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Weaving the Tartan of Tomorrow

A Note from our President

“Cuimhnich air na daoine on tàinig thu.”
Remember those from whom you are descended.*

Dear members and friends of the Clan Grant Society USA, Welcome to the Clan Grant Society USA! It is a pleasure to have you join us. Our hope is that you will enjoy a spirit of friendship and family among our members.

Together we bear a great trust in union with our brothers and sisters of the heather to celebrate our heritage and carry on the cultural links of our families in the across the US, Scotland, and around the world.

As Scots our families helped build this nation and so many others across the seas. We are an inspired lot, and through our strength of spirit, future generations will know about their heritage. I am deeply committed to nourishing that spirit and I would like to ask for your help in building our Clan Society in the US.

STAND FAST in your membership. There is work to be done across a wide range of topics and projects. First and foremost we need your renewed membership. There is also work to be done in developing support from a variety of sources.

Our kith and kin come in all ages and with a great diversity of desires for their Scottish heritage and culture. We can leverage what distinguishes us to what will attract members new and old with a sense of belonging and pride in affiliation with the love of family and Scotland we share. We need to stress educational, cultural and charitable opportunities for all those who seek them, and the financial strength to allow that to become reality.

Clan Grant is not just a historical society, it is a living clan whose members consider themselves extended family and kin and who keep their heritage alive through participation in many gatherings and events around the country. Help us build our future together.

Membership in the society helps to support and further the efforts of the Clan Grant Society USA in preserving our common Grant heritage, and furthering the aims of the society as defined in our bylaws. The Clan benefits from the active support of all its members please become an active contributor.

As a member, you may develop bonds with other members who are united by their deeply felt connections to their heritage, their ancestors, and desire to preserve the traditions of that heritage through their support of, and participation in, the Clan Grant Society USA.

The purpose of the Society is to preserve and promote the customs, traditions, and heritage of Clan Grant. These purposes are achieved through a number of activities including:

- Literary - including publication of Scottish or Gaelic literature;
 - Charitable - such as helping Clansmen dependents of Clansmen in distress;
 - Historical - including genealogy related to Clan Grant and its various branches;
 - Educational - such as financial assistance to deserving students, establishment of a fellowship in Scottish literature or music, grants to schools or universities, and support of the Clan Grant Educational and Charitable Trust;
 - Cultural - such as encouraging the perpetuation of Highland dress traditions and customs, promoting Highland Games in the United States, and supporting the Clan Grant Centre in Scotland;
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Congrats from our Chief

Dear Kinsmen

I am writing you as Chief of our wonderful clan.

Congratulations on the appointment of your new President Dr.Christopher Pratt and may you continue to go from strength to strength. My best wishes go to him in his endeavors for Clan Grant Society USA.



As many of you know we here in the UK appointed a new council in March this year. They are working well together and we hope to recruit more members to other positions in the near future to help spread the workload.

I am planning to visit the Stone Mountain Games in 2008 - God willing and health permitting - where I look forward to meeting old friends and making new, May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Peace to us all in 2007.

Standfast Craigelachie
Your Kinsman and Chief Strathspey



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**Winter Deadline to
submit is Dec 15th!**





U.S. Highland Games & Gatherings



Oct 20-22
Stone Mountain Park Meadow
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Jan 3
SEFL Games
Ft Lauderdale Stadium
Ft Lauderdale FL
www.sassf.org
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Jan 19 - 20
Central FL Games
Central Winds Park
Winter Springs FL
www.FlaScot.com
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Feb 3
Sarasota Games
Sarasota County Fair Grounds
Sarasota FL
www.sarasotagames.com
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Feb 17-18
Queen Mary Scottish Games
Long Beach, California
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Feb 24-25
Arizona Highland Games
Mesa, AZ
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Feb 24
NE Florida Games
Clay county Fair Grounds
Green Cove Springs FL
www.neflgames.com
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May 19-20
Pomona Highland Games
Pomona, CA
Contact : Rand Allan

Mar 31
Dunedin Games
new venue see website
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June 23-24
San Diego Highland Games
Vista, CA
Contact: Rand Allan

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Membership Matters

By Jean Grant Wilson, Membership Secretary



I hope that you all are enjoying some nice fall weather and the turning of the leaves. We here in Florida are still having hot weather...

I would like to address the Clan Grant Listserv in this column. Years ago when we first started using the Topica listserv it seemed so complicated. Whether it was that computers were still new to most of us or it really was complicated, I don't know. All I do know is that I got many complaints from members about it! Anyway, a week or so ago I was helping our youngest daughter get set up on it and WOW all it took was two clicks of the mouse! Lorri asked to be put on the list and was sent an invitation from Topica to subscribe. All we had to do was click reply to the email and then send. That was it! How much easier can that get?

