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## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



*Larry Slight*

Greetings,

Well, it is the New Year and it promises to be an exciting one for the Clan Wallace Society. We are planning to attend a number of Festivals and Games here in the US and the Bannockburn 700 celebration in Stirling, Scotland. Our Annual Directors Meeting is being scheduled for Saint Augustine, Florida in September or October and more information will be forthcoming this spring.

This February, the Clan Wallace Society was the Honored Clan at the Northeast Florida Festival and Games in Green Cove Springs, Florida. The festival was held at the Clay County Fairgrounds just south of Jacksonville. The Festival was a great success and, as honored Clan, the Society was well represented. Thanks to all members who attended and assisted the Board of Directors at this very nice Festival.

This March, we will be sending out the information concerning our two By-Laws proposals for a vote of the Council Membership. The Board of Directors is satisfied that the proposals will advance the Society and our membership and will provide our entire membership with incentives to participate and further the activities of the Society as a whole.

As you might remember, I asked that any member with serious objections to our proposed amendments to provide a written statement to our Secretary

with a discussion of their objections so that these could be presented to the Society as a whole. I am personally sorry to have to report that those members of the Society, with the exception of one Past President, have not seen fit to provide their objections to the amendments. Thus, it isn't possible to understand their objections. However, the one respondent did present a discussion of his issue and that, to paraphrase him, was that he felt that the increased cost of Council Membership was justified as proof of a greater commitment to the Society. One must keep in mind that at the time he was President there were only two membership levels, Council and Life and, after the payment for one or the other, nothing more was asked. Today, we have a third level, that of an Annual Member, which requires a yearly payment of \$20 to have and renew the membership. A commitment to the Society would also be indicated by such members renewing their membership. A second thought in response to this position is that while there are more than 300 Council members, only about 80 to 85 ever respond to voting requests and only about 20 ever participate in the organization as leaders. This seems to show that, while the payment of the higher amounts shows an initial commitment, there isn't any truly greater commitment to the Society. The amendments will address the singular issue of there being no incentive for Annual Members to renew or upgrade to Life Membership other than the very nice certificate and receipt of this Newsletter. The second amendment addresses the problem of necessitating a By-Laws amendment every time the Board of Directors sees a requirement to

change or modify the Society Dues structure and would generally affect only Annual members and new Life members. This is a time and cost consuming effort and, with the proposed change, should provide a substantial saving.

In March, the Secretary of the Board will send the ballots for voting on these amendments to as many Council members as we have current addresses. It is imperative that all Council members insure that the Membership Chairperson, Karen Wallace, has your correct address. The ballot will address the two amendments for voting. These amendments are not connected and deal with two separate issues, thus require two separate votes. Also, included on the ballots will be an explanation concerning voting through our Society web site. Please be aware that the votes may be cast either through the web site or by mailing the ballot back to the Secretary. The first vote by either method will be counted as official and any subsequent website or mailing will be ignored.

I am looking forward to working with any member, Council, Life or Annual on improving our Society and providing all members with a valuable asset for the celebration of our joint heritage.

Thanks to all!

*Larry.*

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*Immediate Past President Bob Wallace, his niece, Megan Reed, wife Lois Wallace, and Jim Marcus Wallace and Frank Leslie at Salado. See Page 5 for more details.*

## A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM WALLACE

To Scottish friends I lift a glass  
To you, who've kept alive  
The memory of heroes past  
Across dark moors of time.

To you who know this simple truth  
And show it near and far  
It is the tales we tell ourselves  
That make us who we are.

So let us drink to Scotland fair  
It's sorrow and it's solace  
And lift our glasses in the air  
To you and William Wallace.

And to the Clan that bears his name  
My sisters and my brothers  
I'd rather be a man in your eyes  
Than a king in any others.

— Randall Wallace

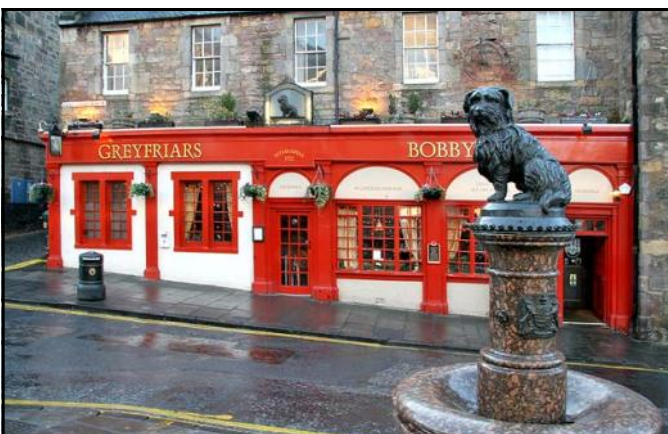
## REPAIRING GREYFRIARS BOBBY'S PROBOSCIS



