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News from the Bailiwick

By H.E. Dame Patricia Tennyson, Bell , GCTJ, GMTJ,
Executive Officer – Grand Bailiwick - Oregon

I have been asked on many occasions as to what the \$50 oblation per member is used for by the Grand Bailiwick and I would like to address this now.

Ten dollars per member is sent to our Grand Prior every year. The rest is used for administrative procedures and charity events throughout the year. Quite a lot of our social dinners after investitures and convents pay for themselves, but we have other items that need to be paid for, such as churches, pipers and organists, etc. We also have to have enough money on hand to buy supplies, which in retrospect we get reimbursed, but this takes time.

Members of the Privy Council, Commanders and Preceptors do not get any reimbursement for travel, lodging and food, or any other items that make their position more productive. Everything they do is voluntary! ["There is a price to pay to every promotion of rank."C.B.]

Connall attended the Investiture in Springfield last March, and we both attended the Prior's visit to the official meeting of the Commandery of St. Cuthbert's in June in Anderson, California. I attended the charity event at the British Home in Sierra Madre, California on June 28, and will attend the Investiture in Anaheim, California this coming November.

The Investiture at Balgonie Castle will take place at 6:00 p.m. on August 5, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Everything is in place and we have 26 members coming from



the United States, along there will also be 7 guests. Three couples will be renewing their wedding vows. This will take place between the Investiture and dinner. Those who will attend this Investiture need to be at the castle no later than 5:30 p.m. Connall will represent the Bailiwick and is looking forward to seeing everyone. We initially had 5 postulants, but due to various factors, there will now be three, which is still a wonderful number.

Thank you all for supporting this event which is held every four years and has been a marvelous success since 1993.

We have just received four new piper banners: one for each Priory; one for our Grand Prior and one for the Grand Bailiff. These pipers' banners will be presented by the Grand Prior to the Grand Bailiff, the Prior of St. Columba and a representative from the Priory of Robert the Bruce at the Investiture.

Our website has been greatly updated and I think everyone will be pleased with what a great job Allen Cummings has done. Please read Allen's comments in this issue.

If anyone has changed their e-mail, home addresses and/or telephone numbers, please let me know.

Speaking of e-mail addresses, I now have a new one:

dublincolleen42@gmail.com.

Thank each and every one of you for your support and dedication.

Patricia

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Grand Priory of the Scots Website Update by Chev. Allen Cummings, KTJ - Webmaster - Texas

Our SMJOTJ website has recently been given a new look and appeal. The intent was to facilitate a request by the Grand Bailiff to display Priory news along with photographs as well a schedule of events and an archived newsletter page. Additionally, the new website allows for better viewing on tablets and cell phone displays.

As with all websites, we must stay knowledgeable that folks visiting our website are on the outside looking in. Displaying of our activities and charitable events is a positive way to project who we are and what we do. I am honored to assist the Grand Bailiff and Priors with this endeavor. I would ask that anyone wanting to post an article (with or without photos) initially contact your Prior or the Grand Bailiff, as appropriate, for their approval and then have them notify me to make the post.

If you have not visited the website recently, please take

a few minutes to do so. The link and email addresses are:



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Kingdom of Fife Graphics

The latest collection of large format graphics for you to use as in a screensaver or for desktop graphics focuses on the "Kingdom" of Fife. There are 29 graphic including Aberdour, St Fillans church, Anstruther, Balgonie Castle, Cambo gardens, Andrew Carnegie, Crail, Robinson Crusoe house, Culross, Dunfermline Abbey, Falkland and Falkland Palace, Hill of Tarvit, Jimmy Shand statue, Kellie Castle, Pitvenne, Ravenscraig Castle, St Andrews Golf Course, St Andrews Cathedral, Wemyss Castle. Personally I get the best of both worlds and use a folder of these pictures in a screensaver and also in free software that changes the desktop graphic every ten minutes, cycling through my selection. The Fife collection is now part of an index that covers the equivalent collections for Scottish castles, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Perthshire. There's over 160 pictures from Scotland there now - and the numbers are increasing each month. See **Kingdom of Fife Graphics for Screensavers**.

