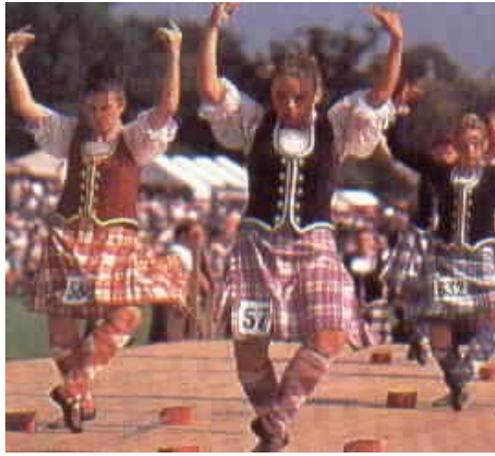


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Newsletter of the Clan Gregor Society - Western U. S. A. Chapter



## LAMMAS 2005



Welcome to the Clan Gregor newsletter. Inside you'll find information, pictures, and anecdotes, detailing the recent happenings in the Clan Gregor. We certainly hope you enjoy what you see. More so, we hope you will wander through and visit the pages following this one that list the septs and aliases recognized by the Clan Gregor. If you find your family name among these, joining the Gregor clan may be a move you wish to consider.

The newsletter contained here is only part of the entire publication, released especially for preview purposes. The entire newsletter is just one of the benefits of becoming a Gregor Clan member, the others being fun, fun, and fun!

A membership form follows the septs and aliases page.

Again, we certainly hope you do enjoy your visit and most definitely hope you will join the Gregor clan!

Thank you,

Carl Basile

Editor, Griogarach Newsletter



# LAMMAS



Lammas, or Lughnassad, occurs in late July and early August. It marks the middle of Summer and the beginning of the harvest. It is the first of three harvest festivals and is usually associated with ripening grain. It heralds the coming of Autumn. The Goddess manifests as Demeter, Ceres, Corn Mother, and other agricultural Goddesses. The God manifests as Lugh, John Barleycorn, and vegetation Gods. Colors are Golden Yellow, Orange, Green, and Light Brown. It is a festival of plenty and prosperity. Have a magical picnic and break bread with friends. Do a meditation in which you visualize yourself completing a project you have already begun. Make a corn dolly charm out of the first grain you harvest or acquire. Bake a sacred loaf bread and give a portion of it to Mother Earth with a prayer of appreciation. Make prayers for a good harvest season. Do prosperity magic. Harvest herbs in a sacred way for use in charms and rituals. Kindle a Lammas fire with sacred wood and dried herbs. If you live in or near a farming region, attend a public harvest festival, such as a corn or apple festival.

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**NAMES, SEPTS AND ALIASES OF CLAN GREGOR  
AS RECOGNIZED BY THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY**

With a few exceptions, spelling variants are omitted but are accepted. M', Mc and Mac are considered interchangeable. Many names were adopted as a result of proscription and some families retained the new names when the proscription was lifted in 1774, while many others re-adopted their rightful name of MacGregor.

<b>List A: Accepted MacGregor Names and Septs</b>						
	Alpin	Greig	MacAdam	MacEan	MacLiver	Malloch
	Fletcher	Grewer	MacAlpin	MacEwin	MacNee	Neish
	Greer	Grier	Macara	MacGregor	MacNie	Patullo
	Gregg	Grierson	Macaree	MacGrigor	MacNeice	Peter(s)
	Gregor	Grigg	Macaldowie	MacGrowther	MacNeish	Petrie
	Gregory	Grigor	MacChoiter	MacGruder	MacPeter(s)	
	Gregorson	Gruer	MacConachie	Macilduy	MacPetrie	
	Gregson	King	MacCrowther	MacLeister	Magruder	
<b>List B: Aliases where documentary evidence shows a MacGregor connection</b>						
	Bain	Bower(s)	Dochart	Lakie	More	White
	Black	Callum	Dunn	Leckie	Roy	Whyte
	Beachley	Coleman	Landless	Lockie	Skinner	Willox
	Bowie	Comrie				
<b>List C: Aliases with little documentary evidence but a tradition of MacGregor connection</b>						
	Argyl	Crerar	Grayson	MacCanish	Nelson	Stalker
	Arrowsmith	Crowther	Grieve	MacGeach	Neilson	Stringer
	Begland	Denison	Gudger	Macgehee	Nucator	Tainsh
	Bowmaker	Docherty	Guiness	Macghee	Orr	Telfer
	Brewer	Dorward	Gun	MacGill	Paterson	Telford
	Caird	Dowie	Kirkwood	MacGrew	Peat	Tossach
	Callander	Fisher	Leishman	Macinstalker	Peterson	Walker
	Clark	Gair	MacAndrew	Macnocaird	Shankland	Weliver
	Craigdallie	Goodsir	MacAngus	Macnucator		
<b>List D: Other family names that are known to have been used as MacGregor aliases</b>						
	Balfour	Erskine	Johnson	MacEwan	MacNicol	Robertson
	Euchanan	Ferguson	Johnston	MacFarlane	MacPherson	Sinclair
	Campbell	Gordon	Livingston	Maclan	MacWilliam	Stewart
	Cunningham	Graham	MacAlastair	MacInnes	Menzies	Stirling
	Douglas	Grant	MacDonald	MacNeil	Murray	Wilson
	Drummond	Hay	MacDougal	MacLaren	Ramsay	

