

Winter 2022

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA
CRAIGELLACHIE



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



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The 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, *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.

President's Message!

William Sawyer Grant

President, Clan Grant Society - USA



Greetings everyone
Welcome to the winter Craigellachie. I hope you found the holiday was both pleasant and you had an opportunity to be with your family.

As we approach the spring, we hope that more of the Scottish festivals and games will be resuming after being closed because of the pandemic. I will be checking in with the Games Commissioners to see how things are going, and we'll let you know in the next newsletter which games we believe will have Grant tents.

I received a very pleasant Christmas card from the chief, and it appears that our cousins across the pond are doing very well.

Our best wishes to Grants everywhere and our hopes that we soon will be through this pandemic and things can return to some semblance of order.



Lena and I are doing well here in South Texas although the weather is starting to become colder, which is not surprising given that it is February, after all. I hope you and yours are well and wish you a Happy Valentine's Day.

Thank you for your continued support of the Clan Grant Society USA.

Those of you who need to renew your membership please be re-

minded!

Stand Fast!
Dr. Bill Grant
President

Pullet-zer Prizes

A huge "thank you" to everyone who contributed information, articles, etc., to this publication. Your participation and input make Craigellachie interesting and fun.

Those who receive Pullet-zer Prizes this issue include Dr. Bill Grant, Jeff Click, Aina and Stephen Grant, Carol Grant, Dr. Morag Grant, Erin Kasperek, Bryan L. Mulcahy, Bob Grant, Galt Grant, Allen Haines and Jeniphir Grant.



Our Clan Chief



Sir James Grant of Grant,
Lord Strathspeny

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Clan Grant Society Seeking an assistant webmaster!

Clan Grant Society - USA is looking for an individual interested in being the Assistant Webmaster to help maintain our society website as well as being a backup for the current webmaster.

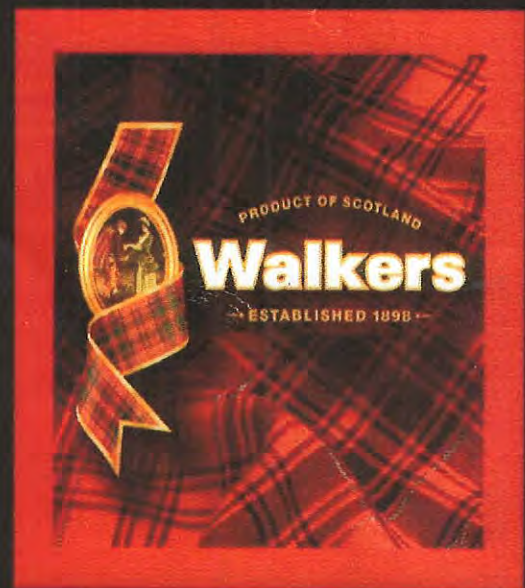
Our website is currently hosted by GoDaddy and is using Drupal open-source software as the basis for our website.

We are looking for a volunteer who has at least some basic knowledge of websites as we do not yet have a manual written containing the information necessary to train someone from scratch.

However, this individual does not require specific knowledge of Drupal or GoDaddy.

Please send an email to admin@clangrant-us.org expressing your interest and listing your experience.

GRANTS



<https://www.walkersshortbread.com/uk/>

Clan Grant website has a new node!

A new node: content type has been created on the Clan Grant website. It is entitled "Ulysses S. Grant."

Be sure and take a look!



CLAN GRANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**Clan Grant
Board Meetings
for 2022**

**April,
July and October**

**Clan Grant UK
has new
members!**

From the UK: Janet Vincent from Chislehurst, Kent.

From Canada: Elaine Sutton from Orleans, Ontario; and Conor Mullally from Souris, Prince Edward Island.

And from the USA: Cory Grant, Des Moines, Iowa.

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G R A N T !**

Remember, you always have a family. It's Scottish and it is Grant!



Just send a \$\$\$ contribution to Treasurer, **Karen Cook**, 6640 Arena Road, Ozark, AR 72949.
<kjc429@gmail.com>

Be ready for next Christmas!!

Alan & Thelma's Christmas Fruit Cake Recipe



Ingredients

1 cup water
1 cup sugar
4 large eggs
8oz mixed nuts
1 tsp salt
Juice of 1 lemon
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups dried fruit
1tsp baking soda
1 bottle whisky



Method

- Sample whisky to check quality. Take large bowl.
- Check the whisky again, to be sure it's of the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.
- Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl.
- Add 1tsp sugar and beat again.
- Make sure the whisky is still ok. Cry another tup. Turn on the mixerer.
- Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the dried fruit. If the fried druit gets stuck in thr beaterers, pry it loose with a screwdriver.
- Sample the whisky to check for tonsistency.
- Next, sift two cups of salt or something... who cares? Check the whisky.
- Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts.
- Add one table. Spoon Of sugar or something... whatever you can find.
- Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degeesh. Don't forget to beat off the turnerer.
- Throw the bowl out of the window. Check the whisky again and go to bed.

With thanks to: *STANDFAST*, The Magazine of the Clan Grant Society UK



COCKTAILS



OLD FASHIONED

- 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve
- ¼ part Demerara syrup (1:1)
- 2 dashes peach bitters
- Grapefruit twist to garnish

GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass

INSTRUCTIONS: In a double rocks glass, add the Demerara syrup and bitters. Add the Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve, then ice (preferably one large cube) and stir. Garnish with a grapefruit twist.

DEMERARA SYRUP (1:1) Combine equal parts hot water and Demerara sugar or brown sugar. Stir and cool.



MALT JULEP

- 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve
- ¼ part simple syrup
- 2 dashes of Angostura Bitters
- Mint leaves to garnish

GLASSWARE: Traditional Julep Cup

INSTRUCTIONS: Pour Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve and simple syrup into a traditional julep cup. Fill with crushed ice and garnish with mint sprigs.



