

Flowers of the Forest

Russell Hoyt Dabney, 61, of Roswell,GA died January 23, 2013.

Mr. Dabney graduated from the The Wesminster Schools and was an enthusiastic alumnus of the University of Tennessee. While at Tennessee he was a member of Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity, UT Singers, and ODK Honor Society.

He was an active participant in the Boy Scouts as an Eagle Scout, Scout Master, Commissioner, and member of the National Scouting Committee.

Mr. Dabney was a respected member of the Atlanta Rotary Club.

He worked as a real estate appraiser and operated his own company, Dabney and Associates.

He enjoyed history and researching his English and Scottish heritage. He was an active participant in Clan Donald where he was recently appointed Regional Herald.

Mr. Dabney was an accomplished singer having performed at Carnegie Hall in NY and Royal Albert Hall in London.

Mr. Dabney was preceded in death by his father, John Cornelius Dabney and is survived by his mother, Eleanor Hoyt Dabney; brother, John C. Dabney, Jr. and his wife, Chris; sister, Ann Dabney Blane and her husband, Bill; nephews, Peter Blane and his wife, Erin, David Blane, Christopher Blane; and niece, Grace Blane. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta Area Council. A memorial service will be Friday, February 1, 2013 at 1 o'clock at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta.

Dear Clan MacTavish Members –

This is to inform Clan MacTavish members about a Clan visit to Scotland on June 28-29-30, 2014, and to see who is interested in going. See the below message for details.

Our Clan will have an official presence in the 2014 celebration of the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. There will be a Clan village at the site of the battle, and planning is underway for a 3-day schedule of events, including a reenactment of the battle.

Please note that there have been some significant changes to the original plans that proposed having the Clans participate in a Homecoming event in July of 2014.

Those original ideas have been scrapped in favor of focusing on a Clan gathering as part of the celebration of the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn.

The celebration has been officially confirmed to take place on June 28, 29, and 30, 2014. These events are being coordinated by the Standing Council of Chiefs and the National Trust for Scotland.

Although the schedule of events is still under development, the dates are firm. We are communicating now with local hotels to find a site close to the events. To get your name on a list of Clan MacTavish members who are interested in joining us at Bannockburn (June 27, 28, 29, and 30) please send an email response to Mark Stephenson : mstephenson@cinci.rr.com indicating how many rooms you would need. This does not entail any obligation on your part. The planning committee simply needs to get an idea of the number of people who are planning on attending the Bannockburn celebrations, and who will need local accommodations, so that we can discuss our Clan's needs with the

event planners.

American College of Heraldry has a new address

Friends of the College:

This is to advise that I have moved for work, and with me goes the College. Please note the new address for mailed communication, as shown in the signature block below.

Thank you!

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Sinclair's, Come Gather in Virginia!

Clan Sinclair will be the Honored Clan at the 40th annual Virginia Scottish Games on August 31-September 1, 2013 at the Great Meadow Equestrian Center in The Plains, Virginia. These Games continue to be a huge success at Great Meadow. Nestled in the heart of Virginia's Piedmont countryside, Great Meadow is a 250-acre field events center with breathtaking views which evokes the spirit of the Scottish highlands, providing a truly authentic experience.

Malcolm Sinclair, Earl of Caithness, will be the Honored Guest for the games. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Clan Sinclair will be held in conjunction with the games on Saturday, August 31st. Ward (Bud) Ginn and Thomas (Tom) Sinclair are coordinating the Clan Sinclair events for the weekend.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Twenty (20) rooms have been set aside for Clan Sinclair members in Chantilly at the Chantilly-Dulles Expo Holiday Inn for Friday (8/30/2013) - Sunday (9/1/2013) evenings. The hotel is located at 4335 Chantilly Shopping Center (4.5 miles from the Dulles International Airport and 21.6 miles from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) - check-in time: 3pm/check-out time: 12pm.

The rooms will be available until August 15th on a first come, first served basis. The group special nightly rate for the hotel is \$89 (plus tax). Our group code LV8 should be used when you call the front desk: 1-703-815-6060 in order to get this rate.

CURRENT SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Friday, August 30 - 5-7pm Meet & Greet Reception/w Cash Bar Hotel (Grand Duke Room)

Saturday, August 31 Virginia Scottish Games

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES - These games are seven months away; however, we are soliciting the membership at this time as to their interest in attending. The below information will be very helpful in determining how much food we will need for the Friday evening reception and the Barbeque at Tom's house on Saturday evening. We do not want to underestimate and people go home hungry!