

# Gríogarach

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



## BELTANE 2004



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.

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



## 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.

*List A: Accepted MacGregor Names and Septs* 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	

*List B: Aliases where documentary evidence shows a MacGregor connection*

Bain	Bower(s)	Dochart	Lakie	More	White
Black	Callum	Dunn	Leckie	Roy	Whyte
Beachley	Coleman	Landless	Lockie	Skinner	Willox
Bowie	Comrie				

*List C: Aliases with little documentary evidence but a tradition of MacGregor connection*

Argyl	Crerar	Grayson	MacCanish	Nelson	Stalker
Arrowsmith	Crowther	Grieve	MacGeach	Neilson	Stringer
Begland	Denison	Gudger	Macgehee	Nucator	Tainsh
Bowmaker	Docherty	Guinness	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		

*List D: Other family names that are known to have been used as MacGregor aliases*

Balfour	Erskine	Johnson	MacEwan	MacNicol	Robertson
Buchanan	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

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A Chapter of the  
Clan Gregor Society  
of Scotland

I qualify in accordance with Rule \_\_\_ as explained below, and wish to apply for:

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

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 Griogarach" 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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Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Entered Membership Database: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES / COMMENTS:

# From the Desk of the Chapter President:



Carolyne J. McGregor-Long, Chapter President

*"Descendant of MacGregor of Ossian Glenn, Scotland"*

FROM THE DESK OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

## ***Welcome Games Season, 2004!!!***

***We're off to another great games season!*** With each new season, it appears our games calendar grows larger. Since we now have more events, it means more variety and fun. We continue to have five working tents in various locations here in the West, which makes it possible for most of us to participate in a local venue, at some point. Please keep your games calendar handy, and do not miss the experience to gather with your kith and kin. Come out support our athletes and various competitions. Especially, lets support our youth!!!

A huge welcome to all new members and renewals! Some of you were delayed getting your membership packet. For this we apologize. Ed Moore, Membership Director, assures that the transitional period, regarding the transfer of records, etc., is finally setup. He is coordinating with Stephen White, Parent Society, who assists Society Secretary Miss Ishbel McGregor, with the CGS membership database, Scotland. Stephen reports his computer went through major difficulties in the past months, however, is now "up and running" at full speed. We do appreciate his kind communicué and ability to respond as needed.

A big hello to our Sister Chapters, we wish them a great games season, 2004! From our Over Seas Representative, Sid Bowers, Australia, comes news that MacGregors had a great weekend and that there was a lot of activity at the "information table" in the southern Highlands of NSW for the Bundanoon is Brigadoon. Brigadoon web site is [www.highlandsnsw.com.au/brigadoon](http://www.highlandsnsw.com.au/brigadoon). He states there is much info on this site. Additionally, he sends some exciting news that The Edinburgh Tattoo is coming to Sydney N.S.W. in February 2005, and that it's a fantastic time to travel "down under," a most adventurous and beautiful

country. If you would like, you can check it out at [www.edinburghtattooinaustralia.com.au/](http://www.edinburghtattooinaustralia.com.au/) for available information. Thank you, Sid for sharing this info with us.

***Gather, gather!*** I have been advised that Clan Gregor will be the “Honored Clan” at this year’s Ben Lomond Games (October). Plan on attending and lending a show of force to our fellow clans and the Scottish Community, as a whole. For those of you who have never attended the Ben Lomond event, this is a great venue and a lovely location, nestled snugly amongst the beautiful green hills near Santa Cruz. Look for pertinent information in next newsletter!

Just off the wire, our kinsman, good friend, and long time Honor Member Joseph Foss, Jr., who moved from California to Oregon a few years ago, has chosen to leave his lush rainforest digs and move to Northern CA. It’s hard to catch Joe at home these days (no matter the address), as he travels a great deal. He does indicate that he hopes to see all of us at the Pleasanton Games this year. Welcome back to a sunnier climate, Joe!

In regards to world affairs, once again, we are reminded to support our military and civil servants both at home and abroad. Additionally, our prayers go out for the ailing amongst our own and those who may have recently lost a loved one. Indeed, at the writing of this article, word has reached me that our SecretaryCarolynn Klint Stoops’s father, Robert Klindt, is gravely ill from a massive heart attack. At this terribly difficult time, our positive thoughts and prayers, most sincerely, go out to him, Carolynn and family. This chapter takes great pride in that we are an “extended” family of Gregors and we truly care one for another, inclusive of all around us. God bless.