*Passersby were unwittingly damaging the statue of Greyfriars Bobby by rubbing his snout for good luck, seen here. The damage to the bronze had been very gradual.*

*By Wayne Jones*

Those of us in the Clan Wallace Society who took the Scotland tour in 2005 will remember the Greyfriars Bobby statue located on George IV Bridge. Greyfriars Bobby was a Skye Terrier who became known in the 19th century Edinburgh for supposedly spending 14 years guarding the grave of his owner until he died himself on January 14, 1872. The story continues to be well known as active oral history in Edinburgh, through several books and films, and because a prominent commemorative statue and nearby graves act as a tourist attraction.



*The famous Greyfriars Pub on Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh.*

The best known version of the story is that Bobby belonged to John Gray, who worked for the Edinburgh City Police as a night watchman. When John Gray died he was buried in Greyfriars Kirkyard, the graveyard surrounding Greyfriars Kirk in the Old Town of Edinburgh. Bobby then became known locally, spending the rest of his life sitting on his master's grave.

In 1867, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Sir William Chambers – who was also the director of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – paid for Bobby's license and gave the dog a collar now in the Museum of Edinburgh.

Over the years the covering on Bobby's nose had been worn off by the many who rubbed it for good luck, exposing the brass underneath. The wear to the statue had been highlighted in a Facebook campaign started by Becky Thomson that welcomed the council's action. "As one of the most famous – and most popular – statues in the Capital, it's only right that he looks his best at all times."

The campaign started out as fun, and many people supported the page - **Stop People Rubbing Greyfriars Bobby's Nose - It is NOT a Tradition** - which quickly gained many supporters. As ordinary members of the public, there were online discussions on ways to address the problem by asking tour guides to discourage it, or maybe using anti-climb paint. "Given that this is a world-famous statue in a world heritage site it makes sense the council are involved. Now it is up to anybody who is passing just to keep an eye open and politely ask people to keep their paws off Bobby's nose so it

doesn't happen again." Once the council became aware of the local concern it became clear that they must act.

On October 1, 2013, a project was undertaken by restoration specialists Powderhall Bronze to clean and wax the affected area to restore the dark color on Greyfriars Bobby's snout to reverse years of wear and tear caused by people rubbing Bobby's snout for luck.



*Greyfriars Bobby after the restoration work was recently completed.*

Less than 48 hours later, Bobby's nose was damaged by an act of vandalism. An abrasive material was deliberately used on the nose to strip the repaired area on the bronze statue and causing about £300-worth of damage. Powderhall Bronze, who originally did the restoration for £400 to £500, graciously came back on Friday and restored Bobby's nose at no cost to the city council.

In the pictures you will see what his nose looked like before restoration and after. After the vandalism, it looked like the first picture again. The second repair work was undertaken in hopes that in future people respect the statue of Greyfriars Bobby. Now it is up to anybody who is passing just to keep an eye open and politely ask people to keep their paws off Bobby's nose so it doesn't happen again.

## A VISIT TO THE “AULD ALLIANCE” PUB IN PARIS

By Bob Wallace

There are times when a search on the Internet can return unexpected but interesting results. For example, anyone researching Scotland's history during the period between the untimely demise of King Alexander III in 1286, and the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314 under King Robert I, the Bruce, will at some point come across the Auld Alliance agreement and many other facets of Scotland's history (battles across the landscape and castles besieged in the late 13th and early 14th centuries.)

Running an Internet check to learn about the Auld Alliance, the pact agreed to between France and Scotland in 1295 to defend against England, revealed a large number of hits; 1.32-million in one day in late November 2013. Certainly unexpected and surprisingly one stands out on the first page of links; The Auld Alliance Scottish Pub. With a river cruise reservation out of Paris in October made a year in advance for Lois and I and friends from northern California, we made a note of the pub's address to look up on our free day in Paris. This wee pub, listing more than 100 single

malts and Scottish beer, would surely have something available to quench our thirst!

Back in Paris following our week-long river cruise to Rouen, which included a visit by motor coach to the Normandy beaches, we walked from the boat to the nearby train station. We purchased our tickets and traveled in the direction of Notre Dame. At the appropriate stop, we exited the train and the station. We crossed the river and a few very busy streets and looked for the Hotel de Ville (their City Hall), then found the street behind it (rue François Miron) that led to the pub. Walking is easy through this part of Paris, given that it is a flat section of the city just a short distance from the river.



