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



LAMMAS 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, 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 is 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 Mac	Gregor 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		
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List C:	Aliases with little documentary evidence but a tradition of MacGregor connection						
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	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			
ist D:	Other family names that are known to have been used as MacGregor aliases						
LIST D:	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	

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 or 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 or 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.



CLAR GREGOR Western USA

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director 5003 Ocean View Blvd. La Canada, CA 91011-1239

A Chapter of the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland

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From the **Desk** of the Chapter President:

Carolyne J. McGregor-Long, Chapter President "Descendant of MacGregor of Ossian Glenn, Scotland"



SUMMER SALUTATIONS!

We trust all things are well with each of you. We're about mid-way in our Games Season, but don't toss your calendar just yet! There are many events yet to come and with them, lots more fun. Just around the corner is our big Pleasanton Games (Labor Day Weekend), and our scheduled Annual General Meeting. Be prepared for two full days of shear entertainment and fun. Please make an effort to attend and lend support to your chapter. Clearly, your presence is most welcomed and necessary to the furtherance of Clan Gregor West. And in October, exciting news that Clan Gregor is to be the "Honored Clan" at this year's Ben Lomond Games. Lets gather together for a good show of MacGregors...plan on attending along with your fellow kith & kin (see inside for more info). Again, for those of you who have never attended the Ben Lomond event, this is a truly lovely location, pleasantly snugly amongst the beautiful green hills near Santa Cruz. Don't miss out!

Important news from Society is that President Iain MacGregor has had a stroke and is currently in a recovery home. At the time of this information, no other details were available. A get well card of encouragement has been sent on behalf of Council and Chapter. Indeed, our prayers and best wishes that he will have an excellent recuperation period and will shortly be back enjoying better health. Additionally, we wish to extend congratulations to Mariquita MacGregor, mother of Treasurer, Mr. Alpin MacGregor, and Margaret Lamb McGregor, mother of Secretary, Miss Ishbel McGregor, who have both recently celebrated their 100th birthdays. Indeed, it gives us great honor to have the opportunity to send our best regards and wishes to both of these most remarkable women.

Last newsletter, I had not received a reply from the PNW regarding any current news in their area. There was good reason, as the McAdams were enjoying several days in Maui. However, I'll catch you up on what has been recently reported. They (Pacific North West) had 17 people attend their AGM in January, which, so far, is a record for them. Additionally, they have given out 2 scholarships, one to a young man, who plays with the NW MacGregor Pipe Band, for a one year piping tuition, and a scholarship to a young lady to attend the Masters of Scottish Arts school... and there's one in the works for a youngster to go to a piping course in July. Too, PNW will branch out for the first time to Boise Idaho this year and have added a 3rd game to British Columbia, taking the tent to 14 games thus far this year. **Go PNW!!!** Just a wee sad note, word just in that Ann MacAdam has had the misfortune to break her ankle. We do send our regards and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

In our own area, there has been lots of activity and with each year, our games calendar grows larger. However, we are lacking in reports from our Clan Gregor competitors, etc. I'm sure membership would truly care to

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know who and where our own are competing so we can better cheer you on. Our youth, especially, needs more publicity. Lets get the word out, let it never be said that MacGregors are shy about their accomplishments. Keep our esteemed editor apprised of all competition sports/events that you may be involved in.

On a business note, it is necessary to report that our Treasurer Greg Hand (also VP) has found it imperative to take a leave of absence from his post on Council due to heavy personal commitments. Greg is one of a kind, hardworking, fearless in his support and commitment to Clan Gregor and his people. He has been there more times than I can mention as support for the Chair and yours truly. He will be greatly missed, but we are holding him to his promise that when possible, he will return to the business end of the chapter. He will continue as a member in good standing with the Chapter and his loyalty to Clan Gregor is unquestionable. May God be with he and family. *Hurry back Greg!* Jerry White has taken up the mantle of treasurer, and he and Greg will work together for a smooth transition. Jerry is to be commended for stepping up to the plate for us, as this is a very key position. Since Greg and Jerry live in close proximity to one another, there will be no need to change banks, etc., so this is a real plus for us. *Bonnets off to you Jerry!* I wish to thank Council for their tireless efforts in helping keep chapter business moving in a positive manner and the proper steps are being implemented to make/approve the necessary changes/paperwork at our current bank. Additionally, Council has approved the separation per by-laws of treasurer and VP. Glynn Clark is our new Vice President (interim until AGM). What a great asset...a big welcome, Glynn!

