


The Non Oblitus



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Chief's Message

The first six months of this last year of the 20th Century is completed. The Scottish Gathering and Games season just got started in the Northeast and it has been successful. It started off in Rhode Island; State Commissioner Alexander Thompson did a fine job at his first games handled by himself and assisted by his wife Lorraine. This was the first year for the Rhode Island event.

Another first year Gathering was the Southern New Hampshire Gathering where I was the Honored guest. Dudley and Bobbie Terril handled the tent and, (soon to be the new State Commissioner) Laish Morse assisted. Thanks all.

Next we traveled to Leesburg VA and again I was asked to be the Honored Guest. Patrick Thompson, V/P of the Chief's Council and Larry Thompson, Commissioner from NC and also a member of the Chief's Council took part.

To end the month of June, again I was the Honored Guest at the Western MA Games. Alexander Thompson, Commissioner from RI, and his wife Lorraine along with Laish Morse did the Clan tent. A good day; thanks to all.

This was the 13th game done so far in the last year of the century. All in all, 54 new members were signed up at the 13 events so far. There are ten or twelve more by the end of the year, so you can see we are truly on the move.

All these Scottish events we attend are very important to the building and gaining the recognition that this Ancient Clan deserves. You are all aware, due to the long dormancy with no Chief to insure we were given due respect, I have, and will continue to fight to get this accomplished. This is all made possible by the membership dues and it is so important that the dues are received on time, 1st of October, each year. Please see the notice regarding dues in this issue.

Please take care of this **ASAP**.

Dunardry



AGM at Loon

The annual General Meeting will be held at the New Hampshire Highland Games on Saturday, September 18th. All are invited. Feel free to stop by the Clan tent for the exact time and location of the meeting.

The year 2000 AGM will be held at either one of two locations. We will meet either at the Loch Norman Highland Games in North Carolina in April or, at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, Georgia in October. The exact location and dates will follow as soon as a decision is made.


Important Notice!

The dues for year 2000 are due the first of October 1999. You can send them now so that you won't be in arrears. The progress the Clan is making in being recognized after the long 200 year dormancy, is gaining momentum as shown with the "Honored Clan" status we are being given at the Charleston, SC games on September 18th. The fact that we are trying to attend so many Highland Gatherings each year is one main reason we are accomplishing our quest.

These games are funded by the your annual dues we receive so you can see just how important it is that your dues arrive on time. This way we can plan our schedule for the year 2000. Please send in your check **now**. The amount of your dues is shown on the address label of this newsletter.

Please make checks out to Clan MacTavish/Thompson and mail them to: *Laish A. Morse - Treasurer*

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From the Membership Secretary

Dear MacTavish Kindred,

We have seen a growth surge as each month goes by and it is heart-warming to know that the word about our great and ancient Highland Clan is getting out to our kith and kin. We have gained a great number of new members through our presence at Scottish events and via our Internet web page. Our new supporting members hail from Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States; and we wish to extend a hearty Ceud Mile Failte (one hundred thousand welcomes) to one and all!

The Chief and Officers of the Clan would like you to know that we work on your behalf throughout the year to provide you with information about your Clan, its heritage and current happenings. We cannot keep you informed if we do not have the proper information about you in the membership database. We would ask you, therefore, if any contact data about you changes, that you please notify the Membership Secretary so that we can continue to provide you with information on a timely basis.

For those who have never received a membership certificate, we are pleased to announce that they are now available. If you desire to have one of these attractive 5 X 7 inch color certificates, please mail or email the Membership Secretary with your full mailing address and postal/zip code, including your personal Clan ID number (this is located on the mailing address label of the Non Oblitus). A small wallet-sized certificate with your name and Clan ID number is also included. Please limit your request for the certificate to your first name, middle initial and last name.

Susan Thompson
Membership Secretary



Honored Clan Important!!!



Dear Clan Members,

My name is Larry Thompson and I am currently serving as the N.C. Commissioner for Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son Worldwide as well as a member of the Chief's Clan Council. As you are aware, our Clan will be the Honored Clan at the 28th Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering which will be held at the Boone Hall Plantation on Saturday, September 18, 1999. Needless to say, this is quite a compliment in that the Scottish Society of Charleston chose to honor Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son Worldwide out of all of the other clans and families that have committed to attend this gathering!

Due to our role as the Honored Clan at the Charleston Games, it is of paramount importance that we are represented with as many members as possible. This is an honor that will do much for our Clan as we continue to be recognized within the Scottish community, and our Chief is counting on each and every member to make a concerted effort to attend this event.