*The Auld Alliance Scottish Pub in Paris is an unexpected jewel of Scottish culture and cuisine in the French capital.*

About eight blocks along the street, far less busy than some of the streets already walked, and past some interesting but clearly older buildings, our destination comes into view. On that day in October we found a bartender who was born in France, raised in Scotland, and speaking English with a Scots accent, and topping it off, a piper! Are we sure we're in Paris?

Given our several visits to Scotland we had no problem understanding him, but our friends from northern California traveling with us at first had some difficulty in getting past his accent. On several occasions we had to explain what he'd said in response to questions. Within just a few minutes, however, they were getting the hang of it, leaving more time for us to enjoy our dark lager.

Anticipating what may be the obvious question here, no, we are not planning to look for a French wine bar in Scotland!



*The intimate décor and ambiance of the pub makes it a popular eatery for Scotophiles.*

## NEWS FROM OUR CONVENERS

### Salado (TX) Scottish Games & Gathering

By Jim Marcus Wallace

The Scottish Games and Gathering at Salado, Texas enjoyed their 52nd anniversary Friday, November 8, 2013 to Sunday, November 10, 2013. The first Gathering was held November 12, 1961. The concept for forming the Clan Wallace Society (Worldwide) was developed early during this period by Charles B. Wallace of Dallas and Joe P. Wallace of Temple, Texas. The Society was incorporated in April 1966 in Texas.

Former Presidents of The Clan Wallace Society (Worldwide) Marcus J. Wallace Jr. and Robert Bruce Wallace were present with their families and several current members of the Society. Mrs. Anne Wallace, widow of Joe P. Wallace and one of the signers of the original Articles of Incorporation was there both Saturday and Sunday. Her daughter Dr. Jean Kendall DVM and grandchildren were there on Sunday.

The clan tent was jointly manned by Marcus J. Wallace and Frank Wallace Leslie. We were helped by Bob and Lois Wallace. Lance K. Wallace of Pearland, Texas was there and competed in Heavy Athletics. Member Scott Wallace of Fort Worth and Shirley Hollis of Temple, Texas were there. Scott and Shirley also attended the Arlington, Texas Games in 2013. The weather cooperated with the timing of the games and was excellent. (I have been there when the mud came up to the tops of your shoes.) The mornings were cool and the afternoons were pleasant. There was a small air show close by, so they gave us an impromptu air show.

These games are unique in that they are sponsored by The Central Texas Area Museum, which also has a small store associated with it, the Wee Scots

Shop which is open year round except for certain holidays such as Christmas. While not large, all of the elements of a Scottish Gathering are present. They are: Piping Contests, Drumming Contests, Highland Dance Contests, Clan Society Tents Share Info., Scottish Vendors, and Athletic Games. There was a motorcycle club which visited and provided a small, but noisy show.

In addition to the usual Scottish Games events, there was a Tartan Ball on Saturday evening and a social on Friday evening. The weekend is kicked off with The Calling of the Clans on Friday Evening. A special treat was an impromptu ceilidh on Sunday afternoon by the different musical performers. They appeared to just come together and the effect was excellent. The range of music was varied and included some old time gospel.



#### Correction:

In the Fall-Winter 2013 Newsletter in the Portland Games section, the marching guard was incorrectly identified as the SAMS Color Party.

The guard depicted in the photograph was actually the Northwest Scots Guards. The Editors apologize to William S. Wallace (William of Gresham) for this oversight.



*Society co-founder Anne Marie Wallace shares a moment with Lois Wallace, organizer of the Clan Wallace International Gathering scheduled for the summer of 2014.*

# MAITLAND PAPERS PROJECT

## DOCUMENTS

Illustrative of

SIR WILLIAM WALLACE

HIS LIFE AND TIMES



PRINTED FOR THE MAITLAND CLUB

M.DCCC.XLI

*Cover of the Documents Illustrative of Sir William Wallace, originally printed in 1841. The sketch of Wallace is the work of Raymond Morehead, President of the Clan Muirhead Society.*

*By Marcus "Jim" Wallace*

Raymond Morehead, President of the Clan Muirhead Society, found and purchased the papers from a used book store in Auburn, WA around 1998, at the time Jim Wallace was President of the Clan Wallace Society. In 2000, Raymond, as a member, took them to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (SoAoS) to confirm that he had a complete copy and to get them translated. The SoAoS knew of no translation ever being completed on the papers, but could confirm that they were the same as the ones presented to the Maitland Club as dated M.DCCC.XLI, from Robert Rodger ESQ., member. Fiona Ashmore, the Director SoAoS, Royal Museum of Scotland, confirmed that they had a complete set of the Maitland club publications; "This Societies limited addition was actually presented to us by the author and is inscribed - 'Presented to the Li-

brary of the Antiquaries of Scotland by Robert Roger, Glasgow, in February 1842'. Raymond's copy was identical to the SoAoS copy, page-for-page.

