

Summer 2018

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA
CRAIGELLACHIE



Shown above is the Clan Grant plant badge: the pine sprig.

2018 Slate of Officers for Election - Clan Grant – USA from the nominating committee

As required by the Clan Grant Society - USA Bylaws, I hereby submit the following slate of officers for election in 2018:

Vice-President: Jeff Click
Secretary: Lena Grant
**Member-At-Large: Linda Grant,
Stephen E. Grant**

In compliance with CGS-USA Bylaws, this slate of candidates for election has been submitted to the Secretary at least three months prior to the CGS-USA Annual General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Grant, Chaplain and Nominating Committee Chair
2018 Slate of Officers for Election Clan Grant – USA

Your ballot and instructions for voting are on page 27. Please vote.



**The Clan Grant Society - USA has joined
The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc.**



Clan Grant on parade
at the 2018
Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games



**COUNCIL OF
SCOTTISH CLANS
AND ASSOCIATIONS, INC**

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, *Craigellachid* 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.

President's Message

What a summer we have had so far. Lena and I joined Gary and Barbara Grant, Bob and Mary Grant and Beth and Tom Freeman at the Blairsville Games in Blairsville Georgia.

Beautiful games field and well-run games.

After the games we gathered for a barbeque dinner at Rib Country.

Lena and I then visited Dr. Phil and Shirley Smith in Cookeville, Tennessee.

I am happy to report they both are doing well and Shirley is recovering nicely from a bout with double pneumonia. Grants are tough.

I recently was reviewing the number of games at which we will have Grant tents this year and discovered in 2016 we had tents at 13 games; this year we will have tents at 28 games.

Many thanks to our games commissioners and George James, Games Coordinator.

Lena and I will be attending the Virginia Games with Paul Grant, the Ligonier Games with William Kenyon, where we will be the Honored Clan and Stone Mountain Games where we will host the Clan Grant AGM.

Later in November we will join Carl Allen in Salado, Texas for the Salado Scottish games.

I am proud to announce that William Grant and Sons LTD Distillery, the makers of Grant's Scotch, will be sponsoring *Craigellachie*. Lift a glass of Grant's to this fine company and



remember Grants drink Grant's!

The board has agreed to open a games tent sponsorship to our membership.

This will help to help us pay for tents, banners, flags and books. This will also support tent space registration. By doing this we will be able to provide pins, t-shirts and other items that we can sell to you at the games as well as through our web store and *Craigellachie*.

Please join Lena and me in making a \$50.00 or more contribution to keep the number of Clan Grant tents at Scottish games across the USA.

Thank all of you for participating in the recent membership survey coordinated by Dr Fred Grant of Georgia. This information will help the board better serve you, our membership.

Many thanks to Fred and

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Uncle Grant wants you to know

Clan Grant is a great clan with a proud history. There are many Grant families in the USA that do not know their Scottish history or that they are part of a Clan. When our society was first formed we said that we would do the following;

- **Literature** – including publication of Scottish or Gaelic literature;

- **Charitable** – such as helping Clansmen or dependents of Clansmen in distress;

- **Historical** – especially as may be related to Clan Grant (or its various branches);

- **Educational** – such as financial assistance to deserving students, establishment of a fellowship in Scottish literature or music, grants to schools or colleges, and support of the Clan Grant Educational and Charitable Trust;

- **Cultural** – such as encouraging the perpetuation of Highland dress traditions and customs, promoting Highland Games in the United States, and supporting the Clan Grant Center in Scotland;

- **Social and Recreation** – promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among members of the clan.

President's Message,

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Linda for taking the time to make this a success. Look for the results in this *Craigellachie*.

We have received a letter of acknowledgement from IRS concerning our 501(c)(3) application.

I am hoping we will receive a letter of favorable ruling by the date of the AGM.

Speaking of the AGM, it will again be held at Stone Mountain on Saturday October 20 around 12:00.

Plan to attend this wonderful and large Scottish games. Come join us again in a toast to our Chief with Grant's Scotch. STAND FAST.

I will be announcing the recipients of a new award from the President of Clan Grant Society-USA. This special pin will be awarded for "outstanding service to your Clan and Society".

Many thanks to all of you who have been loyal members of the Clan Grant Society-USA over the years and thanks to you our new members. I am very proud to be your President and look forward to serving you during the rest of my term of office.

IT IS GREAT TO BE A GRANT

Bill Grant,

Ph.D., FSA Scot

President Clan Grant Society-USA and USA Representative of the Chief



The special "Thank You" pin to be awarded for outstanding service to the Clan Grant Society, USA. *(Enlarged to show detail.)*

You're invited, and it's free!

Your editor of *Craigellachie*,

Beth Gay Freeman,

has once again been invited by the
Stone Mountain Highland Games
to present

Scottish Genealogical

speeches on Friday, October 19, before the
Stone Mountain Highland Games,
at the host hotel.

Times are usually

11 AM and 1 PM,

but check posters in the lobby for final times.

You'll be surprised

at how much fun you will have!

Please remember to send your
anniversaries, honors, Flowers of the Forest, etc., to
<bethscribble@aol.com>

Survey Insights into Clan Grant Society Membership

- In early 2018, the Clan Grant Society Board requested that a survey be conducted of Internet enabled members.
- A survey was conducted of 256 current members with 121 responding—a respectable 47% response rate.
- Many thanks to all who responded.
- This survey provides us “snapshot” and descriptive characterization of our membership.
- Moreover, it provided some topics for Board exploration regarding how to make Clan Grant Society (CGS) activities and information more valuable to its membership. These topics are summarized below.

