



Craigellachie



The Newsletter of the Clan Grant Society-USA

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 PRESIDENT



Happy Spring to y'all, and I hope your Mother's/Father's Day celebrations will go well!

I am excited to see your pictures from any Tartan Day activities you were involved with. If you have not already done so, please send photos to Dr. William Grant (uilleamgrant@yahoo.com).

I have just spent the last couple of days in unseasonably warm weather – upper 80s - quite a shock in the Pacific Northwest! It appears to be going back to normal shortly, for which I am thankful. However, our odd weather is not as bad as much of the Midwest, South, and East. I realize we may have Society members affected, perhaps severely, by the recent spate of tornadoes, flooding, and other severe weather events. I would ask the membership, if you know of a member in dire need of assistance, to let me, or another of your elected officers know to bring the issue to the board. We do have a provision in our bylaws to aid members in distress, and we may be able to give some small aid. Please keep those suffering from the freakish weather in your thoughts.

On a more positive note, I hope you are making your arrangements to attend our AGM in Colorado, at the Colorado Scottish Festival, 9 and 10 August 2014 (<http://www.scottishgames.org>). Remember, you will not need a dog-sitter, because the games are dog friendly! I look forward to seeing you there, but if you are unable to attend, please support what local games are in your area. I have included a separate article about establishing a tent at a game or festival so you get the information you need, if you want to do so but do not know how to go about it. If you are going to host a tent, please contact either the Games Commissioner or the Vice President, to let them know what the name of the event is and when it is occurring. Thanks!

I have been meeting with our new officers to begin the necessary rebuilding of the administrative portion of the Society. I just want to let you know, you elected some

great folks! I am glad for the support and excitement they demonstrate. One of the items I have asked them to consider is a possibility of modifying our membership structure to better allow us to know who may cast votes at an AGM and whether we have a quorum to hold the meeting. I have made the point that it seems somewhat discriminatory, since not all of our adult members are partnered/married, and they are paying twice the fee with half of the voting power of a couple. We have only 'membership,' and spouses are currently listed on the application form, and we have not (in my memory) questioned the number of hands raised on any vote. Mention has been made of a variety of other organizations that charge a separate (and usually lesser) fee for a second party to be on a 'family' membership, i.e. \$35 individual and \$50 family. In these types of organizations, each adult covered by the membership gets a vote and counts for minimum numbers of members required to make up an official meeting. So, I ask you to respond to me: do you feel strongly one way or the other about considering such a thing for our Society? I thank you in advance for your response. You may email or write me.

Thank you for your responses to my mail out. We have received several updates to email and mailing addresses. If you have not yet done so, please contact any of the officers with your new contact information. Please remember to put us on your list of places to inform if you should change locations and/or quit using a particular email in the future. We endeavor to stay in touch with you, but need your assistance to do so.

Stand Fast!
Jeniphr

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS THE LAST TIME

Newly elected officers:

President: Jeniphr Grant

Vice President: Hank Grant

Secretary: Lena Grant

Treasurer : Mick Pratt

Member at Large : Jim Grant, Janette Kaiser, and Robert Grant (Virginia)

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

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.~~

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Family Circle Article

Please meet our new Vice President and his family

Six Generations of James Grants

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My family’s earliest known ancestor in America was my fifth great-uncle, Lt. Col. James Grant (1753-1824). He was born in Massachusetts or Connecticut. During our War of Independence, he fought with the 3rd Connecticut Regiment at the battle of Breed’s Hill, near Boston, in June 1775, and later served as a First Sergeant in the 1st and 4th Regiments. He fought at Germantown in 1777 and spent the horrible winter of 1778 at Valley Forge. After the battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, in ‘78 – probably because he could read, write and cipher – he was assigned to clerical duties at the army’s headquarters and supply depot at “Fish Kills” in New York. At various times, he served as a clerk to Maj. Gen. Samuel Holden Parsons and Maj. Gen. Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, Inspector General of the Continental Army.

