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



LAMMAS 2007



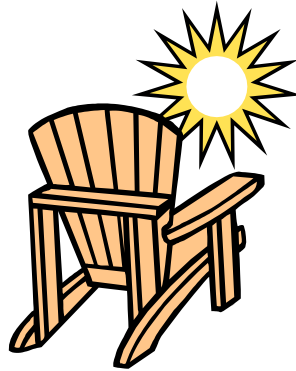
Welcome to the Clan Gregor newsletter. Inside you'll find information, pictures, and anecdotes, detailing the recent happenings in the Clan Gregor. We certainly hope you enjoy what you see. More so, we hope you will wander through and visit the pages following this one that list the septs and aliases 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.

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	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		
List D: Other family names that are known to have been used as MacGregor aliases						
	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 1st 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: _____

_____ Please do not write below this line _____
 Check Number: _____ Check Amount: _____ Date Received: _____
 Date to Treasurer: _____ Date Entered Membership Database: _____

NAMES AND SEPTS OF CLAN GREGOR

As recognized by the Clan Gregor Society, August 1999

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From the Desk of the Chapter President:



Dear Gregor Cousins,

Foremost on mind at present is the sad news that Doyle Long recently had a brain hemorrhage that caused a stroke. I don't have many details as his wife Carlyne is understandably pre-occupied, and I haven't been able to reach her by phone or e-mail. I was advised that after being in a clinic in Santa Barbara, he was due to be moved to rehab, so I hope this is a good sign. He is such a fine gentleman, and my prayers and best wishes go out to him and his family members, and I hope all our Clan members will be joining me in this. Since my last President's message, the only Games I have attended were the Sacramento Valley Games in Woodland. As usual, a very enjoyable event, with great weather, and quite a lot of our Gregor family in attendance, including some from out of state, although only Patricia and myself, and our faithful tent coordinator Chris Sykes were there on Sunday as well as Saturday. In conjunction with these Games we held a Council meeting on Saturday after the Games concluded at 5.00pm, with the Chief of the Caledonian Club of Sacramento kindly arranging for us to use one of the stages, as other areas, including our tent, were "off-limits" for security reasons. I felt the meeting went very well, with lots of things discussed, assignments made, etc. Possibly the highlight of the weekend was the Clan dinner at Ludy's Barbecue in Woodland, starting at 7.00pm that evening. I had reserved for approx 15; the enthusiasm was so good that we ended up with 22 attendees, and we were allocated the banquet room, where we were waited on "hand and foot". This place is usually a "serve yourself" restaurant, but the assistant manager seemed to be so taken with us, and our costumes, and our antics, that they made an exception and gave us personal service, which we certainly enjoyed. Everyone seemed to be in the best of spirits, and we applauded their service frequently, which they seemed to appreciate. Considering the enjoyable time we had, this looks like being an annual occurrence in conjunction with these Games!

I had not been able to attend any other Games since then due to family commitments, but Patricia was able to represent me at the Modesto Games. There were not very many Gregors there, but the few that were made up for the rest of us with their enthusiasm. Clan Gregor was the featured Clan, and we were proudly represented in the parade. One of the highlights of this Games was our member Joy Shropshire once again taking first in her division in the Highland Dancing Competition. This young lady has been competing in this event for only a little over a year, and has excelled in every event she has competed in. She won "Best Overall" in her class at the Woodland Games also, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA at high school. She and her family are very proud and enthusiastic members of our Clan, and love the opportunity to honor their Gregor heritage, with the dancing, and participating in the parades in their Gregor tartans; a great example to all of us. Joy apparently plans to continue to learn and perform her dancing for many years to come, and we should be proud to have her represent Clan Gregor.

The next Games I am expecting to attend is the Pleasanton event on Labor Weekend; as the largest Scottish Games in the country it is always a spectacle of sight and sound, along with the number and variety of vendors of Scottish and UK wares, souvenirs, regalia, clothing, weapons, books, artwork, and my favorite; food! Also, the afore-mentioned Joy Shropshire will be competing at these Games on the Sun-

day. This event usually draws our largest crowd of Clan Members for a Games during the year; I encourage you to come out and fellowship with your Clan brothers and sisters, proudly represent our Tartan, enjoy the above-mentioned sights and sounds, and of course, support Joy.

I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Regards, Glynn.

Haggis McGregor's Shaggy Dog Tales

Jock & Murphy

Two shipwrecked Scots had been hanging on for hours to an upturned boat. Jock, realizing that he might not be able to hold out much longer, began to recount his past misdeeds, and to vow that if he escaped he would in future lead an entirely new life. Suddenly, there was a cry from his comrade in distress:

" Wait, Jock ! Don't commit yourself - I think I see land !

"Murphy, O'Brien & Casey sitting in a bar discussing the words they would like to hear spoken over their coffins at their wakes. Casey says, "I would like them to say 'He was a wonderful family man- he always supported his wife and kids, and they never wanted for anything'". O' Brien says, "That's lovely Casey. But I would like to hear them say, 'He was a great man in the community - he undertook a lot of projects to make his community a better place.'" Murphy says, "That's very nice, O'Brien. But I would like to hear them say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

Jock's nephew came to him with a problem. "I have my choice of two women," he said, "a beautiful, penniless young girl whom I love dearly, and a rich old widow whom I can't stand."

"Follow your heart; marry the girl you love," Jock counseled.
"Very well, Uncle Jock," said the nephew, "that's sound advice."

"By the way," asked Jock "where does the widow live?"