2018 Clan Grant Society (CGS) Membership Survey Highlights & Insights			
Who are we?	Married-Male	47%	Other Fast Facts from the Survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 55% have been members for 3 or more years - 28% have been a member for one year or less - 22% attend multiple games - 17% attend the same game every year - 75% joined interested in learning more about their Grant heritage - 83% rate information from CGS as excellent (44%) or very good (39%) - 55% have visited the CGS on-line store but did not purchase anything—24% did not know that CGS had an on-line store - 75% are extremely or very likely to recommend membership to friends or family members - About 25% of members attend the same game every year, 25% attend multiple games, and 25% are sporadic in their game attendance - Respondent suggested information or activities to make CGS membership more valuable: More opportunities to connect with others; Genealogy; Information on Clan History
	Married-Female	27%	
	Single-Female	11%	
	Single-Male	9%	
	Widow / Widower	4%	
	Total	100.0	
How old are we?	Over 65	46%	
	51 - 65	28%	
	36 - 50	13%	
	21 - 35	7%	
	Unknown	7%	
	Total	100.0	

Potential Topics for Board Discussion or Follow-up

- Cross tabulations of survey results indicated that most respondents feel like the Clan Grant Society is doing a good job. The survey did reveal five very clear pervading themes:
 - o Our membership is predominately older—only 16% of respondents were under age 50
 - o Interest in learning more about my Grant heritage
 - o Interest in connecting with others at Grant events
 - o Desire for Genealogy information or linkages
 - o Lack of knowledge about the products in the Grant Store
- These themes suggest that we may wish to add content / products / information / other to build membership.
- To conduct this survey, an annual subscription to Survey Monkey Professional was donated to the Clan Grant Society—we can conduct an unlimited number of surveys at virtually no cost. What do you want to survey?



Clan Grant honours Clan Macpherson with a certificate at Blairsville

Grants honoring Clan Macpherson Assoc. at 2018 Blairsville Scottish Games

At the Blairsville Games, a group of Grants visited the Clan Macpherson (pronounce **Mac-fur-son** NEVER, NEVER Mac-fear-son) tent to present them a bottle of Grant's Scotch and a statement from the past by Grants making positive statements about Clan McPherson. You will be quickly told, "There's no FEAR in a Macpherson!"

It always is appropriate that Clans show comaraderie to each other. Clan Macpherson, STAND FAST!

PS. There are a couple of Clan names you need to know how to pronounce: Macpherson - **Mac-fur-son**, MacKay - **MacEye**, Clan Chattan - **Cla'Ha -ttan** as in "Ha ha."

With thanks to the Clan Grant Australia publication.

YOU CAN TELL ALOT ABOUT A
SCOTTISH WOMAN BY HER HANDS

FOR EXAMPLE...

IF THEY ARE AROUND YOUR THROAT
THEN SHES PROBABLY A LITTLE
UPSET WITH YOU

YOU!



COULD BE ONE OF US!

Allied Families & Septs
of Clan Grant

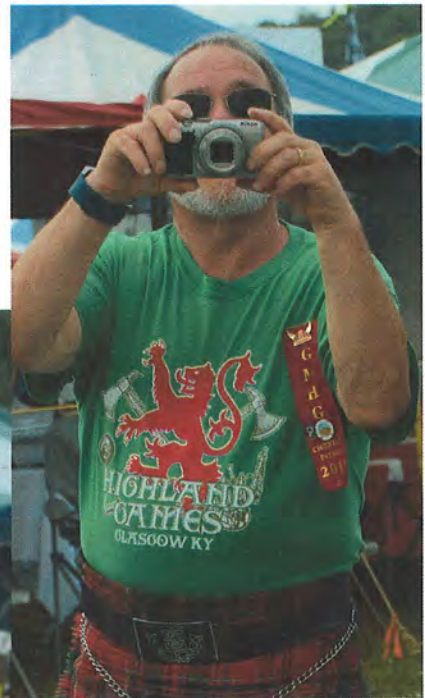
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McKerran • M(a)cKiaran
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IT'S GREAT TO BE A
GRANT!

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Clan Grant celebrating at Franklin & Grandfather Mountain, NC and Greenville, SC Games

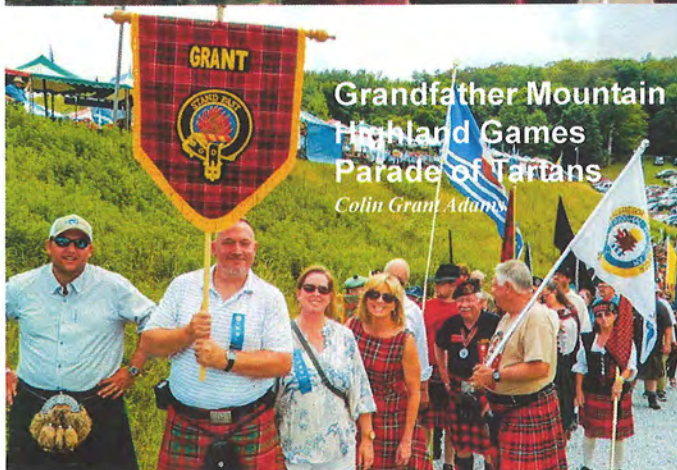
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Parade
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Beth Gay



**Grandfather Mountain
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**A Taste of Scotland,
Franklin, NC**
Rebecca



**Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games
Parade of Tartans**
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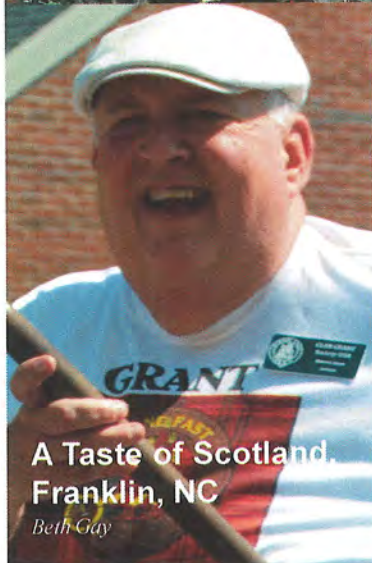


**Greenville, SC
Scottish Games**



**A Taste of Scotland,
Franklin, NC**

Beth Gay



**A Taste of Scotland,
Franklin, NC**

Beth Gay



**Greenville, SC
Scottish Games**



Please send your
Clan Grant
photographs
to your editor,
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anytime!



