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Message from the Chief



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the programme to you for the Second International Gathering in Strathspey, mainly based at Granttown on Spey and Nethybridge. Details are in this issue.

I look forward with enthusiasm to welcoming our overseas Clan members, members of the UK Clan Society and all our visitors next August. It will be a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. I think we have a great programme, designed to give a flavour of our ancestors' homelands in a relaxed and convivial manner.

*James Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant
6th Baron of Strathspey; 33rd Chief of Clan*

A Guid New Year!

New Year's Eve - or as it is known in Scotland, Hogmanay - is a great night to celebrate as families and friends gather together to welcome in the New Year.

"A Guid New Year to ane an' a',
An' mony may ye see!
An' durin a' the years tae come,
O happy may ye be!
An' may ye ne'er hae cause tae mourn,
To sigh or shed a tear!
To ane an' a', baith great an' sma',
A hearty, Guid New Year!"

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**Spring Deadline to submit
is February 15th!**

Raves & Rants

By C. David Grant, President

2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM) - The 2005 AGM was held in October in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games just east of Atlanta. Our local folks managed to put together some reasonable (read "cheap!") accommodations and a meeting place and feed a record number of attendees. Special thanks go to Thelma and John C. Grant and their daughter, Jai, and to my wife, Jane, for all their work in arranging for and serving a delicious dinner (the very large ham was already gone when I went through the line!) and all the before and after logistics involved with such an undertaking.

Congratulations to our new officers and board members, who were sworn in during the meeting - Rand Allan (California) moves up to Vice-President from his at-large board position, Dr. Philip Smith (Pennsylvania) continues as Board Secretary, and Dr. Christopher Pratt (New York) and William Burton (Oregon) assume positions on the board. Board member John A. Grant (Texas), Treasurer Richard Grant (Tennessee), and I move into the final two years of our terms, until the election in 2006. I'm delighted with the apparent assembled talent, experience and even geographical distribution of our new board!

The official minutes of the meeting are being drafted by Secretary Phil Smith, of course, to be approved at the next AGM, but I'll mention a few highlights.

Allan Grant was thanked for his service as Vice-President, and immediately taken up on his offer to be our Games Commissioner for a time until someone is ready to take over those duties. We continue to discuss and accumulate items to include in a standard "kit" for members willing to host the Grant tent at several games. Thanks, Allan, for taking on this important and long-vacant position.

Treasurer Richard Grant mentioned several financial operations we need to tighten up to preserve our IRS status and for good business practice. Among these is affirming a long-standing requirement that all moneys collected in the name of Clan Grant be deposited in the treasury and appropriate expenses be pre-paid or reimbursed from same. All financial transactions on behalf of the clan shall be reviewed by the treasurer for compliance with IRS and incorporation requirements, clan by-laws, policies set by the board, and consistency of application. Richard is also exploring filing requirements for the clan to operate a foundation for educational and/or charitable purposes.

Rand Allan made a brief presentation on an effort to trace family roots through the DNA of the male line, providing additional evidence of our heritage, possible connection to other clan members or Scots, or common characteristics (Jane says "stubbornness!"). See the last issue for a more complete discussion. We plan to continue our study to see if the board

should take an official position on clan participation.

Special thanks go to John A Grant for his draft of a very detailed procedures manual for anyone wishing to host a Clan Grant tent at a games or other Scottish gathering. He and Phil and Shirley Smith are also looking at our by-laws as well as those of similar organizations to discuss and recommend appropriate changes that might be considered at the next AGM.

Scotland, 2005 - Robert Grant, vice president and secretary of the UK Society, has provided us with a copy of the complete plans for the Second International Gathering of the Clan Grant Society, to be held August 13-20, 2005. The details of activities and costs for each day and a registration form appear elsewhere in this issue. This information also is available on the UK society website. Robert did a superb planning and organizing job for our first gathering in 2000, and it appears he has outdone himself this time, adding group lunches and providing interesting activities for both first-time and experienced visitors.

Be forewarned about current exchange rates - in 2000 it was about \$1.53 per pound. Currently the rate including bank charges is close to \$2.00 per pound. You will usually get a better rate using credit cards whenever possible.

Dr. Philip Smith has agreed to coordinate our plans "on this side of the pond." so your first task is to let Phil know you plan to attend! His contact information appears on page 2. Many B&B's do not publish their new rates until the first of the year, but several folks are adding to our list of recommended places to stay. We have not arranged for group transportation rates - if anyone has any ideas regarding such, please talk to me or any other board member.

Each person should make his/her own reservations for the various activities. Please use a copy of the official form Robert has provided to us when you have decided on what you wish to do. We are working on using the UK bank accounts held by several of our members rather than the inconvenient and rather expensive pounds sterling money orders - more on that later. The UK society is not set up to accept credit cards.

Listserv - If you are computer literate or at least use e-mail, please ask to add your name and e-mail address to our listserv. We can communicate very quickly and cheaply on matters of concern, to announce games or inform the group about other clan business. Just ask Membership Secretary Jean Grant Wilson to certify your current membership status and former (he says "past-it") President Howard Parsons will add you to the list.



"Cheers" from our President



Jane Grant was a lovely hostess!



Make plans now to be with us at the Grant Gathering 2005!

Highland Games & Gatherings

Jan 15

Central FL Games/Orlando
Wintersprings, FL
www.flcot.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Feb 5

Sarasota Highland Games
Sarasota, FL
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson
www.sarasotagames.com

Feb 11

FL State Fair
Tampa, FL
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Feb 12

Zephyrhills Highland Games
Zephyrhills, FL
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Feb 19 & 20

Queen Mary Scottish Festival and
Games
Long Beach, CA
Contact: Rand Allan

Feb 26

Northeast FL Scottish Highland Games
Green Cove Springs, FL
www.neflgames.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Feb 26 & 27

Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland
Games
Mesa, AZ
Contact: Rand Allan

Mar 5

Southeast FL Highland Games
Pembroke Pines, FL
www.sassf.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

April 2

Dunedin Highland Games
Dunedin, FL
www.dunedinhighlandgames.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

April 30-May 2

Aiken Highland Games
Aiken, SC
Contact: Fred W. Wood

May 22

Eugene Scottish Festival
Eugene, OR
www.oregonscottish.org/
Contact: William Burton

June 3-5

Glasgow Highland Games
Glasgow, KY
contact: Richard L. Grant

July 15-16

Milloula Highland Games
Missoula, MT
contact: Richard L. Grant

Sept 30 - Oct 1

Middle TN Highland Games
Murfreesboro, TN
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Clan Grant Election Results



From left to right: Dr. Phil Smith, Secretary; C. David Grant, President; Richard Grant, Treasurer; Dr. Christopher Pratt, John A. Grant, III (not shown), and William Burton, Board Members at Large; and Rand Allan, Vice President. The swearing in ceremony took place at the Grant Annual Meeting on October 16th, 2004.

Membership Matters

By Jean Grant Wilson
Membership Secretary



It was grand to attend my first AGM and finally to be able to put faces to names. For those of you who have never attended, you have missed out on a great time. Jane Grant, the John C. Grants, Don Grant, and I am sure I am leaving out many, did an outstanding job seeing that everyone was well fed. And the fellowship was superb! I believe this year broke the record for attendance at previous AGMs. You should really make the effort to attend next year! It's well worth the trip.....