Again, keep your Games Event Calendar (inside); again, attend as many events as possible. It is an honor to help keep the “flame” of our noble heritage alive and available for future generations. If you would like more information than possibly you have now, please do not hesitate to ask someone at the tents, counselors or contact me. We are getting a lot of questions regarding genealogy matters and we are striving to establish more ancestry/genealogy information to be made available. Councilor John Fletcher Pechin is our contact in these regards.

Important note: currently (for whatever reason), most of us lead extremely busy lives. Clearly, the truth of the matter is that unless more members volunteer at various tasks, there is no doubt our chapter will suffer. It would seem that in the past two years, there has been a decline in participation throughout the entire Scottish Community. Our clan/chapter is not alone in seeing difficult times. With your help, donating a few hours now and then or actively taking part, we can keep our greatest of heritages alive and well. Do you think it worth it? I do. That’s why I’ve dedicated years of service to CGS and ACGS, and it has been a rewarding time for me. If you feel our noble ancestry is worth saving and carried forth to new generations, get involved! It will be a pleasure for we senior

members to help educate and mentor those of you, who wish to be “at the ready” for inquires at the tents, etc. These inquires deserve a solid, and as factual as possible, answer. Research and a working knowledge of Clan Gregor history is pertinent to our cause.

See you at the games!!!  
**Ard Choille!**

Carolyne J. McGregor-Long  
**Descendant of MacGregor of Ossian’s Glen, Scotland**  
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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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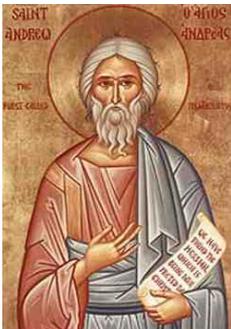
## Our own Web Site

The Western U.S. Chapter of Clan Gregor Society, has set up a Web Site. The address is [www.ClanGregorWest.com](http://www.ClanGregorWest.com) There are a number of interesting areas on this site. One of the features of this site is a calendar of events. The date and location are listed. Also many of the events have a web site address for the sponsoring organization. Many of the sponsors sites include maps to find the games site as well as information regarding lodging etc. Also included is the e-mail address of someone from our Chapter with knowledge of the event etc. There is some merchandise available. The number of items being offered is somewhat limited, however it is reported to be good quality merchandise. I would suggest checking it out. There are discussion boards for the exchange of information and views on various subjects.

Our Web Master, Councilor, Mike Walker has done a very good job of putting together this site. Various members of Council are listed as Administrators and can answer questions for you.

*Donald Motter,  
MacGregor of Tuleburg  
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## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



Jim Suttie of Clan Grant was a good friend of the MacGregor. He represented Clan Grant in Northern California for about 15 years. We always set up next to each other as part of the Alpin Federation (Clans Descended from the MacAlpin Kings). It was always a pleasure to share our history and our common root.

Jim is survived by his wife of about 35 years, Carol. Per Jim's request there was no service. Said he wanted to leave this world with as little fanfare as he entered it. He ashes were spread at sea.

*Donald Motter, MacGregor of Tuleburg*

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## **Scotch myths**

### **TALKING POINT**

#### **The standard line**

In a recent survey of 1,000 American tourists planning to visit Scotland, a third lived up to their stereotype, believing that the haggis is an animal. A further quarter thought they would be able to hunt and catch the beast. Had they been asked, they would doubtless also have told their interviewers that all Scotsmen wear kilts constantly, that whisky runs on tap and that ‘Och aye the noo’ is a common form of greeting north of Carlisle.

