

THE NEWEST GRANT? Robert C. and Mary A. Grant announce the birth of their granddaughter. Her name is Caroline Elspeth Grant. She was born March 1, 2013 to their son and daughter-in-law, Robert Clarke Grant and Kristin Ramey Grant. They live in Marietta, GA.

2013 AGM to be Held at the Seaside Highland Games



This year, the Clan Grant Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Seaside Highland Games, http://www.seaside-games.com/, located at the Ventura County Fairgrounds in Ventura, California on the second weekend in October (Oct 11-13). The Seaside Games are located right on the coast (the beach is literally across the street) and is one of the few Games in the United States that has been run by the Clans, for the Clans. There are a couple of events you won't want to miss. On the evening of Friday, October 11, the Four Points Hotel, one of the Games' host hotels, will have a whisky tasting session and A Scottish Evening....a full formal banquet with entertainment and a

Scottish fashion show...a quite enjoyable evening and well worth the price.

Also, be sure to notify Rand Allan, <u>rballan@san.rr.com</u> or (858)454-3846, of your plans so we can know how many people to expect at the AGM and the banquet.

Cindy Grant Pendergast of Tigard OR from the 2013 Portland OR Scottish Highland Games.

ATTENTION the following changes in red are proposed to the bylaws.

Section 5 - Elections. A Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) Active Members in good standing shall be named by the President at least 180 days prior to the AGM at which the term of office of any member of the Board is to expire. The Nominating Committee shall transmit to the Secretary not later than three months before the AGM one nomination for each of the Offices expiring at the AGM. The Secretary shall give notice of the nominees by publication in the Craigellachie and/or by mail, or electronically.

Section (a) - Annual General Meeting. All notices of meetings will be published in the "Craigellachie" and/or by mail, or electronically.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The membership is authorized and empowered to amend, alter, change or repeal these By-Laws and the Certificate of Incorporation. Such action requires a proposal in writing and approved by two-thirds of the Board of Directors before being submitted to the membership at the next Annual General Meeting or through Craigellachie and/or by mail, or electronically. Such changes will require a two-thirds majority approval by vote of the members responding. present at the Annual General Meeting.

Clan Grant Society Board of Directors Elections **Elections for the Clan Grant Society Board of Directors have been held this summer**. The following positions will be filled:

President: 4-year term Vice-President: 2-year term Secretary: 2-year term Treasurer: 4-year term Member at Large: 2 year term Member at Large: 4 year term

The new officers will be inducted at the AGM in California.

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Photograph Betsy Grant

Hank Grant and Sir James Grant-Suttie of Balgone, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Sheriff Hall Farm, North Berwick, East Lothian, September 2012

Linda Grant
The Doune, home of the Rt. Hon. 13th Earl of Dysart, J.P. "Johnnie" Grant, JP, DL, 17th Laird of Rothiemurchus, and Philippa, Lady Grant, September 2012



Betsy Grant

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In order for Clan Grant Society-USA to keep you informed by email, you must keep us informed if you change your email address. We have sent out three or four emails over the last three months. If you did not hear from us, we do not have your email. So if you qualify per the above, contact Rand Allan, our membership secretary, at:

Rand Allan

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The future of Craigellachie?

The board has been discussing Craigellachie over the last few months. I want to share the results of these discussions and my observations with you, my fellow Clan Grant Society members. The basic question is what will we do about our newsletter into the future.

Craigellachie as currently printed and mailed to our membership is too expensive. Which is to say, given the requirements to produce four Craigs a year, print some 22 pages in color, and mail to some 250 members all for the \$20.00 per year dues cannot be supported over time. So what to do?

Well we can simply go to an Internet based newsletter or create a member section on our web page and post the newsletters there. However, fully thirty percent (30%) of our members do not have an email account or say they do not have Internet access. I believe many are our oldest members and our founders and most loyal supporters. As Craigellachie editor I feel they represent the essence of the existence of our Society. To completely abandon them by going to an Internet only based Craig seems wrong to me. So what to do?

We can go back to a newsprint based black and white printed Craig. This has been suggested in the Board discussions. I can do this for the Society, however this method of producing a Craigellachie without color, I feel, lowers the appearance and degrades the use of pictures and illustrations. This may not bother you as the members but we cannot know without your input. I have had a few emails and some letters complimenting the current Craigellachie. So what to do?

So now we come to the money question. It is always dangerous to talk money with folks of Scottish background, but this needs to be addressed. The printing of Craigellachie costs the society \$1,000.00 for approximately 300 copies. The extras go to the games commissioners to be distributed. So our current cost per Craig is \$3.33 per newsletter. This is for printing, mailing and a stipend of \$250 to the editor. The cost amounts to \$4,000.00 per year. Divided by some 250 members amounts to \$16.00 per year of dues devoted to printing Craigellachie. This leaves \$1,000.00 to support all other expenses including supporting games commissioners and any support for other causes. So what to do?

We need a solution to continuing Craigellachie!

