself. We had several Gregors step up to the bat and show their pride.

We made contact with several from last year's game with question about their application of membership. Hopefully Jeanne will be receiving those applications very soon. Many new applications packets was handed out to individuals and families eagerly wanting to join our society and clan family.

I want to say thank you to my husband Mike Britt for sticking by me all these years going from game to game and putting up with me trying to get everything in order. To my son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Monica Britt who help get us set up the day before the game. This year I had as a guest, Carol Defgaugh-Martin from Alabama came up and help man the tent. Then last but no least James Lackey a new prospective member and games volunteer who helped take down and load our gear so we could get on the road home.

Pictures to follow in another email.

#### MIDDLE AND TENNESSEE WEST

Andrew Ward

Working closely with Kay Britt area deputy chief for Kentucky we have attended several local games. Getting to work the clan tent is a wonderful opportunity to meet folks who are just discovering their ancestry and their Gregor family.

Clan Gregor will have a tent at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games (MTHG) in September which has been a very good place to meet perspective members. I am still President of the MTHG games and so splitting my time between the clan tent and the games is interesting, but Kay has been a great partner covering for me when I'm absent.

Andrew Ward Middle and West Tennessee ADC



SOUTH CAROLINA Michael A. McGregor

Hosted/Sponsored the following ACGS Games Tent/Booth:

• 2019 (14<sup>th</sup>) "Gallabrae", Greenville Scottish Games; Greenville, SC (Downtown & Furman University Campus); Friday, May 24 (6 PM, Parade) & Saturday, May 25 (8 to 5).

 ACGS Volunteer Assistant: Bruce Whyte - ADC, Atlanta, GA

• ACGS Members Attended: John & Beth Wassell, Johns Creek, GA

Record visitor sign-in of 31

Friday afternoon set-up was little work due to simplified tent set-up. We did not walk in the parade

Friday evening. Saturday morning, we completed the 'minimal' set-up. After an unexpected heavy shower the night before, the day was sunny and hot (95+ in the shade).

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.
- Regards,

Richard Adams ADC Southern California Region

#### **TEXAS SOUTH**

This year has been a very slow year here in South Texas, the year started out with Burns Night hosted by The Scots of the Texas Hill Country and as in years past was well attended. The first weekend in April was the San Antonio Games. Weather is always an unknown this time of year and Saturday was no exception, cloudy with on and off again rain. Our Clan Chieftain Randy Walker came to help out and brought with him a set of retractable banners outlining Clan Gregor history. They were a real crowd pleaser and got lots of attention. Sunday morning found the tent in complete disarray when an overnight storm blew through causing damage not only to our tent but several others. A decision was made to pack up all the water-logged items and call it a weekend. There has not been any activity since April and this writing. On a better note, the Kerr County Celtic Festival and Games is back on and is scheduled for October 12&13, 2019, at the Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theater Rd, Ingram, Texas. This year admission will be free in hopes of drawing a large crowd; there will be vendors and clan tents along with dace and athletic competition.

There are games scheduled in Salado Texas over the Veterans Day weekend. I will not be able to attend due to a conflict. Nothing else until early 2020.

Respectfully submitted Dr. Clark J. Fritze

## DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA EAST

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, my brother John and I represented the ACGS at the Fair Hill Scottish Games. We were assisted by my sister Cathy. Her husband David and her daughter Tish. The weather was fantastic. We had an excellent spot. We were very prominent to all who entered the Clachan. We had about 15 visitors but only one or two of MacGregor descent. It was once again a wonderful day. The mid-Atlantic piping competition was in full force. You could hear the pipes wherever you went. We were visited by Charlie Zahm, a local singer of Scottish songs. He brought some of the crowds with him.

On the weekend of August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1st we attended the McLean Celtic Festival in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Joining my Sister Cathy and I were joined by Jonathan Welch, our new Provisional member. He brought along his practice pipes. We were directly across from the stage and had a great view of the singers and dancers. During breaks in the entertainment, Jonathan would play his pipes and draw festival goers to our tent. I gave out many fliers and hope we get some interest. They also conducted a small games for the children. Each child was given a passport which was stamped by the Clans. Unfortunately, there will be no games here next year as they are not receiving the support they need from the vendors.

The very next weekend, September 7<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Covenanter Scottish Festival in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Again, my Sister Cathy and her husband were there along with John and my sister Didi. Jonathan and his mother also joined us. Many MacGregors were in attendance including Ken Burkitt. We had the best clan tent last year. Unfortunately we didn't repeat. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Covenanter Scottish Festival.

Respectfully submitted.

Peter K. Gregg

# **Tending to our History**

Submitted by Paul Collinson

In Prince George's County, Maryland sits a small family cemetery on a plot of land that was once the farm of Caleb Clarke Magruder. The plantation was originally known as Darnall's Grove, but the name was changed to The Forest some time in the early 1800s. The land remained in the Magruder

## Before





family until the 1970s when it was sold and the Holmhurst subdivision was created. The terms of the sale allowed for the family cemetery to remain. It is still owned by Magruder heirs. It sits in a wooded hillside grove between two houses. The original iron fence that surrounded the area no longer remains. There are thirty-seven of our Magruder ancestors buried here, including Caleb Clarke Magruder, III, profiled in the story from our 1947 Yearbook. On the morning of November 8, 2014 a group of men gathered to pull weeds, clear brush and fallen limbs, rake leaves and clear around the markers for the Magruder men and women buried in the Magruder Farm Cemetery. These men, members of Maryland Line CSA, Camp #1741, spend many weekends a year tending to small cemeteries where military veterans are buried with the long-term objective of making the areas walkable for anyone wanting to pay their respects.

