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FORMER CHIEFTAINS

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 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..... | 1958-1962 | (Deceased) |
| John Kennedy Magruder | 1962-1965 | (Deceased) |
| 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 | 1975-1976, 1979-1981 | (Deceased) |
| Archibald McGregor | 1976-1979 | (Deceased) |
| Burns Magruder, Jr | 1979-1984 | (Deceased) |
| Russell C. McGregor, PhD | 1984-1987 | (Deceased) |
| Abbey Wailes Magruder, Jr | 1987-1990 | (Deceased) |
| George F. McGregor | 1990-1993 | (Deceased) |
| Capt. Paul C. Gregg | 1993-1996 | (Deceased) |
| Malcolm G. MacGregor | 1996-2000 | (Deceased) |
| Jeffrey R. McGregor | 2000-2003 | Delray Beach, FL |
| Robert F. MacGregor, Jr | 2003-2006 | Virginia Beach, VA |
| Thaddeus G. Osborne..... | 2006-2009 | Knoxville, TN |
| Ronald A. McGregor | 2009-2012 | Aurora, CO |
| Lois Ann Garlitz | 2012-2017 | Cokeville, WY |
| Randolph W. Walker | 2017-2019 | San Antonio, TX |
| Peter K. Gregg..... | 2019-2022 | Dover, DE |

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Aliana Shepard, 2025

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Jack Simon, Chair 2022
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Steven Argyle 2024
Cindy R. Brammer, Treasurer (ex-officio, non-voting)

APPOINTED POSITIONS

2022 – 2023

Assistant Chieftain..... Michelle Mercier
New Council Member at Large.....Aliana Shepard
Chaplain.....Thaddeus G. Osborne
Newsletter EditorAdrienne Tomkins
Yearbook EditorScott F. MacGregor
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Area Deputy Chieftains

2022 – 2023 COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee for 2023

Peter K. Gregg, Chair
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Darcie Schauf

Financial Review Committee

Paul Owens Collinson, Chair
Henry “Sandy” Harris

Scholarship Committee

Peter K. Gregg, Chair
Mary Byrd Pettenati
Kathy Whyte

Genealogy Committee

Lois Ann Garlitz, Chair
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Randolph W. Walker, Chair
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*The Acorn statue – on New Years Eve Raleigh
drops the acorn instead of the ball*

MINUTES OF THE ACGS COUNCIL MEETING

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.
113th Annual Gathering – Raleigh, North Carolina
Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe
September 23, 2022

Call to order was done by Peter Gregg, Chieftain, at 9:01 EDT, September 23, 2022. Those in attendance were reminded to silence their cell phones.

The Scribe did roll call of Council members and confirmed a quorum of 9, quorum of 6 is required. There were also six guests in attendance.

Invocation was given by Paul Gregg, Acting Chaplain.

Opening remarks were given by our Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor who was on a zoom link from his home in Scotland. He shared his personal insight after returning from The Queen's state funeral in London, "What an experience and done to perfection. The coffin was preceded by 150 military pipers playing 'Mist Covered Mountains'. It ended with the lone piper. So, the funeral began and ended with the pipes - rather telling in my view." He wished us well with our Gathering and the installation of a new Chieftain, Scott F. MacGregor.



*Sir Malcolm & Lady MacGregor
Attending Queen's funeral*

Peter Gregg, Chieftain, presented remarks on his time in office which you also heard this morning.

The reports from the following Council members had previously been distributed and were now presented in the meeting: Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Scribe, Registrar, Treasurer, Assistant Chieftain (who noted that this is the first cost-neutral Gathering in several years), Chaplain, Librarian, Webmaster, and Trustees. Peter Gregg presented reports for those who were not in attendance.

Scott F. MacGregor has undertaken from JB Gregg the draft of the 2022 Yearbook so it can be sent to the publisher in the next few weeks. He encouraged the inclusion of more family history type articles so it is not just a report of Society business and meetings. For members who have passed away, it would be important to include a memorial from a family member, when possible.

The Trustee report was presented by Rob Young, chair of the Trustees.

Peter asked for a motion to approve the reports as a group. Bruce Whyte moved and Rob Young seconded, motion carried.

Reports from the standing committees had previously been distributed and were reviewed: Scholarship Committee, Heraldry Committee, Genealogy Committee, Financial Review Committee plus their recommendations, Merchandise Manager and Site Selection Committee.

Discussion pertaining to these reports:

- To increase the number of ACGS scholarships given for piping, we might notify piping colleges that scholarships are available from ACGS. Perhaps scholarships for piping could be mentioned in the COSCA newsletter. Could funding be given to cover the cost of “loaner pipes” for a beginner? There is a local pipe band in Florida that does free lessons.
- With assistance from the Genealogy Committee, Rob Young was able to construct a family line from one early McGee 1600 ancestor and can provide it to potential society members that come to his ADC tent to aid in their membership applications.
- Printing Certificates of Appreciation: will explore using the company that publishes our Yearbook to do the certificates.
- Site selection for upcoming Gatherings: It was decided to have a Gathering meeting by Zoom for 2023 and plan an in-person ceremonial meeting in 2024. Suggestion for a location might be in conjunction with Scottish Games at some location and/or when Sir Malcolm might be coming for some Games.

Peter asked for a motion to approve the Committee reports; Randy Walker moved and Lois Ann Garlitz seconded; motion carried.

Election of officers: Lois Ann Garlitz read the report from the Nominating Committee with the slate of officers for 2023. Paul Gregg moved and Rob Young seconded approval; motion carried.

Peter Gregg read the list of appointees for officials for 2023 which had been prepared by Scott F. MacGregor.

Changes to Policy and Procedures: As noted in the interim Council meeting of August 16, 2022, the P&P for Yearbook Editor drafted for review. Jane Montmeny read the draft document. There were suggested additions related to having proof readers prior to the final draft going to the Assistant Chieftain plus inclusion of the genealogical index. Randy Walker moved and Scott F. MacGregor seconded approval with the additions. Motion carried.

There will be a P&P drafted for the new position of Membership Database Manager.

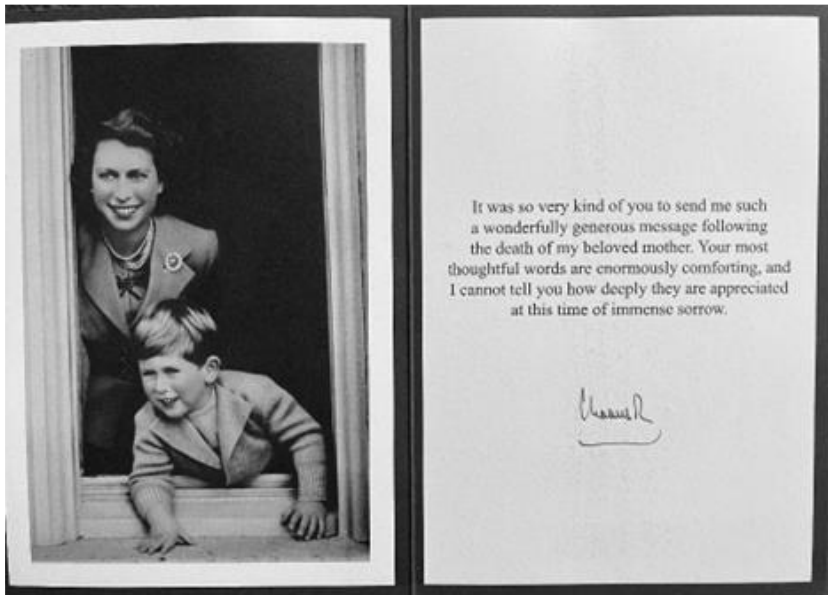
For the Good of the Order:

- Randy Walker, chair of Recognition Committee, stated that there are three members nominated this year by the committee and one who was nominated by a member.
- Renewal of membership notices: If a member does not have a current email address, they won't receive a notice that their dues are due, so they become inactive. The directory on the Society website shows only active dues-paying members. There will be an effort to contact the inactive members and let

them know how to pay dues to become active members again. The inactive list could also be sent to ADC's who could contact these people.

- Bruce Whyte showed a copy of "Crayfishes of Alabama" by Stuart McGregor which is a reference book of the many different species found in Alabama.
- Randy Walker suggested a method of generating an income stream to benefit the Society operating fund. He showed a sample of a ribbon with pin underneath belonging to another organization. The idea would be to have the pin indicate by number how many years a person has been a member of ACGS. The ribbon would be MacGregor tartan. It would need to be appropriate size for both men and women to wear to events. Awarding of pins for each five years could be done yearly at the AGM. Peter will do pricing of some samples; members would buy the pins at a mark-up price.
- Jane Montmeny suggested that there be a way for life members to donate to the general operating fund since they no longer pay dues. This would not be tax deduct able to the member. A process through Amazon Smile was suggested.

As there was no further business, Paul Gregg moved and Randy Walker seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried at 12:21pm.



Following the death of Her late Majesty, Sir Malcolm wrote to HM King Charles expressing our sorrow as a clan. Here is the lovely reply card received back.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Annual Gathering)

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.

113th Annual Gathering – Raleigh, North Carolina

Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe

September 24, 2022

The Clan Gregor pipe band members piped the Chieftain, Peter Gregg, and the Acting Chaplain, Paul Gregg, into the meeting room. The 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order on September 24, 2022 at 9:08AM Eastern Time by Peter Gregg, Chieftain.

The following invocation was given by Paul Gregg, Acting Chaplain: Lord God, we give you thanks that your hand, by the Holy Spirit, has guided Clan Gregor throughout the ages, in times of peace as well as in times of adversity and tribulation, nurturing within us all the qualities of faith, belief, courage, loyalty and open-handed generosity towards others. In humility and repentance, we plead for forgiveness of all of our sins, both those we remember and those we cannot remember, for we cannot remember every sin that we have done and thus trust in the Lord who knows everything we have ever done as He is faithful and just to forgive us all of our sins. (John 1:9). As we gather in this place, united in our Highland heritage, committed to walk together in the ways of God in total belief in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. With the power of the Holy Ghost, grant us we pray, strength and courage to uphold the honor of our Clan, focusing on the immense love of God that reaches out to each heart so that we can walk in fellowship with Jesus as we receive the gift of His grace and salvation every day in all the days to come. Bless us, oh God, each one of us, and keep us close and faithful to the heart of Jesus, as we show loyalty to our Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, and the Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, Peter Gregg, and as Jesus told us in John 15:12, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord and Chief over all mankind, that we receive the gift of His salvation, rest and peace. Amen.

The memorial service "Flowers of the Forest" was conducted by Acting Chaplain, Paul Gregg:

"As we pause to reflect upon those of our clan who have passed, we must also recognize the passing of our Queen, Elizabeth II, sovereign of Scotland who, in her seven decades of reigning over all the clans of Scotland, often spoke of her love of Scotland and her people and of the importance of her faith and belief in Jesus Christ, trusting in God throughout her long reign. Rest in Peace Queen Elizabeth II.

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26) In this passage from John's Gospel Jesus is making two significant claims that really come home for those of us who mourn the passing of loved ones and friends.

The first claim is “I am the resurrection” in which He explains that whosoever believes in Him will live even though the body dies. Not as some disembodied spirit eternally floating about the cosmos, but awaiting the completion when body AND spirit are reunited with Christ in an immortal perfect union for, as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:50-53, “the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.” Our current bodies are not fit to be in the presence of God but our resurrected bodies will be.

The second claim is that He IS “the life,” which He explains by adding that “whoever lives their lives believing in Me will never die.” Jesus is not claiming that just because we believe in Him we will never physically die, no, He is saying that we have a future that is beyond this mortal coil in which we live, a future where we are resurrected, changed in the twinkling of an eye, and will join with Jesus in the clouds forever (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

These words of encouragement from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are meant to reaffirm what He said in Matthew 5:4 (The Beatitudes) “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” And so we are comforted knowing that those of us who have passed from us have found the unique spiritual bonding with God that we all strive for. Although we grieve that they are no longer among us, we believe that in the end we will all be joined together with our Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:20) “Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (John 14:1) “Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in Me.” (John 14:6) “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father but by Me.” (John 14:17) “Even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him: but we know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you.”

The Gospel of Salvation: Salvation is the work of God that sets human beings in a right relationship with God and with one another. Acknowledge you are sinner, “for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, that He died for your sins, was buried and rose again (Romans 4:5; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4). Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Members who assisted with the service were Aliana Shepard, Susan Gregg, and Valerie Gregg Newell Wilkerson. The following were honored by a white carnation placed in the memorial wreath: William (Bill) Garrett, Russell Anson Greer, Donald Neil McGregor, Alan James Shotwell, Thomas Arthur Peter, Louise Lydecker Gregg. A red carnation was placed in the memorial wreath to honor Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

Remember thy servants, O Lord, according to the favor which thou beareth unto thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, they may go from strength to strength, in the life of service, in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, O God, and the Holy Spirit,

ever one God, world without end. AMEN.” “The Lord Bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance toward you, and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

Opening remarks were given by Peter Gregg, Chieftain: Welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society. This is the 113th year since our incorporation in 1909. We are finally able to get back together to celebrate our heritage and enjoy each other’s company. Today we will be briefing you on what we have been up to this last year, electing our officers, and Lois Ann Garlitz will give a presentation on ancestry. We hope that you will find this meeting informative. Please remember that during the election you can only vote if you are a current member and if you had not voted electronically. If you didn’t receive an electronic ballot, please log in to our website members area and verify that your contact information is up to date. Your membership renewal notices are also sent electronically using the email address that you have in the system. We are currently looking for individuals to fill volunteer positions as our Webmaster and member of our IT committee. We are always looking for members to volunteer to become Area Deputy Chieftains and represent us at Scottish events in your area. We have many committees. If you are interested and feel that you would be a good fit and wish to volunteer, please let one of us know. Peter also introduced COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans and Associations). John Bellassai, President of COSCA, and Bruce Whyte, Newsletter Editor of COSCA are also officers in ACGS. There were COSCA handouts on the table with information about membership.

Randy Walker, Chair of the Recognition Committee assisted Peter Gregg in presenting and reading ACGS Certificates of Appreciation to Steven Argyle, Kathy Whyte and Col. Robert E. Young for their work on behalf of the Society. A Chieftain Certificate (first ever) was presented to Thomas and Kathy Watkins. *(Text of the certificates are available elsewhere in the Yearbook).*

A quorum was established at 128 (14 members in attendance who had not voted electronically plus a count of 114 electronic votes); required quorum was 40.

The following complete reports are available elsewhere in the Yearbook

Jane Montmeny presented the Scribe report including minutes from the Council meeting on the previous day. Scott F. MacGregor, RDC, presented the Area Deputy Chieftain report and introduced the follow ADC’s who were in attendance: Rob Young, Lois Ann Garlitz, Mike MacGregor, Bruce Whyte, Peter Gregg, Leighton Stradley and Mary Byrd Pettaneti. Kathy Whyte summarized the work of the Gathering Committee. Bruce Whyte presented the annual report of the Treasurer. Rob Young presented the report from the Trustees and read the names and schools of scholarship awardees.

The additional following reports had been given at the Council meeting and had been approved: Registrar, Chaplain, Librarian, Historian, and Webmaster/IT Committee. Reports had been heard from the following Committees: Scholarship Committee, Heraldry Committee, Financial Review Committee, Merchandise Manager, Gathering Site Selection Committee, Recognition Committee, and Genealogy Committee; reports were approved.

Lois Ann Garlitz offered an educational presentation on Genealogy vs. Family History which was followed by a question-and-answer period.

Peter Gregg, Chieftain, noted that there was no old business held over from last year. Under new business he reported the results of the election, that all candidates for office had been elected including a new trustee. This was the first year that voting was done electronically as well as in person.

Peter Gregg, Chieftain, announced the members of the Nominating Committee for 2023: Jeanne Lehr, Peter Gregg and Darcie Schauf.

Appointments by the Chieftain as submitted by Scott F. MacGregor were read by Peter Gregg, Chieftain.

Good of the Order: Ian Greig, Chair of the Site Selection Committee, asked if anyone would consider having the 2024 Gathering in their area who could be on-site to do the necessary leg work. The 2023 Gathering is planned to be by Zoom. Kathy Whyte reminded everyone to sign the registration book. Thomas and Kathy Watkins were presented with an ACGS flag to be displayed at events where they will be representing the Society.

As there was no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02AM Eastern Time.

