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New Members

On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace, the President and Board of Directors of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide welcome the **thirteen** individuals listed below to the Clan Council and to our Society, respectively. *Ciad mile failte!*

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Margaret Diane Gibson, Pleasanton, CA
Roy Gibson, Jr., Pleasanton, CA
John Ian Wallace, Creswell, OR

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:

Janine Wallace, Sacramento, CA
John Wayne Wallace, Weaverton, CA
Linda Wallace, Wichita, KS
Kurt Wayne Jefferson, Columbia, MO
William Wallace Giffin, Lima, OH
Peter Thomas Glaze, Rockwell, TX
Adrian Gentilcore, Holladay, UT
Dale J. Wallace, Cedar City, UT
Frank D. Titus-Rogan, Springfield, VA
Wallace N. Edelen, Reedville, VA

Birth Announcement

The Clan Wallace Society welcomes (belatedly) Andrew Hayes Feehan Benson to our fellowship. Proud father Nels Randolph Benson of Alexandria, VA, writes that Mrs. Benson gave birth on 09 December 2002 at 5:05 PM. Andrew weighed in a 6-lbs 15-oz and measured 20 inches. Warmest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Benson, and to Baby Andrew.

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Tartan Day, the ASF, & The Scottish Coalition

Tartan Day was designed to be a celebration of our Scottish heritage; it was not meant to be a political platform.



Since 1998, the American-Scottish Foundation (ASF), based in New York City, has been at the forefront of the Scottish-American

cause, staging public/publicity events in Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago on Tartan Day. In recent years, the rhetoric of the ASF can be construed as self-serving, and it appeared that the foundation is attempting to position itself as the "one-true-voice" of Scottish communities and groups in the United States. The ASF went so far as to revive the defunct "William Wallace Award" – which, of course, caught the attention of directors of the Clan Wallace Society – especially when the self-styled "coveted" award was laid upon political and private sector leaders and celebrities for questionable reasons (i.e.: political support, publicity, donations, etc...).

Per the ASF website (<http://www.americanscottishfoundation.com>) the first winner of the revived William Wallace Award was Senator Trent Lott, former Republican Majority House Leader. To quote the ASF, "The Wallace Award is an asset of the American Scottish Foundation. [...] Senator Lott received the Award in recognition of his sponsorship of Senate Resolution 155 that adopted April 6, in perpetuity, as National Tartan Day."

The ASF also contends through its lobbying that "Tartan Day was conceived by the U.S. Senate in 1998 in recognition of the valuable contribution made by the Scots to the foundation, charac-

ter and prosperity of America. [...] Over the past four years Tartan Day has grown in cultural and political significance with events taking place in Washington, Chicago and New York to promote business, arts, travel and tourism. Many readers will be aware that Tartan Day was conceived neither by the ASF, nor by the U.S. Senate. A Canadian, Mrs. Jean Watson of Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia. Mrs. Watson, then president of Clan Farquharson in Nova Scotia, worked tirelessly to solicit support from politicians and Scottish groups in Nova Scotia to establish Tartan Day, eventually gaining enough support for the idea to have it adopted by the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1988. She then turned her sights on Canada's other provincial legislatures, and one by one each declared Tartan Day on April 6th (save Québec and Newfoundland & Labrador). Between 1991 and 1997 Tartan Day was being proclaimed from state capitols across the United States. Senate Resolution 155 merely hastened the adoption of Tartan Day in all 50 states by achieving it at the national level.

Returning to the ASF, a check of their website and in the March/April edition of *Highlander Magazine* reveals that the foundation has since entered in to a group known as "The Scottish Coalition" with Robert W. Murdoch as the National Chairman for Tartan Day 2003.

Many CWS members will recall that in 2002 the American-Scottish Foundation toyed with the idea of naming President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair as joint-recipients, following up on the tremendous attention that Sir Sean Connery received as the 2001 recipient. In the wake of 9-11, however, both the Oval Office and the Downing Street declined the award (and the tremendous publicity that would have surrounded it) for unspecified reasons.

