



Message from the Interim President

Rand Allan



Well, we've had a busy quarter since the last newsletter. The Board of Directors have come together in a way that I never thought possible. All are excited about the future of the Clan Grant Society and are eager to step forward to help pull things together.

We've had a lot on our plate to deal with these past few months. First on the agenda was gathering a full slate of elected and interim directors so we could function as a governing board again. This was difficult to do because our By-Laws were not properly created to deal with this contingency. We had to make the conscious decision to violate our By-Laws while staying as true as possible to the intent of the rules, and pledging to return to full compliance as soon as possible. We have been

meeting monthly as a Board to discuss issues and make changes to improve the function of our Society.

The next task was assembling the nominating committee to replace the interim officers with properly elected officials, and I give kudos to our team who put together a slate of qualified candidates in record time. It looks like we will have a slate of dedicated people willing to serve the Clan Grant Society. Unfortunately, once again, no one from the general membership chose to volunteer to run for office. I have to once again remind the members, that in order to have a vibrant Clan Grant Society, we have to have people that are not only willing, but eager, to step up without waiting for someone to ask them to help lead the organization. The constant influx of new ideas and methods is what keeps the Society interesting for the new and existing members.

One item in the works that we are giving high priority to is the creation of a 501(c)3 organization. I know this has been in the works for quite a few years, but we are determined to see it through to completion. Treasurer Jeniphr Grant is heading up the committee to qualify us for the non-profit status. Once we are approved as a 501(c)3 organization, a number of benefits become available to us. Amongst them: elected and appointed officers and commissioners will be able to deduct their sometimes substantial expenses accrued in the course of conducting Clan Grant business, and donations of cash and items to the Society will become fully deductible as well.

I am heading up the committee to revise the By-Laws to address deficiencies in our current by-laws and bring us more in line with the requirements of 501(c)3 organizations. Issues relating to Board vacancies and special elections are being inserted into the text, as well as deletion of unnecessary text, creation of standard text dealing with the dissolution of the Clan Grant Society (God forbid it should ever happen), strengthening and clarifying existing text, and the reformatting of the entire document to make the look and feel of the document consistent throughout. The final draft of the By-Laws will be presented to the membership for approval at the AGM in October at the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia.

We are currently refining a document called the Commissioner's Handbook. This handbook defines how the State Commissioners are to do their job by standardizing the basic functions so the Commissioners can consistently represent the Clan Grant Society from one state to the next. The document defines the roles of the Commissioners, the roles of the Quartermaster and Treasurer as relates to the Games, and how they all interact with each other. I have been working closely with Quartermaster David Grant, Treasurer Jeniphr Grant, and the rest of the Board, and all have been pulling together to create a procedure document we can all be proud of. Once we have finished the update of the Handbook and formally approved it, the document will be distributed to each Commissioner for their reference.

Don't forget that the elections to replace the interim Board Members are about ready to begin. Even though we don't have multiple candidates for any of the positions, it is still important that you indicate your approval or rejection of the slate of candidates.

Stand Fast, and we hope to see you all at the AGM this October at the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia.

2009 CGS Election

June 1st- Ballots to be mailed to Membership

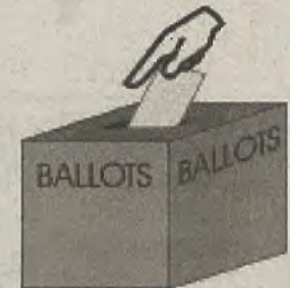
July 1st- Returned Ballots counted and winners communicated to Rand Allan, Interim President.

August - Although Elected Officers and Board Members will immediately assume office when notified by our Interim President in July, the Outcome of the Election will be officially posted on Topica and in our Craigellachie

October- Installation of Elected at Stone Mountain, GA AGM in October.

Please note that due to our Emergency State, the Board was unanimous in preserving our staggered terms in accordance with our current By-Laws. The terms noted for this election are: President- one year, Vice President- three years, Board Member- three years.

(See Page 5 for the Bios of our Candidates)



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U.S. Highland Games & Gatherings

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Note to Commissioners:
 Please send in what Games you will be attending so that they can be in our Calendar

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CGS Board Meeting by Teleconference

Sunday, April 5th, 2009

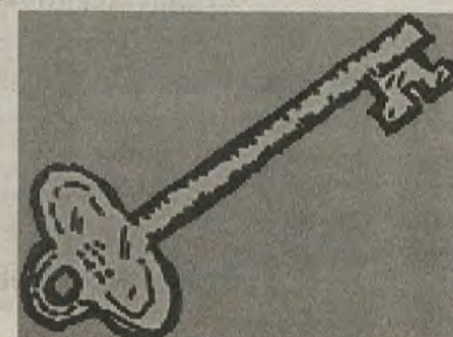
Attendees:

Rand Allan- Interim President; C. David Grant- Interim VP; Jeniphr Grant- Treasurer; Holly Floyd- Secretary; Jim Grant- Board Member; Kelly Grant- Board Member

- I. Approval of March 1st 2009 Minutes.
- II. Chairman of the Board, Jeniphr Grant presided over the meeting.
- III. Officers Reports: Jeniphr Grant stated treasury balance \$5,829.94 with expenditures of \$695.00 paid out to commissioners.
- IV. Announcements: Rand Allan, Interim President had gone to Balboa Park in San Diego, CA. Jim Grant noted that April 6th was Tartan day and encouraged everyone to remember this in his or her regions. Jim also stated that Delaware was attempting legislation to officially recognize Tartan Day next year.
- V. Old Business: 501-C3 discussion opened. Jeniphr Grant noted that research showed that we must pass organizational test as well as operational test to qualify. Articles of Inc need to reflect this. She was going to see if she could locate said documents of CG Society. Any profits need to be applied appropriately and the Society must be established for the welfare of the Public. Rand Allan called for clarification of how most Clan Societies operate. C David noted the 1/3 test from total amount of gross receipts needed for charitable or educational support. Kelly Grant was to check with her DAR chapter to see how they are set up as they do scholarships. C. David noted that no penalty is involved establishing 501-C3 by tax filing date for 2009 year. Jim Grant noted it was Form 990. C. David to follow up with representatives of his Burns' Society and also Jim Morton, CPA, for next meeting. Rand Allan moved to table the issue and it was carried. Discussion of Proposed By-Law Changes moved to be tabled by Rand Allan and this carried in light of 501-3c to be decided on first. Email communication encouraged before next board meeting.
- VI. Holly Floyd reported Nominating Committee progress: Alan Grant was Chair working with Charles W. Burton and John C. Grant. Bishop John Grant was deemed "counter" for final election ballots. Holly posted another plea to membership on Topica for additional candidates. Deadline for nominations noted to be May 1st at which time the final bios will be included in the Spring issue of Craigellachie.
- VII. Project for budgeting was reported by Rand Allan that only about 1/3 of the commissioners responded to emails for schedules and expenditures of their year. C. David noted that there would not be a Grant tent at Loch Norman Games.
- VIII. New Business: Discussion opened for Commissioner's Handbook. It is hoped that this would define roles and responsibilities for Officers and Commissioners in relation to each other. Rand Allan noted that this had been redone and would get with John Grant III in TX and Alan Grant (past Games Commissioner) in order to make this a tool in the near future. Other New Business included the suggestion by Holly Floyd to pump up our search for a Webmaster and Genealogist going forward.
- IX. October AGM discussion by C. David Grant was that he would provide info for Hilton lodging and events to be posted on Topica and in Craigellachie, however was still pursuing assistance by Gary Grant in Atlanta.
- X. Adjournment with next meeting to be May 3rd by telephone conference.

Communication is the Key

Editors Note: Communication is the key to our Clan Grant Society now more than ever and we currently have three very viable means to keep everyone informed. First we have our website at <http://www.clangrant-us.org>. Secondly there is *Topica* which is an online way to keep up with breaking news or start discussions. Anyone that would like to join Topica should send an email to our Membership Secretary, Jean Grant Wilson at clngrantatcomcast.net and a link will be provided. Thirdly, we have the *Craigellachie* newsletter, to which I always welcome news to share! Just send to Craigellachie@comcast.net



Membership Matters

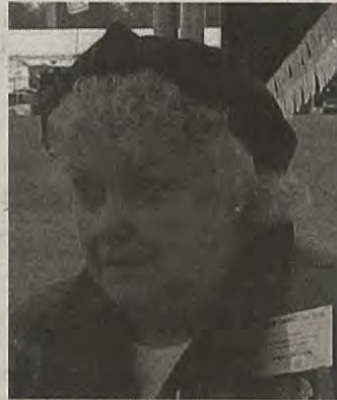
By Jean Grant Wilson, Membership Secretary

Thank you to all that made the conversion to annual dues so smooth. Those that did not renew will not be getting this *Craigelachie*.