**Greenville, SC
Scottish Games**



**A Taste of Scotland,
Franklin, NC**

Beth Gay

Board of Directors meeting action summaries for May and August 2018

May

The Board reviewed the games where we will have Grant tents and approved a membership contest for the Games Commissioners.

We will make a proposal to William Grant and Sons Distillery to sponsor *Craigellachie*.

We are partnering with the House of Tartan to encourage members to purchase a modern Grant tartan kilt.

It was announced the Annual General Meeting will again be at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Our 501(c)(3) application has been mailed to IRS.

Three officers need to be elected this year. Bob Grant will lead the nominating committee.

Board approved the purchase of 20 Clan Grant Flags.

The Board approved a motion to limit to \$500.00 any expenditure of monies without Board approval.

August

Board approved a tent sponsorship program

Board reviewed the membership survey

William Grant and Sons Distillery will sponsor *Craigellachie*

The newsletter editor's stipend was increased.

IRS has responded to our application and we expect an answer by October.

Nominating committee report was approved with the addition of Stephen E. Grant for the position of Board Member at Large.

The Board asked that Clan Grant UK provide a status update on plans for the Grant Centre



Jeniphr Grant, Clan Grant Member at Large, with her son at the Seattle, Washington Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games 2018



The *Craigellachie* is the publication of the Clan Grant Society.

We are delighted that William Grant and Sons LTD Distillery, the makers of Grant's Scotch, will be sponsoring *Craigellachie* now. Thank you, William Grant & Sons!

THE GREAT GRANT FLAG

The Clan Grant Society-USA has adopted a new flag for tartan parades.



To the left, there is a white reinforced header with grommets.

These are being distributed to all games commissioners to be displayed at all Clan Grant Tents. If you would like to purchase this flag please send a check for \$65.00 to:

Karen Cook, 6640 Arena Road, Ozark, AR 72949

Include your name and address. Make the check payable to the Clan Grant Society-USA.

Note the price includes free shipping.

Many thanks to Tom Freeman for the design.

Pruitt Allen's report on the COSCA AGM

COSCA is short on cash and is pursuing a two-pronged approach. First they are reaching out to clans already involved because many want to pay but some bookkeeping challenge (need for an invoice or receipt) is keeping them from doing so. A part of this is of course reaching out to clans and orgs that are not members. The second prong is to look for sponsorships, one of which is a genetic testing company. Others will follow.

The slate of recommended officers was elected by acclamation. And we had two Clan leaders from Scotland speak briefly.

Pruitt Allen representing Clan Grant Society-USA

The Clan Grant, a history



The clan and name of Grant are of great antiquity. Feudal barons named Grant were land holders and office bearers in the Scottish highlands in the 13th century. These ambitious early Grants were undoubtedly the ancestors of our present-day chief and the forebears of the extended family later known as the Clan Grant. Our Chief, Sir James Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant, Baronet, 6th Lord Strathspey, and other hereditary chieftains of cadet families, descend directly from Sir Duncan le Grant of Freuchie, Knight, who held lands in Strathspey in the mid-15th century.

The Lordship of Glencarnie (from the Gaelic *Glenchearnich*, glen of heroes) and the Barony of Freuchie (from *fraoch*, place of the heather) were among the earliest holdings of Sir Duncan Grant in Strathspey. These lands generally encompass the present-day towns and environs of Aviemore, Carrbridge, Dulnain Bridge, Boat of Garten and Grantown-on-Spey.

The first known reference to the Clan Grant was in a notarized agreement between James Grant of Freuchie and Finlay Farquharson and his tenants in Strathdee. The document referred to "*lye Clan de Grantis*" and was dated October 8, 1527, but the concept of clanship existed long before that time.

Strathspey, the valley of the River Spey, was the "country of the Grants". During the halcyon days of the clan system, it was the stated goal of succeeding chiefs to consolidate and hold all the lands in Strathspey "between the two Craigellachies". And they very nearly succeeded!

Craigellachie is the name of the high hill over-

looking the modern town of Aviemore. It is also a village situated thirty-five miles downstream – hence, the two Craigellachies. *CreagEileachaidh* (Kra GEL a key) means "rock of alarm". In former times, huge bonfires were ignited on high hills in Strathspey to designate a gathering place for the men of the clan, or to proclaim a great celebration, such as the birth of the chief's first-born son. The clan's motto or rallying cry was, and is today: "*Stand fast, Craigellachie!*"

Although the principal families of the clan were entrenched in Strathspey as early as the 15th century – and in Stratherrick (on the southeast side of Loch Ness) before that – important cadet families were later established in other parts of Scotland. There were Grants in Glenmoriston, at Corrimony and Shewglie in Glenurquhart, at Monymusk in Aberdeenshire, and Kilgraston in Perthshire. With the passage of time, these families became virtually autonomous and conducted their affairs independently of their more powerful distant cousins in Strathspey.

In the late 17th century, Ludovick Grant of Freuchie (d. 1716) was the de facto Chief of the Clan Grant. In 1694, Glencarnie, Freuchie and all his other lands – which by that time were considerable! – were consolidated by the Crown into the Regality of Grant. From that time forth, Ludovick Grant, 8th Laird of Freuchie, and subsequent heritors lineally descended from him, were known as the Chiefs of Grant, and their principal residence of *Ballachastell* (town of the castle) was called Castle Grant.