MINUTES OF THE AREA DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN (ADC) MEETING

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.
113th Annual Gathering – Raleigh, North Carolina
Submitted by D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe
September 24, 2022

Attendees:

Chair, Scott F. Mac Gregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain
D. Jane Montmeny, Scribe
Peter K. Gregg, ADC DE, NJ, Eastern PA
Bruce M. Whyte, ADC Georgia, Grandfather Mountain, RDC 2023
Mary Bird Pettenati: ADC North Carolina
Leighton Stradley: ADC Northern Virginia and DC
Lois Ann Garlitz, ADC Utah
Rob Young, ADC MS, LA
Mike McGregor, ADC SC

The meeting was called to order by Scott F. MacGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain at 11:23 am on September 24, 2022. 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. ADCs are also responsible for Society members in their area. He encouraged them to invite members to events and to draw back those who have become inactive members.

The following were items of discussion:

- Scott showed a TV clip from Cortez CO featuring Mark Beach giving highlights of the MacGregor Clan during their highland Games.
- Scott showed the updated ADC Resource Guide which will be emailed to the ADCs; it is not to be used as a handout at Games.
- Rob Young showed some large posters that he had made based on displays in the Clan Gregor Room in the Menzies Castle in Scotland. He had contacted Peter Lorrie and Richard McGregor from Clan Gregor in Scotland who had received approval to make copies for the posters. Rob said to contact him if anyone is interested in having copies of the posters.
- Steven Argyle has written a booklet "The Clan Gregor Story – the History and Lore of the Children of the Mist" which he made available in his clan tent; he also had them available on a flash drive.
- Item used in clan tents at events were discussed: types of banners, pens, plastic bags with clan information on them, refrigerator magnets and passport stamps. "Tartan Lady" is a source for items.
- Several ideas about displaying banners were discussed.

With a conclusion of further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21pm by Scott F. MacGregor.



COUNCIL REPORTS

CHIEFTAIN

Submitted by Peter K. Gregg, Chieftain

2022 is rapidly drawing to a close. During this, my final year as the 33rd Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, I wish to thank all of you for your hard work and support. My tenure as your Chieftain was different and challenging due to the Covid virus. It saw us become more technical, using Zoom for our meetings and two gatherings and using Ballot buddy for our elections. Thanks to Rick Walker, we were able to fulfill our responsibilities to conduct our Annual Council meetings and our gatherings. We also had a zoom presentation from Dr. Joseph John Morrow CBE, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, all the way from Scotland. His presentation was both informative and entertaining. A special Thank You goes to John Bellasai for making this possible.

I did all the business of the Society through electronic means. I coordinated with the Scholarship Committee during their process and with the Trustees on aiding members in need. I approved many membership applications, most of which were electronic. It shortened the review and approval process from a week to hours. I still received some applications via snail mail, but not many. I have used social media to get our news out. My Christmas message and messages about some of our events were all posted on our Facebook page. Many of our members posted there as well. I was even asked to send a letter of congratulations on the occasion of a wedding. It wasn't until I received a reply from the requestor that I realized the groom was in Scotland. The mother of the groom loved the fact that the Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society congratulated her son.

Our Area Deputy Chieftains did their best to represent us at the few Highland Games that were still held. They went above and beyond in their efforts to make sure that the ACGS was well represented. They are our eyes and ears, our recruiters and spokespersons, our representatives in tartan. The ADC's brave all kinds of weather to get our message out to the potential members. We would not be the successful Society that we are without their efforts. Congratulations and Thank You to all our ADC's.

It is now time to turn over the Society to the 34th Chieftain, Mr. Scott F. MacGregor. He has the knowledge, skill, and drive to carry us into the future. It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as your 33rd Chieftain and to work with the greatest group of men and women that I have known. I want to thank you all for your loyalty and support.

RANKING DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN

Submitted by Scott F. MacGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

It is good to see our Area Deputy Chieftains are coming back strong following the COVID pandemic over the past several years. Thanks for all you are doing getting out there representing our society and Clan Gregor.

I've had the opportunity this year to briefly visit the Grandfather Mountain and Virginia Games. Both were well manned with very enthusiastic and organized individuals. Others stepped up when key individuals were unable. They were on the ready in both some really beautiful sunny days and also some downright miserable rainy days. All the time showing a strong clan spirit.

Charles Clary and Cindy Brammer in their respected areas have hosted a clan tent at several different events this year. Several of our clan tent representatives have been interviewed and shown on the local news. Thanks all, you all are drawing great recognition to our clan and society.

Since a few of our ADCs have had to step down over the past year thus leaving the society in need of more volunteers to be an ADC. Please don't hesitate, if you have some spare time, some extra energy, love sharing our heritage, and enjoy meeting people we'd love to have you represent the society at Scottish events in your area.

As I write this report, I look forward to our first in-person Gathering since before COVID. It will be wonderful seeing my fellow clans folk from across the country. A Gathering, whether in-person or by Zoom is always that much better when you participate. Please take the time to be a part of your society's many activities.

I will share with you a bit of advice my maternal grandfather once gave me *"Joining an organization you only get out of it what you put into it. So, get involved and make the organization the best it can be"*.

I look forward to hearing from you if I cannot see you first.

ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN

Submitted by Kathy Whyte, Assistant Chieftain

The 2021 Gathering was to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina on September 3-5, 2021. The continued COVID-19 restrictions combined with a lack of responses from the hotels to the Request for Proposals required further consideration. The Council met by teleconference to discuss our options for the Gathering. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made and passed unanimously that the 2021 Gathering be held as a zoom meeting.

The 2022 Gathering will be held in Raleigh on September 22-24th. Our external meeting coordinator sent out requests for proposals and received seven (7) responses from the local hotels. A comparison summary was prepared based on standard criteria which included cost and general suitability for the Gathering. Two hotels were visited by the Assistant Chieftain and Treasurer, the Embassy Suites (airport) and the Sheraton Raleigh downtown. The Sheraton Raleigh was chosen based on location, costs, meeting spaces and access to restaurants and local attractions. The Gathering Committee consisted of Dustin and Mary Byrd Pettenati, Paul Gregg, and Bruce and Kathy Whyte. The Committee had a dinner meeting in Raleigh and continued to correspond via email.

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. The registration fee was determined based on projected costs and anticipated attendance to ensure a cost neutral 2022 Gathering. Guests were encouraged for the Ceilidh and banquet at an individual cost. The registration fee for the Gathering will cover the cost of the Gathering. The required room nights have been met. A total of 49 persons are planning to attend.

We are fortunate to have Carl Web Peterson for the Ceilidh on Friday night along with our pipe band and dancers. The registration form included a volunteer Sponsorship option for haggis, receptions, Ceilidh, and pipe band accommodations. Boxed lunches along with free time on Saturday allow members to explore the many local attractions in downtown Raleigh. A highlight of the Gathering will be the educational presentation of Lois Ann Garlitz on genealogy and the "Address to the Haggis" by Ian Greig.

It is anticipated that the 2023 Gathering will be a zoom meeting.

This year we were able to attend the Blairsville, GA Highland Games. ACGS has been the honored Clan/Tent for the past 4 years!!! We were chosen originally in 2019. That year the Games were cancelled due to flooding. For the next two years it was cancelled due to Covid-19.

SCRIBE

Submitted by Jane Montmeny, Scribe

1. The minutes from the 2021 ACGS Gathering, Virtual Meeting, were posted on the ACGS Society website in June 2022.
2. This year we held only one interim ACGS Council teleconference call meeting on August 16, 2022:

Attendees, Officers:

Peter Gregg, Chieftain
Scott F. MacGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain
Bruce M. Whyte, Treasurer
Jane Montmeny, Scribe
Jeanne Lehr, Registrar
Diana Browne, Chancellor
Paul Gregg, Member-at-Large
Kathy Whyte, Assistant Chieftain
Mary Byrd Pettaneti, Chair Scholarship Committee, guest

Officers excused:

Keith Gregg, Member-at-Large
Charles Clary, Member-at-Large
Randy Walker, Immediate Past Chieftain

ACGS Chieftain, Peter Gregg, opened the interim council meeting on Tuesday August 16, 2022 at 5:00pm MDT, per teleconference call. Jane Montmeny, Scribe, completed roll call and determined that seven voting council members were on the call; a quorum of six is required.

1. Peter stated the main agenda for the meeting is to consider the recommended changes to the Policies and Procedures (P&P's) that are up for review this year and other items as listed in the agenda previously distributed the council members.
2. The following P&P's have no recommended changes for 2022: Chieftain, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chieftain, Chancellor, and Council Members-at-Large.
3. The following P&P's have recommended changes for 2022:
 - a. Scholarship Committee: presentation by Mary Byrd Pettanati, chair of Scholarship Committee who reviewed the proposed changes. After discussion there was unanimous agreement to approve proposed changes. In addition, Scholarship Committee will make changes to the scholarship application form re: ACT/SAT test results which may lead to further changes to the Committee P&P.
 - b. Scribe P&P: After discussion, proposed changes were approved by unanimous vote.
 - c. Registrar P&P: Proposed changes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.
 - d. Assistant Chieftain: After discussion, proposed changes were approved by unanimous vote.
 - e. Yearbook Editor: After much discussion, changes to the P&P were tabled until the September annual council meeting. In the meantime, the Scribe and RDC will draft proposed changes.
 - f. RDC: After discussion, proposed changes were approved by unanimous vote.
4. Appointment of Acting Treasurer: Cindy Brammer was appointed unanimously as Acting Treasurer and will assume the duties of Treasurer following election of ACGS Council at the Gathering. Until then Bruce Whyte, who is retiring as Treasurer, will start transferring accounts and tools of the office to her.
5. Membership Works: This is a proposed new Chieftain-appointed office to assume responsibility of the membership data base, which currently is shared between the Webmaster and Treasurer. Discussion was about necessary skills to accomplish the need and who might be able to fill the position. Bruce Whyte is writing a new P&P which will be sent in draft form to council members to be considered and approved at the 2022 annual council meeting.
6. Webmaster position: Rick Walker, current Webmaster is resigning effective at the 2022 Gathering. He will be assisting with training for the position. There was discussion re: possible members who would have the requisite skills to assume the position.
7. Gathering 2022: Kathy Whyte, Assistant Chieftain, reported that the deadline for room reservations is August 30th. So far there are 51 rooms reserved and need to have 67 reserved to break even in cost. The cost of meals is covered by the registration funds. Peter will be sending out an email blast reminding members of the deadline plus an announcement on the ACGS Facebook page.

We discussed the use of “Proxy” ballots, however, with the electronic voting, members can submit their own vote, there is less overhead on Council to ensure proxies are valid, and the window to vote is open between the close of the Council meeting on Friday and the start of the AGM meeting on Saturday. Members will be reminded that 2021 reports, minutes and other documents can be found on the ACGS website since the 2021 Yearbook has yet to be published.

8. Jeanne stated that the membership application process needs to be cleaned up on the website. Also, the list of 2021 Chieftain appointed positions needs to be posted on the website.
9. As there was no further business, Bruce moved and Paul seconded that the meeting be adjourned; the meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm MDT.

TREASURER

Submitted by Bruce MacGregor Whyte, Treasurer

It is 3 years now since the Treasurer notified Council that he needed to leave the position and a replacement should be found within a reasonable period of time. Finally, the Society has an excellent replacement in Cindy Brammer. She has been using electronic financial software for years. She was ready to see how QuickBooks On-Line measured up. The short answer was/is that it does not convert well, at all. Procedures differed from the PC version, items were found in totally different areas and some reports were renamed and produced results we were not expecting. Cindy will take over all duties of the treasurer commencing immediately after the Gathering 2022.

The conversion by QuickBooks On-Line from the PC desktop version took several weeks longer than predicted. Once completed we found it was a steep learning curve to understand this software. It was not intuitive, despite being an Intuit product! So, in March/April we decided to move the accounting back to the PC. Of course, QuickBooks did not lend itself to that. It was then that the decision was made to rebuild the database on the PC. The original reasoning behind subscribing to the on-line version was that more than one person could have access if the treasurer was absent and checks were needed.

Hence, starting a new database from scratch was the answer. Our data start date was 01/01/2022. Beginning balances were determined and all activity between January 1, 2022 and July 31, 2022 has been re-entered by hand. There is no history of transactions prior to January 1, 2022. QuickBooks On-Line does not produce financial data backups for downloading to our own computers. The previous treasurer has agreed to stay on as backup and source of historical information for those items that fall outside normal P&P.

Reports on our financial status will be presented at the Gathering. They are **preliminary** only and should not be used to assess the current status of ACGS. The fully detailed reports will not be finalized and distributed for several months yet.

REGISTRAR

Submitted by Jeanne Peter Lehr, Registrar

This report is a listing of new members or other changes in membership status between the AGM held electronically on October 9, 2021 and the Gathering held in Raleigh, NC September 22 to 24, 2022. If you should notice a discrepancy, please notify the Registrar.

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

Here are the numbers at a glance for the year October 9, 2021 to September 23, 2022:

Corrections from previous years = 0

New members (lineal, associate) = 33

New provisional members = 0

Members advancing from provisional to lineal = 0

Juniors advancing to lineal membership = 1

New Junior members = 2

Reinstated members = 2

NEW MEMBERS – includes Lineal and Associate Members

#3344 Chatham, Russell Eugene, Georgia. He is the spouse of Melinda Pass and the son of Roe Chatham Jr. and Mildred Annette Warbington; he the son of James Monroe Chatham and Josephine Bertha Elizabeth Dodd; she the daughter of William Thomas Dodd and Mary Evelyn Braziel; she the daughter of Robert Hayden Braziel and Adaline Stephens; he the son of George Rapilee Braziel and Temperance Skinner; she the daughter of John H. Skinner and Sarah Perkerson (Perkinson).

#3345 Cromartie, Austin Scott, North Carolina. He is the son of Luther Martin Cromartie and Florence Elizabeth Robinson; he the son of Angus Cromartie and Annie Belle Black; she the daughter of Archibald Ray Black and Elizabeth Jane McDuffie; he the son of John Martin Black and Nancy Ray; he the son of Archibald K. Black and Flora Martin; he the son of Kenneth Black and Catherine Patterson; he the son of Malcolm Black and Catherine McArthur.

#3346 Cromartie, Taylor, North Carolina. He is the son of Austin Scott Cromartie (ACGS #3345) and Susan Taylor; he the son of Luther Martin Cromartie and Florence Elizabeth Robinson; he the son of Angus Cromartie and Annie Belle Black; she the daughter of Archibald Ray Black and Elizabeth Jane McDuffie; he the son of John Martin Black and Nancy Ray; he the son of Archibald K. Black and Flora Martin; he the son of Kenneth Black and Catherine Patterson; he the son of Malcolm Black and Catherine McArthur.

#3347 MacGregor-Wilcox, Michaeleif Ericesson, New York. He is the spouse of Kimberly Gay Collis and the son of Erice Wayne Wilcox and Mary Ann Barton; he the

son of Erice Clay Wilcox and Oneta May Baldwin; he the son of John Nathan Wilcox and Bertha Wood; he the son of James Knox Polk Wilcox and Frances Clementine Thomas; he the son of Nathan Adams Wilcox and Margaret Risenhoover; he the son of Pleasant Wilcox (Willcocks/Willox/Willocks) and Frances Adams.

#3348 Lormand, Leah Greig, Louisiana. She is the spouse of David Lormand and the daughter of Alan C. Greig and Judy Robin; he the son of Charles Chilton Greig and Vina Billed; he the son of Morrington George Greig and Stella Delacriox; he the son of George Greig and Corine Theresa Thomas; he the son of Henry George Greig and Adele Gath.

#3349 Braddock, Robert, Texas. He is the son of Mairi MacGregor Bostic; she the daughter of William Smith MacGregor and Mary Malloch; he the son of Duncan MacGregor and Jean Armour Smith; he the son of Duncan MacGregor and Annie Kennedy; he the son of Gregor MacGregor and Catherine MacInnes; he the son of Duncan MacGregor and Ann Campbell.

#3350 McGregor, Shawn, Alabama. He is the spouse of Julia McGregor and the son of James L. McGregor and Margaret Ann McGregor; he the son of Alexander McGregor and Reba Margaret Grimes; he the son of Alexander Listen McGregor; he the son of Edgar Lewis McGregor; he the son of Alexander McGregor; he the son of John MacGregor and Susannah Blakely.

