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C. David Grant

Greetings fellow clansmen, and for my last time from this column, as we await the Annual General Meeting and the installation of our new officers. I hope you will excuse my jumping the gun a little, as I congratulate our new President, Dr. Christopher Pratt, from New York. Since he is unopposed for the office, his election is as certain as things get in this life, and so I wish him well as he begins his leadership of our Society. He brings sterling

credentials and great enthusiasm to his new role, and Jane and I look forward to our continued participation in a flourishing Clan Grant and seeing Chris and Jimmie at many of our gatherings.

And now for a few words about our activities since the last issue:

Loch Norman - NC Commissioner Helen Furr hosted the Grant tent as usual, ably assisted by sister Pat Stepanian, DNA Project guru Jon Grant (who also brought his son and father-in-law), and (ahem) me. Brothers John and Don Grant came down from Maggie Valley, and Natalie West represented the younger members of Clan Grant. The weather was gorgeous for a change, especially Sunday (several more years of such will just about balance the weather scales for these usually very damp games!), and the turnout must have been a welcome relief for the games committee. Discovered a fish-n'-chips vendor who really knew what he was doing, and found the whisky tasting this time - location was a mystery last year. Also found a moment to visit nearby campus of alma mater Davidson College and see some old haunts again.

Greenville (SC) Games - SC Commissioner Fred and Myra Wood hosted these new games on the campus of Furman University. They turned out to be far and away the best first

Raves & Rants

By C. David Grant, President

effort I've ever experienced, with a parade in downtown Greenville Friday night and the games on Saturday. They attracted more than 30 clans as well as other Scottish organizations, and put on a very impressive show. Somebody forgot to turn on the air conditioning Saturday, so my 16 oz wool kilt was not the most appropriate garment for the weather. But we managed to keep hydrated well enough to avoid visiting Clan MacMedic! (See pictures in this issue)

Fred's son "FB" and his fiancé, Joy, marched with us Friday night, FB leading with the Grant banner. We actually have pictures of Jane in her first Parade of Tartans! We were overwhelmed by the number of folks who turned out and lined both sides of the street. Greenville has refurbished their downtown area, with large walking plazas, sidewalk cafes, and open-air pubs! We would have stayed to lift a few if there had been a changing station to put on shorts and t-shirts ...

Nominating Committee Chair John C. Grant joined us on Saturday, and all of us were kept busy signing up a record (for me, anyway) nine members. We had Grants coming by most of the day, swapping tales and buying some of our clan regalia.

2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Please join us in the Pacific Northwest as Michelle Poitevin, Washington State Commissioner, and her team host our annual meeting this year, to be held July 28-30 at the games in Enumclaw, WA. Tentative plans call for multiple tents to allow a Saturday afternoon AGM and catered meals so we can stay for a Saturday night tattoo. I understand there will be two Parades of Tartans, so I'll be able to lead my last one as your President and Chris Pratt will lead the one on Sunday after his installation at the meeting. Thank you again, Michelle, for leading this effort!

Grandfather Mountain - Please join Nominating Committee Chair John C. Grant and Games Commissioner Allan Grant as they host the fiftieth anniversary of the oldest games in the Southeast. The games will be held July 6-8 at beautiful MacRae Meadow on Grandfather Mountain, near (and above!) Linville, NC. Also planning to attend are Treasurer Richard Grant and Board Secretary Dr. Philip and Shirley Grant Smith. Doris Matthews will be our Saturday night hostess, as usual,

for a covered dish dinner and Grant gathering in her lovely home in Linville at the foot of the mountain.

As part of their celebration, the Games officials are accepting donations for the construction of their new headquarters building. Clans contributing at least \$500 will be recognized with a plaque on a cairn beside the building. We've decided to ask for voluntary contributions for this effort since this is primarily a regional event, so if you want to help us fund a plaque, please send your personal check to me at 1842 Alderbrook Rd, NE, Atlanta, GA 30345. Please make it out to me, not Clan Grant! We've been an active part of these games for decades, and Sir Patrick, the previous Lord Strathspey, was the honored guest one year.