I explain this in the hopes that you will again ask to be added to the CGS Topica list. At present only 49 members are on the list out of all the membership. That is just a drop in the bucket! This is one way that the society can keep the membership costs down...

With our Chief coming over to Stone Mountain Games in 2008 the info, etc will be burning up the airwaves. Don't be left out of the loop! Here are the steps again... Send me an email asking to be added to the Topica list. CLNGRANT@comcast.net. You will then get an invitation to join Topica via email. Just reply to the email and send. Done! Now you are ready to get all the Clan Grant info that is passed through the listserv.

Oh, one other thing...if you want to reply to the sender of the email through Topica DO NOT just hit the reply button or it will go to all the list again. You must cut and paste the email address of the sender into your reply email!

All you Commissioners need to be on the listserv also! Less than a handful are on it now! How do you expect to be kept up to speed with what is going on within the society if you aren't? I know a few of you do not have computers, but those that do, take a minute now and join in! You will be glad you did!



Clan Grant Membership Application



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Names _____

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Grants Games

The 2006 Clan Grant Society USA Annual General Meeting was held at the Pacific Northwest Highland Games in Enumclaw, Washington on July 29th. It was a celebration for all who attended and newly elected officers and board members were officially passed the torch. In this gallery of Grants, there was hardly room for captions--How many Grants do you know? More on page 9.



C. David Grant (GA), passed the gavel to the new president of the U.S. Clan Grant Society, Dr. Christopher Pratt (NY). Also newly elected, were Treasurer, LTC Jeniphr Grant (NJ) and two new board members, Kelly Grant (OK) and R. Arston Grant (AL).



AGM called to order by C. David Grant



Portland Highland Games

In the above picture of the "Parade of the Clans" from the Portland Highland Games held July 15th, are: Wayne Grant, former Commissioner, , Allen ONeal, and myself, William Burton. The young lads carrying the banner are (on the left) two grandsons of Wayne, Robert Lee Grant (9), Dalton Lee Tenbush (6) and (on the right) Logan Thomas Strubhar, grandson of my wife & myself. David Grant also marched with this group, but wasn't present when the picture was "snapped". David Grant of Austin TX, vacations in Portland OR to visit family, and always attends the PHGA activities. Also visiting the Clan Grant tent at Portland were Jim & Sandy Entler, who support the PHGA venue as volunteers. Derek & Christian Pullings also stopped by, between their competitions in the Amateur C Men's Class.



New England Commish Reports Busy Month

Sent in by Lysle Grant, New England Commissioner

On August 19th, **Lysle and Marjorie Grant** hosted the Grant tent at the **Maine Highland Games** at Thomas Point Beach in Bunswick. They set up on Friday and that evening attended the Clan dinner. Part of the evening's entertainment was Colin Grant-Adams.

On August 26th they were in **Quebec, Vermont for their Games**. It was reported as another nice day being joined by their daughter and her husband. Their grandson, Zachary got very into the Kids Games!

The next day, August 27th, they went to the **106th annual Grant Reunion in Hollis, Maine**. About eighty or so members of this Grant family attended. A "good time" was had by all and the food was wonderful.

Sounds like **Lysle and Marjorie Grant** never tire of meeting their "Kith and Kin". When this message was received they were looking forward to returning to **Loon Mountain for the New Hampshire Games** in September!

Taste of Scotland- Grants Honored Clan



Submitted by Bishop John C. Grant, NC

It was my privilege to host the Grant tent at the "Taste of Scotland" festival in Franklin, N.C. this past June 16 - 18th, 2006. We were selected as the "Honored Clan" and marched with some of our kinsmen from Georgia. We were told we had the best display presentation at the festival! A wonderful time was had by all, with 54 guests signing our guestbook.

Houston Highland Games July 2006

Submitted by G. K. Grant, Sr.
Commissioner for South Texas

Greetings to all from the Lone Star State!

Well, another Mother's Day weekend has come and gone and with it the '06 Houston Highland Games. Attendance was very good, so much so that most food vendors were completely sold out the first day and had to scramble for restocking of supplies for Sunday. Speaking of Mother's Day and supplies, Mother Nature supplied us with an unusual gift of cool weather due to a rainstorm that brought a very welcome cold front. For those of you who are not from these parts, a cold front in South Texas in May means temperatures under 85 F with humidity under 80 percent. The strong winds (gusts of up to 50 mph) created some problems with the vendors, clan tents and entertainment but the comfort it provided this clansman, made it quite pleasant and well worth the minor inconveniences.

