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COS AND FRIENDS JOIN FOR FIRST ANNUAL NTD BANQUET

At the first Annual Clans of Scotland and Friends Banquet on April 6th at Bistro Europa in Alexandria, thirty-nine members and friends gathered to celebrate National Tartan Day. Honored guests and attendees included NOVA professor Dr. Jim McClellan and his wife, Catherine, and Rex and Pat Maddox, the president and first lady of the Clan Henderson Society. Also attending as Dr. McClellan's guest was Professor Ken Riley from the University of the Highlands and Islands in Scotland which is located in Dundee, Alexandria's sister city in Scotland.

All arrivals were welcomed at the door by piper Greg Hicks, a high school senior and member of Clan Henderson. The social hour began at 6:30, and Greg piped "Scotland the Brave" as the Haggis was carried by Chef Klaus Keckeisen to begin the buffet meal at 7:30. Chief Eric Bartock welcomed all honored guests and former COS officers. Rex Maddox, a retired U.S. Navy commander, who served 30 years, led the banquet with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and our nation. In his blessing of the banquet, Johnny Harris remembered Kathie Snyder, Joseph's beloved wife who passed away in March.

As the Maddox's were celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary, a special wedding anniversary cake was

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2002 GAMES ANEW AT JEFFERSON PATTERSON PARK

With the opening of the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival on April 27th at Jefferson Patterson Park in Lusby, Maryland, the official Washington area Scottish Games season begins for 2002. Considered by many to be the favorite festival site and games venue in the mid-Atlantic area, participants are usually treated to a fine Spring day in a very pleasant rural setting. As with most festivals, the Scottish game program is only a part of the overall experience. Southern Maryland is a microcosm of all game and festival formats. In addition to the rows of clan and society tents ranged along gently rising, grassy corridors, the festival organizers have included folk dancing exhibitions, tradesmen and crafters and a military reenactors encampment. As with any games, there are Scottish dance competitions, pipe band playoffs and the tossing of the caber by an army of amateur competitors.

Many quality vendors attend this early-season festival. Their wares are usually in great demand as clan participants usually forget some item of their highland regalia on the first trip out of the closet after a Winter's rest. Food vendors provide Scottish foods of which the meat pies are extremely popular. Of course, there are also food vendors with more traditionally American fare.

Jefferson Patterson Park is actually a working farm for the Agricultural School at the University of Maryland that sits on the banks of the southern Potomac River near St. Leonard, Maryland. It is easily accessible from the Washington metropolitan area by traveling one hour south on MD Route 4 from the beltway (I-95). Starting at Dunkirk, watch for the festival signs and rampant lion flags along the highway which clearly mark the way.

This is a wonderful family day filled with history and excitement for everyone. So, please join us at the COS tent on Clan Row as we herald in the game season for 2002.

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The Chief's Corner

Spring has begun and the festival season is fast approaching. I always look forward to the festivals as do many of you. My wife, Becki, who is a new COS member, is looking forward to attending the festivals this year, too (when her work permits). We will also be bringing along our new Bearded Collie (a Scottish breed) puppy, Rigby. I thought maybe he could be the unofficial mascot of COS, if no one has any objections. The festivals are always a great time for fellowship with other Scots and Celts. I hope that we have a great (public) turnout at all of the festivals, and I hope to see all of you at the festivals, especially those who do not normally attend them.



Regarding the staffing of the COS tent at the festivals, I hope that enough people will attend each festival so that each person will only need to volunteer at the tent for half an hour or an hour so that everyone may be able to roam around freely for the rest of the day. I would like the Entertainment Committee to make sure that there is a schedule for staffing the tent at each festival. As always, members and guests are free to socialize at the tent when "off duty" as well. I only ask that we guard our tongues since these are family events.

Before the regular festivals began there were two other important events on our agenda:

1. The National Tartan Day banquet at Bistro Europa on April 6th, and
2. The National Tartan Day festival on the DC Mall on April 7th.

Both events were great. I would like to thank Ken Allen for setting up the NTD banquet, and I would like to thank Johnny Harris for being our point man regarding the NTD festival on the mall.

On a business note, I would like to thank the Membership, Communications, and Entertainment committees for all of their hard work in helping COS to grow and remain the premier Scottish organization in the Mid-Atlantic region, and I would like to thank the members of the Clan Council for helping me get adjusted in my position of Chief of Clans of Scotland. I hope and pray that I will serve you well this year.

