

Am fear-gléidhidh

“The Guardian”

2nd International Gathering of Clan Wallace

Clan Wallace is invited to the 2nd Clan Gathering, being held from August 8th-11th, 2001, in conjunction with the Fergus Scottish Festival at Fergus, Ontario, Canada. www.fergusscottishfestival.com

Fergus is in southwestern Ontario, 60 mins NW of Toronto or 2 hrs NE of Detroit.

Directors James (Jimmy) H. Wallace and Tom E.S. Wallace, who hosted the 1st Gathering in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1999, will be your hosts again.

Because of space constraints in this edition of the “Gléidhidh,” here is a synopsis:

Aug 8—Arrival, Welcome Dinner at Transylvania Club, Kitchener

Aug 9— Day Trip to Niagara on the Lake, first capital of Canada following the Revolution, home of Laura Secord, heroine of the War of 1812, , Niagara Falls (Cdn. Side)

Aug 10—Daytrip to St. Jacob’s (Mennonite Country). Gates open 3PM, Festival Tattoo begins at 7:45PM

Aug 11— Fergus Scottish Festival

Aug 12— Kirkin’ Church Service, Scottish Festival, Closing Ceremony

Those who are interested detailed information on the are asked to contact the Editor or to e-mail csw2001@hotmail.com. Information packages are forthcoming for those already requested.

As with the Halifax Gathering, there will be some fees associated with activities. These will be listed in detail with the information package.

Information will also be posted at Jimmy H. Wallace’s website at www.angelfire.com/art/ravenscourt/index.html or call Tom Wallace at 506-657-9367 or Jim Wallace at 613-378-2139.

President’s Message

Dear Members of the Clan Wallace Society:

I was very pleased to be elected President of the CWSW at the Annual Director’s Meeting in Salado, Bell County, Texas, last November, and it will be an honor to serve as your leader through 2001. Bell County is the birthplace of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide. In fact, my own roots run deep in that county as my mother’s family has called it home since 1853.

This year marks a major shift in the way that the Society operates. First, a new constitution and by-laws have been drafted. Information on their ratification by the membership is forthcoming in the next newsletter. Second, the withdrawal of Charlie and Barbara Wrenn from active life in the Society has made more active involvement of the Board of Directors a necessity. The current board has quickly volunteered to pick up the various tasks needed to keep CWSW running, and their efforts are very much appreciated.

An incomplete list of special tasks of the Society and the Directors responsible for them follows:

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| CWSW Webmaster | Larry Slight |
| Convenor Coordinator | Wayne Jones |
| Newsletter Editor | Tom E.S. Wallace |
| Membership | JoAnne Wallace McIntosh |

Some of the traditional roles have been modified.

Membership, for example, includes maintaining a database of information. Also, the co-founders of the Society could not have envisioned the necessity of a webmaster. As positions evolve, the newsletter will be used to announce them.

A very important job for all of us will be to increase awareness of what is happening within the Society. Tom E.S. Wallace may be the editor of the newsletter, but each and every one of us should be contributing articles and reporting on events in our lives. Ask yourself: What are the convenors doing? What games are being covered? Who will be attending? How can I participate in some good old-fashioned fellowship?

Sharing this information between us is the best way to get to know our fellow clansmen and women and to learn what they want and expect from the Society.

My goals are simple. I want to continue the growth we have experienced in last decade, to increase the number of games where we have representation by increasing the number of convenors, and last, to strengthen the sense of family between members.

Pro Libertate!
 Marcus J. (Jim) Wallace. President.

New Members

Our new Life Members for December, January and February are:

Kenneth B. Wallace
 (Thornton, Colorado)

Alan E. Rich
 (Fort Worth, Texas)

Ada Hollingsworth
 (Hernando, Florida)

George Wallace
 (Anthony, Florida)

Our new Council Member is

Nelson H. Long
 (Rutherfordton, N.C.)

“Failte!” to you all from all the membership of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide.

Convenor’s Kits To Be Soon Available

After lengthy planning, the Board of Directors is in the process of assembling a generic starter’s kit for new convenors. The kit will provide new convenors with a minimum of materials to establish a Clan Wallace Tent at Scottish/Celtic Festivals and Games in his/her area.

The contents of each Convenor’s Kit will include a red Wallace Banner, a Rampant Lion flag, a Wallace Tartan tablecloth, six books on Sir William Wallace or Clan Wallace, the “Tartan for Me” book of Scottish surnames, and a sampling of the many flyers and pamphlets relating to Clan Wallace’s heritage. It is hoped to have these kits in circulation by early April 2001.