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Lost Kings & Queens

After many centuries of neglect, the last resting places of many of Scotland's former kings and queens may now be recognized and displayed for all to see.

While the majority of England's royalty lie in marble vaults and ornate tombs in London's Westminster Abbey, there are many Scots kings and queens interred across the United Kingdom in unmarked graves.

CWS friend and historian David Ross, also a convenor for the Society of William Wallace in Scotland, has compiled the first record of those resting places while researching his new book, "A Passion for Scotland."

The Society has promised to help fund plaques to mark the sites, as Mr. Ross insists that it is long overdue that the sons and daughters of Scotland realized just where their former monarchs are buried.

Of note, David Ross, who is participating in the Third International Gathering of Clan Wallace in Reno, NV, 24-27 July 2003, is expected to address this issue at the Gathering.

Flowers of the Forest

Charles A. Schmidt

Charles "Arnie" Schmidt of Camp Springs, MD, passed away suddenly on 22 May 2003. A Life Member since the mid-1990's, Arnie was an active member in Society and was a special friend of Barb and Charlie Wrenn. The Clan Wallace Society extends heartfelt sympathies to Life Member Joanne C. Schmidt, and to the rest of the Schmidt family for their loss.

Hey Tuttie Taitie?

Robert Burns wrote "Scots Wha Hae" on hearing that the tune "Hey Tuttie Taitie" was used by King Robert the Bruce for the march past of the Scottish army at Bannockburn in 1314. The tune is claimed to be the oldest known piece of Scottish music and was still being played by the mercenary Scottish soldiers in the army of Joan of Arc (Jeanne d'Arc) at the Relief of Orléans in 1429 – 115 years later. "Hey Tuttie Taitie" has since been used as a martial tune by the French Army (La Marche des les Soldats de Robert de Brus).

Silver Quaich and CWS Certificate of Appreciation Presented



Barbara and Charlie Wrenn receiving the Clan Wallace Certificate of Appreciation and an engraved silver quaich. Informed some time ago, the presentation was made only recently, so that the presentation could be made in person.

Submitted by Executive VP John Wallace

At a private dinner hosted recently at the Royal Mile Pub in Wheaton, MD, on Friday, 25 April 2003, Clan Wallace Society Executive Vice President John R. Wallace.

John was accompanied by Society Members Jim Schmelzer of Kensington, MD, and Andrea Wallace of Falls Church, VA.

The Wrenns received a Certificate of Appreciation with accompanying engraved silver quaich to longtime Society Council members Charles M. and Barbara Wrenn for their many exceptional contributions to the Society.

Charlie and Barbara have devoted many years to increasing Society membership, advancing the organization of the Society, and acting as mentors to many members and to the Directors of the CWS.

Our Society owes these two dedicated members a huge debt and the presentation of this Certificate and the quaich is a small way of saying "Thank you, Charlie and Barbara!"

“All Things Wallace” — Convenor’s News and Members’ Contributions



Pictured L to R at the 25th Anniversary Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, 26 April 2003. Each sports four distinct versions of Wallace Tartan, Jim Schmelzer (Ancient Dress Wallace), Asst. Webmaster Jim “Bowie” Wallace (Blue Wallace), Exec VP John Wallace (Hunting Wallace), and Webmaster Larry Slight (Modern Dress Wallace). What lovely knees, fellers!

Tartan Kirkin’ in Baltimore

Barbara Wrenn of Temple Hills, MD, submits the following report: “The St. Andrews Society of Baltimore held a Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan on Sunday, 30 March 2003, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler celebrated the special Mass. Cardinal Keeler is Scottish-American and the only Scottish-American Cardinal. His ancestors were keel makers in Glasgow. The Basilica will celebrate its 200th Anniversary in 2006. The funeral of Charles Carroll, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence was held in the Basilica. Pope John Paul II has visited there twice. Mother Teresa was there in 1996. Andrew Wallace Wrenn, wearing a Hunting Wallace kilt that once belonged to Charles B. Wallace [of Dallas, TX], one of the founders of the Society, attended with his grandparents, Charles and Barbara. The beautiful Basilica was the first Catholic Cathedral in the United States and will be soon be closed for restoration in anticipation of the 200th Anniversary Celebrations.” Barb

goes on to thank Kevin Gillespie for inviting Clan Wallace to the ceremony. Unfortunately, she believes, “the unexpected snow kept most of us away.”