THE GILLY FIX

- 1 part Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve
- ¼ part Flor de Cana 7 Year Rum
- ½ part peach brandy
- ¾ part fresh lemon juice
- ¾ part simple syrup
- Lemon wheel to garnish

GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass

INSTRUCTIONS: Shake all ingredients except the lemon wheel over ice. Strain into a double rocks glass. Fill with crushed ice. Garnish by placing the lemon wheel between the edge of the glass and the ice.



THE BROON DERBY

- 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve
- 1 part fresh grapefruit juice
- ½ part honey syrup
- Grapefruit twist to garnish

GLASSWARE: Coupe

INSTRUCTIONS: Shake Glenfiddich 14 Year Bourbon Barrel Reserve, grapefruit juice and honey syrup over ice. Strain into a coupe. Express a grapefruit twist over the cocktail and drop in.

HONEY SYRUP: Combine 2 parts honey and 1 part hot water and stir to combine.



THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

- 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve
- ½ part Drambuie
- ½ part dry vermouth
- ¼ part maraschino liqueur
- 2 dashes fig bitters
- Brandied cherries to garnish

GLASSWARE: Coupe

INSTRUCTIONS: Combine ingredients and stir over ice. Strain into a coupe. Garnish with brandied cherries.



THE LEATHERBACK

- 1½ parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve
- 1 part straight apple brandy
- ½ part yellow chartreuse

GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass

INSTRUCTIONS: Combine all ingredients in a mixing glass over ice and stir. Strain into a double rocks glass over one large ice cube. No garnish.

DISCLAIMER: Cocktail prep and serve for each cocktail is suggested by Glenfiddich Brand Ambassador Allan Roth to ensure the best results. We encourage you to play around with the cocktails and ingredients to create your own versions

GREAT COCKTAILS START WITH RESPONSIBLE MEASURING.

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

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Grants attend San Diego Burns Supper



Aina and Stephen Grant are shown above at the January 22nd Robert Burns Supper in San Diego, California. They are shown with the San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans banner.



From Carol Grant...

I'm afraid I may have made a typo at the end of my article in the last issue, saying I will be 83 in August. Not so....I will be 82 in December. Probably my mistake and it isn't terribly important unless you want to make a correction. It's OK.

Loved all the articles in this Clan Grant Newsletter.

Thanks,
Carol Grant



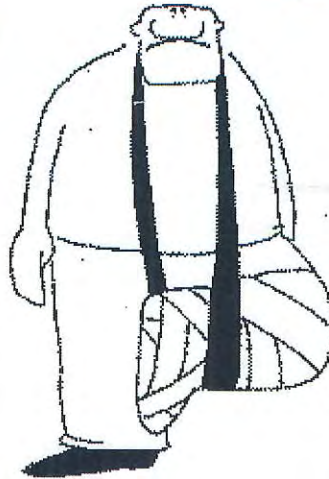
Jeff Click's kneecap breaks!

Our Jeff Click has managed to break his kneecap in two. He did have surgery and has been laid up for the last three months.

OUCH! OUCH!

It would be great if our Clan Grant cousins could send cards, letters and emails. If you would like

to Email, the address is: <jclick@msn.com> Send cards to: 2060 Morgan Circle, Apt. 204, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27127. Jeff says his Heavy Scottish Athletic career is over!"





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Here's why people link arms while singing *Auld Lang Syne*

Featuring Dr. Morag Grant,
University of Edinburgh Musicologist

People at numerous New Year's Eve celebrations across the globe sang Robert Burns' most popular song, *Auld Lang Syne* just a month ago.

In doing so, at one point the revelers crossed or linked arms and joined hands to sing this timeless piece.

Why? Actually, you can think of a Masonic tradition.

Traditionally, this song is sung to bid farewell to the old year at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. It is also often heard at funerals, graduations, and as a farewell or ending to other occasions.

Author, Dr. Morag Grant, University of Edinburgh Musicologist, discovered the Masonic link while sifting through the archives of Glasgow's Mitchell Library.

A newspaper report of an Ayrshire Masonic lodge's Burns Supper in 1879 describes the song being sung as members formed "the circle of unity" - a common Masonic ritual which is also called the "chain of union."

What is the purpose of linking and crossing arms? A quote from Dr. Grant's book about the song, *Auld Lang Syne*, says "A recent description of the Masonic use of *Auld Lang Syne* from a journal published by the Southern States Ancient and Accepted Masons in the USA, gives further information on the practice and what it symbolizes: The Masonic routine is to form a circle in which everyone is equidistant from the center, demonstrating that they are all equal.

In this regard, the practice adopted by some lodges by placing Masters or other distinguished brethren in the center defeats the purpose of the ceremony



associated with the song.

In the beginning, the brethren stand with hands at their sides, symbolizing they are relative strangers.

The early verses should be sung (or hummed) very softly as brethren reflect both on cherished memories of earlier times together and those brethren who have since passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

When they come to the last verse, "And there's a hand, my trusty frier (friend)," each brother then extends his right hand of fellowship to his brother on his left and the left hand to the brother on the right.

This symbolizes two things: first, they are crossing their hearts, second that they automatically form a smaller and more intimate circle of friendship.

Dr. Grant said that the tradition of singing the song at times of parting and doing so with crossed hands, emerged in the mid-19th century, not just among Freemasons, but in other fraternal organizations.

Burns was a Freemason all of his adult life and the organization was instrumental in promoting his work during his lifetime and after his death.

Dr. Grant studied a range of historical sources, including written accounts, newspaper reports, theater playbills, printed music, and early recordings - to illuminate the song's path to global popularity.