Submitted by H.E. Dame Patricia Bell GCTJ, GMTJ,



Yours eye

Scottie

Photo Diary - May/June

There have been a number of warm sunny days here in Scotland in recent weeks so there have been opportunities to get out and about with my camera. The newly born cygnets and ducklings have been a regular source of delight although the four Great Crested Grebe chicks at Hogganfield Loch have kept out in the middle of the water and so far have not been close enough to get a decent photo. But there are no such problems about getting up close to the succession of flowers at Culzean Castle Country Park and Finlaystone Country Estate. and there are plenty of flowers in my own garden too - including a sunflower in bloom - yes, even in Scotland! With so many readers now using broadband or other faster connections, I've been displaying these graphics in a larger size, allowing more detail to be seen. See **Photo Diary - May/June**.

The Commandery of Saint Cuthbert - June 8 2013

Submitted by the Prior of the Priory of Robert the Bruce, H.E. Chevalier W. James Nethery, GCTJ, SMTJ, - S. CA.

The Commandery of Saint Cuthbert held a Formal Commandery Meeting at the Gaia Hotel, Anderson, California on 8 June 2013 at which 11 members and 4 guests attended. Chevalier John Hunter was the Officer Commanding.

The mantled Chivalry seen in the attached photograph front row left are Dames Joyce Nethery, Roberta Marsh, Patricia Tennyson Bell, Sharon Vice, Donna Paulson, Donna Hunter and Cora Peterson.

Back row left are Chevaliers Richard Marsh, Mark Nelson, Thomas Paulson, J Connall Bell, Gary Herbold, John Hunter, W. James Nethery, Mark Peterson.

The guests were The Grand Bailiff, H.E. Chevalier J. Connall Bell, GCTJ, GMTJ, The Bailiwick Executive Officer, H.E. Dame Patricia Tennyson Bell, GCTJ, GMTJ, The Prior of the Priory of Robert the Bruce, H.E. Chevalier W. James Nethery, GCTJ, SMTJ, and Dame Joyce Nethery, DTJ

Following the Formal Meeting there was an Officer's Mess and the Commandery held a Silent Auction at which they raised \$825.00 for charities within their Commandery. Prior to the Formal Meeting some of the members visited the Abby of New Clairvaux in Vina, California. They also stopped by the Abby's winery and tasted some of the monks excellent vintage wines out of respect to our Patron Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. Lunch was enjoyed at the home of Dame Sharon Vice and Chevalier Garry Herbold.



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Why We Need Chivalry

by H.E. Chevalier W. James Nethery, GCTJ, SMTJ Prior of Robert the Bruce - S. California

Chivalry is in its most general definition a set of rules, which govern human behavior with the intention of improving our lives. Webster in part describes Chivalry as “**The ideal of courteous knightly conduct...thus melding Christian and military virtues.**” They also use words like “**honorable and polite**” in their explanation of Chivalry.

We frequently relate Chivalry to how a gentleman should behave toward a lady, but it encompasses a great deal more.



While our relationship with our chosen mate is vital to our peaceful coexistence it is only part of our daily human interaction. Most of us on a daily basis will come in contact with numerous individuals either by face-to-face contact, by indirect contact such as on the telephone, the Internet and other interactive electronic devices. We interact with our fellow human beings as we drive on the highways

and freeways, as we shop in the supermarket or eat in a restaurant. We sit elbow-to-elbow with our fellow humans at the movies and the ball game; responding to the excitement of the entertainment in each our own way. In short we are a gregarious and social breed and we need to interact with each other. Because we are this way we require rules to ensure that conflict is reduced to a minimum.

Medieval culture recognized this need and developed the **Rules of Chivalry**, which have survived with considerable evolution and adaptation into the 21st Century.

When thinking about why we need Chivalry it may be easier to apply this need to our children or someone else's children rather than to ourselves. The importance of “**good manners**” is something that all young parents face early on in their children's lives. Saying “**Thank you**” is possibly one of the first and most basic lessons of life. Teaching children to **share** is many times a problem but is an important lesson that every child must learn. **Honesty** is sometimes a problem with children who find that a small lie may get them out of trouble at least for the moment. From honesty comes **trust and honor**, which will serve them in their personal interaction throughout their lives.