And I encourage you all to respond to the emergency election ballots. It was disappointing that no names were put forth by the membership. But CGS has to carry on and hopefully these new officers will take us to bigger and greater places!

Here in north Florida we are just drying out from all the rain and now we are to expect more water by the weekend. My garden is producing despite the weather. The tomatoes are not as pretty as I would like, but they do taste wonderful! Gardening is very therapeutic to me. I love being out there even though it is getting beastly hot and humid!

And speaking of growing things; have you sent in your "family trees"? We have a new Genealogist, David B Grant in NC, who is anxious to get to know all of you and add your family to our genealogy database. Last I heard we had 11,780 records. Are you connected to any of them? You never know.....



A big welcome to the new members since the last issue:

- Cecil R Goodin.....Jacksonville FL
- Maureen Shaughnessy.....Atlantic Beach FL
- Wesley Grant.....Orange Park FL
- Sandy Bulger.....Jacksonville FL
- Kathy Robinson.....Claremore OK
- Dr Wm (Bill) & Lena Grant.....Chesapeake VA
- Barbara Gressel.....Springfield MO
- SGM Jeffrey L Muckleroy.....Jourdanton TX
- Deborah A Grant.....Doylestown PA
- Gary D Grant.....Lansdale PA
- Scot L Grant.....Bear DE
- David B Grant.....Winterville NC
- Ronald & Danna Grant.....Bob White WV
- Damien K Grant.....Upland PA



Please call me at (904) 268-9049 or email me at CLNGRANT@comcast.net if you have any questions. I am here to help in any way that I can and to listen!

Stand Fast! And always remember, that membership, does matter!

Interim Board for Clan Grant Society

Please feel free to contact any of the Interim Officers or Board Members with questions or offers to volunteer your time.

- Rand Allan, Interim President
- C. David Grant, Interim VP
- Holly Floyd, Secretary
- Jeniphr Grant, Treasurer
- Kelly Grant, Board Member at Large
- Steve Grant, Board Member at Large
- James "Jim" Grant, Interim Board Member at Large

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Chaplain's Kirkin'

From Your Chaplain,
Bishop John C. Grant, O.B.B.C.

As proud Scots we all come from a heritage of Freedom loving and Freedom preserving people. The following prayer was authored and offered up to God by the first President of the United States, George Washington. I am awed by Washington's prayer for America! Have you ever read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!



"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

As we watch our economy flounder; we hear much about getting back to the basics of life. It would seem wisdom to me that for our nation and yes; even for the success of our Clan.....to all that are not blinded by apathy, overindulgence, or self-delusion.....it indeed would be WISDOM to get back to the basics of life.....rather simple really.....Trust God! Seek His guidance and direction!! Be obedient!

Because of immorality, loss of faith, and the abandonment of our God-centered heritage, America and her people will receive a chastisement of immeasurable ferocity. If we do not get our priorities correct very soon; in our nation..(as well in our Clan).....you will see it come to pass. This warning was given by President George Washington in 1777! Let he who has an ear, hear!! Freedom is NOT free! What we enjoy carries with it some responsibilities for each and every individual!!.....And HE who grants us FREEDOM and all the blessings that we enjoy, I do believe; is telling us all to get back to the basics!!

God Bless Each of You!!
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Flowers of the Forest

Connie L. White April 2009

My little Sister, Connie, (61), always wanted to attend a Highland Games with me and I Thank God in 2007 she was able to do so at the Appalachian Highland Games. This was her first and only Highland Games as she lost her two-year battle with Breast Cancer on April 3, 2009. She was the Founder of The Open Door Ministries in Waynesville, North Carolina and was extremely active in other Humanitarian Organizations. She worked many years in Washington, D.C. for the Federal Government. Sis had a heart of Gold and was always ready to extend a loving and helping hand to those in need. No amount of words can express the pain of her loss in this life. I rest assured that I will be with her again in Heaven for of all the loves in her life, she loved the Lord Jesus Christ above all. I'll see you in the Morning Sis! I love you forever!!
Your Big Brother, John



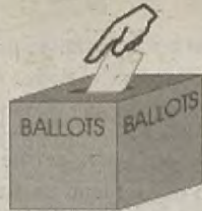
Clan Grant Society 2009 Ballot of Candidates

Candidate for the office of President

Rand Allan

Married to Christine (35+ years); one daughter, Jennifer Allan Goldman and her husband, Matthew; and one grand-daughter Adalaide Goldman
 I live in La Jolla (near San Diego), California with my wife, two dogs, one cat, a bird, and more fish than I can count
 Current offices: Steward to the Clan Grant sept of the Allans of Rhynagairn, Interim President CGS, interim webmaster, Southern California Commissioner
 Past offices: Board Member at Large, Vice-President
 Interests: Genealogy, Clan Grant, weather, reading, computers, family

The Clan Grant Society is going through a rough period right now. The current Board has a number of issues to address: in the severe recession we are facing, do we have enough cash to keep moving forward? What do we need to do to increase revenue? What value can we offer to the current members to keep them with the Clan Grant Society? What new values can we offer the younger generation so they will continue to participate in and choose to serve the Clan Grant Society? How can we become closer to the Clan Grant in Scotland and serve more as its representative within the United States than to function as a wholly independent unit as we have done in the past? You as members have issues to address as well. Do you want to be an active part of the Clan Grant Society? Do you just want to collect a newsletter and call it good? Do you want a closer association with your Clan or the clan of one of your ancestors? The Board is here to maintain a Society that can address these issues and offer choices to you. I hope to be able to serve for the next four years as President of the Clan Grant Society and help the rest of the Board to strengthen the health and future of the Clan Grant Society.



Candidate for Board Member at Large

David Grant

My name is David Grant and I am running for Board Member at Large. My wife's name is Gail and I have a son Brendan. I am an accountant with over 30 years experience with service and manufacturing companies.

I enjoy celebrating being Scottish every chance I get and especially being a Grant. As a son of a Canadian immigrant I would like to preserve our heritage and for future generations of Grants. The best way to accomplish this goal would be an active member of Clan Grant Society USA.

Thank you for your support and votes.

It's Great to be a Grant!



Candidate for office of Vice President

Dr. Robert Stevenson Grant II

I would consider election to the board of the Clan Grant Society, USA as their next Vice President as an honor and a privilege. I will look forward to working very hard with our other board members to continue to expand and improve on our national society. I will perform my duties to the best of my abilities to make the Clan Grant experience one that every member can enjoy and be proud of for years to come.

Dr. R. Steve Grant II, was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1968. He grew up and currently lives on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay with his wife, Dr. Lisa J. Grant. It was in 1992 when he



was introduced to Clan Grant by Allan Grant and Howard Parsons and has been an active member ever since. In December 2006 he accepted the commissionership of the Mid Atlantic states, a station at which he continues to serve the Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia areas. During the Stone Mountain Games in October 2008, under the watchful eye of our chief, he has accepted the board position of Member at Large for Clan Grant Society USA.

SSgt. Grant served proudly with distinction in the USAF as a flight engineer traveling throughout the globe. Steve went on later to received bachelors degrees in Biology and Chemistry from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. as well as a Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Medical College of Virginia / Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. Currently he is Clinic Director for Life Fitness Physical Therapy in Glen Burnie, MD.

When not at work or at every highland festival he can get to, Steve and Lisa can be found with family sailing on the Chesapeake Bay or traveling the world.

Candidate for Board Member at Large

James F. Grant

My name is James Ferguson Grant I go by Jim or Uncle Duck. I was born on September 28, 1945 and raised in Delaware. I have two children by my first marriage they are Scot L. Grant and Bryan L. Grant. I have been marriage for 18 years to my lovely second wife Karlyn L. Grant. We live in a small historic town in southern New Castle County named Odessa I was Mayor for 8 years '93-'01 and Treasurer for 6 years '03-'09. I retired from the New Castle County Police in 1992 with 21 years service and I also retired from the Delaware Army National Guard as a Major with 23 years service. I enjoy woodworking and Locksmithing and attending Scottish Games.



Notes on the Music of the Clan Grant

James Grant, Historian



Given the fact that the "strathspey" is one of Scotland's most popular and enduring musical genres, it is not surprising that the Clan Grant has an interesting and varied musical tradition.