Regarding the entertainment, in addition to the traditional pipe and drums we all love and expect at the games and gatherings, there were a couple of contemporary Rock bands that incorporated the bagpipes and violin (or "fiddle" if you prefer) where you would normally expect electric guitars. When the weather turned detrimental with the high winds and lightning strikes they were forced to set up inside the building instead of the outdoor tent they had planned to perform in. The acoustics indoors were excellent. I don't think the tent would have done them justice.

Another noteworthy event I just have to share with those of you who weren't in attendance. (Lord knows those who were, won't soon forget this!) It's been long pondered by many who attend the games, (especially the ladies) just what do the lads wear under those kilts? Well, during the '06 games this year one athlete competing in the sheaf toss provided the answer. The poor lad had caught the corner of his kilt with the pitchfork and with one fell swoop answered the question once and for all, much to the delight of all the adoring



Gordon Grant, Sr. and Gordon Grant, Jr

lassies in attendance. The thunder of applause rivaled Mother Nature's rainstorm at that particular moment. I'll not mention the clan represented nor how he fared in the competition. It is sufficient to say however that his performance will be remembered and spoken of by all who viewed it much like Babe Ruth's called shot at Wrigley Field. Truly a "Kodak Moment"!

Now that we are on the subject of clan members showing their behinds, one particular clan wanted to have a debate over who had bragging rights to Jim Bowie. As it turns out, a member of his own clan said that Bowie himself claimed allegiance to Clan Grant though this third party added that he though Bowie was mistaken. I simply said that if Bowie believed he was a sept of Grant that was good enough for me.

It seems fitting here that I mention the fact that our clan tent was sparsely manned due to the fact that much like Jim Bowie at the Alamo, my boys felt the need to answer the call to duty after the attack on 9/11. My oldest, Matt, with the 1st Armored Infantry and my middle son, Aaron is currently with the Marine Corp in Iraq. Only Gordon, Jr. (my youngest) was with me at this year's games. He leaves for boot camp himself in just a few short months. Please keep them I your prayers until they return. Until then, they stand fast!



Inside Grant Tent at "Taste of Scotland Festival"



The Loys Hssnilter Family from Cocoa, FL



Bob and Mary Grant from Griffin, GA visit Grant tent.



Bishop John C. Grant and "Alasdair Grant" on display in Grant tent.



Tom and Susan Grant also visited the Grant tent.



Grants are honored Clan!

The "Grant of Achnarrow" Tartan

By Dr. Phil Smith

Some of the ladies of the Clan Grant Society wear a tartan known as the "Grant of Achnarrow" woven by Lochcarron Mill. This tartan was first recorded by Dr. Phil Smith in 1981 from a wedding dress worn in the 1780's by "Miss Grant of Achnarrow", a former farm near Cromdale. This dress was on display in the Highland Folk Museum founded by the late Dr. I. F. Grant, the eminent Highland folklorist and the author of many books on the Clan and the surrounding areas. It has since been recounted by Society Member "Hank" Grant and by Peter MacDonald, a Scottish specialist in tartan, each with differing thread counts. Dr. Smith believes that each of these may be correct but not from the same fabric.



White based tartans such as the "Grant of Achnarrow" were worn by women in a garment known as the "arisaid." This garment was tartan worn on the bias which covered the entire body and was closed on the bosom with a broach. Regretfully no example has survived, perhaps because they were simply a length of material to be arranged at the wearer's fancy. By the late 1600's ladies were wearing dresses on Lowland style, sometimes of tartan but usually in other fabrics. Tartan dresses became popular again following the repeal of the Act of Proscription.

The "Grant of Achnarrow" is not a "Clan Grant" tartan. The "Clan Grant" tartans are the red sett approved by the Lord Strathspey and the "Black Watch". It is also emphatically not proper to refer to it as the "Lady Grant" tartan. That title implies that it is or was used only by one of the "titled" ladies, perhaps one or more of Strathspey's daughters. The "Grant of Achnarrow" is a "Lady's" Grant tartan, suitable for wear by any woman. It is woven in "Modern Colours" in Scotland in "Strome" (medium) weight. Full length skirts, kilt skirts, and other garments may be ordered directly from Lochcarron of Scotland, Waverley Mills, Galashiels TD1 3AY, Scotland. For a silk sash contact Mrs. Marjorie Warren, The Thistle Studio, 350 Crum Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC. 28745 (Tel. 828-452-0782).