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A bridge in Strathspey

The Clan Grant, a history, *continued from page 10*

A century later, Sir James Grant of Grant, Baronet (1738-1811), was perhaps the ablest chief of his long line. He was well-educated and well traveled; he was a dedicated public servant and ardent improver of his vast estates; and he was keenly aware of his over-riding responsibilities to his family, tenants and clansmen. Sir James Grant was the founder of Grantown, which was a creative attempt to provide employment for his clansmen during a time when many highland lairds were clearing tenants from their lands. Sir James was a Member of Parliament, Cashier of Excise for Scotland, Lord Lieutenant and Sheriff of Inverness-shire. Patriotic to a fault, he raised and served as Colonel of two regiments during the conflict with France during the last decade of the 18th century.

During the 19th century, the Earls of Seafield were Chiefs of the Clan Grant. In 1858, the 7th Earl, Sir John Charles Ogilvie-Grant (1815-1881), was created 1st Baron Strathspey in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and in 1879, he was made a Knight of the Thistle. The Earls of Seafield were avid planters of trees; they assumed leadership roles in the affairs of the Church of Scotland; and generally served as conscientious guardians of their vast estates.

Since 1915, when the 11th Earl of Seafield, Capt. Sir James Ogilvie-Grant, was killed in World War I, while serving in Belgium with the Cameron Highlanders, the Chief has been the Lord Strathspey. Today, the Right Honorable 6th Lord Strathspey, Sir James Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant, Baronet of Nova Scotia, is Chief of the Clan Grant. Lord Strathspey lives in retirement at Duthil, one of the oldest holdings of his ancestors in Strathspey.



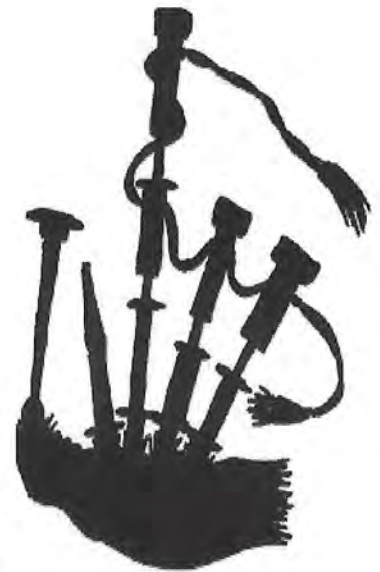
Thank You!

*from Ellie
to Steve Grant*

Dr. Grant wrote,
"Actually, Ellie said on
Facebook..."
"I would like to thank Steve
Grant for his kind hospitality
at the Clan Grant tent at
yesterday's
Southern Maryland Celtic
Festival! It was a beautifully
sunny day, but a bit breezy."



Clan Grant Society-USA board names educational fund after Greg Grant



Greg Grant was a
Fulton Georgia police of-
ficer and the son of Gary
and Barbara Grant, our games commissioner for
Stone Mountain and Blairsville Games.

Greg passed away from leukemia and com-
plications from a bone marrow transplant in 2004.

Greg helped the late C. David Grant with the
Grant tent at the Stone Mountain Games.

He was practicing the bagpipes at the time of
his death.

Greg's family has taken over as games commis-
sioners at Stone Mountain, with his sister providing
the chicken chili for our 40th anniversary celebration
in 2017.

Greg was a loyal Society member and a recog-
nized leader in his community.

The Board is proud to recognize Greg's service
through the naming of our education fund for him.

The Highlander's Prayer

A thigherna deonach thusa gum bi mise daonnan ceart
Oir tha fhios agad-sa gu bheil e na's fhasa cnoc
atharrachadh
Na m'inntinn-sa a atharrachadh...

"Oh Lord, grant that I may always be right,
for thou knowest that it is easier to move
a mountain
Than to change my mind."

Dr. Phil Smith





Glenfiddich

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS
OF PIONEERING SPIRIT

The biography of William Grant

William Grant was born in 1839 in the Scottish Highland town of Dufftown. He began work tending cattle at age 7, but, it wasn't until 1866 - when he took a position as a bookkeeper at a local distillery - that he really found his calling. There, he instantly fell in love with the industry, and swiftly became Distillery Manager. William was a good natured and popular man. He was also patient, and single-mindedly determined. For 20 years, he nurtured the dream of building his own distillery and that one day he would create 'the best dram in the valley' ('dram' is the Scottish word for a measure of whisky).

In the summer of 1886, at the age of 46, William set out to fulfil this lifelong ambition of creating the 'best dram in the valley'. With the help of his seven sons and two daughters, he built his distillery in a single year. William named his distillery Glenfiddich, Gaelic for 'Valley of the Deer'.

On Christmas Day in 1887, William and his family's hard work was rewarded when the first drop of spirit flowed from the small copper pot stills. Just five years later, an unstoppable William founded The Balvenie Distillery, which he built alongside the Glenfiddich site.

Times were not so good in 1898 for Pattison's - the largest Scotch whisky blender of the time -

who went bankrupt that year. Many saw this as an ominous sign, but William knew instinctively that it was a golden opportunity to expand into exporting and blending; and he was right. He created the (now) world famous Grant's blended Scotch whisky.

In 1901 William appointed his son-in-law, Charles Gordon, as his first salesman. It was no easy job, but Charles was as passionate about success as his father-in-law. It took 181 calls to make his first sale, but he never looked back, and within two years, Charles would set out to conquer the world.

William Grant died aged 84 in 1923. At his funeral he was remembered for his liveliness, his generosity, his legendary sense of humour, and his world-class whisky. William's passion, determination and pioneering spirit were a legacy passed on not only to his children, but also to his five succeeding generations - and his philosophy continues to guide the company today.

