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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



The 2007 Society Gathering was one for the history books. As always the Gathering was a smashing success. Lisa and her committee members did a superb job planning and organizing, work that began almost two years ago. They deserve the thanks of all who participated.

About 120 'cousins' from Canada and the US attended some or all activities to include the Williamsburg Highland Games and Balmoral Reception. Lisa

and CPT John organized the first Gathering Raffle which was a great hit. The Gathering was a family affair with adult children, children and grand children attending.

Mark your calendars now for the 2009 Gathering in Estes Park the first week-end after Labor Day.

I hope you enjoy this special Gathering Edition newsletter that Marcus Jim has assembled with a few photos from the Gathering and the Williamsburg Highland Games.

Slante mhath!

Bill

EDITOR'S CORNER

Now that we are all back home, it is time to sort through the hundreds of pictures and try to select those which will tell the story of Williamsburg. There are so many good ones that it was difficult to select just a few. If I missed your very special picture. I apologize. I would like to especially thank Dianne Wallace and Bob Wason for their efforts. Also Jim "Bowie" Wallace, Bill Wallace, Joyce Jones, Dick and Jan Wallace, Lisa Donant, Marilyn Martin, Dorothy Knight, Penny Wallace. William Fred Wallace and CAPT John Wallace. No special order. I have also included some pictures of Colonial Williamsburg so that those who could not attend will have a small measure of what they missed.

Wallaces Hold Gathering in Williamsburg, Virginia

Since 1999 Clan Wallace has held International Gatherings of the Clan in various places throughout the World. Included in the venues have been Halifax, Nova Scotia; Reno, Nevada; Scotland; and most recently during 26 September through 1 October 2007 in Williamsburg, Virginia. This year's host was local Saint Andrews Society of Tidewater Trustee Captain John R. Wallace, who is the immediate Past President of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide.

120 Clan Wallace Members and their families from 18 States of the Union (from 9 States West of the Mississippi and 9 States East of the Mississippi)

and many from Canada met in the Williamsburg-Jamestown area for this event during the Jamestown-Williamsburg 400 Celebrations conducted this year to commemorate the early formation of our nation.

The Gathering schedule included receptions, dinners, seminars, local tourism, a super whiskey tasting, tremendous hospitality, and a mirade of Williamsburg Highland Games and Celtic Celebration events. During this 30th Anniversary Year of this popular Scottish Festival and Games, Clan Wallace was the Honored Clan and present to represent the Clan Chief and take the honors were William J. Wallace, the

current Clan Society President, and his wife, Norma, from Bend, Oregon.

In addition to celebrating the Jamestown-Williamsburg 400th and attending the Williamsburg Festival, Clan Wallace Society held its Annual Directors Meeting, drawing its Officers and Directors from all over the USA and Canada. During the Banquet held on Sunday, 29 September 2007, Awards were presented to 4 Clan Members for their outstanding contributions to the Clan and Society.

The next Gathering of Clan Wallace is a scheduled for Estes Park, Colorado in 2009, in conjunction with the local Scottish Games held there annually.

Colonial Williamsburg was reconstructed by the Rockefeller and DeWitt Wallace Foundations to provide a living history you can see, hear and touch. You can visualize Thomas Jefferson and George Washington walking the streets. You can see their pews in the local church. DeWitt and Lela Wallace founded The Readers Digest. They were also instrumental in the completion of the Wallace Memorial at Elderslie with the Clan Wallace Society (Worldwide) in 1970.



Capt John Wallace, President Bill Wallace, The President's Lady, Norma Wallace and Richard "Dick" Wallace

Clan Tent at Williamsburg There was a sea of Red Wallace Tartan. We were not only the honored clan but also the largest..



Gathering Reception on the official beginning of the festivities. The reception was held in The Hospitality House across from William and Mary College.



Dorothy Knight of Ontario, Canada gives the report for the Canadian group on behalf of Tom Wallace of Nova Scotia. Advisory Director for Canada.