We are pleased to inform you that the Clan has made a special arrangement with the Howard Johnson Hotel of Charleston and is able to offer accommodations for the weekend at the rate of \$42.27 per night, including tax. This is a significant savings when compared to the rates of surrounding accommodations and we expect to fill our allotment quickly. If you are interested in securing a room, please contact me within 10 days so that I may make the reservation. Options for reserving a room include: mailing a check (made payable to Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son) for the full amount, 1 or 2 nights, or at a minimum one night's deposit will be required and the remainder can be paid upon arrival; you may also contact me and make reservations via credit card.

You are also encouraged to attend the Sponsor's Reception which will be held Friday evening, 7:00 p.m., at the Snee Farm Country Club in Mount Pleasant. I am told that this is one semi-formal reception that puts all others to shame; one that you certainly will not want to miss! Please contact me if you would like to purchase tickets to attend.

In closing, I might add that it is truly time to Stand Up And Be Counted! We may not have another opportunity like the present.

Yours Aye,

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**Please remember to use your
Member ID number on all
Clan-related correspondence**

**Please notify the Membership
Secretary as soon as possible
with any address changes**

Important Notice!



We have just been invited to the Charleston, SC Scottish Games as the HONORED CLAN and Dunardry, as the Special Guest of Honor. These games are being held on Saturday, September 18th.

This is the first time EVER, that the Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son is being Honored there. So, it is obvious that since Dunardry was Matriculated in July of 1997, we have made GREAT strides. We all know the "passion" and "fire" and determination our Chief displays in having our Clan history in its rightful place. The following letter was received from Dunardry requesting that all members who can, to unite at these games.

"Laish, please include this request from me to all Clan members to make a concentrated effort to be on hand at the Charleston Games on September 18, 1999. I cannot think of anything that would be more humiliating than being Honored, and to have a mere handful of members present.

"I have attended many games and have dreamt this Honor was being bestowed upon our Clan . At the other Games and Scottish events that I have been present at, the Honored Clans always have had a large contingent of their proud members present; taking part in the Gathering of the Clans, marching proudly and being pointed out as the Honored Clan of the day. Now it is our time. I dread the thought that we might have only a few members on hand (what a laugh a "certain" Clan would have, and what would they write about it?).

"I realize that all things are costly. I know because I have to count "pennies" when trying to attend as many events as I can so that we are represented. Thank goodness we have some Commissioners who do these games at their own expense. When the Clan can, it will pick up the charges, but I thank all of the Commissioners who do this as their contribution. I would just like to emphasize to all Clan members of the importance this Honor will have for our Clan in the future. We are growing at a good rate and other Clans are noticing our movement. The Clans who are true Highland Clans all remark on their delight that we are among them. Of course, on the other side of the coin, there are one or two Clans that are also taking notice, but are giving the impression that they are not. That's how I realize that we are fast becoming a force to be reckoned with.

"Again, I ask each and every Clan member to please, **please** make every effort to be on hand for the Charleston, SC event. If you have a piece of tartan, wear it. I will have sashes that people can purchase or borrow. Just bring yourself, your family, your parents, your PRIDE. I will appreciate each and every one of you. I will thank you personally and, we will give you a Special Certificate stating that you were one of the esteemed Clan Members who 'stood up to be counted' by attending this historic event."

As you can tell from the above note, this is very important. So if you can, **please** try to plan on attending. Come even if you can only stay to march in the Opening Ceremonies, or to be in the crowd so that you can shout "Cruach Mor," our Clan's war cry, when our name is called. This would mean a great deal to the Chief and would show just how fast-growing and involved our Clan has become.

Editor

A Reminder

Don't forget to send in
in your dues!!



1999 Games



So far this year we have been represented at Thirteen festivals. At the first eight, it was the first time our Clan was represented, we had good success. They started off with the Orlando FL games and the Commissioner for North-east Florida, Walter Thompson, did a fine job. Next Walter did the Jacksonville event on February, 6 while I attended the Moultrie Georgia Festival. Walter did another fine job there.

The next event was the Loch Norman Games. North Carolina Commissioner Larry Thompson, for the first time ever, handled the tent alone, signed up five new members and made great friends there. Larry also, a couple of weeks later met me on my return from Scotland and we did the Savanna games together, signing up another five members.

Next was the Gatlinburg, TN games and this time I not only had Larry assisting again, but his lovely wife Cathy and wee daughter Kristin. We were also fortunate to have Richard and Kathy Meyers, fresh from their Inaugural Clan tour, help at the tent and we met their two wonderful daughters. Diana Thompson, not only helped, but brought the food. Enough to feed the entire games. Thanks Diana and it was great meeting your son, a real Scot!