#3351 Tripp, Justin, Wyoming. He is the spouse of Rocio Velazquez and the son of Randall Tripp and Kathy Tripp; he the son of Glenn Tripp and Ruby Elaine Gregg; she the daughter of Carl Cressman Gregg and Florence Ellen "Flossie" Plush; he the son of John Allen Gregg and Victoria G (Neff) - Gregg - Meyers; he the son of Carlton Enzy Gregg and Rebecca Chrisman; he the son of John Gregg and Margaret Peggy Allen.

#3352 Street, Kylie Morgan, Maryland. She is the daughter of William Alpheus Street, JR (ACGS #2986) and Renee Dawn Pollack; he the son of William Alton Street (ACGS #1838LM) and Camellia Joan Whitaker; he the son of William Alpheus Street (ACGS #1836) and Virginia Mae Gowin; he the son of Walter Scott Street, SR and America Virginia Ferneybough; she the daughter of George Thrift Ferneybough and Lavinia Harrison Word; he the son of John Ferneybough and Eliza Thrift; she the daughter of Robert Thrift and Rachel Magruder; she the daughter of James Magruder and Mary Bowie; he the son of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder (the immigrant).

#3353 King, Sally F., New York. She is the spouse of Daniel Alpert and the daughter of Neil Mair King and Doris Morris; he the son of Cornelius Mair King and Mary Simpson Gray; he the son of Georg King and Georgina.

#3354 Innes, Ellen E., North Carolina. She is the spouse of Jeffrey Innes and the daughter of John Francis Ewell (ACGS #1228LM) and Josephine Elna Westbrook; he the son of Nathaniel MacGregor Ewell (ACGS #1252) and Mary Louise Camper; He the son of Dr Jesse Ewell (ACGS #21C) and Mary Jane Ish; he the son of Capt. John Smith Magruder Ewell and Helen Woods MacGregor; he the son of Nathaniel Magruder and Margaret Magruder; he the son of John Magruder and Susan Smith.

#3355 Bailey, Sharon Gregg, Florida. She is the widow of Benjamin C. Bailey and daughter of Willis Doyle Gregg and Geraldine Summers; he the son of William Clarence (WC) Gregg and Venice Dot Latham; he the son of George Wesley Gregg and Ollie Jane Bean; he the son of Mason Manassa Gregg and Piney/Piana H. Cofield; he the son of John Nelson Gregg and Amelia Cotton; he the son of John Gray Gregg and Rebecca Gladney.

#3356 Isbell, Mia M., Texas. She is the daughter of Rodney Saltz and Juldith Ellen Frick; she the daughter of Robert Earl Frick and Maxine Marie Steinbarger; she the daughter of Joseph H. Steinbarger and Faydith Loutchi; he the son of David M. Steinbarger and Barbara Musser; he the son of Charles G. Steinbarger and Rebecca Louisa Lamb; she the daughter of David Lamb and Ann Zelly; he the son of William Lamb and Priscilla Ellis Matlack; she the daughter of Jacob Matlack and Sebilla Ellis; he the son of John Matlack and Anne Ferguson; she the daughter of Robert Ferguson and Sophie (Sophia) McClarine; he the son of Duncan (Dunkin) Ferguson and Katherine Clark Cameron; he the son of Duncan F. Ferguson and Isobel MacGregor; she the daughter of John MacGregor and Marjorie Campbell; he the son of Patrick of Aberach MacGregor (3rd Chieftain) and Lady Marion MacDonald.

#3357 Kraverotis, Amanda "Mandy", Florida. She is the spouse of Edward Kraverotis and the daughter of Benjamin C. Bailey and Sharon Gregg; she the daughter of Willis Doyle Gregg and Geraldine Summers; he the son of William Clarence (WC) Gregg and Venice Dot Latham; he the son of George Wesley Gregg and Ollie Jane Bean; he the son of Mason Manassa Gregg and Piney/Piana H. Cofield; he the son of John Nelson Gregg and Amelia Cotton; he the son of John Gray Gregg and Rebecca Gladney.

#3358 Williams, Jamie Kristine, Oregon. She is the spouse of Ryan Williams and the daughter of James Bert Orsingher and Kennett Kathleen Fugate; she the daughter of Thomas Roger Fugate and Maxine Leone Thornton; he the son of Loyd Dalton Thornton and Betty Jean Witcher; he the son of Carl Clyde Thornton and Pearl Ann Pepiot; he the son of Ernest Elmer Thornton and Maggie Ellen Offutt; she the daughter of John Littleton Offutt, Jr. and Eliza "Ellen" Longbrake; he the son of John Littleton Offutt and Louis Ann Cathenn Robertson; he the son of James Doull Offutt and Arah Offutt; he the son of William Offutt III and Elizabeth Jackson Magruder; she the daughter of Samuel Magruder and Margaret Beall Jackson.

#3359 Steiner, Karen, North Carolina. She is the spouse of David Steiner and the daughter of Robert Kleinschmidt and Barbara J. Greer; she the daughter of William George Greer and Helene V. Winters; he the son of George McCune Greer and Lida (Lydia, Eliza) McMath; he the son of James Milo Greer and Anna J. Stevenson; he the son of William Greer and Abigail Collins; he the son of Patrick Greer and Elizabeth Wilson.

#3360 Wolf, Robert, Nebraska. He is the spouse of Christine Marie Pyle and the son of Robert David Wolf and Eleanor Rose Brown; he the son of Robert S. Wolf and Dorothy Mae Trout; she the daughter of Issac Trout and Rachel L. Roberts; she the daughter of David Roberts and Mary E. Hickman; she the daughter of Alpheus Allison Perry Hickman and Francis B. Allison; he the son of Joshua Hickman and Elizabeth Perry; she the daughter of Erasmus Perry and Elizabeth Harding; he the son of Benjamin Perry and Elizabeth Magruder; she the daughter of Ninian Magruder and

Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder; he the son of Alexander Macgregor; he the son of John Macgregor; he the son of James Macgregor; he the son of William macgregor; he the son of William Macgregor.

#3361 Gregory, William Scott, Maryland. He is the spouse of Colleen Marie Filer-Orsborne and the son of Douglas Scott Gregory and Yasmin Romero; he the son of Bruce Norman Gregory and Diane June DeBoer; he the son of Carlton H. Gregory and Thelma R. Whitehouse; he the son of William L. Gregory and Clara Etta Thomas; he the son of Edgar L. Gregory and Hattie Nina Crane; he the son of John Gregory and Almasia Young; he the son of William Gregory and Rebecca Damon; he the son of Captain John Gregory and Elizabeth Simonton; he the son of Private William Gregory (American Revolution) and Experience Robbins; he the son of John MacGregor (changed name to Gregory) and Frances Allen; he the son of Daniel MacGregor and Elizabeth Robinson.

#3362 Danner, Linda M., Florida. She is the spouse of Ronald Lewis Danner and the daughter of Harold Martin Pifer and Ruth Ann Searcy; she the daughter of Harry Lee Searcy, Jr. and Grace M. Ballman; she the daughter of Peter Andrew Ballman, Jr. and Janet (Jesse) Irene McNeil; she the daughter of James D. McNeil and Mary D. Magruder; she the daughter of William M. Magruder and Elizabeth Ann Samuels; he the son of Ezekiel Magruder and Nancy Miller; he the son of Archibald Magruder and Cassandra Offutt; he the son of John Magruder and Jane Haswell; he the son of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sara Beall; he the son of Alexander MacGregor II and Margaret Braithwaite; he the son of Alexander MacGregor and Margaret D. Campbell.

#3363 Lee, Wyatt D., North Carolina. He is the spouse of Kara Driver Lee and the son of Daniel Walsh Lee ACGS #2584 and Cynthia J. Lee; he the son of N. Joseph Lee Jr. and Eleanor Grier; she the daughter of William Humes Grier and Mary Bradley.

#3364 Magruder, Eric McKenzie, Maryland. He is the spouse of Patricia Lee Tansill and the son of Carl Burton Magruder and Mabel Margaret Helmick; he the son of Lewis McKenzie Magruder and Margaret Wilhelmina Gordon; he the son of Fielder Albert Magruder and Mary Margaret Driscoll; he the son of Lewis Magruder and Rebecca Susannah Duvall; he the son of Dr. Jeffrey Magruder and Susannah Ann Bowie; he the son of Nathan Magruder and Rebecca Beall; he the son of John Magruder and Susanna Smith; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder the Immigrant.

#3365 Morrison, Danny Ray, Oregon. He is the spouse of Maria Morrison and the son of Donald John Morrison and Carol Ann Porter; he the son of Carroll Brooks Morrison and Hilda M. Leventon; she the daughter of Joseph Weldon Leventon and Nettie Ann Crowley; he the son of John Josiah Magruder Leventon and Sarah Elizabeth Weldon; he the son of John Leventon and Mary Ann Magruder; she the daughter of Josiah Magruder and Margaret Magruder; he the son of Joseph Magruder and Mary Jackson; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Margaret Jackson; he the son of Ninian Magruder Sr. and Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Captain Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder and Margaret Braithwaite.

#3366 Miltimore, Joseph E., California. He is the spouse of Bryan Hansen and the son of Raymond Arnold Miltimore and Joanne Signe Skof; he the son of Joseph Miltimore and Anna Stoner; he the son of R.D. Miltimore and Alice McGrain; he the son of James Harvey Miltimore and Caroline Lovinia Peck; he the son of Aaron Fitts Miltimore and Polly Bridge; he the son of James Miltimore and Nabby Fitts; he the son of William Miltimore and Jannett Gregg; she the daughter of Capt. John Gregg and Agnes Rankin; he the son of Capt. James Gregg and Janette Cargill.

#3367 King, Austin, Connecticut. He is the son of Kenneth Barry King II and Lori Dionne; he the son of Kenneth Barry King and Karen A. Mangan; he the son of Robert Charles King and Shirley Marks; he the son of Stanley Frederick King and Josephine Bruce Thompson; he the son of Charles E. King and Johanna (Johanah) King; he the son of Levi King and Mary J. Hall.

#3368 Arterbury, Andrea Butler, North Carolina. She is the spouse of Trent Lewis Arterbury and the daughter of Raymond William Butler and Virginia Lynne Gregory; she the daughter of Robert Thomas Gregory and Minnie Pearl Owens; he the son of Lewis Gregory and Mae Bell Cudd; he the son of Robbert G. Gregory and Jane Bentley; he the son of (Andrew?) Ferdinand Gregory and Charlotte Jolly; he the son of John Jeremiah Gregory, Sr. and Naomi Steen.

#3369 MacGregor, Ian H., North Carolina. He is the spouse of Charlotte (Cam) Modys and the son of Rob Roy MacGregor (ACGS #1446) and Althea Suzanne Hitchcock; he the son of Rob Roy MacGregor and Beatrice Mae Griffiths; he the son of William Reed MacGregor and Lydia Ann Summerill; he the son of William MacGregor and Rosanna Shick; he the son of William M. MacGregor.

#3370 - not approved at this time.

#3371 Schauf, William Edward Scott, Virginia. He is the son of Aaron Thomas Schauf and Darcie Rae MacGregor ACGS #2757LM; she the daughter of Scott Fredric MacGregor ACGS #2450LM and Randa-Lynn Harland; he the son of Burton Fredric MacGregor and Miriam Elizabeth Dowling; he the son of Walter William MacGregor and Margareta Jennie Greening; he the son of William Aaron McGregor and Mildred Roe; he the son of John Samuel MacGregor and Anna Elizabeth Mosley; he the son of John McGregor and Jane Taylor; he the son of Thomas McGregor and Mary Ann Jessup.

#3372 Mascola, Jennifer S., Florida. She is the spouse of Andrew Mascola and the daughter of Norman Payne and Carolyn Jones; she the daughter of George Jones and Josephine Hammond; she the daughter of John Hammond and Abigail Gregg; she the daughter of Calvin Gregg and Anna Maria Splane; he the son of Cristy Gregg and Mary Merrill; he the son of James Gregg and Judith Hadlock; he the son of Alexander Gregg and Mary Christie; he the son of Hugh Gregg and Sarah Leslie

#3373 Lee, Alex G., South Carolina. He is the spouse of Ryan Eskridge Lee, the brother of Wyatt D. Lee ACGS#3363 and the son of Daniel Walsh Lee ACGS #2584 and Cynthia J. Lee; he the son of N. Joseph Lee Jr. and Eleanor Grier; she the daughter of William Humes Grier and Mary Bradley.

#3374 McGehee, Thomas Eugene, Jr., Virginia. He is the spouse of Kelly Marie Dausel and the son of Thomas (Tommy) Eugene McGehee Sr. and Dorothy (Dot) May Louise Sewall; he the son of Benjamin (Benny) Eugene McGehee and Nell Elaine Joseph; he the son of Hugh Jackson (Jack) McGehee and Gillie Temple; he the son of Franklin Emmett McGehee and Retha Solee Williams; he the son of James Madison (Mat) McGehee and Rebecca (Becky) Ann Jones; he the son of James McGehee and Zilpha Downs; he the son of Samuel McGehee and Olivia (Olive) Muse; he the son of Edward McGehee and Katrenia Elizabeth De Jarnette; he the son of Thomas McGehee and Ann Baytop; he the son of James MacGregor; he the son of Patrick MacGregor and Marian MacDonald.

#3375 Tkacz, Brittani Marcella Blumenthal, California. She is the spouse of David Adam Tkacz and the daughter of Larry David Blumenthal and Victoria Lynn Rose; he the son of Lawrence Roger Blumenthal and Marian Warner; she the daughter of George Ernest Warner and Gwendola Lynn Gregory; she the daughter of Charlton Louis Gregory and Laura Gwendolyn Sprague; he the son of Charlton Madison Gregory and Julia Mary Surprise; he the son of Samuel K. Gregory and Cynthia Lucy Blanchard.

#3376 Boyd, Norman Wingate, Jr., New York. He is the spouse of Julie Ann Mamana and the son of Norman Wingate Boyd and Edna Marion Taplin; he the son of Leon Ellis Boyd and Freida Marie Prietsch; he the son of John Wesley Boyd and Nannie C. Irion; he the son of John Boyd and Rebecca Hogan.

#3377 Shepard, Charles Scott, Washington, D.C. He is 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.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

There have been no Provisional memberships granted this year.

ADVANCE FROM PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP TO LINEAL MEMBER

There have been no advancements from current Provisional memberships to Lineal memberships.

JUNIORS ADVANCING TO LINEAL MEMBERSHIP

William Edward Scott Schauf #2022J to #3371

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

#2039J Marks, Samantha, Texas. Sponsor is her mother Jennifer Marks ACGS #3069LM

#2022J Chatham, William Alexander, Georgia. Sponsor is his father Russell Eugene Chatham ACGS #3344

REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2021/2022

- #2772 Lori Ann Connery
- #3030 Gilean Michael Allred

LIBRARIAN

Submitted by Irene Nunley

Digital yearbooks in the library collection were updated with assistance from the Chieftain, RDC and Treasurer.

MERCHANDISE MANAGER

Submitted by Peter Gregg, Merchandise Manager

| <u>On-hand inventory:</u> | <u>Value (cost) of Inventory</u> | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| T-shirts Old, Forrest Green – qty 12 (price \$5.00 each) | Unknown | |
| Sweat shirts Old, Forrest Green – qty 40 (price \$15.00 each) | Unknown | |
| T-shirts, Cardinal Red – qty 13 (price \$20.00 each) | \$7.50 each = | \$97.50 |
| Sweat shirts Cardinal Red – qty 14 (price \$30.00 each) | \$18.50 each = | \$259.00 |
| Golf/Polo Shirts – qty 17 (price \$25.00 each) | \$20.66 each = | \$351.22 |
| Coffee Mug – qty 5 (price \$15.00 each, \$35.00 for 4 each) ... | \$4.00 each = | \$20.00 |
| Pillow, 12 x 12” – qty 4 (price \$70.00 each) | \$50.00 each = | \$200.00 |
| ACGS Flags – 14 each (sale price \$50.00 each) | \$38.00 each = | \$532.00 |
| ACGS Old Lapel Pin – 9 each (sale price \$10.00 each) | Unknown | |
| ACGS New Lapel Pin – 53 each (sale price \$10.00 each) | \$5.09 each = | \$269.77 |
| MacGregor’s Second Gathering Cookbook – qty 49 (\$10.00 each) | Unknown | |
| ACGS Tote Bag – qty 12 (price \$35.00 Each) | \$18.25 each = | <u>\$219.00</u> |
| Total Inventory value: | | \$1948.49 |

Since last year’s gathering the following items were sold:

- Sweat Shirts Green – 1 each
- Sweat Shirts Red – 1 each
- T-shirts Red – 3 each
- Golf/Polo Shirts – 4 each
- Coffee Mug – 1 each
- Name Badge – 8 each
- Lapel Pin – 5 each (2 each old, 3 each new)
- ACGS Flag – 1 each (Provided to ADC Charles Clary at no charge)
- MacGregor’s Cookbook – 1 each
- ACGS Pillow – 1 each (Provided to Charles Clary for presentation to athlete at highland Games, no charge)

Purchases this year:

Name Badges – 50 each – EZU Signs \$107.50 (Not yet paid for. Will be paid when I pick up my next order)

Lapel Pins – 50 each – National Custom Insignia. \$254.50. Paid on my credit card. Invoice sent to Treasurer.