"*Auld Lang Syne*'s sentiments didn't just resonate with Freemasons," Dr. Grant said. "Some of the earliest reports of the song's use at parting come from

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American college graduations in the 1850s.”

Within decades, the use of the song at graduation had crossed to Japan, where the tune - known as “Hikari” is still played at the close of business in some shops.

Dr. Grant’s study shows *Auld Lang Syne*’s global fame predates the invention of sound recording and the radio, despite many commentators having previously linked its rise to the dawn of the broadcast

written in a language which even most Scots don’t fully understand, has become so synonymous with the New Year the world over. The many traditions and rituals associated with the song - as well as its simple, singable tune - are key to understanding its phenomenal spread, and why we still sing it today. *Auld Lang Syne* is a song about the ties that bind us to others across the years and even though its appeal is now global, it’s very much rooted in the world Burns inhabited.”



era. Her book records that in 1877, Alexander Graham Bell used it to demonstrate the telephone and in 1890 it was one of the first songs recorded on Emil Berliner’s gramophone.

The song’s use at New Year emerged around the same time, principally through exiled Scots gathering outside St. Paul’s Cathedral in London, but also expatriates living abroad.

By 1929, the tradition was so well established internationally that a line from the song was displayed on the electronic ticker at the New Year celebrations in Times Square in New York.

The Scouts also played a key role in spreading its fame. The song was sung at the end of the first World Scout Jamboree in 1920 and versions in French, German, Greek, and Polish soon followed.

When Great Britain handed over Hong Kong to the Chinese in the summer of 1997, it was played when the Union Jack flag was lowered for the last time.

Dr. Grant’s book, *Auld Lang Syne: A Song and Its Culture*, also explores the song’s origins and Burns’ role in creating the modern song from older models.

Dr. Grant said, “It’s remarkable how this song,

Auld Lang Syne: A Song and Its Culture by MJ Grant is published by OpenBook Publishers and is available to be read free online.

I downloaded the PDF version and found the book fascinating with all sorts of tidbits concerning the lyrics and tune as well as the many variations of the song.



Clan Grant Flower of the Forest

Our family has had a death recently. I regret to inform the clan of the passing of my father Tsgt **Millard Scott Grant**.

Millard was born to Frances and Gerald F. Grant Sr. in Marlborough, Massachusetts, on April 23rd 1959.

He joined the United States Air Force from Maine in 1978. He retired in the mid-1990s. At that time he joined the Federal Bureau of Prisons where he worked diligently for over 20 years as a corrections officer. He retired in 2015.

He then moved with his 2nd wife to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

In recent years his health began to decline due to early-onset dementia.

In December of 2021, he was admitted to Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach ill with Covid 19. January 6th of 2022 he was diagnosed with Covid negative (luckily he outlived covid 19). Due to his dementia and other complications, sadly, Millard passed away at 5:45 am on Sunday, January 9th, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Mi Young Grant; his two children Scott Grant of Alabama and Erin Kasperek of Maine; his three grandchildren and his four brothers - Jerry Grant, Jr. (of Florida), Tom Grant, Sr. (of Maine), Robert Grant (of New York), and Donald Grant, Sr. (of New York).



He is pre-deceased by his parents Frances and Gerald Grant, Sr. (formerly of Hebron, Maine). Millard has been cremated at Myrtle Beach Funeral home and, currently, his remains are being transported back to Maine to the care of his daughter, Erin Kasperek, where part will be interred at the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta, Maine, and another portion will be interred on family property in Hebron, Maine.

Millard will be greatly missed and was loved beyond words.

An advertisement for Walkers Shortbread. On the left is a stack of several golden-brown, rectangular shortbread cookies with small holes. Above the stack is a red ribbon graphic and the text "PRODUCT OF SCOTLAND Walkers ESTABLISHED 1826". To the right of the stack is a small image of a Walkers Shortbread product box. The main text reads "The Finest Shortbread comes from Scotland. (Taste Walkers and you'll know why)". Below this is the text "120 years of family dedication to baking pure butter shortbread is what makes Walkers The World's Finest Shortbread". At the bottom, a small line of text states: "Walkers Shortbread is proud to have been granted a Royal Warrant of Appointment from Her Majesty The Queen for the supply of Shortbread." In the top right corner of the ad is a small crest with the text "BY APPOINTMENT TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN".

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The Clan Grant Society - USA wishes for Grant and Sons LTD Distillery to know how much their support of Criagellachie, the publication of the Clan Grant Society - USA is appreciated. We thank you for your sponsorship!

Boarders, Lodgers and Roomers in Census Records

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Searching for ancestors using census records is considered the most popular record type for genealogical research. For many beginners, encountering the terms "boarders", "lodgers", or "roomers" in enumerated households, is extremely confusing. Many initially assume that names listed under these categories are strangers. If you look at this from a modern perspective, it is understandable why one would be inclined to jump to this conclusion. When it comes to genealogical research, one must look at the historical context.

Census takers were supposed to make every effort to not only list all members of the household but also verify their relationship to the head of the household. In reality, most enumerators arbitrarily placed one of the four terms on anyone who was not a member of the immediate family. In many, but not all, cases the person designated in the census record entry was in fact a relative of someone in the household. They might not have been directly related to the 'head of household'. For example, one of these boarders or roomers could have been a sister-in-law to the wife (her brother's widow for example). The surnames could be different but that person still could be related to someone in the house.

For research purposes, this would be a red flag for further investigation. It could be a sibling or an adult child living in the household, even playing rent, so the label was placed of boarder. Another common scenario from a historical context involves the head of household (especially women) running a boarding house and having one or more family members living there also and they would be listed as boarders. Having said all of this, there can be individuals as board-

ers, not related in any form, but you do have to check it out.