After the war, for reasons unknown, Sergeant Grant went to Hillsborough, Orange County, North Carolina, where he served an apprenticeship with a lawyer. He learned how to write deeds and indentures, and apparently hung out around the courthouse a lot because he appeared frequently as a witness to various legal documents. He became a Freemason and got to know a number of influential men, including William Blount, a former delegate to the Continental Congress and a signer of the United States Constitution. Blount later served as the first and only Governor of the Southwest Territory (Tennessee) and was elected to the United States Senate when Tennessee became a state in 1796.

James Grant became a courier for Governor Blount. In addition to serving as Governor of the Southwest Territory, Blount was also involved in land speculation and presided over a thriving business enterprise with his two brothers in North Carolina, Thomas and John Gray Blount.

In the waning years of the 18th century, James Grant followed Blount to Tennessee, and for his valuable service, Blount rewarded James with the honorary rank of Major.

It was also during this time that James established a friendship with another young North Carolina lawyer who had come to Tennessee to seek his fortune – Andrew Jackson, the future hero of the Battle of New Orleans and the seventh President of the United States. Jackson, Blount, and Grant, along with three other associates, David Allison, John Overton and Stockley Donelson, set up a land speculation venture in the new state. (David Allison was a lawyer and agent, who represented the partners in Philadelphia; Col. Stockley Donelson was Andrew Jackson’s brother-in-law and the son of John Donelson, founder of Nashville, Tennessee; and John Overton was an influential planter, banker and Superior Court Judge in Nashville.)

James worked with a team of surveyors led by Donelson, filed claims in the Hawkins County Court, and made several trips to Philadelphia to register claims for the partners with the U.S. Government.

In 1797, Major Grant was placed under arrest and taken to Philadelphia for another reason. He was summoned to testify before a committee of the U.S. Senate regarding some of Senator Blount’s political intrigues. The committee was not interested in Blount’s land speculation schemes, but very much concerned about his involvement in a conspiracy with representatives of the British government, a tribe of native-Americans, and their plot to take over West Florida. (At that time, Florida was divided into two parts, East Florida, and West Florida, which also included parts of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.)

As it turned out, Major Grant had hand-delivered a letter from Blount to the interpreter for the Indian Agent at Tellico, Tennessee, which implicated Blount in the plot. Because of James’ testimony, William Blount was expelled from the U.S. Senate. James, however, was exonerated and reimbursed by the government for his trouble and expenses.

In 1798, James founded the town of Grantsborough at the confluence of the Clinch and Powell Rivers, in what is now Campbell County. (In the 1930’s, the Tennessee Valley Authority constructed the Norris Dam on the Clinch River. The town of Grantsborough was inundated by the lake created by that dam.)

James Grant was one of the founding members of the Knoxville Polk Lodge No. 2. In 1801, he served as Senior Warden under Worshipful Master Col. John Sevier, the hero of the Battle of King’s Mountain during the War of Independence and the first Governor of Tennessee. Another member of the lodge was George W. Campbell, who eventually became a Member of Congress, Secretary to the Treasury under President Madison, and Minister to Russia.

It was also during this time that James Grant was involved in a lawsuit in Knoxville. The details of the suit are not significant, but James was represented by an attorney named Hugh Lawson White, the twenty-seven year-old son of the founder of Knoxville, General James White. Twenty-five years later, Hugh Lawson White succeeded Andrew Jackson in the U.S. Senate and ran for President of the United States as the Whig candidate in 1836.

Although James’ primary occupation was serving as land agent and “attorney-in-fact” for clients in the Carolinas, he was always interested in politics. He was a Justice of

the Peace and Magistrate, and became the first Clerk of the Court of Campbell County when it was formed in 1806. In 1810, he recruited and served as Lieutenant Colonel of the 33rd Tennessee Militia Regiment. His nephew, also named James Grant, was an Ensign in the regiment.

