



# 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

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Clan Grant Society USA

## A Welcome Message from the Chief Ceud Mìle Fàilte!



The Chief, Lord Strathspey

The Clan Grant Centre Trust has gone through many changes and is now a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, retaining its status as a recognised charity while allowing for simpler administration. While I am delighted by the progress which has been made at our Clan Centre in recent years, there is still much to do - so I hope you will be moved to support the work of the Trust!

The formation of the Trust followed a major membership drive carried out some 30 years ago at the behest of Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey - and the momentum of that drive sustained the Society for many years. But we are now 30 years older and while I am delighted by the many new members we have gained in recent years, we do need even more, especially in these hard economic times. So I hope, if you are reading this and are not yet a member, that you will give serious consideration to joining!

### **Clan Gatherings**

I look forward to meeting again with Grants in the UK at Harrogate in April and at the Gathering in Abernethy in August (see details of each event elsewhere on this site).

## **Grantown 250**

Since the Millennium we have held several successful international gatherings, but 2015 marks another major anniversary - 250 years since my 5 times great grandfather and namesake - "The Good" Sir James Grant - founded Grantown-on-Spey. I am delighted that the people of the town will be marking this anniversary and very much look forward to playing my part in the festivities. I hope that as many clansmen as can manage it will take the opportunity to join in this celebration - **Grantown 250**.

## **Clan Grant Worldwide**

In recent years I have been especially delighted that the clan has been able to forge links to celebrate our connections with the Métis first nation of Canada and the Cherokee Nation in the USA - with several and now ongoing visits back and forth. I look forward to seeing the results of ongoing genealogical research. Similarly I am pleased to see fresh vigour in the Clan Societies in North America and the Antipodes. I also continue to follow with interest the work of the coordinators of the Grant DNA project.

Combining the work of all these volunteers with the collation of Grant literature available on CD via the Trust and the definitive book "Scottish Clans: Legend Logic & Evidence", the heritage of our clan has never been more accessible to Clansmen the world over.



The Chief and Judy visit Grant`s Mill, Winnipeg, 2012

## **Sláinte Mhath and Stand Fast!**

### **Strathspey**

*The Rt. Hon Sir James Grant of Grant, The 6th Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33rd Chief of Grant*

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**As you have noticed we currently have openings for a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Historian. If you or someone you know who is a member of the Clan Grant Society USA is willing to serve the Society please send a letter to:**

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The Clan March into the Games 2014



## Do You Remember Craigellachie Winter 2004?



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Winter 2004

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### Message from the Chief



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the programme to you for the Second International Gathering in Strathspey, mainly based at Grantown on Spey and Nethybridge. Details are in this issue.

I look forward with enthusiasm to welcoming our overseas Clan members, members of the UK Clan Society and all our visitors next August. It will be a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. I think we have a great programme, designed to give a flavour of our ancestors' homelands in a relaxed and convivial manner.

*James Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant  
6th Baron of Strathspey; 33rd Chief of Clan*

### A Guid New Year!

New Year's Eve - or as it is known in Scotland, Hogmanay - is a great night to celebrate as families and friends gather together to welcome in the New Year.

"A Guid New Year to ane an' a',  
An' mony may ye see!  
An' durin a' the years tae come,  
O happy may ye be!  
An' may ye ne'er hae cause tae mourn,  
To sigh or shed a tear!  
To ane an' a', baith great an' sma',  
A hearty, Guid New Year!"

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**Spring Deadline to submit  
is February 15th!**

### Raves & Rants

By C. David Grant, President

**2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** - The 2005 AGM was held in October in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games just east of Atlanta. Our local folks managed to put together some reasonable (read "cheap!") accommodations and a meeting place and feed a record number of attendees. Special thanks go to Thelma and John C. Grant and their daughter, Jai, and to my wife, Jane, for all their work in arranging for and serving a delicious dinner (the very large ham was already gone when I went through the line!) and all the before and after logistics involved with such an undertaking.

Congratulations to our new officers and board members, who were sworn in during the meeting - Rand Allan (California) moves up to Vice-President from his at-large board position, Dr. Philip Smith (Pennsylvania) continues as Board Secretary, and Dr. Christopher Pratt (New York) and William Burton (Oregon) assume positions on the board. Board member John A. Grant (Texas), Treasurer Richard Grant (Tennessee), and I move into the final two years of our terms, until the election in 2006. I'm delighted with the apparent assembled talent, experience and even geographical distribution of our new board!

The official minutes of the meeting are being drafted by Secretary Phil Smith, of course, to be approved at the next AGM, but I'll mention a few highlights.

Allan Grant was thanked for his service as Vice-President, and immediately taken up on his offer to be our Games Commissioner for a time until someone is ready to take over those duties. We continue to discuss and accumulate items to include in a standard "kit" for members willing to host the Grant tent at several games. Thanks, Allan, for taking on this important and long-vacant position.

Treasurer Richard Grant mentioned several financial operations we need to tighten up to preserve our IRS status and for good business practice. Among these is affirming a long-standing requirement that all moneys collected in the name of Clan Grant be deposited in the treasury and appropriate expenses be pre-paid or reimbursed from same. All financial transactions on behalf of the clan shall be reviewed by the treasurer for compliance with IRS and incorporation requirements, clan by-laws, policies set by the board, and consistency of application. Richard is also exploring filing requirements for the clan to operate a foundation for educational and/or charitable purposes.