Unfortunately, there is no easy way to report sad news and it would appear this year remains a most difficult one for yours truly and others on Council. An especially sad time for two of our board members and their families. Our most sincere prayers and condolences go to Robert and Carolynn Black Stoops in the loss of her father, Robert Klindt, following a lengthy illness. I never fortunate to meet Mr. Klindt in person, but did share emails and correspondence with him from time to time. Those are special memories for me and clearly he will be missed by family and friends. Furthermore, our hearts are extremely grieved by the death of Dennis Corey, Linda's husband. Dennis fought tirelessly for a very extended time, but in the end lost his extremely long battle with many serious health issues he suffered severely with. Last, but by far not least, I wish to dedicate this article to him in that he was one of the most courageous persons I have known. Last summer I was totally overwhelmed that he would make the effort to join Linda and my other extended Clan Gregor family in attending my mother's services in support of me. Seeing Dennis there, looking so elegant in dress tartan (knowing his own health issues) gave me the added strength to get through that most difficult and sad day. I have thought of that space in time often since, how our earthly paths are somehow intertwined and that there is purpose in all things, albeit, not always comprehenable to we mortals. Dennis is now indeed in peace, free from pain and in a far better realm, but he will be dearly missed and our prayers are with Linda and family. Let all Clan Gregor stand tall in your memory, Dennis Corey! I believe he would eco these words: "And, may we nay forget to support with hearts and prayers our military and civil servants both at home and abroad."

SEE YOU AT THE GAMES!!! Ard Choille!
Carolyne J. McGregor Long

DESCENDANT OF MACGREGOR OF OSSIAN'S GLEN, SCOTLAND

A.G.M AT PLEASANTON

At the recent Council meeting it was determined to again hold the Annual General Meeting at the Pleasanton Games. The meeting will be held on Sat. Sept. 4th after the closing ceremonies. Diner will be K.F.C. at the Tent. Arrangements will be made at the Tent on Sat. afternoon.

The Pleasanton Games are held Labor Day weekend (Sept. 4th & 5th) at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. This is a large event. As such accommodations for lodging, etc., can be difficult to find as the date nears. It is suggested that reservations be made ASAP. Also Camping both tent and RV is available at the Fairgrounds. Camping arrangements must be made via the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. Suggest checking their Web Site at www.Caledonian.org for listings of hotels, maps etc.

The Alameda County Fairgrounds has a rule that no animals are allowed. There is an exception for animals that are "part of the show."

For any additional information contact the Northern Tent Coordinator at:

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Donald Motter, MacGregor of Tuleburg

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 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.

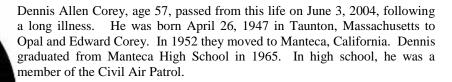
There is some merchandise available. The number of items being offered is somewhat limited, however it is reported to be good quality merchandise. I would suggest checking it out. There are discussion boards for the exchange of information and views on various subjects.

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 McGregorTuleburg@aol.com

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Dennis Allen Corey April 26, 1947 – June 3, 2004



Mr. Corey enlisted in the U.S. Army immediately after graduation from high school and was trained as an Army Medic. He served in Viet Nam with the Army Blue Spaders, 1st Battalion, 26th infantry, fighting on the frontlines. Mr. Corey was honored for saving many lives during his service in Viet Nam, and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for his acts of bravery under fire. He completed his military duty in Germany in the US Army Reserves in 1971, and returned to Manteca with a young daughter, Crystal Corey.

Mr. Corey attended Delta College as an accounting and business major under the GI Bill. He went on to work as a business manager for a Stockton businessman, buying commercial and investment properties, refurbishing them, and managing them successfully for many years.