2012 is The Glenfiddich Distillery's 125th anniversary and today Glenfiddich is one of the few single malt distilleries to remain entirely family owned. Its whisky has become the world's most awarded single malt Scotch whisky, a true reflection of the passion, integrity and innovative spirit that have been passed down through generations.



Confessions of a clan tent hosting novice

Jeff Click, Vice President, Clan Grant Society - USA



Well, I have just finished hosting my first Clan Grant Society tent at the Portland Highland Games in Gresham, Oregon.

The result, 2 new members and a lot of fun.

There were quite a number of people that stopped by and remarked that they were glad that we were back at the games. I guess the last tent was hosted about 8-10 years ago. I was also able to talk with several individuals that have 'fallen away' from the Society and let them know how much we have grown and all of the new things we are doing. A few members stopped by and one helped me march in the parade.

I received a lot of help and advice from Dr. Bill Grant, our President. He sent me a packet of items to help me get the tent going. I purchased a popup tent, as this games didn't provide any. I requested a couple of tables and



chairs from the hosting committee, the costs for which were added on to the tent space fee. The Society reimburses you for your costs.

I had been contemplating hosting for a couple of years and finally decided to do it this year. That meant I had to get a kilt! I must say that the light-weight utilikilt made with the Polyvis Grant tartan fabric from "The House of Tartan" shop on our website was a great choice. I picked up a few other items to accessorize the outfit and I was all set!

I printed out some membership forms and got some \$10 bills for changing \$20s, since the membership fee for 1st timers at the games is only \$10. Quite a good deal! I then took along some of my Scottish books and various Scottish magazines that I get. I have 5 subscriptions (*The Highlander*, *Scottish Life*, *Scotland Magazine*, *Scots Magazine* (electronic), *Scottish Field* (electronic)). I guess I must be interested. :-)

Of course, I then utilized all of the items that Dr. Bill sent to me.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable experience. One that I plan to repeat next year, and may do a 2nd games as well.

So if you like talking to people and want to help us expand our Society, jump right in and host your own Clan Grant Society tent!!

It's great to be a Grant - especially at Scottish Highland Games!




Clan Grant Society USA

Games, Festival Commissioners and emails for 2018


Scottish Games and Festivals	Date	Games Commissioner	Email Address
Topsham Maine	8/19	Lysle Grant	603-330-9155
Virginia Scottish Games	9/2-3	Paul D. Grant	paulwhenhome@gmail.com
Loon Mt New Hampshire	9/17	Lysle Grant	603-330-9155
Ligonier PA (Grant Honored Clan)	9/23	Will Kenyon	willkenyon@aol.com
Upper East Tennessee Celtic Soc.	9/22-23	George James	tubageorge@hotmail.com
Seaside Games Ventura CA	10/14-15	Rand Allan	rballan@san.rr.com
Stone Mt Georgia (AGM)	10/20-22	Gary Grant	garym_grant@yahoo.com
*Central Virginia	10/28-29	Howard Parsons	htp@parsonage.ne
Salado TX	11/10-12	Carl Allen	pastorcarl07@gmail.com

* New Games for 2018




Grant's Ale Cask

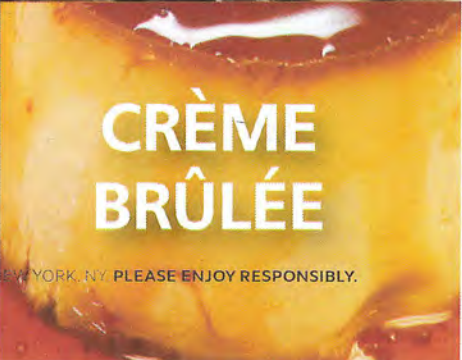
Finishing our whisky in barrels that have previously held ale gives extra flavours of ripe fruit, intense vanilla and a crème brûlée creaminess.



RIPE
FRUIT



INTENSE
VANILLA



CRÈME
BRÛLÉE

GRANT'S BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY. 40% ALC./VOL. (80 PROOF) ©2015 WILLIAM GPANT & SONS, NEW YORK, NY. PLEASE ENJOY RESPONSIBLY.

The Clan Grant Society - USA was founded in 1977 by George & Lucille Grant, by the 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.

Past Presidents: Howard Parsons, 1998-2002; C. David Grant, 2002-2006; Dr. Christopher Pratt, 2006-2008; Rand Allan, 2008-2013; Jeniphir Grant, 2013-2015.

Elected and Appointed Officers Clan Grant Society - USA

Elected Officers

* **President - William S. Grant, Ph.D.**, 3916 N. Potsdam Ave., PMB #3936, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 <academicdad@yahoo.com> 757-617-1652.

* **Vice President - Jeff Click**, 2604 NE 142nd St., Vancouver, WA 98686. <jclick@msn.com> 360-635-4312.

* **Secretary - Lena Grant**, 3916 N. Potsdam Ave., PMB #3936, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. <lenagrants@gmail.com> 757-617-0625

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* **Member at Large - Stephen E. Grant**, 1001 Hurtsdale Ave., Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007. <grantsna@cox.net> 760-207-2389.

Appointed Officers

* **Assistant Secretary - Judith Lyn Parsons**, 414 Carrsbrook Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

* **Craigellachie Editor, Beth Gay Freeman**, Mo Leannon, 688 Camp Yonah Road, Clarkesville, GA 30523. <bethscribble@aol.com> 706-839-6612.

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* **Genealogist - Ann Scherzinger**, 2604 NE 142nd Street, Vancouver, WA 98686. <schertz12@hotmail.com> 360-635-4312.

* **Historian - Vacant**

* **Membership Secretary - Rand Allan**, 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037. <rballan@san.rr.com> 858-454-3846.