Treasurer Bob Wallace and Lois Wallace from Dayton, Nevada and Former Director Richard A. Wallace and Jan from Marysville, California



Mr. Do-it-All Robert Wayne Jones receives the CWS Certificate of Appreciation



Dorothy Knight of Ontario, Canada receives the CWS Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Tom Wallace



Jim "Bowie" Wallace receiving the CWS Presidents Award .



Bob Wason and Diane Wallace of Glendale, AZ enjoy the festivities.



Wayne Jones receiving the Circle of the Knight Award Certificate



Tricia Wallace of GA receives the CWS Presidents award.



Table shots from the Farewell Dinner.



Three President's of CWS(W) John R., Marcus J. (Jim) Past Presidents and William "Bill" current.

CAPT John Wallace, Bill and Norma Wallace, their cousins, The Cunninghams and Marcus J. Wallace

The Pipers Notice the traditional Wee Dram CAPT. John is waiting to present to them.



Pictures from the Farewell Dinner at the Hospitality House (across from William and Mary College) on Sunday September 30, 2007. This is as close to a group picture as we had. The meal was excellent and a good time of fellowship and recognition of achievements was enjoyed by all.



Least you think it was all fun and games, here we find the Board of Directors hard at work. From left to right: Marcus Wallace, Charles M. Wallace, Jim "Bowie" Wallace, Lisa Diess, Bill Wallace, Jean Wallace, Wayne Jones, Bob Wallace



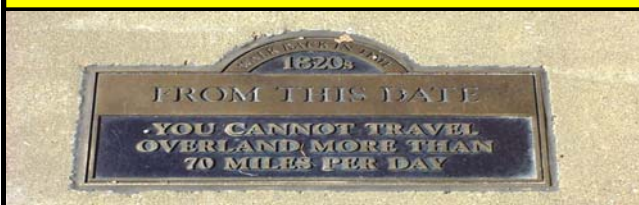
At left is former Director Larry Slight giving his presentation on heraldry. He is an armiger having his own Coat of Arms. The flag next to him is his own. He handed out material which would be useful to anyone wishing to establish their own coat of arms. He has also volunteered to assist anyone who wants to develop their own. Part of the presentation was a short history of the current coat of arms for the Chief on Clan Wallace. The lecture was well attended



Above is Director Marcus "Jim" Wallace conducting a class on genealogy. His presentation was designed for the newcomer to family history. His approach was to start with the known aspects of your family history and build from there. He strongly recommended that you start with the simple questions such as where were you married, where did you grow up, where are your parents buried, where did they grow up. Questions that may not have answers or are very difficult to discover once they are gone. The lecture was well attended.



Mike Lawler conducts a Whisky Tasting. The sketch shows how Whisky is made



Time marks leading to Colonial Williamsburg



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I elected to include two photos that I thought were out of the ordinary.

The first shows the sign at Wallace's Trading Post, a stone's throw from the hotel. I found the place both friendly and interesting. The manager was singularly amused by the number of Wallaces that she had seen the last few days.



The second reflects my fascination, yet even more my astonishment, at the amount of history embedded in the area around Williamsburg. In the grounds of the historic church at Colonial Williamsburg were several markers such as this, reflecting a resting place for one of many thousands of unknown young boys from this bloody time which finally cemented the term "United" into the phrase "United States". Their "clan tartan" might have been only plain blue or grey, but their zeal for their beliefs was no less intense than that of the Scottish "barbarians" fighting against Longshanks.

Hope this helps
William Fred Wallace
Windsor, Ontario, Canada



Editors Note: You forget the impact this area had on the Civil War until someone slaps you across the face. In this case, William Fred Wallace of Canada. Virginia was very much in the thick of things during the Civil War. There were 123 battles in Virginia and such well known locations as Manassas (First and second Bull Run) and Chancellorsville in addition to Williamsburg and Yorktown.



Tricia Wallace preparing to toss the Haggis.



Our hosts Capt John R. Wallace and Lisa Diess (now Donant) wishing a fond farewell and a safe trip home.