Here are some hints to look for if you suspect a relationship:

1. They are close to the age of the head of household
2. Born in the same state
3. Parents born in the same state as boarder and head of household
4. Ones with similar given names in your family tree.

5. Might be children, if the correct age difference for a generation (20 plus years).

6. The person is working in a similar occupation as the head of household.

7. Remember that someone listed as a servant

in the household may be related to the head of household in some hidden manner.

The following census enumerator instruction #95 from the 1910 Census Instructions to Enumerators on the "family defined" includes references to lodgers and boarders and how they are enumerated. Family defined.—The word "family," for census purposes, has a somewhat different application from what it has in popular usage. It means a group of persons living together in the same dwelling place. The persons constituting this group may or may not be related by ties of kinship, but if they live together forming one household they should be considered as one family. Thus, a servant who sleeps in the house or on the premises should be included with the members of the family for which he or she works. Again, a boarder or lodger



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should be included with the members of the family with which he lodges; but a person who boards in one place and lodges or rooms at another should be returned as a member of the family at the place where he lodges or rooms.

From a historical perspective, further investigation is necessary before arriving at any definitive conclusions. It is true that many boarding or lodging facilities existed. Some of these facilities were run by social service agencies such as churches and are usually identified as such somewhere in the enumerated entry.

In other cases, some wealthy families operated houses of this nature and resided there as well. Their clientele may have been anyone who could pay or restricted residence to friends and family members from the old country with whom they had previous relationships. If you are lucky, the census enumerator may have made a notation above or below the entry indicating a boarding or lodging house.

In most cases, visitors and lodgers end up being related in some way to the family. Even if they were not directly related, they were often close friends and may eventually turn up in other areas of your research. Examples of this scenario would include:

1. Cousins
2. In-Laws
3. Neighbors or friends who eventually marry into the family

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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The Scottish Fold - sweet & charming

A charming cat, the Scottish Fold offers easy care and becomes comfortable with all members of the family.

The tail of the Scottish Fold must be handled gently. Some of these cats are known to develop stiffness in the tail that can cause pain if mishandled.

The Scottish Fold is a medium-sized cat with medium-sized boning. She is a very round-looking cat.

The head is round and the folded ears heighten that illusion of roundness. The eyes are very round, bright, and clear. The legs appear round, as does the tail in comparison to its length. The short coat is easy to care for. Some registries allow a longhaired version of the Scottish Fold called the Scottish Fold Longhair. Their longer coats can vary slightly in texture, and require regular care.

The Scottish Fold is a sweet, charming breed. She is an easy cat to live with and care for. She is affectionate and is comfortable with all members of her family. Her tail should be handled gently. Some of these cats are known to develop stiffness in the tail that can cause pain if it is mishandled or accidentally handled in a rough manner.



Care should be taken with the nutrition of the Scottish Fold. This breed has a roundness about it, to begin with, and she should not become overweight. She is a good eater and is not as active as other breeds, so nutritional control is critical.

The Scottish Fold needs some interactive play with her parent in order to keep in good condition. While the coat is an easy one to care for, she appreciates being brushed as part of the play.

As the Scottish Fold ages, play gently with the tail, moving it from side to side, and up and down. If any stiffness is noticed or if she appears to be in pain when the tail is manipulated, she should be taken to the veterinarian to make certain she is not suffering

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The Scottish Fold, continued from page 16



from arthritis.

Cats with drooping ears or folded ears are ancient. The first word of one goes as far back as 1796. That year, an English sailor brought back one of these cats when he returned from China. The Chinese also contributed the second example of a folded ear cat to the cat fancy history when one was noted in 1938.

But the Scottish Fold as we know her today was first born in 1961 in Perthshire, Scotland. There, a kitten with folded ears was discovered in a litter of otherwise "normal" eared kittens. This kitten, named Susie, was then bred to domestic cats and British Shorthair cats to establish the folded ear. To this day, every Scottish fold can trace her ancestry to Susie.

While the British established the Scottish Fold as a breed, she has never been as popular there as she is in the United States. Not only did Americans fall in love with this breed, but developed the breed into the beautiful cat she is today.

The Scottish Fold is difficult to breed. The folded ear cat must not be bred to another folded ear cat. Allowable outcrosses, in addition to a straight-eared cat, are the American Shorthair and British Shorthair. If two folded eared cats are bred to each other, the resulting kittens can be impaired to the extent of having difficulty walking. Even with this outcross, Scottish Folds tend to have small litters and not all of these kittens have folded ears.



**Scottish actress Karen Gillan
Named Grand Marshal of
New York City
Tartan Day Parade 2022**

I agree it is dangerous to leave children alone with pit bulls....kids are scary!





Miz Peggie's 5th or 6th grade class

A letter from your editor.... on enduring friendship

Valentine's Day brings thoughts of loved ones, both romantic images and thoughts of those we cherish because of longtime friendships.

The oldest friends in my life date from grammar school.

What wonderful memories I have from Miz Peggie McCubbin's 5th and 6th grade classes and those classmates who would remain friends always.

I wonder if Dwight remembers the report we gave when I talked him into wearing a yellow sheet so he could be a "Sheik of Araby?"

I wonder if Billy remembers playing piano for our class and Mrs. Land's class to square dance or the time we walked down the sidewalk singing at the top of our voices?

I wonder if Barbara remembers our girlish

giggles?

Admiral, too, is an always and forever friend! Miz Peggie has been beloved since I was ten. Sadly, she suffers from Alzheimer's...but when we go to Jacksonville for the Northeast Florida Highland Games next month, we'll go and visit and I'll tell her that I love her.

I had email from Billy this week and Barbara called on the phone.