The strathspey is a dance tune in 4/4 time, generally slower than a reel. The name refers to both the type of tune and to the style of the dance. It probably began as a tune played on the bagpipe, but newer forms in the 18th and 19th centuries were written primarily for the fiddle.

Two families are generally credited with the early development of the "Strathspey style" – the Browns and the Cummings.

The Browns were 17th century musicians in Kincardine who adapted the tunes of the reel to the Strathspey form. Kincardine parish is a small community situated between Rothiemurchus and Abernethy parish in the country of the Grants.

There is a local tradition that the well-known fiddle tune, *MacPherson's Lament* – allegedly composed by the notorious freebooter James MacPherson on the eve of his execution – was actually written by Peter Brown from Kincardine. MacPherson was the leader of a band of Gipsy robbers that plied their trade in the counties of Aberdeen, Banff and Moray in the late 17th century. Peter Brown was a member of the gang. Both men were captured and sentenced to hang at Banff in 1700. According to tradition, MacPherson performed his lament on the fiddle as he walked to the gallows. Before he was hanged, he asked if anyone in attendance wanted his violin as a memorial to his execution. When no one responded, he is said to have broken the instrument over his knee. There is no evidence to verify this account or that MacPherson was a musician. It is possible that the lament was actually written by Peter Brown who "...got money sometims for playing on the wiol at Elchies."

According to the story, the Laird of Grant interceded on behalf of his clansman, Peter Brown, and secured his release, but did nothing to help James MacPherson, who was in fact hanged at Banff. (Forsyth, p. 215)

*Both law and justice buried are, and fraud and guile succeed,
The guilty pass unpunished if money intercede.
The Laird of Grant, that Highland saunt, his mighty majestie,
He pleads the cause of Peter Brown, and lets Macpherson die.*

The Cummings in Glenbeg were hereditary pipers to the Lairds of Freuchie and Chiefs of Grant for seven generations. William Cumming was the subject of the famous portrait, the Laird's Piper by Richard Waitt, in 1714. His grandson Angus Cumming compiled *Collections of Strathspey*, published posthumously in 1780, a compendium that included many old strathspey tunes, as well as jigs and reels.

The Strathspey Kings

The two most prolific exponents of the strathspey were William Marshall (1748-1833) and James Scott Skinner (1843-1927). Both had connections in the country of the Grants.

William Marshall was truly a renaissance man. He worked for the Duke of Gordon as a butler, house steward, and later as factor of the Duke's estates in Banff and Aberdeenshire. He was not formally educated, but his interests included mechanics, astronomy, architecture, and clock making. He was a skilled falconer and trained hawks for the Duke. Marshall was also an outstanding dancer and athlete. He frequently participated in races, jumping and weight lifting competitions, and was an excellent shot and fisherman. Although a man of many talents and interests, Marshall was perhaps best known as a performer and composer of music for the pianoforte, harp, violin, and violoncello – particularly strathspeys. Most of his compositions were written to honor visitors and friends of the Duke of Gordon, and local landholders in lower Strathspey, Strath' on and Glenlivet, many of which were Grants.

James Scott Skinner, known as the "Strathspey King," traveled throughout the counties of Aberdeen, Inverness and Moray, where he taught dancing and gave lessons on the violin and cello. He lived for a time at Tulchan in Strathspey and cultivated the patronage of the local gentry.

One of Skinner's protégés was Alexander Grant, who was born at Carrbridge in 1856, but lived most of his life in Inverness. Grant was an accomplished fiddler and composer, and was for many years the convenor of the Highland Strathspey and Reel Society. He was also a skilled craftsman who made his own violins. He was perhaps best known for his invention

in 1894 of his patented vibrating fishing rod. He was an expert angler and was as well known for his virtuosity with a rod and reel as with the violin.

Other Musicians of Note

Donald Grant (c.1760-c.1839) lived at Tulloch in Abernethy parish and was affectionately known as *Donull na h'iteag* (Donald the Feather) because he was such an accomplished dancer. He published a collection of Highland music containing 121 pieces, forty of which were said to be very old. Two of his sons, Francis and John, were also accomplished violinists.

The 18th century tune *Tullochgorm* was reportedly composed by a fiddler named Dallas from Kincardine in Strathspey. His violin was preserved at the home of Grant of Kinchirdy for many years and shown at an exhibition in Aberdeen in 1859. *Tullochgorm* was one of most important tunes in the piper's repertoire and needed to be mastered by every serious player of strathspeys. The famous fiddler Neil Gow reportedly performed it at the request of Robert Burns in 1787. Words were written to accompany the tune in 1887 by the Rev. John Skinner in *Songs of Scotland*.

*There needs na be sae great a phrase, wi' dringing dull Italian lays,
I wadna' gi'e our ain Strathspeys, for half a hundred score o' 'em.
They're douff and dowie at the best wi' a' the variorum;
They're douff and dowie at the best, their allegros and a' the rest,
They canna please a Highland taste, compar'd wi' Tullochgorum.*

Alexander Grant of Sheuglie (c.1675-1746) was an accomplished musician and poet who played the bagpipes, harp and violin. Sheuglie composed a slow air in 2/4 time – an allegory describing an imaginary contest between his violin, pipes and harp. He fanaticized that the three instruments quarrelled and their master was called upon to decide the contest. Unfortunately, the original Gaelic words that accompanied the music have been lost. Although Sheuglie did not take part in the Battle of Culloden due to old age, he was an ardent Jacobite. He supported Bonnie Prince Charlie and was one of the leaders of the men of Glenurquhart. In the aftermath of Culloden, he was arrested and imprisoned at Tilbury Fort, where he contracted a fever and died.

Piobaireachd

If strathspeys, jigs and reels are the popular music of Scotland, then *piobaireachd* (anglicized *pibroch*), or *Ceol Mor* (the great music), is certainly its classical music. *Pibroch* is a traditional form of highland music performed almost exclusively on the great highland bagpipe. It includes unstructured movements that are subject to the individual piper's subtle nuances of interpretation. The forms of *pibroch* include laments, salutes, and commemorations of specific events, persons or gatherings.

Lt. Col. J.P. Grant of Rothiemurchus (1885-1963), known as Sheriff Grant, was a renowned piping scholar. He wrote several important manuscripts on piping and was frequently asked to judge piping competitions. Perhaps his most important contribution to piping was his translation of the Nether Lorne or Campbell *Canntaireachd*, an 18th century manuscript rediscovered at the end of the 19th century. *Canntaireachd* is a musical language with no intelligible words, used in the teaching and memorizing of *Ceol Mor*. Sheriff Grant was the grandfather of the present Laird of Rothiemurchus, Lord Huntingtower.

The late Pipe Major John Burgess told an amusing story on his visit to Atlanta, Georgia, in the 1980's. As a young man, Burgess participated in a number of important piping competitions, many of which were judged by Sheriff Grant. Burgess said that he always thought he had a good chance of winning a competition when the Sheriff was adjudicating. I asked John if he thought Sheriff Grant was biased in his favor. Burgess quickly replied, "Oh no, Sheriff Grant was never biased, he just knew a good piper when he heard one!"

Other Music related to the Clan Grant

- *The Burning of the Black Mill* – In the early 17th century, a dispute erupted between Grant of Rothiemurchus and his neighbor, a chieftain of the Clan Mackintosh, over the supply of water flowing to Grant's mill. The quarrel intensified until Mackintosh threatened to burn Rothiemurchus' house to the ground. According to tradition, Grant enlisted the help of Rob Roy MacGregor and his men, who burned Mackintosh's mill. Rob then sent a message to Mackintosh threatening further action if he persisted

in his quarrel with Rothiemurchus. As the story goes, Rob Roy's piper was so inspired by the roar and crackle of the burning mill that he composed a reel to commemorate the occasion.

- *Craigellachie* – A *piobaireachd* reportedly composed by Patrick Mor MacCrimmon, recorded in *Ancient Martial Music* by Donald MacDonald as *Craigillachy, the Grant's Gathering*. *Craigellachie*, of course, is the rallying cry of the Clan Grant. There is another pipe tune called *Stad Creageilichie!* (Stand Fast, *Craigellachie!*)
- *The Haughs o' Cromdale* – A strathspey also known by a number of other curious names, including *How the Cabbage was Boiled* and *The Spilling of the Kale*. (Haughs are the low-lying ground along a river, in this case the Spey at Cromdale.) The Haughs of Cromdale was the site of a decisive battle in the Jacobite uprising of 1689-1690. During the course of the battle a piper of the routed Jacobite army bravely attempted to rally his comrades. Though badly wounded, he climbed atop a rock and continued to play until he expired. The very rock can be seen today and is called *Clach a Phìobair* (the Piper's Stone). Perhaps in memory of this feat of bravery, *Haughs of Cromdale* was played by the piper of the 92nd Regiment at the battle of Maya in 1813. The tune so inspired the Highlanders that they charged the French, who in turn became so panic-stricken at the audacity of the attack that they turned and fled.