I wanted to include bits from my report that was given at the AGM. To date the database had a total of 1052 records. The total-voting (R & L) members was 492. The total Craigellachie Bulk Mailing was 508 pieces for the Fall issue. This does not include the Foreign and First Class mail.

Numbers for 2003 are as follows:

Renewed members.....	210
Life members.....	91
Honorary members.....	8
Complimentary Subscriptions.....	8
Deceased members.....	18
*Ex-members.....	512

* This number includes members that do not wish to renew and members that have moved and left no forwarding address.

We would welcome any suggestions as to how to increase memberships. As you can see we have an awful lot of ex-members.

*How can we get these people back?

*Any volunteers to call the people in your areas?

*How can we attract new members?

*How do we get the youngsters interested?

Remember, a Society is only as strong as it's membership. Come on folks, where is your passion for your heritage? Let's make 2005 our best year yet!

I do so enjoy being your Membership Secretary and working to promote Clan Grant-USA. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Notes from the Editor

By Holly Grant Wilson Floyd



I don't know about you but 2004 went by in a blink for me! One of the highlights was being able to attend the Annual General Meeting of Clan Grant for the first time. It was held in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Games so it was a perfect mix of business and pleasure! Prior to becoming editor at the beginning of 2004, I would get my updates on the clan from our Membership Secretary, Jean Grant Wilson, (who also happens to be my mom!) However over the past year I have been able to come to know many of you via email and then at the AGM it was a lot of handshakes, hugs and "how-do-you-dos!" From what I understand it was a record year for attendance and I came away with a lot of great pictures to share in future issues and a lot of new topics to touch on in my "Notes".

It was inspiring to witness the swearing in of our newly elected officers and board members and to meet many families within the clan. We discussed how to increase our membership and it was especially enlightening to hear our Treasurer, Richard Grant relay some astounding number of Grant households that are listed with the IRS. It should be our duty to seek these folk out! And speaking of the IRS, we are still seeking an attorney to help sort out the different tax-free categories for us. It was pointed out by Jenifyr Grant that perhaps we should form a committee to investigate how we can support a charitable or educational need.

Don Grant, our genealogist, along with Rand Allan did a great job of explaining the DNA research project to those of us that just don't get it. There are currently 17 or 18 members that have undertaken this testing and it was pointed out that your nearest male relative would be your best candidate since the male DNA mutates very little over several generations.

John Grant, III is working on firming up our by-laws as well as drafting a Commissioner's Guide with the help of our new Games Commissioner, Allan Grant. These efforts should give us just the platform we need to "enlist and assist".

In closing, I hope you enjoy this issue of the Craigellachie and will continue to send me your Grant News in 2005! Stand Fast and Moran Taing....

Scots Nobleman to Indian Trader?

By Don Grant

Ludovic Grant was born about 1696, apparently, in Irvine, Ayrshire Scotland. According to several sources, he is credited with being the 2nd Baronet of Dalvey. Dr. Emmet Starr's "History of the Cherokee Indians" describes Ludovic Grant as being a son of John Grant or "Graunt" and Katherine Dick (John is listed as the son of Clan Chief Ludovic Grant born 1652 (Of Grant) died 1717 Edinburgh Scotland. Married Janet Brodie). In his book Dr. Starr mentions the Graunt lineage comes from Scotland and that they were defeated in the Jacobite rebellion and thus banished to the New World. Ludovic's relatives settled in Boston and in the Caribbean. Ludovic is described as a Clan Chief of the Graunt holdings. I have not been able to prove either claim true or false. He was supposed to have been captured by the English at the Battle of Preston (November 14 1715, fought during the 3rd Jacobite Rebellion). 1,468 men were taken prisoner in all, over two thirds of whom were Scots. Ludovic was transported from Liverpool, England to Charleston, South Carolina, on 7 May 1716 aboard the ship, Susannah captained by Thomas Bromhall.

Regardless of who he was, we know he arrived in Charleston, SC before 1718. As Ludovic Grant witnessed deeds in Charleston on 12 December 1718, 16 April 1720 and on 30 June 1736- He became a trader to the Cherokee in 1725/6 and lived among the tribe for the remainder of his life.

Ludovic married a Cherokee woman, Eughioote of the Long Hair Clan (some sources say The Wolf Clan) in Great Tellico of the Overhills (Cherokee). She was given the Christian name of Elizabeth and sometimes is referred to in research as Elizabeth "Coody" or Elizabeth "Tassel". The father-in-law of Ludovic Grant may or may not have been a Tassel He is referred to as the Warrior of Tomatly then the Old Warrior of Tomatly. Ludovic remained at Great Tellico until 1734/5 or so when his father-in-law went into the mountains and became headman of Tomatly (Tomahili) in what is now western North Carolina.

In March of 1730, Sir Alexander Cuming, 2nd baronet of Culter, left Charleston on a mission to negotiate a peace treaty with the Cherokees on behalf of the British citizens in the Carolinas and Georgia. Also an attempt to get the Cherokee to aid in fighting the French in North America. He was guided in his endeavor by none other than Ludovic Grant. Together they convinced 7 Cherokees to return with Cuming in May of that year to England for an audience with the English court. This took place in June of 1730 and included the future chief, Attakullakulla, the "Little

Carpenter". Sir Cuming wrote of his stay with the Cherokees and their subsequent visit to Britain in his brief journal, appearing in the Historical Register of London for 1731.

On April 12, 1741, a Bill of Sale was recorded for twenty horses from Ludowick Grant, Indian trader to John Amory, of Charles Town. On June 3, 1741, a Bill of Sale was transferred by John Amory to Joseph Wragg and Richard Lambton, merchants of Charles Town, for one stallion, ten geldings, nine mares and one colt originally from Ludowick Grant to John Amory.

He became the agent and correspondent of the Governors of South Carolina. His letters from 1730-56 kept the governors of South Carolina informed of the happenings within the Cherokee Nation and he accompanied several native delegations to Charleston. In the winter of 1742-43 he was part of a delegation camped at the New Market Plantation and were hosted by the Emory family. [SC Commons Journal 19 Jan 1743, 28 Feb 1743, 28 Apr 1743] When he returned to the mountains, he took young Robert Emory and William Emory with him. They became his assistants and soon his son-in-laws.

Ludovic and Euguioote had 2 children:

Susannah Catherine Grant

Born ca.1727 Tellico. She died October 22,1769 South Carolina. She is likely buried at Saint Philips in Charleston as Catherine Emory. She married Robert Emory (ca.1723 1790) in 1743. He was the son of John Emory and Sarah Wilson, both of England. Susannah is the mother of Susannah Emory (1744-ca.1765), and the grandmother of Bushyhead (b.1758/9) and John Jolly (b.1761/3).

Mary Grant

Born ca.1728/9 in Tellico. She died in 1765/6 in eastern TN or possibly Goose Creek, SC. She married William Emory of Charleston, SC (the brother of Robert Emory) in 1746. William had joined her father earlier in his trade with the Cherokee.

She is the mother of six children:

Will Emory born 1744 Tomatly, Cherokee Nation, North Carolina. Died 1788 Chota, Cherokee Nation, Tennessee. (Had one known child, Thomas, Long Tom.)

Mary Emory born 1746 Tomatly, Cherokee Nation, North Carolina. Died ca.1800 Cherokee Nation, Tennessee. She married (1) William Rim Fawling ca.1766 (2 ch. 1766-69); (2) Ezekiel Buffington



Don Grant: Clan Grant Genealogist

ca.1770 (6 ch. 1770-80); (3) Capt. John Martin ca.1782 (1 ch. 1782).