Polo Shirts – 12 each – Delaware Correctional Industries. \$248.00. Paid with my check #1109. Invoice and copy of check sent to Treasurer.

This report contains the information as of December 2021 so that it encompasses a complete calendar year as requested by the Financial Review Committee.

CHAPLAIN

Submitted by Thad Osborne

Since the 2021 Gathering, your Chaplain has performed only these tasks at the request of the Society.

- Delivered invocation at meeting of Council.
- Officiated Memorial Service with aid of a helpful video by Dr. Bruce Whyte.
- Delivered invocation at meeting of general membership.
- There was no banquet, all meetings were via Zoom.

I am always available at your request. I regret local responsibilities prevent me from joining you this year.

HISTORIAN

Submitted by Elizabeth Magruder Joiner

Since the Gathering of the Society via Virtual AGM in 2021 until the AGM in Raleigh in 2022 there have been no births reported, one marriage, four deaths of members, and no deaths of friends of members of ACGS.

MARRIAGES



Married, June 4, 2022: Bridget Aileen Dowd and John MacGregor Garrett (ACGS#2923LM), son of William John MacGregor Garrett (ACGS#2102LM) and Patricia Brennan Garrett, nephew of Deirdre MacGregor Garrett (ACGS#2032LM), grandson of the late Helen Macgregor Garrett (ACGS#1973) and the late William Garrett (ACGS#2101A). As a tribute to his grandmother, all of the men in the wedding party wore MacGregor tartan ribbon in their boutonnieres.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

William (Bill) Garrett (ACGS#1973) died November 29, 2021.
Russell Anson Greer (ACGS#3016) died December 9, 2021.
Donald Neil McGregor (ACGS#1957LM) died December 11, 2021.
Alan James Shotwell (ACGS#2375LM) died May 19, 2022.



While the society signifies the loss of a Chieftain with a red carnation, this year it was extended in recognition of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

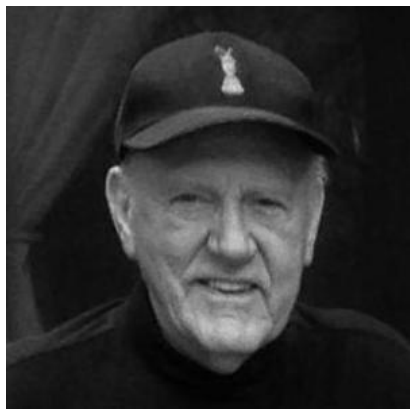


MEMORIALS

William Garrett

December 23, 1929 – November 29, 2021

William (Bill) Garrett (Clan No. 2101A) of Davidson, NC passed away peacefully on Monday, November 29th. He was 91 years old. Bill's wife of 60 years, Helen



MacGregor Garrett (Clan No. 1973), predeceased him in 2013. He is survived by his daughter Deirdre MacGregor Garrett (Clan No. 2032LM) and husband David E. Weber, his son William John MacGregor Garrett (Clan No. 2102LM) and wife Patricia B. Garrett, and his beloved grandson John MacGregor Garrett (Clan No. 2923LM) and wife Bridget D. Garrett. He was a kind and generous man with an engaging personality. A loving, and much loved, father, grandfather and uncle who will be missed every day.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland on December 23, 1929, Bill was the eldest son of John and Helen Payton Garrett and brother of Gerald Garrett. He and Helen were married on April 4th, 1953 at Maxwell Parish Church in Glasgow. They immigrated to Canada in 1957 for a two year adventure. In 1959 they went on to make the United States their home, living in Sussex County and Chatham, New Jersey before they retired to Norfolk, Virginia in 1991.

Bill graduated from the Allan Glen's school and later as a structural engineer from the Royal Technical College, now Strathclyde University. He served his two years national service as an air traffic controller in the Royal Air Force. A Licensed Professional Engineer in several states, during his career he worked for McKinnon Structural Steel, the Willis and Paul Group, Allied Corporation, and retired from Union Carbide Corporation.

He was a member of the 108th Boys Brigade in Scotland and a Boy Scout leader in New Jersey. He was a past Master of the Hope Masonic Lodge #150 and a member of the Masonic Kilties of New Jersey. A life member of the American Clan Gregor Society, Bill was also a member of the Clan Gregor Society in Scotland, a member of the St. Andrews Society of New York, the Burns Federation, and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. In his younger



Bill & Helen (MacGregor) Garrett

days he was a long distance cyclist and hill climber. An avid golfer, he played for years in company leagues and was a member of the Longniddry Golf Club in Scotland.

TRUSTEES

THE CHARITY AND EDUCATION (C&E) FUND

Submitted by Rob Young, Chair

The Trustees have had an interesting year in 2022, having met via Zoom teleconference several times, as well as exchanging numerous emails.

Shortly after the AGM in October 2021, the trustees met to welcome Jack Simon as the new trustee for the coming year and chose Rob Young as Chair for the coming year.

Chairman Rob Young met with the Scholarship Committee Chair Mary Byrd Pettenati by email and phone in Dec & Jan to discuss the Policy and Procedure statements for both the Trustees and the Scholarship Committee, which are both due for review at our AGM in October. To anticipate a more productive season of granting educational scholarships next year, it was important that the Trustee P&P as well as the Scholarship Committee P&P be correlated.

On **January 09, 2022**, the Trustees met via Zoom to discuss two items of business: Update of meeting with Scholarship Committee members about the process for reviewing applications and awarding grants for 2022. Review of Merrill Lynch Investment account for 2021. Dividends earned for 2021 totaled \$24,852. This is an increase of \$12,500 since 2018.

On **March 7, 2022**, the trustees met via Teleconference to consider a Demand Letter from the IRS concerning the late filing of the 2018 & 2019 C&E Federal tax returns by the CPA firm. The IRS has assessed a penalty of \$1,800. The Treasurer will get with our CPA firm to resolve this dispute. The C&E 2021 Tax return was filed on time.

The Financial reports for 2021 have several entries that need correcting. There were Negative balances for the C&E Checking account and the Library fund. Both accounts as of 12/31/2021 had balances of \$8,854 and \$109.77. The Treasurer stated that most of the errors on the Financial Statements were caused by our accountant and that he would work to correct them. The new Treasurer should start with a new program to fix the errors.

On **April 27, 2022** the trustees met via Teleconference to consider the recommendations from the Scholarship Committee.

The Trustees voted to award \$1,500.00 to each 1st time applicant, \$1,300 to each repeat applicant at the Sophomore & Junior level and \$1,200 to each Senior. We awarded 21 grants for a total of \$28,800. The Names of the Awardee's and the choice of University was sent to the Webmaster for posting to the website and Yearbook.

Scholarships:

| | | |
|------|-----------|----------|
| 2022 | 21 Awards | \$28,800 |
| 2021 | 18 Awards | \$21,250 |
| 2020 | 16 Awards | \$23,850 |
| 2019 | 19 Awards | \$25,950 |

First time Awardees

Bailey Beakes

Rochester Inst of Tech

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Campbell Brickley | Texas A&M |
| Hayley Hoppock | Univ of Il-Urbana |
| Carroll Logan | Abliene Christian Univ |
| Lauren Major | Clemson Univ |
| Greyson Miller | Univ of OK |
| Parker Rhodes | Univ of St. Andrews |
| Morghan Scales | Va Tech Univ |
| Kylie Street | Coastal Carolina Univ |

Repeat Awardees

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Seth Gregg | Univ of Tenn |
| Joseph Ramlet | Augsberg Univ |
| Alison Bostelman | Univ of Georgia |
| Landon Gregory | The Citadel |
| Kayla Collins | Utah State Univ |
| Alexandra Simon | Calhoun Comm Co |
| Hannah Lorenz | Univ of ALA |
| Saydie Walker | Texas A&M |
| Morgan Burtis | Univ of Montana |
| Sophia Comrie | Rhodes College |
| Jolie Baltzegar | Auburn Univ |
| Breanna Gregory | Texas Tech Univ |

The Trustees approved 2 grants: first to a member for disaster relief and a second one for continued work on the Magruder Cemetery in Maryland for tree removal. This grant was for \$2,000 and is contingent on the grantee Paul Collinson finding matching funds.

On **May 20, 2022**, the Trustees met via Teleconference to discuss 2 items of business. Due to a printer format error on the List of Awardees, the Trustees added 1 applicant and \$800 to Award pool. A total of 21 Awards and \$28,800 was awarded. We had 1 member inquire about the Piping Scholarship, but the applicant could not attend the Piping school. By-Law changes were proposed to increase the Piping Scholarship award amount to \$1,000 from \$650.

On **August 01, 2022**, the Trustees met via Teleconference to discuss several items of business: The IRS Late filing fee for 2018 & 2019 tax returns was paid by Bruce. ACGS website has been updated with the Names of the 2022 Awardees and their college choices. Bank of America and Merrill Lynch statements for April thru June were reviewed and no questions. A Donation policy for C&E funds were discussed and adopted by the Trustees. (See below)

Donations:

The Trustee received \$1,380 in donations to the C&E and Magruder Library funds this year.

The Trustees discussed the need for a fundrasing campaign next year to refill the depleted Marshall Magruder Library fund and the C&E fund to increase the amount of grants and Scholarships we can award. We are limited by the interest and dividends earned by the Investment fund which is projected to reach \$27,000 in 2022.

We thank Rick Walker for adding C&E donation options to the AGM Registration Form. In the August meeting, the Trustees approved a Donation policy under which a Donor of \$100 or greater will receive a letter. Donors of less than \$100 will receive an email Thank you.

Bank Accounts:

| | <u>C&E (as of 12/31)</u> | <u>Magruder (as of 12/31)</u> |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2022 | \$17,246 7/31 | \$114.17 7/31 |
| 2021 | \$8,854 | \$109.77 |
| 2020 | \$9,850 | \$168.77 |
| 2019 | \$4,591 | \$421.68 |

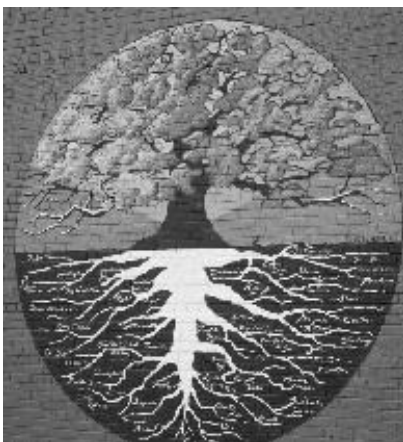
The Financial reports from 1 Oct 21-1 Aug 22 showed that the C&E fund earned \$21,570 in Dividends and received \$1,380 in donations. Our Administrative Expenses for CPA, Insurance, Storage and Bank fees from 1 Oct 21-1 Aug 22 totaled \$1,950. We paid 1 grant for \$2,000 and 21 scholarships for \$28,800. The difference was made up by the \$37,304. held in the Merrill Lynch and Bank of America checking accounts.

Investment Portfolio

The Investment portfolio was reviewed and it is doing well in light of the market downturn in the 1st part of 2022.

| | <u>Asset Value as of 12/31</u> | <u>Earnings</u> |
|------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2022 | \$758,423 8/1/22 | \$27,000 (est) |
| 2021 | \$720,690 | \$24,854 |
| 2020 | \$612,000 | \$23,873 |
| 2019 | \$638,000 | \$17,500 |

The C&E Investment account with Merrill Lynch in 2021 produced \$24,854 in dividends and interest. It is estimated to earn \$27,000 in 2022. The value of the C&E investments increased \$40,000 even in a difficult market.



Many likely see just a tree with deep roots, but it is a good representation of Clan Gregor and the American Clan Gregor Society. Both have much history as in the many roots and continue to flourish like the leaves on the tree.

Despite COVID, MacGregors Forever !!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Mary Byrd Pettenati, Chair

In December 2021, the Scholarship Committee met via Zoom to review and update the P&P and make corresponding changes to the applications for initial and repeat applicants. The applications were posted on the ACGS website and sent out to all members via email. All applications were received and reviewed electronically, which allowed for quick correspondence between applicants and the committee. Application reviews were completed on time and submitted to the trustees for review.

In the 2021/2022 application year, the Scholarship Committee received 21 applications (9 initial applicants and 12 returning applicants), and all were awarded scholarships by the trustees. See the Trustees Report for a listing of these recipients. First time applicants received \$1,500. Sophomore and Junior applicants received \$1,300. Senior applicants received \$1,200. The total distributed was \$28,800.

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submitted by Paul Collinson, Chair

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

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

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

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

COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, and REQUESTS

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

1. Investment Policy Statement – the Financial Review Committee makes a standing request to receive a copy of the approved Investment Policy Statement upon each update or revision. Investment Policy Statements govern the holdings and transactions within the investment accounts and state the Goals and Objectives, Risk Tolerance, and Risk Assessment.
2. Transaction Sampling – the transaction review spanning 01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021 included a sampling of backup information to support checks and credit card transactions related to reimbursements, shipping, and to

Gatherings/Games. Discrepancies that were discovered were addressed. Unfortunately, not all requested credit card transactions were fully documented by receipts and thus could not be verified.

3. Treasurer Policy and Procedures – the Financial Review Committee makes a standing request to receive a copy of the approved Treasurer P&P upon each update or revision. The Financial Review Committee further makes a standing request to receive a copy of the working draft of the Treasurer P&P at the start of each review period.
4. Revision of all Policy and Procedures – the Financial Review Committee continues to recommend that all Policy and Procedure statements be revised to include parameters to govern spending discretion and the approval of expenses.
5. Professional Review/Agreed Upon Procedures – the Financial Review Committee is resolute that it is in the best interest of all concerned that a professional review/agreed upon procedures be commissioned. Benefits are numerous and include:
 - protection of Society Officers and Society Assets
 - identification of process improvements
 - identification of best business practices
 - identification of material weaknesses
 - ease of transfer in regards to future succession planning
6. Monthly Account Statements – the Financial Review Committee recommends that electronic copies of the Bank of America bank accounts, Merrill Lynch investment account, and ACGS credit card account be delivered directly by the sending institution to the Chieftain via the chieftain@acgsus.org and not as forwarded emails from the Treasurer or Trustees. This is a common practice and well worth any nominal fee that might be charged by a financial institution.
7. ACGS Purchases – the Financial Review Committee recommends that all purchases of goods, services, and software be purchased in the name of the Society through effective use of the checking account and the credit card. Doing so effectively ensures that the Society is the owner of said assets and in full control of their use and disposition. This change would also end any need for Officers and Members to seek reimbursement for the purchase of such assets, services, and software.

The Financial Review Committee continues to note that each STRIPE transaction enters the BofA checking account with a notation that includes 'Richard Walker'; the Financial Review Committee makes the recommendation that effort be made to change that notation to 'American Clan Gregor Society, Inc' and to ensure that the Society owns the STRIPE account (that a member does not own the STRIPE account).

8. Cash Receipts – In regards to the cash sale of merchandise or other cash receipts paid to the Society. The Financial Review Committee recommends that cash receipts/reimbursements continue to be converted to Stripe transactions or to paper checks. There is a nominal fee upon conversion to Stripe and a potential inconvenience/delay in regards to paper checks but these are minor in respect to

the importance of creating a document trail and maintaining records of transactions. The further objective is to eliminate any instance of cash deposits or cash withdrawals.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

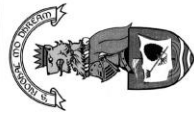
Submitted by Randy Walker, Chair

The Recognition Committee approved Certificates of Appreciation for the following ACGS members to be presented at the Annual Gathering in September 2022:

- 1. Ms. Kathy Whyte, Assistant Chieftain who will be stepping down from this position at the 2022 Annual Gathering.
- 2. COL Robert E. Young, Chair of The Trustees who will rotate off the Board of Trustees in 2022. He is also stepping down as ADC.
- 3. Mr. Steven Argyle, who will be stepping down as ADC for Utah.

