



Craigellachie



The Newsletter of the Clan Grant Society-USA Inc.

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT Rand Allan

Well, it was quite a wild ride for my tenure as President of the Clan Grant Society. I had just stepped down from the Clan Grant Society Board of Directors after completing my term as Vice President in the Fall of 2008, when the President and several other Board members suddenly stepped down that winter before their terms were up, leaving only a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Member at Large. I was asked to step back in as Interim President until we had formal elections.

About the same time, the economy tanked, several more elected and appointed officers had to quit for health and economic reasons, and in the national climate of economic uncertainty, we were not able to find anyone willing to fill vacant elected or appointed positions, despite an ongoing search to recruit volunteers. Remaining officers were required to fill in where they could, and we were relegated to holding the Society together until we could get back on our feet. Finally, in early to mid-2013, we started getting responses from people who were willing to step in and help pull the Clan Grant Society back from the brink.

Special thanks go to Jeffrey Click for willing to step in as our new Webmaster, Dr. William Grant for his exceptional work as our newsletter editor, Susan Preston as Genealogist, James "Hank" Grant for filling in as Vice President, Jeniphr Grant for stepping up as President, Nevin "Mick" Pratt in the Treasurer position, Lena Grant in the Secretary position, and Janette Kaiser and Robert Grant filling out the empty slots as Members at Large. I have stepped into the Membership Secretary position, so I won't be going away any time soon.

We now have all our officer positions filled and have begun the task of rebuilding and strengthening the society. The website will be updated with a new look; We need to

appeal to the younger generation by taking full advantage of the social media; we will be establishing our budget to hold down the increasing costs; and we will be meeting our obligation to provide scholarships and help support the Clan Grant Heritage Centre in Duthil Kirk, Scotland. Commissioner representation in the states suffered as well during the past few years and we will be making a special effort to recruit new commissioners for the states and communicate more effectively with the members.

Usually, this is a time to modestly brag about all the accomplishments that occurred during the Past President's tenure, but I guess that with the rough times we have had during the past 5 years, the best I could say is that I kept the Clan Grant Society in the United States from shutting down until we could find enough dedicated people to bring the Society back up to speed.

With the new Board of Directors and appointed officers, it looks like I am leaving my office and the Society in good hands. I will still be around as Commissioner to Southern California, Membership Secretary, and informal advisor to the Board of Directors. With that said, remember to Stand Fast and never forget from whom you are descended. Keep the memories and history of The Clan Grant alive.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT, Jeniphr Grant



Let me say how honored I am to be your President. I love the Clan Grant Society and take my election to this position very seriously. While I have served six years as Treasurer, the biggest impact the Society has had for me is in my ability to meet many of our amazing members and begin to develop what I intend to be life-long friendships. I truly think of CGS as an extension of my family, and I look forward to exciting years ahead leading this organization. Thank you for your confidence in me, cousins.

I have several ideas to put before the Board of Directors that center around our multi-fold purpose for being, but for now, I will say that the main focus of all the efforts is to ensure each member of the Society gets a chance to "Own It!" I hope to engender each of you to become more active in *your* Society, since I believe we are more than the odd games tent and a quarterly newsletter, and I am seeking ways to give you more opportunities to be involved. My largest concerns are that we are able to function as our founders intended and that we have a great organization to pass on to the next

generations waiting in the wings. In keeping with this, I urge you to perform the following actions:

- **Stay connected with Facebook.** As of this writing we have 537 “likes” for our Facebook (FB) page. If you're not on our Facebook page, please join. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about upcoming events, keep in touch with old friends, post updates on news in your world, and more. Please note - FB is intended to supplement our publication, not replace it.
- **Attend an event.** Organizations around the country and the world host amazing events, and all of these events are created with one person in mind: You! We are at work developing a listing of all of the upcoming events in your area to be posted on our website and listed in our newsletter. We are even going to begin using Twitter for events as we have the information. If you know of or attend an event, please let our Editor know the particulars for posting to FB and inclusion in *Craigellachie*.
- **Update your member profile.** A network is only as strong as those who participate in it. If your info isn't updated, your cousins can't connect with you - for personal or professional communications. We are moving toward a more electronic delivery system for our membership information to reduce expenses and need current email addresses for you. Updating your profile is easy by contacting the Membership Secretary.

