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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Members:

Another year has past and we are entering into a new century. I guess I can safely say Clan Johnston/e in America has survived all the Y2K hype. With spring just ahead of us and Games and Festivals already starting, it looks to be another busy year.

We have now formed a committee for the Lochwood Tower Restoration Fund. Jeff Johnstone of Rochester, New York, has agreed to chair this committee with Larry Edwards of Colorado, Rick Johnston of Wisconsin, and our Treasurer, Steve Johnston, also serving on the committee.

A new item we are looking into is setting up a Web Site for Clan Johnston/e in America. This would be very beneficial for the Clan as it has many uses that will assist in our growth in the future. Also, it will expand our communications and information to our members.

A major upcoming event is our first Annual General Meeting away from Stone Mountain, Georgia, which will be held at Estes Park, Colorado, September 8 through 10 this year. Our AGM Committee in Colorado is working on finalizing the details and will have plenty of information out soon. I hope everyone who is able, will consider attending this event and show our Colorado Johnston/es our support.

In closing, I wish everyone a great year and much success in all things, especially to those who sponsor and support CJA at any Games they attend.

Yours aye,

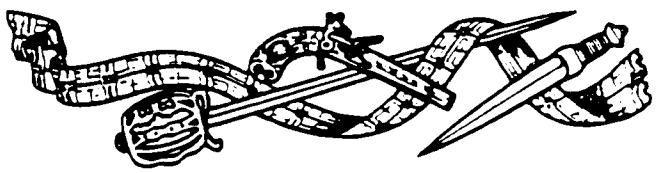
Arthur Johnston, President

TARTAN DAY IS APRIL 6!

Tartan Day is on Thursday, April 6, 2000! This is the day to wear your tartan and join in any Tartan Day celebrations going on in your area. Watch your newspapers for further information or, if you are a member of a St. Andrew's Society, call one of the officers to find out how you can participate in the festivities!

AGM in Estes Park, Colorado

Be sure to make plans now to be in Estes Park, Colorado the weekend of September 8, 9, and 10 so that you can thrill to the beauty of the surrounding mountains and to attend our Annual General Meeting. Plans have been made to make this a truly memorable Meeting and we invite all of our members to attend!



LOCHWOOD TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT

By Jeffrey M. Johnstone, FSA Scot

Lochwood Tower, the ancestral seat of the Johnston/e Clan, has been uninhabited for nearly 300 years and has unfortunately fallen into an advanced state of ruin. During the late 1980's, our Chief, the Earl of Annandale undertook a major effort to make the Lochwood Tower site safe for visitors, and to consolidate what remains of the tower and the east range of outbuildings. Much of the site remains covered with vegetation and buried in rubble, as shown by the accompanying aerial photograph furnished by Aero-Metric, Inc.

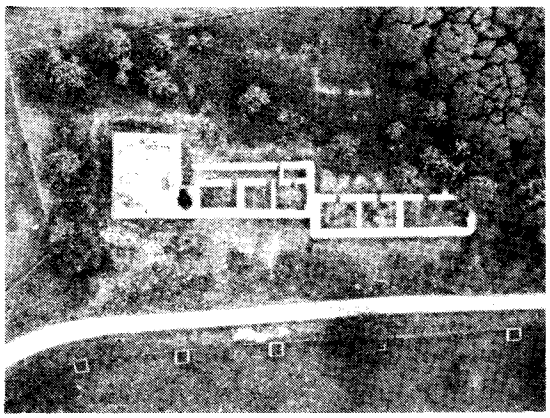
Clan Johnstone in America has recently appointed me to chair a Lochwood Tower Restoration Committee consisting of Larry Edwards of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Richard D. Johnston of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and (ex officio) CJA President Arthur W. Johnston to spearhead a Lochwood Tower Restoration Project. The Committee will work closely with our Chief, who owns the Lochwood Tower ruins, and its goal will be to spark and sustain the interest and financial support necessary to continue the restoration and preservation of the entire site and provide a Center for visitors.

The word "restoration" must be used with caution when speaking of Lochwood. In June, 1999, Lochwood Tower became listed by Historic Scotland, a government agency which oversees the preservation of ancient buildings and monuments. This means that any steps taken to preserve Lochwood must comply with government regulations and use approved contractors. Although the involvement of Historic Scotland will probably lead to some delay and increased expense for the Restoration Project, it will also provide expert advice and could furnish grant money to aid in restoration and preservation of the site. All actual site restoration work will be under the direct control of our Chief.