The Chieftain will also present the Chieftain’s Certificate of Appreciation to Thomas and Kathy Watkins for their outstanding assistance to the Society at the 2022 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. The Chieftain’s Certificate of Appreciation is outside of the usual Recognition Program of ACGS. This Certificate is to reward members and non-members of ACGS who come forward to assist in unusual circumstances.





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Hereditary Chief
Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland

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Proudly extends this
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To

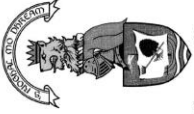
Steven Argyle

The Officers and Members of the American Clan Gregor Society present on this date the AGS Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Steven Argyle for his service to the Society as Area Deputy Chieftain for Utah and Council Member At Large.

Steven was the one who told the "MacGregor story" to the hundreds of visitors to the AGS Clan Tent at the various highland games in his area of responsibility. At his role Steven was "Clan Gregor" as far as these visitors were concerned. He always made the Society proud.

Steven performed all of his duties and responsibilities in a manner that is a credit to himself, his family, and the highest traditions of the American Clan Gregor Society.

Peter K. Gregg
Chieftain
September 24, 2022



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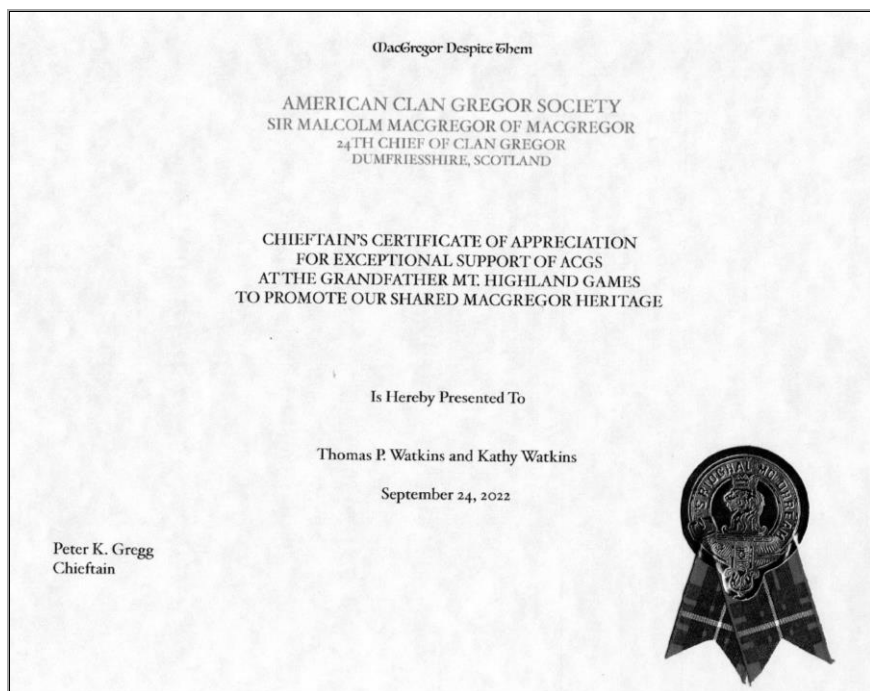
The Officers and Members of the American Clan Gregor Society present on this date the AGS Certificate of Appreciation to COL Robert E. Young for his outstanding service to the Society as Area Deputy Chieftain for Mississippi and Louisiana, Chair of Trustees and his work on the By-Law Review Committee.

COL Young always had the best interests of The Society in mind in every venture he was involved in and gave his very best to ensure success.

COL Young performed his duties and responsibilities in a manner that is a credit to himself, his family, and the highest traditions of the American Clan Gregor Society.

Peter K. Gregg
Chieftain
September 24, 2022





HERALDRY COMMITTEE

Submitted by John King Bellasai, JD, Chair

The Society's Heraldry Committee had planned to meet in person at the 2021 Gathering in Raleigh, NC in September. But because this event was cancelled due to continuing COVID-19 concerns, as it had been the previous year, the Committee did not meet at the AGM, as planned. Regardless, some important committee activities occurred at the last Annual General meeting (AGM), held remotely, via Zoom, on Saturday, 9 October, and subsequently. These included:

- At the request of the Chieftain, the Chairman invited Lord Lyon Rev. Joseph Morrow to remotely address our assembled membership at the AGM on 9 October, 2021. Lyon agreed to do so—and to take questions at the end of his prepared remarks. The ACGS Webmaster sent Lyon a *Zoom* link ahead of time and did a test run with him, in advance of the AGM. Lyon's 15 minutes of remarks were well received. He noted that he himself is of MacGregor descent on his mother's side and wears the MacGregor kilt. Lyon spoke about the fairly complex process for applying for Scots arms generally. And he talked specifically about the possibility of awarding suitably differenced MacGregor arms to those of MacGregor descent who do not bear the surname "MacGregor" but rather one of the Society's recognized and accepted "aliases." (The recent example of awarding MacGregor arms to the father of ACGS Treasurer Bruce Whyte was cited as an example.) Lyon also talked at some length about the new process, initiated by him, whereby American Scots and others in the Diaspora who have distinguished

themselves by advancing Scottish heritage and culture in significant ways can apply directly for so-called “life arms”—a grant of arms awarded to them personally for specific, recognized achievements (though these arms cannot descend to one’s offspring).

- The Chieftain also asked the Chairman of the Heraldry Committee to do a short presentation at the AGM to the general membership about the basics of Scots heraldry, focused primarily on MacGregor heraldry and how the Society’s grant of arms by the Lord Lyon is used by the Society. The Chairman prepared a short (10-minute) presentation and selected some illustrations which the Webmaster posted for viewing by the membership during the Chairman’s presentation, which occurred during the October 9th AGM Zoom call.

In November of last year, the Chairman prepared an illustrated article on ACGS/ MacGregor Heraldry which appeared in *The Claymore*—official newsletter of the Council of Scottish Clans & Associations (COSCA). That entire issue was devoted to the subject of Scots heraldry. A copy of that publication accompanies this report. (Note the ACGS is a longtime member of COSCA. In addition, the Chairman of the ACGS Heraldry Committee is the current President of COSCA, and the ACGS Treasurer, Dr. Bruce Whyte, is a COSCA at-Large Board member and the current editor of *The Claymore*.)

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chair

Since our last AGM (virtual) in October 2021, the researcher for this committee has received nine requests for research assistance from a variety of sources: our two Facebook group pages -“The Clan MacGregor” and “The American Clan Gregor Society”; four queries from our website (acgsus.org) forwarded by Scott F. MacGregor who monitors any queries; one referral from an ADC at a Scottish festival; requests for assistance from members; and research assistance requested from the Registrar with various membership applications to complete.

Subjects of queries were varied: 1) help with DNA, 2) how to research an ancestor; 3) how to find early history of ACGS, which lead to the link on our acgsus.org website to our older yearbooks available on line at our archives at the University of Baltimore; 4) how to prove family traditions of being related to a famous person; 5) a couple of people had Googled their ancestor’ name and a link popped up showing their name in one of our old yearbooks; and how do I trace my ancestors back to Scotland.

I have been grateful to have a complete set of all yearbooks, with the research tool of the “First Hundred Years Collection” spreadsheet, which has led me to more sources and details about an individual.

GATHERING SITE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Ian Greig, Chair

The report for the year 2022.

During 2022 the committee met once via electronic means during the year. There were however several communications among the members by Emails, etc., regarding the committee recommendations.

The committee reconfirmed of our selection of Raleigh, N.C. as the site for this year's (2022) gathering.

The Committee expects to be in attendance at this gathering and to hold an informal meeting and also to consult with the new Chieftain.

Also, the Committee will be seeking guidance from Council as to its wishes for the next two years regarding full ceremonial gatherings and/or informal gatherings.

Once these matters have been decided the committee expects to commence with its duties and make decisions for 2023 & 2024.

The committee wishes to extend its thanks to the ACGS Treasurer for his providing us with the membership data by state each year which is helpful in our keeping abreast of the changing density of members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz, Chair

In July, I was contacted by Chieftain Peter Gregg, if I would step in as a substitute for the prior chairman of this committee, Thad Osbourne, as Thad's time was limited this year. I agreed to serve

Offices up for Election at this Annual General Membership 2022:

The following persons have agreed to serve in these positions if they are elected:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Chieftain: | Scott F. MacGregor |
| Ranking Deputy Chieftain: | Dr. Bruce M. Whyte |
| Treasurer: | Cindy Brammer |
| Scribe: | Donna Jane Montmeny |
| Registrar: | Jeanne Lehr |
| Chancellor: | Diana G. Browne |

IT COMMITTEE

Submitted by Rick Walker, Webmaster

During this year our web hosting provider OLM moved and upgraded the server infrastructure we are hosted on. We were down over a weekend and since the server environment has been extremely stable.

| Summary by Month | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Month | Daily Avg | | | | Monthly Totals | | | | | |
| | Hits | Files | Pages | Visits | Sites | KBytes | Visits | Pages | Files | Hits |
| Aug 2022 | 2268 | 2052 | 332 | 190 | 5367 | 1875320 | 5515 | 9631 | 59521 | 65796 |
| Jul 2022 | 2714 | 2509 | 373 | 204 | 3933 | 2337236 | 6336 | 11563 | 77782 | 84146 |
| Jun 2022 | 2135 | 1933 | 307 | 179 | 3507 | 1902869 | 5372 | 9239 | 57996 | 64055 |
| May 2022 | 9546 | 8899 | 481 | 222 | 5569 | 2690789 | 6885 | 14941 | 275873 | 295937 |
| Apr 2022 | 3838 | 3579 | 421 | 224 | 4442 | 2092901 | 6732 | 12646 | 107394 | 115149 |
| Mar 2022 | 3738 | 3456 | 417 | 227 | 5243 | 2720786 | 7048 | 12956 | 107159 | 115902 |
| Feb 2022 | 3037 | 2824 | 384 | 205 | 3913 | 2428690 | 5752 | 10771 | 79084 | 85046 |
| Jan 2022 | 3494 | 3245 | 426 | 232 | 4903 | 2792013 | 7195 | 13206 | 100609 | 108332 |
| Dec 2021 | 5120 | 4891 | 473 | 226 | 6079 | 2482430 | 7017 | 14685 | 151623 | 158736 |
| Nov 2021 | 7151 | 6898 | 464 | 249 | 5556 | 3048523 | 7483 | 13948 | 206954 | 214550 |
| Oct 2021 | 4595 | 4322 | 449 | 237 | 4861 | 1631158 | 7358 | 13930 | 133999 | 142446 |
| Sep 2021 | 5964 | 4585 | 501 | 251 | 6181 | 1754439 | 7550 | 15050 | 137572 | 178939 |
| Totals | | | | | | 27757154 | 80243 | 152566 | 1495566 | 1629034 |

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| 9 | 75 | 0.11% | 50 | 0.97% | /2019/02/02/macgregor-dvd-trailer/ |
| 10 | 86 | 0.13% | 50 | 0.97% | /macgregor-clan-proscription/ |

Many of the hits & visits were from people who put in the acgsus.org URL and were served our main webpage. The next top page is from our /feed/ these are blog posts. The third busiest page is /our-tartan/ this would be people looking at our Macgregor Tartan's page. The fourth busiest page is our event calendar.

Exit Pages – are what page the user left our website on. As you can see many of the exit pages match what page the entered from, and can be interpreted either two ways, they found the information they wanted and left the website, or they didn't find what they needed and left.

| Top 10 of 189 Total Exit Pages | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|--------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| # | Hits | | Visits | | URL |
| 1 | 2800 | 4.26% | 2247 | 42.04% | / |
| 2 | 919 | 1.40% | 662 | 12.39% | /feed/ |
| 3 | 263 | 0.40% | 216 | 4.04% | /our-tartan/ |
| 4 | 189 | 0.29% | 138 | 2.58% | /memberdashboard/events-calendar/ |
| 5 | 127 | 0.19% | 100 | 1.87% | /comments/feed/ |
| 6 | 180 | 0.27% | 83 | 1.55% | /memberdashboard/ |
| 7 | 135 | 0.21% | 69 | 1.29% | /membership/ |
| 8 | 68 | 0.10% | 61 | 1.14% | /member-sign-in/membership-directory/ |
| 9 | 83 | 0.13% | 57 | 1.07% | /how-to-measure-a-kilt/ |
| 10 | 86 | 0.13% | 53 | 0.99% | /macgregor-clan-proscription/ |

But when you look further at traffic on all our pages, you will see that people are hitting many pages, and over 44 of them are in triple digit numbers. (see next page)

| Top 250 of 373 Total Referrers | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--|
| # | Hits | | Referrer |
| 1 | 18627 | 28.31% | - (Direct Request) |
| 2 | 14171 | 21.54% | https://acgsaus.org/ |
| 3 | 8243 | 12.53% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-cron.php |
| 4 | 4032 | 6.13% | https://acgsaus.org/our-tartan/ |
| 5 | 2163 | 3.29% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-login.php |
| 6 | 1201 | 1.83% | https://www.google.com/ |
| 7 | 1149 | 1.75% | https://acgsaus.org/membership/ |
| 8 | 987 | 1.50% | https://acgsaus.org/macgregor-clan-proscription/ |
| 9 | 883 | 1.34% | https://acgsaus.org/memberdashboard/events-calendar/ |
| 10 | 696 | 1.06% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/edit.php |
| 11 | 692 | 1.05% | https://acgsaus.org/macgregor-dna-project/ |
| 12 | 652 | 0.99% | https://acgsaus.org/distinguished-macgregor-descendants/ |
| 13 | 580 | 0.88% | https://acgsaus.org/lineal-membership-application/ |
| 14 | 544 | 0.83% | https://acgsaus.org/distinguished-macgregor-descendants/ewan-macgregor/ |
| 15 | 520 | 0.79% | https://acgsaus.org/john-mcgregor-of-the-alamo/ |
| 16 | 440 | 0.67% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/ |
| 17 | 425 | 0.65% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/admin.php |
| 18 | 421 | 0.64% | https://acgsaus.org/jobs/seeking-webmaster/ |
| 19 | 356 | 0.54% | https://acgsaus.org/women-wearing-the-sash/ |
| 20 | 352 | 0.53% | https://acgsaus.org/memberdashboard/wp-cron.php |
| 21 | 345 | 0.52% | https://acgsaus.org/history/ |
| 22 | 326 | 0.50% | https://acgsaus.org/2022gathering/ |
| 23 | 314 | 0.48% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/post.php |
| 24 | 308 | 0.47% | https://acgsaus.org/contact-us/ |
| 25 | 303 | 0.46% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-content/themes/tartans/styles/MacGregor.css |
| 26 | 277 | 0.42% | https://acgsaus.org/memberdashboard/members-directory/ |
| 27 | 274 | 0.42% | https://acgsaus.org/memberdashboard/ |
| 28 | 245 | 0.37% | https://acgsaus.org/state-deputy-chieftains/ |
| 29 | 245 | 0.37% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/widgets.php |
| 30 | 239 | 0.36% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/upload.php |
| 31 | 230 | 0.35% | https://acgsaus.org/how-to-measure-a-kilt/ |
| 32 | 220 | 0.33% | https://acgsaus.org/brief-history/ |
| 33 | 201 | 0.31% | https://acgsaus.org/member-sign-in/membership-directory/ |
| 34 | 200 | 0.30% | https://acgsaus.org/resources/ |
| 35 | 196 | 0.30% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/index.php |
| 36 | 193 | 0.29% | https://acgsaus.org/distinguished-macgregor-descendants/rob-roy-macgregor/ |
| 37 | 184 | 0.28% | https://acgsaus.org/flowers-of-the-forest/ |
| 38 | 171 | 0.26% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/options-general.php |
| 39 | 157 | 0.24% | https://acgsaus.org/memberdashboard/manage-account/ |
| 40 | 134 | 0.20% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/post-new.php |
| 41 | 117 | 0.18% | https://acgsaus.org/wp-admin/plugins.php |
| 42 | 112 | 0.17% | https://acgsaus.org/2019/11/20/ardchoille-winter-2019/ |

Top Search String – this is what a person types into a web browser or the search terms entered by the people visiting our website.

| Top 2 of 2 Total Search Strings | | | |
|---------------------------------|------|--------|--|
| # | Hits | | Search String |
| 1 | 1 | 50.00% | asa griggs candler |
| 2 | 1 | 50.00% | sir malcolm murray-macgregor 4th baronet |

