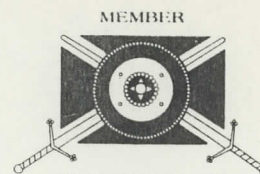


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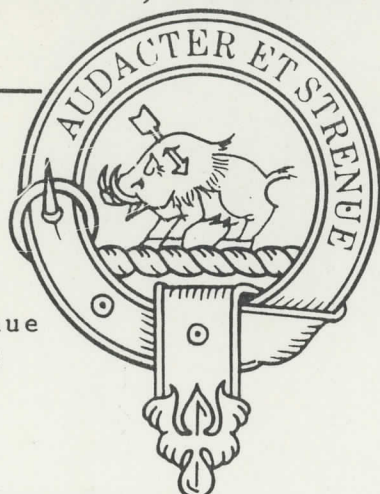
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" A person who takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors, cannot expect to be remembered for his noble deeds by remote descendents."

I must offer an apology to all for my tardiness in getting this edition of the Pollag out. Some unexpected demands on my time caused the delay. I hope you all enjoyed the last edition.

There are a few members of our clan who have not yet sent their 1983 membership dues to Rosemary. The only income the clan has is the dues sent in by our members. We have certain expenses, primarily those incurred in the publication of the Pollag. We have reduced those expenses down to an absolute minimum. At this time, the clan pays only the reproduction and mailing costs. All else is accomplished at no cost to our treasury. It is important that each of us pay his fair share. If you haven't paid your 1983 dues, please send a check to Rosemary so we don't have to cut you from the membership rolls. Send your check to Rosemary Pollock, 305 Edinburgh Drive, Cary, North Carolina 27511. (Please use the attached form).

Starting in the Pollag to be published the first quarter of next year, I plan to include a series of articles on the Maxwell Family. One of the great border families in the history of Scotland, a close alliance was established between the Pollocks and the Maxwells which lasted for many years. In the area just south of the city of Glasgow, at one time was located the Barony of Pollock. Apparently the barony stretched southward away from the River Clyde, for it was divided into two parts. These parts were known as Nether, or Lower Pollock, and Over or Upper Pollock.

The Pollocks were overseers of Over Pollock and a branch of the Maxwell family, the Maxwells of Pollock, were overseers of Nether Pollock. From this geographical relationship seems to have grown an alliance that lasted for many years. It seems reasonable that the fortunes of the Pollock family would parallel to some extent those of the Maxwells. I know of no Pollock history that provides a history of the family in detail. And so we must rely on the history of the Maxwell family to perhaps glean some idea of the events of our ancestors. Our official clan is Clan Maxwell. At the present time there is no Maxwell clan chief officially recognized as such by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, in Edinburgh. A title, that of Earl of Nithsdale, previously held by several heads of the Maxwell family, is also currently vacant.

It is with deep regret that I announce the death on 11 August of a clan member, Carl H. Pollock. Carl was the clan commissioner for Ontario, Canada. His name was inadvertently left off the list of commissioners carried in the last issue of the Pollag. Clan Pollock meant a great deal to Carl. Carl suffered a severe heart attack five years ago. Since that time he saw his four children married, celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary, and experienced the joy of seeing his first grandchild. Our hearts go out in sympathy to his family. Carl's son Michael has been appointed clan commissioner for Ontario in his father's place. We welcome you to the list of clan commissioners, Michael, and wish you much success.

Rob and Rosemary Pollock represented the clan at a number of games in the east this summer and fall. In Lincoln, N.H. they attended the Loon Mountain games in September. the Kirking of the Tartan was attended by two to three thousand people. The sermon was given by the Reverend Dr. John Turner, who is also a Scottish fiddler of some renown, having produced a number of records and tapes which some of you may be familiar with. Four young Pollock girls participated in the dancing competition, one of whom captured a first place in her division. (We wish we knew more about them) Christina and Robert W. Pollock sponsored a curling tent at the games. They are trying to generate greater interest in the sport in this country. Christina and Robert, and their two sons, are the newest members of Clan Pollock. Welcome.

