

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Hello Everyone and Happy Thanksgiving!

We apologize for the newsletter being a bit late this quarter, but we've had so many things going on that we just couldn't seem to get to it earlier! Hang on, we'll catch you up on everything in this newsletter and the next! Most of what we are working on is going to take some time.

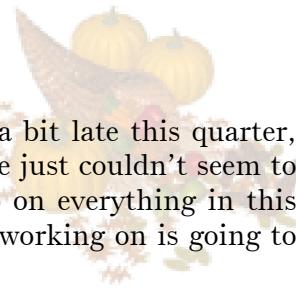
The summer games season has pretty much run its course for DHA for this year. There is a remote possibility of doing a games in Louisiana or Florida this winter, but it's very much up in the air right now. We attended several games and festivals in September - Columbus, IN - Ligonier, PA - Western KY - Eminence, KY - and Cedar Rapids, IA in October.

We could definitely attend more games and festivals if we could get some of you to volunteer to man tents or to be commissioners! This needs to be a grassroots effort - there aren't enough directors to handle it all! About half of us are retired which makes the time easier, but not the money! The other half are still working, so they have more money, but not the time. So, we need some of you to come on board and help us out! It's not a hard job and you get some of the best seats at the games (and with shade). We could get to more states with your help - most of us live in the Midwest or south and it's nearly impossible to get to the northeastern, western, northwestern and south western games unless you pitch in. Think about it and see if you couldn't donate one or two weekends a year and be clan reps at games! We need to show up in some new states and some new games!



Scottish Blessing

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. So let it be."



MY ANCESTORS' 13 COMMANDMENTS

Those of you researching your families will recognize these immediately!!!

{1} Thou shalt name your male children James, John, Joseph, David, Robert, Richard, Thomas, William, Samuel and George

{2} Thou shalt name your female children Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Sarah, Nancy and Jane



{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, and Eliza - making them difficult to trace.

{5} Thou shalt not use any middle names on legal documents or census reports and only where necessary - you may use only initials on legal documents

{6} Thou shalt not learn to sign all documents legibly so that your surname can be spelled or misspelled in various ways.

{7} Thou shalt, after no more than three generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced or burned in a court house so that no further trace of them can be found.

{8} Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors and vague innuendo regarding your place of origin: (a) You may have come from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales or Iran (b) You may have American Indian Ancestry of the ??? Tribe {c} You may have descended from one of the three brothers who came over from ????

{9} Thou shalt leave no cemetery records or headstone legible

{10} Thou shalt leave no family bible with records of birth, marriages or deaths

{11} Thou shalt always flip thy name around: if born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the name of Albert James, AJ, JA, AL, Bert or Alfred

{12} Thou must also flip thy parents names when making reference to them

{13} Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males and a dozen cousins with identical names to totally confuse researchers.

--- Origin unknown, contributed by Paula Lemmond

Kirkin o' the Tartan

At the majority of the Highland Games in the United States and Canada there is a service on Sunday morning called "Kirkin o' the Tartan". Basically, it is a presentation of the tartans in a religious ceremony blessing them, the people and land they represent.

The Legend: After the defeat of the Scots by the English in 1746, the wearing of the tartan and the keeping of any Highland ways or culture was forbidden in hopes this would forever subdue the rebellious Scottish spirit. However, as the Scots were fervent Christians, and canny as well, they clung to their ancient traditions by putting them underground. The Kirkin' was an important part of this in that one Sunday a year, the populace went to church wearing a concealed piece of the tartan and, at a certain moment set aside in the service, the tartan was touched while the minister pronounced a blessing on all tartans and the Scots once more pledged their loyalty and respect for their old traditions.

The Practice: It was started in this country at the beginning of WWII. Some were concerned that young men of Scottish descent would not enlist/serve in the military because we were supporting Britain. The Rev. Peter Marshall, then Chaplain of the USA Senate (and born in Scotland), attempted to instill pride in their homeland among Scots living in the USA. The Kirkin' o' the Tartan ceremony was held in the Presbyterian churches across the USA. The Kirkin' o' the Tartan is not limited to Presbyterian Churches, but is often found in other Protestant services as well as Roman Catholic services. So the rally cry began with pipes and drums leading, we Scots heard the war cry and responded proudly with *Kilt abounding the knee*. The wearing of the Tartan was allowed by our soldiers, and their Scotland pride restored.

The Blessing of the Tartans

"Gracious God, we pray you to bless these Tartans and the spirit of family which they represent. In your grace, link us with the rich heritage of the Saints who built the Kirk and left us an inheritance of faith and witness to your power in their lives. We thank you for



your servants George Wishart, John Knox, and Andrew Melville upon whose lives our spiritual genealogy rests.

We thank you for the Kirk of Christ, and the pattern of living to which we have been called in Him. We gather as His family, with you as our Father and Jesus our brother. Overcome we pray you the differences in our educational, economic, and racial backgrounds to make us one in Christ.

In response to your love, we rededicate ourselves and our families to your Kirk to love and serve you and each other. Make us a ministry of reconciliation to overcome the wrongs of the world and live in the righteousness of the Kingdom and the glory and honor of our Christ and Lord. Amen."