*As I came' in by Auchindoun,
a little wee bit frae the toun,
When to the Hielands I was boun',
to view the Haughs o' Cromdale.
I met a man wi' tartan trews,
I spier'd at him what was the news.
Quoth he, "The Highland army rues
that e'er they came to Cromdale.
We were in bed, sir, every man,
when the English host upon us cam';
A bloody battle soon began
upon the Haughs o' Cromdale.
The English horse they were so rude,
they bathed their hoofs in Highland blood;
But our brave clans, they boldly stood
upon the Haughs o' Cromdale.
But, alas! We could no longer stay,
sae owre the hills we came away;
And sore do we lament the day
that e'er we came to Cromdale."*

The Reel of Tulloch – This tune is a traditional interpretation of an actual event that took place in 1636. It is the story of two lovers – the outlaw Iain Dubh Gar, a Macgregor who was being chased by the Sheriff, and his sweetheart Elizabeth, the daughter of Allan Grant of Tulloch. According to the story, Elizabeth hid Iain in a barn and smuggled weapons to him so he could defend himself. Iain is said to have killed or wounded thirteen of his pursuers while Elizabeth reloaded the weapons. After the confrontation, instead of fleeing, the couple danced in celebration and improvised the words of a song, which is sung to the tune of this reel.

Rothiemurchus Rant – Also known as *Grant's Strathspey*. This strathspey was originally published circa 1790 in Donald Grant's collection. It survives in Ireland where it is known by the curious title *Graf Spee*, probably a corruption of Strathspey. (The Graf Spee was a famous World War II battleship.) The tune was a favorite of Robert Burns, who wrote: "Many of our Strathspeys ancient and modern give me exquisite enjoyment... For instance, I am just now making verses to Rothiemurche's Rant, an air which puts me into raptures..."

Roy's Wife of Aldivalloch – Elizabeth Grant, the wife of John Grant of Carron, composed *Roy's Wife of Aldivalloch* in the late 18th century. Sung to the tune of *Ruffian's Rant*, the song was also greatly admired by Robert Burns, who was a friend of the authoress. Oddly enough, it was the only song that Mrs. Grant was known to have written.

- *The Braes of Castle Grant* – A well-known march in 2/4 time composed by Duncan MacDonald and Pipe Major G.S. MacLennan.

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Highland Friends to Warm the Night

By Eric Asimov
(Submitted by Dr. Christopher Pratt)

UNLIKE vodka and gin, rum and tequila, whiskey is serious business. Very serious business. How do I know this? Well, among poets whiskey inspires verse. Among critics, alas, it inspires tomes — guides complete with display wheels in rainbow colors categorizing the myriad astonishing flavors and aromas to be found in a glass. They tend to include stern guidelines on how the budding connoisseur should taste and assess whiskey and — apparently more important — how not to.

You do not ordinarily see this level of serious detail in articles or books on rum, tequila or vodka. But you will eventually, for one simple reason.

Good whiskey is expensive, especially good Scotch whiskey, by which I mean single malt. From practically nowhere 35 years ago single malts took off. Now they rule the shelves in the liquor store — the serious liquor store. They cost more than most other spirits, without the expense of the ridiculous bottles that house high-end vodkas, which, by the way, are far less costly to produce than single malts.

Naturally, other spirits want to recover the shelf space and the attention given to single malts, while getting in on some of the profits. They've done this by following the example of single malts: they have become very serious.

Instead of the assembly-line bottlings of industrial hooch, almost every category of spirits — bourbon, Irish whiskey, tequila, rum, gin and even vodka — now has its artisanal production. These are often glorious bottles, demonstrating that careful craftsmanship can produce complex, intriguing spirits worthy of contemplation. While we have not yet heard in English at least from the Robert Burns of tequila — Jimmy Buffett cannot be the last word — I have no doubt that we will.

Nonetheless, in the hierarchy of serious spirits, single malt Scotch whiskey still rules. No other category has the sheer variety of styles and expressions that single malt whiskey offers, nor has any other whiskey been as carefully analyzed, codified and parsed.

Let me interject here: I'm aware that serious single malt connoisseurs are by now beside themselves at my continued use of the spelling "whiskey," rather than their preferred "whisky." You receive your wisdom from the angels, perhaps, but my editors prefer whiskey, so it shall be.

Now, while single malts can be enjoyed year-round, the onset of winter and long cold nights — to my mind at least — is perfect whiskey weather. With that thought, the spirits panel gathered recently to sample 21 malts from the Speyside region of the Scottish Highlands. For the tasting, Florence Fabricant and I were joined by Pete Wells, editor of the Dining section, who writes frequently on spirits, and Ethan R. Kelley, the spirit sommelier at the Brandy Library in TriBeCa.

I will say that while tasting 21 of anything with the potency of whiskey can be a difficult proposition, this was one of the most pleasant and interesting tastings I can remember. The overall quality of the whiskeys was excellent, and the range of flavors and styles was remarkable.

"This was proof that Speyside is heaven on earth," Ethan said. "It blows my mind that these can be so close yet so different."

We chose Speyside mostly because it has more distilleries than any other region of Scotland, including three of the best known in the United States, Glenfiddich, Glenlivet and Macallan. We thought it would offer a greater cross-section of single malt styles than anywhere else, and the malts were indeed diverse. Some of the whiskeys were almost sweet, with aromas and flavors of honey and heather, toffee and flowers. Others had a pronounced fruity quality, both bright citrus and fruitcake. And a few had the sort of saline, medicinal, smoky flavors most often associated with the malts of Islay.

But the days are gone when single malts can be categorized by geography. It was easier decades ago, when regions like Islay, the Lowlands, the Highlands and the rest were fairly distinct. Each depended on local sources for its water, harvested nearby peat for fuel and grew and malted its own barley. Back then, many distilleries sought isolation, to escape what in American whiskey lore were called the revenuers, and isolation brought distinctiveness.

Nowadays, water is more standardized. Fuel is electric, or gas or oil, and even the malting of barley is commercialized, with malt specialists filling orders for various distilleries. The smoky, peaty quality that many people associate with Islay malts, a result of using peat to dry the malted barley, can be seen in malts from all distilling regions. Distinctiveness is no longer so

Clan Grant International Gathering 2010

Hosted by Clan Grant Society UK
Draft programme (ie potentially subject to change)

Friday August 13th

Evening: Clan Grant Society AGM (time and place to be confirmed)

Saturday August 14th

Morning and Afternoon: Abernethy Games including Clan March etc.

<http://www.nethybridge.com/highlandgames/>

Evening: Banquet at the Hilton Hotel, Colylumbridge. (Dress: kilts, Black tie)

<http://beta.hilton.co.uk/coylumbridge>

The evening will commence with a group photograph to be taken by Stewart Grant.

<http://www.swpp.co.uk/members/Grant5947.htm>

Copies will then be available for purchase from his studio in the Square, Grantown.

Dinner will be followed by dancing to the Graeme McKay Band.

As requested there will also be a "quiet area" for those preferring not to dance.

Midnight: Auld Lang Syne

Sunday August 15th

Morning: Volunteers needed to take the tent down

Morning: An informal Golf competition organised by Prof. David Grant (details tba)

Afternoon: A walk up Craigelachie (yes this is the real spelling!) led and guided by a local

Ranger <http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/cairngorms/craigellachie.shtml>

Afternoon: (venue tba) Adrian Grant, Clan Seannachie, will give a talk and answer questions about clan history etc. www.clangrant.org.uk

Evening: Adrian Grant will do a second session particularly for the walkers and golfers

Monday August 16th

Morning: Visit to the Battlefield at Culloden and new Visitor Centre

<http://www.nts.org.uk/Culloden/Home/>

Lunch at Visitor Centre

Afternoon: Visit to Fort George

<http://www.aboutbritain.com/FortGeorge.htm>

<http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/nairn/fortgeorge/>

Tuesday August 17th

Morning: Excursion into the Moray Firth for Dolphin watching

<http://www.inverness-dolphin-cruises.co.uk/>

followed by a tour of the Highland Archive Centre in Inverness courtesy of Alistair Macleod, Archivist

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/what-to-see/archives/highlandcouncilarchives>

(this will be of special interest to those interested in researching their family history)

There will also be an opportunity to explore Inverness City Centre.