Following a stroke and a heart attack in 1984, he became a successful portrait studio photographer and once studied with Ansel Adams. Other careers included working as a nurse for a Stockton surgeon and at San Joaquin General Hospital, and managing group care homes. He became an administrator for three group care homes with the assistance of his third wife, Mary Housely Corey, from 1990 to 1998. In 1999, Mr. Corey trained as a massage therapist and alternative health practitioner. He had a clinic in Manteca, where he specialized in treating people with chronic pain. Dennis was known throughout the community as a very friendly man who enjoyed talking to and helping people.

Dennis owned a series of boats and had a lifelong love of the Delta and Pacific Coast. He was a former member of the Berkeley Sailing Club, Stockton Sailing Club, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. In recent years, he often paddled his sea kayak along the Monterey Bay coast with his wife, Linda Corey. Mr. Corey was active in the Clan Gregor Society Western USA Chapter and proudly wore his kilt to many games and events, along with his wife, Linda, and grandson, Christian, in their MacGregor tartans. Through his mother, Dennis was connected to Clan MacDonald, but he chose to adopt Clan Gregor, where he made many friends and enjoyed learning about his Scots heritage. Both Dennis and Linda supported Three Rivers Indian Lodge in Manteca, their favorite cause and charity.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Corey, of Stockton; daughter, Crystal Corey of Sacramento; grandson, Christian Corey, of Sacramento; and two nephews, James and Keith Conrad, Manteca. He was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Conrad; father, Ed Corey; and mother, Opal Corey Elam.

A memorial service was held at DeYoung Memorial Chapel Stockton, CA, on June 6, 2004. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Three Rivers Indian Lodge, 135050 South Union, Manteca, CA 95336 in his memory.

Memorial Service for Dennis Corey





Robert William Klindt June 11, 1923 — May 5,2004



Died the evening of May 5, 2004, at 7:05 PM, after a very long and arduous illness. He was born 6/11/1923, and he was to be 81 years this June, 2004.

He was cremated and interred at Golden Gate Cemetery in Colma in a private ceremony within the week. My father wanted no flowers as a means of remembrance. He had a charity to which he contributed; if you would like that information please let me know.

Carolynn Black Klindt Stoops

Carolyne J. McGregor-Cong

Dad Klindt with MacTavish

Eleanor Ruth Biddleman Long Sands



Doyle's mother, Eleanor Ruth Biddleman Long Sands, passed away July 6,. 2004, in Clarksville, TN. She was 91 years of age. She was transported to her native home state of Oklahoma to be interred in the family plot along side her husband of many years, Alfred Long. Services were held July 13, 2004 in Fort Cobb, OK. Our family has experienced the passing of two dear cousins, my beloved mother, uncle, and now Doyle's mother within a year's time. Thank you all, again, for your most welcome prayers during this tremendously difficult period.

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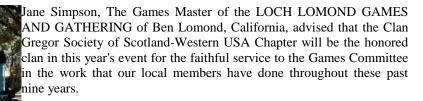


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Date: June 13, 2004

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Clan Gregor West to be Honored at Loch Lomond Games, October 2, 2004



Clan Gregory Members, Don Motter, our Clan Gregor Tent Convener, was one of the first clan organizations to sign up that very first gathering in 1995 and has continuously consulted with the Games Master and provided security for the event. Bob Stoops, has been a faithful working volunteer since the inception of this event providing in

general all around "grunt" work and logistics support. Lisa Brewer, Kathy King, Linda and Dennis Correy, Bob and Helen Gibbs, and Jay and Dale White (and others through the years) have been faithful in their support of the Clan Gregor tent at the Loch Lomond Scottish Games as "set-up" and support crew.

Lastly, myself, Carolynn Black Stoops, as one of the founding members of the Loch Lomond Games Committee, and volunteer convener of the Celtic Critter Demonstration area, have had the great privilege to work with Jane Simpson (the premier Games Master), the Board of the Loch Lomond Celtic Society, the Games Committee, and many others over the years. My heart has been in these Highlands near our Alba, in the village of Ben Lomond, and the Hills (Santa Cruz Mountains) have been alive with the sounds of Music and Dance. I am grateful to all who have helped make this dream a reality!