Your Chief,

Eric



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GENEALOGY

PROBATE RECORDS

by Robert McLaren
Clan MacLaren



Last year I wrote a series of articles about genealogy, starting with some ideas on what your first steps should be. In other articles I discussed genealogical proof and how to document your research. I also wrote articles dealing with certain types of useful records (vital records, census records, and land records). None of these articles can cover the entire subject, but are meant to introduce the topic and point the way for further reading for those interested. I intend to continue discussing useful records this year, starting with probate records in this article.

What are probate records? These records are those that relate to the disposition of property (both real and personal) after the owner's death. I'm sure we all know of one type of probate record — the will. The will tells of how an individual wants his property divided after his death. However, everyone who died did not leave a will. In these cases, state law determines the division of property. You may see the terms *testate* and *intestate* relating to probate. A person died *testate* if he/she left a valid will. If no will, the person died *intestate*. [As an aside, I believe that we all need wills regardless of how much or little we own. Without a will, your estate will be divided according to state law — and you may be surprised at the division and how long any settlement takes.

Other probate records include the petition for probate, appointment of an estate administrator, estate inventory (account), appointment of guardians for minor children, division of property, and final settlement. These records provides more information than the fact of death and date of death. Perhaps the most important is the identification of heirs and their relationship to the deceased. These heirs are named (including married names for females), relationships identified (brother, wife, daughter, son, grandchild, nephew, etc.), and often an address is provided. Inventories, divisions of property, and final settlements can identify land owned by the deceased. (Of course, the inventory is interesting in itself since it helps give a picture of the deceased.) The information gained from probate records can allow us to put together a family group, identify married females as members of this group (and give their husband's surnames), locate members of the group in census records based on provided addresses, and point toward land records as a means of collecting additional information.

The county courthouse normally keeps probate records. The actual office in the courthouse that maintains these records varies from state to state. In Virginia, the Clerk of Circuit Court keeps these records; in North Dakota, the Clerk of District Court; in New York, the Surrogate Court. A valuable resource for locating the correct office in each county is George B. Everton, Jr. and Louise Mathews Everton, *The Handy Book for Genealogists, Eighth Edition*, The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah, 1991. As I mentioned at the start of this article, the information provided above just scratches the surface about types of probate records and contained information. My favorite basic genealogical reference offers a more complete treatment: Val D. Greenwood, *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1990 (Second Edition).

Next issue I will continue with other types of records associated with deaths and cover what can be learned from these records.

Past Articles on Genealogy Written by Bob McLaren

Compliments of Bob McLaren, our COS genealogy expert, several articles from his lecture series have been published in *The Piper* over the past two years:

Article Number	Subject
1	The First Steps
2	Contacting Your Relatives
3	Vital Records
4	Federal Census Records
5	Proof
6	Documentation
7	Land Records
8	Probate Records (this issue)

Additional articles will be published in future editions of *The Piper*:

9	More Death Records
10	The 1920 Census
11	Soundex
12	The 1910 Census
13	The 1900 Census
14	The 1890 Census
15	The 1880 Census

If you would like copies of the first seven articles, please contact Michael Robertson at mike.robertson@mindspring.com to receive them as an email attachment.

BANQUET, *continued from page 1*

given by Cate Archuletti of Cate's Gourmet. The cake was presented as a surprise just before dessert was served.

The banquet decorations were skillfully arranged by Pat Ganson and Merrily Wolf. Bistro Europa staff pitched in with a huge American flag flanked by the national flag of Scotland and the traditional Royal Stuart flag.

Members of the Clans of Scotland and several Alexandria businesses were patrons of the banquet. COS patrons included Heidi and Edward Yates, Doris Swisshelm, Mary and John Lumsden, and Ken Allen. Alexandria business patrons included Bistro Europa, Cate's Gourmet, JJ's Hallmark King Street, The Scottish Merchant, and Tower Records at Landmark Plaza.

MCCLELLAN TELLS OF MIGRATION SERVITUDE AND SLAVERY

Scots of common stature who came to America in the 1700s often were forced into servitude and even a form of slavery that paralleled the plight of African aboriginal people brought here against their will, Dr. Jim McClellan told attendees to the NTD banquet of Clans of Scotland. Dr. McClellan, a scholar and author in American history at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria campus, was the speaker at the banquet held at Bistro Europa.