[My ancestor should not be confused with another Lt. Col. James Grant, who led attacks on the Cherokee settlements in western North Carolina in the summer of 1761, during the French and Indian War. That man was a British Army officer, Lt. Col. (later General) James Grant of Ballindalloch (1720-1806). He was appointed Governor of East Florida in 1763, served as a senior British staff officer during the American War of Independence, and was later a Member of the British Parliament.]

Unfortunately, James Grant's fortunes took a downward turn shortly after forming the 33rd Militia Regiment. He served as its commander for only one year. In 1818, he petitioned the government and received a small pension for his service in the army during the War of Independence, but essentially lived in poverty and infirmity on the "plantation" of his brother, John Grant, for the rest of his life.

John Grant and his family had joined James in Tennessee, *circa* 1805. John owned a farm at Grantsborough and ran the ferry that carried the locals across the Clinch River. (The author of this memoir is a direct lineal descendant of John Grant, who, unlike his more flamboyant older brother, left almost no paper trail.)

Lt. Col. James Grant died in Campbell County, Tennessee, in 1824. His obituary in the *Knoxville Register* stated that he was "...prompt in the discharge of his duty, distinguished for his wit, and always considered a man of intelligence."

James Grant was a soldier, lawyer, surveyor, courier, Master Mason, frontiersman and politician. He could draft legal documents and present them in courts of law. He traveled widely, read books and wrote letters. He dined with prosperous and influential men and served under famous generals. He knew the first four Governors of Tennessee, five of the state's first six Senators, and a President of the United States. It is poignant to note, however, that some of his nieces and nephews in the next generation of his family were illiterate and could not sign their name, save for an "X".

Subsequent generations of the family were farmers in Campbell County. Some prospered; others did not. Most never achieved the prosperity many of us enjoy today. Although they were poor farmers with little education, the Grants of Campbell County never owned another human being; they maintained cordial relations with their neighbors, which included members of the tribes of our earliest Americans; and when called upon to take up arms, they always did so in the uniform of the United States of America.

Fast forward four generations of James Grants. My father, James Henry "Jimmy" Grant (1916-1981), joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as a Private in 1939. He advanced rapidly to Corporal and Technical Sergeant. A few months after Pearl Harbor, he was selected to attend Officer Candidate School, even though he had never been to college. It was also during this time, in May 1942, that my mother, Elizabeth Jane Jakes, and my father were married.

My father attended OCS at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. (Coincidentally, Clark Gable was in his training battalion. Dad's first officer's uniform

was supplied by Saks 5th Avenue, which had a custom tailor's shop in the lobby of the hotel and apparently had a contract with the U.S. Army.)

After earning a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, my father went to Durham, North Carolina, where he attended the Army's Finance School at Duke University. He later served in the finance departments at Chanute Field, Illinois, and Fort Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis. When he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, he was appointed assistant finance officer at the huge Willow Run complex near Ypsilanti, Michigan, where the B-24 Bombers were manufactured.

Dad was discharged from the Army a few months after I was born in 1945. He returned home to Tennessee and got a job as a bookkeeper at a wholesale grocery company. In 1948, some men from the Governor's office came to see my father and asked if he would be interested in serving as the commanding officer of a new Tennessee National Guard company in our hometown. The men said he would be promoted to Captain and would only have to drill one night a week and attend summer camp for two weeks each year. That sounded pretty good to my dad since he had just purchased a new house and a new Ford. The extra \$18.00 a week would certainly come in handy.

Within a year, the company was activated during the Korean War, and my parents and I were living at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Dad was the commanding officer of 'K' Company, 278th Infantry Regimental Combat Team. The regiment borrowed the war cry – "*Firstest with the Mostest!*" – from Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, another Tennessean who fought for a different army in a different war.

It was also during our year at Fort Devens that two noteworthy events occurred. Firstly, the University of Tennessee won the national football championship and beat Texas in the 1951 Cotton Bowl. And secondly, my father appeared in a photograph with the well-known film actress, Dorothy Lamour. Although winning the national championship was a great source of pride for the companies of the Tennessee National Guard, it was the photo of my father with a movie star that was the real *cause célèbre* around the regimental headquarters – not to mention a source of great amusement around the Grant household and among my parent's friends for many years to come.

