



Clan Hope Society Newsletter

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Membership renewals for 2013 are past due. Please renew your membership here:

<http://www.clanhope.org/renewdues.html>

Your Clan At Work Coming Events:

If you are in the area where Clan Hope is sponsoring activities, please drop by and visit with us. Please extend this invitation to any Hopes or Hope Descendants or Relatives in the area as well.

Clan Hope will sponsor clan tents at:

October 19-20, 2013, Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mtn. Park, Atlanta GA

January 18-19, 2014 Central Florida Highland Games, Winter Springs FL

February 1, 2014, Sarasota Highland Games, Sarasota, FL

February 22, 2014, North East Florida Highland Games and Festival, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

April 5, 2014. Dunedin Highland Games, Highlander Park, Dunedin Florida.

June, 2014. Prosser Scottish Fest and Highland Games, Prosser, WA

July, 2014. Athena Caledonian Games, Athena, OR

August, 2014. High Desert Celtic Fest & Highland Games, Redmond, Or.

September 8-9, 2014 Kelso Highlander Festival Highland Games, Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso WA

Some Recent Events :

Events and Games, most with photos, can be seen under "Activities, Completed" at www.clanhope.org

Clan Hope Hosted Tents at:

July, 2013. Athena Caledonian Games, Athena, OR

July 13-14, 2013 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC.

June 2013. Prosser Scottish Fest and Highland Games, Prosser, WA

May 11, 2013. Savannah Highland Games, Savannah GA

April 20-21, 2013. Las Vegas Celtic Gathering and Highland Games, Las Vegas NV

April 13, 2013. Dunedin Highland Games, Highlander Park, Dunedin Florida.

March 2, 2013. South East Florida Highland Games, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

February 23, 2013. North East Florida Highland Games and Festival, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

February 2, 2013. Sarasota Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Sarasota Florida

January 19-20, 2013. Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, Winter Springs FL

October 19-21, 2012. Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain Park, Georgia

October 5, 2012. Virginia Celtic Gathering and Highland Games, Lanexa, VA 23089

September 15, 2012 Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant, SC

September 8-9, 2012 Kelso Highlander Festival Highland Games, Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso WA

The newsletter desperately needs material. Please, if you are a Clan Hope member, send us (gmhope@cox.net) a biography for the Member's Corner. We would also like to have any material relating to Scottish History, Hope genealogy, Hope history, genealogy methods and tricks, or any other information that may be interesting or useful to our readers. We really need your help to continue the newsletter! Thank you for helping.

SO YOU WANT TO HOST A CLAN TENT

Clan Hope wants to give every member the opportunity to participate in the clan's activities. We invite anyone who may wish to host a Clan Hope tent at highland games in your vicinity - or *any* vicinity not already taken (grin). The problem, of course, is that most of us have no idea what is involved in hosting a Clan Tent so we'll tell you here so you can give the idea some consideration and, hopefully, help us get Clan Hope before the people.

So why host a tent to begin with? The main purpose of presenting clan tents is (1) to give clan members a place to meet and visit, (2) to attract new members and (3) to get Clan Hope recognized in the Scottish community. How do you get the ball rolling? This one is easy. You go online to one of the sites that list games in the US, such as the Assoc. of Scottish games and Festivals, <http://www.asgf.org/>, Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, <http://www.cosca.net/announcements2.htm>, or to a site of specific clans that list games they are attending, as Clan Campbell <http://www.ccsna.org/games/index.html>. Alternatively, you can simply do a Google search on "highland games _____" with your state or the closest large city in your area, substituted for the underlined space. This will usually give you several listings of highland games in your area - depending on how large your area is!

Let's say you live in North, South Carolina (yes, that's a town - grin). You do a search on "highland games South Carolina". You will find that there are games in (at least) Aiken, Greenville, Clover and Charleston. Note that there are Scottish Festivals that do not have provisions for clans to present tents. Charleston sounds like the largest so you go for the Charleston Highland Games - do a Google search or get the URL from your previous search. On the Charleston Highland Games (CHG) page, look around and find the "Clans" information link. It is different on every games site so you sometimes have to hunt. Now, first check with someone in authority with Clan Hope to be that no one already has signed up for the one you've selected and to get official permission to represent Clan Hope for that highland games - they will ask for this. Ok, now, on the clans information page, look for something that says, or looks like, it will take you to a form (the brochure on the CHG site) for clan participation. Fill out the form, mail it in - with a check (more on this later) - and you're set.