Sports have always been considered a good means of helping children learn some of the basic lessons of life. That “It is OK if you don't always win”, “To be good you have to work hard” and “Teamwork is important if you want to win” are maxims that carry over from Sports to the playing fields of Life.

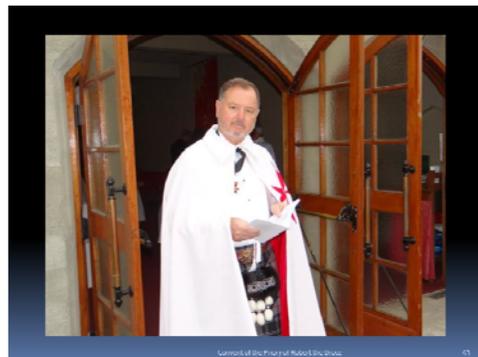
As the child matures they began to learn more of the “**Social Graces**” or how to behave with the opposite sex

in a social setting. A century ago much of this was taught at home or under the parents direction. Today children learn from their peers at school and we wonder why there is so much turmoil and failure within our schools today. Educators who feel that they know what is best for our children have regulated churches and parents out of the picture. In a few cases they are correct but in most the State has no business interfering with parental rights.

We need Chivalry to help us make the right decisions, for the right reasons and at the right time. Not just in raising our children but also in making the choices in our lives that affect who and what we are. Chivalry serves as a guide for us as we chose our words and as we communicate with each other. It helps us decide how to best use our resources wisely, whether it is money, time or our energy. We live in a time in which Social Values are being questioned and challenged every day. Our Parental Rights are under attack, as is the Rite of Marriage and the Life of the Unborn Child.

The Bible gives us the Holy Spirit who guides us and directs our conscience but we are all being challenged no matter what our position is. Medieval culture developed the Rules of Chivalry, which reflected much of the biblical teachings and codified them for the medieval person in such a way that they could apply them to their own lives giving them a degree of security. Today we still need similar rules; they serve as a means of reference for us. It is much like driving on the highway and judging your speed, in reference to the speed of the other drivers. We use laws and rules to self evaluate ourselves thus avoiding serious conflict with others. While we are not always successful in avoiding problems hopefully we can avoid destructive events and eventually learn from our mistakes.

Thus Chivalry helps us find our way in an increasingly complex world because it establishes a clear set of values, which we can use in our lives. Lives that often change and in which we need to frequently re-evaluate our goals based on the **core beliefs** that we live by. Medieval Chivalry was the **compass** of its day and Modern Chivalry is the **GPS** of our day.



Convent 2013 - of the Priory of St. Columba

by Prior H.E. Chev. Mark C. O'Dell, GCTJ,BMTJ

Our Convent was held on the last weekend of June in Olathe, Kansas. We had a great turnout at this event and raised \$725.00 for the Invermark Pipe and Drumming School in New York. The Preceptory of St. Chatten raised \$230.00 The Invermark College for Piping and Drumming School in New York. Earlier this year at the March 2013 Priory Investiture, the amount raised \$850.00 for the Habitat for Humanities - Southeast US

Our Priory is looking forward to a great turnout at the Investiture at Balgonie Castle in August. Our next Priory event will be our Investiture during the 2nd weekend of March 2014 in Springfield, Missouri.

Commandery of Bon Accord

by Dame Adele O'Dell, DCTJ, BMTJ - SW Missouri
3rd quarter Charity Project



The Commandery of Bon Accord's 3rd Quarter Meeting will be held Saturday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Del and Beth Wiese.