In his lecture, Dr. McClellan said many times Scottish migrants to America were actually unsuspecting newcomers who had been "spirited" into the dangerous voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. He explained that agents seeking cheap labor for the agrarian-based colonies, called "Spirits," tricked and often alcohol-drugged Scots onto ships setting sail for the Colonies.

"That's where we get the expression 'Spirited away in the night,'" Dr. McClellan said.

Whole families of Scots were tricked in various ways into believing they would be given free voyage and even land if they would come to America. Upon arrival, they found themselves as little more than cargo to be sold by a ship's captain as indentured servants for seven years if they could not come up with the cost of the trip across the Atlantic. Families faced being torn apart and sold separately as servants, he explained.

"Men went from door-to-door in port towns asking for money to pay ship captains who were holding their women and children as slave hostages," Dr. McClellan said.

He said some Scots were sent to the American colonies from prisons in Britain. Men in shackles were loaded onto ships bound for America specifically as slaves, he said.

Dr. McClellan said some who were "tricked" to

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Flowers of the Forest



Our heartfelt condolences to Joe Snyder on the passing of his wife

Kathie Bryant-Snyder

on the twelfth of March, 2002. Kathie was very active in the Scottish Community, serving on organizing committees for National Tartan Day and the Alexandria Heritage Fair. Her quick, cheerful smile and willingness to serve will be greatly missed.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church near Brunswick, MD.



We also wish to express our deepest sympathy to Dan Geller on the passing of his father

Frank Geller

on the twenty-second of March, 2002. Mr. Geller, a native of New York, was a long-time resident of Deerfield Beach, FL, where he had retired after working for many years in the garment industry.

QUEEN ELIZABETH PASSES AT 101

The Queen Mother, Elizabeth, died on March 30th at the Royal Lodge in Windsor. With her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II at her side, she passed quietly in her sleep after a respiratory illness contracted over Christmas.

Consort to King George VI from 1936 to 1952, and mother of the reigning Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, she was born Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the daughter of an ancient Scottish family.

With her regal decorum and sense of family propriety, the Queen Mother was the most beloved of all royals. She mitigated the scandal caused by the abdication of Edward VIII over marriage to Wallis Warfield Simpson in 1936. Her visibility and public support during the Battle of Britain in World War II permanently endeared her to the populace for the rest of her life.

Her passing marks the end of an era covering the entire twentieth century. She will be greatly missed.

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America were able to escape slavery or servitude. He said that some were set free by courts in the Colonies, and some of the Scots escaped into the wilderness and moved ever west with the expansion of the American Frontier.

“Scots are greatly dispersed across America and have assimilated into the greater American national culture,” Dr. McClellan said, noting that most when asked today what their heritage might be will answer simply: “American.”

Dr. McClellan’s latest book, *Historical Moments: Changing Interpretations of America’s Past*, was published in 2000 by McGraw-Hill/Dushkin. Teaching at NVCC since 1975, Dr. McClellan did undergraduate and post-graduate work at the University of Texas and earned his Ph.D. in American political history from The Union Institute of Cincinnati in 1984. In 1997, he received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from UT, which the university describes as the “the highest honor given by the University to any graduate.”

Dr. McClellan is a commissioner on the Alexandria Civil Rights Commission. He is the vice chairman of the US Canoe and Kayak Sprint Racing Committee, the governing body for these sports in the United States and the committee that selects and trains part of the US Olympic Team.

Contributed by Ken Allen, Clan MacDuff

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The *Clans of Scotland* offers a rousing welcome to all our new members. We hope to see you at many of the events we have scheduled for this year.

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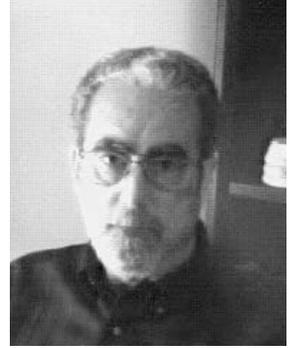
Counts	Memberships
Paid through 2001	100
Renewed to date	30
New in 2002	6
Life honors	5
Total current	41
Yet to renew	65
Total active memberships	106

DUES! DUES! DUES!

Please check your mailing label on this issue of the *Piper*. If the year 2001 or earlier is adjacent to your membership number, your dues have not been recorded. If you have already paid, please contact Michael Robertson, *Membership Chairman*, at 703-780-2269, and he will adjust the records. If you have not paid, please see page 11 of this issue for information on how to bring your membership up to date.