If you want to get involved in events in your area, have an idea for improving communication or fundraising, or simply need to ask a question, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, or any of our officers. More information on our Board, including names and contact information, can be found on our website or later in this publication.

I challenge each of you to Own It! If you're a member, yet cannot name ten members from outside the state you live in, meet new members through FB, *Craigellachie*, and activities. If you aren't involved in an activity, get involved or start something. If you have a membership, but don't come to the events, come get connected. The time is now. What are you waiting for? Own It!

Stand Fast!

Jeniphr Grant

Clan Grant AGM Minutes
10/12/13

Present: Rand & Christine Allan, Todd & Liz Covert, Jeniphir Grant, Dr. Steven Grant, Aina & Stephen Grant, Janette Kaiser

By phone: Jim Grant, Dr. William and Lena Grant, Mick Pratt

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm, with a welcome to the AGM and introductions of all participants.

Reports:

Membership Report:

210 members, and 120 are dues-paying, the rest are life members.

The dues do not quite cover expenses for the year.

Sent out 212 ballots for the election.

Treasurer Report:

Account \$5,152.55...includes amortized payments of life members. It is not all current-year spending money, only about half of it is.

T-shirt sales are \$400-600/year. This is not enough to make up the deficit.

Summary of the past year's expenses: We have reimbursed people for six games throughout the year. These are reimbursable expenses.

Games Commissioner Report: Heard from Lyle Grant in New Hampshire who requested some *Craigellachie* and pamphlets (green ones). They were mailed to him. Dr. William Grant will mail Jim Grant the latest issues of the *Craigellachie*. Extra newsletters will be sent to the games commissioners.

Discussion of Changes to Bylaws:

The only current way for communication is by print. We need to increase means of communication by electronic, e-mail, Facebook, etc. to allow for faster and more extensive abilities to communicate with the members. However, one third of the members are not electronically connected, so we still need to maintain the old ways of communication for them. The proposed By-laws changes will allow for alternative electronic modes of communication when voting, passing along information, and attending meetings.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried. Stephen made the motion, Rand seconded. All present voted aye. This expands the ability of The Society to use multiple methods of contact to the membership, all being considered official.

Discussion of Officers Handbook:

It is 95% complete. It discusses the roles of each of the officers, commissioners to give them a good idea of what is expected of them during their work with the Clan Grant

Society. Aiming to get that out this year and distribute to officers and commissioners. The intent will be to produce a document of standard operating procedures.

New Business:

Where do we want to have the next AGM?

Each year we should have the AGM in a different time zone. Perhaps next year we could hold the AGM at Estes Park in Colorado or somewhere else in the Mountain Time Zone. The intent is to hold the AGM at a Scottish Highland Game where the Grants are hosting a tent, and a building is available to hold the AGM. **Jeniphr moved to standardize where we will hold the AGM, moving from the Pacific Time Zone one year, then to the Mountain Time Zone the following year, then Central, then Eastern, finally rotating back to the Pacific Time Zone and starting over. If there are difficulties locating a venue in a particular time zone, the procedure for locating the AGM could be modified, but would try to maintain the routing of moving from one time zone to the next each year. Seconded by Janette. Passed unanimously by all present.**

Changes to the membership form. The Chief needs money to maintain Duthil Kirk and the Clan Heritage Center. The previous membership form did not allow for this. In our By-Laws, we are supposed to be providing for scholarships and support of Duthil Kirk, and we cannot demonstrate that. To qualify as a 501(c)3, we need to be able to document these types of expenditures. We have changed the membership application to allow for people to direct some of their money to be directed to scholarship and Duthil Kirk funds. Rand spoke with Adrian Grant in Scotland, and Adrian is willing to donate a copy of his CD/publication on the origin of the Clan Grant and other clans to those making a significant donation to Duthil Kirk. Further discussion will have to take place on how we distribute the money and what level of donation will qualify for the CD publication. There is currently a \$25 balance in the scholarship fund and a \$100 balance in the Duthil Kirk fund.