CJA has already become involved in a number of exciting projects involving Lochwood, and currently offers for sale beautiful scale models of the Tower as it might have been in the Sixteenth Century, and a portion of the proceeds supports the Project. Sales of the model have already raised several hundred dollars. John Wright of Impressions (Scotland) Ltd. is working on a smaller version of the Lochwood model and it should be available for purchase through CJA later this year. Our Chief has graciously provided CJA with copies of two exquisite drawing of the Lochwood site made during the 1960s by Mr. Alastair M. T. Maxwell-Irving, and these may be purchased from CJA with the proceeds being applied to help the Project.

Within the last year, two professional aerial photography firms have taken summer and winter photographs of Lochwood from the air. Steps are being taken toward production of a highly detailed contour map of the Lochwood site based, in part, on the new aerial photos. Several artists have recently painted Lochwood "as it might have looked" in days gone by. It is hoped that these and other efforts will enable CJA to make additional Lochwood-related items available for purchase to further the goals of the Committee.

Additional information on the CJA Lochwood Tower Restoration Project may be found on the World Wide Web at: http://home.eznet.net/~jeff/restore1.html.



Aerial photo of Lochwood Tower by Simmons Mapping, Bristol, England, courtesy of AERO-METRIC, Inc., Fort Collins, Colorado.

We have received a special invitation to the **2000 GATLINBURG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND GAMES**, to be held May 19 – 21, 2000, at Mills Park, Gatlinburg, TN!

The Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games will start with a parade down the Parkway in Gatlinburg on Friday evening at 6:00. The parade will be followed by a Gala Reception and a special evening Ceilidh.

Over 60 clans will have tents at the Games, and the honored clan will be Clan Cameron. The Games will feature beautiful Highland dancing competitions, professional and amateur Scottish heavy athletics competitions, exciting pipe and drum competitions, pipe band competitions, border collie demonstrations, a rugby sevens demonstration and much more. Many vendors in Scottish goods such as kilts and attire, music and traditional foods will attend. For more information, write to the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games, P.O. Box 1487, Gatlinburg, TN 37738, or use e-mail at aegis@usit.net.

Duncan: "I saw a poster at the post office that says, 'Man Wanted For Car Theft.'"
Fergus: "Hmmm – what does it pay?"

Alba Gu Brath - Scotland For Ever

ATTENTION ALL JOHNSTON/E CLAN MEMBERS!

As a new member of Clan Johnston/e, I would like to use this Newsletter as an investigative tool. It occurred to me, having lost my grandfather, father and three uncles to the same bloodline illness, that this could be something carried down through generations of Johnston/es. The male side of the family seems to be the most effected, but information regarding the female Johnston/es is equally important.

I would like to undertake the responsibility of compiling information regarding chronic major illness and the causes of death through the Johnston/e bloodline only. I will need specific names, birth dates and dates of death as far back as known, as to not repeat any information. I will need all chronic illnesses (of both living and dead) and causes of death, to make this study an effective one. I will keep the clan informed as to my findings through The Spur and Phoenix.

I am undertaking this task only after reading the Newsletter of June '99 in which there was an article about the clan's founder, William Johnston, who met his demise in much the same manner as my family members. I have three brothers who carry the name and could benefit from this study as many members may.

The information needed:

Full name
Birth date
Date of death
Age
Chronic Illnesses and Cause of Death as specific as possible

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and concern.

Judith Lynn Johnston Douglas
714 Ontario Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
*E-mail: JLDOUGLAS@AOL.COM

**Please write "Johnston/e" in remarks when corresponding via e-mail or it will be discarded.

May God shield me,
May God fill me,
May God keep me,
May God watch me.
May God bring me
To the land of peace,
To the country of the King,
To the peace of eternity.
...an Irish prayer by the 7th century monk, St. Mirin

Learn to listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.

DIGESTIVE BISCUITS

Traditional midmorning Scottish biscuits, digestives are also delicious buttered and served with cheese. For Chocolate Digestives, brush the underside of the biscuits with melted bittersweet or milk chocolate after baking. This recipe makes 12.

¾ cup whole-wheat flour
¼ cup all-purpose flour
½ tsp. baking powder
1 tbls. oatmeal
4 tbls. butter
4 tbls. brown sugar
3 to 4 tbls. cold milk

Sift the flours and baking powder into a bowl and add the oatmeal. Rub in the butter. Add the sugar and run the mixture through the fingers to mix well.