DABBLING IN FAMILY HISTORY

by Michael Robertson, *Clan Donnachaidh*



I'm one of those guys who puts the barbeque together first and then goes back to read instructions when there are extra parts. I guess my approach to genealogy is pretty similar. I want to see the results and then I'll worry about documenting my findings. Bob McLaren just shakes his head when I describe my method.

Doing it my way does have its satisfying moments. They usually come when I least expect them and often pack a whollop. I started about 15 years ago by gathering bits and pieces from my father and uncles about the Robertson line. There was a nifty, free DOS software package called Brothers Keeper where I packed it all away for posterity. The old dot-matrix printer just couldn't help me make any sense of it all, so my efforts languished for several years. At least I had accumulated three generations worth of near-family information.

About three years ago, the Mormons put their LDS genealogy library on line. I was curious - and hit paydirt! I mean, it was the mother lode! Suddenly, I had ancestors all the way back to the early 19th century. It was strictly my ancestors with my surname, but it was exciting. My earliest named grandparent, William David, was a veteran of the Civil War. There were Robertsons here and Robertsons there. I'm telling you, they were everywhere. But that was a deadend. No more ancestors along that line were to be found anywhere. And, of course, none of it was documented.

About the same time, I found Ancestry.com. So I did a lot of searching, cross referencing, refining dates and places. It got to be pretty detailed but was still limited along the family surname. It languished again for a couple more years.

Then, there was a defining moment. My brother called and asked me about our grandmother and great-grandmother. I knew their maiden names were Cox and York, respectively. For grins and giggles, I went back to Ancestry.com and did a search. In the past, that had all proved futile. Well, it was a bonanza! The Cox line had just recently been posted. It ended with my grandmother's maiden name, Lovelia Cox, and nothing about more recent generations. A simple email later, and the link was made. Not only was I able to provide all of the missing forward information, I filled in my ancestral family tree along the Cox line back to the Vandevour family in 1650 in Maryland.

Driven by the same curiosity, I tried the same tactic with the York line and came up dry...for the moment. Reversing my tactic, I worked forward by trying to find an overlap. Bingo! It happened again!

The York line had also been recently posted and ended with my great-grandmother's maiden name. That would be Lovelia York.

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REPORT FROM THE SCRIBE

Summary of the Minutes

COS Meeting - March 12, 2002

Report from the Council Officers and Committee Reports

A. Minutes Approved

B. Financial Report: Income-\$2,748.00 (includes a collection of \$2,052.00 for Burns Night); Expenses- \$2,110.46 (includes \$1,979.15 for Burns Night); Net Income-\$637.54; and, Current membership-100.

C. Communications Committee Objectives: Communicating via Email between members; Creating and maintaining a membership forum on the COS website; and, Keeping COS website current.

D. Membership Committee Report.

i) Major focus of the Membership Committee is to increase the membership rolls. Some suggestions were: Create a COS Brochure; Print Business Cards; Respond to the emails people leave on the COS Web Site Guest Page; Telephone people for a one-to-one contact after meeting them at social events; Establish liaisons to other organizations (e.g., St. Andrews Society, Potomac Celtic Festival, Parades, outside entertainment opportunities, etc.); and, offer members more for their membership dues, (e.g., programs after meetings, social outings, etc.).

ii) Membership Committee reported membership type suggestions made by several members: Maintain Honorary Memberships; Single Memberships at \$20.00 and Family Memberships at \$30.00 as stated in the By-Laws and voted by the membership for approval at both the November 2001 and January 2002 Member Meetings; Associate Membership for people unable to attend meetings based on mileage distance and/or medical hardships at a first year due of \$15.00 and \$10.00 each subsequent year after.; Paid Lifetime membership, which would be equivalent to 10 times the yearly dues of a single membership.

iii) Honorary memberships recommended for two people. No vote was taken.

General Business

Chief Eric Bartock stressed that the Council in the future must, before publication, review any entries into "The Piper."

Lifetime memberships were discussed and voted to be deferred until the Council has the time to review the financial implications. Associate Memberships were voted to be reinstated by a majority of the membership to entitle a person for a yearly subscription to "The Piper," participation in COS activities and a COS pin, but would not entitle them to vote. The Council is going to review any financial implications and recommend a due rate at the next Council meeting.

The majority of members voted to defer any further discussion on the Family and Single Membership dues, which are \$20.00 and \$30.00, respectively, until January of 2004.

