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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES, 1983

It has been a year of trauma and changes for many of our members. It warms our heart to know that you think of each other as "kin" and that we can share the bad and the glad together as "family". Life offers no easy solutions so we compromise.

So as not to be the cause of further trauma we have elected to keep the 1983 MEMBERSHIP DUES at the current price of \$15.00/year-dual-Scotland-U.S. At the moment it cannot be predicted where it will be necessary to cut corners. It is evident that our ANNUAL GATHERINGS, costly tho they be, should continue. It is our one opportunity to meet and greet each other and share a great Scottish cultural experience. The Games chosen as sites for our Gatherings have not disappointed those attending.

The old adage "You must spend money to make money", is a truth we are well aware of. We have garnered a list of a couple hundred Trumell, Trummel, Turnebull, Trumble, Tornbule, Tournebull, Trubul, Trumbul, Trumbull, Trimbill, Trimble, Trombel, Tournebu, Tourneboeuf, Roull, Ruhl or Rule. If you have access to phone books outside of the Bell System it would be appreciated if you would send us listings for any of the above. Membership invitations will be sent to these folks. It is time to persue those of the sept names to let them know we are organized and welcome them in kinship and fellowship.

1983 GATHERING - COSTA MESA GAMES, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

Trust all your calendars are marked and vacation time earmarked for May 28 - 29, 1983. The Highland Games at Costa Mesa, CA. is the site, a wonderful area for a grand vacation.

The Committee has been very busy, Dr. Fred has used his influence to get the date of the Bannockburn Ball moved up to June 3, 1983, the weekend following our Gathering. Those who can afford the time will reconvene for the Ball. You have a great choice, two super weekends, Gathering, reconvening for Bannockburn Ball, or hopefully both. How is that for a Scotch bargain, a genuine two-fer.

The Bannockburn Ball is scheduled to be held at the "Carrousel Room" at the Newport Inn, Newport Beach (on Jamboree Rd., near Pacific Coast Highway.)

There is so much to see and do, in the immediate area, and up and down the coast, during the intervening week, the difficulty will be in sorting out priorities.

Norman contacted Cathy Harrington of the Sheraton Newport Hotel. With Cathy's kind permission we are publishing her letter, intact, which is self-explanatory. PLEASE SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Cathy has since called to say the reservation cut off date is April 30th. Please mention TURNBULL CLAN GATHERING when making reservations which must be made DIRECTLY to the Sheraton Newport (714)833-0570. Deposit of first nites room charges, check or credit card, always a good idea to ask to HOLD FOR LATE ARRIVAL. Rooms must be guaranteed as the Memorial Day weekend is a very busy time for all resort areas. You must all surely agree that Cathy is offering us a tremendous bargain plus convenience.

The last word from the Games Committee was that they would be in touch after the first of the year when all of their plans have been formulated.

LADIES TARTAN SASH

Word has been received from Myra, Scotland that ordering the yard goods is our only outlet and the price has increased from \$14.50/yd to \$16.50/yd which voids our previous estimate for the sashes. In the meantime we have heard from some of our members who would prefer a finished product. Have an appointment with a local drapery manufacturer after the holidays, they might cut and hem for a fairly reasonable charge. More later.

Other items on the price list from Scotland have changed. I have asked Myra to rework the list for the US. If you have ordered anything from Scotland recently you will undoubtedly receive a request for additional money. It is a difficult task and do regret any inconveniences and delays. Surface mail and packages take 2 - 3 months Air Mail about 2 weeks, depending also on how much time it spends in the US Customs, Air Mail is also tremendously expensive.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Have not heard anything from Jim since last Newsletter but thru his kind auspices have received a book from the Library of Australian History, publisher, "Genealogical Research Directory, 1982", International Edition. Jim has registered TCA-Australia and U.S. as contributors, listing both our names and addresses for contact purposes.

Have not had the time to fully digest this material, briefly it lists 2118 names and addresses of contributors to contact along with over 200 pages listing names and requests for data and instructions on how to contact the contributors.

For many of us this opens up a new area for search. Anyone interested in having us look up names, dates, places etc. in this Directory, we will be happy to do so, just enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your requests.