Craigellachie. Mick Pratt said, "It is cost-prohibitive to continue to send paper copies of the Craigellachie to the membership." International customers, and non-electronic customers should be sent paper newsletters, but everyone with an email address should get an electronic newsletter or a link to the electronic version of the newsletter. Dr. William Grant said that each printing is a separate estimate based on the number of pages being produced; it does not have a bulk discount for number of copies. We have a minimum number of people overseas plus about 1/3 of the membership without email addresses. We'd also need some paper copies to send to commissioners to distribute at the games. Dr. Grant would send 20-25 copies to each commissioner. As soon as someone signs up for membership, they could be e-mailed a copy of the latest newsletter. Another method of transmission includes a member log-in on our webpage

to get their down-loadable information, with a link on the Clan Grant Facebook page to log onto the Clan Grant website. In order to reduce our expenses, we need to minimize the number of newsletters that we print, and send electronically whenever possible. We can have webmaster Jeffrey Click work on designing a website that would allow members to log-on for membership delivery. Follow-through for the new board: (Can do this through Constant Contact.) Members only login page for vote?

Dues. We may have to attempt to raise dues by \$5. Jeniphr maintains as treasurer until Mick Pratt can come up to speed. We currently have no basis to justify an increase and must have documentation in order to justify the increase. With that caveat, we should spend the next year collecting data by documenting what we take in, what we spend, and what we want to accomplish.

No other new business.

Announcements:

Dr. Grant would like to thank Rand for all that he has put up with. He handled things during a difficult time in the Clan Grant Society history.

Janette Kaiser is a member of the Siol Lewis sept of the Clan Grant, and as Director-at-Large of the Clan Grant Society, can use her position to look at ways to help them to increase their membership and to represent them to the Society. The Chief has offered an historic weathered Grant tartan that the Siol Lewis sept has adopted as their sept tartan.

Stephen Grant attended the Dana Point Highland Games bringing in international athletic champions. He had the pleasure of sitting in with Ray Pierson. He took a picture of Stephen and included it in an article and passed it on to Beth Scribble, who publishes a national family tree newsletter. He'll pass it on to the Grant members.

WELCOME NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Newly elected officers:

President:	Jeniphr Grant
Vice President:	James Grant
Secretary:	Lena Grant
Treasurer	Mick Pratt
Member at Large	Jim Grant
Member at Large	Janette Kaiser
Member at Large	Robert Grant (Virginia)

First time in nearly six years we have a full slate of officers.

Rand thanked everyone for attending and agreeing to stand in for new officer positions.

Adjournment: 5:06 PM.

ATTENTION the following changes in red were adopted 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.**





At the dinner to honor the installation of the new Chief of Clan Rose, Chief David Hugh Heriot Baird Rose
 FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Janette Kaiser, Christine Allan, Rand Allan, Jeniphr Grant, Aina Grant and Stephen Grant.

Gaelic in the Grant Lands

Philip D. Smith, Jr, PhD, GTS, FSA Scot

At the beginning of the Twentieth Century Scottish Gaelic was still the “home language” of the majority of the Clan Grant living not only in Strathspey but also in Glens Urquhart and Morrriston. By the end of the century it was no longer spoken in Strathspey except by a few enthusiasts and only a minority of those in the Glens were native Gaelic speakers. Even the few who spoke Gaelic at home or with their neighbors were completely bilingual.