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

Executive Vice President John Wallace writes, “Wallaces from the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia region kicked off their 2003 Festival and Games season by gathering at the Jefferson-Patterson Park in Calvert County, MD, on 26 April for the 25th Annual Southern Maryland Celtic Festival. The prediction for showers during the day did not deter attendance at the Festival by Clan Society Members Jim Schmelzer, Jim Bowie Wallace, Larry Slight, L. Ralph Wallace, Martha Walls, Mary Wallace, Bill and Betsy Wallace, and Captain John Wallace. Though all watched the threatening skies, the day turned out to be very nice. This first Festival of 2003 provides an important opportunity for members to renew old friendships, to catch up on the latest gossip, and to prepare for the long festival season to come.”

Kirkin’ O The Tartans at the Washington National Cathedral

Society Member Jim Schmelzer reports a tremendous outing at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, 27 April 2003 for their Annual Kirkin’ Ceremony. The Reverend Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, the Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, conducted this year’s service on a beautiful sunny spring day in the Nation’s Capital. Clan tartans were presented to the altar by Society Member Robert Wallace. Jim “Bowie” Wallace, John Wallace, and Jim Schmelzer were also in the procession. Member Martha Walls was also in attendance.” Jim concludes that, “The sounds of the pipes and drums resounding off the walls of the Cathedral were overwhelming and inspiring to all present.”

Albuquerque (NM) Highland Games

On 17 May, President Marcus “Jim” Wallace submitted the following note: “Just finished the Albuquerque Games with former Director Roger Wallace (pictured below) and his daughter, Sandra. The weather cooperated completely and while the crowd was smaller than last year the Clan Wallace Society tent received several guests and Society members. Most stayed and visited awhile. Among them was Donda Pool and her mother, Lucy. Donda and her husband Tom will be taking over as convenors for these games with help from Sandra and myself next year. One of the unique features of these games is a free hot air balloon ride, after all this is Albuquerque, N.M. We need to thank Roger for all of the years he has dedicated to this Society as convenor and as Director. We will miss him and while his health will not permit him to continue as an active convenor, he will be attending games in the future. Over-



Sandra Wallace and Roger Wallace, at the Albuquerque (NM) Highland Games.

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all his health has improved from this time two years ago."

Houston (TX) Highland Games & Celtic Festival

William Wayne and Mary Jo Wallace of Canyon Lake, TX, found themselves at the Houston Highland Games and Celtic Festival in mid-May. While Wayne convenes for the CWS, Mary Jo manufactures and sells stained glass, a popular item of which is a 6-inch piper. Writes Wayne, "The HHG&CF went well although the crowds were smaller than expected. All of the clan and venter tents and a good many of the events were inside a huge open-sided shed which helped in the heat. Mary Jo had her tent next to mine so we were able to watch each other's tent for breaks. I had 34 visitors sign the logbook. All but seven signed on Saturday. On Sunday, I had no visitors until after 1:00. We left at 4:00. Letters have been sent [to those who signed the logbook]. There didn't seem to be very many clan tents. The HHG Association seemed thankful that we attended. Mary Jo was successful with her stained glass and is interested in two upcoming games she was invited to attend: the Huntsville-Trinity Celtic Festival & Highland Games in November and the 2nd Annual Celtic Festival in Midland next March. If she goes, I will set up the Clan Wallace tent if no one else is covering these events. I am sending some info on the Huntsville Games (Walker County, TX, in November)."