Elizabeth Emory born 1748 Tomatly, Cherokee Nation, North Carolina. Died 1781 Cherokee Nation, Georgia. She married (1) Ezekiel Buffington ca.1767 (1 ch.1768?); (2) Robert Dewes ca.1770 (1 ch. 1770-1); (3) John Rogers ca.1772 (5 ch.. 1772-80).

Susannah Emory born 1750 Tomatly, Cherokee Nation, North Carolina. Died ca.1796 near Tugaloo, Georgia. She married (1) Richard Fields ca.1765 (7 ch. 1767-78) ; (2) Capt. John Martin 1781 (4 ch. 1781-88).

Drury Emory (or Hembree) born 12 December 1755 South Carolina. Died 1845 Stone County, Missouri

Abraham Emory (or Hembree) born 16 May 1757 South Carolina. Died 1837 Hamilton County, Tennessee.

In a statement recorded on page 301 of the Charlestown, SC probate court in the book of "1754-1758" in a sworn statement of January 12, 1756 says, "It is about thirty years since I went in to the Cherokee Country where I have resided ever since", "I speak their language." He died ca. 1756/7 and is purported to be buried in St. Philip's churchyard in Charleston, SC. Possibly under the name of Lody Grant; this is unconfirmed.

This represents the best information I could find at this time on Ludovic Grant. Some sources contradicted others and some were clearly written with a descendant's eye to their ancestor's legacy. I tried to sort through the inconsistencies and hyperbole to give you what I think is fairly good information. This is more of a survey than an extensive researching of this very interesting Grant. And if he is a person of interest for you, I definitely recommend getting in touch with the SC State Archives and viewing the original correspondence that Ludovic wrote during his three decades among the Cherokee. Stand Fast.

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Grant Gathering 2005



The Clan Grant Society of the United Kingdom presents information about and timetable of events for the Second International Gathering of Clan Grant taking place from 13th to 20th August, 2005, (Inclusive) in the Clan homelands of Strathspey in the Highlands of Scotland. The Second International Gathering is being organized by Robert Grant, The UK Society's Vice Chairman and Secretary. Address: Creg ny Baa, Skye of Curr, Dulnain Bridge, Inverness shire, PH263 PA, Scotland. Tel. no. 44 (0)1479 851712. E- mail: robertjgrant2clangrantcentre@tesco.net and also Prof. Arthur S Jones CBE. The UK Society's Treasurer. Address: Begsdell, Caskieben, Kinellar, Aberdeenshire, AB21 OTB, Scotland. Tel. no. 44 (0) 1224 790340. E-mail; arthursjones@onetel.com.

When making reservations for gathering events please send to Prof. Arthur Jones together with the relevant payments. Cheques should be made Payable to the Clan Grant Society UK. In the case of Payments from outside the UK, Payment by Sterling Money Order would be appreciated. For all other information contact Robert Grant.

The year 2005, as well as being the year of our Second International Gathering, marks the 125th anniversary of the holding of the first Nethybridge Highland Games. It is planned to hold some special events to mark this important anniversary on Games day, Saturday, 13th August, 2005, and the UK Society is working with the Nethybridge Highland Games organizing committee to arrange these. Further information will follow as soon as arrangements are in place.

The Second International Gathering of Clan Grant will consist of eight days of events. Each day it has been arranged for a coach to take visitors to each event and return at the end of the day. Each day the coach will pick up and deposit at the following two points: a) War Memorial, The Square, Grantown on Spey, b) Nethybridge Hotel, Nethybridge. The point of contact for accommodation information is the Highlands of Scotland Tourist Board, Grampian Road, Aviemore, Inverness shire PH22 1 PP, Scotland. Tel. no. 44 (0) 1479 810363. Email: aviemoretic@host.co.uk or visit www.Visitscotland.com.

Coach, admission and lunch charges, where applicable, for individual venues are shown, with a total charge for each day at the end of each day's itinerary. Please book the venue, the coach and lunch for each day separately indicating if a vegetarian or other alternative is required. Coach fares are shown as a rate per person for each trip and are based on a full coach of 50 seats. If coaches are not fully booked fares may have to be increased. Please, whenever possible, use this method of transport to venues to make it economical. Lunch has been arranged for most of the days of the Second International Gathering so that the group may stay together for the day. Payment for lunch can be made direct with lunch provider on the day the lunch is taken, as can payments for entry to venues, no advanced payment is required. The only exception to this is the lunch at the Glenfarclas distillery on Friday, 19th August. Advance Payments are however required for all coach reservations also for lunch during the visit to the Glenfarclas distillery on Friday, 19th August and for our dinner in the evening of Saturday, 13th August, 2005.

Saturday, 13th August, 2005- Day 1.

All day Nethybridge Highland Games and Clan Grant Gathering. The private marquee provided by the UK Society will be at track side and will be open house to all members, visitors and friends. Tea and coffee will be available. Delegates packs containing tourist board information on restaurants, whats on in the area and places of interest, etc. will also be available in the marquee. Clan related items will be on sale too.

(10:15) Depart Grantown on Spey. (10:30) Arrive Nethybridge. Short walk to Games field. Clan Grant march behind the massed pipes and drums around the Games arena. Everyone can join the march. (1:00) A light lunch can be obtained on the Games field or at neighbouring hotels. (5:00) Depart Nethybridge

(5:15) Arrive Grantown on Spey Costs- Coach: £3.75 Entry to Games: £5.00 In the evening will be an Inaugural dinner and ceilidh with live music. Highland entertainment, music, dancing, fine food and convivial Company in the Peregrine Suite of the Highland Hotel Conference Centre, Aviemore. The Aviemore Highland Conference Centre is a world class conference center Venue set in the heart of some of the most inspirational scenery in Europe. (7:15) Depart Grantown (7:30) Depart Nethybridge (7:45) Arrive inaugural dinner. (10:15) Depart inaugural dinner. Costs-Coach: £3.50 Dinner/Ceilidh £40.00 Total cost for the day : £52.25

Sunday, 14th, August, 2005. Day 2

Morning to be spent at AGM of the UK Clan Grant Society at the Clan Centre Duthil. Delegates packs available here also. Everyone Welcome! (10:30) Depart Nethybridge. (10:45) Depart Grantown on Spey (11:00) Arrive Duthil. AGM Meeting begins. (12:30) Depart Duthil. (12:45) Arrive Grantown on Spey. (1:00) Arrive Nethybridge. There will be free time in the afternoon. Costs/total for day—Coach £4.00

Monday, 15th, August, 2005. Day 3

Morning visit to Rothemurchus Estate. Welcome by John Grant at The Doune. Coach tour of the estate with a ranger to explain the ecology of the estate management ,etc. (9:15) Depart Grantown on Spey (9:30) Depart Nethybridge (10:00) Arrive Rothiemurchus. Costs- Estate Tour £2.50 p.p. Afternoon lunch at the New Funicular Railway Base Station. Travel on the Funicular Railway to Cairngorm Summit. Exhibition and Video Presentation.(12:15) Depart Rothiemurchus for Funicular Railway. (12:30) Arrive Cairngorm Base Station. (3:30) Depart Funicular Railway (4:00) Arrive Nethybridge (4:15) Arrive Grantown on Spey. Breathtaking Views. Costs-Lunch: £12. Funicular rail : £6.50 Coach: £4.00 Total = £25.00

Tuesday, 16th, August, 2005. Day 4

All day visit to Highland Life Theme Park involving two locations- Museum at Kingussie and a Highland Village in the 18th century at Newtonmore. (10:15) Depart Grantown on Spey (10:30) Depart Nethybridge (11:00) Arrive Kingussie. Lunch at the Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie. (2:00) Depart Kingussie for Newtonmore (2:15) Visit the Highland Village (4:45) Depart Newtonmore (5:15) Arrive Nethybridge (5:30) Arrive Grantown on Spey. Costs: Coach-£5.10 Entry to Newtonmore £2.40 Entry to Kingussie £1.50 Lunch £9.50 . Total cost for the day: £18.50.

