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FROM THE PIPES OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Dear Kin,

It's May and the beginning of the season for the Scottish Games. I hope to see many of you at the Virginia Scottish Games on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July. Two weeks before them are the oldest Scottish Games in North America, the Antigonish Games in Nova Scotia, or you can go to the biggest on the East Coast, the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina.

Thank you for your quick response when I called for vote of confidence. About half the membership responded. The comments were positive and supportive. Some stated the obvious, and these are goals that I also wish to achieve.

The most consistent concern was my name and it was suggested that I add Cochrane as my middle name. I've always felt a strong kinship with my mother's family. She often told me stories about the Maritime Provinces and her side of the family. The pictures I have of my grandfather make it clear whose side of the family that I take after. I have decided that for my Scottish activities that I will use my mothers name and be Michael Cochrane. I'm not the first. At the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Elizabeth Cochrane was the last surviving heir to the Cochrane's. She married Alexander Blair who took the name and kept the name Cochrane alive.

The next subject. Don has resigned as the Editor of the Heritage. Unless someone wants to take over as Editor, I will make sure that it is published. You'll see that many more members are contributing to the writing of the newsletter. If you wish to contribute, and I certainly urge you to, please send me 1 or 2 page articles, on a 8" x 11" sheet of white paper, set up exactly as you wish it to be printed. You can use any style you wish or any type of graphics. This is the most important instrument we have for keeping this organization going. The membership must contribute articles or we go under. I will ensure that you get a newsletter at least three times a year if not 4. The goal is four.

Another early supporter has resigned. Virginia Roberts, our genealogist & archivist has informed me that she would have to bow out. Virginia took the last three boxes of The Clan Material, those things that David sent me, and went thru them and sorted them out. Thanks Virginia, you were a great help!

Cynthia Cochran Scheuer will be taking over as the genealogist. Cynthia has written several books on the Cochrane's, and for those into computers, she has the biggest data base I've ever seen about the name Cochran (e). She makes me very envious. Welcome aboard Cynthia!

Next! I've moved again! This will be the final time! I am happy to report that I feel great. I've moved back to within 3 blocks of where I grew up. Everyone is older, but it's the same crowd only grayer. I feel like I'm home after 20 years. Who said you can't go home! The membership should feel free to call me at my new number anytime. 410-377-4550.

Clan Cochrane will be at the Central Virginia Scottish Festival and Games at Scotchtown, Virginia on the 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. As previously stated we will be represented at the Virginia Scottish Games at the Episcopal High School on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of July. If you are around come out and meet us.

The Earl of Dundonald will be coming to Montreal in early December. He extends an invitation to all members to come meet with him. Stay tuned for further developments.

I guess that's about it. Here's to a productive and festive summer. I hope to see you at the games. If not, you'll hear from me again around August.

Yours Aye

Michael

### From the Desk of Michael D. Cochran

On Saturday, September 19, 1992 I was honored to represent Clan Cochrane at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fresno Highland Gathering and Games. These games have now grown to be considered one of the finest one-day Scottish events on the West Coast. We are very grateful to Mr. Dennes Coombs for allowing us to use his beautiful river ranch, which is a setting reminiscent of the Scottish countryside.

Several Cochrane's stopped by to visit our Clan Tent and to sign the guest book.