My maiden name, Palmer, made Martha and me neighbors in home room in 7th grade. No matter what else happens, we are still there for each other. You all know Martha too - as she writes as Marti for this publication. I hear from Marti all the time!

Joe owes me more than 50 boxes of choco-

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I wrote this several years ago, so there are changes in my dear friend's circumstances. However, my love for them has remained the same. Several have died and others have changed what they do...but my love for them does not ever change.



Beth ca 5th or 6th grade

Dave, Mike, Gene, Carl, Barney, Jerry, Bobby...Sharron, Billy, John...all of us played in the band, but are still like family. For years, I carried an old black and white photo of a bunch of us somehow on the roof of our school.

Does anyone remember why we were posing on the roof?

Our band class produced some talented folks for sure. John is acknowledged as the premier trombonist in the world...and Billy has performed with the Met in NYC for enough years that he's planning now for retirement. Dave retired as Dean of Visual and Performing Arts from a well-known college and Mike is famous in his field...and all were successful in their chosen work and all have remained like family.

I've always been so proud of all of our band members as there were teachers and musicians and professionals who came out of our class.

Best of all, many of us have remained friends ever since. I hear from most of these old friends too.

I read somewhere that if you can count just two or three real friends in your life, you are fortunate. By those standards, I am the most fortunate person in the world.

Friends Made During Life have to be remembered here. June, such a talented artist always; Carol who gave me the crystal locket I still wear all December every year; Jackie - my dear friend who loves me in spite of all my warts; Jeri and her Drysdale and Susan who have made me a true part of their family. And there're Ludlow and Nancy, Jennifer, Susan, Timmy C., Karen...Jeanne, Carolyn, Susan, Stephanie and Donald. Each per-

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late covered cherries! He gave me a box each Christmas all through school...but stopped when we graduated. I want my candy, Joe!

son has taught me good and important things. Each friend has been there when I desperately needed a hand to hold.

My Friends From Radio Days include such sweet spirits. So many of them have already gone on - Cappsie, Tom and Wes and Big Daddy. I'll not ever forget C. Jim and all the crew in Ocala.

Gary (Oink!), Teri and Woody and Jinx...and Beth² from Moultrie were with me during scary times. I always know they are there for me. Thank you for standing up for me and thank you for being there in times "thick and thin" - and in my case, they were mostly the "thin" variety.

I cannot begin to write down all of the wonderful people in the Scottish community who have become like family to me.

Last June, many of you shared the happiest day of my life at Glasgow, Kentucky. To have such a significant event in my life surrounded by a huge circle of friends was magic. Thank you.

Our Scottish community has supported my work for almost twenty years....and I must thank each and every person who has become my friend over that time. I would not be here today without you. You all know who you are. Please let me hug you next time we meet!

Last October, I told Tom, "I don't know anyone here. It will be hard to go through my hip surgery without friends around."

Tom said, "You have more friends than you think." He was right.

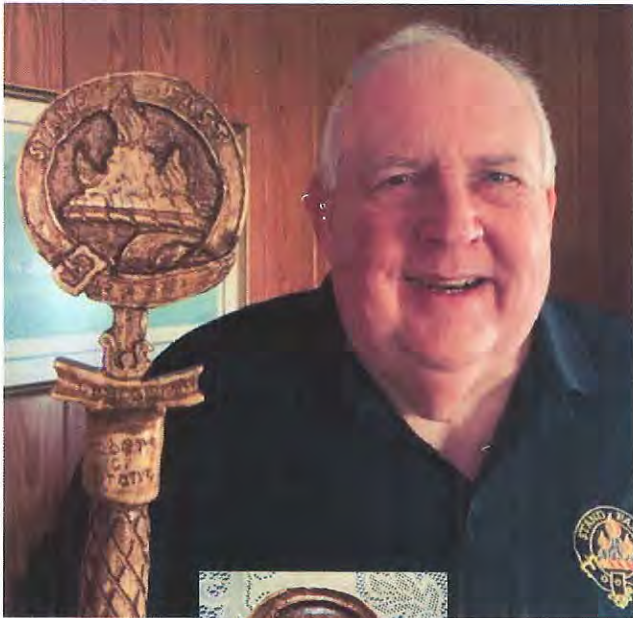
My neighbor, Lorraine, was wonderful as were Betty and Patsy and Karen and Ginger. Jeff - my goodness - Ruby Lou is still at your house with the rest of your horses! Coleen and the folks at Friday night music - all so kind. Thank you all.

And, Tom. Sweet Tom!

So, on Valentine's Day and every day, please know that I appreciate you and love you all.



*Love,
Beth*



Ho! A Grant Ho! Christmas Gift Ho! for Bob

In January, Bob Grant, Chaplain of Clan Grant-USA, finally was able to pick up his Christmas gift from the Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, North Carolina.

His lovely wife, Mary, ordered a Clan Grant walking staff to be carved for him as his Santa.

With the help of Kathie Akins at the Tartan Museum shop, she ordered the staff, to be carved by James N. Anderson, a member of the Board of the Scottish Tartan Museum.

The staff is about six feet tall and has Bob's name carved below the clan crest.

The Saltire is carved on the reverse side of the clan crest.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Tartan Museum in Franklin, you should do so. The gift shop is full of beautiful and interesting items, and Jim and Kathie Akins and the rest of the volunteer staff are wonderful.

You always will see the Tartan Museum booth at the Stone Mountain Highland Games. Stop by and see them.



The Saltire is carved on the reverse side of the Clan Grant Crest

Bob and Mary Grant just made their first trip to the mountains for 2022, only to be sent home early by the forecast of snow and ice! They say, in spite of the weather coming, they had a wonderful time! <rgrant9094@aol.com>



CELTIC BELIEFS

According to Celtic spiritual tradition, the soul shines all around the body like a luminous cloud. When you are very open - appreciative and trusting - with another person, your two souls flow together.