Wednesday, 17th, August, 2005. Day 5

All day Trip down the Loch side and cruise on Loch Ness starting and finishing at Inverness. Visits to Drumnadrochit Loch Ness Centre , the historic Urguhart Castle and to the new Visitors' Centre by the Shore of the Loch at the Castle. Half the party will depart by coach and return by the cruise. The other half will do the tour in reverse. (10:15) Depart Nethybridge. (10:30) Depart Grantown on Spey. (12:00) Arrive Loch Ness Exhibition. Lunch at Drumnadrochit at 12:00. Delegates free to find their own lunch; there are several alternatives in the village. (1:30) Depart Drumnadrochit (1:40) Arrive Urquhart Castle and the new Visitors'Centre (3:40) Depart by Cruise ship down Loch Ness. (5:30) Depart Muirtown Lochs (6:30) Arrive Grantown on Spey (6:45) Arrive Nethybridge. Costs: Coach £6.00. Cruise £13.00. Total cost for the day: £19.00.

Thursday, 18th, August, 2005. Day 6

Morning Visit to Ballindalloch Castle , the home of Mrs Russell-Mc Pherson. Grant. Tour of the Castle with a video/film presentation; access to the Gardens and Shop. (10:15) Depart Nethybridge (10:30) Depart Grantown on Spey (11:00) Arrive Ballindalloch. Lunch at the Castle Tea room (in two sittings). Costs: Coach £4.50. Castle entry: £4.00. Lunch: £8.00 Afternoon visit to Grantown on Spey Museum Clan Grant Exhibition. (2:00) Depart Ballindalloch for Grantown. (2:30) Arrive Grantown on Spey Museum. (4:00) Depart Grantown on Spey Museum. (4:15) Arrive Nethybridge. Costs: Entry to Museum £1.00. Total cost for the day: £17.50.

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Wee Grants

One of the main goals of the clan is to pass our heritage on to the next generation. These little ones are ever present as they actively participate at Highland Games and gatherings with their families and will come to know that it's "Great to be a Grant".



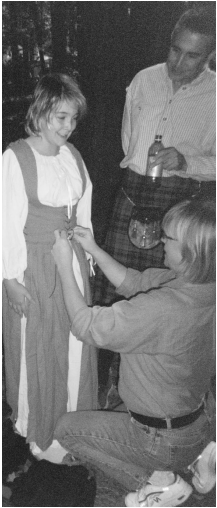
Logan & Kasey with their dad, Michael Jacksonis



Kasey Jacksonis & Aunt



Displaying their Ribbons from the Childrens Games. Granddaughter Brittany Ratts and Grandson Christian Grant of John Grant III, High Plains Commissioner.



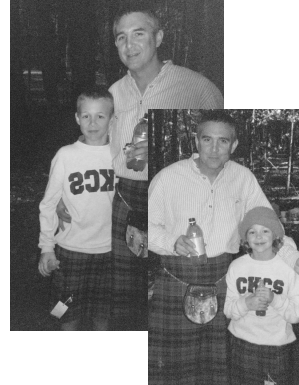
Emily Grant with her new frock!



Eleonar Sophie Grant granddaughter of George & Lucille Grant-daughter of Bill & Melissa Grant



Kate Gosney happily participates in Children's Games



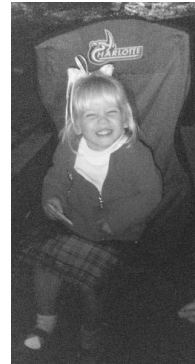
Brittany Ratt & Page Gosney are fierce competitors!



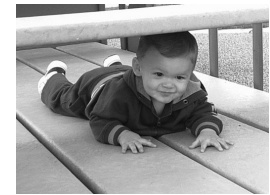
Wee Grants gathered at the AGM too!



Logan Jacksonis



Katurah Grant Eric & Tessa Grant's daughter



Ian Washburn- next Grant Athlete? Grandson to Holly & John Floyd



Ian Washburn helping Grammy with the Craigellachie!

We invite you to share your photos with us.....either submit by e-mail to: craigellachie@comcast.net or by regular mail send to 10620 Casa Grande Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32257

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Grant Gathering 2005



A Reservation Form can be downloaded off the Clan Grant-UK website: www.clangrant.org or contact our Membership Secretary to have one mailed!



Friday, 19th. August, 2005. Day 7

All day visit to the Glenfarclas Malt Whisky Distillery owned by John and George Grant, members of the UK Society. The visit will consist of a tour of the production facility; buffet lunch served in two sittings in the Ships Room at the visitor Centre, wine with the lunch and a dram of ten year old malt. Also included in the visit is a voucher for £1.00 to be set against any purchases in the Visitor Centre Shop. (11:15) Depart Nethybridge. (11:30) Depart Grantown on Spey. (12:00) Arrive Glenfarclas distillery. Buffet lunch at Glenfarclas. Costs: Coach £4.00. Lunch £22.00. (3:30) Depart Glenfarclas distillery (4:00) Arrive Grantown on Spey (4:15) Arrive Nethybridge. During the evening Ernst v. Hohenberg, a member of the UK Society with connections to the UK Chairman's family, will take us on "MY JOURNEY THROUGH SCOTLAND". Using photographs and film, words and music. Ernst will take us through scenes, impressions and reminisces of his Scottish travels over many years. The event will take place in the Revack Suite at the Nethybridge Hotel, Nethybridge, commencing at 8pm. (7:30) Depart Grantown on Spey (7:45) Arrive Nethybridge. (10:00) Depart Nethybridge (10:15) Arrive Grantown on Spey. Costs: Coach £3.50. Total Costs for the day: £29.50.

Saturday, 20th, August, 2005. Day 8

Morning visit to Castle Grant, Grantown on Spey and farewell lunch. (10:00) Depart Nethybridge (10:15) Depart Grantown on Spey (10:25) Arrive Castle Grant (12:15) Depart Castle Grant (12:30) Arrive Craiglynn Hotel Grantown on Spey. Costs: Coach £3.25. Castle visit £5.00. Farewell Lunch-Craiglynn Hotel Grantown on Spey. (1:15) Depart Craiglynn Hotel. (1:30) Arrive Nethybridge. Costs: Lunch £9.00. Total costs for the day: £17.25.

Start your planning now to attend!

Grants In The News



Fun and good cheer, on Friday evening, September 17, 2004
 From left to right: Frank and Susan Shaw, David and Jane Grant, and Jimmie and Chris Pratt enjoy dinner together in NYC on the eve of departure by the Shaws and Grants for a cruise to Nova Scotia.