Family is everything

It defines you—the heart of your spirit,
the heritage of your smile,
not only the color of your eyes,

but how they see the world.

You are bound by kinship.

You add your own link to the chain,
and that is where you strengthen
what you have been blessed with.

That is where you use the indefinable quality
that belongs to only you, the bit of uniqueness,
the part of you that will always be
separate from those who share your name,
your blood, and your past.



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Flowers of the Forest

LE Hansberger passed away last November 2005 in Cape Girardeau, MO

E Ruth Grant passed on 11/26/05 and *J Russell Grant* passed on 12/15/05. They were Life members from Longwood FL



Charles "Chuck" Grant and his wife Kay Brown Grant

Submitted by Helen Grant Schmidt

Descendants of the late Fred and Hazel Grant of Decorah, IA gathered twice this Spring to honor the lives of Charles "Chuck" Grant and his wife Kay. Kay Brown Grant lost her battle with cancer on March 4th, 2006. Chuck, also a cancer victim, followed on April 29, 2006. Both memorial services were held in Faribault, MN where they lived for 42 years.

The couple was very involved in community activities including PTA, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Church Youth Leadership, disaster relief work, Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity. They were both honored as unsung heroes in the 2004 edition of the Faribault Daily News Profile.

Chuck and Kay and their progeny were frequent visitors at the Scottish Highland Games, Upper-Midwest at Macalister College in St. Paul, MN, as were many Iowa members of the Grant family. It was a sad day for all of us when the Ed Grants moved to Hawaii and no one was available to keep a Grant Clan booth going.

In accordance with Chuck's wishes, a piper from Macalister welcomed guests on the church steps and opened the service with Amazing Grace. Every member of the family, all four generations wore a tie, hat or sash of the Grant tartan and a tartan pall graced the front of the church.

Chuck's older sister, Helen Grant Schmidt of Decorah, IA remains as the matriarch of that branch of Clan Grant.

Notes from the Editor



It has been great fun preparing this issue for our members! Sharing the AGM info and all the material that has been sent in makes it easy. Remember, if you send it, I'll print it! Thanks to everyone that took the time to contact me.

At this point the only request I have is that our officers and commissioners send me the Games schedules in their areas for each issue so our calendar can be more accurate. There are many Scottish events nationwide every month that the Grants are (or could be represented at) so we need to get the word out!

A special thank you to our Chief for his encouragement and blessing after our recent election. It is exciting to know that he is coming to the United States in 2008! Now that our members are on notice, it gives all of us plenty of time to schedule our holiday time to welcome you!

I also want to draw your attention to our membership secretary's column with the easy instructions to gain access to Clan Grant's Listserv on Topica. This is the perfect tool for everyone to stay "in the know" with Clan Grant USA! Take the time to sign up and you will be glad you did.

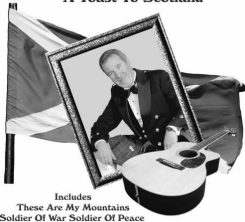
As many of you know, genealogy is one of my hobbies. This passion has lead to several discoveries of living relatives worldwide for our family and I encourage you to explore your heritage and be amazed at the fruits of your labor! I have been curious to know the recipient of the prize at our AGM that entitled them to some free research... Send a note to my email Craigellachie@comcast.net and I will tap into my resources for you. *smile

Remember that the holidays are just around the corner and Clan Grant memberships make wonderful gifts for family members. My mom did that for years for my sister and I.

Till our winter issue, "Tapadh leibh gu dearbh"
(Thank you very much)...



COLIN GRANT-ADAMS
A Toast To Scotland



Includes
These Are My Mountains
Soldier Of War Soldier Of Peace

Grants In The News

Our Internationally known **Colin Grant-Adams**, Folksinger/Songwriter/Guitarist, from Oban, Scotland, was just recently accepted onto the Arts Northwest Touring Roster, which is comprised of artists that have proven to be exceptional in their fields.

Colin will just be finishing up an 8 state tour including Michigan, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, Oregon and Nevada. Colin

and his wife, Julia, visited with the Grants at Capital District, Altamont, NY. Colin played for the Clan Dinner Friday Sept 1 arranged by George and Maureen Grant for all the clans. They also visited with the Grants at the Reno Celtic Celebration, NV July 21-23, and at the Maine Highland Games Aug 18-19th and then again at the Ligonier Highland Games, PA. Sept 8-9th.