* **Quartermaster - VACANT**

* **Webmaster - Jeff Click**, 2604 NE 142nd St., Vancouver, WA 98686. <jeffclick@msn.com> 303-513-1178.

Spey Valley, Grantown-on-Spey, Scotland





Ride the funicular railway on Cairn Gorm

Scotland's only funicular railway ferries winter sport enthusiasts and summertime explorers up the steep slopes of Cairn Gorm Mountain. On a (somewhat rare) clear day, passengers are rewarded with sprawling vistas of the country's famously enchanting scenery.

The railway, which is also

the highest funicular in the United Kingdom, opened to the public in 2001. It replaced a chairlift system that was deemed too vulnerable to the strong winds that so often whip through the mountain range.

In the winter, the funicular ushers skiers up the mountain, where they're then free to set off

down the slopes. It stays open in the summer, too, and carts people up to the Ptarmigan Restaurant for a dining experience at over 3,500 feet above sea level. Hillwalkers who've made the trek to the upper station on foot can rest their weary legs and take the funicular back down to the base of the mountain.

Happy 150th Anniversary to the Scottish Golden Retriever breed

SO MANY GOOD BOYS: 361 golden retrievers just gathered in Scotland to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the origin of the breed during the dog days of summer. < <https://cbsn.ws/2JG189e>>



Let's come to the Games in 2018

2018 is a growth year for Grant Tents at Scottish Games across America. But can we count on you to show up at our Grant Tent? Our Tents will be in Texas, Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, Utah, California, Vermont, Oregon, North Carolina, Tennessee, Washington State, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

If you live in any of these states plan to attend the games listed in *Craigellachie*.

Clan Grant will be the Honored Clan at the Ligonier, Pennsylvania, Games in September. Our AGM will again be at the Stone Mountain Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia, in October. Plan to spend some time tent sitting with our games commissioners and fellow Grants. Remember we are having a kilt sale with the House of Tartan. Not a better time to get that Grant Modern kilt and wear it at the Games.

Your dues go to supporting Grant Tents with banners, flags, tartan books, and tent space rental. Join us, take a few pictures and share them with Beth Gay Freeman, [<bethscribble@aol.com>](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) we will publish your selfies in *Craigellachie*.

Come visit the games and perhaps you will run into Clan President, Dr. Bill and Clan Secretary, Lena Grant. We will be attending 7 games this year. You will meet or revisit with our games commissioners. They are great Grants and we appreciate their support for your Clan Grant Society-USA.

STAND FAST

Dr. Bill Grant, President of the Clan Grant Society-USA



Twelve fascinating facts about Scotland's Highland Games +

* Perhaps the games' most iconic event, the caber toss, is rumoured to have stemmed from the need to toss logs over chasms.

Nowadays, however, it is judged on style rather than distance: competitors aim to flip a log weighing up to 11 stone so that it falls away from them in the '12 o'clock position'. The length it travels is entirely unimportant.

* World Records are regularly broken at Highland games in Scotland and beyond. Last year a new *Guinness World Record* was set at the Masters World Championships in Inverness, when the most cabers were tossed at the same time. Over 160 kilted athletes took part, with 66 cabers being successfully tossed in the allotted time.

* For many, one of the most memorable sights of the Highland games is the massed bands, when hundreds of pipers from different groups come together to play and march in unison.

Look out for the solo piping competitions, where competitors play in a range of styles, including the Pibroch, which is considered the classical music of the bagpipe. Pibrochs tend to be slow, stately and complex.

* Highland dancing at the games was originally an all-male event, and it wasn't until the late 19th century that women started to enter.

The Cowal Gathering is renowned for the quality of its Highland dancing, drawing in the best performers from around the globe as they compete in the Scottish and World Championships.

* This year the World Championship Haggis Eating Competition takes place at Birnam Highland Games. A fun, yet fiercely competitive event,

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Clan Grant Society-USA members,I need your help.

In 2016 we had Clan Grant tents at 13 games across the country. This year in 2018 we will have Grant tents at 28 games. We have more than doubled the number of tents we sponsor but with this outstanding growth has come increased expenses. We buy tents, banners, books, flags, gonfanons, and pay registrations for tent space at Scottish games.

In order to balance our success with our expenses I am asking you to contribute \$50.00 per game to sponsor our tent. For those of you who can afford to sponsor more than one game please consider more money. We will be listing tent sponsors in the November *Craigellachie* and those that follow.

Please join Lena and me in contributing through a check, by mailing to:

Clan Grant Society - USA
6640 Arena Road
Ozark, AR 72949

Please include the form below if you are sending us a check.

Yes! We will help.

Name _____

Number of games sponsored _____ X \$50.00 = _____

You may contribute on our WEBSITE by clicking on the store and "books and donations" to make your sponsorship donation to our Society.

We are confident that the IRS will rule shortly that we are a 501 (c)3 organization and that your contribution will be tax deductible.

Thank you for your help at this time. This will help us to continue expanding tents at Scottish games across the country. We hope to see you at the games.

Dr. Bill Grant, Ph.D., FSA Scot
President Clan Grant Society-USA



Bures Dragon “lives” again in Southern England & honors the queen

The English are notably fond of carving giant white horses into the chalky hillsides of southern England. Dragon geoglyphs, on the other hand, are much more rare. In fact, there may be just one such fiery hill figure, located in the town of Bures. It’s an appropriate spot, given the longstanding local legend that an enormous dragon was sighted here in the Middle Ages.

The story of the Bures dragon was first recorded in 1405 by a local monk, and recounted several times thereafter. According to the account, several townsfolk claimed they saw the terrifying creature firsthand. The huge beast had a crested head, serrated teeth, and long tail. It terrorized the village, breathing fire at anything that moved and even killing a shepherd and his flock.