The Honorable Michael Grant of Grant

A Short bio from Lord Strathspey's brother

I spend my time and thoughts at the moment between the UK, Dubai in the UAE and Koh Samui in Thailand. Like most people, my life revolves around my work, family, friends and recreation, with work dictating the order of events. I'm 51, single and believe we're all largely masters of our own destiny, so try to get on with my life and enjoy it!

By profession, I am a Chartered Surveyor, which means in global terms a real estate professional, rather than somebody measuring land with an instrument! In fact, I have had the pleasure of working for two American organizations in the 1980s, Century 21, with their establishment in the UK and Little Caesars Pizzas, with site finding and their corporate development in the UK. Both were wonderful experiences at the time, including enjoyable trips to the USA for training and conventions, as well as visiting friends from the Clan Grant.

My late father was the Clan Chief, which has now passed on to my elder half brother James, who is the present Lord Strathspey. My father helped John Grant of Los Angeles and George Grant of Chattanooga establish the Clan Society in America and both my parents very much enjoyed their trips there for various Games in the 70s and 80s. It was nice for me to be able to participate and share the same friendships.

I used to really enjoy life in London, with frequent trips down to my parents in West Wittering with my sister Amanda, especially for sailing in the summer. Unfortunately, the commercial property market went into a terrible recession in 90/91, from which my firm suffered along with everybody else. I drew the short straw to help one of our clients, a Kuwaiti, rebuild his company in Kuwait after the "Liberation". This was quite an experience, but Kuwait is definitely no dream posting and having fulfilled my contract, I moved to Dubai, which is a completely different place.

Dubai, I imagine, is similar to Arizona or Palm Springs. Its hot, there's a lot of desert, and it's all glitzy and new! It shines from scores of 5 star hotels, shopping malls, office and apartment towers. It aspires to rival Hong Kong and Singapore, but certainly achieves dominance as the business and resort destination in the Middle East. Life there is good. The beaches and leisure facilities are marvelous and social life is excellent, from an over 100,000 UK expatriate population alone. Interestingly, the local Arabs only represent 8% of the population, so you can imagine life is very cosmopolitan.

I have worked on a whole range of interesting property development projects there, from high rises to villas, seeing them through from concept to completion. However, life there is fun but artificial and in seeking something more meaningful I started my own villa project in Koh Samui, Thailand last year. There is a substantial million dollar home market for wealthy westerners working in Hong Kong, who buy homes in Samui and Phuket for holidays or simply as a trophy. My development consists of luxury spa style villas of 5-6000sqft and can be seen on www.leelavadee.net.

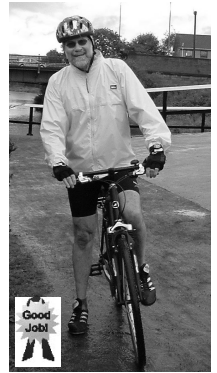
Life here is certainly different from Dubai...no high rises in sight, lots of rain, lush tropical vegetation and everything you eat is fresh and natural rather than chilled and packaged. I live in an all timber Thai style house in a coconut plantation, with two dogs and Thai friends who "take care". I'm not allowed in the kitchen and sadly have not learnt any Thai cooking and ashamed to say not much Thai language either!

The roads are rough and frequently flooded, no high speed freeways! I drive a Chevrolet Colorado 4x4 pick-up, they've just started making them here, but without a gun rack on the back!

I spend most of my time in the office or out meeting agents and those involved in my development. However, life here is always interrupted by fun local events. Next week we will have the "Loy Kathron" festival, when everyone puts a papaya float in the river or sea, decorated with flowers, blessed with their wishes for the coming year. It's a lovely spectacle!

The pastoral delights of Koh Samui do have their limitations, particularly for a "city boy" like me, but fortunately Bangkok is only an hour's flight away. Surprisingly, there is an association for my school, Harrow, my university, Oxford as well as for my professional institution, the RICS, all of which hold functions and events. It makes one feel the world is

Here's the proof (with a photo) that Sunday, August 29th, Christopher Pratt rode in the 26 mile Leukaemia Research Fund Bikeathon in Glasgow, Scotland to help raise money for this very worthy research which has the potential to serve us all. The University of Glasgow is working with Leukaemia Research Fund to provide a major new research centre in the heart of Glasgow's medical community. The new Leukaemia Research Fund Centre (LRF) will be based at Glasgow's Gartnavel Hospital, occupying the entire third floor of a purpose-built laboratory building. This will mean that much of Glasgow's ongoing leukaemia research expertise - currently spread across various locations in the city - will now be focused on a single site. Thanks to all those who contributed to this worthy cause!



It was cold, windy, rainy, wet, muddy and yet he carried on and had a great time doing it. These photos were taken along the Caledonian Canal at Lock 27 about the 2/3'ds mark of the route. He got off the plane at 10am in Glasgow and was peddling away at 11am, and he even managed to get up on time for his full days of meetings on Monday and Tuesday— And he has the T-shirt, medal and control card to show for it! What a great group of folks at the Stevenson Gym at the University of Glasgow for arranging the bike for him and a hot shower following the ride. Again, many thanks for supporting such a good cause as this important research into Leukemia!



Alan Grant has accepted the position as our new Games Commissioner! He participated in the swearing in ceremony at the Grant AGM in October and we are very happy as this has been needed for some time! Anyone interested in keeping Clan Grant represented in their area, or if you are a current commissioner and need anything, please feel free to contact him: afg29@comcast.net

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a very small place!

I enjoy sailing, but will have to wait until Samui gets its marina before buying a boat here. I do sponsor a beach volleyball team, who always seem to win I'm pleased to say, but I don't attempt to participate!

I still have business interests in Dubai, where I'm shortly to return, followed by Christmas in England with my mother and sister. Wonderfully, my mother is over 90, but is still spot on, lives on her own and enjoys life! My sister Amanda lives in London, is a very talented designer and fortunately will be with us this year, so we should all have a good time!

My very best wishes to all for 2005.

Flowers of the Forest



Wallace M. Gage, a life member passed away on 13 Oct 2004 in Tenants Harbor, ME



Grants Games

McPherson Kansan Scottish Festival

Submitted by John & Helen Grant

Centered in one of the largest wheat producing areas of the United States, lays the City of McPherson. It is located in the middle of both the state of Kansas and the United States and offers a peaceful life with quiet evenings and relaxing weekends. The city of 13,770 residents prides themselves in combining the best of a small town and a large city.

For those readers not familiar with the state of Kansas, here is a little bit of history. The City of McPherson (pronounced McFur-son) rises above the rolling prairie of central Kansas. It was founded in 1872 and named after General James Birdseye McPherson, who was mortally wounded in the Battle Of Atlanta in 1864. A life-size bronze likeness of General McPherson was dedicated July 4, 1917 in Memorial Park before a crowd of 40,000. Upon his death, General U. S. Grant was said to have remarked, "that not only had the Army lost a grand officer, and he had lost his good friend."

Farming was a mainstay of early immigrants. From the Swedish Lutherans in the Smoky Valley north of the city to the Swiss Mennonites who arrived from Russia and settled south of McPherson. These pioneer residents established a tradition of hard work and accomplishment, which remains strong even today.

Celtic heritage events planned by the McPherson Scottish Society pay homage to the early founders, residents and the city's namesake, and provide enriching and colorful activities for citizens and visitors to enjoy.