Rob and Rosemary also attended the Williamsburg Scottish Festival at Williamsburg, V.A. Clan Pollock had nine members marching in the parade of clans as part of the welcoming ceremonies. As the marching clans were identified, each gave a shout or war cry. Apparently for the first time, women were included in the march. To me that seems strange, since for many years now, the hereditary chieftainship of many of the clans in Scotland no longer is passed exclusively to a male heir. The present chief of Clan Sutherland, one of the highland clans, is The Rt. Hon. The Countess of Sutherland. The games were also attended

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by Mike Mucklow, Mike and Gail Carden, and Marion Dunbar. Marion is the wife of Bob Dunbar, President of Clan Dunbar Inc.(Hi Bob), and Rob's sister.

Finally, Rob and Rosemary attended the Flora MacDonald Highland Games in Red Springs, N.C. The games were named in honor of the legendary heroine who assisted Bonnie Prince Charlie in his escape from the Scottish Highlands in 1746, after the disaster of Culloden. She eventually accompanied her husband to North Carolina, arriving prior to the Revolutionary War.

Many of the Highlanders who settled in this region, for fear of losing their property in Scotland, allied themselves with the Royalists in the Revolutionary War. As a part of the games, a Revolutionary War battle which originally occurred in the area, is re-enacted. Much research has been accomplished to insure the re-enactment is authentic, down to and including clothing, weapons, and tactics. Athletes attended the games from as far away as Scotland and Australia.

For those of you who live in the Southeastern part of the U.S., Miami Florida is planning their first Scottish Festival. It is scheduled for 11 February, 1984. (You can tell by the way I write my dates that I spent a career in the Army. Its an "auld" habit I have to live with. I also still tell time the Army way.) For additonal information write Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 633, Miami Shores, FL 33138 or call (305) 757-6730 or 871-1635.

As indicated by the logo in the letterhead, Clan Pollock is a member of the Council of Scottish Clan Associations. They publish an annual directory which contains lists of Scottish vendors, both here and overseas, various clans and clan societies, names and addresses of the hereditary clan chiefs of Scotland, and names and addresses of genealogical societies and professional genealogists. They also have provided information on how to set up and operate a clan booth. Should anyone be interested in obtaining this information please write and I will be happy to forward it to you. There will not be another Pollag published before the first of the year. The next one will be out in the first quarter of next year. If our treasury will stand it, I plan to publish a directory of clan members to be mailed before the new year.

For those of you who wear or plan to wear the kilt and you are not sure how the attire is properly worn, I urge you to purchase a small rather inexpensive book entitled "So Your Going to Wear the Kilt" by J. Charles Thompson, F.S.T.S. The book costs eight dollars or so, and is well worth it. It also has a section with information on ladies attire. At the various games I have attended I always see far too many people wearing Scottish attire improperly. Again this may be my Army showing through, but some of these folks really

look ridiculous. You can be properly attired at about the same cost as it takes to be improperly attired, and you'll look so much better to those who are in the know. As a little hint to those of you who are contemplating purchasing Scottish attire, put a few sheckels away each month for the purchase of formal attire to go with the kilt. It is expensive, but someday you may have an opportunity to attend a Tartan Ball, and you'll kick yourself if you can't wear your kilt because you haven't got the proper formal wear to go with it.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES OF SW FLORIDA, Cape Coral, 19 Nov., info:P.O. Box 1034, Cape Coral, FL 33910.

SCOTTISH GATHERING AND HIGHLAND GAMES, Central Texas Museum, Salado Texas, Nov 12-13.

ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK, Alexandria, VA., 3 Dec.

120th ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL, St. Andrews Society of San Francisco, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, CA., 10 Dec.

227th ANNUAL BANQUET, St. Andrews Society of New York, Waldorf Astoria, NYC, NY, 2 Dec.

Just in case we can't afford to put a directory out until early next year, let me wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Aye,

Bill

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