Chief Bartock called upon the Council and membership to give their reports on future COS events:

i) Ken Allen, Johnny Harris, Martha Walls and John Bellasai summarized National Tartan Day events and information has been forwarded to all members via email or letter.

ii) Chief Bartock appointed Edward Yates as the new COS Marshall.

iii) Randy Gregory and Edward Yates were unanimously approved by the Membership as the Chairmen of the Membership and Communications Committees, respectively.

iv) Report given on the establishment of a Program/Entertainment Committee and volunteers solicited. Aaron Kidwell and Doris Swisshelm volunteered to be on the Committee and Martha Walls volunteered to be the Council representative.

v) Johnny Harris was given a Lifetime achievement award for all of his contributions and hard work to the Clans of Scotland, U.S.A.

vi) Randy Gregory was thanked for his coordination of the COS WETA night on Wednesday, March 6, 2002. COS assisted in raising \$11,700 for public television.

vii) Ken Allen and Johnny Harris were thanked by the membership for their efforts on this year's National Tartan Day plans.

Submitted by

Martha J. Walls

Scribe



SCOTTISH POWER TUNES OF GLORY

By Martha J. Walls

The record was beaten! Approximately 11,500 registered pipers from all 50 states and 31 nations marched in this year's Tartan Day parade in New York City beating the old record of 8,836 pipers set in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000. Can you imagine, 43 miles of kilts, led the entire way by *Parade Grand Marshall* Sean Connery, stopping traffic for 20 city blocks in New York City? The parade is estimated to have outnumbered in participation, the annual New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade.

To help celebrate Tartan Day, the Clans of Scotland had a solid showing in the parade, marching all 20 blocks, displaying the COS banner proudly. Also, several members partook in the festivities before and after the parade. On Friday night, COS members celebrated with their Canadian counterparts and were treated to the Canadian version of the "Tartan Full Monty" at midnight. After the parade, COS members met with celebrities of the New York City Fire Department, to include one of the most highly decorated firemen in New York City history, Peter Hannon. Not only did we all have a great time, but we were also able to raise money for such worthy causes as: Cancer Centers on both sides of the Atlantic, the families of the New York City Fire and Police Departments that lost loved one on September 11, 2001; and, educational programs at the Piping Center in Glasgow, Scotland. In retrospect, we all had a "Super" time and can't wait until next year, when it is rumored, the Canadians are hosting the 2003 event.

LOWFAT CREAMY TRUFFLES

Submitted by Bonnie McLaren

3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
4 cups confectioner's sugar* or colored granulated sugar
8 oz. reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon rum or 1 tsp. rum extract*

Toppings: crushed wafer cookies, or ginger snaps, cocoa.

Mix cocoa and sugar with cream cheese. Add in rum or rum extract. Mix well. Freeze 30 minutes. Roll into 1-inch balls. Roll balls in desired toppings. Chill completed truffles on a baking sheet until firm, about 30 minutes to one hour. Or freeze on baking sheet, transfer to a plastic freezer bag. Defrost in refrigerator.

Makes 40 truffles.

Nutrition Information: 65 calories, 1 g total fat, .5 g saturated fat, <5 mg cholesterol, 13 g carbohydrate and 15 mg sodium.

**Truffles Bonnie made on 9 December 1998 used 1 tsp. rum extract and confectioner's sugar topping. Bob McLaren*

This recipe is a sample of the many (nearly 200) that we have collected for the long awaited COS Cookbook. This is still a project which holds a lot of promise. Let us know if you would be interested in helping out.

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Again, an email later and I was in the Comstock lode. Now I had the York line back to the late 18th century. A long-held rumor was shown to be true - there was Cherokee blood in the line through Massi Overby. However, another long-held rumor was proven false - Sgt. Alvin York was not a relative. But, I had found ancestors who had fought with the Confederacy in the Civil War. Now, what about the Daniel Boone legend...?

The upshot of it all is getting in contact with family members who share the same interest in our history. I am meeting a Cox cousin at the Southern Maryland games for the first time. She lives in Lusby and is an assistant director at Jefferson Patterson Park. Small world, huh?

Oh, and all that documentation (proof) that Bob talks about. It's out there now. The indexed 1790, 1820, 1830 and 1840 census records are available at Ancestry.com as scanned images. Civil War military records have been transcribed and indexed. Civil War pension records have also been scanned and indexed. And, of course, I found a lot of ancestors in the Social Security Death Index as well as birth, marriage and death registers from many localities. In fact, there is so much information out there that it will take you a month of Sundays to just get to it all, much less get through it. And, by the time you get to it, there will be even more that you don't know about.