McPherson Scottish Festival closes out the year for us. It is but a short five and half hour drive from Fort Worth, Texas to one of our favorite Scottish Festivals. As we

approached this a quaint picturesque town nestled in the low rolling plains of Central Kansas, we were once again renewed with the awareness to attend the 14th annual Scottish Festival. And once again, we were not disappointed. The weather was perfect for the weekend event. Traditional music and entertainment was provided by such entertainers as the "Shenanigans", "Glen Road", and Alex Beaton". Our location provided us with a front seat for watching Scottish and Irish dancing. The athletic events were located once again around the west side of the lake. The roar of the crowd usually indicated a new record had been established by one of the participants. Thanks to the support of the local business community there were six (6) Pipe and Drum teams present for the opening ceremony from the surrounding communities as well as Kansas City, Missouri and Omaha, Nebraska.

We were pleasantly surprised this year as we had many new patrons come by our tent. This years visitors were Annette & Basil Kessler (McElroy) from Emporia, Jim McIlrath, Marla Dumm, Grant & Marie Elder from Wichita, Patsy Gilreath-Stockham. Mae Monroe, Shawn, Christi, & Jan Carnes, and Jeremy Carnes were all from Salina. Amber Potter, Bill Carpenter (Ambers father from Ohio) and Ryan Brown (Grant) from McPherson. Our Omaha, Nebraska member Vicki Pratt never fails to come by each year to visit with us. Marion Disney also of Carleton, Nebraska signed the visitor's sheet for the first time this year.

We left for home on Sunday evening as the sun set on the horizon and reflected off the recently harvested milo fields knowing, the good Lord willing, we will return!

Oklahoma Scottish Games

Submitted by Kelly Grant, One of our Oklahoma Commissioners

The Oklahoma Scottish Games and Gathering was held September 17-19 at Chandler Park in Tulsa, OK. This year commemorated the 25th Anniversary for the games. It was also the first year that my sister, Shannon Grant Gosney, and I were the Commissioners for the Grant Tent.

Thankfully, with the Lord's Grace, everything went wonderfully. We participated in every clan event we could, from the Fire Ceremony, to the Parade of Clans, to the Kirking of the Tartans.

Friday night I announced the presence of Clan Grant and wished my father, Jick Grant, a "Happy Birthday". Friday was also special because it was the first time since we have started attending the games that a real fire was used. Usually a fake fire of lights and streamers is used because of the dry condition of the Oklahoma land in September.

An unexpected surprise on Saturday was the presence of John and Helen Grant, John being the former Oklahoma Commissioner for Clan Grant. I'm so glad they came to check on us. Their approval of the tent went

a long way in soothing the nerves of my sister and myself! John and Helen also marched with us in the parade of clans, as well as Jick Grant, Paige Gosney, and Kate Gosney.

Sunday, Shannon carried the Grant Tartan at the Kirkin' of the Tartans church service. Sunday was a slow day at the tent, so Shannon and I visited our neighbor next door, Clan Barclay, and made friends with the commissioner, Ralph Barclay of Chanute, Kansas. We had many visitors to the tent, although I think most people came to have a drink of ice water from the jug we had set in front of the tent. The temperature was in the upper 90s for both days, so the water made the Clan Grant tent the "watering hole" for the games.

We gained a few ideas for how we are going to do things next year. One thing we definitely need is more shade and more chairs. Our tent had seating for 6 adults and 2 children, and those were filled most of the time. We had 20 human visitors to the tent and one Clan Grant parrot. Everyone made themselves at home. It was great to see so many Grants in one place!

Bethlehem Celtic Festival

by Shirley Grant Smith, PA Commissioner

Since we did not go to the NH games, Phil and I decided to "split" a tent (Grant/TECA) and attend the Bethlehem Celtic Festival held September 24th-26th.

The attendance there is large and we've had several inquiries asking why the Grants were not represented there!

We drove up the night before so we would not have to get up at 5 a.m. (yes, we are slowing down!). It proved to be a beautiful day and after taking several wrong turns (not easy in a riverfront park with limited access) we finally found "our" one-track road on the "other" side of the river! This was the first time for the festival to put the clan tents there!

Unfortunately, being just two weeks after Ligonier, we'd had MORE rain. (Dear Ivan!) In this case, the river had risen as high as the cliffs in back of us, and had only gone down a few days before! The mud was deep and thick and cars could only back out once they were in for fear of being stuck. (And some were!) Thank goodness we arrived early—we found the last "dry" spot to put up the tent in ankle-deep mud! And thanks also to our four garbage bags we managed to keep our equipment somewhat out of the quagmire. They finally brought bales of straw to us about 10:00 o'clock but made everyone move their cars to a parking space ¼ of a mile (or more) away. Later we discovered the festival does not close until 10:00 p.m. and we would not be allowed to bring our cars back in until closing time!

With only a footbridge to draw the crowd to the clan tents, and being in a new location, everyone's efforts were limited to the adventurous few! With the lack of customers, Phil volunteered to man "both"

Ligonier Highland Games

by Shirley Grant, PA Commissioner

A few days before this year's Ligonier Games in western Pennsylvania, the authorities pumped the water out of the lake which formed in the middle of the clan tent area due to the flooding rains just a few days earlier. And while the ground was still considerably "moist" and the mountains bathed in thick fog, the sun came out by noon and it became downright warm!

Probably due to the results of hurricane "Jeanne" the attendance seemed down this year but a dozen stalwart Grants signed the roster! Included in these were the relatives of our long-time member, Hugh Dunn, Jr.! At 86 years, his "legs" kept him home and we truly missed him. He and his wife joined in 1980 and he came faithfully every year after that! But his Great-Grandson, Andrew, joined us in the parade this year and we expect to see him for 80 more years! (And I surprised Hugh with a telephone call when we arrived home!) Once again John Grant's (TX) banner proudly led our delegation!

Laird Grant manned the tent with me again—what would we do without our dedicated volunteers? (In this case it allows me to buy lunch for my husband!)

tents and Shirley went over the bridge to see the sights. All she saw was the end of a parade and lots of Irish "stuff"! Winding her way back to the tent, she heard someone calling her name and there were the bravest stalwarts of all, our very own Chris Pratt and his wife, Jimmie, who, not having enough to do, came down from New York to assist the Caledonian Society of New York! They lifted our spirits immeasurably! And, by Standing Fast (Firm? Hardly!) We signed up four Grants by afternoon!

At 6 p.m., we'd confirmed that if we wanted to go home we would have to haul all of our stuff, including the tent, back to the car by ourselves. Phil made the first trip while I finished packing up. Naturally, we determined we could make it all in a second trip. We must have really looked pathetic, a dozen people offered to help us as we bore our loads through the crowd. Finally, as I whacked a man on the shins with the out-of-control flagpoles, he absolutely insisted on helping us to the car, which appeared in the far distance. (He and his wife were going our way, thankfully). Believe me, everyone concerned was glad to see we really did have a car somewhere out there in space!

In spite of the hardships, this festival attracts a lot of people. The sponsors are willing to put up lights for the clans in this space if the clans will promise to stay until closing time—but most clans prefer leaving at 5 p.m.! If they could solve the parking situation and keep the floods away, this festival "has it made!" The crowds really picked up after 3 p.m. And if anyone reading this is interested in manning the tent for Clan Grant we would be more than happy to help them get started! (And I'll even attend!—but my partner's not so sure!)