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Your anam cara always beholds your light and beauty, and accepts you for who you truly are.

I got curious as to what had happened to our castle

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Ah, the Grant Castle has fallen into questionable hands, but at least it's been refurbished!

In 2004, as you may remember, we visited the castle and we met with the then owner, Ian Bailey-Scudamore who had bought the castle in 2001, started renovating but ran out of funds.

We went through the castle and it was a wreck.

Ian Bailey-Scudamore subsequently sold to a Scottish entrepreneur, Craig Whyte, who allegedly spent 5 million pounds in renovations.

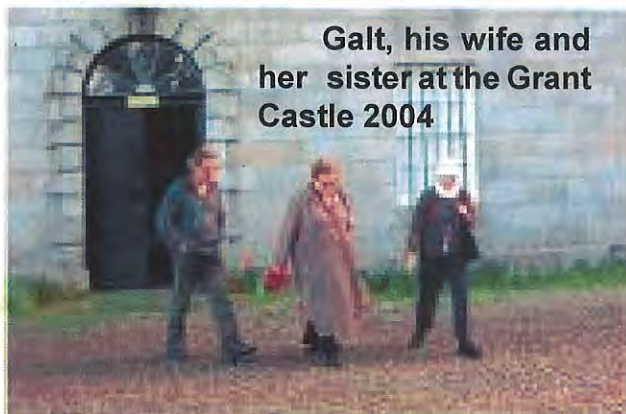
In 2014 he was forced to sell the castle to Sergey Fedotov, as, alas, he was forced to defend himself

from charges of fraud committed when he was the owner of the *Rangers*. He was subsequently acquitted but not after having to declare bankruptcy in 2015.

Craig Whyte and Sergey Fedotov have done quite a job of redecorating.....quite a change from 2004!

Sergey is now serving a 5-year sentence imposed in August 2000. I haven't been able to determine whether or not it sold despite what a newspaper headline says. If it did the Russian Authors Club wanted the proceeds.

All of this is going to give the Grants a bad name! And apparently, they are not allowing visitors to the Castle.



A castle and many mysteries!

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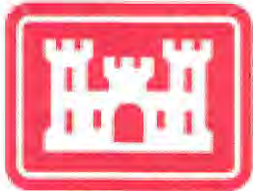
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Clan Grant Society - USA Life Members

Let's get to know our Clan Grant Life Members!

Here's Allen Haines!



**US Army Corps
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Mr. Allen Haines, Clan Grant life member, retired as a senior civil servant, GS-15, January 1, 2021, after a combined 37-year military and civil service career. His last position from 2013-2020 was Director of Portfolio Integration, HQs US Army Corps of Engineers, Chief Information Office, Washington, DC. Mr. Haines was responsible for IT systems valued at over 1.1 billion dollars. His previous assignment, Director IT Acquisition, HQs Department of the Army, Chief Information Officer, Pentagon from 2008 to 2013, was responsible for numerous multi-billion-dollar programs.

Mr. Haines has been a member of Clan Grant USA since 2000 and a sept from the Allen line. His mother flipped the last name to his first name in honor of the lineage. He graduated from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, with Associate and bachelor's degrees in 1982 and 1983 and played on the baseball team. He entered the Army and served 25 years of uniformed service from 1983-2008, first as an enlisted soldier and non-commissioned officer at the 5th Infantry Division, Ft. Polk during 1984-87. He completed the ROTC program and Master of Arts at NSU, Natchitoches, LA 1987-1988. Mr. Haines was commissioned in 1988 into Air Defense Artillery and completed schools including Air Defense Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses, Ft. Bliss, TX; Army Logistics Management College, Ft. Lee, VA; Army Management Staff College, Ft. Belvoir, VA; Defense Acquisition University, Ft. Belvoir, VA; Combined Arms Staff Service School and Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

Mr. Haines served in numerous commands, Headquarters Army, and Secretary Army staff positions, in addition to serving overseas in Germany, Korea, and Saudi Arabia. He was deployed in 1991 Desert Shield and Desert Storm, 1992 Desert Defiance, 1998 Desert Thunder, and 2003 Iraqi Freedom. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2008 and assumed a civil service position, GS-15 (Colonel equivalent) on the Army Staff. As a senior civil servant, he completed the prestigious Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, VA in 2010.

Mr. Haines' uniformed recognition includes awards from Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the USA; Army Staff Badge; Valorous Unit Award; Honorable Order of St. Barbara; and Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Military Leadership Award. His civil service awards include the Assistant Secretary of the Army's Acquisition Professional of the Year.

Mr. Haines and family currently reside in Arlington, Virginia. His wife, Leigh retired as a senior civil servant GS-15, in 2018 at HQs Department of Homeland Security and is from Clan Dyer. Leigh served as the *Craigellachie* Editor from 2001-2004. His sons are Allen Jr, a college freshman and member of the baseball team at Hood College, Frederick, MD. Michael is a member of the Boy Scouts and a high school junior at Bishop O'Connell, Arlington.

The family has attended and represented Clan Grant at many locations in Virginia and Maryland; most notably the Alexandria Scottish Walk for the last 20 years.

