

Brìogarach

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



SAMHAIN 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



SAMHAIN



Samhain marks one of the two great doorways of the Celtic year, for the Celts divided the year into two seasons: the light and the dark, at Beltane on May 1st and Samhain on November 1st. Some believe that Samhain was the more important festival, marking the beginning of a whole new cycle, just as the Celtic day began at night. For it was understood that in dark silence comes whisperings of new beginnings, the stirring of the seed below the ground. Whereas Beltane welcomes in the summer with joyous celebrations at dawn, the most magically potent time of this festival is November Eve, the night of October 31st, known today of course, as Halloween.

Samhain (Scots Gaelic: *Samhuinn*) literally means “summer's end.” In Scotland and Ireland, Halloween is known as *Oíche Shamhna*, while in Wales it is *Nos Calan Gaeaf*, the eve of the winter's calend, or first. With the rise of Christianity, Samhain was changed to *Hallowmas*, or All Saints' Day, to commemorate the souls of the blessed dead who had been canonized that year, so the night before became popularly known as Halloween, All Hallows Eve, or Hollantide. November 2nd became All Souls Day, when prayers were to be offered to the souls of all who the departed and those who were waiting in Purgatory for entry into Heaven. Throughout the centuries, pagan and Christian beliefs intertwine in a gallimaufry of celebrations from Oct 31st through November 5th, all of which appear both to challenge the ascendancy of the dark and to revel in its mystery.

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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 | Greuer | 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 | |
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| 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 | | | | |
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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 | | |
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| List D: Other family names that are known to have been used as MacGregor aliases | | | | | | |
| | 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 |
| | 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.



A Chapter of the
Clan Gregor Society
of Scotland

CLAN GREGOR

Western USA

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I qualify in accordance with Rule --- as explained below, and wish to apply for:

- Full Membership @ \$33.00 per year.
- Associate Membership @ \$33.00 per year. (Available only to those applying under QUALIFICATION B. below)

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 Griogarach" 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: _____

NOTES / COMMENTS:

From the Desk of the Chapter President:



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

Welcome all new members and 2005 counselors!

Our AGM, Pleasanton (3 Sep 04), went extremely well, with a good turnout of members. As always the Pleasanton Games, the largest in California, were absolutely great. On 2 October 2004, Clan Gregor was truly inspiring as the "honored" clan at the Ben Lomond Games. It was a stellar moment for yours truly being the Honored Games Chief and opening the games. Also, it was brilliant the way The Loch Lomond Celtic Society managed a new program whereby Clan Gregor led the Parade of the Clans, and then stood by while each individual clan presented me, as the Chapter President, a long stem white rose. With Robert Fletcher and Jay Whyte as my escorts (strong men), it felt quite grand. Indeed, a beautiful moment to remember. A huge **thank you** to **Robert and Carolynn Black Stoops** (Northland) for their hard work and endeavors to make this event so incredibly memorable for Clan Gregor. The following Saturday, the Ventura Games, located by the beautiful Pacific Ocean, were also well attended and lots of fun. Be sure to check your calendar for the next upcoming event!!!

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### Changing of the Guard!

**Exciting news!** To all chapter members, Parent Society, sister chapters, CGS representatives, and affiliates ~ Beginning 1 January 2005, Glynn L. Clark will take up the gavel as the new Western USA Chapter President. Indeed, I have had a very long run as your President, however, the past few years I stayed the course due to lack of anyone who could donate the time to this office. All that has changed and now we have a new presence, new energy in the Chair position. I hope I have served the Chapter well over the past eight years and deem it a tremendous honor to have been your leadership representative during that period. My passion has been and still remains high for the preservation of Clan Gregor, our history, and our heritage. I will continue to support this great chapter, our parent Society, as well as all things MacGregor, and will be available to you as a Councilor and kinswoman. I will retain my position with American Clan Gregor Society as Deputy Chieftain of California. Thus, some of you who have dual memberships will still have me as your representative and contact for ACGS. If you are interested in a brief synopsis of chapter history from my point of view over the past years, please refer to inside article "An Exciting Journey".

Included in the 'Changing of the Guard' is a new Vice President, Todd Raines, who also manages the Southern tent. He and Glynn will make a powerful leadership team and I couldn't be more pleased with the new list of elected officers, making up a superb Council who are very hard working on behalf of CGS Western USA.

Please join with me in welcoming our new President, Vice President, and their Administrative Board/Council, who will see to it that Clan Gregor Western USA reaches new heights in the coming year.

**Bonnets off!!!**

**Warmest Regards for the Holidays and blessings to all!**

Carolyn J. McGregor Long, Chapter President

**Descendant of MacGregor of Ossian's Glenn**



### Scottish Games to leave OC Fairgrounds

After more than 2 decades at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, the United Scottish Society is moving their Scottish Festival and Games to the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds (Fairplex), starting in 2005. The Games will continue to be held on Memorial Day weekend. The LA Fairplex is a large facility, but the Games will occupy only a part of the grounds. In consideration of support from the clans, a concession was made to put the clans into an air conditioned building. A campground, operated by KOA is located at the north end of the fairgrounds. There are 185 full utility hookups. There is a Sheraton Suites Hotel adjacent to the grounds, where a block of rooms will be available at

\$89.00 per night. Any overflow will be handled by the nearby Ayres Suites, which is 5 minutes away by free shuttle. The room rate there would be at the same price.

Since the move will preclude the chance to have a farewell Games at Costa Mesa, the publicity budget, which was increased substantially in 2004, will be increased by as much as 25% for 2005. The Fairplex will provide additional publicity which was not available through the OC Fairgrounds. Although Fairplex does charge for parking, (\$6.00 regular or \$9.00 preferred) ticket prices MAY be reduced slightly.

To learn more about LA Fairplex, please visit their website: <http://www.fairplex.com/fp/>. The website of the United Scottish Society can be found at: <http://www.unitedscottishsociety.com/>.

Christopher Gray Lamberton FSA Scot  
California Commissioner  
The Stewart Society



Clan Gregor Honored at Loch Lomond Highland Games,  
October 2, 2004



Clan Gregor leads the parade  
of Clans



Jay Whyte and Robert Fletcher escort  
Clan Gregor President, Carolyne  
McGregor-Long, along the parade route



Carolyne McGregor-Long receives roses from parading Clans





*Clan Gregor Society Western USA Chapter*



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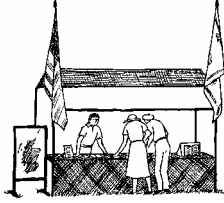
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# Calendar Of Scottish Events



**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.

For updated information, go to : <http://www.saaa-net.org/calendar.html>



| 2004  |       |                                                                                                              |
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| Month | Date  | Event Name                                                                                                   |
| Nov   | 6     | Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games<br>Rialto Park Raceway<br>Tucson , AZ, 85717 (520) 743-9291 |
| 2005  |       |                                                                                                              |
| Month | Date  | Event Name                                                                                                   |
| Feb   | 19,20 | Queen Mary Scottish Festival & Games<br>Queen Mary Events Park<br>Long Beach , CA 90802 (562) 499-1650       |
| Feb   | 26,27 | Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland Games<br>Mesa Community College<br>Mesa , AZ 88888 (602) 503-0341      |

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For additional games information try: [www.maclachlans.org](http://www.maclachlans.org) if you know of a  
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