



Clan Donnachaidh Crest

Donnachaidh Doings

AUTUMN 2022



**Board of Directors
Hold Mid-Year
Planning Meeting,
New leaders appointed.**

Welcome to our new Area
Directors: Rob Gibson,
south; Linda Reid, north;
Sherri & Jake Wagner, east

Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting was held by the 2022 Board of Directors at the home of John and Christy Lange, in Casselberry, Florida, for the purposes of conducting Clan Donnachaidh, Florida Branch, business and planning for 2023. Those present: Bobby Bethel, President; Pamela Knock, Vice President; John Lange, Treasurer; Christy Lange, Secretary; Pam Bethel, Historian; and Area Director, Stanley Reid; guests: Linda Reid, Rob Gibson, Jake & Sherri Wagner, Bob & Lori Santillana, and Brandon Lange. Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. by President Bethel, who also shared a prayer for the lunch.

Treasurer, John Lange, submitted a Treasurer's Report, see page 3. Extra income has been earned from donations from Amazon Smile. Secretary, Christy Lange, reported on membership statistics and updates from the clan society in Scotland. Our Facebook page now has a total of 267 users. A member is needed to work with our website to keep the information current.

Area Director & Facebook Administrator, Stanley Reid, expressed concerns about the increasing number of requests to join the Facebook page which may be "spam". He takes the time to explore each request by visiting the page of the person, but sometimes not enough information is available. He asked Board Members to help by contacting him if a post is suspected to be spam or fraud.

There is no Area Director for west Florida. President Bethel sent a letter to each member but received only one reply from a member who declined to serve. We need help from members in the Gulf Coast/west coast area.

New Area Directors were appointed by President Bethel for the rest of this year. Rob Robertson Gibson will represent our members in south Florida. Linda Reid agreed to assist Area Director, Stanley Reid, in the north Florida area. New members, Sherri & Jake Wagner, will work with our members in the east coast area and manage a clan tent at the Ormond Beach Celtic Festival in April 2023. They will attend festivals in other areas and are willing to help as needed. A big welcome to Rob, Linda, Sherri, and Jake!

Plans were made to attend nine Scottish festivals in Florida in 2023. There is a possibility of a new festival in Longwood which will be explored.

We have no further festivals in Florida scheduled for this year. Important and coming up early in 2023 will be the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs/Orlando on January 14-15.

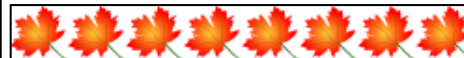
We are all excited to be chosen "Honored Clan" at the Northeast Florida Highland Games in Green Cove Springs on February 25. Please plan to attend to help us represent Clan Donnachaidh. It will be a great day!

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MID-YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Other items of business:

- Current inventory shows a total of 72 clan t-shirts in stock with several additional items available.
- The majority of all clan equipment remains in the storage unit in Longwood as approved until the end of 2022. The subject can be discussed again at our 2023 AGM.
- Member, Russ Duncan, donated his Duncan kilt, jacket, shirts, and accessories for fund raising for the clan. Several items were sold at the meeting but available is a beautifully made Duncan Kilt: (Duncan Ancient Tartan – waist 40” hip 44”) made by Lochcarron, in Scotland (men’s traditional 8 yd. medium weight). Two dress shirts are available, one white 34/35 (Doni Barassi) and a white wingtip tuxedo shirt, pleated 32/33 (Neil Allyn). Also available: one Glen Esk Classic Kilt Belt, Celtic Knot design, 40 in., black leather. One Glen Esk Men’s Traditional Scottish Belt Buckle. We will have these items on display at the clan tent.

We learned that our eldest member, Ruby Fargason, passed away in October 2021. Our Sunshine Lady, Jackie Mullinax, sent a sympathy card from our clan family.

Rob presented a flyer on The Sunbelt Invitational Piping Competition to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, Maitland, FL. Some of the world’s top pipers are invited to compete. Admission is \$15 for age 21 & over, under 21 is free.

Bobby noted that Jonn Duncan, IVC, had asked if our branch has a question or concern to be raised at the upcoming Clan Council meeting and AGM. Bobby asked him to raise our request for an approved Reid Tartan for Clan Donnachaidh. The Florida Branch raised this issue back in 2008 at a Spring Council meeting. At that meeting, we made the Council aware that other branches were using the “Reid of Straloch” tartan at their clan tents to represent the Reid members. It was communicated back to us that it would be OK to use the tartan, but the Council could not officially approve the tartan. For this year’s meeting, we are asking **P R O V E D** for an AP-Reid Tartan.