Dear Friends,

Though the leaves have not started to turn here in Kentucky we thought we would get just one more Scottish event in. That desire was fulfilled with the Eminence, KY Celtfest. Fred and I decided to take our little grandson, Camden, with us. This picture was taken before we left, and he was a little skeptical about the sash, but then----Grandpa brought out the little wooden sword and things were great.

The blacksmith, Mr. De Caro, was interesting to watch and had many wares to sell. Then Camden was asked to go up to sing with a troupe of (Irish) singers. He had a great time and was in the local newspaper. Have a great holiday season!

See you next year,

Babs and Fred



The Gathering 2009

**25th and 26th July,
Edinburgh, Scotland**



The Gathering 2009 will be one of the major events of Homecoming Scotland.

It is primarily a celebration of the contribution that the clans have made to the culture and history of Scotland, and will be one of the largest clan gatherings ever witnessed. A series of unique events being designed to commemorate the occasion. It is estimated that there will be over 80 clan tents, with over 7500 clan members from around the world. The Highland Games, that are an integral part of The Gathering, should attract a further 30,000 people over the 2 days.

We had contacted The Gathering Committee over six months ago trying to arrange for a tent space for DHA. Unfortunately, as the sponsors of the event are the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and Steven MacTavish is a member, they acquiesced to his demands that his organization, and only his, was to be allowed. So, if you have been wanting a Scottish holiday with something to see and do, this might be just the thing, but don't look for our tent there. You can find more information on The Gathering at: <http://www.thegathering2009.com>

*data from <http://www.thegathering2009.com>



Cute as a picture in their Thomson Grey !!!

Photo at left is of Alexa and Rachel Herring, grand-daughters of our membership secretary, Pam Herring and her husband, Ted. Parents of the lucky girls are Chris and Nicole (Miller) Herring.

Pam had posted on our forum where these outfits could be purchased - hope some of you took advantage of the info because these are really perfect Scottish princesses.

And now for some IRS news.....

As some of you may remember about a year ago, some former members of DHA who joined Steven MacTavish's Clan MacTavish USA, bragged about turning us in to the IRS for possible criminal action due to claimed "financial improprieties." In August, an IRS auditor arrived at our home and spent the entire day going through our books, asking questions, and going through supporting documents back to 2002.

The IRS determined that their review of DHA's application for the 501(c)(3) charitable rating in 1997/8 was flawed, and the IRS should not have approved the bylaws, as written, for charitable status.

Bank records show that from just 2002-2005, Dugald converted nearly \$25,000 of DHA funds to his personal use. During this time, Patricia Adams and Larry Thompson, as secretary/treasurer and president of DHA, were aware of his thefts and chose not to notify the IRS or other legal authorities - or the membership. Patricia Adams eventually resigned in 2003, partially because of the embezzlement, but Larry Thompson remained as president until mid-2005 and simply ignored the continuing losses. Their actions alone would have resulted in our losing our charitable status back to 2002 and could have resulted in substantial financial penalties. However..... we had disclosed it to the IRS already.

The good news is that the IRS has totally exonerated all board members of DHA who have served since Dugald's death. The auditor actually complimented us on our book-keeping and he found no errors. And, rather than punish us, who had no part in the theft or cover-up, by dissolving our 501(c)(3) to 2002 and invoking the dissolution clause (which mandates the forfeiture of all money and assets to another charitable organization), they changed our status to a "for-profit" organization. We are free to remain with this status if we choose or we can submit for a 501(c)(3) recognition. There are actually benefits to both ratings, but I believe we will submit the paperwork for the 501(c)(3) again in the next year or so. Meanwhile, we are totally legal to continue to do what we have been doing, but donations made to DHA are no longer tax deductible.



MONEY MATTERS

\$5000 into an ING Certificate of Deposit @ 5.2% interest. These funds were part of the insurance settlement against Donley Tomey, past DHA membership secretary, for employee dishonesty. The total received was \$9000, of which, \$4000, remaining in the bank account, is being used to pay for games, attorney fees, the color laser printer, office supplies (paper/toner), new t-shirts, ties, material for tartan parade flags, etc., and we still have some remaining. We just want to keep you updated!



Scotch Eggs

4 Hard cooked eggs	1 Egg, beaten	Seasoned flour
1/2 lb Sausage meat	Fat/oil for frying	Bread crumbs
		Salt & pepper to taste

Hard-boil the eggs by placing in a pan of cold water and heating slowly until it starts to simmer. Do not allow water to boil as this will toughen the whites, but keep at this temperature for 30 minutes. Place in cold water and shell when eggs are quite cold. Dip in seasoned flour. Cover with sausage meat, then dip in beaten egg and coat with bread crumbs, pressing crumbs well in. Fry in deep fat or oil (375 deg. F.) until golden brown. Drain, and cut in halves. Serve hot or cold.