Rand Allan made a brief presentation on an effort to trace family roots through the DNA of the male line, providing additional evidence of our heritage, possible connection to other clan members or Scots, or common characteristics (Jane says "stubbornness!"). See the last issue for a more complete discussion. We plan to continue our study to see if the board

should take an official position on clan participation.

Special thanks go to John A Grant for his draft of a very detailed procedures manual for anyone wishing to host a Clan Grant tent at a games or other Scottish gathering. He and Phil and Shirley Smith are also looking at our by-laws as well as those of similar organizations to discuss and recommend appropriate changes that might be considered at the next AGM.

**Scotland, 2005** - Robert Grant, vice president and secretary of the UK Society, has provided us with a copy of the complete plans for the Second International Gathering of the Clan Grant Society, to be held August 13-20, 2005. The details of activities and costs for each day and a registration form appear elsewhere in this issue. This information also is available on the UK society website. Robert did a superb planning and organizing job for our first gathering in 2000, and it appears he has outdone himself this time, adding group lunches and providing interesting activities for both first-time and experienced visitors.

Be forewarned about current exchange rates - in 2000 it was about \$1.53 per pound. Currently the rate including bank charges is close to \$2.00 per pound. You will usually get a better rate using credit cards whenever possible.

Dr. Philip Smith has agreed to coordinate our plans "on this side of the pond," so your first task is to let Phil know you plan to attend! His contact information appears on page 2. Many B&B's do not publish their new rates until the first of the year, but several folks are adding to our list of recommended places to stay. We have not arranged for group transportation rates - if anyone has any ideas regarding such, please talk to me or any other board member.

Each person should make his/her own reservations for the various activities. Please use a copy of the official form Robert has provided to us when you have decided on what you wish to do. We are working on using the UK bank accounts held by several of our members rather than the inconvenient and rather expensive pounds sterling money orders - more on that later. The UK society is not set up to accept credit cards.

**Listserve** - If you are computer literate or at least use e-mail, please ask to add your name and e-mail address to our listserve. We can communicate very quickly and cheaply on matters of concern, to announce games or inform the group about other clan business. Just ask Membership Secretary Jean Grant Wilson to certify your current membership status and former (he says "past-it") President Howard Parsons will add you to the list.



"Cheers" from our President



Jane Grant was a lovely hostess!



Make plans now to be with us at the Grant Gathering 2005!

# Clan Gathering



## The Annual Clan Grant Gathering in Scotland

**Saturday 8th August 2015**

**10.30 am** - Clan Tent at Abernethy Games open

**12.30 pm** - Assemble for march to opening ceremony of the games. March starts at 1:15 prompt from outside the Nethy Bridge Hotel

**7:30 pm** - Buffet Dinner and Ceilidh at (TBC)

This will consist of a hot buffet with a choice of three main courses, a selection of puddings, followed by tea or coffee. Please pre-order your wine before dinner. The cost of the dinner this year is (£ TBC) per head. Please make cheques payable to "Clan Grant Society" and send to Judy Lewis at: -

The Old Manse  
Duthil, Carrbridge  
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PH23 3ND

Please note that receipts and tickets will not be sent out to keep our costs down, but rest assured that your place(s) will be reserved on receipt of your cheque.

## **Sunday, 9th August**

**11:00 am** - Clan Grant Society AGM 2014 at the Clan Centre, Duthil Kirk

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**We always welcome your pictures and stories. Please mail to;**

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## Gaelic Corner

As an American Clansman or woman of Clan Grant, you have, as part of your heritage, a language unique to the Celtic peoples of the British Isles. That language is known as the Gaelic Language. Several hundred years ago, the language was widespread throughout Ireland, Wales, the Outer Islands, and the Scottish Highlands. Due to outside social influences and prior active discouragement of the use of Gaelic by the British government, Gaelic as a spoken language had rapidly decreased in its use. However, Gaelic is now enjoying a resurgence in use. Gaelic is part of your heritage, and as such, you should endeavor to learn as much of it as you can. Here are a few simple phrases to get you started.

English	Gaelic	Pronunciation
Hi	Hai	Hi
Hello	Hallò	Hah-low
How are you? (informal, friends, and young ones)	Ciamar a tha thu?	Kimmer ah ha ooh?
How are you? (formal, plural, elders, and strangers)	Ciamar a tha sibh?	Kimmer a ha shiv?
I'm fine	Tha gu math.	Ha goo ma.
Thank you (informal)	Tapadh leat	Toppa loft ("f" almost silent)
Thank you (formal)	Tapadh leibh	Toppa leev
Good afternoon	Feasgar math	Fess-grrr mah
I am....(your name here)	Is misa.....	Iss meesha.....
Good day	Latha math	Laha mah
Good morning	Madainn mhath	Mah-dtain vah
Goodbye (informal)	Mar sin leat	Mahr sheen loft ("f" almost silent)
Goodbye (formal)	Mar sin leibh	Mahr sheen leev
Many thanks	Mòran taing	Mohr-on tay-eeng ("g" almost silent)
Good night	Oidhche mhat	Oh-ee-chee vah
This is .... (a person's name)	Seo ....	Show ....



**CLAN GRANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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DONATIONS: Clan Grant Centre Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. New members joining after June 30 will pay only \$10 for the first year of membership.

We also offer subscriptions through the Clan Grant Society at discounted rates to the following:

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Make **ALL** checks payable to CLAN GRANT SOCIETY

Mail to: Rand Allan  
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Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you considered giving a Clan Grant Society USA membership to your family?**