"OMG . . . I've signed up to host a tent and I don't have any idea what to do!" Well, we're here to help you. The objective in the tent display is to describe the clan, its history and other related, Scottish, "stuff". You can also display items that will attract people, even though it isn't directly related to your clan - things like weapons, flags, Scottish information, maps, books on Scottish history, books on clans and tartans, for example. Each of us who host Clan Hope tents have our own selections of display items and you, of course, are free to use whatever you wish. A lot of our displays consist of items that are actually photographic prints and/or items that we found on line and printed for our collection (beware of copyrights though). Most, if not all, of this sort of material is available from other Clan Hope tent hosts. Most Highland Games provide tents, tables and folding chairs for a price. A few, however, only offer a tent *space* - you provide the tent. In rare cases, you must provide tables and chairs too. To buy your own tent can be fairly expensive (\$100-\$200) so you might be better advised to avoid games where these aren't furnished - at least until you are more familiar with tent hosting. In general, you can expect to pay \$100-\$200 for a clan "sponsorship" which usually includes your tent space, tent, a table and two simple folding chairs (for an additional price usually - these are uncomfortable so take your own folding camp chairs), tickets to the games (usually for two), access to the hospitality tent (quality varies), usually a sponsors reception the night before. Clan Hope can sometimes help with some on the registration expense but check on it first - our funds are extremely limited!

One of the south eastern games provides a list of items that they judge in selecting the "Best Tent". While we will probably never get the best tent award (but go for it if you wish!), the list gives a good idea of what sorts of things you might wish to display at your tent. They consider things such as: clan / society well identified, clan and or sept tartans identified, welcome & enthusiasm of conveners, conveners dressed in appropriate tartan or period dress, Scottish clan or society literature, diorama, costumed figure, Scottish clan or society special items, claymore, basket hilt broad sword, stamps, or currency, items for sale (printed or manufactured - should be limited to your specific clan/society and must not be available from the vendors), specific clan / society history literature and membership information, books, maps, charts, crests & membership forms and, finally, genealogy information. You can check our web site, "Completed Activities" to see what other Clan Hope tent hosts display.

Have fun!!!

Scottish Humor. Two Scots, Archie and Jock, are sitting in the pub discussing Jock's forthcoming wedding. "Och, it's all going magic," says Jock. "I've got everything organised already, the flowers, the church, the cars, the reception, the rings, the minister, even ma stag night." Archie nods approvingly. "Hell, I've even bought a kilt to be married in," continues Jock. "A kilt?" asks Archie. "That's braw, you'll look pure smart in that. What's the tartan?" "Och," says Jock, "I'd imagine she'll just be in white."

Traditional Scottish Recipes

Scotch Pie

A Scotch pie is a small, double-crust meat pie filled with minced mutton or other meat. It may also be known as a shell pie or a mince pie (although the latter term is ambiguous) to differentiate it from other varieties of savoury pie, such as the steak pie, steak and kidney pie, steak-and-tattie (potato) pie, and so forth. The Scotch pie is believed to originate in Scotland, but can be found in other parts of the United Kingdom, and is widely sold all over Canada. They are often sold alongside other types of hot food in football grounds, traditionally accompanied by a drink of Bovril, resulting in the occasional reference to football pies.

The traditional filling of mutton is often highly spiced with pepper and other ingredients and is placed inside a shell of hot water crust pastry. An individual pie maker's precise recipe, including the types and quantities of spice used, is usually kept a close secret, for fear of imitations. It is baked in a round, straight-sided tin, about 8 cm in diameter and 4 cm high, and the top "crust" (which is soft) is placed about 1 cm lower than the rim to make a space for adding accompaniments such as mashed potatoes, baked beans, brown sauce, gravy or an egg.

Scotch pies are often served hot by take-away restaurants and bakeries, and at outdoor events. The hard crust of the pie enables it to be eaten by hand with no wrapping, but increasingly they are cooked and served in a foil tin. Typically there is a round hole of about 7.5mm in the centre of the top crust.