And finally, let me thank all of you hard-working volunteers who have contributed your time, energy and treasure (!) to furthering our efforts to celebrate our Scottish heritage and our great fortune to be born or to be otherwise connected to Grants. As Sir Patrick, Lord Strathspey, declared at Grandfather Mountain so many years ago, "It's great to be a Grant!" So many of our members have stepped up to host tents, keep track of member's activities, house Grant regalia, create and distribute our publications - you've helped make my term of office a special joy and privilege. Thank you!

But I owe special thanks to the Wilsons - Membership Secretary Jean, husband Jim, and Craigellachie Editor Holly, for their tremendous contributions to our longevity as a Society. Their efforts rival those of Shirley Grant Smith, whose activities on behalf of Clan Grant defied any job description - if Shirley thought it needed doing, she did it! So to Jean, Jim, and Holly, a very special thank you!

Come see us at Stone Mountain in October as Jane and I resume our hosting duties, this time as rank-and-file clansmen. And remember to ... **Stand Fast!**



C. David and Jane Grant

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Thank you to C. David & Jane Grant for leading and serving Clan Grant! Make your vacation plans now to join them and meet Grants from all over the United States at our Annual General Meeting in Washington state! <http://www.sshga.org/index.html>





U.S. Highland Games & Gatherings



July 15

Portland Highland Games
Mount Hood Community College
Gresham, OR
Contact: William Burton

July 29-30 *Clan Grant AGM*

Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland
Games & Clan Gathering
King County Fairgrounds
45224 - 284th Avenue SE
Enumclaw, Washington
Contact: Michelle Poitevin

August 8-10

Kelso Highlander Festival
Tam O'Shanter Park
Tam O'Shanter Way
Kelso, Washington
Contact: Michelle Poitevin

September 16

Virginia Scottish Games &
Scottish Heritage Festival
Fort Ward Park
Alexandria, VA
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Sept 30

Williamsburg Scottish Festival
Jamestown Beach Campsites
Williamsburg, VA
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Oct 21-22

Stone Mountain Highland Games
Stone Mt. Park Meadow
Stone Mountain, GA
Contact: C. David Grant

Oct 28-29

Richmond Highland Games
& Celtic Festival
Richmond Raceway Complex
Richmond, VA
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Oct 13-15

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Membership Matters

By Jean Grant Wilson
Membership Secretary



Seems like I just wrote my last column on membership! Where does the time go?

Don't forget to please send me your new addresses when you move or get new phone numbers or email addresses. We don't want to loose track of you. Or for you to miss out on any mailings or issues of the Craigellachie!

I haven't received any members asking to be added to the Listserv in months. And we have had a lot of new members! Come on? Take the plunge. This is a good practical way for members to connect and for the "powers that be" to get info out to the membership quickly and efficiently... So many of you are missing out on bits of info!

Sorry I wont be able to attend the AGM in July this year. But I will be living it through the fall Craigellachie tho. So please all that attend, take lots of pictures and send to Holly for inclusion in the Craigellachie. It is always better to have to many pictures, than not enough. And I know she will appreciate them!

Please continue to share your heritage and by doing this more members will join. June has been a great month already with 10 new members! Thank you for all the notes sent in with your dues. *"Your Membership does Matter!"*

Notes from the Editor

By Holly Grant Wilson Floyd



Summer is upon us and the year is just flying by! Our election is in full swing and many have already made their plans to attend the Annual General Meeting in Washington state at the end of July.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you, and also to savor the event and share with our readers in our next issue. As I said last time, titles are changing, duties are shifting and I know volunteers will step forward and new members will become involved! The strength and presence of Clan Grant gets better and better. Those that have held office continue to support and the newer candidates carry on and refine what was started many, many years ago when George Grant negotiated with the Chief of Clan Grant and we became a representative society in the United States!

I have been keeping busy with many little projects. Although I work full time, my Craig duties and my hobbies balance it out and keeps me sane. I have recently done all I can on our Grant family tree (on my Mom's side) and the Wilson family tree on my Dad's side and even did my husband's! Because I had so many scanned photos from ancient relatives to present day I decided to put them on DVD with music and they have made lovely Father's Days gifts! Now my mind is thinking I should do something similar with all the scanned photos I have collected as editor!

"Slàinte maith, h-uile latha, na chi 'snach fhaic!"
(Good health, every day, whether I see you or not!)