The Editor welcomes and encourages items for publication to the Griogarach. All items should be in keeping with the objectives of Clan Gregor Western USA and the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland. Clan Gregor Western USA hereby assumes absolutely no responsibility for any action taken by any person based on information in this publication. There has been no intention whatsoever to defame anyone living or dead. The Editor will consider all submitted items for publication but assumes no responsibility, nor certifies accuracy of any published item. The Editor reserves the right to edit all materials accepted for publication.

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Press Release June 10, 2007

THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

Comunn Chloinn Ghriogair

Founded 1822 – Charity No. SCO 07391

Patron: Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor Bart

At the Council meeting held on Friday June 8th 2007, the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland agreed that it will, from this point onwards, accept into full membership of the Society individuals with ANY surname who can show, through DNA testing, that they have a DNA signature which matches, at the accepted degrees of mutational difference, that of the main MacGregor DNA signature.

Council has taken this decision in recognition of the fact that, as a result of Clan Gregor's past turbulent history, individuals were required to assume names which were totally divorced from their actual clan name, and although such name changes were often documented at the time, others were not. The Clan Gregor Society Council recognises that the ancestors of some MacGregors chose not to return to the original clan name for a variety of reasons, and that advances in DNA testing now allows the descendants of such individuals to be identified as belonging to the clan.

In taking this decision the Council is conscious that it is the first Clan Society to promote membership on the basis of a DNA signature and it is to be hoped that other clans will follow this lead.

Details

The Clan Gregor Society will admit to full membership of the Society anyone who can show 23 markers out of 25, or, up to 31 (but normally 33) markers out of 37 in common with the main MacGregor DNA profile which is found as kit number 2124 on the Family Tree DNA public website for the Clan Gregor Project, and additionally, where marker DYS385a normally equals 10 (ten). We take this as the modal signature. For mutations this equates to a genetic distance of up to 6 (six) on 37 markers.

The Clan Gregor Society also recognises that there is a separate Irish based DNA profile for M(a)cGregors which is distinct from the main M(a)cGregor profile, indicating a probable separate origin for the name. Council will therefore also admit to full membership on the basis of this DNA signature, again without relation to surname. The same broad restrictions apply as in the previous paragraph except that for this group the reference kit will be 4715 but with the following alterations: marker DYS464b will be considered as having a modal value of 16 and DYS460 to have a modal value of 11. For the moment the scores on CDY a and b will be discounted in determining the Irish signature and therefore the match which will be considered is up to 30 out of 35 (that is, a maximum genetic distance of 5).

We believe that DNA testing now provides an extremely reliable tool for confirming surname-based descent based on analysis of the Y chromosome.

Signed

Professor Richard McGregor
Chairman
The Clan Gregor Society of Scotland

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For additional games information try: 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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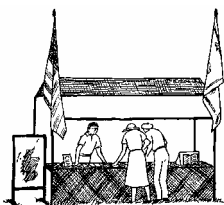
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Calendar Of Scottish Events



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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
May 26-27	Pomona, CA	75th annual USS Highland Games & National Championships	United Scottish Society
June 2-3	Ferndale, WA	Bellingham Highland Games	
TBA	Modesto, CA	Modesto Highland Games	Modesto Highland Games
June 8-9	Lehi, Utah	Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games.	Utah Scottish Association
16-Jun	Prosser, WA	Prosser Scottish Festival	
TBA	Aurora, OR	Oregon Weights for Distance Championship	Oregon Highland Games
16-Jun	Campbell, CA	Campbell Highland Games	Campbell Highland Games
23-Jun	Graham, WA	Tacoma Highland Games	
June 23-24	Vista, CA	Scottish Highland Games of San Diego	SD Scottish Highland Games
July 14-15	Mt. Vernon, WA	Skagit Valley Highland Games	
July 9-10	Oakland, CA	Dunsmuir Highland Games	Dunsmuir House and Gardens
21-Jul	Portland, OR	Portland Highland Games (American Championships)	Portland Highland Games Assoc.
July 20-21	Flagstaff, AZ	Arizona Highland Celtic Festival	No. AZ Celtic Heritage Soc.
July 28-29	Enumclaw, WA	Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games	Seattle Scottish H.G.A.
Aug. 5	Spokane, WA	Spokane Highland Games	Spokane Games
Aug. 6-7	Monterey, CA	Monterey Highland Games	S.S.M.P.
Aug. 12	Greenbank, WA	Whidbey Island Highland Games	http://wihg.org
Aug. 11	Redmond, OR	High Desert Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland Games	http://www.hdcs.net
Aug. 19-20	Winston, OR	Douglas County Highland Games	Douglas County Scottish Soc.
TBA	Pleasanton, CA	C.C.S.F.'s 138th Annual Scottish Gathering and Games	C.C.S.F.
Sept. 8-9	Kelso, WA	Kelso Highlander Festival	
TBA	TBA	Black Sheep Fall Open and SAAA Judges Certification	Monterey Black Sheep
TBA	Fresno, CA	Fresno Highland Games	Scottish Soc. of Central Cal.
Sept. 22	Dixon, CA	Dixon Scottish Games	Dixon Scottish Games
TBA	Ben Lomond, CA	Loch Lomond Highland Games	Loch Lomond Celtic Society
Oct. 6-7	Reno, NV	Reno Celtic Celebration - Heavy Athletic Games	Reno Celtic Celebration
TBA	Ventura, CA	Seaside Highland Games	Seaside Highland Games