Where do our visitors come from? A majority of our visitors come from internet backbones that are based in the United States, but we have remained highly visible in 99 countries here are our top 30 countries, where our website has been viewed from.

| Top 30 of 99 Total Countries | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|
| # | Hits | | Files | | KBytes | | Country |
| 1 | 25602 | 38.91% | 23668 | 39.76% | 526828 | 28.09% | Network (net) |
| 2 | 20132 | 30.60% | 17313 | 29.09% | 802073 | 42.77% | Commercial (com) |
| 3 | 12769 | 19.41% | 11801 | 19.83% | 355540 | 18.96% | Unresolved/Unknown |
| 4 | 3321 | 5.05% | 3289 | 5.53% | 131963 | 7.04% | Germany |
| 5 | 442 | 0.67% | 401 | 0.67% | 2103 | 0.11% | Czech Republic |
| 6 | 386 | 0.59% | 234 | 0.39% | 3184 | 0.17% | European Union |
| 7 | 258 | 0.39% | 246 | 0.41% | 3247 | 0.17% | New Zealand |
| 8 | 235 | 0.36% | 194 | 0.33% | 1876 | 0.10% | Brazil |
| 9 | 234 | 0.36% | 227 | 0.38% | 3961 | 0.21% | Australia |
| 10 | 197 | 0.30% | 191 | 0.32% | 2557 | 0.14% | Canada |
| 11 | 155 | 0.24% | 144 | 0.24% | 2717 | 0.14% | Russian Federation |
| 12 | 145 | 0.22% | 143 | 0.24% | 806 | 0.04% | Argentina |
| 13 | 141 | 0.21% | 141 | 0.24% | 5337 | 0.28% | Viet Nam |
| 14 | 133 | 0.20% | 133 | 0.22% | 348 | 0.02% | Turkey |
| 15 | 116 | 0.18% | 77 | 0.13% | 913 | 0.05% | Spain |
| 16 | 113 | 0.17% | 109 | 0.18% | 1898 | 0.10% | United Kingdom |
| 17 | 107 | 0.16% | 101 | 0.17% | 7354 | 0.39% | Japan |
| 18 | 98 | 0.15% | 89 | 0.15% | 1522 | 0.08% | Non-Profit (org) |
| 19 | 83 | 0.13% | 80 | 0.13% | 1739 | 0.09% | Serbia |
| 20 | 73 | 0.11% | 73 | 0.12% | 159 | 0.01% | Thailand |
| 21 | 64 | 0.10% | 53 | 0.09% | 465 | 0.02% | British Indian Ocean Territory |
| 22 | 60 | 0.09% | 58 | 0.10% | 1696 | 0.09% | Malaysia |
| 23 | 57 | 0.09% | 57 | 0.10% | 807 | 0.04% | Mexico |
| 24 | 52 | 0.08% | 52 | 0.09% | 376 | 0.02% | India |
| 25 | 50 | 0.08% | 47 | 0.08% | 1939 | 0.10% | Educational (edu) |
| 26 | 50 | 0.08% | 48 | 0.08% | 532 | 0.03% | Belgium |
| 27 | 50 | 0.08% | 48 | 0.08% | 415 | 0.02% | Netherlands |
| 28 | 48 | 0.07% | 46 | 0.08% | 1471 | 0.08% | Bangladesh |
| 29 | 48 | 0.07% | 47 | 0.08% | 1089 | 0.06% | Norway |
| 30 | 45 | 0.07% | 43 | 0.07% | 577 | 0.03% | Ireland |

Since taking over as the American Clan Gregor Societies webmaster in 2012, we have continued to see consistent growth, in traffic and broad traffic that is remarkably worldwide as the above graphic shows. This broad traffic is largely fed by having a well laid out website that is consistent year over year, it is supported by our social media presences first and foremost by Facebook, followed by Twitter and Instagram, it is also supported greatly from traffic that is directed there from having our clan tents and members at the many Scottish Games around the country.

There is one key metric that is important to draw out. Since the beginning of the pandemic and having to host two consecutive years, and the cancelling of Games around the country having a web and social media presence with relative information has allowed people to access the information that they have not been able to access by attending local Games in their areas.

In closing it has been my great honor to have been asked by past Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz to take on this role. It has been my pleasure to serve in this role these past 10 years. As was announced, this year via our Facebook page, I have informed the Chieftain that is my intent to step down as webmaster, after we have found someone to take to take on the role. I will continue to support the society and website, and when an appointment is made for a new webmaster, I will set about to work with the new appointee and provide them a period of transition and guidance on how on the technologies we have implemented interact with each other.

It is my intent to setup a series of workshops that I hope will assist in providing the new webmaster with the opportunity to be brought up to speed on the infrastructure, provide them with all the needed account information and be a resource to them.



*Gathering Banquet Table Centerpiece
Clan Gregor Red and Black Tartan Acorns
Created by Gathering Host Mary Byrd (Ewell) Pettenati*

HIGHLIGHTS OF 113TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

Submitted by: Aliana Shepard

It was so nice to gather again for the American Clan Gregor Society's 113th Gathering this year. This trip was so much fun visiting with old friends and meeting new faces, too. When I attended the gathering in Norfolk, Va in 2019, I had only just joined ACGS a week or so before the event and went without having met anyone in attendance. Over the course of my 3 days, I began to tell friends at home that it felt like I was "with family" and chuckled when I remembered that it was a genealogical society and that we are all distant family who are quite close in our love for our heritage.

The 2022 gathering was held in Raleigh, NC September 22 - 25 and was a great trip. The Gathering committee chose a perfect location at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, which was in walking distance from several restaurants and local attractions. I should add that these locations are within walking distance if one had the correct directions! After a lovely Chieftain's reception upon arrival, a group of us headed to a barbeque restaurant that was promised to be just a couple blocks away. This turned out to be quite the adventure as a group of tartan-clad MacGregors wandered around the city of Raleigh with several maps and phone GPSes eventually leading us to the restaurant. While it wasn't quite a hike around Scotland, many of us laughed about relating to our ancestors' struggles.

On Friday, different groups split for various activities and there was a mini gathering at The Whisky Kitchen, who was ready for a clan of Gregors with a Rob Roy as a signature cocktail on the menu. More than a couple drams were had and the folks there had quite the range of ages and involvement with the society. Welcoming in new members was especially important to me as I recalled the warm welcome, I had received at my first gathering.

The MacGregors came in full force to the Ceilidh Friday night with incredible performances from singer and storyteller Carl Peterson, members of our own American Clan Gregor Society pipe band, and dancers from Alexandria School of Highland Dance. This cocktail event was a great chance to celebrate all things Scottish and Clan Gregor!

I was struck by how meaningful the General Meeting was on Saturday morning. At my first gathering, I spent this event taking it all in and learning about the history of the clan and this time I could feel that I was a part of it. I am so grateful to outgoing Chieftain Peter K. Gregg for all the work he did to lead the organization during a difficult time and delighted to see Scott F. MacGregor installed as the new Chieftain of the AGCS. This event allowed us all to get a better understanding of the goings on and future of the society. Past Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz also led us into the past with tips on how to discover our familys' roots and preserve our stories.

The highlight of the gathering came Saturday night with the banquet. Oh, my can these MacGregors clean up nicely! The toast the haggis and the installation of our new Chieftain are so special to see and solidified how important these traditions are

that we have inherited. Upon joining the AGCS, I expected to be a fly on the wall as I learned more about the society and our Scottish heritage and have been so delighted to be welcomed with open arms to participate in every aspect of the event and organization. Whether you've been a member for years or just joining, I hope to see you at the next gathering and remind you that this organization is as strong and as enthusiastic as our members chose to make it.

THE GATHERING IN PICTURES

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA



(l-r) Matt Kuldell, Robert Cohen, George Hayes



Claire Pollitt



Never know what you'll encounter at the Ceilidh

Ceilidh



(l-r) Lois Ann Garlitz, Teresa Walker, Jane Montmeny



(l-r) Darcie Schauf, Stuart MacGregor, Dustin & Mary Byrd Pettenati

*Accompanying Carl Peterson for the Unicorn song were some of our young folks.
While the ladies were out in numbers, the gents were well represented.*



(l-r) Emerald Schauf, Aliana Shepard, Mary Byrd Pettenati, Darcie Schauf, and Carl Peterson



Dustin Pettenati



Darcie Schauf, Aliana Shepard, Jamie Grover



Richard S. Ewell, Dustin & Mary Byrd Pettenati, Emerald Schauf



William Schauf



Our local Gathering host, Mary Byrd Pettenati, knew just how to satisfy our young junior members and their parents following Saturday morning's meetings with a short trip to the ice cream store. Not just any store but Howling Cow which is a commercial extension of the North Carolina State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. It was located just a short drive south of the hotel, right on the outskirts of Raleigh. What an experience sitting on the porch eating ice cream and enjoying the country scenery. Later we could be found along the fence line getting a closer view of the cows who provided the cream.



Richard S. Ewell



Logan Grover



*Scott F. MacGregor, Aliana Shepard,
C. Scott Shepard*



Thomas & Kathy Watkins

Members in their finest Clan Gregor tartan



Paul L. Gregg, Leighton Stradley



Susan Gregg, M. Gregg & Susan Elliott



Kathy Whyte, Valerie Wilkerson



Michael McGregor

More splendid Members



William Street



Ian MacGregor



Teresa Walker, Alma Greig. Kathy Watkins



Leighton Stradley



Ian Greig (armiger) w/castle



Peter K. Gregg



Randy & Teresa Walker



*Scott F. MacGregor along with his three children, daughter-in-law,
& four grandchildren*



Pipe Major Matt Kuldell



Robert Cohen, George Hayes

Did someone say “haggis” !!!



*Addressing the haggis
Ian Greig*



*Parading the haggis
Randy Walker, Thomas Watkins, Ian Greig*



Toasting the haggis



Bruce M. Whyte



*Flowers of the Forest (Memorial Service)
Aliana Shepard, Rev Paul L. Gregg*

MacGregor, Despite Them !



*Tradition of raising the sgian-dubh
during last verse of MacGregor's Gathering*



*George Hayes leads everyone in the
MacGregor's Gathering*



*Chieftain Peter K. Gregg recognizing
Rob Young's service to the society*



*Upon leaving the Gathering some members
unexpectedly encountered
MacGregor Park in neighboring
Cary, North Carolina*

Special thanks go out to our many photographers who graciously shared their pictures with us so we all can visualize another magnificent Gathering among family and friends. While a good author can bring an event to life, pictures further enhance the story. We had a couple photographers with fancy cameras and many with just a cell phone camera. It's not the equipment, but rather the timing and angle that makes the picture. This editor is very appreciative to have a large quantity of good pictures to choose from. With so many good pictures the job of choosing just the right picture is a difficult job but one this editor appreciates being able to undertake,

Our photographers deserve a special thank-you for the great pictures taken and the willingness to share them for all of us to enjoy. Thanks go out to Bruce M. Whyte, Aliana Shepard, Darcie Schauf, William Schauf, Jamie Grover, and Scott F, MacGregor.



Group excursion on the town for dinner.

*Aliana Shepard, Dustin Pettenati, Mary Byrd Pettenati, Richard S. Ewell,
Tom Watkins, Kathy Watkins, Leighton Stradley, Scott F. MacGregor,
C. Scott Shepard*



Stuart J. & Jessica MacGregor



*Leave it to MacGregors to find that one can
Sip n' Stroll around downtown Raleigh.
C. Scott Shepard, Tom Watkins*



(1st row, l-r) Ann-Marie Berens, Robert Cohen, George Hayes, Bruce M. Whyte, Diana Browne, Jane Montmeny, Scott F. MacGregor, Matt Kuldell, Claire Pollitt

(2nd row, l-r) Alma Greig, Teresa Walker, Diane Street, Catharine Street, Cam MacGregor, Emerald Schauf, Randy Walker, Lois Ann Garlitz, Anne C. Ewell, Peter K. Gregg, Kathy Whyte, Rob Young

(3rd row, l-r) Ian Greig, Sandy Elliott, Aliana Shepard, Paul L. Gregg, Marina Wang, Kathy Watkins, Susan Gregg, Darcie Schauf, Brennen Grover, Jamie Grover, Jessica MacGregor, Mary Byrd Pettenati, Richard S. Ewell, Valerie J. Wilkerson, Leighton Stradley, Cathy Willis, Stuart J. MacGregor

(4th row, l-r) M. Gregg Elliott, William A. Street, Thomas Watkins, Ian H. MacGregor, C. Scott Shepard, Logan Grover, Dustin Pettenati, Dakota Jenkins, William Schauf

2022 GATHERING ATTENDEES

Raleigh, North Carolina

| Member | City/State | Number |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Cindy R. Brammer..... | Mount Dora, FL | 3258 |
| Diana Browne | New York, NY..... | 1737LM |
| M. Gregg Elliott | Chesapeake, VA..... | 2655 |
| Susan Elliott | Chesapeake, VA..... | 2945A |
| Richard S. Ewell | Winston-Salem, NC | 2205LM |
| Mary Byrd Pettenati | Raleigh, NC | 2998LM |
| Dustin Pettenati | Raleigh, NC | 3201ALM |
| Anne C. Ewell | Winston-Salem, NC | 3202LM |
| Dakota Jenkins..... | Winston-Salem, NC | Guest |
| Lois Ann Garlitz..... | Cokeville, WY..... | 2561LM |
| Susan Gregg..... | Pinellas Park, FL..... | 2840LM |
| Peter K. Gregg | Dover, DE..... | 2686LM |
| Paul L. Gregg..... | Morrisville, NC..... | 1922 |
| Marina Wang | Morrisville, NC..... | Guest |
| Ian Greig | Tampa, FL | 2535 |
| Alma Greig..... | Tampa, FL | Guest |
| Scott F. MacGregor..... | Norfolk, VA | 2450LM |
| Jamie MacGregor Grover | Norfolk, VA | 2758LM |
| Logan Grover | Norfolk, VA | 2024J |
| Brennan Grover | Norfolk, VA | 2027J |
| Darcie MacGregor Schauf..... | Norfolk, VA | 2757LM |
| William Schauf..... | Norfolk, VA | 3371 |
| Emerald Schauf..... | Norfolk, VA | 2027J |
| Stuart J. MacGregor..... | Mebane, NC..... | 2758LM |
| Jessica Renaud..... | Mebane, NC..... | Guest |
| Ian H. MacGregor | Garner, NC..... | 3369 |
| Cam MacGregor | Garner, NC..... | Guest |
| Mike A. McGregor | Greenville, SC | 2883LM |
| Jane Montmeny..... | Billings, MT | 2808LM |
| C. Scott Shepard | Washington DC..... | 3377 |
| Aliana Shepard | Alexandria VA | 3251 |
| Leighton Stradley..... | Fairfax, VA | 1938LM |
| William A. Street..... | Venice, FL | 1838LM |
| Diane Street..... | Venice, FL | Guest |
| Catharine A. Street | Raleigh, NC | 2987 |

| Member | City/State | Number |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Randy Walker | San Antonio, TX | 2587LM |
| Teresa Walker | San Antonio, TX | 3044ALM |
| Thomas Watkins | Belhaven NC | 3326 |
| Kathy Watkins | Belhaven NC | 3380A |
| Bruce Whyte | Roswell, GA | 2783LM |
| Kathy Whyte | Roswell, GA | 3169ALM |
| Valerie J. Wilkerson | Scottsdale AZ | 3310 |
| Robert E. Young | Hattiesburg MS | 3105 |
| Cathy Willis | Hattiesburg MS | Guest |

Absent Attendees

| Member | City/State | Number |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Thaddeus G. Osborne | Knoxville, TN | 1929LM |
| James B. Gregg | Richmond, VA | 2962 |

Performers

| Member | City/State | Number |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Carl Peterson | Kutztown, PA | |

Pipers

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Matt Kuldell | Falls Church, VA | Honorary |
| Robert Cohen | Charlottesville, VA | |

Drummer

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| George Hayes | Falls Church, VA |
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Dancers

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Claire Pollitt | Portsmouth, VA |
| Ann-Marie Berens | Alexandria, VA |



Ceilidh Performers

(l-r) Chieftain Peter Gregg, Robert Cohen, Ann-Marie Berens, Carl Peterson, Claire Pollitt, Matt Kuldell, and George Hayes

Toasting Wine Donations

Peter Gregg
Scott F. MacGregor
Thaddeus Osborne
Tom & Kathy Watkins
Randy & Teresa Walker

Diana Browne
Lois Ann Garlitz
Nathaniel Ewell Fund
Bruce & Kathy Whyte

Sponsors

Peter Gregg
Scott F. MacGregor
Valerie Wilkerson
Thaddeus Osborne
M. Gregg & Susan Elliott
Bruce & Kathy Whyte
Bob Young & Cathy Willis

Susan Gregg
Jane Montmeny
Lois Ann Garlitz
Ian & Alma Greig
Tom & Kathy Watkins
Ian & Cam MacGregor

Special Donor Recognition

Donations to the scholarships program and the MacGregor Library

Peter Gregg

Bob Young



Passing of Sir Malcolm's Pinsel



*Accepting Lady MacGegor's
Book On Highlandism*



Head Table

(l-r) Randy & Teresa Walker, Peter K. Gregg, Scott F. MacGregor, Alma & Ian Greig

Our diligent Scribe collected several different items from throughout the Gathering for us to remember many years from now.