<http://www.inverness-scotland.com/>

Lunch: bring or pick up a "piece" to eat on the bus....

Afternoon: trip to Dundreggan (Glenmoriston) to see and learn about the reforestation project

<http://www.treesforlife.org.uk/dundreggan/>

and the "7 men of Glenmoriston" of the Jacobite era

Wednesday August 18th

Morning: A special tour of Glen Grant Whisky Distillery.

<http://www.glengrant.com/>

Glen Grant distillery also has extensive gardens which were laid out in Victorian times - and ideal stroll for those for whom whisky is not their "thing".

Lunch will be provided courtesy of the distillery and there will also be an excellent opportunity for retail therapy at the gift shop.

Afternoon: early return to give you a chance to put your feet up!

Evening: Dinner on the Strathspey Steam Railway [There is a maximum of 50 tickets available - these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.]

<http://src.insch.info/>



Thursday August 19th

Morning: Visit to Braemar Castle

http://www.braemarscotland.co.uk/visiting_braemar/Braemar%20castle.htm followed by lunch in Braemar. This visit is exclusive to the Clan Grant group as it is normally only open at weekends.

Afternoon: Visit to Tomintoul (the highest inhabited village in Scotland). <http://www.visittomintoul.co.uk/>

You can just soak up the atmosphere or choose between a "Nosing and Tasting" courtesy of Whisky Castle <http://www.visittomintoul.co.uk/Whisky%20Castle.htm> and a tour of the small Folk Museum (free entry). The tea shop at The Clock House seats 60 and there are gift shops.

Friday August 20th

Morning: Visit to Elgin. The visit will begin with a tour of Elgin Cathedral <http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/elgin/cathedral/>

followed by a talk by Graeme Wilson, Moray Council Archivist http://www.moray.gov.uk/LocalHeritage/Assets/html_pages/single_pages/archives.html

(this will be of special interest to those interested in their family history)

and then on to Johnston's Woolen Mill for lunch. <http://www.johnstonscashmere.com/> This is a working mill and tours are available.

Afternoon: Visit to Speyside Cooperage which promises to be fascinating <http://www.speysidecooperage.co.uk/>

Evening: Ceilidh to be organised by Norman Grant



Saturday August 21st

Gather at the Nethybridge Hotel for a talk by Adrian Grant, Historian to the Chief of Grant in the Revack Suite and Farewell Lunch (the dining room will be open exclusively for our group).

http://www.strathmorehotels.com/neth_site/index.htm

Need help making plans?

UK Clan Grant is handling the details for the "Gathering". But, members, family and friends might want help scheduling and booking their round-trip airfare reservations from where ever they are departing from (to Scotland and return).

Also, some members and their families might want help planning, scheduling and booking travel arrangements for their pre or post travel plans in conjunction with the UK Clan Grant 2010 Gathering (to other areas around Scotland, somewhere else in Britain, Europe or elsewhere which we can accommodate).

Travel Unlimited is a "full service" travel agency and we can handle all types of travel arrangements for people: Airfare, hotels, cars, trains, cruises, tours, excursions, etc. I have been an agent for nine years and Travel Unlimited has been in business for 28 years.

As a travel agent with Travel Unlimited, my specialty area is Britain. Also I have personally traveled throughout Britain, Europe and elsewhere and, therefore, help people with travel plans and arrangements to destinations in many countries around the world and the USA.

I am in the 2nd year of service with the Board of Directors for the Nevada Society of Scottish Clans (NSSC) here in Reno, Nevada and now serve as the NSSC Membership Secretary. I have been a member of NSSC since 2000.

Best regards, Gail Pratt

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Clan Grant Marks 500th Anniversary With Grove

Members of the UK Clan Grant Society are helping award-winning conservation charity Trees for Life save Scotland's Caledonian Forest by setting up a Quincentennial Grove to mark the 500th anniversary of the Clan obtaining a barony from King James IV.

Following a donation of over £1000, the Clan Grant Grove of over 200 trees will be within the 10,000 acre Dundreggan Estate on the north side of Glen Moriston, to the west of Loch Ness. Sir James Grant of Grant, Lord Strathspey, the Chief of Clan Grant, marked the anniversary by planting the first tree on 3rd March 2009.

Alan Watson Featherstone, Trees for Life Executive Director, said: "It's great news for Scotland that Clan Grant, with its rich and fascinating history, is marking its quincentenary celebrations by looking to the future. Today only one per cent of the Caledonian Forest survives, but every new tree and grove is helping to bring it back.

"This sort of support will help us to restore the Dundreggan Estate to a wild landscape of diverse natural forest cover, with the eventual return of species including red squirrel, capercaillie, golden eagle, European beaver and wild boar."

The Dundreggan Estate, purchased by Trees for Life last August in a £1.65 million deal, is one of the largest areas of land in the UK bought for forest restoration. It contains areas of ancient woodland, including one of Scotland's best areas of juniper, but following over-grazing by sheep and deer much is open, treeless ground.

The Clan Grant Grove is also a boost for Trees for Life Quarter of a Million Trees Appeal. The charity has set itself the target of planting a quarter of a million trees by the end of 2009 as part of the United Nations' Billion Tree Campaign, which is encouraging people to tackle climate change by planting seven billion trees worldwide.

Trees for Life is keen to hear from potential volunteers, whether individuals or companies, who can help with the restoration of the Dundreggan Estate. In 2009, 51 Conservation Volunteer Weeks, each involving 10 volunteers, will be held from March onwards, some of which will be based at Dundreggan.

People can also support Trees for Life's work through tree dedications and groves to celebrate special occasions. For more information or to support Trees for Life call 0845 458 3506, email trees@findhorn.org or visit www.treesforlife.org.uk.

Clan Grant has a rich history stretching back to Viking times. In the sixteenth century King James IV called upon the Grants to bring peace and order to the wilds of the west Highlands, making them Royal Chamberlains in Glen Urquhart and Glen Moriston. In 1509 this service was recognised when their lands were turned into Free Baronies.

Today the Clan Grant Society works to promote comradeship and members of the Clan Grant and others with historic links to the Clan and its lands, as well as celebrating their rich heritage. For more information www.clangrant.org.



New Clan Genealogist

Our Genealogist, Don Grant, had expressed a desire to step down from his position and David Grant of the Winterville, NC region has volunteered to step in. He is affiliated with the LDS Mormon Church and is quite familiar with genealogy methods, doing it as a hobby of his.

The CGS By-Laws state that I am to appoint non-elected positions within the CGS with the approval of the rest of the Board as Interim President.

Welcome! - Rand Allan

David Grant and his wife Victoria along with their three children David (5) Abigail (3) and Liam (9 month) live in Winterville, NC.



I was born in Edinburgh and while I spent some of my early years living in the North East of England, we moved back and settled in Livingston, West Lothian from the age of 6. I am the oldest of 5 children, there are two sets of twins underneath me. I spent all my spare time playing football. After I left High School, I started work with a distribution company in Livingston, when I was 24, I was offered a promotion that would give me the opportunity to come and work in the USA. The original deal was for 18 months, but here we are 13 years later.

I am now working for NMHG as a commodity manager. NMHG manufactures the Yale and Hyster brand of forklifts. I have been working there for 18 months.

Most of my spare time is spent playing with my kids, I have been coaching my son's football team for the last couple of years, and I still play football myself in the fall and in the summer.

My mother has taken our family tree back to the 1600's and therefore with her work, as a family we have always been very involved. I have become more interested in genealogy while living here in the USA as I feel I need to let my children understand what a great heritage they belong to.

I look forward to working with each of you as you discover your family members that have gone by and feel it an honor to be allowed this position. Family history is a very personal thing and can take you on many journeys in to the past you never thought possible.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Grant Games



Tartan Day In Iraq

I know I am one of the newest members to your society after just looking up my family Clan and Tartan I wanted to share our National Tartan Day celebrated in Al Asad, Iraq.

I am a National Guard Soldier from the Great State of Texas that is mobilized to Iraq. Many of the Scotsmen in the unit got together and decided to celebrate National Tarten Day while deployed here to relax and get together. In the planning stages of this many including my self found out more about or heritage than we knew prior. I am most likely (not positively confirmed) from the Clan Grant via the Clan web page. Seeing this it sparked me to find out a little more about my heritage.

Getting in the sprit, minus liquid sprits, I ordered a Kilt of the US Army Tartan and a sporrans to wear on this auspicious occasion.