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Grants Games



-Grants on Parade for the Greenville, SC Highland Games -- C. David Grant is followed by **Jane Grant** and **Joy Ulsh**. **Fred Wood, SC Commissioner** and his wife **Myra** are next. **"FB"**, son of **Fred Wood** is shown below with the Grant banner that he carried in the parade. (Middle photo) The **Grant Tent** at the same event the following day.

Douglas & Cheryl Pratt, welcomed back at the Pomona Games!

Clan Grant at the Pomona Games

Submitted by Rand Allan, Commissioner SW States and VP

This past May 27 & 28, Clan Grant hosted a tent at the Pomona Games in Southern California. The Pomona Scottish Highland Games is traditionally the second largest Games west of the Mississippi. Two years after its move from the Orange County Fairgrounds, the Games were well attended, even though it rained lightly for a while on Saturday (which normally throws Southern Californians into a blind panic and causes them to huddle safely in their homes until the danger is long gone). We have had difficulties in the past with the Games committee interfering with the clan societies' abilities to raise revenue for our clans and to celebrate our heritage the way we see fit. With the introduction into the Games Committee this year of several new people who understand and appreciate how the clan societies operate, we were given more flexibility to operate as we see fit. This arrangement worked well for us all and will hopefully lead to a further relaxation of the regulations and requirements placed on the clans in future years.

Well over 20 families with Grant ancestry stopped and visited at the booth, while several others stopped to ask general questions about Scottish heritage or ask for help in pointing them towards possible clans they would belong to. I would also like to welcome new member William Grant, Jr. and would especially like to welcome back Douglas and Cheryl Pratt as members in the Clan Grant Society.

I would like to take this time to once again remind the membership that whenever your address, phone number, or e-mail address changes, PLEASE let us know. We ship out our newsletters by 3rd class mail, and if you move and don't notify membership secretary Jean Grant Wilson, the Post Office does not forward your newsletter or notify us of an address change. Consequently, we lose contact with you. A similar thing happens with your e-mail address. Because the Clan Grant Society covers a region of over 3 time zones we rely heavily on rapid communications by e-mail. If your e-mail address changes and you don't notify us of the change, we again lose contact with you.

We look forward to seeing all our kith and kin at our next Highland Games in Vista, California on June 24 and 25, <http://www.sdhIGHLANDGAMES.org/>.



Photo at right is new member, William Grant, Jr.



Photo below is Clan Grant tent representing at Pomona Highland Games, CA



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The Outlander Series

A Book Review By
Rand Allan, Vice-President

I love to read. Admittedly, I am a bit one-dimensional, preferring science fiction and fantasy over romance novels, historical fiction, murder mysteries, and non-fiction. My interests, however, took an abrupt change in direction after a chance encounter with a fellow Scot.

At the Mesa Highland Games in Mesa, Arizona this winter, I attended a Clan Kincaid dinner (hey, ye gotta eat somewhere) and sat across the table from James Kincaid, President of the Clan Kincaid Society. As one officer to another, we were discussing highland culture and traditions, and their application to modern society, when James recommended that if I really wanted to get a good and accurate feel for what life in the Scottish highlands was like in the 18th century, I would want to read the Outlander Series, written by a local Arizona author named Diane Gabaldon.

The story begins with the book, "Outlander", at the close of World War II in Great Britain. Claire Randall was a Royal Army military nurse married to historian Frank Randall, who had a fascination with highland life in the 18th century, the War of 1745, and the role of his distant ancestor as a distinguished military officer of the time. While taking a vacation in Scotland, Frank and Claire decided to secretly observe a witch's ceremony taking place within some ancient standing stones on a hidden knoll above the town where they were vacationing. After the witches had departed, Frank went down to the car and Claire decided to inspect the stones a little more carefully. Upon leaning against one of the stones, she suddenly fell into the stone, vanished into the void, and lost consciousness.

Upon regaining her senses, Claire looked around and realized that something was disturbingly wrong. The land looked the same, but the nearby town was gone, the roads were gone, all the familiar sounds of traffic and local industry were gone, and there appeared to be a movie production in progress at the base of the hill about a battle between what appeared to be 18th century Scottish Highlanders and British troops...only there weren't any movie cameras and film equipment to be seen. It isn't until she is captured by Jamie Frazier and his band of highlanders and gets caught up in events does she begin to realize that she has somehow been transported back in time to the mid-1700s, becoming as an Englishwoman, a Sassenach, or Outlander, in the eyes of the Scottish people.