How would you feel if 30% of the membership received their Craigellachie by mail and the rest of you received this by email or access on a web page? Should we print Craigellachie less often, perhaps twice a year? Should it be printed on newsprint in black and white? Do we raise the dues? Should we seek advertisers; would you make a special contribution to support Craigellachie? Remember that all our officers are volunteers and part-time so that any solution must be supportable given our organization and number of members.

I encourage you to mail or email me. This is our society and our Craigellachie and we need your ideas. Mail to:
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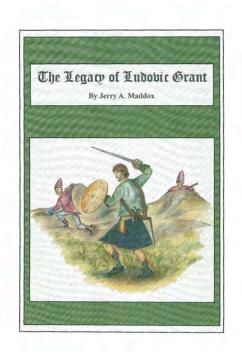
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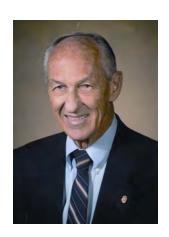
Dr. William Grant, Ph.D. Editor



Castle Grant, former home of the Chiefs of Grant, Grantownon-Spey, Moray photographed in the early evening hours, September 19. 2012



Jerry Maddox



Cindy Grant Pendergast of Tigard OR from the 2013 Portland OR Scottish Highland Games.



By Rand Allan from the Summer 2006 Craigellachie

The Highland Clan is a set of people all bearing the same surname or sub-family names, who believe themselves to be related to each other, either by descent from the original stock or adoption into the clan. There may be several sub-tribes within the clan with their own chiefs to which the people owe their immediate allegiance. However, they all agree in owning their allegiance to the supreme chief of the clan, and look upon it to be their duty to support him in all of his endeavors. There may also be people considered to be "friends of the clan", that while not belonging historically to the clan, are sympathetic to its causes, and support their activities. The Clan, like every other institution, requires symbolism and ceremony. Otherwise, the people of the clan would gradually lose their identity and sense of self as a unique race of people. It is a legal and practical community - a biological corporation - under its representative - 'whom we call Chief' – distinguished by his shield and banner, which pass as property in the ruling line of succession. It spreads into branches and sub-branch families, each with its ceantighe.

Each child should be taught to 'name your chief, 'the chief's genealogy, and his own. It is the mother's duty to learn this and teach them, the father's to encourage the child to 'decor the house, support the chief, and work for the glory of the clan.' - from The Scottish Clans and their Tartans" by Johnston and Bacon Publishers. While we no longer have the unfailing loyalty to the clan nor the protection of the Chief as described in historical times, the above paragraphs bring home a point. In order to define ourselves as a people, we have to remember our past, learn its symbols and traditions, and apply those lessons continuously to our present and future lives, lest our heritage lose its significance and meaning to

the people of the clan, and the clan gradually fades away due to disinterest. It is up to every one of us to learn as much as we can about our clan to pass that information to our kin. The Difference Between the Clan and the Clan Society

The Clan Grant

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

The Clan Grant Society

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



Photograph Hank Grant

Linda Grant and Betsy Grant at Cullen House, former home of the Earls of Seafield and Chiefs of Grant, September 18, 2012

Photograph by Leila Lady Seafield

The Legacy of Ludovic Grant

By Jerry A. Maddox

A non-fiction biography about Ludovic Grant, Gent., born near Fyvie Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1688. As a Jacobite warrior in 1715, he was captured along with 1,500 other Scottish Highlanders at Preston, England, and imprisoned at Chester Castle for six months. His trial resulted in banishment to Charles Town, SC, in 1716. After serving as an indentured servant for seven years, he became a licensed trader with the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee and married a full-blood Cherokee woman. His letters to Gov. Glenn of South Carolina from 1751 to 1756 preserved in South Carolina archives served to alert colonial authorities of affairs in the Cherokee Nation and French aggression in the colonies. As the ancestor of thousands of mixed-blood Cherokees, his legacy has continued to this day throughout the Cherokee Nation and America. Through his marriage and marriages of his three mixed-blood granddaughters to English and Scottish colonists his legacy has resulted in a heritage to those who trace their roots to a man who left his country for a new life in America three hundred years ago.



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(1912-1992) The Right Honourable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 32nd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant.

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Why give a membership?

Are your children and brothers and sisters as well as your parents

members of the Clan Grant Society-USA?

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 <u>bylaws</u>. When you join the society, 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. 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. Your ancestors are calling you, honor them by joining the society today!

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant", a recognized Clan Grant sept name, or anyone who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society. An entire family is covered under one membership. A family is considered to be the parents and any children under the age of 18 years.

Dues are \$20.00 for 1-year, \$40.00 for 2-years, or \$55.00 for 3-years. Note: New members joining from July through December will pay only \$10 for their first year of membership. New members joining from January through June will pay the full membership fee.

Lifetime membership in the Clan Grant Society is \$400.00. Members over 80 years of age are considered life members and are exempt from the payment of annual dues after the first year of membership. If a life member dies, their spouse automatically becomes a life member.