I have been able to observe the event from the very beginning in 1995, gather its steam, take off, receive it's wings, and soar like an eagle with great success. I am proud of the work our MacGregors have done to make this local event a great venue, and add my personal THANK YOU for a job well done these many years. We couldn't have done it without the work of our members! I invite you to participate in this very special commemorative event. Please check out the website: (http://www.lochlomondceltic.org/games.htm) for the various event planned activities and entertainment options.

The good news for the Gregarach is that we will be provided V.I.P. status at the game site. Clan Gregory will lead the "Parade of Clans" at the midday opening ceremonies. Our President, CAROLYNE MCGREGOR-LONG, will be honored as "Chief of the Games" and receive the appreciation from a grateful Games Committee and the Chief of the Loch Lomond Celtic Society, Scott Pedan.



The Morning Crew

Additionally, we will be provided a pleasant gathering room in the Mansion House, where we will have various MacGregor items on display, and refreshments will be offered to our visiting members. We will be provided with some free entrance tickets for the event, so please let me know if you are able to join us in this magnificent honorary occasion. Motel accommodations are available and if we have enough of a group, Bob and I will plan a lovely Ceildh at a local family restaurant (reasonable prices).

SO COCK UP YOUR BONNETS AND JOIN US OCTOBER 2, 2004 AT THE LOCH LOMOND GAMES AND GATHERING in Ben Lomond, California at Highland Park! Please let us know (in advance) of your intentions to attend so we can make you feel welcome.

Yours Aye, CAROLYNN BLACK STOOPS of Glenwood, Scotts Valley, CA



Don Motter leads the Clan and Clan Society in the March By at the 26th annual Campbell Highland Games and Celtic Gathering June 26, 2004

Anointed Betrothal



+The Chapel at Mare Island+



+ Tiffany Windows above altar+



Tammy and Christopher Gibbs

Photos: Carolynn and Robert Black Stoops



Calendar Of Scottish Events

Important note: Always check and confirm the event prior to making travel arrangements etc. This is the most up to date information available at press time

Month	Date	Event Name
Aug	7	Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival
		Toro Park
		Salinas, CA, 93906 (831) 333-0116
Aug	13 - 15	Pittsburg Renaissance Festival - Scottish Renaissance
		Buchanan Park
		Pittsburg, CA, 94565 (925) 209-3598
Aug	21,22	The South Coast Celtic Family Festival
		Brothers of St. Patrick
		Midway City, CA, 92655 (877) 619-8625
Sep	3 -5	Pleasanton, CA, Scottish Highland Gathering & Games
		Alameda County Fairgrounds
		Pleasanton, CA, 94566 (650) 586-6357
Sep	11,12	Sonora Celtic Faire & North American Jousting Champions
		Mother Lode County Fairgrounds
		Tucson, AZ, 85717 (520) 327-7209
Sep	18	Annual Fresno Scottish Festival and Highland Games
		Coombs River Ranch
		Madera County, CA, 93638 (559) 584-6543
Sep	24 - 26	Sebastopol Celtic Festival
		Sebastopol Community Center
		Sebastopol , CA, 95472 (707) 829-7067
Sep	25	The Dixon Scottish Highland Games
		Dixon May Fairgrounds
7.5 .7	.	Dixon, CA, 95620 (707) 678-8814
Month	Date	Event Name
Oct	2	Loch Lomond Highland Games
		Highland Parks
Oct	2,3	Ben Lomond , CA, 95005 (831) 457-6716 KVMR's Celtic Festival and Market Place
Oct	2,3	
		Nevada Co. Fairgrounds
Oct	9,10	Grass Valley , CA, 95945 (530) 274-1438 Seaside Highland Games
Joei	9,10	Seaside Park
		Ventura , CA, 93004 818-716-0963
Nov	6	Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games
1101	U	Rillito Park Raceway
		Tucson, AZ, 85717 (520) 743-9291
		1 ucson , AZ, 05/1/ (320) /43-3231

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The Northern and Sierra Nevada schedule was compiled by: Don Motter, Northern Tent John Pechin, Sierra Nevada Tent.

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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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