Thus begins the story of Claire Randall and her life as she experiences events leading up to and culminating in the War between Bonnie Prince Charlie and the British Government. As she struggles to adapt to life in the mid 18th century, she begins to realize that she has knowledge as a 20th century woman that could help avoid all of the bloodshed suffered at Culloden and beyond, and so begins a grand adventure to attempt to change history. The Grants of Glemoriston play a minor role in the first book, but considering that the Grants and the Fraziers weren't on the best of terms with each other, and this book was written from the perspective of a woman living with the Fraziers, you can guess which side of the fence we



stand on in this book.

The entire Outlander Series is comprised of six books and counting (Diane Gabaldon hasn't decided if the story is over yet). Throughout the series, Claire travels from Scotland to France, the Caribbean Islands, colonial America, finally becoming involved in the Revolutionary War, all the while employing her advanced medical skills and 20th century knowledge to better the lives of the people she closely interacts with during the course of her life.

Diane Gabaldon is unique as authors go. Educated with a BS in Zoology, an MS in Marine Biology, a PhD in Quantitative Behavioral Biology, and a post doctorate in Marine Biology from UCLA, she also served as a professor for 12+ years at Arizona State University where she developed an expertise in the field of scientific computation (statistical correlation of scientific information). While working at Arizona State she began freelance writing, first for Walt Disney Studios writing children's stories, then writing scientific articles and other non-fiction stories. She began writing the Outlander series towards the end of her tenure with Arizona State in the mid-1990s, initially just as an exercise to see if she could write a fiction novel. In the storytelling style that she and her sister developed as young children telling stories to each other late at night, the Outlander story continues on and on, from one book in the series to the next.

Diane has a unique attention to detail, writing in a style reminiscent of James Michener, both in terms of historical accuracy and length of the novel (how does 6000+ pages for the entire Outlander series so far sound?). With exquisite research skills and habits developed through her work with the universities, Diane "researches the living daylight" out of her subject, turning her Outlander series into a stunning work of accurate historical fiction. Ironically, her first visit to Scotland occurred after she finished her first Outlander novel (she said it was exactly as her research revealed it would be). Initially, I was embarrassed to admit I was reading Outlander (besides for being a science-fiction/fantasy/historical fiction novel, it's also a full-on romance novel that doesn't pull any punches). Yet, within 3 chapters, I was fully sucked into the Outlander world. Being a 75-100 page per hour speed reader, it took me over 10 hours to finish the first book, and I proceeded in rapid-fire succession through books 2-5. I am now waiting for my co-worker to finish book 6 so I can read it.

If you want to get a good feel for life in 18th century Scotland, the Caribbean, Colonial America, and the fledgling United States, this is a must read series. Pay close attention to the stories. You find out all sorts of obscure details and information (that you can actually verify) about traditions and events you knew about but never were aware of their origins. The Outlander series so far is made up of the following books: Outlander, A Dragonfly in Amber, Voyager, Drums of Autumn, The Fiery Cross, and A Breath of Snow and Ashes. Enjoy.

Black Watch HQ Remains at Balhousie Castle

The controversial creation of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, by amalgamating The Royal Scots, The Kings Own Scottish Borderers, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, The Black Watch and The Highlanders into one "super" regiment, had led to fears that the previous bases of the former regiments would be closed down. But the Ministry of Defence has insisted that although the Regimental Headquarters for the newly-formed Royal Regiment of Scotland will open at Edinburgh Castle, the former HQs will be designated as "Home Headquarters".

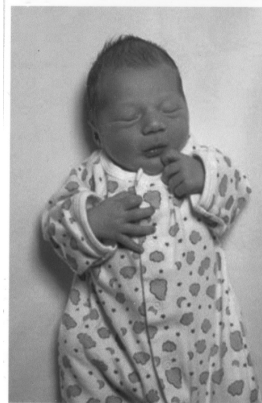
They will provide support to the local communities throughout traditional recruiting areas for the new battalions and will serve the interests of the retired army community in their areas.

That means, for example, that the Black Watch will continue to be based at Balhousie Castle in Perth and the regimental museum will remain there.

Balhousie houses a large collection of pictures, medals, equipment and kit, and pays tribute to the generations of Scots who have laid down their lives for their regiment and country.



