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"A person who takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors cannot expect to be remembered for his noble deeds by remote descendants."

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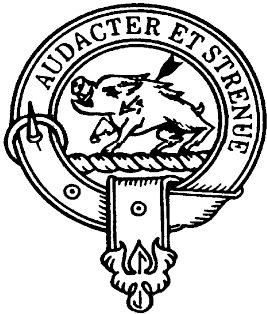
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Words from the President...

Happy 2009 with our first issue of The Pollag this year. We have had a little problem with the Pollag address labels, but we think everything is "fixed" now. Again, we would like to ask any of you who would be willing to receive your Pollag via e-mail to please let the Averys know. It will save a little money for our treasury and you will be able to view the pictures in color – an added bonus. Also please remember to let the Averys know if you change your mailing address or e-mail address. THANKS!

We want to thank everyone for your continued support of Clan Pollock. In this new year, with troubling financial times for some and other concerns, we appreciate more than ever your interest in and support of our association. It is time for your 2009 dues - \$15.00 US dollars. You can send a check to our Secretary or you can pay via PayPal using the website www.clanpollock.com

Clara Ann and I are looking forward to hosting a Clan Pollock table at the Games held on the Queen Mary at Long Beach, CA in February. Also we are planning to attend the 54th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 9 – 12 in North Carolina and the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival at Estes Park, Colorado September 10-13. We look forward to meeting new friends and renewing our acquaintance with old friends at these events.

Ben and Merle Stone, Clan Pollock Vice President; and Tim and Kelly Stone, North Carolina Commissioner, plan to attend The Gathering in Edinburgh, Scotland on July 25. Ben writes they will be in Scotland from July 22 until July 29. We are happy to have them represent Clan Pollock at this Gathering. We look forward to the Stones' pictures and report in a Pollag after they return.

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Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is April 25.

Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Danette (Dani) Owens, Clovis, California

MEALAI BH UR NAIDHEACHD (CONGRATULATIONS)

On their Engagement: On October 24th Evgeniya Vladimirovna Samartseva and Geoff Pollock became engaged. They plan on having a Scottish wedding (complete with the Pollock tartan, haggis, a piper, etc.), with a few Russian twists along the way. We anticipate the wedding in either late summer, or early autumn 2009.

On his first Birthday: Matthew, Soyoung & Avery Carden in Korea for the celebration of Avery's first birthday.

**Merry Christmas**

From Knoxville ,Tennessee Jack and Sheila
Christmas Ceilidh, 2008, Knoxville



Seasons Greetings from Andy Pollock, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

As is the custom here in Guelph, someone- and not me- dressed The Begging Bear. This time, he was dressed in his Christmas finest and as I drove by, he begged me to return and take his photo. Who was I to say "No."? I returned home to pick up my camera, where the Grinch waiting for me and asking all sorts of questions. He pleaded with me to let him come along- "just for the ride" he said. Good luck on that! Once he heard that I was going to take the Bear's photo because he was dressed as Santa, he had to do likewise. I told him to stay in the car because it was cold and raining. Once again, I may as well have talked to the wall for all the good it did me. No sooner had the car stopped and the Grinch leapt out of the car and into the Bear's arms. He wouldn't get down, until I had taken his picture, with "Santa". So here's, the Grinch's photo with Santa. Here's the trick- spot the real Grinch.



Merry Christmas from: the Grinch, The Bear, and me!



NEW YEAR'S IN LONDON

Austin Slough shown in a New Year's Day Parade in London, England, January 1, 2009. Austin made the trip with his former high school band, Santa Monica High School, California. The band members spent a week in London sightseeing and playing an outdoor concert as well as marching in the parade.

GAME AND EVENT REPORTS

Scottish Society of Knoxville Christmas Ceilidh



UPCOMING GAMES



SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & GAMES

FEBRUARY 14 – 15, 2009

ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY, 1126 QUEENS HIGHWAY, LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA

We are looking forward to hosting a Clan Pollock table at these Games held on board and around The Queen Mary at the Long Beach harbor. It is truly a unique experience to attend these Games. The Clan will participate in the daily Grand Parade at noon. Also take a tour of this famous ship. If you are live in or are visiting this area, please come and Join us. For more information: <http://www.queenmary.com/index.php?page=scottishfestival>

North Texas Irish Festival Fair Park, Dallas March 6-8, 2009



There's a Scottish Village at the festival. We are hoping to have a tent at the Festival, but do not have enough people to man the tent since both Beth Avery and Chrystin Pleasants have other obligations and can only staff part of the time. It's fun to meet and greet people interested in things Scottish. So if you would like to help contact Beth Avery at 940-312-2776 or averyb@mail.otherwhen.com by February 12th.

Sarasota (FL) Scottish Highland Games March 21, 2009

The games held 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. rain or shine. Hammish Pollock will be hosting the tent at these games which will be held at Venice Airport Grounds, Venice, Florida. Ceilidh will be held from 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm at the Italian American Club at 1375 Ringling Drive, Venice (Just off Airport Road) For more information: <http://www.sarasotagames.org/>



New York City Tartan Day Parade April 4, 2009

On Saturday, April 4, 2009, New York City will celebrate the Eleventh Annual New York City Tartan Day Parade. Thousands of pipers, drummers, clans and organizations will march up Sixth Avenue in recognition of the Declaration of Arbroath and National Tartan Day. Online registration for the parade is free and easy at: www.tartanweek.com

In keeping with tradition, there will be a full week of Tartan Week activities, including the famous pre-parade Ceilidh on Friday evening, a Tartan Week Cocktail Party, the Parade morning Kirkin' of the Tartan, and of course the Post Parade Party that will again be held at Stout NYC. We encourage you to visit www.tartanweek.com for more information on Tartan Week activities, as we frequently update the site. ~The National Tartan Day New York Committee.

P.S. In the past three years Clan Pollock has not been represented. If you plan on marching for Clan Pollock, please let A.D. Know, and we'll see if we can find other's who'd like to march

Coastal Carolina Celtic fest

I am sad to announce that the Coastal Carolina Celtic fest that was scheduled for April 2009 has been canceled.

~Ben Stone

The Gathering 2009

25th and 26th July 2009 Edinburgh

<http://www.clangathering.org/>

Money, money, money...



great value!

With the dollar growing in strength against the pound we thought we might make a few helpful comparisons for you. Back in January 2007 the exchange rate was \$2 to £1, jumping forward to January 2009 and Scotland is now 25% cheaper for US tourists with an exchange rate of \$1.50 to £1. This is of course great news for those you looking to dine out in style during your stay in Edinburgh. The superb Malmaison in iconic Leith use to charge \$150 dollars for a three course dinner for two including wine, however Gathering 2009 visitors will only be spending \$112.50 for the same night out in today's climate. It doesn't take a very canny Scotsman to work out that is

~From The Gathering 2009 Newsletter, January Issue.

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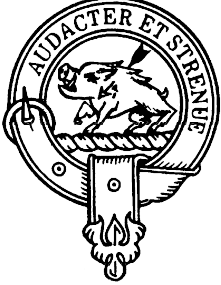
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A Valentine's custom in Scotland: The first young man or woman encountered on the street or elsewhere on Valentine's Day becomes his or her Valentine and the day is celebrated with them.

It is believed that the remains of St Valentine's remains are in the church of Blessed St John Duns Scotus in Glasgow.

Grace Before Dinner

by Robert Burns

O thou, who kindly dost provide
For every creature's want!
We bless thee, God of Nature wide,
For all thy goodness lent:
And if it please thee, Heavenly Guide,
May never worse be sent;
But, whether granted or denied,
Lord bless us with content!
Amen.