Raymond contacted Jim in 2001. His intentions were to donate the Translation back to Scotland and a copy to Clan Wallace Society (CWS). Jim and Raymond thought there would be some advantage to having it translated and have the CWS publish the English version. They did not expect there to be any earth shattering new information, but did expect additional light would be available on the life of Sir William Wallace.

Raymond found Professor Jerry Seitz, AB Classical Studies, Lic. Philosophy/Latin, to translate the various languages. Seitz started the translation until his eyesight failed. Several false starts resulted in reaffirming the saying "After all is said and done, much more was said than done." The project remained static for approximately nine years.

On a visit to Anna and Hu Cocklin in Prescott, AZ, Past President Bob Wallace mentioned the Maitland Paper Project. Knowing that daughter Linda



*Linda Ewbank has been invaluable to the Maitland Papers project, which will benefit the Clan Wallace Society. Many thanks!*

Ewbank had degrees in Classical Languages, Anna suggested that she might be able to work on the project. Bob called Linda Ewbank and asked her if she could do it, and she agreed.

Linda contacted Jim and told him she would help to finish the project. She immediately started to research the materials and discovered that some sections had been translated and were published prior to 1956 (prior to International copyright law), and could be used as-is. Linda translated everything except Documents 1 (translated by Professor Seitz), and Document VIII (translated by John Law,) even though it significantly added to her workload.

When the translations are completed, the final version of the Maitland Papers will be edited for publication by Marcus J. Wallace and Wayne Jones. Credit and thanks will be given to Linda in the dedication page of the published book.



*Contemporary illustration of Sir William Wallace*

## CLAN WALLACE AT BANNOCKBURN 2014

By Bob Wallace

This year's summer solstice will find some of us packing our luggage for this year's International Gathering in Scotland. This year celebrates the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn which found King Robert I, the Bruce, and about 7,500 fellow Scots defeating King Edward II, and what is said to be about 15,000 men on horse and foot just a few miles below Stirling Castle.

Some 40 Clan Wallace Society members and spouses will be at the site of that historic battle in late June, but first will visit Wallace-specific sites in Dunfermline, Lanark and Kilmarnock leading up to the week-end celebration at Bannockburn.

Our visit will be capped when we meet with Andrew Wallace, Younger of that Ilk, Acting Chief of Clan Wallace, for a dinner at the hotel in Edinburgh.

The stage at Bannockburn has been set by refurbishing the Bruce monument late last



year and by the building of a new visitor center at the site. The location is said to be quite close to where the battle may have taken place in 1314. Total number of people from all across the globe attending the

event at Bannockburn is expected to be at least double the number who fought this decisive battle in 1314.

## THE FIRST WALLACE MONUMENT REACHES 200



By Bob Wallace

Not until the 19th century was any statue honoring Sir William Wallace placed anywhere in Scotland. In September of 1814, the first such honor for Wallace took place overlooking the River Tweed near Dryburgh Abbey. Commissioned by David Stuart Erskine, 11th Earl of Buchan, the 31-foot, red sandstone statue stands looking across the river at England on the property of Bemersyde House.

Unfortunately for tourists interested in viewing this Wallace statue, getting there is not easy but can be done provided one drives a rental car or finds a small bus and group going that way. Parking near the statue is in a small car park just off the country road not far from Scott's View. Space for perhaps a half-dozen vehicles was found when we visited the site in 2008 while touring the Border areas of Scotland. Once parked, a sign details what's

along the walking path, while a walk said to be about 200 yards – it seemed somewhat longer when we walked it in 2008 – will get you to the foot of the statue.

Enquiries made at VisitScotland at the end of January found no celebration apparently being planned for the 200th anniversary of this statue. For anyone in the Borders area on 22 September 2014, consider making a brief visit to the Wallace statue where very few folks are likely to be found on the day marking its anniversary.