Using a fork, stir in the milk to form a stiff paste. Turn onto a floured surface and knead lightly until smooth. Roll out thinly.

Cut into 12 rounds with a 2 ½ inch cookie cutter, re-rolling and re-cutting trimmings to make the required number. Transfer to a greased cookie sheet and prick all over with a fork. Bake until pale gold, allowing 15 to 18 minutes in an oven preheated to 375 degrees.

Cool on a wire rack. Store in an airtight tin when cold.

"THE SCOTS,' said a censorious English member of Parliament in 1607, 'have not suffered above two kings to die in their beds these two hundred years.' He may have exaggerated, in his anxiety at the prospect of union with this turbulent country, but undeniably Scotland has a rough and blood-stained history. It has a complex one, too, as complex as a tartan - but like the tartans it has certain conspicuous threads running through the design." -- *from Fitzroy Maclean's A Concise History of Scotland*

Sir James Johnstone K.C.S.I., British Political Agent in Colonial India

Our member Jeffrey M. Johnstone, sends us the following information regarding Sir James Johnstone. He says that on November 26, 1999, he received an e-mail message from a Mr. Randall Riding, a native of Lockerbie, Scotland, who now lives in Imphal, State of Manipur, northeast India. Mr. Riding had happened upon Jeff Johnstone's website and asked if he was familiar with Sir James Johnstone who was the British Political Agent in Manipur during the Nineteenth Century. He stated:

> **"Sir Johnstone is well remembered in these parts and the school he founded around 1875 is still attended today.**
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> **According to records I have read, his family had lived in Worcestershire and also in Warwickshire since around 1700 but they originally came from Annandale. He was, apparently, eleventh in direct male descent from William Johnstone of Graitney, who received a charter of the barony of Newbie for "distinguished services" to the Scottish crown in 1541."**

"Graitney" is an old spelling for Gretna in Annandale, and the Gretna and Newbie Johnstones are believed to be cadets of the Johnstones of Annandale. Much information about the Gretna and Newbie line of Johnstones can be found in Miss C. L. Johnstone's History of the Johnstones 1191 - 1909, which was published in limited numbers in the early years of the Twentieth Century, and also her Historical Families of Dumfreisshire and the Border Wars, 2nd Edition, which was reprinted in 1994 by Heritage Books, Inc. (ISBN 1-55613-956-X).

Miss C. L. Johnstone's uncle, Edward Johnstone of Fulford Hall, Warwickshire, was one of the unsuccessful claimants for the dormant Johnstone titles during the Nineteenth Century. According to a pedigree chart in the History of the Johnstones 1191 - 1909, Sir James Johnstone K.C.S.I. was the son of James Johnstone, M.D., brother of Edward Johnstone of Fulford Hall.

Since Jeffrey Johnstone was unfamiliar with the career of Sir James Johnstone K.C.S.I., he asked Mr. Riding to supply him with the details. Please turn to Page 9 for this most interesting material furnished by him.

THE 1999 SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

This year's Walk was the warmest anyone could remember. By noon temperatures were almost 70 degrees. This almost certainly contributed to the large number of both participants and observers. Over 120 clans and societies, bands, historical reenactment groups, and canine units participated in the parade.

Although for the last two years Clan Johnston/e has marched as an unofficial last-minute addition to the parade, this year we returned as an official participant. Once again, much to the delight of the crowd, Santa McClaus (aka Robert M. Johnston) walked with us. What a hit he is with the children and families! Clan Johnston/e and Santa McClaus were cheered from one end of the parade route to the other.

Special thanks go to 7-year-old Harry Paton who carried the flag for us the entire parade (it's quite heavy for a child), to Lauren Mathae and Michelle Johnson who carried the Clan banner, and to Arthur and Margot Johnston, who provided us the flag and banner on VERY short notice.

The parade is a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season, and we hope that more CJA members in the Virginia/DC/Maryland area will join us next year! (Our thanks to Kathie Mathae for sharing this with us.)

Participating in the Alexandria, VA, Scottish Christmas Walk are: Back row, l to r, Vicky Paton, Travis Page, Walter Page, Hal Dodds. Middle row, Robert Johnston (as McClaus), Kathie Bailey Mathae, Emily Mathae. Front row, Lauren Mathae, Michelle Johnson and Harry Paton.

Old procrastinators never die. They just keep putting it off.