From Fort Devens, our family went to Fort Benning, Georgia, and then to Pine Camp (later Fort Drum), New York. My father was usually on *bivouac* during the week, so my mother and I went to the movies in town or on the army post just about every time the movie changed. It was during that time that I developed a lifelong interest in films. Mother and I returned to Tennessee in 1952 and my father followed a few months later after his discharge.

My dad served on active duty in the U.S. Army for ten years during two wars. He spent another ten years in the National Guard and the Reserves and retired as a Major. Although he wasn't fond of the cold and hated sleeping on the ground in a tent in freezing weather – which he did much of the time while training infantry troops – he never complained about being in the Army.

In 1955, our family moved to Abingdon, Virginia. My father was a Deacon, Elder and Clerk of the Session in the Presbyterian Church. He taught a Sunday school class and I never heard him utter a curse word. Although he never made a lot of money, he was a hard, dependable worker. My father had high standards for himself and for others. When he disciplined me, it was always with fairness. I can assure the reader that

the few punishments I received were always well-deserved and commensurate to the transgression.

In 1977, my father became a charter member of the Clan Grant Society of North America, as the society was then called. He was recruited by the society's founder, George Grant, through a mutual friend, Ivan Arthur MacArthur.

Dad suffered – really suffered! – with rheumatoid arthritis for the last twenty years of his life. Going to town or to church was a chore, but going to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games was an enormous challenge! Nevertheless, in 1978, the 5th Lord Strathspey, Sir Patrick Grant of Grant, Baronet, was the honored guest at Grandfather Mountain and my father wanted to meet the Chief of the Clan Grant. It must have been terribly difficult for Dad to walk all the way from the car to the games field and climb the hill and sit in the Grant tent all day, but he did it. He got to meet Lord Strathspey, the Chief of the Clan. My father was not much of a drinker, and his Lordship never saw a dram he didn't like, but they had a good long chat nonetheless.

A week or so after the Grandfather Mountain games, my father had to have surgery – one of many procedures he had over the years to replace joints in his hands and knees. Not too long after that, he received a two-page letter from Lord Strathspey. His Lordship was very kind and said all the right things, but there was a genuineness that transcended just doing the right thing. It was a highland chief supporting a loyal fellow clansman. My father really appreciated that letter and showed it to all his friends, which were many. I still have that letter written by Patrick Strathspey and I often think of that day long ago in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina when my father met the Chief of Grant.

My wife, Linda, and I were married in 1976 and went to Strathspey on our honeymoon. It was the first of nine trips to the country of the Grants. In 1993, when our daughter, Betsy, was eight years old, we took her to Scotland for Christmas. We drove from Edinburgh to Grantown in a blinding snow storm. We marched in the Grantown Christmas Parade led by bagpipers and Father Christmas in a sleigh pulled by real reindeer. We marched to the town square and sung Christmas carols. Betsy got to meet her pen pal and they went ice skating in Aviemore. We trudged a half-mile in knee-deep snow to see Castle Grant. We attended church at the kirk of Inverallan, a beautiful Presbyterian Church dedicated in 1886 by the Dowager Countess Caroline to the memory of her late husband and son, the 7th and 8th Earls of Seafield, Chiefs of the Clan Grant. And believe it or not, Santa Claus came to our hotel and left Betsy's presents under the Christmas tree.

My wife, Linda, is a product manager and colorist for a large textile mill that supplies jacquard fabrics to the furniture and contract industries. She has had a life-long interest in textiles and has enjoyed a wonderful career working with fabrics of all types. Linda is also an excellent hand-weaver. In 1985, she wove a nine yard piece of tartan for my kilt in an obscure Grant sett from 1842. If she had not chosen textiles as her life's work, I am sure she would have been an archeologist. She is fascinated by the prehistoric standing stones and cairns in Scotland. She would truly love scraping away layers of earth in the hope of finding ancient shards of broken pottery or the skeletal remains of some prehistoric beast. She once took a week's vacation to work on the excavation of a

nearby prehistoric native-American village, which also coincidentally turned out to be a 16th century settlement and fort of the Spanish explorer, Juan Pardo.