The town was panicked. The men of the fiefdom tried to kill the dragon with arrows, but they bounced right off the monster’s hard skin. Soon, men from across the country were summoned to slay the dragon, which fled down river toward the adjacent village of Wormingford and disappeared into the marshes, never to be seen again. (Or, to hear the town of Wormingford tell it, was heroically slain there.)

In one account, the relieved bowmen of Bures, having chased off the villain, celebrated by heading to the pub for a meal of dragon-roasted sheep.

While the villagers of Bures almost certainly did not witness a dragon that spring of 1405, the

sighting of a scaly beast may in fact be true. The prevailing theory is that the “dragon” may have actually been a crocodile that was given to King Richard I (“Richard the Lionheart”) as a gift from King Saladin during the 12th-century Crusades. The reptile would have been kept at the Tower of London in the royal menagerie, but is believed to have escaped and ended up in the marshes near Bures.

In any event, the region has long associated with the medieval mythical beast. Several old churches in the area have depictions of dragons on their walls, including a 15th-century painting of the storied creature in the Wissington Church a few miles from Bures.

In honor of this legendary dragon, and in celebration of the Queen’s Golden Jubilee, the Bures Dragon was etched into the hill in 2012, a physical rendition of the local tale.

Note the “dragon” on the hill has four legs. The illustration found of the

Bures Dragon below is actually a heraldic “Wyvern”...only 2 legs.



*Wanna be a Games Commissioner for the Clan Grant Society - USA?
Call Dr. Bill Grant (See contact information on Officers page)*

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Edinburgh to hold Concert of Remembrance

With thanks to *The Edinburgh Reporter*

John Preece

In a major commemoration of a century since the end of the First World War, a Concert of Remembrance will be held in Edinburgh later on this year.

Bands of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, Her Majesty's Royal Marines Scotland and Royal Air Force Central Scotland Pipes and Drums will feature in a stirring night of music reflecting on the events of the 'war to end all wars'.

Musicians from the Royal Regiment joined the Lord Provost and Legion Scotland's Kevin Gray MM today (Friday 6 July) to announce the event, which will take place at the Council's Assembly Rooms on Friday 9 November.

Narrated by Scottish actress Rose McBain (Monarch of the Glen) and starring singer and TV presenter Isla St Clair, whose Uncle was a First World War Commando, the one-off show will also feature Legion Scotland Sweetheart Amy Hawthorn, Scottish piper Erin Ritchie, the soulful voice of Ibiyemi Osinaike and singer songwriters Alan Brydon and Stuart McLean.

Lord Provost Frank Ross said: "This summer marks the centenary of the start of the Hundred Days Offensive and the final stages of the First World War, providing an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the toll the war took on the nation and the bravery of those who fought for us.

"In Edinburgh, we have been marking the anniversary year with several public commemorations, including the design of this summer's Floral Clock which blooms red for remembrance in Princes Street Gardens.

"Our Concert of Remembrance will be held

to mark the end of the war. It will show our city's collective thanks to those who put their lives on the line and commemorate the centenary of Armistice. I hope the unique line-up rings it loud and clear that in Edinburgh, we will never forget."

Legion Scotland Chief Executive, Kevin Gray, said: "100 years ago the First World War ended, and a new world began. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today. In 2018 The Royal British Legion Scotland is leading the nation in saying 'Thank You' to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

"The Concert of Remembrance is a key part of these important commemorations and we are extremely grateful to the Lord Provost and the City of Edinburgh for hosting this event."

A limited number of early bird discount tickets are available now priced at £10 (full price £15). These can be purchased from the Usher Hall box office at <http://www.usherhall.co.uk/> or by calling 0131 228 1155. Please note the event takes place at the Assembly Rooms on George Street and the Usher Hall is simply handling ticket sales.

The First World War took a devastating toll on Scotland. Of the 700,000 Scots who joined the forces, more than 100,000 were never to return home.

Nearly every village, city and town in Scotland has some form of memorial displaying the names of their war dead and the Scottish National War Memorial is in Edinburgh Castle. It commemorates Scottish soldiers, and those serving with Scottish regiments, who died in the two world wars and more recent conflicts.



Twelve Fascinating Facts +, *cont'd from page 18*

the winner is the competitor who finishes eating a pound of haggis in the quickest amount of time.

The 2014 winner was Martin Bristow, from Murthly in Perthshire, who ate the haggis in 90 seconds, and finally clinched the title after coming second in three previous attempts.

* You never know quite what you'll see at a Highland games. Often one of the highlights of the local community calendar, they usually include a range of side shows, such as livestock events, parades, pet shows and even bonny baby competitions.

At Aberfeldy Show and Games in Perthshire, you can even watch the more unusual sports of terrier racing!

*From your editor: The **BEST** part of Scottish games is visiting with, hugging and kissing dear and long time friends from around the world and all over the USA. Just look around at a big games...you'll see group hugs everywhere!*

The more you put into your clan association, the more you participate, the more you volunteer the more wonderful is your Scottish games experience.

Yes, it takes a bit of time...but, from 28 years at all of this, it's well worth every bit of effort.

I can testify that it takes me a week or two to get my smiling muscles to relax after a games...and then every time I think about a recent games, the smiles start all over again.

I'll share my own volunteer activity at games - and you're welcome to do it, too: You'll sometimes see someone who didn't know to take out the basting stitches in their kilt. (It makes them take tiny, wee steps.)

Sometimes, you'll see someone who doesn't know any better, with the pleats of their kilt in the front.