Grants In The News



William V. Carnes, Sr. announces the birth of grandson, Andrew Nicholas Carnes, born April 7, 2006 in Orlando, FL



Picture above from Left to Right: Jimmie Pratt, The Right Honorable Jack McConnell, First Minister of Scotland, and Christopher Pratt taken at a reception at the residence of the British Consul General in NYC.

**Fall Deadline to
submit your news for the
next issue is Sept 15th!**

Scottish Clans and their Societies

By Rand Allan, Vice-President

The Highland Clan is a set of people all bearing the same surname or sub-family names, who believe themselves to be related to each other, either by descent from the original stock or adoption into the clan. There may be several sub-tribes within the clan with their own chiefs to which the people owe their immediate allegiance. However, they all agree in owning their allegiance to the supreme chief of the clan, and look upon it to be their duty to support him in all of his endeavors. There may also be people considered to be "friends of the clan", that while not belonging historically to the clan, are sympathetic to its causes, and support their activities.

The Clan, like every other institution, requires symbolism and ceremony. Otherwise, the people of the clan would gradually lose their identity and sense of self as a unique race of people. It is a legal and practical community - a biological corporation - under its representative - 'whom we call Chief' - distinguished by his shield and banner, which pass as property in the ruling line of succession. It spreads into branches and sub-branch families, each with its ceantighe. Each child should be taught to 'name your chief,' the chief's genealogy, and his own. It is the mother's duty to learn this and teach them, the father's to encourage the child to 'decor the house, support the chief, and work for the glory of the clan.' - from *The Scottish Clans and their Tartans* by Johnston and Bacon Publishers.

While we no longer have the unflinching loyalty to the clan nor the protection of the Chief as described in historical times, the above paragraphs bring home a point. In order to define ourselves as a people, we have to remember our past, learn its symbols and traditions, and apply those lessons continuously to our present and future lives, lest our heritage lose its significance and meaning to the people of the clan, and the clan gradually fades away due to disinterest. It is up to every one of us to learn as much as we can about our clan to pass that information to our kin.

The Clan Grant

Although many historical clans have ceased to exist due to the loss of the chiefly line, the Clan Grant counts itself among the active clans. Our current clan chief is Sir James Grant, Lord Strathspey, Grant of Grant, 33rd Chief of Clan Grant. The historical lands of the Clan Grant are located in the Strathspey Valley, approximately 40 miles SE of Inverness, and the Glenmoriston and Glenurquhart regions on the west shore of Loch Ness. The spiritual center of the Clan Grant is Castle Grant, located at Grantown-on-Spey. Sadly, the Clan Grant lost their castle many decades ago. The castle has repeatedly been bought and sold over the years, no one person being able to retain the castle for any period of time. Perhaps one day a wealthy benefactor can purchase the castle and return it to the Clan Grant where it belongs.

Although the Clan Grant is a shadow of its former glory as one of the most powerful highland clans in Scotland, there are still plenty of things that can be done to allow us to function as a clan. The clan can own property and can provide direction on needed activities. Its members can provide revenue for the support of clan activities and purchase of properties. They can gather for social events and projects that benefit the clan.

The Clan Grant Society in the United States- The Chief

The Chief is the head of the Clan and representor of the family. He embodies the spirit of the Clan and inspires the Clan to "Stand Fast" against all adversity. In the United States, the Chief serves as advisor to the Clan Grant Society.

Officers

The officers are responsible for establishing the direction and day-to-day operations of the Clan Grant Society in the

United States. They appoint people to carry out the tasks of the Society.

Commissioners

Appointed by the officers of the Clan Grant Society in the United States, the Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the officers of the Society. Clan Commissioners are responsible for generating enthusiasm for Clan Grant, carrying on the customs and traditions of Clan Grant, and organizing social activities and participation in the various Highland Games.

The Bards

In times past, the bards were a favored class of people within the clan. The bards were responsible for keeping alive the knowledge of the past. As Scotland's history was an oral, rather than a written, history, the bards committed this history to memory in the form of poems, stories, genealogy, and ballads. This information was repeated at all gatherings of the clan. No thanks to the breakdown of the clan system beginning in the mid 1700s, the old bardic system is largely gone now, and much of the ancient knowledge is lost. There does exist a new counterpart to the old bards that has developed in modern society. Just as the bard of old was an information disseminator that kept alive the history and traditions of the clan, so too are the modern bards, who are now the officers, commissioners, newsletter editors, musicians, and webmasters of the clans. These people continue to strive to carry on the history and culture of the clans.