To Jim a hearty thank you for your thoughtfulness in submitting TCA-US to the Directory. We shall reciprocate at the first opportunity.

HOGMANAY - BEST WISHES FOR ALL THAT IS HEALTHY AND GOOD - 1983

In Scotland, the New Year is a national holiday. Visiting and feasting mark "Daft Days," New Year's Day and its eve. All kinds of pastries are eaten and, at the stroke of midnight, a kettle of warm, spiced and sweetened ale infused with spirits is passed around to each family member. Everyone wishes each other "a good health and a happy New Year."

The Scottish Custom of "burning out the old year" with bonfires or clavies, which are fires contained in tar barrels which were carried around the village and the fishing boats, is similar to fire customs of Halloween which, perhaps, was once observed as a New Year's Eve. The embers of these fires would be kept by the villagers as a charm against witchcraft.

Poor children march on New Year's Eve in a procession called Hogmanay. Wrapped in a great sheet with a big pocket in front, the children would walk along the streets calling "Hogmanay" in hopes that the richer folks would give them some oaten bread. This custom is still practiced in Scotland and similar practices prevail in other places.

Tradition permeates the celebration of New Year's throughout the world. Special

customs linked with the eve and the first day of January have been practiced since pagan times.

THE OCCULT WORLD of omens and charms has always been connected with this holiday. One widespread custom still carried out in many countries is "first-footing," the superstitious belief that the character of the first visitor on New Year's Day affects the welfare of the household.

More specifically it is important that a male enter the house or place of business first in order to bring good luck. (In Scotland a dark haired male is the preference.) To ensure this, households would invite men to pay a visit first thing in the morning.

Young lads hired to sweep the chimneys and sweethearts of female servants are strongly encouraged to arrive as early as possible on New Year's morning.

SCOTTISH RADIO

Radio station 4EB in Australia has begun a Scottish program and is interested in receiving material from Scots in the United States. People are invited to tape record their impressions of trips made to Scotland, their ancestry or their upbringing in Scotland. Tapes should be sent to Bill Montgomery, 11 Moonyean St., Goodna, Queensland 4300, Australia.

UPCOMING GAMES - 1983

January 8-9 - Orlando Scottish Games, Orlando, Florida
March 26-27 - Dunedin Scottish Games, Dunedin, Florida
April 9 - Jacksonville Highland Games, Ed White High School, Jacksonville, Florida
May 7 - Savannah Scottish Games, Fort Jackson, Savannah, Georgia
May 20-22 - Gatlinburg Highland Games, Smoky Mtn. National Park, Nashville, Tenn.
May 28-29 - Costa Mesa Games, Costa Mesa, CA. DON'T MISS - TURNBULL GATHERING

PEACE like a river,
JOY from above,
HOPE for the future....
GIFTS OF GOD'S love.

May the Peace, Joy and Hope of
Christmas be yours now and always.

Sue Sargis

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A
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NIGHT

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Sheraton Newport

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Dear Dorothy:

It was a pleasure to talk with you today.

The Sheraton Newport would love to be host to your gathering. We will make available a rate of \$58 single or double for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, May 27-29, 1983. Monday through Thursday rates will be \$84 single and \$94 double.

In addition, the Sheraton Newport offers the Famous Free Services:

- *Complimentary full buffet breakfast each morning.
- *Sheraton hosted cocktail party 5-7pm each evening.
- *Free coffee and Wall Street Journal delivered to your room upon request.
- *Complimentary shuttle service to and from the John Wayne Airport and within a five mile radius of the hotel.
- *Free night lighted tennis, pool, and spa.
- *Free local phone calls.

The Sheraton Newport will provide transportation to the games once in the morning and once in the evening at no charge. We provide transportation to South Coast Plaza (a 300 store shopping center) at 11am each day, with a return at 3pm. The hotel is within walking distance of several restaurants and stores for your convenience. In the lobby is Alamo Car Rental to help with transportation for our out of town guests.

Dorothy, please be sure to alert everyone about making phone reservations early during the Memorial Day Holiday. Anyone making reservations need only call the reservations office and identify themselves as with Turnbull Clan to receive the rate. The cut off will be April, 1983.

I'll call you October 8, 1982 to see if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cathy Harrington
Sales Manager