Every year, the Scotch Pie Club holds the World Scotch Pie Championship. Butchers and bakers enter their pies into this competition, and the maker of the pie judged tastiest by a panel of judges is awarded the title of World Scotch Pie Champion.

Large numbers of Scotch Pies are sold in Scotland every day - they are an original "fast food" and are often sold at the half-time interval at football (soccer) matches. The pies are made in special straight-sided moulds, roughly 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter and about 1½ inches (4cm) deep. A pastry lid, inside the pie, covers the meat about ½ inch (1cm) below the rim. This leaves a space at the top of the pie which can be filled, if required - with hot gravy, baked beans, mashed (creamed) potatoes etc. The meat is usually mutton (sometimes of varying quality). Many bakers have their own recipes and add spices to give additional flavour - there is now an annual competition for the best Scotch Pie.

Grannie Black, in Candleriggs in Glasgow, was a character who had such a reputation for such good mutton pies that people came from far and wide to purchase her pies.

The quantities below should make roughly 8/10 pies.

1 pound (500g or two cups) lean lamb, minced (ground)

Pinch of mace or nutmeg

Salt and pepper

Quarter pint (150ml) gravy

Ingredients for the Hot Water Pastry:

1 pound (500g or four cups) plain flour

6 ounces (175g or ½ cup) lard

6 fluid ounces (225ml or ¾ cup) approximately of water

Pinch of salt

Milk for glazing

You will also need glasses or jars, approximately 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter to shape the pie.

Method:

Create the filling by mixing the minced (ground) lamb, spice and seasoning.

Make the pastry by sifting the flour and salt into a warm bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour. Melt the lard in a scant measure of water and, when it is bubbling, add to the flour and mix thoroughly. Take a small amount (remember the mixture should make 8/10 pies, with their tops) and form into a ball and keep the rest warm while making each pastry case. This is done by rolling a suitable amount for each pie and shaping the crust round the base of a glass or jar approximately 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter. Make sure there are no cracks in the pastry - you can trim round the top of the case to make it even. As the pastry cools and gets cool, remove the glass and continue until you have about a quarter of the pastry left to make the lids.

Fill the cases with the meat and add the gravy to make the meat moist.

Roll the remaining pastry and use the glass to cut the lids. Wet the edges of the lids, place over the meat and press down lightly over the filling. Pinch the edges and trim. Cut a small hole or vent in the centre of the lid (to allow the steam to escape).

Glaze with milk and bake for about 45 minutes at 275F/140C/Gas mark 1. If the pies are not eaten immediately, they can be stored in the 'fridge but always ensure they are properly reheated before being eaten.

Source unknown - contributed by Marty Hope

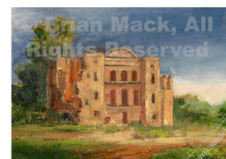
Scottish Humor. A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, wee Hamish stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Hamish?" "No, Ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"



**The Clan Hope Society is offering these shirts
as a service to our members.**

They are a 50/50 blend of pre-shrunk cotton/polyester. These are polo styled shirts with a collar and no pocket. They are made by Hanes® and embroidered (not printed) with the Clan Hope Badge and the name "Hope" above it. This offering is primarily intended as a service to our members and friends in an effort to provide a quality shirt at a cost noticeably lower than alternative sources. Profits - if any - will go to the Clan Hope Society.

Order here: <http://www.clanhope.org/shirts.htm>



Clan Hope is presenting prints of this painting of Craighall Castle, traditional home of the Hopes of Craighall, for purchase. This image is available as a print on paper, a print on canvas and the single original.

Contact Brian C. Mack

of Loch Vale Fine Art (lochvale@qwestoffice.net)

(www.lochvalefineart.com)

Or Chris Papp (presidentclanhope@gmail.com)

for pricing and availability.

Postscript

We sincerely hope you will make this newsletter your own by contributing items relating to Hopes, Scots, history of either, genealogy or other related subjects. Please help us share our Hope and Scottish information among clan members and friends! We will accept anything that is in the public domain, original or cites origin. Submit anything you wish to have included in our newsletter to: gmhope@ufl.edu. We look forward to your contributions. Thanks in advance for sharing!