Grant-Adams' New CD is released! One of the featured songs "The Soldier of War, Soldier of Peace", which Grant-Adams wrote about a soldier he met going back to Iraq is dedicated to all our armed forces. Another song included is "Fire On The Mountain" written as an official theme song for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Keets Taylor wrote the words, and Mary Fluke the music. It tells of the calling together of the Scottish clansmen, by lighting fires on the mountaintops as warning of impending danger or just to call the clans folk together. www.colingrant-adams



Congratulations to New Commissioner of Northern California!

Front Left, (balancing the Grant name banner) is **Scott Grant**, retiring commissioner for Northern California. Behind him is **Jeffrey Grant** the incoming commissioner, and holding the tartan banner is his son **Josh Grant**.



New Member, **Aaron Lyle Pratt**, of Portland Oregon with **William Burton**, Commissioner for Oregon.



Photo to right: New member **Allen O'Neal** of Newport OR. He and his wife emigrated to Oregon from South Carolina, and is presently City Manager for the City of Newport, on the Oregon Coast. They drove over 80 miles to the Eugene Scottish Festival to become a member of CGS-USA.



Welcome to our new Treasurer, **Jeniphr Grant**, Lt. Col., United States Army, Military Police Active Reserve Chief, Command Readiness Team, Fort Dix, NJ. Col. Grant has a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Oregon State University. Her interests are traveling, camping, biology, genealogy and teaching heritage to her children.



Welcome to our newest Board Member-at-Large, **R. Arston Grant**. Arston has been a member of Clan Grant USA from the beginning. He got his first kilt on his 18th birthday and it still fits! Arston attends many Scottish Games with his wife Jennifer and children. A graduate with degrees in chemical engineering and paper production, he is a successful international businessman specializing in the sale of chemical transfer supplies for the paper industry. Arston lives near Mobile, Alabama, where he and his family raise Galloway Belted cows.

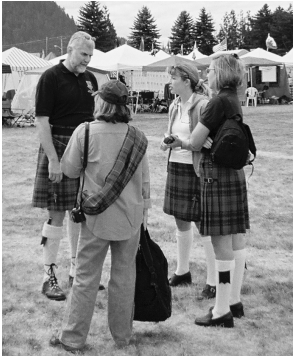
Welcome to **Kelly Erin Grant**, our other newest Board Member-at-Large from CGS's recent election. Kelly is also Clan Grant commissioner for Oklahoma (since 2003). She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Confederacy, and the American Quarter Horse Association. Kelly is active in the First Baptist Church, Ochelata. Her interests include Scottish heritage, American history, and because of her interest in Blue Grass music, she is learning to play the banjo. (Pictures on left with sister, Shannon to the right.)



Dan Grant has become known for his beautiful singing voice at many Grant gatherings worldwide. Dan is also in a band named **Creme Tangerine**. He is the son of another one of our members, **Carol Grant**. After 60 shows over the past 18 months, 2006 has truly turned out to be their best year ever. Creme Tangerine specializes in recreating Beatle music. www.cremetangerine.com/



AGM Good Times with the Grants



A Note from our President

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-Social Recreational - promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among the members of the Clan; and Such other activities as the Board of Directors may determine will promote the purposes of the Society.

The Society publishes a Clan quarterly named *Craigellachie* to promote the interests of the Clan, the cultivation of a spirit of kin and fellowship and social intercourse amongst the Society's members. The *Craigellachie* also serves as the official publication of the Society and the primary vehicle for giving the Members official notice of meetings, elections, Board and Officer actions.

Members are encouraged to email stories, photos, announcements of births, weddings, marriage, travel and news to the *Craigellachie* Editor, Holly Grant-Wilson-Floyd, craigellachie@comcast.net. Members are also encouraged to visit and use the Society website: <http://www.clangrant-us.org/clangrant.htm>

Please send us your email address with your membership renewal so we can keep in touch with you through the CGS listserv, Clan_Grant@topica.com

If you were with us in Enumclaw, Washington, July 29-30, 2006, you know, and if you were not able to be there you missed the best Annual General Meeting and gathering of our Society ever,

What great job by Michelle, William, Carol and all their family, friends and clan folk who helped make it so! Well done! Congratulations and many thanks!

The facilities were special and the catered dinner on Saturday for the AGM was outstanding as were the terrific home made short bread with recipe graciously shared on page 11 of this issue! Thanks!