Meeting adj-
2:30 p.m. with
Chief Gilbert
of Struan.



joined at
a toast to
Robertson

FOR SALE:



Duncan tartan
kilt,
waist 40”
hips 44”



Dress
shirt,
pleats,
black
buttons,
Doni Ba-
rassi
34/35



Dress
shirt,
white,
pleats,
Neil
Allyn



32/33



Men’s
black
leather

TREASURER'S REPORT by John Lange

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FY 2022, as of August 27, 2022

Current Balance, TD Bank: **\$6,262.51**

Current Balance, PayPal: **\$1,225.47**

Income:

Memberships

International society: \$ 805.00
Florida Branch: 1692.81

Merchandise sold: (T-shirts: \$385.00 Other: \$209.00) 1509.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$4,119.93

Expenses:

Business Expenses

Supplies (printing, mailing, banking, rentals & storage) \$1365.78
T-shirts purchase—March 1235.85
Games registration (NE FL, Cen FL, St. Aug., Dunedin) 424.00
PayPal fees 86.70
Transfer to Scotland through PayPal (subs/donations) 805.00
Payment for ad in 2022 Clan Annual 95.95
Sunbiz Florida filing fee 70.00

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$4,083.28

Ending TD Bank Account (as of 8/27/2022)

\$4609.66

Ending Balance PayPal Acct. (as of 8/27/2022)

\$2409.71

I certify that funds in the amount of \$4690.66 represent the total held in the TD Bank account and funds in the amount of \$2409.71 represent the total held in the PayPal account as of 9/27/2022, both of which are registered under the name of the Clan Donnachaidh Society of Florida, Inc.

Clan Family Prayer Circle

LAURA ADAMS, requested prayer to find a new job & she found one.

PAM BETHEL, back pain

BYRON DOVER, lung cancer

VERBAL DUNCAN, medical concerns with heart & memory loss

FAMILY OF RUBY ROBERTSON FARGUSON

MARGARET ROBERTSON LOVE, recovery strokes

HAYES PARKER, medical concerns

FAMILY OF LOUISE ROBERTSON

FAMILY OF CHIEF GILBERT ROBERTSON OF STRUAN, passing of sister, Jean Robertson of Struan

TERRY ROBERTSON, medical concerns

Prayers of comfort for our members in Scotland who mourn the loss of Queen Elizabeth II

U.S. MILITARY, safety and protection:

Safety for all during the hurricane season

The 2022 Clan Annuals have been published and were mailed in May. If you are a 2022 member of the Clan Society in Scotland, and still have not received a copy of the Clan Annual, please notify us.

For all the latest news, visit our website:

www.donnachaidhflorida.com

DID YOU KNOW

With all the news coverage surrounding the death of Queen Elizabeth II, a reporter mentioned the “Stone of Destiny”. What is it and why is it connected to our Scottish heritage?

The stone has had many names over the centuries. It is referred to in England as the “Coronation stone”. Because the stone was once housed in Scone Palace, it had been known as the “Stone of Scone”. The stone has also been called the “Stone of Jacob” or “Jacob’s Pillow”, and its Gaelic name, “Clach na Cinneamhain”.

An ancient symbol of Scotland’s monarchy, the stone weighs around 335 lbs. and measures 16.7” x 10.5”. The image of a cross is carved across the top. Eventually a wooden chair-like platform was added to make it into a coronation chair.



In 841 AD, the stone was brought to Scone Abby in Perth by Kenneth MacAlpen. In 1296, during the invasion of Scotland by the English, the armies of Edward 1 seized the stone. Following this possession by England, it became custom for future monarchs to use the stone during coronations, not only in England but as in all the United Kingdom. The stone received another name and was known as “King Edward’s Chair”.

On July 3, 1996, after several centuries of disputing who had the right to the stone’s possession, the British government decided the stone should be returned to Scotland. An official ceremony to mark the stone’s return occurred at Edinburg Castle on St. Andrews Day, November 1996. The stone remains there to this day along with the Scottish crown jewels.



Many legends exist concerning the stone. One places the origin of the stone in biblical times in the story of Jacob. It is said

Jacob used the same stone as a pillow and took it from Bethel following his encounter with God.