Bottom line - there is a wealth of information out there. Go to Ancestry.com or MyFamily.com and get started. I did it. So can you! Happy ancestor-ing.

COS Classifieds

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CLAN CHIEFS TAKE THEIR PLACE IN SOCIETY

By *Gethin Chamberlain, The Scotsman*

Submitted by *Angela Erauth, Clan Donnachaidh*

SCOTTISH clan chiefs are to be admitted into the pages of Burke's Peerage for the first time in its 176-year history.

The publishers of the definitive guide to British blue blood have decided that chiefs have been excluded for too long and should be allowed to take their place among the country's recognised nobles.

About 140 chiefs will be included in the 107th edition of the book when it is published next year.

Yesterday, Hugh Peskett, consultant editor for Burke's in Scotland, said the decision to include clan chiefs in the new edition marks a change in the attitude towards chiefs which had persisted since the abolition of the clan system in the middle of the 18th century.

After the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie's Highlanders at Culloden in 1746, the clan system was banned by law. Highlanders were not permitted to carry weapons, and all tartans and clan symbols were forbidden. Even bagpipes were banned, being classified as instruments of war.

Coupled with the Highland clearances and a dramatic drop in the price of cattle, many former clan chiefs were ruined, said Mr Peskett, and despite the lifting of the proscription in the 1820s, many clans lost track of their chiefly line.

"It is only recently that there has been a resurgence of interest in the clan system, driven in a large part by interest from America," he said.

He said when Burke's Peerage was first published, clan chiefs were not considered worthy of inclusion.

"Burke's started in the early 1800s when chiefs were rather ignored and looked down on in an Anglo-centric way. It never occurred to people that chiefs were peers," he said.

About 140 chiefs will be included, although there are another 200 chieftainships which are as yet undetermined.

Many of those who will appear in the new edition are not even based in Scotland. The list includes five resident in the United States, two each in Australia and Canada and one each in South Africa, Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Some clan chiefs - such as the Earl of Elgin and Earl of Glasgow, as heads of the Bruce and Boyle clans respectively - are already included because of their titles.

But the decision to include untitled clan chiefs was welcomed by Major Timothy Strange, whose official title is Strange of Balcaskie and will appear in the new edition.

He said he had been unaware of the change in the

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GAMES CALENDAR

The Clans of Scotland cannot attend all the Games held within any one Games Season. However, we thought the members would like to know when some of these additional events will be held. They are close enough to our area to qualify for a simple, easy day trip. There will NOT be a COS tent at these events, but it would be helpful if you could let us know what you found there. If there is enough interest in a certain event, and our budget allows, it will be taken under consideration for addition to our schedule.



May 17-19 ~ Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games -

Gatlinburg, TN (for info: P.O. Box 1487,
Gatlinburg, TN 37738)

June 1 ~ 14th McHenry Scottish Festival -

Deep Creek Lake, McHenry, MD (for info: Garrett County Council, Oakland, MD 21550)

July 11-14 ~ Grandfather Mountain Scottish Games -

Linville, NC (for info: 1-828-733-1333)

September 6-7 ~ 43rd Ligonier Scottish Festival -

Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA
(for info: 1-412-851-9900)

September 22 ~ 24th Williamsburg Scottish Festival -

Williamsburg Winery, Williamsburg, VA (for info: PO Box 866, Williamsburg, VA 23187)

October 12 ~ 10th Annual Anne Arundel Scottish Festival -

Anne Arundel Fairgrounds,
Crownsville, MD (for info: 1-410-849-2849)

October 12 ~ Radford Highlanders Festival -

Radford University, Radford, VA (for info: 1-540-831-5324)

October 26-27 ~ 7th Annual Richmond Scottish Festival -

State Fair Grounds (Strawberry Hill),
Richmond, VA (for info: 1-804-228-3200x225)





Clans of Scotland, USA

2002 Calendar



Revised April 2002

The Clans of Scotland is pleased to bring you our calendar of events for 2002. As we receive more information during the year, the *Piper* will update this listing. We encourage your input & participation. Call Eric Bartock at (703) 218-1280 for information or to find out how you can help out.

April 27th ~ Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering - Jefferson Patterson Park, St. Leonard, MD.