We had a great time of fellowship in some of our down time with good food, our version of Highland Games and a movie. We received a few strange looks for wearing our Kilts and Army uniforms but all in all it was a great time had by all including those not of Scottish decent. Not to mention that we did spread a little of our heritage with others around use.

Please enjoy the photos and I hope to meet some of you in the future and hope that you too had a great Tatan Day!

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Queen Mary Scottish Games February 14-15

Submitted by Rand Allan, Commissioner – Southern California

A significant winter storm hit the Queen Mary at Long Beach, California the day before the Games began, so we were unloading our Games equipment in the showers. Fortunately, the clan booths were inside the Queen Mary, so no one and nothing got wet. The Weather Service had been predicting scattered showers for Saturday and a major winter storm for Sunday, so we were prepared for a ship empty of visitors with no one to entertain but ourselves and our Scottish friends (which is not necessarily a bad thing). The approaching storm decided to do an about face for the weekend on Friday night and we were left with partly cloudy skies for the entire weekend. Unfortunately, the local population had apparently heard the forecast on Friday and most spent the weekend huddled in their homes.

It was very quiet on Saturday, so we spent the day visiting with assisting Clan Grant members David and Gail Grant, several Grant regulars from the Long Beach area, and our friends from the surrounding Clan Societies.

Sunday was a little busier, as more people realized that it wasn't raining outside and came to the Queen Mary to attend the Games. Although it was still very quiet and we did not recruit any new Grant members, a solitary event became the high point of the Games for us.

A fellow from Edinburgh stopped to visit the Grant booth and in the course of chatting about the weather and such, we mentioned that we had just come back from visiting our daughter and family on Friday and she was a curator of the Huntington Library in charge of historical document archival. This prompted our Scottish visitor to decide to tell us a relevant story. He had known some Grant twins north of Inverness who had been very good lifelong friends of his, the last of whom had passed away just before his trip to the States. He had been assigned as the executor of their estate and upon examining the contents of their home, came upon an extensive library of historical documents dating back to the Battle of Culloden in 1745 and following what had happened to the Grants up to the present time. He knew the documents were too valuable to just toss into the landfill, but hadn't known what to do with the documents. Once he told his story, I indicated that I knew just the group to take the library off his hands. After getting his contact information, the news was passed to Clan Grant Seannachie Adrian Grant in Scotland, who promptly called the home of our visitor. From what little the voice at the end of the line did know of the library, Adrian knew that the Clan Grant has a potential gold mine of Clan Grant history on its hands and is taking steps to acquire the information to be incorporated into the Clan Grant Centre at Duthil Kirk. We'll provide more information after Adrian has had a chance to sift through the documents.



**Summer Deadline to
submit News is Aug 1st**

Grant Games



Submitted by Dr. William Grant

This winter in Florida we were fortunate to attend two Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Sarasota and Zephyrhills. While the bagpipes and bagpipe bands sounded the same and the games were familiar there was enough variation to be truly interesting. Have to say, the scones and strawberries at each festival were both different and wonderful!

Lena and I are retired and spend our winters in Florida. It was great fun discovering both the Zephyrhills and Sarasota games. Zephyrhills is a smaller but growing festival that in addition to games, bagpipes, lots of vendors, and an antique British car show featured a Grand March of the Clans.



Clan Grant ~ Hawaii

April 4th & 5th 2009

Two exciting days of the 28th Annual Hawaiian Scottish Festival has just completed and I'm happy to report the Clan Grant table was a great success! This was the first time Clan Grant has been represented in Hawai'i for several years and the first time for me as the new Commissioner, (Richard Dennis Souther a descendant of Peter Grant of Inverness).



We are a small festival in comparison to our mainland counterparts. In the Clan ~ Heritage Tent were representatives of the following Clans: Campbell, Donnachaidh, Gordon, Grant, Gregor, Gun, Henderson, Morrison

and Wallace. Other Scottish Societies were: Caledonian Society of Hawai'i, Saint Andrews Society of Hawai'i, Friends of Saint Patrick, Scottish-American Military Society, Honolulu County Genealogical Society and another Hawaiian genealogical table Na 'Ohana O Hawai'i [The Families of Hawai'i], representing Hawaiians of part Scottish ancestry.



Over the two day period, hundreds of people stopped by to see the Clan Grant table and their Scottish heritage in general. We did have one member stop by, Seaward Burr Grant and his wife of Honolulu. Three other Grant descendants stopped by, Holly Merrill (whose Grandmother is Jessie Grant), Wesley Lynn Grant, born in Honolulu and Grant Wiley Yates who just recently moved to the islands. James A. Lee whose grandfather is Clyde O. Pratt stopped by too. I will be following up with these four new prospective members later today.

The festival is held annually in the beautiful setting of Kapi'olani Park at the base of the world famous Diamond Head (an extinct volcanic crater). The festival is presented by the Hawaiian Scottish Association and the sponsors were the Caledonian Society of Hawai'i, the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawai'i, the Royal Scottish County Dance Society, Hawai'i Branch and the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

The festival included Highland Games of Putting the Stone, Tossing the Caber, Throwing the Hammer, etc., many dance competitions such as the Highland Fling, Scottish Lilt, Sword Dance, Strathspey & Highland Reel among others. Other entertainment included hula dancers from the Joan S. Lindsey Hula Halau (school), Switchback, Celtic Keiki, Celtic Waves, the Royal Hawaiian Band and the Lassiter High School Marching Band from Marietta, Georgia. We also had games for children, food tents with many Scottish specialties and local favorites and on Sunday we had a Celtic Mass offered by Reverend Father Richard Rubie followed by a wedding of Ron MacPherson and Carlene Hart and a Kirkin' o the Tartan where tartans were blessed.

Since I was the only person manning the Clan Grant table it was challenging to get away to enjoy much of the other entertainment, take many photographs or to visit other exhibits, displays or other Clan tables. Hopefully if some of new prospective members join, we will have a few volunteers for next year's festival and to help man the Clan Grant table. All in all I think it was an exciting and fun weekend for the local Scottish people, Scottish visitors and Scots at heart.

16th Annual Sarasota Highland Games and Celtic Games

Submitted by William Grant

What makes for a great Highland Games and Celtic festival? Warm weather, great music, delicious food and warm clan associations made the 16th Annual Sarasota Highland Games and Celtic Festival held on the Venice Airport Grounds one of those great experiences! The morning was brisk with a "right smart" breeze keeping all the flags fully extended. By the afternoon the weather turned warmer with lots of festival goers taking advantage of the bagpipe music and great food.

Once we turned past the games area we saw the Clan Grant tent manned by Bill Black Grant, truly a gallant clan member. My wife, Lena, and I met a large group of Grant Clan members from Florida. We were proud to march under the Clan Grant Banner with our fellow Clan Grant members as part of the Opening Ceremonies at noon. The afternoon was full of eating Bridies, Shepherd's pie and wonderful strawberries on a scone with real whipped cream while we watched the sheep dog exhibition with a small herd of sheep.

The entertainment tent was a busy place with four acts in the morning and four acts in the afternoon. We weren't able to see them all, too much to do, but we did listen to Ceol Leinn, a band with two huge drums, two bagpipes and various other instruments playing vigorous and entertaining music. The Showmobile provided entertainment with Highland and Irish dancers and pipe bands. The games area was exciting and entertaining and the children's corner provided a day long experience where children were able to learn Scottish songs, games, and hear Scottish stories.

As the day drew to a close we all sang Auld Lang Syne as part of the closing ceremony and witnessed the closing ceremonies. As the Pipe Bands left the field we knew we had witnessed and participated in a truly great experience. We will look forward to next years 17th annual Sarasota Highland Games and Celtic Festival to be held on March 20th 2010.





Clan Grant Society at the Orange County Games May 2009

Submitted by Rand Allan – Southern California Commissioner

This year's event at the Orange County Games in Southern California was the most successful event yet for us. The weather was perfect for the games, with morning low clouds and a cool afternoon breeze. I hadn't even finished getting dressed before Diana Dron came up to renew ties with the Clan Grant Society and reinstate her membership. About an hour later, six Grants visiting from Aberdeen in Scotland came to visit the tent. They stated that these Games are their favorite Games in all the world. They were unaware that there was even an active Clan Grant or Clan Grant Society in Scotland, so we gave the information about the August Abernethy Games in Nethybridge where they could join the Clan Grant Society, visit with the Chief, and get more in touch with their Scottish heritage. Later on in the day, John Grant Beach came in all the way from Desert Center, east of Palm Springs, to place his membership with the Clan Grant Society. We sold a fair amount of shirts on Saturday.