But the best part of our gathering was the warmth, the camaraderie, the laughter, the dancing (thanks William and Michelle!), and marching, the swords (thanks Richard!), the chairs and the shopping, the clan shirts and bags (thanks Rand and David!) and singing (thanks Dan!) and joking and conversations, Biblical weather forecasting (thanks Rand!) and Biblical explanations of Mt. Pisgah (thanks John C!), sharing photos and stories (thanks Thelma!) with old friends and new, and the kids, great kids, young people and young at heart, and oh the lovely lassies so many, Clan Grant is now known far and wide for its beautiful ladies (just ask Clan McGregor!). Thanks!

C. David Grant, Richard Grant, Rand Allan, William Burton, John C. Grant, et al the official part of the AGM went smoothly and productively. We even passed a motion, thanks to John C and Richard, but more on that to come later. Thanks all!

If you were not able to be with us in person, you were with us in spirit and your name was spoken as we raised a glass. Shirley, Jean, George, Howard, Phil, Allan and all the rest of you who mean so much to us all you were missed!

My personal thanks to John C and Jean Grant Wilson for their tireless work with the Nominating Committee. I am genuinely honored to serve you all as the new president of the Society.

C. David and his most lovely and exceptional Lady Jane are good friends and two of the finest people Jimmie and I have known. Thank you for your leadership and stewardship, and for sharing of yourselves and each other with us.

To the Boards old and new, and to each Board member and to all the commissioners and members thank you for all you do every day to make our Clan Grant Society all that it is.

Jennifer welcome as our new Treasurer, never without a good word. Great suggestion we hold an AGM in NYC and march together down the Avenue with a few thousand Scots! Shy? Never! Tell us what you really think. Thanks!

Susan you are a star and we enjoyed getting to know you, don't be a stranger, thanks!

And of course, thanks to Holly as our brilliant *Craigellachie* Editor for the great job taking minutes at the AGM and photos and producing newsletter. Please send her your photos and reminiscences of your trip to the AGM, John C and Thelma may well have the most stories as they drove out from Georgia, what fun!

Again many thanks to everyone at the AGM. Michelle, did I hear you offer to host us again after Richard's offer for Middle Tennessee for 2007? Thanks!

We'll let you all know soon about next time, but for now 2006 is hard to beat, thanks!

You are invited to be active as a member and participate in Clan Society activities and committees. Please reach out and share your membership with family and friends encouraging them to participate with you.

Thank you for the privilege to serve in the hope future generations may be inspired by our actions to learn about the history and celebrate their heritage of the Clan Grant. Jimmie and I look forward to working with you all to continue the growth of our Society and engaging each of you in bringing new members to join us. We will look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at various gatherings.

Again, welcome to the Clan Grant Society USA.

"On a personal note, Jimmie and I have moved from NYC and when you read this Craig we will be working in Kosovo.

The US State Department has asked Jimmie and me to take an assignment in Kosovo helping to rebuild the University of Prishtinë/Priština. We will be working to design and implement Career Guidance and Academic Advising Centers on the four campuses of the University. One centre allocated in the Faculty of Economics, Prishtinë/Priština Campus. The space in the Faculty of Economics is granted to ATA for its Business Start-up Centre. The three other centres will be in the Faculty of Business at the Peja/Pec campus, Faculty of Education in Prizren and Faculty of Mining and Metallurgy in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica.



We will be in Kosovo for October and November returning to the US on December 6th. We are leaving the US on September 24th and going by way of Edinburgh, Scotland for the international globalscot conference where I will be speaking to the Global Companies Development Programme. I will be wearing my Grant kilt in Edinburgh!

We are also about to move too, next week. We expect to be living in our home in Asheville, NC when we come home from Kosovo. We will be living at East 52nd Street NYC until the 24th.

For now, we will continue to have email at our current email address, jprratt@rcn.com. Mail to RCN is pulled off by Cingular to my Blackberry. You will always be able to reach me on my Blackberry, cpratt@mycingular.blackberry.net and

international mobile phone number, 646-510-3022 wherever we are.

I also have Gmail addresses where everything to RCN is also forwarded, christopher.jimmie.pratt@gmail.com. So even if we lose RCN at some point we have multiple options for communication.

During the war in Kosovo, our own Seaforth Highlanders Regiment brought their enormous skill and courage to bear on the problems there. Highland gunners who Jimmie and I met in Inverness on their return from Kosovo were able to seek and find enemy forces in the mountains and move from place to place so quickly that they brought the conflict to an end. Their work was every bit as important there as any NATO, UN or US forces.

We have been told not to drink the tap water, but assured we can get Scotch there!

And on Saint Andrews Day I will be wearing my Grant kilt in Kosovo!