Opening Remarks at the Annual General Meeting

Peter K. Gregg, Chieftain ACGS

Welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society. This is the 113th year since our incorporation in 1909.

We are finally able to get back together to celebrate our heritage and enjoy each other's company.

Today we will be briefing you on what we have been up to this last year, electing our officers, and Lois Ann Garlitz will give a presentation on ancestry. We hope that you will find this meeting informative.

Please remember that during the election you can only vote if you are a current member and if you had not voted electronically. If you didn't receive an electronic ballot, please log in to our website members area and verify that your contact information is up to date. Your membership renewal notices are also sent electronically using the email address that you have in the system.

We are currently looking for individuals to fill volunteer positions as our webmaster and member of our IT committee. We are always looking for members to volunteer to become Area Deputy Chieftains and represent us at Scottish events in your area. We have many committees. If you are interested and feel that you would be a good fit and wish to volunteer, please let one of us know.

Council Meeting Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Paul L. Gregg

Lord God, into your most holy presence we now come.

Calm our anxious spirits in this troubled world in which we live.

Remove the worldly distractions that would keep us from you here today.

Lead us in joy and celebration of the only reality worth knowing, that you love us as we are and gave us Christ Jesus to show us the way, the truth and the life.

As Jesus freed us from our sins by His death on the cross and gave us the promise of eternal life through His resurrection, we humbly accept this gift of grace by repenting of our sins and believing in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

We acknowledge that we are in an unbreakable and eternal covenant with God through Abraham (Genesis 22) and Jesus Christ (Matthew 27) making us Covenant Children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit in faith of things hoped for as evidenced by things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith (Hebrews 10:22) believing in God, having faith in Jesus as we are born again in a new life becoming children of

the Living God. The Holy Spirit will guide us and be our comforter as we taste the goodness of God's Word and we walk in the light of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Banquet Prayer

Rev. Paul L. Gregg

Father, We have gathered as a Clan and as a family to share a meal in Your honor.

Thank You for putting us together as a Clan and as a family, and thank You for this food.

Bless it to our bodies, Lord.

We thank you for all of the gifts you've given to those around this table.

Help each member of our Clan & family to use these gifts to your glory.

Guide our mealtime conversations and steer our hearts to Your purpose for our lives.

In Jesus' holy name we pray.

Amen.

Outgoing Chieftain's Remarks

Peter K. Gregg, 33rd Chieftain ACGS

Welcome to the American Clan Gregor Society's 113th Gathering. Our first in-person gathering since 2019 in Norfolk, Virginia.

COVID had put a damper on conducting in-person gatherings, but we adapted. We got together virtually using Zoom. Thank you all for your support during a difficult two years. Our virtual gatherings would not have been a success without you.

You – All of you, are the reason that we exist. You ARE the American Clan Gregor Society. You support us at the Highland Games and you support us at the gatherings. You support us by being members.

COVID has proven that our heritage is strong. We are survivors, we are fighters, we don't give up. That's why we are here, to honor our ancestors and to provide a strong foundation for our descendants.

It has been an honor to be your 33rd Chieftain. In 2019, when you first elected me, I challenged each of you to bring in one new member. I now close my term as Chieftain by renewing that challenge.

Each of you, do your best to try to get at least one new member.

Thank you.

Incoming Chieftain's Remarks

Scott F. MacGregor, 34th Chieftain ACGS

It is an honor to be chosen by you my fellow members to lead this magnificent and historic society of Clan Gregor descendants. Our clan is often considered to be a small clan, but we are one of the most recognized thanks to our turbulent past and struggles to survive.

Our ancestors survived the many years of the proscription to reclaim the name, MacGregor. Then to think in under fifty years of getting our name back we were honored in 1822 to guard the Regalia of Scotland while on parade from the Palace of Holyrood House during King George IV visit to Scotland.

Since the organization of the American Clan Gregor Society in 1909 there have been several periods in time that has kept us apart. These include both World Wars and the Great Depression. However, after each event our members and the society returned to continue its great work in reuniting our kinfolk and supporting members and Scots in general to better themselves through educational scholarships.

In the future we will look back on this COVID virus in a similar fashion. While we present here this evening are only a small fraction of our society's members it shows our strength and resilience to continue well into the future.

Thank-you all for attending this Gathering, all the efforts you extend regularly to keep the society functional, and for making the ACGS and Clan Gregor all it can be. I look forward to interacting with you over the next year and for years to come.

FYI, our 2023 Annual Gathering will be a Zoom meeting. At present the society's operating budget does not have the funds to host an in-person Gathering every year. Very early preliminary planning is for the next in-person Gathering to be held in 2024.



Big brother, Stuart and twins Jamie and Darcie

AREA DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN (ADC) REPORTS

ALABAMA

Jean MacGregor Simon

There is nothing to report for this year as there were no reported Games in the Alabama area during the year. Health issues also kept me away from doing things. My health is improving and I look forward to attending when activity resumes again.

COLORADO

Bill Black

Hello from the Colorado MacGregors!

We just finished the 2022 Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park. We feel it was a successful event. It was nice being back at the festival and seeing all the clans and participants. Festival goers acknowledged, and most appreciated, the "Scottish" weather. Friday at the fairgrounds was chilly, misty and breezy. We connected with a number of MacGregors who braved the weather and also joined us to march in the parade Saturday morning. The morning was pretty cool and we appreciate everyone that participated in the parade and represented the MacGregor Clan. The fairgrounds were hopping Saturday afternoon with a number MacGregors who stopped by the tent and provided contact information for correspondence regarding future events. Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day with a smaller crowd than Saturday. It was good to have kids collecting stamps in their passports and talk with festival goers again.



Clan Gregor participants at the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA EAST

Peter K. Gregg

This past year, the Fair Hill Colonial Highland Games returned. These Games are the official Games for Delaware and are held near Elkton, MD. This is always a great Games. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend. I attempted to find someone to fill in for me but no one was available. I hope to attend next year. These Games are held on the third Saturday of May each year. If you are in the area next May, please come by.

The Covenanter Scottish Festival and Games also took place again this year. This was the only Games that continued throughout the pandemic. I, unfortunately, could not attend these Games either. One of our members, Jonathan Welch, represented the ACGS. He even took the extra step to purchase a sponsorship in our name.



Pictured above is Jonathon Welch leading the clans while playing the pipes

I am still looking for a Games to attend in New Jersey. If anyone knows of one, please let me know.

FLORIDA (CENTRAL)

Cindy Brammer

Whew! What an awesome, crazy, fun season!

We started out the year in Marathon Key, Florida. It was the tiniest event of the year, with only 3 clan tents. Yes, THREE. Clan Guthrie, Clan Gregor, and Clan MacEwan. But, it was one that I will long remember.

During the event, the representative from Clan Guthrie came over with a bottle of MacGregor whiskey held high. He explained that the bottle was 15 years old, and he wanted to share a toast with us. My initial reaction was "Aw, that's so sweet. It may be bottom shelf whiskey, and it's not good, but it's ours!" Can I just tell you, it was super smooth. It does indeed, age well. So do yourself a favor and buy a bottle now to put away for a llllooonnnnggg time. You'll thank me later!

Then we were off to Winter Springs for the biggest Games of our year. Friday (set up) and Saturday could not have been better. The weather was perfect, and we were next to our great friends, Clan Davidson. We had so many old friends and new friends come by to say hello and share in the camaraderie. It was wonderful!

And then, disaster struck. As a new ADC, I learned a very valuable lesson in the importance of completely securing everything.

Overnight the weather turned very bad, to where there were tornado warnings in the area. When we got back to the tent space early the next morning, the 2 tents had both lifted straight up and were thrown about 30 feet. I half expected to find Nancy Pelosi underneath it, sporting a lovely pair of red ruby slippers.

I shed many tears as we scooped everything up and threw it into the back of the car. It appeared it to be a complete loss. However, once I got home and washed and cleaned everything, we had only lost one book and a flagpole. Such a huge relief!

Next was the Sarasota Highland Games. It was a pretty good size event at an enormous venue. We hope to get to this festival again next year and would love to see more cousins at the next one.

Mount Dora Highland Games were the following weekend. It's a unique venue with some challenges, but it is my hometown, so I will be working with the organizers to see if we can improve on some things. For one thing, I might suggest not putting Clan MacDonald BEHIND Clan Campbell (facepalm). The organizer had clearly either never heard of the Glen Coe Massacre or didn't care. But I digress.

I was pleased that more of Clan Gregor came out to see it this year than previous years, and from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank those who did come out.

There is a pub in Mount Dora called MacGregors, so I thought it would be fun to get the MacGregors together at MacGregors on Saturday evening. We did have a few folks who came out and we had a toast or two. Let's see if we can get a bigger showing next year!

Then we headed to Green Cove Springs for the Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Festival (NEFHG). This is the second largest Games of the year here in the Sunshine State. There are generally between 35 and 50 clans represented at this festival, and I love that we are always close enough to the entertainment stage to hear Albannach! It's so nice to have them back in the States.

We were able to meet many new cousins at this event, from all over Florida and some from Georgia as well.

NEFHG is always fun with lots of entertainment, petting zoo, archery and ax throwing, and Darth Vader and the Stormtroopers walking the crowds with their kilts on. Who knew they were Scottish!

Then it was on to the Panama City Games out in the Panhandle, which is a long way from Mount Dora, though it was worth the trip. The folks there were super nice. The weather was beautiful, although quite windy. I was half afraid the tent would blow away again, but I was prepared this time.

We were scheduled to go to the Dunedin Games. We brought the camper and headed down. We were delayed in leaving, so by the time we got into the area, it was too late to participate in the Friday night parade. Instead, we went to the clan area and got all of our stuff to the tent and ready to put out first thing in the morning.

At about midnight, was the first time I could see the radar of the storms expected on Saturday. I reluctantly made the decision to not set up, as I had been told that if we closed up early, we would have to carry all of our items to the parking lot which was over a mile away.

So, to anyone who trekked out to Dunedin hoping to see Clan Gregor represented, I sincerely and humbly apologize. We will be at this event next year, "Lord willing and the creek don't rise!"

And finally, our last event of the year was at the Ormond Beach Celtic Festival. This was an especially enjoyable time, as we were again positioned next to our good friends, Clan Davidson. They were the honored clan in Ormond this year, and it was an absolute pleasure to celebrate with them and meet so many of their kin who came from as far away as Wisconsin.

It was an added pleasure when it was announced at the final Parade assembly that next year's honored clan will be Clan Gregor!

There were only two events which we were unable to attend. St. Augustine because of a conflict with a personal commitment, and the Southeast Florida Games, because of a conflict with the Panama City Games. In total there were 10 festivals, of which we attended 7 (8 if you count Dunedin). My personal goal is to be able to represent at ALL of the Games in Florida next year (2023).

In order to make this happen, I would like to ask for our Florida cousins to consider helping if possible. It truly is an honor to represent our Clan, and a whole lot of fun too! You won't regret it, I promise!

GEORGIA

Bruce M. Whyte

Normally we attend Games in Savannah and Blairsville. The decision to actually hold the Games in Savannah was made too late for us to attend. Due to concerns about COVID and the health of the ADC, we did not assist at Gallabree, the Games in Greenville, SC

Blairsville Scottish Highland Games and Festival

June 11 - 12, 2022

Meeks Park, Blairsville, GA

One of the best Scottish Games in the southeast. It is not the largest. It is not the world championships. It is simply the best Games. It is supported by the entire County and City. Local residents put up with one weekend of Atlanta traffic conditions without complaint. The local country boys, stopping into DD for their over-sized coffee, want to learn about who we are, where we came from and what are we going to do. Several stopped by our tent on the first day intrigued and soon showed genuine interest.

Close your eyes and imagine the setting: a bubbling brook with gentle rapids, surrounded by rocks, some sandy beaches of small size with giant river birch shading the entire setting. Clan row is along the side of this brook under the shade of the birch. The athletic field is 100 yds in front of us. Visitors draw up their collapsible chairs and blankets on the grass in front of the tents to watch the athletic program.



Blairsville is normally a Games supported out of all proportion to the number of people living in these mountains. There is no one major city, rather multiple good sized towns. The population is scattered. Perhaps it is the sheer number of Scots that live in the lower Appalachian mountains.

ACGS was the Honored Clan of these Games. In fact, ACGS has been the honored clan for the last 3 years, this being the fourth time. Why you might ask. Easy: first year cancelled due to weather, second and third years cancelled due to COVID. The ADC (Treasurer) for Georgia (Bruce Whyte), the ADC for South Carolina (Mike MacGregor) the assistant Chieftain of ACGS (Kathy Whyte) and members Beth and John Wassell all manned the tents. Thank you, thank you. We would have been overwhelmed otherwise. Thad Osborne (Chaplain, ADC Eastern TN) was due to assist, but had to withdraw due to medical reasons.

As usual there was a huge turnout. We had over 35 seriously interested people stop by, chat about Scottish culture and their possible clans. Some wanted to know of the Gathering and were considering attending. After such a long break, it was truly wonderful to catch up with other clansmen and those we had become attached to from the NE Georgia highlands!

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

MacRea Meadows

July 7 - July 10

The regular ADC for these Games (Bruce Whyte) was unable to attend due to medical reasons. He was replaced by Randy and Teresa Walker (Immediate Past Chieftain, San Antonio, TX), Tom and Kathy Watkins (potentially the new ADC for SC, Bellhaven, NC) and daughter and son-in-law and child, and Thad Osborne (Chaplain, ADC Eastern TN, Knoxville, TN). This report is thorough, if not a little different with much of it simply included as it was described.

We normally arrive several days before the Games to relax and visit sights around Banner Elk. This year the Walkers took our place and were forced to have a rental cabin all to themselves. The cabin was on a single lane paved road in Blowing Rock with superb mountain views. When they checked into the VRBO shortly after 4 pm they discovered that the kitchen trash can was overflowing and there were no clean

sheets on any on the beds. The host seemed to have forgotten to inform his housekeeper. He contacted her right away and she was here in 10 minutes and took care of everything. Issue resolved.

Light rain off and on during the night and only 730 in the morning. Light rain forecast off and on all week. We were in Banner Elk in the afternoon, and it was full of people. It appears the games will have a super attendance.

Day before the Games start, Thursday

Hey guys 😊. OK, the tent set up went very well. Our spot is on the “end Zone” side of the parade field. Reviewing stand on the right. We have several food trucks behind us. We can just stroll over and get a bite. When we left at 3:10 pm they still did not have the parking spots marked.

The Watkins family were a huge help in their first Games as workers. They came up with several good ideas that we ran with that also gave them “buy in”. There were many comments on the simplicity and clarity of the displays, and of course the pull up red banners were a huge attractor.

Tom did the torch light “thingy” at the calling of the Clans this evening. He was very excited when asked. He worked out a nice short spiel. After all the work was done the Horner brother and sister then magically appeared. I gently informed him that he would get a break this year and not have to do the torch light ceremony. He was not at all disappointed.

Games Day



Hello, hello, hello 😊. We had a very good day. Lots of visitors to the tent and several prospective members. It was HOT! We broke down about 4:15. Of particular interest was a visit by Griogar Labruidh. He is a Scottish singer who sings the theme song in the movie Outlander. What a joy to meet this very likable young man. He brought some Scots Long Needle pine from Scotland for us that we have preserved and will mount in a shadow box for the future.

Tragedy struck yesterday. During the Bear Run up the mountain the security van that was supposed to be in front of the runners somehow allowed some of the runners to get ahead of him. The driver thought he was stepping on the brake but stepped on the gas instead. Ran down 7 people and killed 1. They cancelled the race for this year.