The Clan Gregor Society instituted in 1822 is one of the oldest clan societies. Today the Society is a growing organization with membership throughout the world. Its most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors wherever they may be and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and, indeed, any interested visitors who wish to *learn* more of our past. The Society promotes and encourages research into Clan Gregor and the publication or information pertaining to its history, tradition, and genealogy. The Society extends, a warm welcome to persons bearing names included in list A and to those with maternal descent from an eligible person. Persons bearing names or descent from names in Lists B and C who can show evidence of descent or a family tradition or MacGregor connection are also eligible for membership. Names in list D are properly the domain of other Clan and Family societies, however we would welcome enquiries from persons bearing these names who can show their descent from a MacGregor who adopted the name as an alias.



# CLAN GREGOR WESTERN USA

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A Chapter of the  
Clan Gregor Society  
of Scotland

Membership Director  
849 River Road  
Modesto, CA 95351

I qualify in accordance with Rule \_\_\_\_ as explained on the reverse of this form and wish to apply for:

- Full Membership @ \$33.00 per year.
- Associate Membership @ \$33.00 per year. (Available only to those applying under Rule B.)

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

After admission as a member, I agree to pay my annual membership dues no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in order to maintain ACTIVE status in Clan Gregor Western USA. If I become more than 90 days in arrears in payment of my annual dues, I understand my status will be changed to INACTIVE and I will cease receiving "The Griograch" Newsletter and all Clan communications. I am aware that a portion of my annual dues is remitted to the parent Society in Scotland. I am also aware that only active Full Membership status is eligible to cast one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU CONSENT TO INCLUDING THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY?  
 YES  NO

CLAN CONNECTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF MEMBER TAKING APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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### NAMES AND SEPTS OF CLAN GREGOR

As recognized by the Clan Gregor Society, August 1999

Many variant spellings exist and are recognized. M', Mc and Mac are considered interchangeable.

## From the Desk of the Chapter President:



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Clan Gregor,

Well, we are into the season of Lammas, and I am thankful that at least in my part of the state (Sacramento and foothills area) the weather has been kind to us, and somewhat cooler than usual, with so far very few really hot days. This has been also indicated by the fact that my pool water has only in the last week or so reached anywhere near what I consider to be the preferred temperature of 83 degrees, allowing me to voluntarily join my daughters in it! This is the time of year which also coincides with the opportunity to visit and participate in a succession of Scottish Games and Gatherings in various parts of the state and country. I know some of you have been attending and enjoying these, because I have received reports of same. For example, as well as the attendance of some of our two-legged members, there was apparently a large and enthusiastic contingent of the four-footed (and furry) members at the Campbell Games!

I myself am somewhat out of the Games loop at the present, because my two youngest daughters (11 and 16 years old) are visiting with me for the first half of the summer school vacation, one of only two times I get to see them during the year. And, try as I might, I cannot get them the slightest bit interested in their Scottish Heritage, or attending any Games and Gatherings, and God forbid they might have to witness their father in a "skirt"! I thought I might have made some progress when the 16 year old went to Girls' Camp in mid-June; the camp theme for the year was the international flavor of the Olympics, and just by coincidence, my daughter's group leader picked Scotland as their country of choice. I was delighted to be able to offer to my daughter, (and she actually happily accepted) a large Scottish flag, a Scottish wind-sock, and one or two other things to help with their decorations. I called the lady who was the group leader, and acquainted her with my association and interest in all things Scottish, and offered whatever help I could provide, including the suggestion that I might show up at their talent night dressed in full Scottish "costume" and regalia. The leader thought it was a great idea, but when I mentioned it to my teenage daughter, she was horrified, and threatened to disown me! Reluctantly, I abandoned the opportunity to embarrass her! However, this makes me particularly thankful that at least a couple of our younger generation, in the form of Chris and Jeff Sykes, are not only participating in the Scottish Games and Gatherings, but have taken over the responsibility of our northern Clan tent from Don Motter, and produced and manned this at a number of events so far. Thanks guys.