Christopher Pratt and Jerry Dixon playing around in front of the New York Caledonian Club tent at the Celtic Classic,



Shirley Grant at Bethlehem Games

Grants Games



(left to right) Shannon Gosney and Kelly Grant
These Oklahoma commissioners were at the Tulsa, OK Games



The Grant women in Oklahoma
Paige Gosney, Shannon Gosney, Kate Gosney, Janet Gosney (yes, she's the cowgirl) and Kelly Grant (with back turned)



(left to right) Paige Gosney, Shannon Gosney, Kate Gosney and Kelly Grant



Above: Stone Mountain Highland Games & Gathering.
Middle left: William Burton falls in line for the march.
Bottom left: Beau Grant raising a glass with a friend.
Middle right: Grants on parade!
Bottom right: George Grant takes his turn manning the Grant tent



A Word From the Vice-President Rand Allan

Greetings from your new Vice-President of the Clan Grant Society USA. I look forward to the opportunity to serve all my kith and kin and will try to be worthy of the post.

One of the projects that I have been tasked with is overseeing the activities of the Commissioners of each state or region and locating Commissioners for the states with no representation. As shown in this publication, many of the states or regions do not have a local Commissioner. If you live in a region where the local highland games do not have a Clan Grant Society representative that can host a tent at the games, and you would like to see us represented there, consider volunteering to be a Commissioner or to host a tent. Please contact me at rballan@clangrant-sw.org or call at (858) 454-3846. The reason we don't have representation at every game is because the existing commissioners are stretched very thin. In every organization, it is a sad rule of thumb that only 10% of the membership will step up to shoulder over 90% of the burden of running the organization. The more people that volunteer to help out at the Clan Grant tents or step up to serve as commissioners, the more efficiently the organization is run and the more enjoyable it becomes for everyone.

If you are interested in being a Commissioner, but are not sure what it entails, the following are provided as rough guidelines. A Commissioner can put as much effort as they wish within these guidelines:

- Commissioners are responsible for all Clan Grant Society activities in their area of responsibility, including Highland Gatherings and social activities.
- They will represent, educate and promote Clan Grant and its US Society at as many highland gatherings in their area as possible.
- The Clan Grant Society will reimburse your expenses for Games registration and for tent rental and table rental if you do not have your own equipment.
- Commissioners will encourage other clan members to assist in this endeavor and to also help represent the Clan Grant Society at highland gatherings that the Commissioner is unable to attend.
- The Commissioners are responsible for insuring that members setting up for the Clan Grant Society in their area have all the necessary items to insure good representation.
- Commissioners will guide and assist as necessary members setting up for the first time.
- It is the Commissioner's responsibility to keep members in their area abreast of current Clan Society activities through occasional contact by newsletter, telephone, e-mail, postcards, or whatever other means they find convenient.
- Each Commissioner will attend, at a minimum, one festival in his/her area and will provide the Craigellachie newsletter with an article for publication of the event and festivities, including pictures, if possible, of the tent or Clansmen taken at the event.
- The Commissioner, or their representatives, will endeavor to sign people up at the Highland Games for membership into the Clan Grant Society.
- If you have people that could be members of the Clan

Grant Society that sign the guest register, but do not join immediately, follow-up letters should be initiated encouraging them to join us.

While I'm on the subject of volunteerism, if you want to become more active in the Clan Grant Society, there are plenty of opportunities besides becoming a Commissioner or hosting tents. The following subjects are among just a few areas that can use assistants: genealogy, newsletter, legal, membership, clan sales, AGM planning, travel planning, social events, and whatever else your imagination can supply. Please contact your local Commissioner, one of the elected officers, or one of our appointed officers listed in this publication to volunteer your services. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone Planning A Burns Supper?



While the event is to mark the birth of Robert Burns on the 25th of January, 1759, it is not essential to have your Burns Supper exactly on that date. Indeed, some of the better events are arranged before or after, so that they can obtain the most popular speakers and entertainers.

And don't forget if you attend a function like this or plan one yourself - let us know- so it can be featured in the Spring issue of the Craigellachie!

Clan Chatter

It's official! As a follow up from our last issue, **Susan J. Grant** (daughter-in-law of **Edmund Grant and his wife Marie** from Florida, was sworn in August 2, 2004, in Washington D.C. following her appointment by the President as the Department of Energy's Chief Financial Officer (CFO). She also serves as Energy's Director, Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation. Ms. Grant comes to Energy following her position at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) as the Director for Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer. Her duties included advising DFAS leadership on issues pertaining to financial management, human resources, administrative services, corporate planning, acquisition services and equal employment opportunity. Previous career positions include budget officer and manpower manager for the Department of the Navy; program analyst and logistics management specialist for the Department of the Air Force; and program and budget analyst for the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). She was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in October 1999. She is a 1994 graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, VA; a 1992 graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; and a 1982 graduate of the Professional Military Comptroller School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

A recent note came from **Meg Grant**, which announced the Clan Grant Society Australia is in the process of being reformed. She is the Secretary and Newsletter Editor for them and said anyone who is interested may contact: clangrantaustralia@bigpond.com. Their first newsletter should be coming out early this next year.

Logan James Grant, a newborn, is a new Life Member as a gift from his grandpa, **James P. Grant** of Flint, MI. Logan's parents are **Kimberley and Jeffery Grant**, who are currently relocating from Florida to Virginia.

We have recently replenished our supply of **Lord Strathspey's** book, *A History of Clan Grant*, originally published in 1983. The author is **Sir Patrick, 32nd Chief of Clan Grant**, father of Sir James, our current chief. **George Grant**, founder, Convenor Emeritus negotiated a good price to relieve the publisher of most of his stock, so we're able to reduce the price to \$30 per copy, plus shipping. This is a quality, hardbound volume with pictures, detailed appendices and genealogies as well as a history based on the succession of chiefs, and would make a worthy addition to your library. These are available for Clan Grant members only, from

our quartermaster, **George**, at grant301@aol.com or call (423) 842-4581.

A big welcome to a new member, **Carole Cote**, introduced to our clan by **William Burton** from Oregon! Her biological father, by name of Rains, was Cherokee and Scottish. She has always been very proud of her heritage traced back to the 1700's. She descended from **Ludovick Grant**, who is just happens to be highlighted in this issue by our genealogist, **Don Grant. Carole and her husband, Bill** are newly retired and enjoying life. They just recently purchased a motor-home and plan on seeing more of America. They also drive a Model "A" and Bill restores them. She is also a passionate gardener, so while at home, Bill plays with his rust and she plays in the dirt with the help of their 9 lb dog, Duke.

A suggestion from our Treasurer, **Richard Grant**—Figure out the maximum number of events you might want to attend for the 2005 Gathering of Clan Grant in Scotland now! By sending in your Sterling Money Order early it will help them with their planning and assure that you have the chance to enjoy yourself with minimum uncertainty. Past President of Clan Grant, **Howard Parsons** adds that the "Glorious 12th" (a time when many Brits flock to the country to celebrate opening day of the Grouse hunting season) does impact the availability of lodging but the fact that this is the height of tourist season in Scotland impacts it even more. If you do not wait until the last min., you should have no trouble finding a place to stay. If you do wait until the last minute, you should still be able to find a place to stay though not necessarily where it is most convenient.