Please remember Kosovo and keep us in your prayers, as we do you. Please stay in touch and we'll look forward to hearing from you and to sharing stories and photos on our return to the US.

STAND FAST in your work, with your family and your home.

*"My heart is in the Highlands, my heart is not here;
My heart is in the Highlands, a-chasing the deer."*

-Robert Burns-
STAND FAST!

"Moran taing,"
Many thanks,
Chris

Dr. Christopher Pratt
President
The Clan Grant Society USA
September 10, 2006

*"Figh breacan an ama tha romhainn, Alba ar latha-ne,
ionnsaich e, gabh ris, cuir ris."*

*"Weave the tartan of tomorrow, contemporary Scotland,
learn it, love it, invest in it."*

*Translation thanks to the University of the Highlands and Islands, Inverness, <http://www.uhi.ac.uk:8081/dev> and Scotland's only Gaelic College, Sabhal Mor Ostaig, Sleat, Isle of Skye, Iain MacDiarmid and Susie Hardy -<http://www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/>



Dr. Christopher Pratt gave out-going President, C. David Grant, a bottle of fine whiskey with a special label. Read the minutes of the meeting on page 10 to see what it said...

Minutes of Annual Business Meeting

Clan Grant Society, USA
Enumclaw, Washington

July 29, 2006



1. The annual meeting was called to order by President C. David Grant at 3:10 pm.
2. Agenda distributed.
3. Introductions were made by President C. David Grant recognizing all Officers, Officers- Elected and many attending clan members.
4. Reports were given:

C. David Grant asked Craigellachie Editor, Holly Grant-Wilson-Floyd to record minutes in the absence of Dr. Phil Smith, Secretary. Treasurer, Richard Grant stood to remark on his retirement from office and to welcome Jeniphr Grant to the position. He stated there was a 5K cushion in the Clan's savings account. He further stated that there were 300 thousand listed in the US with the surname of Grant and encouraged growth of US Grant Society. C. David Grant delivered Membership Secretary's report as submitted to him by Jean Grant-Wilson. He stated that 1120 records are in Clan database with current membership at 476. This latter total captures only paid members. There are currently 570 voting members due to additional awarded life members. In addition C. David asked for help by members on follow up to insure accuracy in our database. He asked if any additional questions on reports. None brought forward.
5. Old Business
 - a. Discussion regarding increasing membership and communication to all clan members:
 - C. David Grant spoke again of his request for a "membership czar" to lead a blitz to encourage growth. It is his hope that efforts will continue. Members were encouraged to recruit additional members.
 - Discussion with regard to consideration of updating Grant website, utilizing and encouraging Clan Grant on-line Topica participation (currently there are only about 100 addresses utilizing Topica) and to continued publishing of Clan newsletter, the Craigellachie to promote better communication.
 - C. David Grant stated the Games kits are still available through Allen Grant, Games Commissioner from Pasadena, MD. He reviewed that receipts were to be returned to the Treasurer for reimbursement of tent fees or some charges for tent rental. Personal expenses and patronage are not covered.
 - Discussion concerning Procedural Manual for all Commissioners that was begun by John A. Grant and Helen from Texas. It is still a work in progress and hopes were expressed that this project will be finalized and distributed soon.
 - b. Discussion started by C. David Grant in regard to sale of Clan Items. C. David Grant and Rand Allan brought many items to these Pacific NW Highland Games as a service for our members and to continue to support Clan Grant Society financially. It was stated that a very large percentage of our revenue comes from sale of these items.
6. New Business
 - a. Michelle Poitevin spoke up to once again welcome everyone to Washington as host and commissioner for this state. She encouraged everyone to stay for the catered dinner following. Cost \$15 per person. Reminder of Tattoo at 7pm.
 - b. Richard Grant suggested the Middle Tennessee Highland Games for an Oct 2007 location for next AGM. Favorable response with details to be communicated.
 - c. Jeniphr Grant called for clarification in regard to our contribution to Duthil Clan Centre in the UK. As new Treasurer, she is very interested in the clan's contribution efforts. C. David Grant explained how this has worked in the past with the current Clan Structure. Her suggestion was to have the clan be more specific and identifiable with supported projects.
 - d. Vice President Rand Allan stood to say he would like to see further research done in regard to our Clan's Tax status. This constitutes what we are able to actually do going forward. C. David Grant explained that in 1997 our Society filed 501C-7 status by Gordon Grant in the state of Virginia. Richard Grant explained that the Treasurer is legally responsible so Sales need to be watched. Another downside has been that no costs can be written off. John C. Grant moved that the members present approve the first step as provided by the by-laws with Richard Grants support to become a 501 c 3 organization. C. David Grant proposed that this topic be passed to our new leadership. Dr. Christopher Pratt, new President, accepted the idea that the Board of Directors needs to look into this with the Craigellachie newsletter to be used to inform of progress. He further stated that he would like to see better tax value for our Society in perhaps Scottish Arts, Study of History or Support of Aged/Orphaned within Clan. Chris amended John Grants motion. He called that attendees approve a motion to seek to create a 501 c 3 organizational. John C. Grant agreed. Jeniphr Grant seconded the motion. Linda Grant volunteered to help with this process. The revised motion was approved unanimously.
 - e. The Grant DNA project was mentioned by C. David Grant and he shared his experience as a participant. He encouraged others to look into it.
7. Installation of New Officers and Board Members: C. David Grant gave the oath to Dr. Christopher Pratt, President; Jeniphr Grant, Treasurer and Kelly Grant, Board Member. Arstin Grant was not present but was also elected Board Member. The gavel was officially passed at this point to Dr. Christopher Pratt.
8. Chris gave special recognition and thanks to Jane Grant for all her gracious and tireless efforts and in good spirits on behalf of the Clan Society and for sharing C. David and herself with us. Chris thanked C. David for his leadership and stewardship of the Society and his mentoring, vision and good humor. Gift was given to Past President, C. David Grant, from New President, Dr. Christopher Pratt. It was a bottle of fine Grant Whiskey with a personalized label:

"The Famous C. David Grant, So proudly let our glorious chant, still echo through Strathspey. "A Grant! A Grant! A Grant! A Grant! Stand fast Craigellachie!"

The label was proudly read aloud by C. David to a rousing round of applause from all.
9. Chris thanked the Nominating Committee John and Jean. He also thanked Michelle and William and all involved in hosting us in Enumclaw for a wonderful AGM and he thanked Holly as Editor of the Craig for all her good works in bringing us our fine newsletter in such a professional and timely manner. The officers thanked Holly for assisting as secretary in keeping the minutes in light of the official secretary, Phil Smith not being able to attend the AGM this year. Good wishes were sent to Phil and Shirley and to George and Lucille all of whom were sorely missed.
10. The Business Meeting adjourned by Dr. Christopher Pratt at 5pm.



Ian Washburn made friends easily at the Children's tent!



Michelle Poitevan was a wonderful hostess



After a full day at the Games, Susan Grant, Jimmie and Chris Pratt, Jeniphr Grant, C. David and Jane Grant, John and Thelma Grant and Rand Allan (who was taking the photo) enjoyed a meal at a local restaurant



Holly and her daughter Leah were pure groupoies as they posed with "The Wicked Tinkers"



William Burton did a good job of lining everyone up for our walk in the parade, but we all had a good laugh when he told us to shout "Clan Fast" in unison as we were introduced in the procession. Of course Clan Grant came through with a rousing "Stand Fast!"



Carol Grant Sharing her Shortbread.



C. David, Christopher Pratt and William Burton

Grant Guidies

Scottish Shortbread

Submitted by Carol Grant, WA member

Since everyone at the AGM loved this shortbread and ended up wanting this recipe, it had to be one of our "Grant Guidies" and be shared with all. There were only crumbs left, and not many of them!!

- 1 pound butter
- 1-cup brown sugar
- 4 1/2 cups flour

Creame together, butter and sugar. Add flour one cup at a time up to 3 1/2 cups. Dough will be sticky.

Put 1/2-cup flour on countertop and knead the dough adding more of the flour until not sticky.

At this point you can roll out the dough into a rectangle 1/2 " thick and cut the slices in 1"x 3" lengths, placing them on the cookie sheet. However, make it easy and pat all the dough into a cookie sheet with sides (jelly roll pan).

This makes it the right thickness. Then score the dough into 1"x 3" shapes, prick it with a fork or utensil and bake it for 20 minutes at 350', turn down the oven to 150' for 10 minutes so it cooks the center and doesn't overcook the edges.

Then slice the cookies through, cool and serve. Enjoy!!



Christopher Pratt enjoying the WA view. It was beautiful!

Winter Deadline to submit is Dec 15th!

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
 XXL and larger \$40 plus shipping

T-shirts, 100% cotton, forest green with 3-color crest on back, small logo on front. Design originally ordered by Rand Allan for Southern California Grants.

Children's sizes 6-8 and 10-12, Adults S (few), M,L, XL
 \$17 plus shipping
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Contact: C. David Grant,
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