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Kistler – Cerroni Wedding

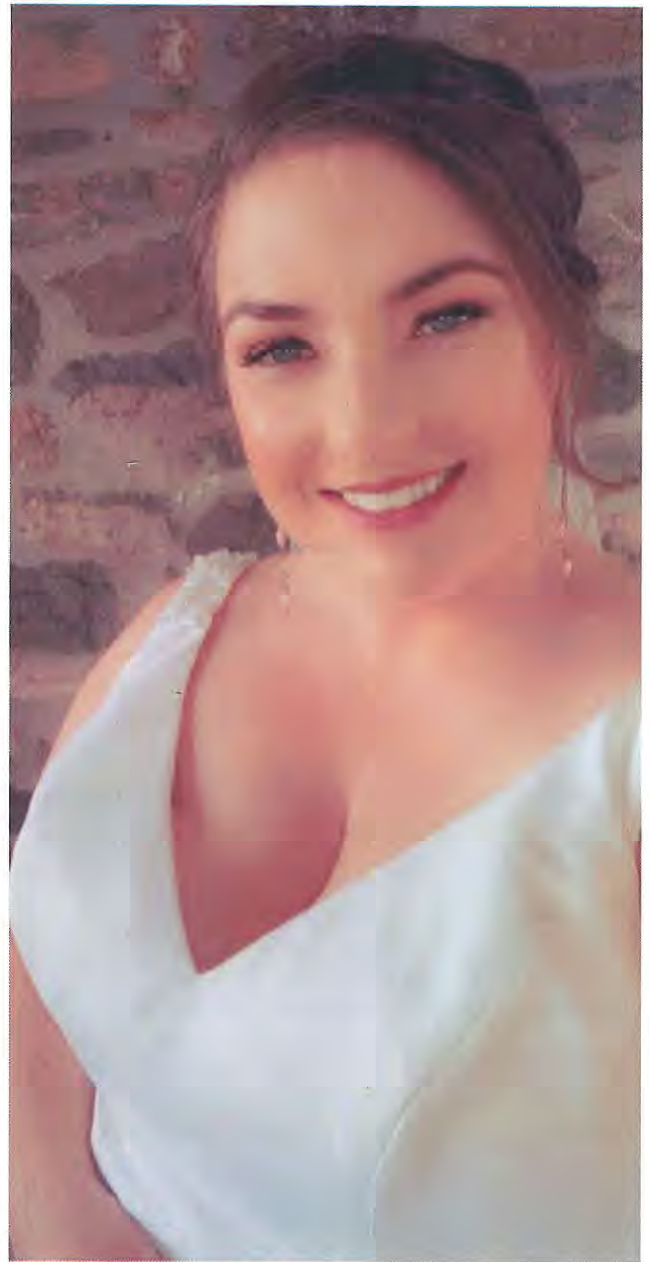
Stefanie Kistler of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, daughter of CGS Member-at-Large, and past President and Treasurer, Jeniphr Grant, married Anthony (Tony) Charles Cerroni Jr., also of Kutztown, on 4 July 2021. The rustic barn ceremony was officiated by Rachael Allison, Jeniphr's sister.

The bride wore a V-neck sleeveless white satin A-line dress with a beaded waistline, chapel-length train, and a scooped, bead-embellished lace, corset back. Her hip-length tulle veil was glittered along the edges with a pattern of baguette and round crystals and sequins.

She carried a hand-tied bouquet of white hydrangeas and ivory roses, interspersed with pale pink Anna roses, baby's breath, and eucalyptus.

The groom wore a burgundy satin tuxedo jacket with black satin lapels, black trousers with satin embellishment, and ivory rose boutonniere.

Stefanie and Tony were attended by: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew (Christina) Lillis of Berks County, PA; Lindsay Saccone and Freddie Connor of Atlantic County, NJ; Mr. and Mrs. Brandon (Lauren) Dietrich of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; and Amber Knechel, of Montgomery, PA, and Josef Kistler, brother of the bride, from King County, Washington.



Her four bridesmaids wore rose gold spaghetti-strapped A-line chiffon full-length gowns with beaded waistline details. The groomsmen were attired in black tuxedos with burgundy accouterments, and ivory rose boutonnieres.

Attendees of the ceremony included family and close friends, and the bride and groom were given a farewell through an archway of sparklers.

The couple honeymooned in the Florida Keys.

They returned to their home in Kutztown where Tony owns a landscaping business and Stefanie is a 5th grade Special Education teacher.

CLAN GRANT FLOWER OF THE FOREST



Susan J. Preston



Susan J. Preston, a CGS life member, and past Genealogist for the Society, fell asleep on December 3, 2021 for the last time at the age of 85 in Tacoma, Washington, after a long, adventurous, and joyful life. She had been living with and suffering from both Lewy Body dementia and vascular dementia for more than six years.

Susan was born on September 22 in Kentucky to Colonel (USMC, Ret.) Clarence and Florence Jordan.

She grew up in many different places as a child and travelled extensively in her adulthood.

She attended Denison University and the University of Chicago for her undergraduate studies and majored in English. An avid learner and student, she also earned a master's degree in English and multiple levels of education certificates, including special education, counseling, and administration.

She retired from teaching for the Portland (Oregon) Public Schools, where she was primarily an English teacher, and also taught middle school special education.

Susan was a folklorist who collected, taught, and shared her musical talents with many others.

Throughout her life she enjoyed traveling, dog shows (obedience and field trials with Irish Setters), skiing, biking, competitive tennis at Mountain Park Racquet (& Fitness) Club, singing/playing guitar, camping, painting, and volunteering.

She sang in the choir of the Lake Grove Presbyterian church for over 40 years and volunteered with the Lions Club International, serving as one of their District Governors.

She was an avid genealogist, and active member

of Daughters of the American Revolution, Tualatin Chapter (Oregon). She assisted others in researching and proving their lineage, and passed her own familial research to Jeniph.

Susan is survived by her four children: Jeniph Grant, Evan Grant, Becca Holthusen (Larry), and Rachael Allison (Lesa Valentine); her seven grandchildren Jessica Sewell (Jared), Josef Kistler, Molli Osterhout (Taurean Walls), Stefanie Cerroni (Anthony), Katie Osterhout, Olivia Witten, and Alexandria Allison; and her great-grandson, Alden Sewell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick W. Preston, in 2017.