Have you considered giving a membership to your children or other family members? The Clan Grant Society-USA needs to continue to expand. Help us by doing your part today



CLAN GRANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

[] NEW [] RENEWAL	Membership #	_ DATE OF BIR	TH		
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Make <u>ALL</u> checks payable	to CLAN GRANT SOCIETY		d Allan le Vera Cruz		
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Another Reminder About Reimbursements

In accordance with the Society bylaws, "the Board of Directors shall approve an annual budget for the effective conduct of the Society's financial transactions and the President shall carry out these transactions as directed by the approved budget. The Treasurer shall oversee these transactions." Additionally, the Board has decided that reimbursements of the standard costs for clan representation at a Scottish Games or Festival is a reimbursable expense for those who are establishing and manning a Clan Grant tent. Unfortunately, most of our activities are never reported to the Treasurer for reimbursement or inclusion in our budgeting process, nor are they reported to the *Craigellachie* Editor for inclusion in our publication.

The Board is aware that the membership attends games or festivals as a participant (hosts a clan tent) across the nation, and that many of the games commissioners and tent sponsors are not submitting their expenses for reimbursement or their discussion of the event they attended for publishing. This creates problems and potential issues for our Society.

- 1. The many expenses incurred are not included in the annual budget.
- 2. There is no way to capture and document two of the Society's activities in support of our stated purpose in the bylaws: "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; and Social Recreational promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among the members of the Clan."
- 3. If we are audited without this documentation, we may be deemed as not fulfilling the requirements of a tax-exempt organization and lose our current status.
- 4. Additionally, it may prevent our ability to justify 501(c)(3) status that will allow tax-deductible donations and expenses.
- 5. The legacy this will leave us is a greater difficulty in finding willing members to perform the duty of hosting a tent, since they will feel they are required to shoulder the entire expense themselves.
- 6. Although there have been several AGM discussions about increasing the annual dues, without justification for such an increase based upon our participation in events and the inclusion of their reimbursements in our budget, we cannot even discuss this with all the data needed for a good decision.

In an attempt to change this, the Board is allowing tent hosts to submit their receipts from 2012 participation, as well as those for 2013, to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Reimbursement requests may be sent to the Treasurer as scanned documents by email to <u>jeniphr@yahoo.com</u>, or by mail to Jeniphr Grant, 36206 Allen Rd S, Roy, WA 98580. Please ensure you include your contact phone, in case there are any questions about the request. The items required include:

- 1. A Request for Reimbursement Form.
- 2. A copy of the games registration form that shows what services were included in the fee paid.
- 3. A copy of the cancelled check or credit card receipt used to pay the games organization.

The Society reimburses the baseline expenses that any clan participant would incur to attend the event, as stated on the form. This means that if the "standard" clan tent space includes a tent, one table and two chairs and you order an additional table, the Society will pay for the tent, first table and two chairs, but not the second. This is also true for parking passes and entrance tickets. However, if you have an extenuating circumstance that requires additional parking or entrance ticketing, etc., permissions may be granted by passing the request to the Games Commissioner, who will bring it up to the Board.

Keep in mind that there are two ways a tent host can have their expenses paid: prepayment or reimbursement. If you would like to use prepayment, you must fill out the games registration form completely and send it to the Treasurer so that it is received at least two weeks in advance of the required submission date on the form. The form may be scanned and emailed or put in regular mail (allow a week for mailing time). Please include a good phone number, so receipt of the request may be confirmed. Reimbursement is as stated above.

Your assistance in processing requests for reimbursement allows us to maintain our status, documents our activities and puts a bit of money back into your pocket. Thanks for all you do out there to spread the word about our Society and your continued participation. Stand Fast!

Clan Grant Society-USA REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Name:		Date:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	-
Phone:			
Submit one form per game attended, a category if more than one game is incl		sheet as a cover to provide rec	apitulation by
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Allowable Expenses are those that all cancelled check attached):	Clan participants must pa	ay to be allowed to participate	(receipts and
Tent Rental Fee(CGSUSA pays for 1 standard size	ed shelter)		
Table Rental Fee(CGSUSA pays for 1 - 6-8 foot ta	ble for display)		
Chair Rental Fee(CGSUSA pays for 2 chairs to ma	in the tent)		
Space Fee(CGSUSA pays for location, if ch	narged separate from tent	rental, especially if bringing ov	wn tent)
Entry Tickets (CGSUSA pays for two tickets pe	er day, if not included in r	egular clan fees.)	
Parking (CGSUSA pays for one vehicle pe	er day, if not included in 1	regular clan fees.)	
Total			
Requests for exceptions to these limita	ations may be made to the	e Board, through the Games Co	ommissioner.
Send completed forms and receipts to: Questions, please call Jeniphr at 609-8		llen Rd S, Roy, WA 98580 or	jeniphr@yahoo.com

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