May 11th ~ Beatty-Cramer Celtic Festival - Frederick, MD. Details to follow.

★ **May 14th ~ Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting** - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
Post Meeting Program - Scottish Dancing

June 6th ~ Council Meeting

June 8th-9th ~ Potomac Celtic Festival - Morven Park International Equestrian Center, Leesburg, VA.

★ **TBD ~ Clans of Scotland Picnic & Meeting** -

July 26th-28th ~ Virginia Scottish Games - Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA.

August 1st ~ Council Meeting

★ **September 10th ~ Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting** - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

September 21st-22nd ~ Maryland Renaissance Faire Scottish Weekend - Crownsville, MD.

September 28th ~ Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair - Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, VA 9am-5pm

October 3rd ~ Council Meeting

★ **November 12th ~ Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting** - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

November 30th ~ Kirkin' o' the Tartans - Details to follow

December 5th ~ Council Meeting

December 7th ~ Scottish Christmas Walk Parade - Old Town Alexandria, VA, 9:30 am.

December 15th ~ Clans of Scotland Christmas Party - Vinson Hall, McLean, VA 5 - 8pm.

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★ **January 7th ~ Annual Clans of Scotland Meeting** - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm

January 18th ~ Annual Burns Night Supper -

February 6th ~ Council Meeting

March 8th ~ St. Patricks Day Parade - Old Town Alexandria

★ **March 11th ~ Clans of Scotland Meeting** - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

March 31st ~ Deadline for Yearly Dues !!!

April 1st ~ Council Meeting

April 6th ~ Tartan Day - Wear your tartan today!



Please note: All dates for Year 2002 events are best available.
This calendar will be updated as new information becomes available.

The above graphic is the colorful, weatherproof COS bumper sticker. They are available for \$5 at every festival or meeting.

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criteria for inclusion but was pleased that the clans had finally been officially recognised.

"Some people think it's a load of old bull but I think of it as an honour. I think the family thing is quite important, more so these days when things are not so easy to hold together.

"My wife comes from a rather down-to-earth Devonshire family and looked at it a bit sideways to start with, but I think now she's become quite interested in it."

Recognition of their status is unlikely to bring any financial benefits to the clan chiefs but the prestige will appeal to some who would not otherwise be eligible for inclusion in Burke's Peerage.

The book, which is regarded as the definitive authority on the British aristocracy, has become something of an institution in its own right. Since it was founded in 1826, it has charted the family lineages of titled families using records extending back many generations, some as far back as the eighth and ninth centuries.

It includes most Prime Ministers and the new edition will also include knights, dames and foreigners who have been given honorary titles among its 4,800 entries.

The three-volume publication has already courted controversy by announcing that it will include some celebrities in the new edition.

Critics have suggested that the decision to widen the scope of its qualifying criteria is indicative of a move downmarket and has been taken with a view to selling more copies - at £350 a time - to those who appear in its pages.

Those who may appear in the latest edition include Sir Jimmy Savile, Sir Cliff Richard, Sir Bobby Charlton and Sir Paul McCartney. Foreign nationals expected to make it into the pages include Bob Geldof and Rudolph Giuliani.

Charles Mosley, the editor of Burke's Peerage, has defended the decision to widen the scope of the entries, arguing that "if they are good enough for the Queen to honour, they are good enough for Burke's."

Three years ago, Mr Mosley upset traditionalists when he decided to include details of illegitimate children of the aristocracy for the first time.

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NTD ON NATIONAL MALL

On Sunday, April 7th, a group of clans and associations joined together on the National Mall near the Smithsonian Institute to celebrate National Tartan Day. Even though the day was clear and cool, many people visited the large Information Tent staffed by COS volunteers and S.A.M.S. members. Several St. Andrews Society groups participated. Pipers, bands and dancers were featured throughout the day-long program.

COS *Past Chief* Johnny Harris worked closely with the ad hoc NTD committee this year to bring about a successful event. The scope was reduced from previous years due to security concerns. There will be a concerted effort to organize and expand NTD 2003 on the Mall.

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Clans of Scotland USA? Have you moved?

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The annual dues are \$20 for a single or \$30 for a family membership, plus a one-time registration fee of \$10 (single or family). If you are joining after March 31, the following prorated membership fees apply:

	Single	Family
Jan-Mar	\$20.00	\$30.00
Apr-Jun	\$15.00	\$22.50
Jul-Sep	\$10.00	\$15.00
Oct-Dec	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.50

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