I then headed home to Florida for two weeks and on the 4th of June, flew up to Manchester, New Hampshire to John and Gail Kilgore's home. It's become my home away from home and serves the best meals in town. The Scottish Gathering and Games season just got started in the Northeast and is has been successful. After a night at the Kilgore's, we were off to the first ever, Southern New Hampshire gathering and games. Dudley and Bobbie Terri brought their tent and Laish Morse and his girlfriend helped out. Rita Thompson stopped by for a brief visit and Ray Gould and his wife were also in attendance. I think there were five new members gained. Thanks everybody for your help.

The next weekend, June 12, found me at the Leesburg, Virginia games as the Honored Guest. Patrick Thompson, Vice President of the Chiefs Council, and Larry Thompson came up from NC (Larry is also on the Chiefs Council). We put up two tents and met some wonderful people. We again signed up five more new members.

The Western Mass. Games we have just completed and we signed up 3 new members thanks to Alex and Lorraine Thomson. Laish Morse also helped out at the tent and was accompanied by his mother and girlfriend. Sidney Thompson also stopped by with his girlfriend as well as Donley and Rose Torney. Donley, Laish and Sidney with his girlfriend, all marched in the opening ceremonies. There were six members in all throughout the day to help at the tent.

This year the Clan will be represented at Pleasanton, CA on Labor Day weekend. All members on the west coast are encouraged to help out if they can. If you have any questions, please contact Dunardry via email at: Dunardry@aol.com, or by phone at: 1-941-386-1950.

For the thirteen gatherings and games we have attended so far, we have added 54 new members. At the same time 23 members have joined through Internet and Mailings.

Update Your Genealogy

I know that many of you have joined the clan as a result of your pursuit of gathering and compiling information into a family genealogy. Don't forget that being a member entitles you to take advantage of our genealogy service. We enter all of our members data into a database and have had some luck in connecting members through their lineage. We can't promise anyone we will be able to extend their family tree, but the more of you who send in your information, the more of a chance we can add some branches to it. The address for the Clan Genealogist and Librarian is listed on page 7 of this newsletter.

Clan Tartan Information



Great news! On his recent trip to Scotland, just after the Inaugural tour, Dugald made an arrangement with the TOP name in weavers, the prestigious LOCHCARON Mills, and they will be weaving our tartan. To make it easier to understand and to order, the following are the shades and weights of the tartan that will be available very soon. (Some are available now).

First, the names of the woolen weave material, and what they are designed for.

STROME: 17 Oz. single width, heavy weight.

This is the recommended material to have men's kilts made from. It is slightly more expensive than the other materials, but when you think that the majority of people will need just one kilt, the Strome kilt is the recommended weave. The pleats are deep which hang much better, and the ladies really like the SKIRILL as it swings back and forth (when viewed from the rear)! Not to mention, it will last into the next generation as well. There is a misconception that the heavy weight is much warmer to wear than the medium; this is not so.

BRAERIACH: 13 Oz. double width.

This is the medium weight kilt. A little less expensive, but does not wear as well, or hang as well. It is no cooler than the heavy weight.

REIVER: 10 Oz. 59" wide.

This material is superb for a lady's street kilt (mid), hostess gown (full length), upholstery fabric, pillows covers, etc.

HIGHLAND "SPRING": 8 Oz. 59" wide.

This is the material for ties, scarves, sashes, rosettes, tams, bunting, flags, etc.

Here are the material weights, shades etc. available

	STROME	BRAERIACH	REIVER	SPRING
The Ancient	yes	no	no	no
The Modern Red	yes	soon	yes	yes
The Dress Blue	yes	yes	yes	yes
The Hunting	yes	yes	yes	yes

Mens kilt prices

17 oz. best quality strome, full 8 yard kilt made to measure, postage included. There could be a customs fee however. (Only one order was ever so charged.) **\$396.00**

13 oz. medium quality, full 8 yards, includes postage. Customs fee could apply (see above).

\$343.00

These kilts can be purchased through the Clan with a 1/3 down payment when ordering, 1/3 one month later and a final payment one month after that. You can also send checks post-dated. These kilts take approximately 8 to 10 weeks from the order date to arrive. Jackets are available, and if needed soon, email or phone for details; otherwise, a new brochure will include ladies' skirts, hostess gowns, sashes, tams, etc. Men's balmorals, hose, sporrans, etc. will also be available. The Chief has also made a deal with a jeweler in New England and now we have sterling silver Clan crest badges available to us. These new badges will be the same size as our current pewter ones. The post type mount has been replaced by a safety pin type clasp to make them safer. The cost of the new silver badges will be \$75.00 and that includes shipping and handling if it needs to be sent to you. Sterling kilt pins are also in the works and will soon be available.

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