The kits will be available for loan or purchase to new Convenors by the Society’s Directors. A purchase price has yet to be determined, but is not expected to exceed \$150. If only on loan, the kit must be returned to the Director once the new convener has provisioned his/her own Clan Tent with materials of their own. Any Director who loans out a kit will be responsible for the return of that kit and its contents. For more information on the Convenor’s Kits, please contact Society Secretary Wayne Jones at the address on Page 2.

Best regards,
 Wayne Jones, Secretary.

Open Letter: In Praise of Charlie and Barbara Wrenn

I am writing today as Executive Vice President of the CWSW, a position to which I have had the honor to be elected recently. I replace — reluctantly — Charlie Wrenn who was our Executive VP for a great many years. He and his wife, Barbara Wrenn, were instrumental in convincing me to join the Society more than a decade ago. While I have a small amount of Wallace blood in my veins and my first choices were Clans MacDonald and Stewart, I found that The Wallaces were more to my liking.

I recall that my wife, Judy, and I were walking around the grounds of the Alexandria Virginia Scottish Festival in 90 degree-plus heat when, from behind a set of flags and banners, we heard a plaintive cry of "Hey, you! Come 'ere!" It was Charlie, someone that I had worked with at the U.S. Department of Energy in the early 1980s. He instantly convinced me, that by offering me a seat and a beer, we had arrived. We joined the Society that day.

Over the next ten years, I went to festivals, games, dinners, parties and various other events with them and found that they were tireless in working for the betterment of the Society. Through all the discussions and arguments, they both showed a warm and faithful side. Those who know the Wrenns best constantly saw nothing but dedication and hard work toward ensuring that the Clan Wallace Society became "the best of the best" and that we represented all of our members.

It is through their efforts that the Mid-Atlantic group of the Society became so active. It is also to their great credit that the Society has

prospered throughout the Western US and into Canada.

Early on they volunteered to run the Membership Committee and the newsletter. From a modest number of less than 200 members in the 1980s, the membership has grown to over 750. The newsletter has advanced and is now distributed both by mail and over the Internet. They inspired me to create the Clan Society Web Page and Charlie added his own pages, pictures, documents and links in the Membership Information Web Pages.

As you all can probably by now tell, Charlie and Barbara have been and continue to be good friends of Judy and me. They are also good friends to all of members of the Society. However, now they have decided to allow the rest of us to take on the tasks that they so willingly accomplished over the preceding years. None grow younger and, as we move forward, we also move on. Charlie and Barbara have come to that time when they wish to put down the burden of office in the Society and to be just members. We, who have worked with them, accept this and wish them the best of luck.

I know that I speak for all the Officers, Directors and members of the Clan Wallace Society (Worldwide) when I say, "Slainte, Charlie! Slainte, Barbara! Don't be strangers!"

Pro Libertate!
Lawrence (Larry) J. Slight
Executive Vice President

Pronouncing "Am fear-gléidhidh"

Last October the CWSW received an e-mail from Professor G. Alan Karnes Wallis Hickrod commenting on the Gaelic title of the Society newsletter. Professor Hickrod wrote, "Gaelic is a bear to handle. Dwelly [editor of the "Gaelic-English Illustrated Dictionary"] says the root of the word is 'gleidh' to save or protect. Most put the male prefix in front of it, 'fear' and then end it with another triphthong, 'idh,' so 'fear-gléidhidh.' Maybe — but how would you pronounce a double triphthong?"

This begged the question: Is the name of our newsletter — named in honor of Sir William Wallace — grammatically correct? More important, how does one pronounce this triphthong?

Locally, Gaelic-language studies are the preserve of Helen Morag McKinnon, retired educator with the New Brunswick Department of Education.

After e-mailing Prof. Hickrod's concern to her, she responded that, "The Guardian' is 'Am fear-gléidhidh.' That is one correct version. 'Fear-gléidhidh' means 'keeper' or 'guardian' but also in the sense of one who preserves or protects (even though there are different words for 'preserver' and 'protector'). For the word 'guardian' there are two ways of saying it: 'fear-

gléidhidh' or 'fear-diona.' 'Am' is 'the.' 'Fear' is the word for 'man.' 'Gléidhidh' is 'a keeper' or 'a guardian.' Therefore 'Am fear-gléidhidh' means literally 'The man-keeper' or 'The man-guardian.' A note of correctness, the 'F' and 'G' should not be capitalized as we do in English. It should read or write 'Am fear-gléidhidh.' Good choice of words for Clan Wallace though! Hope that this is a help and also of interest. Latha math dhuit! (A good day to you!)"

