

NEWSLETTER OF THE
SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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Master Carver Presents Tartan Stones to Society

Master Carver Frank Maurer, of Davis, California, gave a special presentation and talk to the Society on August 1 at the Dumbarton area Library. The Society was honored to be gifted with Dr. Maurer's "Virginia" entry in his "Tartan Stone" series of stones to each of the 50 U.S. States; the stones honoring Scottish contributions in each state. Each stone matches the same material found in the state capitol building. In our case, the capitol is made of brick, so Dr. Maurer carved a set of 9 matching bricks with Pictish-styled carvings representing Virginia themes and official designations. You can see a photo of the bricks, below, but come see them up close as part of our tent display at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, October 19-20, at the Richmond Speedway grounds, and in January at Burns Night. We're thankful to Dr. Maurer for this special gift and wish him the best of success as he moves forward in creations for remaining U.S. States.



Pub Night Opens the Society Year; Celtic Festival Continues It

Come celebrate the new Society year with your fellow members at our Pub Night, to be held at **Rare Olde Times on Friday, September 27, starting at 6:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP to Charlie Sue Rappold at 804-399-6350 by **Wednesday, September 25**, so she can give an accurate headcount to the restaurant.. Tartan dress is optional, but isn't a bit of tartan nice to see, and doesn't it make an impression on people?

Hope to see you there!

We also hope to see you at this year's Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, to be held **Saturday, October 19**, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and **Sunday, October 20**, from 9-6.

We need volunteers to staff our tent for part of the day, either Saturday or Sunday (or both!) and provide guests of the games with information about the Soci-

ety. This is our top "recruiting" day, to try to keep an active and growing membership—so please lend a hand if you can! Contact Maggie Mackay at 804-672-1927 to volunteer.



Message From the President

Welcome back to another Society year. I hope you've had a good summer, and may I be so bold as to wish you are starved for some good fellowship and celebration of Scottish heritage with us in the months to come?

Please come out and join us for some food, drink, and conversation at our year's kick-starter, our **Pub Night** on September 27. Then we'd like to see you at the **Central Virginia Celtic Festival** the weekend of October 19-20.

We don't like to mess too much with a good thing, so our **Taste of Scotland** will

be the focus of our November meeting (along with a fun contest) and our **Christmas party** will be in December, both at Trinity United Methodist Church.

For further long-range planning, our **Burns Supper** is scheduled for one week earlier than it is typically. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 18 (but still at the same venue, Jefferson Lakeside Country Club). Musical entertainment will be provided by **Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks**.

Remember that it's more fun with more people! Hope to see you!

Mar sin leibh an dràsda (bye for now),

Joseph



Events Calendar, September-October

(*) Indicates official Scottish Society of Richmond participation

August 30-September 1: Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, VA

September 7: Gayton Kirk Festival, Gayton Kirk, Richmond, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

September 9: Board meeting, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.*

September 27: Pub Night, Rare Olde Times, 6:30 p.m.*

October 7: Board meeting, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.*

October 5-6: Chesapeake Celtic Festival, Furnace Town Heritage Museum, Snow Hill, MD

October 12: Radford Highlanders Festival, Radford College campus

October 18-20: Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, GA

October 19-20: Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Richmond Raceway Complex*

Recipe: Dundee Cake

Ingredients

8oz Flour
 6 oz Butter
 5oz Caster/granulated sugar
 4 Eggs
 1oz Blanched almonds
 1.5oz mixed peel
 6oz each of currants, raisins, sultanas (seedless white raisins)
 Grated rind and juice of lemon
 1 level teaspoon baking powder
 2 tablespoons whisky
 2 tablespoons boiled milk and 1 tablespoon sugar

Method : Cream the butter and sugar in a bowl. When it is white and creamy, slowly add the four eggs (one at a time), plus a spoonful of flour with each beating well all the time. Stir in the nuts and fruits. Add the rest of the flour, (sifted with the baking powder) and the whisky. Make sure the mixture is stirred well - right to the foot of the bowl. If it is too stiff, add a little milk. Place mixture in an 8-inch greased and lined cake tin. Flatten the top with hands which are slightly wet. Cover with foil or greaseproof paper and bake at 325F (170C) or gas mark 3 for two hours. Halfway through, take off the foil and arrange the split almonds in concentric circles on the top of the cake. Check the cake with a skewer towards the end of cooking - if it is still wet in the middle, put it back for more cooking! 5/10 minutes before cooking is finished, brush the top with the sweetened milk to create a dry glaze. Keep in the tin for 15 minutes before turning out on a wired tray. Store in an airtight container.



Member News

Summer Birthdays: Erik Dillon,

Hazel and Vance Smith

September Birthdays:

Dorothy Thomas: Sep. 18

Donald Raybould: Sep. 26

October Birthdays:

Dallas de Kraft Lewis: Oct. 1

Ryland Bailey: Oct. 2

Jo Garey, Oct. 11

Geraldine Raybould: Oct. 12

Mary Margaret Mason: Oct. 19

Katherine Ann Kennedy: Oct. 20

Florence Graham: Oct. 22

Littleton Maxwell: Oct. 24

Roderick Smithson: Oct. 24

John A. Russell: Oct. 29

Scott Elder: Oct. 30

We also send our condolences to the family of long-time SSR member

Bob Rudden, who passed away this summer. The Society marked his passing with attendance and memorial flowers at a special service.

If we missed your birthday, it's because we don't have it in our database. If you don't see your name listed and you'd like us to wish you happy birthday, just let Joseph Schaub know. Contact info is on the last page of the newsletter.