In Los Angeles in 1951 my first contact with Gaelic was with one of the most famous Gaelic singers of that time, **Archie Grant**. Grant recorded 78 rpm records for Beltone, one of which I came across in a music store that specialized in folk music. The disk had only two songs and the language intrigued me – the first was “**Is Toigh Leam A’ Ghaidealtachd**”, the reverse was “**Taobh Abhainn Aora.**”^{*} As a language major at Pepperdine I decided that I had to learn this language.

If one visits the Baptist Church in Grantown, you will see a memorial to Robert Grant, the most prolific and best loved Protestant hymn writer in the Gaelic language.

In a lecture at the Smithsonian in 2004, I reminded the audience that in the year 1100 Gaelic was one of five languages spoken in what is now Scotland – Norn, a Viking

language in Caithness, Pictish in the Central and East divided into two dialects separated by the Moray Firth, Cumbrian in the southwest and the new intruder “Inglis” in the very southeast corner. Gradually Gaelic, originally from Ulster, moved south and east replacing Pictish and Cumbrian until it was spoken even in Galloway for almost two centuries. Then Gaelic slowly receded until it reached “The Highland Line” where it remained the language of the bulk of the population until the Nineteenth Century.

None of the four popular names of Scottish culture spoke Gaelic. Robert the Bruce spoke French and English as did Wallace (“Wallace” itself means “Welsh” or “Cumbrian”), Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott were both English speakers.

Today Gaelic is slowly making a comeback but the speakers are counted in many places by the dozens. At Killian, at the head of Loch Tay I once stayed in a small hotel. I asked the manager if anyone there spoke Gaelic. His answer was that they had one speaker in the kitchen “from the Highlands” but she was not working that day. How sad. First, Killian *is in the Highlands* and, second, there is a monument in front of that very hotel to James Stewart the Minister who translated the New Testament of the Bible into Scottish Gaelic (1752).

There are a number of dialects of Gaelic. Mícheál Ó Siadhail in his book **Learning Irish** pointed out that in the Sixteenth Century (1500’s) a person could travel from the very south of Ireland to the very north of Scotland speaking Irish all the way and noticing only slight differences in the spoken language from day to day. Gaelic was commonly called “Erse” by English speakers until the early 1800’s and was associated with “primitive and ignorant people.” That is not possible today.

As a university professor with a basic command of Skye Gaelic I could converse with an Irish-speaking colleague from Galway. A native Irish speaker from Donegal once told me that he and his wife, a native speaker from Kerry, had to speak to each other in English – but he and I could speak quite well together. Even within Scotland there are distinctive Gaelic dialects. Each district will have some differences just as in the United States one can detect a New Englander from an Alabaman. Dr. Iain Cameron, founder of **An Comun Gaidhealachd – America**, once told me that in the 1930’s his family had moved from Lochaber to Newtonmore where his neighbors had kidded him about his “Lochaber Gaelic.”

Today both governments and linguists distinguish between Irish – which is *always* called “Irish” – and Gaelic, reserved for the Scottish language. The languages were distinct by

the 1500's. The publication of the Bible in Gaelic strengthened the separation since it adopted the English typeface while the Irish held on to the old uncial printing until 1948. Although Irish is commonly referred to as "Gaelic", in the language itself it is **Gaelge** /GUYL-guh/ while the Scottish language is **Gaidhlig** /GAHL-EEK/.

Like all languages the Gaelic language is changing. At the beginning of this article I referred to a record by Archie Grant singing **Is Toigh Leam A' Ghaidhealtachd** – "I like the Highlands". What used to be **Is Toigh Leam** /ISS toy luhm/ ("Is liking to me") became '**S toigh leam** /STOY luhm/ and is now simply '**S toigh I'** /STOYL/.

- Don't let the Gaelic spelling throw you – it's not that complicated, just don't try to put Gaelic spelling into the English system. **Is Toigh Leam A' Ghaidhealtachd** ("I like the Highlands") is pronounced /ISS toy luhm uh GUY-uhl-tach/ and **Taobh Abhainn Aora** (Beside the Aray River") is /toov AHV-en AOO-ruh/. More about some of the Gaelic place names in Grant lands and the "comeback" of Gaelic in future articles.