On Sunday, Jeanne Suttie from Long Beach came by to place her membership for two years and Glen Grant from Glendora followed shortly after and placed his membership for one year. The Clan Grant Society welcomes all of you to the table and we hope it will be a rewarding experience for you all.

Sunday was another big day for visitors from afar. Karen Blessington, laird of the Revack Estate in Grantown-on-Spey in Scotland, stopped by for a short visit. The Revack Estate is a 500+ acre estate built around the same time that Castle Grant was built and was used as a hunting lodge for royalty. The Estate hosts a restaurant and gift shop and the land is leased to the local ranchers for raising cattle. Ms. Blessington spends her winters in the States and summers are spent at her estate in Scotland. Later in the day we had a visit from a gentleman from Aviemore in Scotland who sent regards from John Grant, the head of the Rothiemurchus Grants. We swapped stories about our experiences with John Grant and the Rothiemurchus Estate. Again we sold many shirts, running out of several sizes.

The weekend was also a big event for Grants renewing their ties and friendships. Our daughter, Jennifer, brought husband Matthew and our grand-daughter Adelaide, who was wearing her first kilted Clan Grant skirt. Willa Grant brought her immediate and extended family on Saturday and the tent was full of people visiting and children tumbling all over the place. David and Gail Grant spent the entire weekend helping run the tent, and Stephen and Aina Grant stopped by on Saturday to help out a spell. Meg and Charles Darby-Templin (formally living a mile away from the Games) came all the way down from San Luis Obispo on the Central California coast to visit for a couple of hours. On Sunday, members Bill and Connie Grant came by with daughter and grandson in tow. Their daughter was seriously ill last year and we are pleased she is back in the peak of health. Many other Grants came by to learn more about their heritage, visit, and get advice. All in all it was a very rewarding weekend.



I want to point out to the other commissioners the importance of membership and sales of Clan Grant items. Memberships are the way we grow and maintain the Clan Grant Society. The Games are an opportunity for people of common heritage to meet their "cousins", renew old ties, make new friends, and sustain each other in friendship. The sales of Clan Grant items help the existing and potential members to identify with the Clan Grant and gives them a constant reminder of their heritage. Please contact Quartermaster David Grant to request a supply of t-shirts to maintain for sale at your Games. Over the weekend, new and renewed memberships plus sales of t-shirts netted the Clan Grant Society over \$665, a significant percentage of our current cash reserves. If all commissioners could put forth a proportionate effort from the Games in their region, the Clan Grant Society would have no cash flow problems.

Grant Games

Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland

Greetings from the Mid-Atlantic region. Just wanted to give a brief report on the first games of the season. Allan Grant and myself traveled to deep inside Calvert County Maryland, on the shores of the Patuxent River to the Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland on 25 APR 09. The morning was still and a bit warmer than we would normally expect but I felt as though the day would turn out just fine. After realizing that the commish had managed to leave all of the tables behind we were joined by Jim and Karolyn Grant from Delaware. After a brief discussion as to locate or liberate a table for the event, one of the organizers came through with a rather large table upon which to display are many Grant items. We had a great location, good view of the athletics, it was all coming together until perhaps two hours latter when we realized that the temperature was continuing to rise at a rate more in season with shall we say August. For those not familiar with the weather in and around the Chesapeake Bay in August let me assure you that no other place in the contiguous states is more humid or more miserable. I love wearing my kilt and do so about 4-8 times a month. That being said, wrapping 8 yards of wool around the waist on a 90+ degree day is not one of my more favorite activities. But, we had a job to do and that was to represent Clan Grant in the best way possible. And that was just what we did. This was my first time at this game and the first in many a year since Clan Grant was officially represented. The setting is that of a colonial era plantation which has been turned into a regional park and historic center. A good time was had by all in spite of the warm weather. We still managed to enjoy the company, the festival, and a few- very rare Grant single malts. Before the close of the day, plans had been finalized for the rest of the early festival season to ensure a merry and informative crowd to help host the Grant tent. We look forward to seeing all those good Grants at the next events in Fair Hill (16 MAY 09) and McHenry (06 JUN 09) Maryland.

Stand Fast,
Dr. R. Steve Grant II, Commissioner Mid-Atlantic States



Fair Hill Colonial Highland Festival

Hello to all from the Mid-Atlantic. Just a short note on the Fair Hill games from 16 May 09. Clan Grant Society has been well represented here for some time. Though not known for its large number of clan participants, it has in recent years been a very large bands competition hosting 30+ pipe bands as well as some grade 1 pipers. If you enjoy the skirling of the pipes you owe it to yourself to here grade 1 pipers, they are truly the elite.

Saturday morning dawned in appropriate highland colors, cloudy and misty with a good amount of fog to really set the tone. Micheline Reinhadt, Allan Grant and myself braved the veiled 95 north to Fair Hill and were soon joined by Karolyn and Jim Grant. Though the weathered threatened most of the day we stayed dry and enjoyed a wonderful selection of Grant single malts. We also got to meet Richard Grant of Richwood, NJ and he has joined CGS. Richard was a drum major in a pipe band back in the 70's and 80's, though he doesn't play anymore. I took the time to see if he might be interested in becoming a commissioner for New Jersey as that location is currently without one. He promises to give it serious thought. The main event of the day was the massed bands and while they came in different sets, once massed it all came together. There is something about being next to 27 pipe bands as they play and march in unison that makes the heart pound harder as you feel every note resonates in every organ. The day closed on a dry note as we packed our kit and bid a fond farewell to friends with a promise to see each other soon. Next games in the Mid-Atlantic is the McHenry Highland Festival in Deep Creek Maryland on 06 JUN 09. Look forward to seeing you there.

Stand Fast,
Dr. R. Steve Grant II
Clan Grant Society, USA
Member-At-Large
Mid-Atlantic Commissioner

Letter to the Editor

With respect, I feel I must respond to a statement made by Rand Allan in his article published in *Craigellachie* (Volume XXXIII, Issue 4 – Winter 2008) under the heading "Where do we go as a Society?". Rand Allan states: "In the late 1800's, the Chiefs of Clan Grant basically abrogated their responsibility to lead their people and exiled themselves to New Zealand for several generations. During this time, the people of the Clan Grant gradually lost their attachment to the Clan, and knowledge of our history slowly started to fade away." I believe his initial sentence regarding the Chiefs of Clan Grant in the late 1800's indicates a misunderstanding of the historical reality of that period in the Clan's history. While I cannot refute his following assertions regarding the drift away from Clan cohesion at that time, I can certainly speak regarding the Chiefs at whose door he appears to lay all the blame.

Francis William Ogilvie-Grant, who became 10th Earl of Seafield and 29th Chief of Clan Grant in 1888, was my great grandfather, Eyre Evans' brother-in-law, 1st cousin and friend. Frank, as he was known to the family had gone to New Zealand in 1870 as a junior officer in the Merchant Service and decided to stay there with Major George Thomas Evans' (his mother's brother & my gg grandfather) family. In 1874 he married his 1st cousin, Nina (Ann Trevor Corry Evans) in Oamaru, New Zealand. It needs to be pointed out that at this point John Charles Ogilvie-Grant was 26th Chief of Clan Grant and as he had a son, Ian, there was absolutely no expectation that Francis would ever be likely to obtain title or responsibilities of Clan Chief. When John Charles died in 1881 and his son, Ian, died without an heir just three years later, Francis' father, James (John Charles younger brother), who lived at Elgin suddenly found himself 28th Chief of Clan Grant. The title from this point (1884) was in name only, as Ian had willed the Estates to his mother, the Dowager Countess Caroline, for her lifetime. Succession continued to move swiftly on for James died four years later (1888) and Francis, who was still in New Zealand and not a well man by this stage, survived with the landless title a mere few months. His twelve year old son, James, was now 11th Earl of Seafield, 30th Chief of Clan Grant. The Dowager Countess sent word to Nina in New Zealand that her two boys, James and Trevor, were to be sent to her in Scotland for their education. The rest of the families were expressly forbidden to accompany them. Aunt Nina decided to keep the boys with her and gave them the best education in New Zealand instead. Despite his mother's efforts over the years to prepare him for his role and heal the breach with the Dowager Countess, James was not welcome on Grant lands until the Dowager Countess Caroline died in 1911. Then James, just beginning to establish himself with the Clan, was leading a battalion of Cameron Highlanders at the battle of Ypres and was killed by a sniper's bullet in 1915. It fell to his brother, Trevor, to inherit the Grant title and responsibility as 31st Chief of Clan Grant while James young daughter, Nina, became the Countess of Seafield in her own right.