The obelisk marks the grave of Caleb Clarke Magruder, Sr. Immediately to the right is the marker for his son, Caleb Clarke Magruder, II, a founding member of American Clan Gregor Society. To the right, almost out of the picture, is the marker for Caleb Clarke Magruder, III, the first Historian for ACGS. Directly in front of the obelisk is the marker for Thomas B. Magruder, whose burial was the first in the cemetery in 1830.

Standing, L-R, Scott Talbot, Matt Duvall, Mike Hinton Bob Ward, Bill Mueller, Bob Radtke, and Tom Dale. Kneeling, Bob Weir and Tom Dale, Jr.

In addition to those already named, there is also a marker for Dr. Ernest Pendleton Magruder, great-uncle to Sir Malcolm, as well as Edward W. Magruder, great-great-grandfather to Paul Collinson (ACGS#2949), who was a part of the clean-up crew.



Dr. Ernest Pendleton Magruder



Edward W. Magruder

Our heartfelt thanks go to the men who so carefully tend to the plots of



<u>Standing</u>: L-R, Scott Talbot, Matt Duvall, Mike Hinton, Bob Ward, Bill Mueller, Bob Radtke, and Tom Dale. <u>Kneeling</u>: Bob Weir and Tom Dale, Jr.

land that are the final resting place for those who have gone before us. Our history is further preserved for their efforts. The section that usually closes out the year book is the **Index to Proper Names of Genealogical Significance**. Due to a variety of issues outside our ability to manage,

that section has been omitted this year.



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АЗ ПИ САМРАЦЦ ЖЕЕ РАУОЛИТСЯ ОГ ТИЕ КИО (ДАНИЕ УІ ОГ ХОСТИАН, БООН ТО ВІСОМ І ДАНІ І ОГ ЕНОLAND, ТИЕ МАССЯБООТЯ ОГТИ ГОЛУК НИМАТИКАТИТИ ПО НИКОЛА КОЛУКАТИТИ ШТИТИ ОЗІ ОГ РОТИНИК, ТИЕ МАССЯГООТ ЧИТИЧАЦІ ВИТИТО И ТИЕ ІАНОЗ АЛОН І АЛОГ КОТИЧАЦІ ВИТИТО И ТИЕ ІАНОЗ АЛОН І АЛОГ НИКОЛА СТАТИТО И ТИЕ ІАНОЗ АЛОКАТИ, ДОМ РИЗПИЛО, МИСЛИ МАТ ВОГ АЛО И АСАТИСОТ РАЛСТІС. ІН 1589, ТИЕ КИТО З ГОХВІТА, ДОМ РИЗМИЛОС М ТИЕ КІНОЗ ГАЛОН ТОМ И КАССЯНООТ РИЗМИЛОС М ТИЕ КІНОЗ ГАЛОН. АЛО ИЛА ПИНА ЦІ МИСЛО.

#### THE PROSCRIPTION

МасСоворо. В изманова ная мановеко на вталалом. Начизатер, Кно James VI пин бако а стята от затитал веслания ит ан отгене то зиците ант МасСоворо. В 1602, како влоов ная восон то вуклого витеки тив МасСоворо зано пися недовора Стан Салиони. Атек и на монето от то массбаторо сламамая, Ализаан МасСоворо, тем слам сниг, ная изото зу тне Самиели со наято слам Салиони. Атек и на монето от то пина ализе теори Слам МасСанана ано Сали Солит, ная изото зу тне Самиели со акона со занита. Массбаторо на Патата слав теори слам масталана ано Сали Самиели, на МасСоворо за исто матото мате са са на от те из и пина и Делите Сами Солемноем научие типсе тие нимате от намо мен, те МасСовороз зитего манита тасист ком тне рах, чом те мако у Мин Кию James VI. пи Алоко ните манит от ни голонието на от на оитсова, не толствие, от вамие, те МасСоворо нами. Тне Labe от МасСоворо нами VI. пин Алоко ните манит от ни голонието дано и ная товнови и нах. То е за МасСоворо нами кон несам. Так Само с МасСоворо нами со тако стано стана тов по со тако стано и ная товнови и ная. То е за МасСово нами властви.

MANAGED TO RETAIN 11'S IDENTITY - EVEN THOUGHT THEY WERE MADE AS OUTLAWS BY AN ACT OR PARISHING.

The mean's on the lake, and the minis on the brac And the Clau has a name that is nameless by day Dies gather, gather, gather (Drigalach) Osher, gather, gather (Drigalach)

Our signal for fight, that from monarchs are dress Most be beard but by night in our sengeful kalout Den heles

Hen Brehnje prend manutains. Coalchnirn and her ( Hen Brehnje prend manutains. Coalchnirn and her ( Hernstrae and Hendayn no langer are sure. We re landless. Iandless. Coalchest

Due doom it and devoted by nassal and lord. Reefforger has still both his heart and his smort Then coverage, coverage, drigatacht Coverage, coverage, coverage, drigatacht Coverage, coverage, drigatacht MAC GREGOR

Come then Brigalach. come then Grigalach. Come then. come then couse then Brigalach!

Dremph the depths of Koch Jastine the steed shall care for the peak of 'Den Kommen the galley shall steer. The rocks of Craig Mengane like teicles melt. Ere our mrange he forget, or our mengannes melek! Den gather gather, gather (Pripalach) Sother, gather, gather (Pripalach)

Sir Walter Scott

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#### ROB ROY MACGREGOR

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