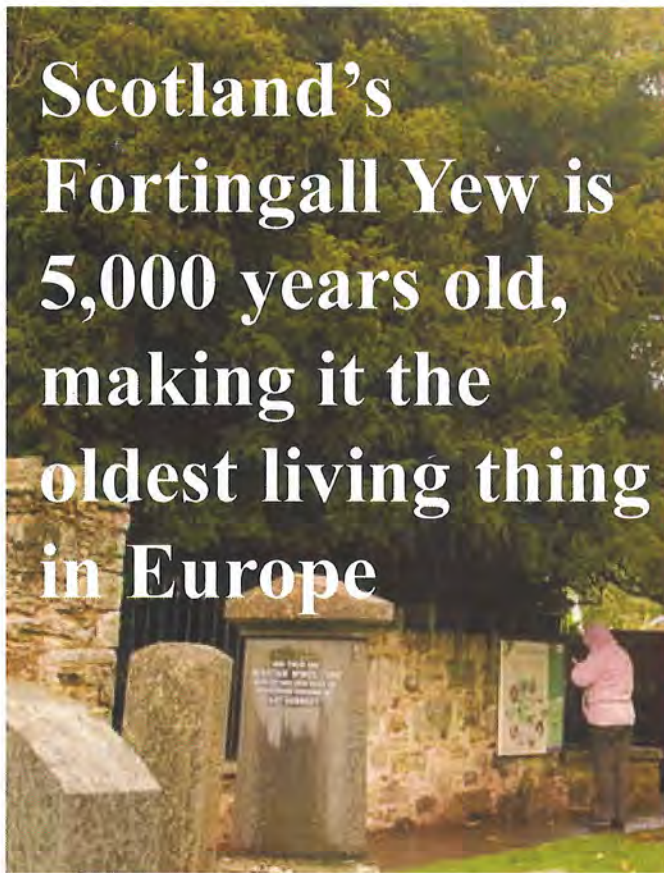
In both instances, just tap the "newbie Scot" on the shoulder and say something like, "Oops, you forgot to take out your basting stitches, I'll do it for you..." Be sure and grin hugely!

Or, "Let's go behind this tent which will give you the opportunity to put your pleats in the back."

I've done this from California to Scotland to Loon Mountain, etc...and have only had grateful thanks from the "not so newbie anymore Scots."



Scotland's Fortingall Yew is 5,000 years old, making it the oldest living thing in Europe



Some people claim Scotland's Fortingall Yew is 5,000 years old, making it the oldest living thing in Europe.

Others more conservatively argue the tree is merely 2,000 to 3,000 years old. In any case, the ancient, gnarled tree existed long before the Fortingall Church and graveyard with which it now shares space. Scholars believe that ancient pagans venerated Yew trees — which are not only long-living, but also deadly poisonous — and associated them with death and the afterlife. Early Christians were thought to have appropriated the trees into their own worship practices, building churches and consecrating graveyards near them.

In any case, the Yew, as it is colloquially known, has seen Picts, Celts, English, Romans, and now tourists from around the world.

There's even an unsubstantiated, but persistent, legend that Pontius Pilate was born in this village during the Roman occupation and played beneath the Yew as a boy.



Visiting Edinburgh? Don't miss this!

Hundreds of thousands of books in a magnificent domed archive tell the tales of nearly 200 years of Scottish lives, loves, and deaths.

The early years of Scotland's archives were almost as turbulent as the country's own history, with records taken back and forth across the English border. Many were lost and stolen, while still more are incomplete. But as things grew more settled from about the Middle Ages, the country began to maintain a centralized national archives where its stories and histories could be stored.

The present-day headquarters were completed in 1863, at a cost of nearly £35,000 (£4 million in today's pounds). But their crowning jewel is a central chamber: the fireproof Dome. Measuring around 90 feet in height, it has shelves that stretch a total of four miles.

No matter how glorious the building might be from an architectural or engineering perspective, however, its real treasure lies in the half a million volumes on the shelves. From 1855, registrars have patiently recorded the births, deaths, and marriages in Scotland—as they do to this very day. Births go in the red books of the first tier; deaths are in funereal black on the second; and marriages in the green books at the top.

Income and Reimbursement Procedures CGS-USA

The Treasurer should be the single point for receipt and disbursement of monies for the Society.

When submitting monies received

all Games Commissioners are asked to send all (new and renewal etc..) member forms and a check for member dues, etc., taken at games directly to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will be responsible for verifying monies received against dues, gifts and subscriptions marked on member forms. If membership forms come in hard copy a .pdf scan will need to be made of the forms and the Treasurer will be responsible for emailing the member forms .pdf to:

1. Web master for adding ids and passwords
2. Membership Secretary for adding to the member roster, assigning member id number, and sending out President's welcome letter.
3. New Member Coordinator for emailing a welcome and giving them a point of contact and beginning our efforts to make new members feel welcome.
4. Genealogy Coordinator for new member welcome and information.

When requesting reimbursement

Clan Grant Society—US will reimburse members for expenses incurred on behalf of and authorized by the Clan as follows:

Expenses will have occurred in order to conduct the business of the Clan, such as provisions for hosting a Clan tent at various gatherings

Receipts for expenses, including electronic submissions, will be sent with the request for reimbursement

Reimbursement requests shall be submitted in a timely manner

Authorized transportation (vehicle) expenses shall be reimbursed

Additional authorized expenses shall be reimbursed as requested

Reimbursement shall be paid with a check

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VOTING INSTRUCTIONS for Mail in Ballots

*Per the Clan Grant Society-USA Bylaws this ballot is provided
by the Secretary, Lena Grant.*

If you have any questions please call me at 757-617-0625.

You may vote in the following manner

**Mark this ballot for either the nominated candidate or for a write in candidate being sure to
include their street address.**

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Mail In Ballot 2018 Clan Grant Society-USA

Vice-President:

_____ Jeff Click

Secretary:

_____ Lena Grant

Member-At-Large:(vote for one)

_____ Linda Grant

_____ Stephen E. Grant

The above ballot must be postmarked by 5 September 2018 to be counted.

Thank you for your participation.
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LENA GRANT
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