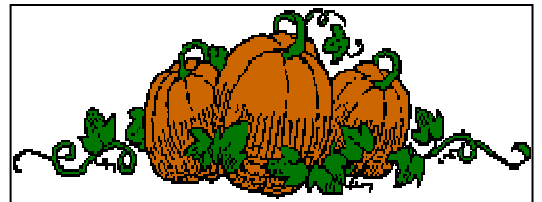
Even during WW II, the concern of the stone’s safety was paramount necessitating it being hidden in a burial vault in Gloucester Cathedral. There is much more history of the many who took custody of the stone which makes great reading for those interested in learning more.

In 1950, four Scottish students removed the stone from Westminster Abbey for the purpose of returning it back to Scotland. Unfortunately, the stone met with an accident and broke into two pieces. The stone was eventually repaired.

The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 was the last time the stone was used. Since the Queen’s death, it has been agreed

Happy Autumn Birthday to:

- September 9 John Lange
- September 16 Stanley Reid
- September 22 Ginger Robertson
- September 24 Lynn Duncan
- October 11 Ruby Fargason, in memory
- October 16 Jack Reid, in memory
- November 22 Brandon Lange
- November 28 Rob Gibson



Happy Autumn Anniversary to:

- November 30 Mike & Ginger Robertson

We wish each of you Slainte' Mhath (good health) and a great year ahead!

We do not have record of everyone’s birthday and anniversary. Please send an e-mail or a note to the secretary so you can be included on our list.

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Our 2022 membership stands at 93.

Thank you for your continuing support of Clan Donnachaidh in Florida.



Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

Many countries have an animal representing them, but for Scotland, the choice may seem rather odd. The national animal of Scotland is, in fact, the unicorn, and the reason for the selection of this mythological creature has been firmly fixed in the history of the country.

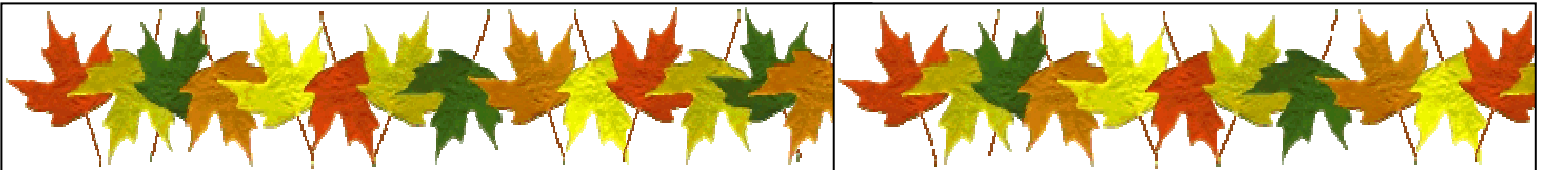


Unicorns have been around since 3,500 B.C. and the time of the Babylonians. They were even written about and thought of as real animals by the ancient Greeks. In Celtic mythology, the unicorn was a symbol of purity, grace, joy, and innocence, as well as power and strength. It has been a Scottish symbol since the 12th century when it was on an early form of the Scottish Coat of Arms. In the 15th century, gold coins even appeared with the unicorn on them when King James III was in power. The unicorn had become an important symbol that represented the country of Scotland.

When Scotland and England unified under the reign of King James VI of Scotland in 1603, the Scottish Royal Arms had two unicorns supporting a shield. King James VI, who became King James I after the unification, replaced the unicorn on the left of the shield with the national animal of England, the lion, to show that the countries (which included Ireland) were indeed unified. This was known as the Union of the Crowns. More than a century later, on January 16, 1707, Scotland and England joined in a political union and created the United Kingdom of Britain.

Today the Royal Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom still consists of the unicorn of Scotland and the lion of England. Each animal is in its original position from the time of the Union of the Crowns, but the Scottish version has the animals reversed with the unicorn on the right and the lion on the left. The lion is even considered to be the natural enemy of the unicorn.

The unicorn representing Scotland is always depicted with a chain around its neck, as this symbolizes the medieval belief that the unicorn was a strong and dangerous animal that was untamed. Incidentally, it was the belief that it could only be tamed by a virgin. The unicorn wasn't thought of as a gentle mythological



AUTUMN GREETINGS

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