ANDREW DODDS, A JOHNSTONE FIDDLER

Andrew Dodds, a member of Clan Johnston/e, placed second in the Open Division of the U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Competition at the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain, New Hampshire in September, 1999. This is the highest that a member of our Clan has placed in this competition since Jonathan Fricke won in July, 1991.

Andrew is the 18-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dodds. He started taking violin lessons when he was five, and started Scottish Fiddle lessons when he was eight. His classical violin teachers are both members of the National Symphony Orchestra, and his Scottish Fiddle teachers are both former winners of the Open Division of the U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Competition.

Andrew performs by himself or with his friend, William Andrews before groups and at festivals. William is the same age as Andrew and has competed against him in many of the local and national Scottish Fiddling Competitions.

Our congratulations to Andrew Dodds, who placed second in the Open Division of the U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Competition.

Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

Laugh a lot. A good sense of humor cures many of life's ills.

The following request has been made by D. B. R. Johnston – Can you help?

I am seeking information about/contact with descendants of Samuel (M?) Johnston, born ca. 1819 in Ireland (Scotland?), and emigrating to the U.S. sometime within the next 30 years. A bookbinder by trade, he worked in Feltville in the New Providence/Scotch Plains area of N.J., moving to Brooklyn, N.Y. about mid-century. Wife (2nd?) Sophia (nee Foster, of N.J.; b. ca. 1834); children (surviving) Samuel (bookbinder; b. Jan. 17,1849 N.J.; d. Dec. 11, 1934; my great-grandfather), William (bookbinder; b. 1852 N.Y.), (b. 1853 N.Y.), Sarah (b. 1855 N.Y.), Emma (b. 1862 N.Y.), Mary E(lizabeth?) (b. 1864 N.Y.), Hettie (b. 1865 N.Y.), Addie (b. 1872 N.Y.). Son Samuel married Fortunita Ryan (b. 1852 N.Y.; died 1930 N.J.); children (surviving) Joseph Augustus (b.1873 N.Y.; d. 1912 N.Y.), Lucella C. (b. 1877 N.Y.; d. 1963 N.J.; taught school in Mountainside N.J.), Fortunita (b. 1878 N.Y.), Harry Appleton (b. 1883, N.Y.; d. 1966 N.Y.; my grandfather), Samuel (b. 1880 N.Y.), Fredrick Allen (b. 1886 N.Y.; d. 1982 N.J.; Mountainside N.J. Realtor), Mary Elizabeth (b. 1888 N.Y.; d. 1986 N.J.; Mountainside N.J. Elementary School teacher). Son Harry married Ethel Brown (b. 18? N.J.; d. 1960 N.Y.); children Donald D. (b. ca. 1912 N.Y.; d. 1994 N.J. my father), Elanore Ann (b. 1914 N.Y.; d. 197? N.Y.), Janet (b. ca. 1916 N.Y.), William (b. 1918 N.Y.; d. 1927 N.Y.). Son Donald married Jean C. Cutts (b. 1914 Toronto, Canada); children David B. R. (b. 1933 N.Y.). Son married Nevia Y. Reynolds (b. 1938 IA.), children Janet S. (b. 1961 Zurich, Switzerland), Wendy A. (b. 1962 CA.), Nancy L. (b. 1967 N.J.).

Please forward any information to D.B.R. Johnston, 5135 Bear Creek Road, Marshall, NC 28753. You may e-mail me at: // dbrj2@Yahoo.com

Thanks.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Mrs. Lois Johnston, Seneca Falls, NY
Mrs. Carolyn Johnstone, Akron, OH
Col. (Ret.) Perry S. Finney, Jr.

Rest In Peace

Clan Johnston/e in America

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Effective January 1999

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Item	Price	Shipping
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SUMMER GAMES IN THE NORTHWEST

The following is from our member Rob Johnston, who says instead of reporting on each individual Game, he decided to report on all the Games he made it to in one missive.

Between Jim Johnston and myself, we attended four Games over the summer. I had scheduled myself to attend the Victoria, B.C. and Coquitlam (Vancover) B.C. Games but illness at home prevented it. Jim started out the season on June 5 at the Bellingham, WA Games. It turned out to be a nice day, and he had a few Johnston/es stop by, and, oh yes, one of the Enumclaw Johnstones. The next Games were in Skagit Valley at Mount Vernon, WA the second weekend in July. These Games are only a couple of years old, but growing in popularity. They expanded to two days this year, but Jim was only able to be there for the first day.