American Clan Gregor Society to Meet in Richmond

The American Clan Gregor Society will be holding their annual meeting at the Richmond West Marriott Hotel in Glen Allen this October 3-6.

This will be the 104th annual Gathering, with visits in the recent past to such places as Tampa, Detroit, Annapolis,

Charlottesville.

Your Scottish Society president is honored to have been invited to the Gathering banquet to share a few words about the Society and serve as a representative of the local Scottish community.

We have a few members with

MacGregor ties, and despite the occasional ribbing about cattle-stealing, we wish them a successful meeting!

For more on the MacGregors, see this month's profiled clan, on page 4.





Clan Profile: the MacGregors

Clan Gregor, a Highland Scottish clan, is considered the most senior clan of Siol Alpin, translated as 'Seed of Alpin', referring to King Kenneth I Mac Alpin), claiming descent from the ancient Kings of the Picts and Dál Riata. The surname *MacGregor* is an Anglicisation of the Scottish Gaelic *Mac Griogair* meaning "son of Griogar". The personal name *Griogar* is a Gaelic form of the personal name *Gregory*. Clan Gregor is believed to have originated in Scotland during the 9th century.

By tradition in the 14th century during the Wars of Scottish Independence the Clan Gregor fought at the Battle of Bannockburn under chief Malcolm MacGregor. However most historians agree that the first certain Chief was Gregor "of the Golden Bridles." Gregor's son, Iain Camm ("of the One-Eye") succeeded as the second Chief sometime prior to 1390.

The MacGregors suffered a reversal of fortune when the Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, granted the barony of Loch Awe, which included much of the MacGregor lands, to the chief of Clan Campbell. The Campbells ejected the unfortunate MacGregors from these lands, forcing them to retire deeper into their lands until they were largely restricted to Glenstrae. The MacGregors fought the Campbells for decades and were eventually dispossessed of their lands. Reduced to the status of outlaws, they rustled cattle and poached deer to survive. They became so proficient at these endeavours that other clans would pay them not to steal their cattle as they exhausted other means of stopping them.

A deadly feud began between the Clan MacLaren and the Clan Gregor when in 1542 a band of MacGregors, set out from an island in Loch Rannoch, stormed into Balquhidder during the night and killed 27 Maclarens consisting of men, women and children (Duncan MacGregor's poem published in the Black Book of Taymouth in 1855 documents this event). Again, a similar raid occurred in 1558 when a party of MacGregors from over the hill in Glen Dochart swept into the settlements at Edinchip killing another 18 men, women and children. This incident was not investigated until 1604 when the MacGregors were on trial for slaughtering many men of the Clan Colquhoun. However the MacGregors were cleared of doing anything against the Clan MacLaren, mainly because it had happened 46 years previous.

The Battle of Glen Fruin took place in 1603 where the MacGregors were victorious, defeating five hundred Clan Colquhoun men, three hundred of whom were on horseback, by four hundred MacGregor men at Glen Fruin. Over two hundred of the Colquhoun men were lost when the MacGregors, who had split into two parties, attacked from front and rear and forced the horsemen onto the soft ground of the Moss of Auchingaich. It meant the proscription of the Clan Gregor. It wasn't until the 18th century that the enmity between the clans was laid to rest when, at Glen Fruin on the site of the massacre, the chiefs of the Clan Gregor and Colquhoun met and shook hands.

The MacGregors were formally banished in 1603 by King James VI who made it a capital offence to bear the MacGregor name. From this period comes the Clan Gregor's most famous historical figure, Rob Roy, who is said to be buried in a MacLaren kirk within Balquhidder. Clan Gregor was scattered, many taking other names, such as Murray, King, or Grant. They were hunted like animals, flushed out of the heather by bloodhounds. Persecution of the MacGregors continued until 1774 when they were permitted to be reestablished.

(text excerpted from Wikipedia)



Have you paid your 2013-14 Society Dues? No? Better late than never! Please remit to Scottish Society of Richmond—send to Maggie Mackay at the P.O. box on the next page!

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Not a member? We'd love for you to join us! Visit us on the Web, download an application form, print, fill out, and send in with your dues. Or contact us at the above address, by email, or phone to get more information.

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The Scottish Society of Richmond was founded in 1978 for the purpose of sharing ideals of Scottish heritage. It provides a gathering place for those with an interest in Scotland, educational programs and events on Scottish themes, as well as scholarships and awards for those studying Scottish arts and culture.

The Society meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, September through May, 7:00 p.m., typically at Trinity United Methodist Church (903 Forest Avenue, Richmond)—we will contact members by phone, website, and email in case of changes to meeting place and/or time. **IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2013 WE WILL NOT MEET AT THE CHURCH—WE'LL BE BACK THERE IN NOVEMBER.** See the Society calendar and other stories for our alternate September and October activities.

Membership forms can be found on our website.

**Sorry for the rather short newsletter this time—a very busy professional and home life has left little time! The next newsletter will be fuller!
Joseph**

Scottish Society Merchandise

Proudly display your Scottish Pride with several items in the SSR Store. We have created the Richmond Scots store at cafepress.com for you to purchase your SSR logo swag from. Whether it's a T-Shirt, Sweatshirt, or a mug, you'll be able to proudly display your Scottishness.

Café Press does all the hard work; you simply use the link on our website to order your merchandise and Café Press does the rest. A portion of all sales goes directly to the Society, so not only are you telling the world you are a Scot and you are proud,

but you are helping the Scottish Society at the same time.

Just visit the website, <http://www.richmondscots.org>, and follow the "Store" links.