Incidentally, according to Mrs. McKinnon, the pronunciation of "Am fear-gléidhidh" is "AM FEHRRR GLAY-EE." Roll the "R" in "fear" and inflect the second syllable of "gléidhidh."

Many thanks to Professor Hickrod for bringing this item to the Society's attention and we appreciate Helen's help with the Gaelic language.

Helen Morag McKinnon may be reached at eilidh@nbnet.nb.ca.

"AM FEHRRR GLAY-EE"

**DEADLINE FOR
NEXT NEWSLETTER
May 31st, 2001.**

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Games & Festival Schedule, March-August 2001

CANADA

June 30 - Halifax (NS) Highland Games
 July 14 - Orillia (ON) Scottish Festival - Couchiching Beach Park
 July 21-22 - New Brunswick Highland Games - Old Government House - Fredericton
 Aug 4 - Glengarry Highland Games - Maxville, ON
 Aug 8-12 - SECOND INTERNATIONAL CLAN WALLACE GATHERING, Fergus (ON) Scottish Festival
 Aug 18-19 - Sarnia (ON) Highland Games
 Aug 25-26 - Miramichi (NB) Celebration of Scots - The Enclosure Park

UNITED STATES

Mar 10 - Tejas Celtic Festival and Scottish Games - Lewisville, TX
 Mar 10 - Calavaras Celtic Faire - Angels Camp, CA
 Mar 24 - Mid-Willamette Scottish Heritage Festival - Salem, OR
 Mar 24-25 - United Scottish Clans Oklahoma Scottish Heritage Festival - Midwest City, OK
 April 5 - 11:30 AM National Tartan Day Celebration - U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.
 April 7 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM National Tartan Day Festival at Freedom Plaza, 14th & Pennsylvania Ave., N. W. Washington, D. C.
 April 7 - Tartan Day - Gathering of the Clans - Ardenwood Regional Park - Fremont, CA
 April 7 - Kern County Scottish Gathering & Games - Bakersfield, CA
 April 7-8 - Culloden Scottish Games - Culloden Festival Field - Culloden, GA
 April 7-8 - San Antonio Highland Games - San Antonio, TX
 April 28- Sacramento Valley Scottish Games - Yolo County Fairgrounds - Woodland, CA
 April 14-15 - Loch Norman Scottish Games, Huntersville, NC
 April 27-29 - The Arkansas Scottish Festival - Lyon College - Batesville, AR
 April 28 - Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Games - Jefferson Patterson

Park - St. Leonard, MD
 May 5- Macalester College Scottish Country Fair - Macalester College - St Paul, MN
 May 5- Houston Highland Games - Houston Farm & Ranch - Houston, TX
 May 5-6 - Scottish & Irish Festival - Heritage House Museum - Elizabethtown, PA
 May 5-6 - Highland Lakes Scottish Festival - Austin, TX
 May 13 - Costa Mesa Games - Costa Mesa, CA
 May 12-13 - Savannah Scottish Games - Old Fort Jackson - Savannah, GA
 May 19 - Rio Grande Valley Scottish Games - UNM Football Stadium - Albuquerque, NM
 May 19- Mariposa Highland Games and Celtic Festival - Mariposa, CA
 May 19 - Celtic Heritage Festival - Monterey, CA
 May 27-28 - Alma Highland Festival & Scottish Games - Alma College - Alma, MI
 May 27-28 - United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival - Costa Mesa, CA
 June 2 - Modesto Highland Games - Modesto, CA
 June 2 - McHenry Highland Festival - Garrett County Fairgrounds - Oakland, MD
 June 2-3 - Indian Springs Scottish Festival - Indian Springs Hotel Resort - Indian Springs, GA
 June 2-3 - Glasgow Highland Games & Gathering of Clans - Barren River Lake St. Park - Lucas, KY
 June 2-3 - Arlington (TX) Highland Games
 June 9- Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games - Murry City Park - Murry, UT
 June 9-10 - Potomac Celtic Festival - Morven Park - Leesburg, VA
 June 16 - Campbell Games & Gathering - Campbell Community Center - Campbell, CA
 June 23-24 - Ohio Scottish Games - Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH
 June 23 - High Plains Scottish & Irish Festival - Evans, CO
 June 23 - Tacoma/Pierce County Highland Games - Graham, WA
 June 23 - San Diego Highland Games - Vista, CA
 June 23 - Celtic New Year Celebration - Reno, NV