Linda enjoys working in her raised-bed gardens and canning jellies and pasta sauce. She is an ardent conservationist, composter and recycler. She also loves to cook, which is really great because I enjoy eating! Linda is an avid listener of National Public Radio and enjoys watching *Downton Abbey*, the cooking shows, and sports on television. She also walks everyday and takes water aerobics. Linda is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and volunteers at our local Sabbath Soup Kitchen. We have two recalcitrant cats named Buster and Fluffy.

Our daughter, Mary Elizabeth “Betsy” Grant, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in political science and a minor from UNC’s Kenan-Flagler School of Business. During her senior year, she was the house manager at *Zeta Tau Alpha*. She is an account executive for an advertising agency in Charlotte, North Carolina, and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. She has been on mission trips to Mexico and El Salvador and heads up a program at her church that provides resources for underprivileged children to attend summer camp. She enjoys exercising and going to yoga, barre and spin classes at the “Y”. Betsy has a beautiful golden retriever named Penny.

In 2012, Linda, Betsy and I went to Scotland again. We rented a cottage at *Tullochgorum*, a farm associated with the Clan Grant since the 15th century. We took a day trip to the Isle of Skye and toured Glenurquhart and Glenmoriston. We visited castles, museums and art galleries, prehistoric antiquities, and gothic cathedrals. We toured the J. & G. Grant *Glenfarclas* distillery and visited the battlefield at Culloden Moor. We drove along the north coast of East Lothian and visited the Royal Musselburgh and Muirfield golf courses. We walked the Royal Mile and visited Edinburgh Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, and ate lunch at Deacon Brodie’s Tavern. We renewed old friendships with people we have known for many years and made new friends. Betsy took us to dinner at *Amarone* in St. Andrew’s Square, Edinburgh, for our thirty-sixth wedding anniversary. It was just a wonderful trip!

I am an old retired curmudgeon. I used to like football a lot until the University of Tennessee started getting thrashed just about every Saturday. While I was in the U.S. Air Force, I worked for the National Security Agency, stationed in Alaska, England and Italy. It was unquestionably the most interesting job I ever had. I visited Strathspey for the first time in 1969, while I was stationed at RAF Chicksands, in Bedfordshire, England.

After graduating from the University of Tennessee, I went to work for Macy’s in Atlanta as an assistant furniture buyer and spent the rest of my career in the furniture industry as a merchandise manager, product manager, designer and sales representative.

Being retired has allowed me to focus on my many hobbies, one of which is researching and writing about the history of the Clan Grant. About thirty years ago, Linda taught me how to weave. I enjoy reproducing 18th and 19th century Grant tartans with custom-dyed yarns. In 2012, I completed *Historical Notes on Some Tartans Associated with the Clan Grant*, the only copy of which is in the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh (# PB6.213.1019/1).

I enjoy traveling to the U.K. and Europe – Latin America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, not so much. As previously mentioned, I have had a life-long interest in films. I like baroque music, particularly giant pipe-organ music. I enjoy reading, genealogy, watching the Public Broadcasting Service and sports on TV, volunteering at the Sabbath Soup Kitchen, and generally reflecting on how lucky I am to be the husband and father of Linda and Betsy Grant.