Del and Beth will be providing the meat, tableware, and tea for the evening. If you will be attending, please **Reply to All** with what you will be bringing. This will allow Del and Beth to know how many will be attending and allow others to know what is being brought. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Our charity project is school supplies. Del and Beth will be choosing the school to receive the supplies. Items that are usually needed most are wide ruled notebook paper, tissues, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, markers, and scissors. Yet, anything will be welcomed.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Adele

Editors Column

By Chev. Robert E Ryder, KTJ, - SW Missouri

As with many of us I have had the pleasure of being associated with one Scottish organization or more. Such gatherings: heritage – history – Dileab. SMOTJ yearly dues cost of like any dining out for a party of two or three.

No matter where we live, taking part in our Order is one part charity, and as such, it is also our charity to our community. As stated [similar] by H.E. Chev. Mark C. O'Dell, GCTJ,BMTJ Prior, Priory of St.Columba, *"You receive from SMOTJ what you put into SMOTJ."*



With each issue of the Victor I will ask for your help with: articles, travels, photos, improvements for the newsletter and/or anything pertaining to our Order. The Victor is your newsletter. Thank you in advance for doing so!

Best Regards, Robert

A Pilgrim's Way to Portugal and Spain

by Chev. R. Neil Johnson, KCTJ, Preceptor of the Preceptory of Ballantrudach - Minnesota

As many of you know, I was able to travel to Portugal and Spain during what can best be described as the spring that wasn't in Minnesota of this year. While I was planning to walk the Pilgrim's Way from Portugal, I also wanted to visit the Templar areas of Portugal; to see the headquarters and castles that guarded the Kingdom of Portugal from the Moors and gifted Portugal with so much knowledge, and the subsequent drive to Explore and Discover. In Portugal. There is no doubt that Prince Henry the Navigator was the Master of the Order in Portugal and that the Order survived and prospered there after the French king's attack on the Order. The same was true in Spain. We didn't disappear we just changed our names.

Portugal and Spain have had a rich and full Templar History that many of us know little about! For most of the written material is about the beginning and end of our Order in Outre mere and France. Actually many of our Grand Masters come from Spain and Portugal. The Order is still treated with both respect and reverence in what used to be Galatia and is now Portugal and Western Spain. The Order's signs and history abound in the region and are well worth a visit.

Lisbon, Belem and the surrounding area is where I started and this included several visits to historic sites including the Monastery of Sao Jeronimos, Belem Tower, and Maritime Museum. There were several walks that are also recommended and this allowed me to visit the Castelo Sao Jorge, a full fortress built with Templar architecture and the Largo de Sao Domingo where the Dominicans were able to burn every Jew still in Portugal except in the Tomar Region. God curse the Inquisition!

Travel from Lisbon to Estremadura is easily completed by the local train and very scenic. You begin to understand why the Tejo River (Tagus) was such an important waterway and why the Templars made this their line of defense as well. Estremadura is present day Alcanena, Torres Novas, Via Nova de Barquinha, Ferrira de Zezere, Ourem and Tomar. Taking time to visit this area of Portugal will really immerse you in Templar history.



Tomar is a perfect place to center an exploration of the surrounding Templar areas. Tomar was the Head Quarters for the Order in Portugal and the main square still has the statute of Gualdim Pais He was Master of Portugal from 1158-1195, and the builder of both the Convento de Cristo, and also the fortress

of Tomar; and the Castelo de Almourol directly in the Rio Tejo at Constancia. There are several other sites in Estremadura and several festivals culminating the Festa Templaria in Tomar celebrated on the last weekend in May.



I was able to spend most of one day in the Convent and Castle at Tomar and found the entire site to be truly amazing. First, the fortifications built in the last half of the 1100s could with-

stand cannon fire. The curtain walls and height of the fortifications plus the walls built twice as wide at the bottom as the top were way ahead of their time. I was also able to visit a chapel dedicated to St. George that is an exact example of a Templar Round Church with the wooden ambulatory. It looks just like the Newport Tower in America. I mentioned the Inquisition earlier and one of the most interesting sites in Tomar is the only Jewish Synagogue in Portugal remaining from medieval times.