June 23 - Mt. Shasta (CA) Celtic Gathering
 July 1 - Eastern Sierra Celtic Festival & Highland Games - Mammoth, CA
 July 7 - Athena Caledonian Games - Athena, OR
 July 7 - Payson (UT) Scottish Festival - Payson City Park
 July 7 - Dunsmuir Highland Games - Oakland, CA
 July 12-15 - Grandfather Mountain Highland Games - MacRae Meadows - Linville, NC
 July 14 - Saline Celtic Festival - Mill Pond Park - Saline, MI
 July 14 - Oakland (CA) Scottish Highland Games
 July 14 - International Celtic Games - Lake Tahoe, NV
 July 14-15 - Portland Highland Games - Gresham, OR
 July 21 - Arizona Highlands Celtic Festival - Wheeler Park - Flagstaff, AZ
 July 21-22 - Virginia Scottish Games - Episcopal High School - Alexandria, VA
 July 28-29 - Celtic New Year Celebration - Reno, NV
 July 28-29 - Pacific N.W. Scottish Highland Games - King County Fairgrounds - Enumclaw, WA
 Aug 4 - St Andrews Society of Detroit Highland Games - Livonia, MI
 Aug 4-5 - Scots in Harmony Festival - The Atheneum Lawn - Griffin, IN
 Aug 4-5 - Monterey Highland Games & Celtic Festival - Monterey Bay, CA
 Aug 11 - High Desert Celtic Festival - Prineville, OR
 Aug 12 - Gathering of Scottish Clans and Picnic - Fort Bragg, CA
 Aug 18 - Maine Highland Games - Brunswick, ME
 Aug 18 - Richfield Heritage Festival - Richfield City Park - Richfield, UT
 Aug 18 - West Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival - Oakes Field - South Charleston, WV
 Aug 18-19 - Celtic Highland Games - Myrtle Creek, OR
 Aug 19 - William Wallace Memorial Service - Druid Hill Park - Baltimore, MD
 Aug 25 - Celtic Folk Festival - Allegany County Fairgrounds - Cumberland, MD
 Aug 25 - Kalamazoo Scottish Festival - River

Annual Director's Meeting — Stone Mountain, Georgia, October 20, 2001

The 2001 Annual Director's Meeting of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide will be held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival. This year, Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 20th and 21st, 2001.

Jean Wallace of Little Rock, Arkansas, has kindly reserved a block of 15 non-smoking rooms to be held for the Society's use at the LaQuinta Inn at Stone Mountain, 1819 Mountain Inn Blvd., Tucker, Georgia.

Those planning to attend the ADM are responsible for their own reservations. Please make reservations directly and as quickly as possible by calling 1-770-496-1317 or toll free 1-800-687-6667. Quote Account

Number 06680045143. Rooms are \$45.00 per night plus taxes. Unfortunately, there has been no guarantee by the LaQuinta to make additional rooms available at this preferred rate. First come, first served. The LaQuinta Inn is being remodeled and renovations should be complete by May.

If driving, take Interstate-285, then Exit 78 East (Stone Mountain Highway), and take a left on Mountain Industrial Highway.

For more information on the Stone Mountain Games, visit their website at www.smhg.com or e-mail info@smhg.org or call 1-770-521-0228. Jean Wallace may be reached at jwallace3@alltel.net.

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Editorial: Our "New" Look

Our readers may have noticed that the Society newsletter looks a just a little bit different than it has in the past. Like so many other aspects of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide, the "Am fear-gléidhidh" is evolving also to meet the demands of our growing organization and of our increasingly diverse membership.

On behalf of the Executive and Board of Directors of the CWSW, I trust that this new format will not only meet, but will eventually exceed your expectations.

As the official voice of the CWSW, this newsletter has always been a forum for all of Clan Wallace. As the editor or YOUR newsletter, I am making it my personal mission to keep you — my constituents — abreast of all the news and happenings that are important to our Clan. As one of your clansmen, I want everyone who reads the "Gléidhidh" to feel free to comment on, criticize or to contribute to the content of this forum.

But I can't do it all on my own. Each of us has his/her own life story to tell. Each of us brings different life experiences to the Clan and to the Society. In order for the "Gléidhidh" to reflect that diversity, I am requesting that you take the time to send in suggestions, questions, observations, and stories that should be shared with

your fellow Society members. None are too trivial. You will see more emphasis on the Society's activities to these ends in future issues.

Many of our members are not aware of the Society's past accomplishments, nor are they aware of what the Society is planning moving into the 21st century. By descent, marriage or affiliation, we are entrusted to make information about our Clan available to everyone, whether by reprinting books long out of publication or by convening at as many Scottish festivals around the world as possible. By doing so — by cultivating pride in our Clan — we become examples of all that is good about being a member of Clan Wallace. What we have accomplished together has made us already the envy of our sister clans.

In closing, please forward your contributions and/or comments to me directly:

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Tom E.S. Wallace, Editor.

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