The Genealogist

The modern clan genealogist is responsible for maintaining the clan lineage of the various members of Clan Grant. They also encourage the members to further research their complete genealogical history and provide assistance to help the members begin to research their roots.

The Difference Between the Clan and the Clan Society

The Clan Grant

All people with the surname of Grant by birth or marriage, and people whose surnames are recognized sept of the Clan and can generally trace their ancestry back to Clan Grant are considered members of the Clan Grant. This is membership by birthright. The Clan has a long history stretching back to the 900s AD and it is a heritage that we can be proud of. The Clan Grant is a legal entity in Scotland that can hold titles and property. Its Chief is the head of the Clan and is selected on the basis of heredity.

The Clan Grant Society

The Clan Grant has sanctioned the establishment of several "Societies" throughout the world, which represent the Clan Grant and bring like-minded people together for the purpose of assisting each other in the assembly of their genealogies, and learning about their clan history and the heritage of their ancestors. These people may belong to Clan Grant, may have blood lines reaching back to a Grant ancestor, or may consider themselves to be "Friends of the Clan", interested in supporting the causes and interests of Clan Grant. Because of United States tax laws affecting non-profit organizations, no person can be excluded from an organization because they have the wrong name (we'll even welcome Comyns and Campbells). Regardless of surname, all people who have the common value of supporting the cause of the Clan Grant are welcomed. The Society provides an organizational structure for these people to attend highland games, socialize together, and produce newsletters and web sites as a way to keep in touch with each other and enhance the knowledge of their heritage.

2006 Clan Grant Elections



Pictured from left to right is our current Board. Secretary: Dr. Philip D. Smith, President: C. David Grant, Treasurer: Richard Grant, Board Member: Dr. Christopher Pratt, Board Member: William Burton, Vice president: Rand Allan and inset picture is Board Member: John Grant, III.

Under the provisions of the Clan Grant Society Bylaws, the offices of President, Treasurer and one Board Member-at-Large are to be elected in 2006. A special thanks for coordinating this in such a professional manner to the appointed nominating committee of John C. Grant and Jean Grant Wilson along with Dr. Phil Smith, Secretary. The Ballots were mailed, and the process completed.

Installation of the elected officers is planned during the 2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in Enumclaw, WA July 28-30. Details of the Games that weekend can be found at <http://www.sshga.org/index.html>.

Flowers of the Forest



Robert Charles Allan
of Oakland CA passed away
on 4/9/06 at the age of 73.
He was a long time member
of our Clan Grant Society



This spot is for you!



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Memories of Scotland are always welcome!

Scots' Humour

Reprint from the Scottish Snippets

The following comparisons of the attitude of the Scots to different levels of temperature, compared with those in some other parts of the world, has been circulating on the Net.

40 degrees - Californians shiver uncontrollably. People in Scotland sunbathe.

35 degrees - Italian cars won't start. People in Scotland drive with the windows down.

20 degrees - Floridians wear coats, gloves, and wool hats. People in Scotland throw on a T-shirt.

15 degrees - Californians begin to evacuate the state. People in Scotland go swimming in the sea.

0 degrees - New York landlords turn the heat on. People in Scotland have a last barbecue before it gets cold.

-10 degrees - People in Miami are extinct. People in Scotland lick flagpoles instead of ice lollipops.

-20 degrees - Californians all now live in Mexico. People in Scotland throw on a light jacket.

-80 degrees - Polar bears begin to evacuate the Arctic. Scottish Boy Scouts postpone winter survival exercise until it gets cold enough.

-100 degrees - Santa Claus abandons the North Pole. People in Scotland wear a vest and put something on under their kilts.

-173 degrees - Ethyl alcohol freezes. People in Scotland are angry 'cos they can't thaw their whisky bottles.

-297 degrees - Microbial life starts to grind to a halt. Scottish cows complain of farmers with cold hands.

-460 degrees - ALL atomic motion stops. People in Scotland start saying "Aye it's a bit cooler today... eh?"

-500 degrees - Hell freezes over. Scottish people support England in the World Cup!