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The Clan Grant Society, USA was founded in 1977 by George & Lucille Grant by authority of Sir Patrick Grant of Grant (1912-1992), The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 32nd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant. It continues under authority of Sir James Grant of Grant, The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33rd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant.

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Some of the AGM attendees

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Janette Kaiser, Rand Allan, Christine Allan, Aina Grant and Stephen Grant.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

As our President has rightly pointed out, Clan Grant Society-USA members are all cousins, in some cases many times removed. I have asked Jeniphr to share her family information with Craigellachie as the first of many family profiles of our members. If you have a family occasion or would like to share information about your immediate family with us please send jpg pictures and text to Dr. William Grant at uilleamgrant@yahoo.com



Jeniphr Grant



I studied Wildlife Biology, attending Colorado State University for two years and transferred to Oregon State University for completion, where I joined Army ROTC. I was stationed in Germany, Alabama, Georgia, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey – but strangely enough, couldn't get further west than Dothan, Alabama. After 26 years, I finally got the Army to send me back to the West and moved from New Jersey to Washington (state – you know...that other one), where I currently reside. In June 2012 I retired from the Army after 30 years. I am now preparing for my encore career as a high school teacher of Biology. I am a full-time student at St. Martin's University, taking a Masters in Teaching with endorsements in high school Biology, mid-level Science, and mid-level Humanities. I intend to teach in one of the Western states.

I was born to travel and expected to retire into an RV, and Dr. William Grant (our *Craig* editor) has been a great inspiration toward energizing my dream. I expect it will have to wait until I am no longer teaching. However, I have made up for the lack of the RV and have taken my son, Josef, and my daughter, Stefanie, to 48 states, Josef to Japan, Stefanie to Scotland and England, and both to Canada. I look forward to many more trips in our future. The schedules are tighter now that got both of my children are in college (Josef graduated this June, but is completing a post-baccalaureate degree) with all those pesky expenses.

I joined the Society in 2004 and have served as the Treasurer of the Society since 2006. I really enjoy my affiliation with Clan Grant, and have met some amazing people because of my membership, both through games and at the International Gatherings of Grants in 2005 and 2010. I have been through the recent tumultuous years and wanted to continue to support the Society as

an officer. I thank you all for your vote of confidence and ask you to help me expand our member involvement during my tenure.



Josef Kistler, son of Jeniphr Grant, recently completed his final year of college football as a Kicker/Punter at Central Washington University (CWU), Ellensburg, WA, where he is completing a post-baccalaureate degree in Family Studies. His first degree was a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, conferred in June 2013.

Josef's collegiate football career began at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT in 2008, and he has been a Kicker/Punter since high school. Josef transferred to become a CWU Wildcat in this Division II conference school in 2010. During the 2011 season Josef was able to start all seven of the games and performed all the kicks the team required: kickoff, punt, field goal, and point after touchdown (PAT). His contributions to the team that season include 34 kickoffs for 1876 yards (averaging 55.2 yards), 28 punts for 1083 yards (3 over 50 yards), 14 unblocked field goals, 16 yards rushing, and 2 tackles. These accomplishments placed him second in the conference for his position. The Wildcats have been division champions of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) six times in the last eight sponsored seasons.

Josef's additional activities include working with an individual with Autism-spectrum disorder for three or more hours a day, coaching a youth league indoor soccer team, and working as a ski/snowboard instructor at a local ski area. He is also completing a 300-hour practicum in his major. He spent two weeks during the summer travelling to Switzerland, Italy, and Greece with his sister, Stefanie, and cousins.

Josef will graduate on 14 June 2014, and hopes to take his psychology skills to Hawaii in order to surf, work on his tan, and make lots of tips in a tiki bar for a year break before he gets a “real” job.