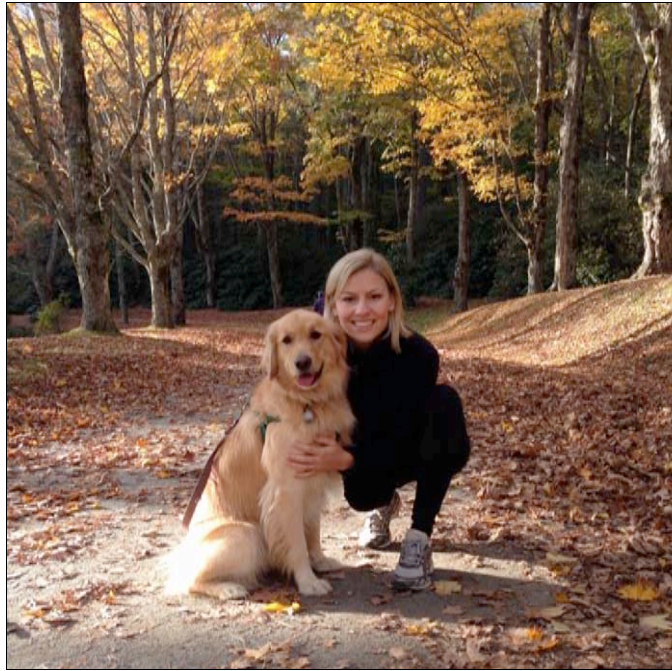
**Linda and Betsy Grant at Deacon Brodie's
Tavern, Edinburgh, September 2012**



Film Actress **Dorothy Lamour** with my father, **Capt. James H. Grant**,
Company "K", 278th Infantry Regimental Combat Team,
at Field Day, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, 1951



James Grant at Tullochgorum, Strathspey,
Scotland, September 2012



**Betsy Grant with Penny
Blowing Rock, North Carolina,
Fall 2013**



This tartan day I had to content myself with thinking about wearing my beautiful kilt, and having a mental celebration of good times in Scotland with my daughter and father.

JUST A REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE JANUARY OF EACH YEAR. IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER IF YOU PAID, PLEASE CONTACT RAND ALLAN, OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.



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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So, you want to establish a Grant tent at your local games but do not know where to begin. . .

The Clan Grant Society Board of Directors is working on a handbook that will describe responsibilities and basic guidelines for all tent organizers and games commissioners. If you are interested in either role until this is actually published, please contact Jeniphrr Grant, (jeniphrr@yahoo.com, or 36206 Allen Rd S, Roy, WA 98580) for an expanded set of the draft guidelines and for more information. The following information is extracted from the draft.

1. You need to complete the Clan Registration Form for the games you choose to attend. There are two options for payment of the registration fees:
 - a. You may send the form to the games with a personal check, keeping a copy to send to the Society for reimbursement.
 - b. You may send the form no later than one month from the due date to Jeniphrr Grant, who will process the check to the games and submit the application form. This will soon transition to our new Treasurer, Mick Pratt, look for an announcement in the next edition of this newsletter.
2. You need to know that reimbursement is normally for 1 – Tent, 1- Table, and 2 – Chairs; as well as a parking pass and entry for two persons to the games. The real rule of thumb is that we reimburse whatever expenses are “required” by the specific games as the baseline for all clan participants. Those items above are usually included in the baseline, but the Society will exceed that baseline to get an extra chair and entry for a person to help you set up and man the tent, if you need it.
3. You need to request a games kit with the following items [via email and/or phone call to Ed Meininger (Quartermaster), James Grant (Games Commissioner), or Hank Grant (Vice President)]:

- Grant Tartan Tablecloth (\$42)
- Clan Grant Name Banner (\$125)
- Grant Tartan Banner (\$45)
- St. Andrews Flag of Scotland (\$24)
- Dr. Phil Smith’s Tartan for Me (\$17)
- Clan Map of Scotland (\$12)
- I.F. Grant’s History of Clan Grant (\$8)
- Lord Strathspey’s History of Clan Grant (\$35)
- Brochure - “The Clan Grant”
- Tri-fold Brochure - Clan Grant Society
- Visitors Sign-In Sheet
- Membership Applications

You may purchase these items, personally, and they will be yours to keep. Alternatively, you may receive a loan of them from the Society, and are responsible for returning them at the completion of your use (reimbursement of postage provided).