Although I have not been available to attend the various Games over the last month or two, or for couple more weeks, I intend to be after that, and the Monterey Games are scheduled for August 6th and 7th, followed by the largest Scottish Games and Gathering in the world, at Pleasanton on Labor Weekend, September 3rd and 4th. We usually get a large gathering of our Clan Members at the latter, although this presumably has been partly due to the scheduling of the Clan Annual General Meeting on that weekend during the event. This year, in order to try and more fairly proportion meetings between the north and south extremes of our Clan membership, this meeting is scheduled for during the Seaside Highland

Games at Ventura on October 8th and 9th. I invite, and hope to see as many of you as possible at these events. Hopefully you have booked accommodation in a timely manner as I suggested in a previous message. In the July issue of "Scotland Magazine" that I subscribe to and enjoy, the featured area is "Heart of Scotland - Stirling, Loch Lomond, and the Trossachs"; of course prime Rob Roy and Clan Gregor country. The article reports on what to do and see, including Rob Roy's simple family grave in Balquidder Churchyard (a photo of which has been in our family for years), and the Rob Roy and Trossachs Visitors Center in Callander. Additionally, they provide a list of suggested places to eat in the area, and also where to stay, including a "Rob Roy Motel" in Aberfoyle. And speaking of the latter, I find it fascinating to discover the widespread and various parts of the world in which Scots can be found, and in particular, associations with our Clan. When I was visiting my family at my birthplace in the North Island of New Zealand in April of 2004, in the course of traveling around and showing my companion the sights, we visited a town named Rotorua which is famous as a tourist attraction for its geothermal wonders. We were driving down the main street, heading for the accommodations we had pre-booked for the night, when much to our surprise, we beheld a "Rob Roy Motel"! We immediately pulled a u-turn in order to go back to investigate. The foyer was very tastefully decorated with tartan, and pictures and articles about Rob and his exploits and adventures, and Clan Gregor, and the proprietors were very friendly. Although we had to use the pre-booking at the other motel for that night, we hastily booked ourselves into this Rob Roy Motel for the next night. Not only did it have all the afore-mentioned Rob Roy information and decoration, and very tasteful rooms, it also had its own private thermal pools, and the largest ginger cat I have ever seen! We had a most enjoyable stay there, and collected several of their brochures as souvenirs. And then, several days later, we were driving through another town in the general area, and beheld a Rob Roy hotel! Of course I had to go investigate that too! The proprietor there had unfortunately run out of souvenir brochures, but he was able to tell me a little of the history of the place, and that as far as he knew, the originator of the hotel had built several "Rob Roy Hotels" in the surrounding countryside back in the 1800's. Before I had gone on the trip I had done some investigation to try and find out if there were going to be any Games and Gatherings anywhere near my family home while I was over there. I had already known that a lot of Scots had emigrated to the South Island of New Zealand many years ago, (too far away to visit on this trip), but also found that a large contingent had landed and settled in an area in the North Island only a little over a hundred miles from my home, and there was also a museum and heritage center there. Unfortunately, their big event of the year was around the New Year's time, so we had missed it, and there was nothing else on that we could find. We had hoped to visit the heritage center anyway, but ran out of time. Still, it was interesting to learn of more Scots in far flung corners of the earth, and since then, Carolyne McGregor-Long has passed on to me an interesting article about a McGregor who had settled in another part of the North Island of New Zealand in the mid 1800's. Our Scottish family is everywhere!

Let us continue to investigate, promote, and enjoy our family heritage and associations, and ensure that Clan Gregor "continues forever".

I look forward to seeing you at the Games and events.

Regards to you all

Glynn Clark

President

Clan Gregor Western USA Chapter.

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**Submission deadline for next issue: October 10, 2005**

### **Newsletter On-Line**

<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/gregor/>



# GÆLIC JOURNEY

Hello, I am Cynthia D. Greer Schroer. I am new to clan Gregor. I joined last year and am very happy we have a nice family. I enjoy playing the harp, painting, and writing. I also speak a wee bit of Gaelic and want to learn more. Would you like to learn Gaelic with me?