Above photo circulated on the internet is too cute not to publish. Kudos to the photographer!

A Scot wandered into a bar in Grantown and, to the barman's surprise, ordered a dry martini. He drank it down and then carefully placed the olive in a jar he took from his pocket. He ordered another one and followed the same procedure. After half-a-dozen dry martinis, the barman could contain his curiosity no longer and asked why he was saving the olives. The Scot explained: "My wife sent me out for a jar of olives, so I'm doing as she asked."



Who is going to organize the "Buy Castle Grant" project?

Heather

Reprinted from Scottish Snippets

Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) can be found right across northern Europe but the acid, peat soils of eastern and central Highlands of Scotland make it particularly abundant there.

The heather shoots are a favourite food of the red grouse - hence the game birds which are reared on the heather moors.

Heather grouse moors are frequently burnt back to encourage the growth of the young shoots.

The abundant purple flowers can colour an entire hillside in July to October and is an important source of nectar for bees.

Heathers have been cultivated by gardeners for a long time and there is now a wide range available with white flowers as well as a range of red and pink or leaves in various shades of yellow and red. They can also be found flowering at different times of the year - even in winter. There are also native heathers found in Scotland - "Erica cinerea" has bell-shaped flowers.

Heather was introduced by Scottish settlers into North America in the 18th century and now grows wild in some areas here as well as in other parts of the world.

Famous Grant Quotes....

Submitted by Ed Grant, member in Kailua, Hawaii

British Major General, James Grant commanded 5,500 Redcoats and German mercenaries outside of Philadelphia in May 1778, as half of a pincer movement trying to trap 2,200 American troops under the Marquis de Lafayette. The other half of the movement was commanded by Generals Clinton and Howe.

General Grant, who disdained the American army, had once announced in Parliament that he could "march from one of end the American continent to the other with 5,000 men."

The Marquis executed an orderly tactical withdrawal, and the pincers, to their surprise bumped into each other.

Source: Military History magazine, "Perspectives" by James Smart, June 2006.

Grant Guidies

Bubble and Squeak Patties

This can be a very low fat meal if you use a strong half-fat cheddar and grill or bake the patties rather than frying them. Green vegetables are a good source of vitamin C and iron - serve these piping hot with tangy relish or sauce, or with a mixed salad, sweetcorn or stir-fried mixed vegetables.

Ingredients (makes 4):

1lb peeled floury tatties
6oz sprouts, peeled and halved
1 medium onion
1 grated carrot
2oz half-fat strong cheddar
salt and black pepper
1 teaspoon mustard

Method:

Quarter the potatoes and boil or steam until tender. Drain well and mash. Meanwhile, put the halved sprouts (or shredded cabbage) into a small pan with the grated carrot and add two tablespoons of water. Cook about 5 minutes - this minimum quantity of liquid means the vegetables are virtually steamed and so retain most of their goodness. When tender, drain well and mix well with the mashed potato - chopping the sprouts if you prefer. Also add the onion, chopped as finely as possible, the mustard, grated cheese and plenty salt and pepper. Shape the mixture into four patties and place on a greased grill pan. Grill for about five minutes on each side until hot through and golden brown. Serve right away.

Rumblethumps

The name for this dish means "mixed together" - rumbled, and "bashed together" - thumped. This is a meatless main course but can also be served as a vegetable dish along with meat. Serves 4.

1 lb potatoes
1 lb white cabbage, spring cabbage, or kale
1 medium onion or the white part of two leeks, finely chopped
3 oz butter
A little single cream
2 oz mature cheddar cheese
Chopped fresh chives
Black pepper and salt to taste

Directions

Slice the potatoes thickly and boil in a little salted water. Once cooked, drain and mash. Slice the cabbage and boil gently in salted water, do not over cook! Melt the butter in a heavy bottomed pan and cook the onions or leeks. Once soft right through, add the cooked potatoes and cabbage. Add a little cream, season to taste and beat together. Place the mixture in an oven safe dish, cover with grated cheddar cheese and place under a hot grill or oven to brown.

And here is a Burns toast, to share after a meal:

"O Thou, in whom we live and move,
Who made the sea and shore;
Thy goodness constantly we prove,
And grateful would adore;
And, if it please Thee, Power above!
Still grant us with such store,
The friend we trust, the fair we love,
And we desire no more."

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