The walk was to start in Tui, Spain which is right across the border from Valencia, Portugal and another fantastic example of Templar fortress building. The old town and surrounding walls guarded any attempt by Spain from invading and still are in great shape. Several of the towns along the Pilgrim's Way have small chapels where Templar mortuary art abounds; and the walk itself is through river valleys over large hills and follows the Roman Roads (Via Romana XIX, Via Romana Atlantica). The other thing that impresses is the smell of pine and eucalyptus in the trees along the way. Once in Compostola you are again reminded of the Templar influence in the nave of the Cathedral (curricular) with a large and ornate Notre Dame Chapel located to the right of the alter.



I would encourage any one with a Templar background and a yen for travel to consider a trip to this part of Europe. Not only are there special sites to see but the food, the wine and the people are all a delight.

Scottish Associations in North America

Article posted by [Andrew](#) · June 10, 2013 - submitted by Chev. Todd Wilkinson , KCTJ - SW Missouri

Filed Under [Columbia University](#), [London](#), [Scot](#), [Scotland](#), [Scots Charitable Society of Boston](#), [Scottish](#), [Scottish people](#), [United States](#) and [Scottish History](#).

Scots, a nineteenth-century observer from London, England, was keen to point out, 'herd together ... not touched, except by each other.' These words resonate loudly with many a Scot abroad: their propensity to come together with fellow Scots is, in fact, a defining characteristic of the Scottish diaspora. Nowhere is this more evident than in the many Scottish clubs and societies that were formed around the world.

Their birthplace overseas is in Boston, where the [Scots' Charitable Society](#) was established in early 1657 as a 'Poor Boxes Society' with the express purpose of providing 'benevolence ... for the releefe of our selves being Scottishmen or for any of the Scottish nation whome we may see cause to helpe'. Charity for fellow Scots in need lay at the heart of activities, following the principles already established by Scots in London, where a Scots Box mutual aid society was probably used as early as 1613, and later transformed into the [Royal Scottish Corporation](#). But it was with the establishment of the Boston Society that a trend was set in motion in the New World that was to reach its peak in the early twentieth century and span the globe. Philip Livingston, first president of the New York Society.

It was in Charleston, South Carolina (1729), Philadelphia (1749), Savannah, Georgia (1750) and New York (1756) where the first new associations developed in the United States in the course of the eighteenth century, adopting the name of the Scottish patron saint, St Andrew. The foundation of the New York Society sheds some light as to how and why such organisations were set up.

It was on 19 November 1756 that 'a number of gentlemen, natives of Scotland or of direct Scottish descent', came together to 'form themselves into a Scotch Society'. The argument was brought forward that, after Charleston, Philadelphia and Savannah, New York too



Philip Livingston, first president of the New

needed an organisation concerned with the welfare of Scots in the city. So the 'declared purpose' of the new society was 'to be the charitable relief of those fellow-Scotsmen, resident in New York, who might be in want or distress.'

After the first meeting a constitution, modelled on that of the Philadelphia St Andrew's Society, was prepared to reflect that objective, and the Society's first President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary were elected, as was a Board of Managers.

It comes as no surprise that among the founders of the New York Society we can find some of the city's most prominent Scots. Its first President was Philip Livingston — later to become one of the signatories on the Declaration of Independence and a founder of King's College, which became Columbia University. Livingston's roots in Scotland are in Stirlingshire, and there are suggestions that Philip's grandfather emigrated to New England as a result of religious persecution. Philip himself was born, in 1716, at Albany, New York. The biographies of subsequent Presidents of the Society and other members are equally illustrious: it was clearly the Scottish elite who set up associations—but they did so with the wider migrant body in mind and to do good. The St. Andrew's Society of New York has a list of such [notable members](#).

As important as charity was to the development of Scottish associations in North America and elsewhere around the world, societies and clubs never came without a social dimension. Associations, particularly as a result of annual festivals such as St Andrew's Day, were simply also about having some fun.

Tossing the caber at a Highland Games event.

Or, in the words of many original association rulebooks: they were set up 'for the promotion of social intercourse and friendship'. Many of the big cities in America saw the annual hosting of lavish dinners. In 1905, for example, the Scots Charitable Society of Boston [came together at the Somerset Hotel](#) and speakers of the gathering included Andrew Carnegie.

