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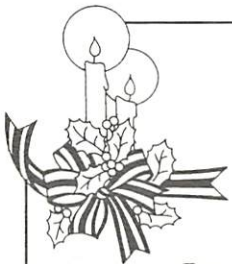
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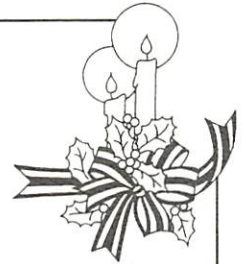
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Seasons Greetings

Message From Your President



Dear Fellow Members:

Grandfather Mountain for 1995 is history so far as time is concerned, but also history in the sense of what we accomplished in two days of meetings. The full impact of what was achieved is yet to be put forth, but I assure you it will be. We do know, from these meetings, what our Commissioners are thinking - and it is far-reaching. I asked this from you before, and I will ask it again, what are your feelings as to what our Clan Society should be doing and what would you like us to become in the months and years ahead. My address again is 306 Surrey Road, Savannah, GA 31410-4407. Phone is 912-897-3986.

Following the Grandfather Mountain Games, my family and I got together in Northern Virginia and attended the Virginia Games in Alexandria. A write-up of the Games is enclosed with this newsletter. Since I had suffered a health problem and the weather in Alexandria was extremely hot, I was prevailed upon to stay away from the Games site. Not feeling too well at the time, it was not too difficult to talk me into it. The true heroes of the days were my family and the hundreds of other clan representatives, band members and athletes who braved the 100 degree heat for two days. We must also include the thousands of spectators whose very presence made the Games a successful undertaking. This speaks well for the fantastic interest that exists in things Scottish. The future looks very bright.

We are getting close to the Fall of the year and many more Scottish gatherings are scheduled around the country. Surely, the weather will be more appropriate for these events. Now, is the time for all of you to make that extra effort to attend one or more of these affairs, see what is going on and, hopefully inspired, may want to sponsor a MacRae tent in future years. One of the matters, discussed at Grandfather Mountain, was putting together a "kit" which could be shipped to whomever would like to be a sponsor. The kit would have a MacRae Banner, sample publications and a supply of applications, etc. for membership. I would sincerely like to know if this appeals to any of you. Some costs could possibly be defrayed.

It is hoped that this message finds all of you in good health.

With best personal regards,

Bruce F. Macrae
President

VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES

July 22-23, 1995

Alexandria, Virginia

The 22nd Annual Virginia Scottish Games were held the weekend of 22-23 July 1995 on the beautiful grounds of Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA. As in previous years, Clan member Delle Macrae sponsored the MacRae Tent and shared manning duties with Laura Belle and Stuart Macrae. Stuart brought his own tent for the occasion. Due to the extreme heat (over 100 deg. on the field), your President was forbidden by family members to venture out. It was a wise decision.

This year the Honored Guest was the Honorable Michael Baird, Earl of Kintore, DL Baron Kintore of Inverugie in the Peerage of Scotland and the 13th Chief of Clan Keith.

As usual, the Games were well represented with up to 79 Clan and Scottish Societies listed. Close to 26 Pipe Bands of various classes participated as well as a large turn-out of Amateur and Professional Athletes. It was good to know that my friend Carl Braun was competing again after being injured in a skiing mishap last Winter. William Andrew (Andy) McRae, Jr. and Stuart Macrae represented the Clan MacRae in the Parade of Tartans, Sunday afternoon.

Some of you may remember a young lad from South Dakota by the name of Luke Brechtelsbauer, who showed up at Grandfather Mountain in 1994. While there, he ran in the Kilted Mile and competed well in the Celtic Harp competition. Well, Luke was there in Alexandria, along with his Mother, and took first place in the Novice Class in the Harping Competition. Our most sincere congratulations to Luke on this achievement.

This year, Delle Macrae sponsored a Trophy, in the name of the Clan MacRae Society of North America, for the Best Drummer, such trophy named in honor of her late husband, Douglas Farquhar Macrae, Sr. I know that you will join me in thanking Delle for this thoughtful and most touching contribution to the Virginia Games and fitting tribute to Douglas.

The Games were well attended in spite of the oppressive heat. Perhaps things will be cooler in Alexandria next year.

Bruce

Bruce F. Macrae
President



Application for Membership

The Clan MacRae Society of North America

Qualifications for Membership: Any person bearing the name MacRae in any of its various forms and spellings or any sept name of the Clan MacRae or the wife or descendant of such a person.

Purposes: To enjoy Scottish clan traditions in friendly association with MacRaes; to inform its members of the history, traditions, culture and life of the MacRae Clan; to maintain Eilean Donan Castle as the Clan Seat; to foster Scottish culture and traditions; and to support various worthy charities.

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This is a 474 page, A4 size genealogical history of most MacRae (all spellings) families from around New Zealand, linked to and up-dating the 1899 and 1910 Clan MacRae Histories of the Reverend Alexander MacRae of Dingwall, Scotland. As well as accounts and anecdotes of early settlers, it contains hundreds of full family trees in narrative form; maps of Scotland and New Zealand; a brief history and early photographs of Macraes village in Otago; other illustrations including Lake MacRae and many of the clipper ships that brought immigrants to this country; an account of Macraes Mining Ltd; a shipping list; early clan genealogical charts; brief Gaelic glossary; index of more than 4,000 surnames; bibliography. An indispensable resource tool for all New Zealand researchers.

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THE CLAN TARTAN



MACRAE.

THIS clan is Celtic. Macrae in Gaelic is *MacRath*, and means "Son of Grace." The home of the "Wild Macraes" was Kintail, where they did great service for the Earls of Seaforth. They were Constables of Ellandonan Castle. The Rev. Farquhar Macrae (1580-1662), Vicar of Kintail, was a man of mark. Colonel Sir John Macrae (1786-1847) of Ardintoul was an eminent soldier. The Rev. John Macrae (1794-1876) of Knockbain, Ross-shire, was a famous divine. As Jacobites, the Macraes fought gallantly at Sheriffmuir in 1715, and loyally afterwards for the House of Hanover. In 1778 the Macraes were the ringleaders in the mutiny of the Seaforth Highlanders in Edinburgh. They entrenched on Arthur Seat, and refused to yield until peacefully approached, and their terms of enlistment fulfilled. Brigadier-General William Macrae (1834-82) was a distinguished leader in the American Confederate army. Major Robert M'Crea, of Guernsey (1754-1835), fought as a loyalist in the American War of Independence. The present Constable of Eilean Donan Castle is Lieut. Col. John Macrae-Gilstrap.