Stefanie Kistler, daughter of Jeniphr Grant, was recently inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society whose membership is limited to the top 20 percent of those entering the education field. This accomplishment places her on the rolls with the likes of Albert Einstein, Margaret Mead, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jane Addams, James William Fulbright, and several notable educators including Alfie Kohn, Nel Noddings, and John Dewey.

Stefanie is a fourth year student at Kutztown University, Kutztown PA, studying Special Education for Elementary students. She transferred to KU from Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg, PA, and will graduate in 2015 since the change in schools changed several of her core requirements.

Although very engaged in her scholastic work, she finds time to assist in a before and after school program at a local YMCA, as well as other child development activities. She also toured parts of Switzerland, Italy, and Greece over the summer, with her brother, Josef, and four of her cousins – courtesy of a very cool Aunt!

RICHARD L GRANT, MA, MD

This peripatetic Enid, OK-born psychiatrist is retiring at 80, after a varied and always satisfying career combining academic, public sector, and private practice, from a rewarding last five years as clinical director of a geriatric day treatment center in rural Central Illinois. Bringing quality mental health services to a Medicare population to the areas' patients and physicians, he has received patient and physician accolades for his contributions.



After being graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN, 1955, he went on to receive his MD and MA (History of Medicine) from the University of Chicago. A rotating internship, and residencies in Internal Medicine and Psychiatry at the University of the Health Sciences in Portland, OR preceded his appointment to the Faculty there. Mt Hood, where he climbed and served on the Ski Patrol, and the close proximity to Oregon's Pacific Coast were the attractions to the Pacific Northwest. But, to this folksong-loving Chicago city boy in that era, hearing Woody Guthrie's "Roll on Columbia, Roll On" gets high mention as a prime motivator as well. His four children were born in Oregon; three still live in the Pacific Northwest.

Larry Weed, and his innovative, renowned Problem-Oriented Medical Record System drew him to the psychiatry faculty at the University of Vermont in 1971. He received two National Institute of Mental Health grants there concerning medical record-keeping; one was finished at his next post on the psychiatry faculty at the medical school of the University of Colorado, Denver, beginning in 1975. Vermont's mountains, though of smaller stature, felt the tracks of his skis, as did those grand slopes of Colorado.

1978-1983 marked a career shift to the public sector when he became the first Psychiatric Director at Southeastern Colorado Family Guidance and Mental Health Center in La Junta, CO. Small town living (population 8500) was a respite from big city life where he learned to appreciate sagebrush, jack rabbits, cattle ranches with their "steamers" in the winter, and small town hospitality. This was the era when truly moving in three-

dimensional space by scuba diving slowly replaced skiing as a favorite sport. Serving the mental health needs of 60,000 people scattered over 10,000 square miles on the High Plains whetted his taste for under-served populations; an interest soon to be repeated at his next venue.

His last move to Peoria, IL in 1983, where he still happily resides with his wife Linda Ringsby, marked an almost eight year return to medical academia at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. A long-standing interest in teaching sexuality and treating sexual dysfunction led to opening a sexuality clinic in the Department of Psychiatry and his achieving the moniker of “Sexologist.”

Yet the allure of the under-served public sector called him to the Human Service Center in Peoria for the next eight years. Formal retirement from HSC in 1998, however, came to be succeeded by part-time private practice and a specialization in Forensic Psychiatry. In 2009, his service to the rural geriatric mental health practice commenced; from which he will (finally) retire in February.

Age has taken its toll on skiing and scuba diving, so photography, a more sedentary hobby with its attendant high tech cameras and Adobe Lightroom, has now sparked his interests. Over the years, trips to the 2010 Clan Grant Gathering in Scotland, the Galapagos, the Svalbard Archipelago, Baffin Island and Greenland and the Sea of Cortez have led to 17,000+ images calling out for attention.

Happy Retirement, Dad!