A joyous memorial service was held at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego, Oregon, on Jan 15 to celebrate the life of Susan and the many beautiful impacts she made during her time.

In memory of Susan, her children would like to honor her by asking for donations to any of the following organizations (please list Susan in the donation and contact Jeniph for her address if prompted for notifications)

1. Lewy Body Dementia Association
2. Irish Setter Club of America
3. Portland Folkmusic Society

Rules our ancestors used or “How to Confuse Your Descendants”

1. Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.

2. Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.

3. Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.

4. Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above list, call them by strange nicknames such as Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey, making them difficult to trace.

5. Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary you may use only initials on legal documents.

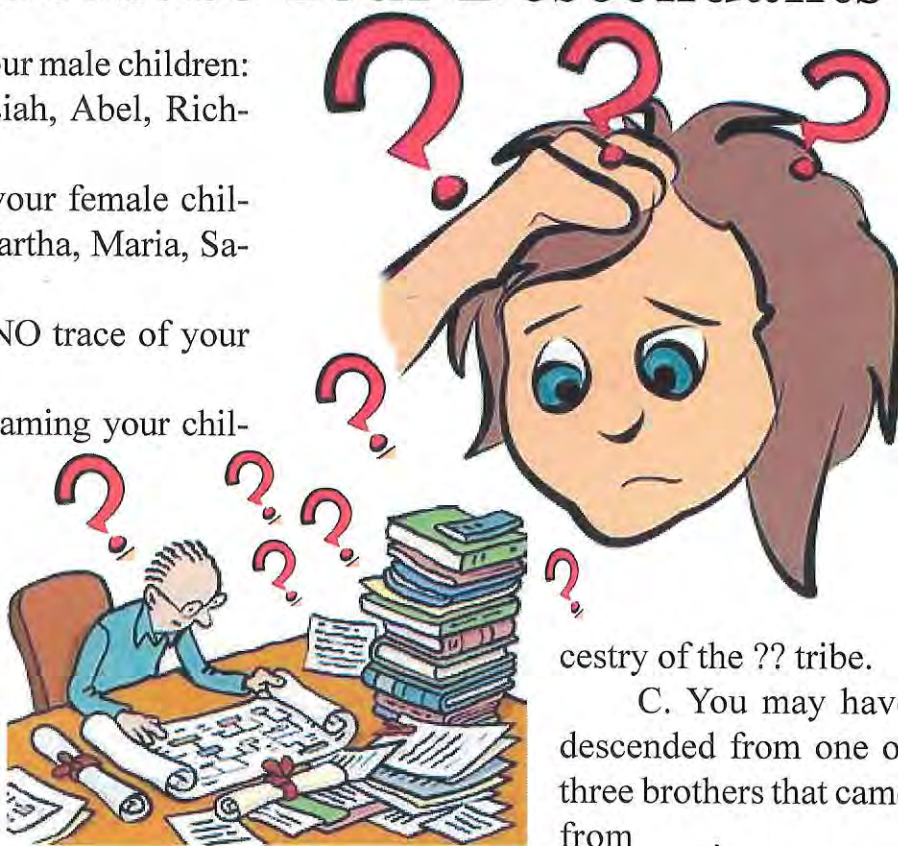
6. Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled or misspelled, in various ways: Graennt, Grunt, Greatt, Gromt, Gantz.

7. Thou shalt after no more than 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a courthouse fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.

8. Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, and vague innuendos regarding your place of origination.

A. You may have come from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, or Iran.

B. You may have American Indian An-



cestry of the ?? tribe.

C. You may have descended from one of three brothers that came from _____.

9. Thou shalt leave NO cemetery record or headstones with legible names.

10. Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or death.

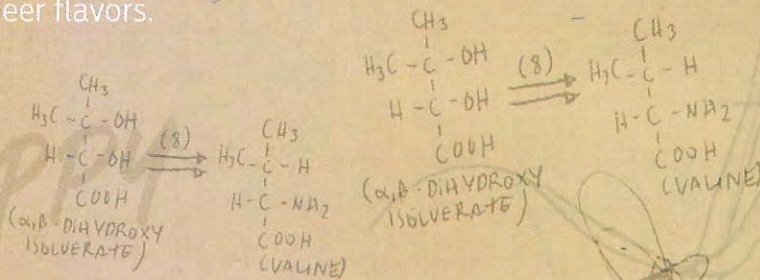
11. Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart or Alfred.

12. Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making references to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.

13. Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males, and dozens of their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.

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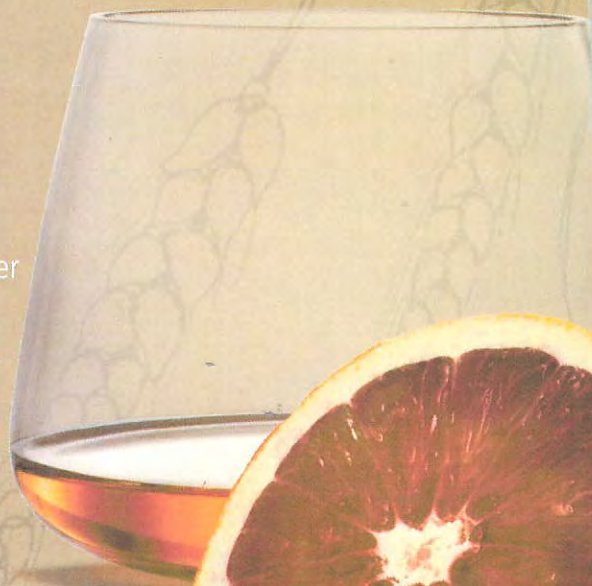
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