We got to the mountain about 9:10 am on the last day (these Games last 4 days). It took 55 minutes in heavy rain and fog. The rain did not let up until about 10 am. We formed up for the parade of the Tartans at 11:15 am. At 11:30 am the line began to move and exactly at 11:50 am the rain returned. We marched in



heavy rain, were all drenched and soaked when it was over. Tom, Kathy, his daughter and I marched. When we got back to the tent, we decided enough was enough and packed up all our gear and left about 2:00 pm. We left the mountain in heavy rain and it was still raining when we got back to the cabin.

MISSISSIPPI & LOUISIANA

COL Robert E. Young

The S.E. Alabama Games in Dothan, AL were cancelled in September 2021. The GulfCoast Highland Games in Gulfport, MS scheduled for November 2021 were also cancelled.

We were the honored Clan at CelticFest 2021 on Oct 23-24 in Jackson, MS. We had about 10 serious visitors to the tent. I helped 3 people fill out their Provisional applications. This past year I have helped 2 people fill out their Provisional applications. This weekend I plan to finish my cousin's formal Application.

The S.E. Alabama Celtic Games in Dothan, AL will be held the same time as our AGM. They had 30 Clans attend last year. We have no ADC that covers South AL or West FL.

The GulfCoast Games in Gulfport, MS will be held Nov 11-12, 2022. I plan on having a tent at those Games. I plan to attend the Caledonian Society Burns' Dinner in New Orleans next January. I also hope to make the Panama City Beach, FL Scottish Games in March 2023.

Please solicit for my replacement as ADC. A member in North Louisiana or Mississippi could cover the 3 Highland Games on the I-20 corridor in LA & MS and I could cover the 2 Games on the I-10 corridor in MS & West Florida.

MISSOURI (EAST)

Keren Wade

Highland Games, Hannibal, Mo

September 3rd

During the 8th Annual Steampunk Festival in Hannibal, the Battle of the Clans took place as part of Hannibal's first Highland Games Demo. The event was held by the Ancient Athletics organization. Merl Lawless was my contact and was extremely helpful and accommodating to my needs during the event.

As ADC Missouri East, I attended this event and had the opportunity to hold an awards ceremony for the team members of the winning clan. The event took place at a pavilion on the grounds. The ceremony began with the winners lining up in the front so that they could be recognized properly. Merl Lawless introduced me as ADC Missouri East of ACGS. I then offered a speech, and the presentation of Dragon's Tooth Amethyst pendants donated by Corbin Monie, owner and creator of Lionheart Collection, LLC, to each winner. I have attached a transcript of the speech. My speech revolved around the symbol of the lion, Scottish heritage, Clan Gregor history, the Lionheart mission, and much appreciation and gratitude for the participants and winners of the Highland Games.



I would like to mention that this event was "off the cuff". I only learned of its scheduling a week before it took place. It being a demo, with no clan tents in attendance, I did not set up the Clan Gregor tent.

Merl Lawless and the winners of the Games were delighted and honored to have been recognized and receive the pendants.

I am attaching photos of the event and ceremony.

Throughout the year, I made social media posts about Clan Gregor, our history, and membership information.

This concludes my 2022 ADC Missouri activities report.

MISSOURI WEST

Lawrence (Larry) Greer

The 41st Annual Arkansas Scottish Festival, Batesville Arkansas was postponed from its April schedule to October 8-10th 2021 in Batesville, Arkansas. We attended the event and represented the American Clan Gregor Society. Met several fellow MacGregors and handed out 28 Tri-fold Brochures.

We are going back to represent the Clan at the festival and Games this year on October 14-16th, 2022.

The Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games scheduled for September 10-11, 2021. We attended the event as the Honored Clan this year. I handed out 24 Tri-Fold brochures.

This year's Games are going to be held September 9-10th, 2022. We will again be there representing American Clan Gregor Society.

One of our "long standing" supporters of the Buffalo festival, Mr. John Laurie (Clan Gordon), passed away this year. I was asked to speak at his funeral as a representative of the Festival. In true Clan meaning of Family, I was joined by representatives from 4 other Clans at this solemn event.

I unfortunately, will be unable to attend the Gathering this year. The most valued thing that I have in my tent is a book of names and tartans. It is a "well used" reference for people to look up names in their lineage.

NEW MEXICO & ARIZONA

Mark Beach

Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the Albuquerque Games in May due to illness. We were however present at the 5th annual Cortez Highland Games and

Celtic festival. The MacGregors were once again a major hit at the gathering! We had a beautiful Day with pure blue skies all day long. There was a record attendance this year at around 3,000, not bad for a small remote town! Everyone loves the MacGregors and our tent was nonstop all day. I also had the pleasure of having Lois Ann Garlitz in the tent for this one day event! Her company is always welcome and enjoyed and her knowledge of the clan and of Scottish history sure comes in handy.

On the first weekend of October we will represent ACGS at the Aztec Highland Games and clan gathering. Being my “home” Games, it is my favorite of the season. We hope that it too will set attendance records this year.

I very much appreciate the opportunity given me to represent ACGS and Clan Gregor at these events.

NORTH CAROLINA

Mary Byrd Pettenati

With COVID slowly ramping down, we have finally seen a return of Scottish/Celtic events in North Carolina. My family and Scott F. MacGregor's family jointly hosted a tent at the first annual Crystal Coast Highland Games in Beaufort, NC this past October. There was an excellent turn out for a first time event, with record holding competitors, good local beers, salty sea breezes from the adjacent inlet, and overall lovely weather. Our tent had a steady stream of visitors, both from folks interested in learning more about Clan Gregor and those just stopping by to chat in true Southern fashion.



*(l-r) Darcie Schauf, Scott F. MacGregor, Emerald Schauf, Richard S. Ewell,
Mary Byrd Pettenati, Dustin Pettenati*

We also had an ACGS member compete this past December in the Holiday Highlander, a highland Games charity event to raise money for veteran service dogs. This event took place in Fayetteville, NC at a fantastic venue with food trucks, dog park, playground, beer den, and a large field for the competitors. The event raised a collective \$14,000, nearly double the amount from the previous year!

Below is a picture of the amateur competitor group at the Holiday Highlander event:



Michael A. McGregor

The photograph shows a man standing next to a large banner for the Clan Gregor (MacGregor). The banner features the clan crest and the name 'GREGOR'. The man is wearing a dark polo shirt and light-colored trousers. In the background, there is a tent with 'CLAN GREGOR' and 'MacGregor Inc. (f. 1909)' written on it. To the right, a large sign lists the 'Sect Family Names' and 'Descendants of Andrew MacGregor'.

Special THANKS goes to John & Beth Wassell (ACGS members) for assisting me in the tent booth.

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- Are you interested, as an ACGS member, to become the next Area Deputy Chieftain (ADC) for South Carolina? Besides assisting you at some Games, 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

TENNESSEE (EAST)

Thad G. Osborne

Greetings from beautiful East Tennessee.

I sponsored an ACGS tent at our Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival on 21-22 May. This event was in a new location at the Visitors' Centre in Townsend, Tennessee. Although I expected many more glitches than actually occurred, the Festival came off well. Our tent was opposite the main "clan row," which limited our traffic. The daytime temperatures were in the nineties, which did not seem to affect the crowd. Neighboring clans such as the MacNaughtons helped me with setup and decoration of our tent. This area has many lifelong residents, and one visitor remarked she and her husband were the fifth generation of his family to live on the homeplace. She has documented ancestry back to Scotland, and I explained the ACGS membership process to her. I enjoyed telling the story of the MacGregors to many visitors.

Unfortunately, in June I was hospitalized for a very severe infection in my right ankle. This prevented me from assisting ADC Bruce Whyte at the Blairsville Scottish Festival as I intended. However, I was able to join fellow MacGregors at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July. Many thanks to Randy and Teresa Walker and to Tom and Kathy Watkins for a splendid job with the tent.

As I experience more health and age-related issues, I see the time coming when I shall have to "hand-off" my duties as ADC for East Tennessee. At present, I have no potential successor who is a qualified ACGS member who might be able to succeed me. This not an immediate problem, but one I need to begin preparing for.

I hope to see many of you at our Gathering in Raleigh.

TEXAS (SOUTH)

Chares Clary

Salado Scottish Gathering 11/12/2021-11/14/2021

Clan members in attendance-Randy Walker, Carrie King Pierce, Robert Wilson, Terry Clary and myself.

We participated in the calling of the clan's torchlight ceremony on Friday night and also the clan parade on Saturday.

Carrie King Pierce won 2nd place in the shortbread competition. I placed 3rd in the bonniest knees contest with my son-in-law taking 2nd.

Attendance for the event is still recovering from Covid but we still had nine visitors sign the guest register.

Hye Highland Games 2/26/2022-2/27/2022

Clan members in attendance-Carrie King Pierce, Christina Taylor, Silas Kaufman, Terry Clary and myself.

This was the first year for the event to be two days, we are moving it into March next year due to the weather. It was a miserable weekend, weather, the temperature never got above 40 degrees with intermittent sleet and light rain. But we still wore our kilts and stayed positive. Carrie King Pierce won 1st in the shortbread competition with Terry Clary placing 2nd. Only two visitors signed the guest register.

San Antonio Highland Games 4/2/2022-4/3/2022

Clan members in attendance-Randy Walker, Terry Clary and myself.

The first event here in two years, attendance was still down but still six visitors signed in the guest register.

We attended the calling of the clans with my voice getting the most attention.

Houston Highland Games 4/9/2022

Clan members in attendance-Ethan Taylor, Terry Clary and myself.

Another event just coming back, hopefully it will be a two-day event again. Only two visitors signed the guest register.

A shout out to Ethan Taylor, my grandson, after we set up Friday night, he helped other clans to set up.

We as always participated in the calling of the clans.

Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games 5/6/2022-5/8/2022

Clan members in attendance- Robert Wilson, Ethan Taylor, Terry Clary and myself.

Great weather this year with decent attendance. We looked great for the calling of the clans; I have an extra clan flag to use for that and the parades now.

Terry Clary placed 1st in non-traditional shortbread competition and 2nd place in traditional.

There were five visitors who signed the guest register.

Salado is coming up again in November 2022, its shaping up to be our best yet, Robert Wilson (my brother) will be kilted this time.

My praise goes to Terry Clary (my wife) and Ethan Taylor(grandson), I could not do any of this without them.

UTAH

Steven Argyle

Scottish heritage events and activities increased again this year in Utah as the world tried to suppress memories of the pandemic. ACGS members in Utah supported them all.

Redstone Highland Games

Held in St. George, Utah in April of this year, this relatively new event is mostly an athletic event that is trying to grow into a Scottish festival with more clan participation. Stalwart Lois Ann Garlitz manned the MacGregor tent there this year. Hopefully the festival will grow in years to come.



Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games

The Utah Scottish Association held their first festival since 2019 in early June of this year. The clans, athletes, performers, and vendors were all visibly excited to return to the festival, even if it was already scorching hot in this drought-stricken state. We debuted new, improved stand-up banners at this festival. These are really attention getters, bringing lots of visitors into our tent wanting to ask questions and take photos. The banners are well worth the money, even if the mechanics of the roll-up bases can be a little finicky.

Another new thing we tried at this festival was offering a little booklet about our clan history. I thought it was a good idea, but it didn't work out as well as I had hoped. The booklets cost so much to print (\$16.80 each!) that even selling them at a loss for \$15 was too steep for most festival goers. I also offered flash drives with the booklet in digital form for \$5, but didn't move many of them either. Lesson learned!

Payson Scottish Festival

The festival in Payson is the favorite of the Utah MacGregors. Attendance is always enormous, participation is always enthusiastic, and the shade from the many magnificent old trees is so welcome because July in Utah is always like an oven.



We saw many old friends whom we hadn't seen since before the pandemic. The QR code on our stand-up banner that links to the membership application on the ACGS website got scanned quite a lot. We were busy constantly throughout the days of the festival

hosting visitors with questions and family stories and just general conviviality. Lois Ann and I even got interviewed by a fellow who does podcasts about the Scottish Clans. The recording in the podcast is very noisy (it was at a festival after all), but you can listen to it here,

<https://scottishclans.podbean.com/e/119-modern-clan-societies-pt-2-feat-young-and-macgregor/?fbclid=IwAR3zseF1aPJugE9tBeXJB2k7c6vLyJ7KKqygfLPrgAFio78MNCQdzGz2N6U>



Scots on the Rocks, Moab Celtic Festival

This festival will be held in October, 2022. The MacGregors will be there.

VIRGINIA

Leighton P. Stradley



Members participating in the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk

The 48th annual Virginia Scottish Games and Festival took place at Great Meadows, Virginia Saturday and Sunday, September 3-4, 2022. Thirty-nine guests registered at the ACGS tent during the two-day event. Helping the ADC man the tent were Aliana

Shepard, Scott F. MacGregor, Tom and Kathy Watkins and Elizabeth Anderson. My wife, Mary, was unable to attend. However, she spent much time going through boxes of MacGregor memorabilia and preparing memorabilia for display at the tent. Aliana provided hospitality for guests, including Allen and Nancy Sinclair. Wine and whisky quite abundant at the tent.

On Saturday, Scott led the MacGregor contingent around the field during the parade of clans. Quite a few MacGregors took part in the parade. Allen joined us both days. He brought his *quiach* (cup) with which we shared whisky with him. He explained how Scots of old used the *quiach* (pronounced *quake*): One clan representative wishing for peace with another adversarial clan would pour whisky in the *quaich* and invite his adversary from that clan to join him in this sipping ceremony. The host would sip first leaving his front unprotected. The adversary would then take his turn, with *his* front unprotected. Allen stated how this would likely result in friendship between the two now former adversaries. It was pretty much a “peace pipe ceremony.”

Sunday, the ADC participated in a blessing of the Tartans ceremony, hosted by Pastor Ken Irwin. ACGS’s piper, Matt Kudell, led the procession and played *Flowers of the Forest* during the ceremony. Sunday also saw much continuing socializing at the tent. Furthermore, the Winchester and MacGregor pipe bands took part in marches on the field. The Games, themselves, were focus of attention, as well. The MacGregor band played a round of pipe music while accompanied by girls doing Scottish flings, as they have done in prior years.



Many guests intermingled with members at the clan tent

ACGS Member's Book Launching

Stuart W. McGregor

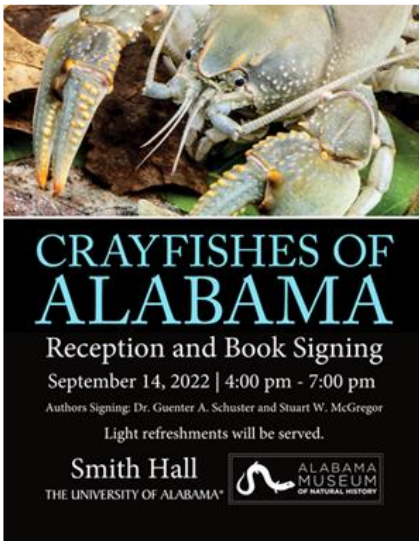
September 2022

One of our long standing members has finally had his book published. Stuart McGregor, who lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is a marine biologist who has worked for 30+ years at the University of Alabama and the Alabama geological office. He is now the Director of the Ecosystems Investigations Program at the Geological Survey of Alabama and in collaboration with two other researchers have now produced their definitive book: **Crayfishes of Alabama**.

This is a large and very detailed book that investigates crayfish in the State. There are 370 distinct varieties of crayfish that live in the runoff ditches, small streams, and marshlands. This is the first of such books and will likely become a reference for those learning about our environments.

"This book is an excellent resource for identifying Alabama crayfishes and represents a much needed contribution to our understanding of North American crayfish biodiversity": Rebecca Blanton Johansen, Professor of Biology and Principal Investigator, Center of Excellence for Field Biology, Austin Peay State University

Congratulations Stuart.



The Crayfishes of Alabama Cover



*Presenting the Governor's Conservation
Advancement Award
Stuart is second from left with award*

Membership Renewal (Dues)

Unless you are a life or honorary member you must renew your society membership each year in January. Renewal notices automatically go out via email in December to all active members. There are several reasons why you might not be receiving the notice.

1. Has your email address changed from what we have on record?
2. The email is possibly in your SPAM folder, please check your SPAM folder.
3. Membership status is inactive due to your annual dues not being paid in several years. Currently notices are not sent out to inactive members.

Annual dues for Lineal, Associate, and Provisional members is \$40. Should your membership status be inactive then you must pay one year back dues plus the current year's dues for a total of \$80. There are a couple of ways to pay the dues you owed.

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Cindy R. Brammer
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