The 11th Earl of Buchan

# BRAVE-HEARTH: DELICIOUS SCOTTISH CUISINE

By Lisa Donant

## Oysters Rockefeller Casserole

(pictured right)

1 pint Oysters  
 2 Tbsp Butter  
 1 rib Celery, finely chopped  
 1 small Onion, finely chopped  
 10 oz Frozen Spinach, thawed and drained  
 ¼ tsp Anise Seed (optional, I don't use)  
 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce  
 2 Tbsp Bread Crumbs  
 1 cup Sharp Cheddar Cheese, grated – do not use pre-shredded  
 1 cup Basic White Sauce (see below)  
 Salt, Pepper and dash Cayenne to taste



Drain oysters. Melt butter and sauté celery. Add onions, parsley, spinach (about ¾ of the package is enough), anise seed, Worcestershire sauce, bread crumbs, salt, pepper, cayenne and white sauce. Grease a shallow casserole. Arrange oysters in one layer. Cover with Rockefeller mixture.

Bake in 450 oven for 30 minutes. Remove and sprinkle with cheese and a thin layer of bread crumbs. Return to oven for 10 minutes until lightly brown. **Basic White Sauce:** 2 Tbsp Butter, 2 Tbsp Flour, 1 cup Milk. Melt butter. Add flour and stir for a couple

minutes until flour is cooked and the mixture is thickened. Slowly add milk and stir until creamy, then salt and pepper to taste. A bit of fresh grated nutmeg in the sauce adds a nice flavor.



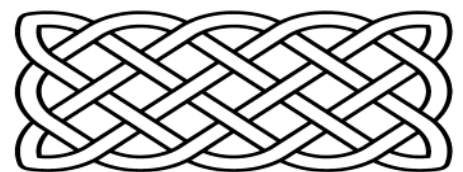
## Hot Caprese Dip

(pictured left)

10 oz. Fresh Mozzarella Cheese, cubed  
 3 small Roma Tomatoes, seeded & juiced, diced  
 3 Tbsp. Fresh Basil, roughly chopped

Pre-heat oven 375 degrees Farenheit. Combine all ingredients and pour into 9" pie plate or other baking dish. Bake 15-20 minutes then broil for 2 minutes.

Serve with Hearty Crackers, Pita Chips, Bread Sticks, etc.





## CWSW SPRING 2014 GAMES SCHEDULE

Following is a list of Scottish Games that have been provided to date. All members are encouraged to participate to support Clan Wallace and their Scottish history.

February 28 – March 1-2, 2014  
North Texas Irish Festival  
Fair Park, Dallas TX

March 8-9, 2014  
Midland Scottish-Irish Faire  
Midland TX

March 15-16, 2014  
Latta Celtic Festival  
Latta Plantation  
Huntersville, NC

April 5-6, 2014  
San Antonio Highland Games  
Helotes Fairgrounds  
Helotes, TX

April 12-13, 2014  
Rural Hill Scottish Festival and  
Loch Norman Highland Games  
Huntersville, NC

May 2-4, 2014  
Texas Scottish Festival and Highland  
Games  
Maverick Stadium  
Arlington, TX

May 3, 2014  
Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering  
Bridgeport City Park  
Bridgeport, WV

We need our Conveners to provide information on Scottish Games in the following states. Please provide this information to our Webmaster at [webmaster@clanwallace.org](mailto:webmaster@clanwallace.org) and/or the Director of Convener Affairs at [convener@clanwallace.org](mailto:convener@clanwallace.org).

- ◆ Arizona
- ◆ California
- ◆ Colorado
- ◆ Georgia
- ◆ Hawaii
- ◆ Indiana
- ◆ Maryland
- ◆ Nevada
- ◆ New York
- ◆ Ohio
- ◆ Oregon
- ◆ Pennsylvania
- ◆ South Carolina
- ◆ Virginia
- ◆ West Virginia
- ◆ Washington
- ◆ and all Canada Provinces

More information on Scottish games can be found on the Clan Wallace website at [clanwallace.org/gamedate.html](http://clanwallace.org/gamedate.html) or [clanwallace.org/gamestat.html](http://clanwallace.org/gamestat.html)

## UNSURE WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR MAN-CHILD?

**Highlander Pub**

**HUSBAND DAY CARE CENTRE**

- NEED TIME TO RELAX?
- NEED TIME TO YOURSELF?
- WANT TO GO SHOPPING?

**LEAVE YOUR HUSBAND WITH US!**

**WE LOOK AFTER HIM FOR YOU!**

**YOU ONLY PAY FOR HIS FOOD AND DRINKS!**

*The Highlander Pub in the City of Ottawa, Canada's national capital, recently launched the following initiative aimed at busy wives seeking respite from their needy adult children. At last word, the day care centre is usually filled to capacity. Similar "man-chile" day cares have been established in Queensland (Australia), the Philippines and are now appearing in California and Georgia.*