Cynthia

Exercise One: Greetings

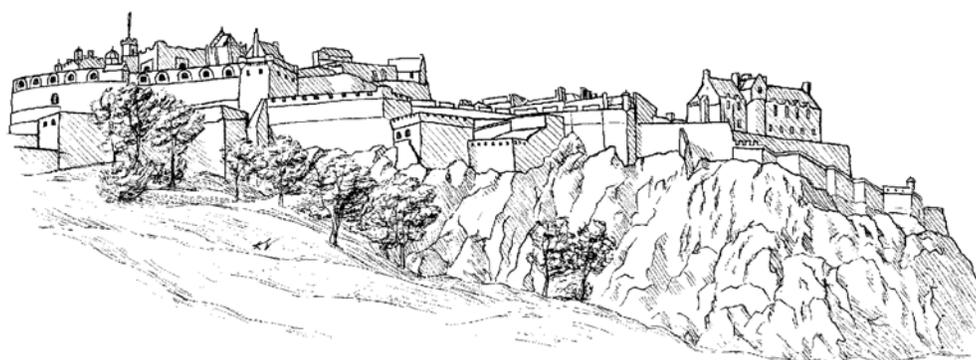
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Hallo Seonag. Madainn mhath!  
(hallo sho-nahk mahteen vah)

Joan:  
(sho-nahk) Good morning!  
Madainn Mhath!  
(mahteen vah)

Alasdair: How are you?  
Ciamar a that sibh?  
(kaymuhr uh ha shiv)

Joan:  
(sho-nahk) I'm good. Thank you.  
Tha gu math, tapadh leibh.  
(ha goo mah, tahpuh leeve)

How are you yourself?  
Ciamar a tha sibh fhein?  
(kaymuhr uh ha sheev hain)



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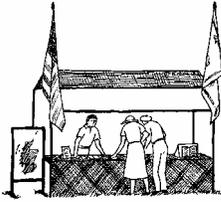
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# Calendar Of Scottish Events



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For updated information, go to : <http://www.saaa-net.org/> or <http://www.unitedscottishsociety.com/>



Date	Location	Event Name	Sponsor / Host
Feb. 19-20	Long Beach, CA	Queen Mary Scottish Festival and Games	The RMS Queen Mary
Feb. 26-27	Mesa, AZ	Arizona Highland Games	Caledonian Society of Arizona
Mar. 12-13	Pomona, CA	L.A. County Irish Fair & Music Festival	Friends of the Irish
Apr. 2	Bakersfield, CA	Bakersfield Scottish Highland Gathering and Games	Kern County Scottish Society
Apr. 2-3	Waikiki, HI	Hawaiian Scottish Festival - On the beach at Waikiki	Hawaiian Scottish Assoc.
Apr. 16-17	Las Vegas, NV	Las Vegas Celtic Gathering and Highland	Games Las Vegas Celtic Society
Apr. 22-24	Woodland, CA	Sacramento Valley Scottish Games	Caledonian Club of Sacramento
May-05	Prescott, AZ	Prescott Whisky Games	Clan MacNab
May 28-29	Pomona, CA	Pomona Highland Games	United Scottish Society
June-05	Modesto, CA	Modesto Highland Games	Modesto Highland Games
June-05	Campbell, CA	Campbell Highland Games	Campbell Highland Games
June 25-26	Vista, CA	Scottish Highland Games of San Diego	SD Scottish Highland Games
July 9-10	Oakland, CA	Dunsmuir Highland Games	Dunsmuir House and Gardens
July-05	Portland, OR	Portland Highland Games (American Championships)	Portland Highland Games Assoc.
July-05	Flagstaff, AZ	Arizona Highland Celtic Festival	No. AZ Celtic Heritage Soc.
July 23-24	Reno, NV	Reno Celtic Celebration - Heavy Athletic Games	Reno Celtic Celebration
July 30-31	Enumclaw, WA	Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games	Seattle Scottish H.G.A.
Aug. 6-7	Monterey, CA	Monterey Highland Games	S.S.M.P.
Aug. 19-21	Winston, OR	Douglas County Highland Games	Douglas County Scottish Soc.
Sept. 3-4	Pleasanton, CA	C.C.S.F.'s 138th Annual Scottish Gathering and Games	C.C.S.F.
Sept. 17	Fresno, CA	Fresno Highland Games	Scottish Soc. of Central Cal.
Sept. 24	Dixon, CA	Dixon Scottish Games	Dixon Scottish Games
Oct. 1	Ben Lomond, CA	Loch Lomond Highland Games	Loch Lomond Celtic Society
Oct. 8-9	Ventura, CA	Seaside Highland Games	Seaside Highland Games

The Northern and Sierra Nevada schedule was compiled by:  
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For additional games information try: [www.maclachlans.org](http://www.maclachlans.org) if you know of a Scottish event, let us know so we can post it to the calendar.

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