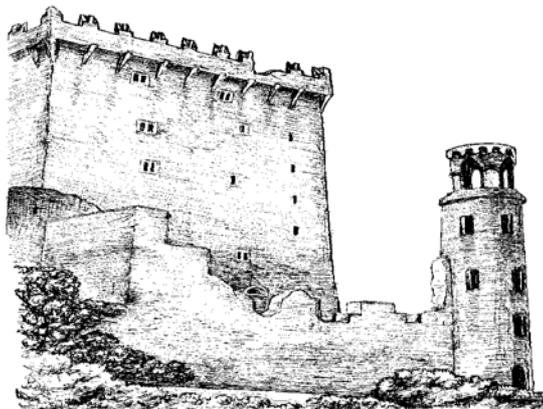
#### **The alternative point of view**

It is hardly surprising that visitors believe that haggis are living, breathing creatures when we tell them with a straight face and open till that there is indeed such a thing as a Kowalski tartan. That haggis are animals is a close cousin of the lie that Nessie exists. Having bred our own myths to feed the tourist industry, we can’t feign surprise when foreigners believe them. The asylum seekers living in Sighthill probably fell for the old one about no Scot ever being racist.

#### **Now change the subject**

The genius behind the Loch Ness monster myth is how very resistant it is proving to being debunked. No matter how often the loch is trawled, probed and sonically swept, or how convincing the biologists’ calculations that the loch could not support something that large, the myth has proved itself to be well protected against logic. In that respect, we have one up on the Americans, whose Bigfoot was revealed to be a fake upon the recent death of its creator, one Ray Wallace. <http://www.nessie.co.uk/>

### **Blarney Castle**



**My Heart's in the Highlands**  
by Robert Burns

(1759-1796)



Farewell to the Highlands, farewell to the North,  
The birth-place of Valour, the country of Worth;  
Wherever I wander, wherever I rove,  
The hills of the Highlands for ever I love.

My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here;  
My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer;  
A-chasing the wild-deer, and following the roe,  
My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go.

Farewell to the mountains high covered with snow;  
Farewell to the straths and green valleys below;  
Farewell to the forests and wild-hanging woods;  
Farewell to the torrents and loud-pouring floods.

My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here;  
My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer;  
A-chasing the wild-deer, and following the roe,  
My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go.

Some upcoming Scottish Events:

Month	Date	Event Name
May	29, 30	United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival Orange County Fairgrounds Costa Mesa , CA, 92626 (949) 856-0891
Jun	1 - 6	N. American Sheepdog Championship & Scottish Festival City Hall Central Park Fillmore , CA, 93550 (323) 447-0453
Jun	5	Modesto Highland Games Tuolumme River Regional Park Modesto , CA, 95352 (209) 577-0572
Jun	19, 20	San Diego Scottish Highland Games & Gathering of Clans Bregle Terrace Park Vista , CA 92083 (619) 576-8239
Jun	26	Campbell Highland Games & Celtic Festival Campbell Community Center Campbell , CA, 95009 (408) 578-0929

## **Major-General Sir Evan MacGregor of MacGregor, Chief of the Children of the Mist**

Baronet and 19th Chief of the Clan Gregor. G.C.H., K.C.B., Governor of Dominica and the Windward Islands (lived 1785-1841). Sir Evan married Lady Elizabeth Murray, daughter of the 4th Duke of Atholl.



He was wounded in seven places when treacherously attacked, with his own sword sheathed, while receiving the surrender of Fort Talneir in India in 1818: receiving severe kris wounds in the left shoulder, left side, and in two places on his right side-not to mention a sabre wound across the mouth, a second right through the nose, and a third nearly cut off his right arm above the elbow joint.

The wicket gate had been slammed shut behind him, but his men led by Captain Peter MacGregor, had thrust in a musket from outside to prevent the gate from closing completely. They rushed the fort and rescued him, although Captain MacGregor was shot dead. The treacherous killedar commanding the fort was hanged on the following morning.

This picture was painted four years later, when Sir Evan at the head of a 'tail' of his clansmen guarded the Honours of Scotland; and at the great royal banquet in Edinburgh given by King George IV, the MacGregor chief personally proposed the loyal toast: 'The Chief of Chiefs - The King'.



## Kassondra Mason and Family

Well alrighty then. You got me. This of course is not Kassondra Mason and her family, as we would typically think of family in the way of kith and kin. But it *is* a setting featuring Kassondra and her family; her animal family that is, in every way a heralded and cherished part of a family as any other species member. And what a joy as two sets of twin bundling babies are welcomed to the family. So, a grand and unanimous McGregor welcome to you and yours, Kassondra! May your days be bright and abundant!



**Kassondra administering lots of loves and hugs**