The largest Games are the Pacific Northwest Highland Games and Clan Gathering. We had many Johnston/es show up. The CJA tent was manned by the usual crew of Rob and Jeannie Johnston, Jim Johnston, Debbie Moran and Rusty Johnstone. Cole Griffiths from Victoria, B.C., grandson of Bill and Nancy Johnston competed in the piping and took 4th place in his class. At last WE have a Johnston piper! Actually we have several in the Northwest, but they are hard to find sometimes. Cole attended a summer piping school in Nova Scotia on a CJA scholarship. He is only 14 and shows promise.

Although the PNHG broke attendance records, sign-in at our tent was down a bit from last year. Just not enough Johnston/es are aware of their Scottish roots. Several I met this year said they were Irish and had no idea of a Scottish connection – perhaps we helped some find their roots.

The last Game of the summer was a brand new one on Whidbey Island. For a first time event, things went well. Jim Johnston and I shared duties at the CJA tent. We met one new Johnston who was judging piping. He will join us at Enumclaw next season probably as a judge.

The summer was long and fruitful. We met many kinsmen and women and hopefully they will return next year, and we'll see them all in the spring.

One sad note: last month we lost Carolyn Johnstone from complications of a stroke she had several years ago. She was the mother of those I keep referring to as the Enumclaw Johnstones. She and her husband Matt ran the CJA tent for several years before Jeannie and I took over from them. She was a great lady and will be missed by us all.

I'm looking forward to next summer – Aye Ready! (Thanks, Rob, for a great report.)

Cole Griffiths, piper, takes fourth place in his class – good for you, Cole!

DON'T FORGET ESTES2000!

Make plans now to spend some time with us at Estes Park, Colorado. We'll be there to attend our Annual General Meeting and also to enjoy all the events at the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival to be held September 7-10 in Estes Park. If you do plan to attend and want to get your tickets in advance, contact the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival Office, P.O. Box 1820, Estes Park, CO 80517, or call them at 1-800-903-7837. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing,
Onward the sailors cry!
Carry the lad that's born to be king,
Over the sea to Skye!

Sir James Johnstone, K.C.S.I. (1841 – 1895)

This is the information furnished to Jeffrey Johnstone by Mr. Randall Riding of Imphal, State of Manipur, India regarding the above-named gentleman:

Sir James was born on February 19, 1841, in Birmingham, England. His great-grandfather, Dr. James Johnstone left Annandale at the age of 22 (year unknown) to settle in Worcestershire as a physician.

James Johnstone trained at the Royal Naval and Military Academy, Gossport, and won a cadetship under the East India Company circa 1857. As a lieutenant with the 73rd Queen's Regiment, he was actively engaged in suppression of insurgents following the Indian Mutiny and later saw active service in Assam. While there in 1862, he was badly mauled while attempting to kill a man-eating tiger. This earned him the local nickname "Baghe Khooah" (Tiger Eaten) and his fame served in good support when he later returned to Assam.

The next ten years were spent in various parts of India where he gained wide and favorable recognition for the creation of many schools and his efforts in promotion of education and general betterment of the native population.

In 1872, he married Emma Mary Lloyd of Moor Hall in Warwickshire, and she, too, came to India. In 1877, she accompanied him when he took up the post of Political Agent in Manipur, a position at the time thought to be impossible to fill considering the remoteness of the location and the general recalcitrance of the incumbent Maharajah. At this time Manipur was not an integral part of India. The Johnstone family arrived on foot from Shillong, in neighboring Assam, with Johnstone walking and his wife and two sons in baskets on the backs of porters. He didn't say how long it took but even now, by car, it requires at least a full day.

He succeeded extremely well, wielding a "firm but honest sword," restoring the state's low reputation and he remains highly thought of by Manipuris to this day. After 28 years of service he left India in 1885, (as far as I can make out) and died of a riding accident on June 13, 1895.

In 1881, he had inherited Fulford Estate on the boundaries of Worcestershire and Warwickshire and also Dunsley Manor in Staffordshire by the death of his late father's elder brother. This must have been most fortunate for the man, as apparently Johnstone had saved nothing from his time in India, having spent all his earned income on services to the people of that country.

I obtained all the above from his book Manipur and the Naga Hills, Manas Publications, Delhi, 1990. It was very entertaining, covering his full time spent here in Manipur. He lived just up the road from where we are at this moment, and makes us realize that life in our 2-star, Government-run hotel, despite all its faults, has to be a lot more comfortable than life must have been for Sir James Johnstone K.C.S.I. (We thank Jeffrey Johnstone for sharing this story with us.)