Given the facts, I believe it is harsh to claim these Clan Chiefs "abrogated their responsibility to lead their people and exiled themselves to New Zealand". There were other aspects to the circumstances of those years that may equally have contributed to the lessening of attachment and fading knowledge of the history of the Clan.

The Dowager Countess Caroline's role over the twenty-seven years must be seen as a significant factor. Nina, I understand, (and James) later expressed some regret that she hadn't consented to Countess Caroline's demand on Francis' death to send James and Trevor unaccompanied to her for the rest of their upbringing. I would be the last to criticize any mother for hesitating to send her two boys of twelve and nine where she had been forbidden to accompany them! From that time, it appears from our family vantage point, the Dowager Countess thwarted every effort on the family's behalf to enable James to take his rightful place in leadership of the Clan. There is no doubt too that the very short tenure of office (and in some cases the unexpected nature of the honour) gave none of the Chiefs much time to understand their responsibilities, let alone to establish a rapport and gain the respect of their clansmen now spreading around the world.

I am writing as a member of the Australian Clan Grant Society through which I had access to the copy of *Craigellachie*. My connection to the Clan is through Francis Ogilvie-Grant's mother and wife, and thereby to the current Chief. With access to first hand information recorded in my great grandfather Eyre Evans' personal diaries, writings, and scrapbooks now kept in the New Zealand Archives, I have recently published great grandfather's life story in the book "Jottings of a Gentleman". Because of Eyre's close relationship to Francis and his sister, Nina (Francis' wife); his story also sheds some light on the circumstances in which the Chiefs of the late 1800's found themselves. Copies are available over the internet at www.underthesun.net.au should others be interested in purchasing a copy. I would hope this personal record gives you additional information, and assures you that there was likely no deliberate intention to diminish the strength of the Clan but merely a case of unusual circumstances leading to some regrettable consequences.

Yours sincerely,
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Scottish Proverbs

The dictionary defines a "proverb" as a short saying stating a general truth or piece of advice. The Scots language is full of such pithy phrases and there are many huge collections of them, many dating back hundreds of years. Here's a selection of the best - many with a touch of humour about them too...

A bird in the hand is worth ten fleein'.

A day to come seems longer than a year that's gone.

A fool may earn money, but it takes a wise man to keep it.

A good tale never tires in the telling.

Ale sellers shouldna' be tale tellers.

A liar shou'd hae a good memory.

A light purse makes a heavy heart. (Definitely a Scottish one that!)

A misty morning may become a clear day.

A's weel that ends weel.

A penny saved is a penny gained.

A rich man's wooing need seldom be a long one.

A thread will tie an honest man better than a chain a rogue.

A turn well done is soon done.

A wise lawyer never goes to law himself.

Be happy while you're living, for you're a long time dead.

Beggars cannae be choosers.

Be slow in choosing a friend but slower in changing him.

Better bend than break.

Better keep the devil at the door than have to turn him out of the house.

Better the day, the better deed.

Better to be alone than in bad company.

Birds of a feather flock a' thegither.

Choose your wife with her nightcap on!

Danger and delight grow on one stalk.

Do as the lassies do - say "no" and tak it.

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.
(So said Robert Louis Stevenson)

Double drinks are good for drouth (thirst).

Egotism is an alphabet of one letter.

Enough is as good as a feast.

Fools look to tomorrow; wise men use tonight.

Fools make feasts and wise men eat them,
The wise make jests and fools repeat them.

Forbid a fool a thing and that he will do.

Friends are lost by calling often and calling seldom.

Proverbs cont.

From saving comes having.

Get what you can and keep what you have - that's the way to get rich.

Give you an inch and you'll tak an ell. (An ell was a Scottish yard of 37 inches).

Glasses and lasses are bruckle (= brittle, fragile) ware!

He can make a kirk (church) or a mill of it.

He goes long barefoot that waits for dead men's shoes.

He has licked the butter aff my bread.

He's as welcome as water in a holed ship.

He's the slave of all slaves who serve's none but himself.

Highland Friends Cont.



much a result of site as it is of the distiller's discretion.

Still, single malts most definitely speak of Scotland. They have a clear terroir, which even if it is not as local as it once was is nonetheless unmistakable.

Distillers can issue whiskeys at any age they want: 10 years, 12 years, 15, 27, 8, and sometimes with no age statement at all. We wanted whiskeys of roughly the same age, and settled on 12-year-olds because, frankly, they are relatively inexpensive for *single malts*. *The longer a whiskey is aged, the more of it is lost to evaporation and the more expensive it is.* Also, the longer a distiller sits on whiskey without a return, the more it will cost eventually. Finally, age increases a whiskey's status as much as if not more than its appeal.

That last point, of course, is debatable. I personally like the taste of younger whiskeys, in which the raw spirit battles against the mellowing effects of barrel aging. But Ethan referred to them as "entry-level bottles," intended to entice consumers to climb a brand's hierarchy to the more costly older bottlings. We ended up with 18 bottles of 12-year-old Scotch, along with two 13-year-olds and one 10-year-old. Incidentally, the age statement tells you the age of the youngest whiskey in the blend. So, a 12-year-old single malt is made of whiskeys at least 12 years old.

The distillers issue seemingly endless variations on their bottlings, so some of the malts in our tasting were limited editions, like our No. 1, the Balvenie Signature, which marked the 45th year of whiskey-making of Balvenie's distiller. It was complex, with long, lingering, delicious flavors. But if you can't find this one we also liked many standard bottlings, like our No. 7, the Balvenie DoubleWood, so called because the whiskey is aged first in barrels that had previously been used for bourbon, and then in oloroso sherry barrels.

The retail selection becomes especially confusing with the profusion of independent bottlings, as with our No. 2 malt. The distiller, Glen Grant, does not issue a 12-year-old whiskey. But an independent bottler, Gordon & MacPhail, bought whiskey from Glen Grant and issued a 12-year-old, which we found wonderfully intriguing, combining fruit flavors with more austere smoky, medicinal touches.

The rest of our top 10, though, were standard bottlings, which should be easier to find. We especially liked the Tamdhu 10-year-old, our best value at \$30, which had a touch of sweetness along with waxy floral aromas, and the Cragganmore, which was on the smoky, earthy side.

The level of quality was so high that not all the malts we favored made the list. Pete especially liked the Aberlour, which reminded him of a hot toddy, and Florence loved the smoky BenRiach. I very much enjoyed an independent bottling of Longmorn from McGibbon's Provenance, which I thought was delicate and complex. While the Glenlivet and the Glenfiddich made our top 10, the Macallan did not. We all felt it seemed a bit too simple.

Aside from the diversity of expressions, single malt has its diversity of uses. Florence said she enjoys a glass before dinner, in front of a fire. Ethan spoke of drinking single malt with a fine steak, and with oysters, which speaks to Scotch's versatility. I love a glass late at night, with a book. Pete is partial to the late-night dram as well. In fact, I can think of only one place where a good single malt will almost never be found: in a cocktail.

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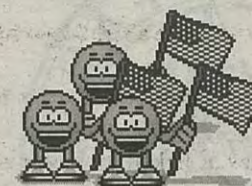
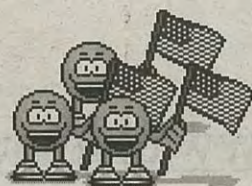
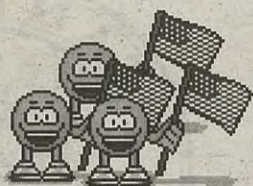
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Submitted by Rick Grant, RI

ingredients

- 1 lb sirloin hamburger
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- Pepper
- 1 tsp dry mustard power
- 1 large onion grated
- 1/3 cup prepared suet mix
- 1/4 cup beef stock
- 2 packages 10oz packages pastry mix

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Preheat oven to 410* F electric or 375* gas. Brush a cookie sheet with oil. Mix first 7 ingredients. Prepare pastry following instructions. Divide pastry and meat into 6 even portions. Roll each pastry into 6 - 7 inch circle. Place meat filling in center of the round. Brush outer edge of the circle with water. Fold pastry over filling to form a half moon. Pinch or flute pastry edge.

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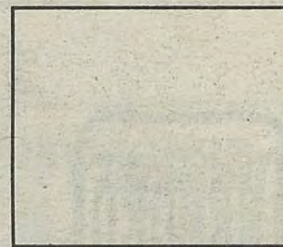
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