A note from **Don Grant**, the editor of Standfast in the UK, says the "Restoration of the Duthil Manse Part II" will have to be in our next issue of the Craigellachie as progress by **Lord Strathspey** is slow since much of the work is being undertaken by himself. It is an enormous task to bring the Manse to an acceptable standard and even more effort is required to complete the restoration. There is no specific history associated to Clan Grant, but this is where the Minister lived and about 25 yards away is Duthil Kirk where many Grants are interred on the grounds. Manse is an old word for house and is used particularly in Scotland where accommodation is provided by the Church for the minister as part of his stipend. When the Kirk was decommissioned the Manse was sold and its previous owner, prior to acquisition by Lord Strathspey, used it as a hotel calling it "The Old Manse". It had been modified by the addition of some extensions and was in a terrible run down state when

"Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ùr!"
(Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!)

Lord Strathspey bought it just over 3 years ago. **Don Grant** also advised about a book entitled "A View from the Manse" by the Rev. Peter Mc Gregor (1870?-1935) who was minister at Duthil from 1914 to 1935 and written during his ministry. The book was reissued and published in 1999 and was edited by his Grandson, Colin Fry. For those of you interested the book is available from Pentland Press 1, Hutton Close, South Church, Bishops Auckland Durham. Book reference is ISBN 1-85821-668-0 at a cost of £12.50 plus post and packing.

"Here's to the heath, the hill and the heather,
The bonnet, the plaid, the kilt and the feather!
Here's to the heroes that Scotland can boast,
May their names never dee -
That's the Heilan' Man's Toast!"

A brief history of Clan Grant is featured in a new history book of Polk County, Missouri, ancestral home of family lines of Ozarks Commissioner **Steve Grant**. The article features pictures of **Lord Strathspey** and Castle Grant and lists the websites for our UK and US organizations. Polk County is 20 minutes north of Springfield, in southwest Missouri, the fastest growing region of the Show-Me State. The Title is: *The History of Polk County, Volume I*. It is authored by the families whose ancestors settled a chunk of the Ozarks named for President Polk. **Steve Grant** is the author of the section about the Clan Grant Societies with a brief history of his lineage.

Suzanne Wilson wrote a note to thank everyone that had been praying for her while she underwent surgery for breast cancer. The good news is that the surgery went well and all the emails helped to take her mind off of it! Suzanne is also keeping busy with her work against polygamy trying to deal with Arizona and Utah in outlawing the sexual slavery of women and children in polygamous cults. She asks if anyone would like to write to the president and to members of Congress in regard to this issue, letters can be sent to: Suzanne Wilson, P. O. Box 2592, Sedona, AZ 86339 or email stoppolygamy@hotmail.com. Suzanne and other activists, along with women who have escaped polygamy, will deliver the letters to Washington, DC in April, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

VP Rand Allan writes a word or two about email etiquette: "As we enter the 21st century, the Clan Grant Society USA is endeavoring to keep up with and apply the new technologies that this century brings us. We have instituted a web site that is arguably

one of the better Scottish Clan web sites for accurate information dissemination, have a national internet listserver for Society members to pass information and discussion topics between each other, and are utilizing the internet to rapidly e-mail communications between members within the Clan Grant Society USA and with members of the other Clan Grant Societies across the world. Because we are stressing the importance of rapid communication within the Clan Grant Society, it is important for you to treat your internet e-mail account the same as your mailbox at the end of your driveway. Just as you wouldn't dream of letting the mail pile up in your mailbox by the street, so also is it important to check your e-mail each day, in the event that there are important Society documents waiting for your response, especially if you are a Commissioner or officer of the Society."

There has been a suggestion by **Scott Grant**, our webmaster, to put archived issues of our Craigellachie on-line....this is still in the discussion stage though. But those of you with computers- you need to check out the recent face-lift that Scott has done for us on the internet. www.clangrant-us

Phil Smith offers this info to make it easier to get your reservations sent in for the 2005 Grant Gathering. He says you can buy American Express Traveler's checks in most major currencies (pounds, yen, euros, dinars, etc.) at any AAA office over the counter. If you go to www.AAA.com, you can find out the nearest place to buy them in your area. You can even buy them over the internet, for those so inclined!

Patriotism Is Strongest in Scotland—**Col. Joseph H. Grant, Jr. (Ret.)** sent this excerpt from *Scottish Life*, Summer 2004: "A survey conducted by Morgan Stanley Credit Cart confirms the strong sense of identity felt by Scots. More than two-thirds of those surveyed in Scotland said they regarded themselves as being Scottish first and foremost, while in Eland just 31% thought of themselves as being English first. In addition, fewer than one in six Scots consider themselves primarily as British and just one percent considered themselves as European first and foremost. Jeannine Farhi, a spokeswoman for Morgan Stanley, observed, "Scotland is clearly a distinct society within the United Kingdom, and many Scots feel patriotic about their country and its achievement."

Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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Grants Gather at AGM



Of course we had plenty to eat at the AGM!



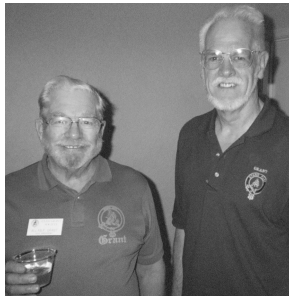
Jeniphr Grant, with her husband and daughter, Rick and Amber Smith from Lilburn, GA



Holly Floyd with C. David at our tent



The Pratts from NY pose with our new Games Commish



Allan Grant from MD and William Burton from Oregon



Look at all the upcoming youth!



Helen Grant from TX shows off the program for the Stone Mt. Games



Edmund and Marie Grant from FL with Colin Grant-Adams who did a great job of entertaining us!



Christopher Pratt from NY and David Grant from GA during our social



Chris Pratt finds friends in the South



The John Milenskis' made their journey in their motorhome



And if it wasn't for Jimmie Pratt from NY we wouldn't have such great photos!



William and Patricia Grant from FL



Katherine & Todd Boyce, newlyweds from GA



Edmund & Marie Grant made the trip from FL



Howard Parsons, Don Grant & Jean Wilson comparing notes



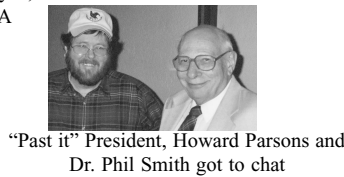
Lucille Grant was a hit in her Lady Grant Tartan- we women want to get a bolt of this!



Evening of our AGM



Our new VP, Rand Allan keeps in touch with his wife in CA by cell phone



"Past it" President, Howard Parsons and Dr. Phil Smith got to chat



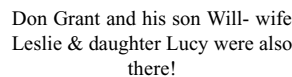
George Grant in action



Mary Burton from OR chats with Shirley Grant Smith, commissioner in PA



Thelma and John Grant



Don Grant and his son Will- wife Leslie & daughter Lucy were also there!



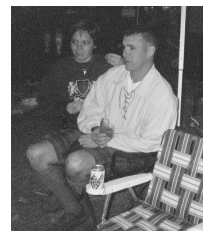
George Grant with Aoria & Lauren Singletary



George Grant in action



Colin Grant-Adams & wife Julia from Kentucky



Eric and Tessa Grant from Norfolk, VA

Clan Grant Shirts

Golf (polo) shirts, short sleeved, embroidered with clan crest and "Grant," 100% cotton.

Navy, White or Forest Green. S (few) M, L, XL \$37 plus shipping
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