A little earlier, in the course of the nineteenth century, the idea of social activities was increasingly entwined with sports when a plethora of Caledonian societies were set up throughout the United States and around the world. From caber tossing to Highland flings, the events were prominent annual displays of Scottish identity and the tradition still has a strong following to this day.

It was through charity and sporting culture, therefore, that the Scots have left a lasting legacy around the world, and their associations played a pivotal role in this. Without them the Scots would not have left the visible imprint they have.

Guest post by *Dr. Tanja Buelmann*, Senior Lecturer in History at Northumbria University and historian of the Scottish diaspora. [Follow Buelmann](#) on Twitter and read more of her work at [The Scottish Diaspora Blog](#).

Moonshine

by St. Anonymous

An early American farm without a whiskey still was like a modern home without running water: rare. It's something they couldn't live without, and part of their livelihood. Whiskey was more than a drink. Early settlers used the brew for medicine and disinfectant, and as a tranquilizer. Duh!



Whiskey production, introduced to America by Irish and Scottish immigrants, has survived through the past 200 years, albeit illegally at times, despite excise taxes and Prohibition.

When people think of moonshine, they think of men distilling up the mountains, but this was actually a tradition in early America.

In 1794 during the Whiskey Rebellion, one of George Washington's aides wrote, "As the President will be going ... into the Country of Whiskey [Pennsylvania] he proposes to make use of that liquor for his drink."

Along with his other talents, George Washington was a skilled distiller, entrepreneur and an enthusiastic consumer of his own creation. He helped transform distilling from small local operations into today's national industry. Please view page 10 for George's Still.

It is a fact that George Washington, the first president of the United States, established a distillery on his property testifies to the prominent part that whiskey played and still plays in American history.

As settlers pushed west and south across the Appalachian Mountains, they used surplus grains like corn to make whiskey. When the British tried to stop importing sugar and molasses to the Colonies, the Americans substituted whiskey for rum to use as part of the Revolutionary Army rations.

When the excise tax of 7 cents per gallon was enacted

for a second time in 1862, people began distilling at night to avoid the revenue collectors, thus earning the name "moonshiners." Some collectors were tarred and feathered.

Historians say that Reverend Elijah Craig distilled the first Kentucky whiskey at Georgetown, Kentucky, in Bourbon County. He used corn for his whiskey because it was more common than rye and his whiskey became known as Bourbon County whiskey. The name Bourbon has evolved to identify whiskeys that are made from a corn mash.

In 1920, when Prohibition became the law of the land moonshiners stoked up their stills. Suddenly, people couldn't find legal alcohol, so they purchased it illegally. Moonshine demand shot up so fast that moonshiners began making it from sugar and other cheap materials to increase their production and profit. Prohibition blockade runners easily outran lawmen with newer and faster cars. These high-performance customized cars motivated their owners to establish stock car racing which in turn and over time developed into NASCAR Racing. Sources: Internet

"Men and women, start your engines!"



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Awesome

Making whiskey at George Washington's distillery

By Julia Edwards, March 27, 2013

Volunteers work the wood fired still boilers to produce barley-based single... (PAUL J. RICHARDS/AFP/GETTY...)

In the fall of 1799, George Washington wrote to his nephew: "Two hundred gallons of Whiskey will be ready this day for your call, and the sooner it is taken the better, as the demand for this article (in these parts) is brisk."

The whiskey Washington spoke of was produced in his own distillery, at Mount Vernon, and the popularity of the spirit (in these parts) remains. Mount Vernon historians-turned-distillers have been busy making Washington's unaged rye whiskey, following his recipe and manual methods, since early this month and will put 1,100 bottles up for sale in April.

The team, led by former Maker's Mark master distiller Dave Pickerell, has perfected the craft since they began distilling at the old mill twice a year beginning in 2009. (A \$2.1 million grant from the distilled spirits industry helped fund the project.) And the demand for their product has grown: The waiting list is more than 4,000 for this year's batch.



Scottish single malt whisky making men/women dance since 1494. Chris Columbus was sailing the blue during this time.

Beer filling in...



Balgonie



Woof!



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