A Scotsman will never be insulted if you offer him a small glass of whisky – he will merely swallow the insult.

More information on the ship, the *Jeanie Johnston* –

In the September, 1999 issue of the Spur and Phoenix, we featured an article on the ship, the *Jeanie Johnston.* Carol Koeslag of Peterborough, Ontario sends us an excerpt from the Peterborough Irish Canadian Club Newsletter which states that the reconstructed ship, the original being built in Quebec in 1847 by the Donevan family, is scheduled to sail for North America from Ireland in April, 2000. Many of the crew will be those who have been involved in this reconstruction. The ship is expected to visit around 20 Ports of Call from the eastern United States to Canada.

WILLIAM H. JOHNSTON RECEIVES POSTHUMOUS AWARD

At the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta, GA, last October, the late William H. Johnston was the first person to receive the Tartan Ambassador Award in recognition of a lifetime of dedicated work promoting the world-wide interests of tartan. The posthumous award was presented to his wife, Barbara, and is made from the shuttle in a loom used to weave tartan.

Johnston, along with Dr. Philip Smith, was co-author of a three-volume set of books on tartans, which was recently published by Schiffer Publishing Company of Atglen, PA.

CEAD MILE FAILTE!

A Hundred Thousand Welcomes To Our New Members!

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MARJORIBANKS HAVE THEIR VERY FIRST TARTAN

The Marjoribanks have their own tartan! They are a Family and not a Clan, and so did not have a traditional tartan. With the concurrence of the Earl of Annandale and Hartfell, the chief of the Johnstone Clan, with whom they have had historic connections, they have been wearing the Johnstone green-and-blue tartan.

John Marjoribanks of Berwickshire designed the tartan, registered it with the Scottish Tartans Society, and arranged to have it manufactured. It incorporates the colours of the Chief's coat of arms: red, black, gold and silver and follows the pattern of checks and stripes of the tartan worn by their cousins, the Johnstones.

To live forever in the hearts of friends is to never die.

It is better to be looked over than to be overlooked.

MINNESOTA MEMBERS KEEP BUSY

Clan Johnston/e in America was very active in Minnesota in 1999. During the year, we participated in the Scottish Ramble, the Macalester Scottish Fair, the Duluth Heritage Folk Festival and the Renaissance Festival, and we held a Gathering in the fall for Clan members.

At the Gathering, we were fortunate to have two speakers, Patricia Fake and her daughter, Trish Benedict, who told us about daily life in Scotland today. They were born and raised in Scotland and immigrated to the United States, where they both married men from Delano, Minnesota. Patricia goes back to Scotland every year and Trish goes back when she can. Trish is now a single mother raising two boys in a small American town, so it was interesting to hear the differences in education and social life as well as differences in the economy of the two countries. We have many activities lined up for year 2000 and hope many of our members will be able to attend. For further information, call Dennis or Jackie Johnston (612) 479-2610, or e-mail us at jjohnston@visi.com.

At our Fall Gathering
L to R: Ann Haefner, Trish Benedict, Patricia Fake, Dennis Johnston, MN CJA Commissioner, Jackie Johnston, Dee Johnston, Cary Johnston, Jody Johnstone

By yon bonnie banks and by yon bonnie braes;
Where the sun shines bright on Loch Lomond,
Where me and my true love were ever wont to gae,
On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond!
~A Traditional Scottish Ballad

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IF I DIED. . . .

A wife asked her husband, "Ah, Fergus, love, if I died, would you remarry?"
"After a considerable period of grieving, I guess I would. We all really need companionship," said the Scot.
"If I died and you remarried," his wife asked, "would she live in this house?"
"We've spent a lot of money getting this house just the way we want it. I'm not going to get rid of my house. I guess she would."
"If I died and you remarried, and she lived in this house," the wife continued, "would she sleep in our bed?"
"Well, the bed is brand new, and it cost us $2,000. It's going to last a long time, so I guess she would," Fergus replied.
"If I died and you remarried, and she lived in this house and slept in our bed, would she use my golf clubs?"
"Oh, no," the Scot replied. "She's left-handed."

You've blessed me with friends
And laughter and fun
With rain that's as soft
as the light of the sun –
You've blessed me with stars
to brighten each night
You've given me help
to know wrong from right –
You've given me so much
please, Lord, give me too,
A heart that is always
grateful to You.

An Irish Prayer

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