Highland Scones

1/2 teaspoon of salt	1 cup of unsifted flour	1/2 cup currents
1/3 cup of shortening	3 Tablespoons sugar	2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup of quick-cook oatmeal	2 teas baking powder	

Stir flour, sugar, baking powder & salt in a bowl. Cut in shortening until mixture is crumbly. Stir in currents & oatmeal. Add eggs & stir just until moistened.

Turn dough on a floured surface knead lightly about 10 times. Roll or pat dough into a 7 inch circle. Cut into 8 wedges, Place on ungreased baking sheet 2 inches apart. Bake at 450 degrees about 8 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Rumble de Thump

6 med potatoes, peeled and quartered
5 c. chopped cabbage (1/2 large head)
2 Tbsp. chopped olives
1 1/2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese (6 oz.)

Milk
4 Tbsp. Butter
salt and pepper

Cook potatoes until tender; drain. Cook cabbage until tender; drain. Beat potatoes, butter and olives until smooth. Add milk to make fluffy texture (1/3 cup +/-). Add cabbage; beat well. Season with salt and pepper. Place in 8 x 8 x 2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle cheese over top. Bake in 350 degrees oven until cheese melts and mixture is hot, about 10 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



THOMSON/THOMPSON (part one)

We thought this might interest the Thom(p)sons in the group - it is interesting to us in as much as there was a Clan Thomson at one time and, as it's recognized head was titled "of that ilk," it indicates it was a large clan with smaller clan groups elsewhere around the country, many undoubtedly becoming associated with other clans.

Who are the Thom(p)son and where do they come from? (from Baronage Press online) "The Thomsions are a numerous tribe with no common ancestor, but that all who bear the name may account themselves clansmen of "an honourable community" is incontestable owing to a 16th century Lord Lyon recognizing one as Representer of the Name and then recording the arms of Thomson of that Ilk (as shown here on the right in an extract from what is known as "Workman's Manuscript" dating from 1565-1566).

The identity of the early Thom(p)sons of that Ilk is not known, although their existence as a specific clan (i.e. separate from the rather wider "honourable community") is on record in the Border area north of Carlisle (where they had a reputation as troublemakers). Successive Lyons have accepted the existence of an unknown Chief and granted arms to Thomson Petitioners as indeterminate cadets."



Thomson of that Ilk



CARE PACKAGES

Back about 6 weeks ago or so, we contacted you about sending DHA/MacTavish "CARE" packages to your loved ones serving overseas.

We included all kinds of things - nuts, hard candies, Hot Chocolate, Beef Jerky, Slim Jim's, Hard Candy, Drink Mixes for water, Silly String, Handi-wipes and a thank-you card -- plus we included Thompson Dress Blue tartan flags with grommets (or they can be slid over an antenna/rod) and included them with the packages so they can fly them or keep them as a memory.

Too many seem to have forgotten our troops, and with the holidays coming up and we wanted to make sure they knew WE didn't. Thanks, David, Lynne, and Melissa for the idea, getting the stuff, putting them together, (prodding me to finish the sewing) and mailing them in time for Christmas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2-3, 2007: Tucson Celtic Festival and Highland Games

Saturday, November 4, 2007: Foothills Highland Games, Hendersonville, NC

November 11: Remembrance Day (UK), Veterans' Day (US)

November 18-19: Eugene, Oregon – Eugene Celtic Heritage Fest

November 30: St. Andrew's Day

December 25: Christmas

December 31: Hogmany

January 1 2008: The 137th Waipu Highland Games in NZ

January 17, (1746): Battle of Falkirk – Remember

January 25 – Birthday of Robert Burns (Burns Night Celebration) - FIND ONE NEAR YOU!!

*Quoted from "A Country Called Stratherrick"
by Alan Lawson –*

In Stratherrick, there was a tradition that when a member of the MacTavish family, Migovie, was about to die, a fairy woman, a banshee, *bean sith*—was to be heard wailing and shrieking amount the trees around the house. The strange thing was that this was heard by all but the person about to die.

In the mid-19th century when one might think such beliefs were disappearing, the agent of the Commercial Bank in Inverness, a MacTavish, had to go to London for a cancer operation. Before doing so he went with his cousin, Sandy MacTavish, solicitor and town clerk, who was one of the Migovie family, to visit relatives there. With them was also a nephew, who was to accompany him to London. In the evening, suddenly, weird and mournful cries were heard and someone said, "there is the banshee". All heard the sounds but the down to earth banker and his nephew.

To die under the surgeons knife was not uncommon at the period and this could be dismissed as a coincidence, but not long afterwards, the nephew also died. And these two alone had not heard the wailings. What were these? The mournful calling for some melancholy owl or the unnerving cries of a vixen, distorted by the wind among the trees – or the banshee?

Contributed by Cathy McTavish



And for those of you struggling with your Scots-Irish heritage and genealogy and wondering "which' you are..... Samuel Thompson, the Bard of Carngranny, expressed the position of eighteenth century loyalist Irish people of Scottish descent in the following verse:

*"I love my native land, no doubt,
Attach'd to her thro' thick and thin,
Yet tho' I'm Irish all without,
I'm every item Scotch within."*