4. During the games, you should:

- Dress in Grant tartan items (tie, kilt, sash, shirts with Grant name, etc.)
- Maintain a presence at the tent to answer questions about the Society and encourage participation in the Society through membership – including discussion of the next AGM
- Collect guest information, completed membership forms and payments
- Gather Grants to march in the parade of clans/opening ceremonies as designated by the games
- Provide small hospitality to Society member guests at the tent
- Aid guests of the games by looking up their tartan (if not Grants)
- Provide information about where to find booths, etc. within the games location – using the map of the grounds in the games brochure printed by the games
- Generally conduct yourself in a manner that reflects professionally and favorably on the family of Clan Grant and the Society at large

5. After the games, you should:

Immediately submit all membership forms and checks to Rand Allen (Membership Secretary) 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037 – substituting a personal check for any cash received

Conduct follow-up communication to those tent visitors who could be members, but did not join during the games (sample letters are available from Jeniphr)

Complete a short form about your participation in the games and attach photos in .jpg format to William Grant (*Craigellachie* Editor) via email to uilleamgrant@yahoo.com. He can give you the form, if it is not yet posted on the website, due to the move of our Webmaster.

Any questions you may have about what to do and how to manage a tent may be directed to James Grant (Games Commissioner), a state games commissioner, or Hank Grant (Vice President). Let's get out there and wave our banner! I look forward to perhaps seeing you at your games – let me know if you want me or other officers to come, and we will try to work it into our schedules.

Jeniphr Grant





Greetings my fellow Clan Grant Society–USA Members.

As you may remember I am Dr. William Grant your Craiggellachie editor. I am pleased to report to you that our Clan Society is well and growing. Having recently had the pleasure of attending the Scottish games in San Antonio Texas where I visited a number of Clan tents, I concluded that our history and struggles do not seem very different from other Clan Societies.

I do want to take this opportunity to remind you that Scottish Games and Festivals are our cultural heritage. If we do not support them with our presence they will fade away, and what we have struggled to preserve will be lost to our children and grandchildren.

Our AGM will be in early August in Colorado. There is still time to budget for the expenses and make travel arrangements. I look forward to seeing you there and wish each one of you a safe and happy summer.

THE SAN ANTONIO SCOTTISH GAMES





As you can see games supporters dressed warmly because early April can still be cool in central Texas.





As always lots of things to buy and eat!



SCOTTISH SEPERATION FROM ENGLAND SLATED FOR A VOTE

A referendum on whether Scotland should be an independent country will take place on the 18th of September 2014. This follows an agreement between the Scottish Government and the United Kingdom's Government. The Scottish independence Referendum Bill, sets out the particulars for this referendum. It was proposed on 21 March 2013 and passed by the Scottish Parliament 14 November 2013. Royal Assent was given on 17 December 2013. The simple question to be asked in the referendum will be "Should Scotland be an independent country?"

The principal issues in the referendum are the economic strength of Scotland and whether the rest of the UK will agree to share the pound sterling, defense arrangements, continued relations with the rest of the UK, the (EU) and NATO (reference source WIKIPEDIA)

The Scottish National Party currently leads the Scottish Government. It says this is a "once in a generation opportunity" for Scotland's people to take control of the decisions that affect them most. A "yes" vote places "Scotland's future in Scotland's hands, and life will be better and fairer for its people."

The British Prime Minister David Cameron stated he wants Scotland to remain part of an undivided United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. However it is a decision solely for the Scottish people -- but that remaining part of the United Kingdom will give them security and strength. "There will be no going back," Cameron warns. The United Kingdom has no written Constitution; there is no established law to govern the referendum process. So these are truly uncharted waters for Scotland. (Reference source CNN)

So how do you feel Scotland should vote? Have you "Googled" this yet? Any discussions from family still in Scotland? Let us know what you hear. uilleamgrant@yahoo.com or post on the Clan Grant Society-USA Facebook page.

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Festival Location:

Highland Heritage Park
9651 S. Quebec St.
Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80130-4159
(2 miles south of C-470)



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Parking for the Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games can be found at:

- Highlands Ranch High School, 9375 Cresthill Lane
- Rock Canyon High School, 5810 McArthur Ranch Road