CASTLE GRANT



FLOWERS OF THE FORREST

It is with a great deal of sadness that we must inform you of the passing of two of our long term members Kenneth Grant (April 1, 2013) and Wanda Grant (November 20th, 2012). This husband and wife of Hillsboro Oregon are survived by their daughter Susan Grant Turpin. Susan stated that they were proud members and looked forward to receiving the newsletter and being informed.

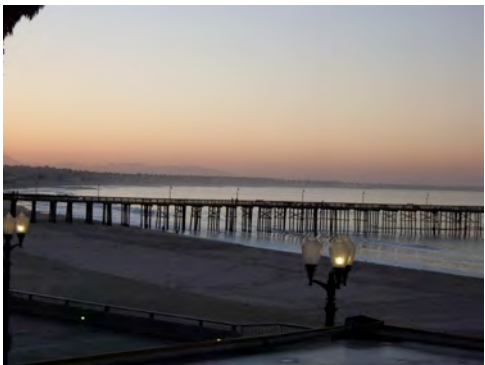
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"Mary Elizabeth Anne Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grant of Hickory, North Carolina, was ordained as an Elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, on January 12, 2014. There are still some older members of the society who will remember "Betsy" when she was just a toddler, hanging out at the Clan Grant tents at the Grandfather Mountain and Stone Mountain Highland Games. Betsy is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and works as an account executive for an advertising firm in Charlotte. She is also a member of the Clan Grant Society."

2013 AGM and Seaside Highland Games

On October 11-13, the Clan Grant Society held their Annual General Meeting at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California. Friday afternoon, we set up the tent and went to the host hotel to check in for the weekend and prepare for the evening's activities. That evening, we all dressed in our Scottish finery to attend the Games Banquet and Fashion Show, a tradition at the Seaside Games since it was first created. The food was superb and following the banquet we were treated to an evening of musical entertainment and fashion from the 1600s to the present day.

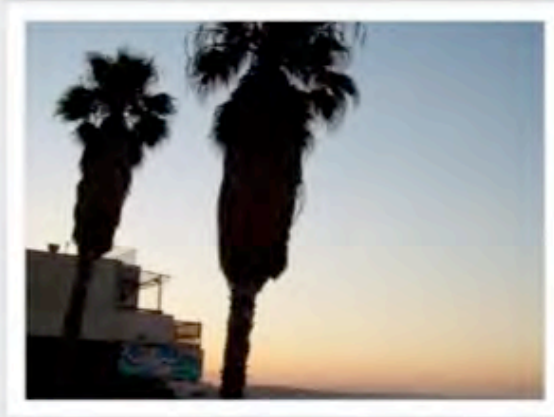
The next day, we got to the fairgrounds bright and early to set up the tent and get ready for the start of the Games. We met several people of Grant ancestry throughout the day, talked with others about their Scottish heritage, and sold quite a few Clan Grant t-shirts. Several local members of the Clan Grant Society came to visit and enough stayed around to attend the AGM and give us a quorum. The order of business was to introduce the new members of the Board, vote on a By-Laws change that will allow us to meet and vote using a variety of traditional, social, and electronic media, and discuss additional items for future action.



That evening, the members of the Clan Grant Society that were able to stay the night went to an evening banquet along with 150 other people to honor the installation of the new Chief of Clan Rose, Chief David Hugh Heriot Baird Rose. We had a fantastic meal, great entertainment, and a wonderful visit with new and old friends, including two of the Games judges who gave us a lecture on the fine points of judging the drum major competitions.

After the whirlwind events of Saturday, Sunday was a day of relaxation, discussion of plans for the future, paying homage to the food vendors and Scottish vendors, and watching the dancers and athletes. After takedown that evening, several of us went out to a simple dinner at a beachfront restaurant to enjoy each other's company and discuss roles for the new Directors in the group.

Dr. Bill - Here's from my camera. Some odd game sights - palms. Marchers you know from the other photo. Jeniphr



Thanks Jeniphr for the photos from the AGM

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