Arlington (TX) Highland Games

President Marcus "Jim" submits the following report: "The 17th Annual Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games was held this past weekend in Maverick Stadium, University of Texas-Arlington. There were 68 Clans and 11 Celtic organizations represented. Attendance was expected to be about 60,000 but was probably somewhat less that that due to the rain on Saturday Night and Sunday morning. Entertainers included Alex Beaton and the Celtic rock group Seven Nations among many others. The Clan Wallace tent had many visitors, due in part to someone in the Clan McGregor Society forgetting to send in their reservations and not having a tent space. Joyce Allison who is a convenor for

both societies and her daughter Teri Creel asked if they could share my tent. They were very good help. Of course, that put several Clan Gregors in my tent all weekend. Life Member Bob Graham and his dog, Odie, marched with Clan Wallace for the opening ceremony. Odie won "Best in Class" at the games in his category so we had at least one champion. Clan Armstrong who did not set up at the games also marched with us so the Clan Wallace Society group was quite large compared to the usual five or six Wallaces. Odie has marched with us for several years now – he always brings Bob. I had several folks take applications and express an interest in joining. The Glaze Family of Rockwell, TX, joined on the spot with Peter Thomas Glaze being the listed member. The Glazes also bought "The Book of Wallace." All in all it was a very good weekend. The rain at least kept the temperature down in the lower 80's although it was humid.

"Possibly owing to the summer heat and close proximity (about 4 weeks previous) to the Rio Grande Valley Games in neighboring Albuquerque attendance seemed light overall. The Games are now a qualifying event for the Western United States Pipe Band championships so they were moved from October to June. Festivities started on Friday with a golf tournament at the Chamisa Hills Country Club. Friday evening wrapped up with a formal dinner and Celtic entertainment at the Club. Saturday and Sunday were filled with athletics, entertainment and pipe competition. The official pipe band of the Clan Wallace Society -- The High Desert Pipes and Drums -- had several members who did well in individual competition. We had to leave early so did not learn how the band fared. The New Mexico summer weather provided excitement each day. In the late afternoon a microburst brought some rain, lots of dust and up-ended several tents, some catastrophically. The Wallace tent withstood all. The Wallaces did their best to support Bruce



P/M Bill Horn, of the High Desert Pipes and Drums, leads the massed bands at the Rio Rancho (NM) Highland Games and Scottish/Irish Festival on 29 June 2003. The HDP&D Band is the official pipe band of the Clan Wallace Society. Inset is a close-up of P/M Bill Horn. This year, the band hopes to attend the World Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, on 16 August 2003.

The wind did not blow the pages out of the books on the table and I didn't even have to get my box of rocks out to keep everything on the table.

Rio Rancho (NM) Highland Games & Scottish/Irish Festival

Director Bill J. and Norma Wallace of Mesa, AZ, attended the 2003 Rio Rancho Highland Games which were held on 28 & 29 June 2003 at the Rio Rancho Sports Complex. Writes Bill,

Bennett an artist from Longmont, CO, who specializes in Celtic art. His acrylic painting of the Civil War-era New York 79th Cameron Highlands now hangs in Mesa. The Camerons were the only "Scottish" regiment in the Union Army, kilts and all. In a few weeks it will be joined by a Wallace Hunting kilt and fly plaid from Kathy Lare who has developed a good reputation as a kilt maker. A few folks stopped at the Wallace tent this year. As usual Roger Wallace, with family members, was there along with Norma and

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Bill Wallace of Mesa, AZ, and their friends the Templetons of Rio Rancho."

Potomac (Leesburg, VA) Celtic Festival

Society Secretary Wayne and Cathy Jones report that the 2003 Potomac Celtic Festival was held the second weekend of June at Morvan Park in Leesburg, VA. Says Wayne, "The Park offers a great venue in a Celtic village atmosphere, with Clans located in an area arranged in streets. Vendors and entertainment stages were located throughout the rolling hills of the Park. Entertainment was provided on multiple stages with continuous Scottish, Irish, and Welsh music throughout the 2-day event. Larry Slight, Jim (Bowie) Wallace, and Mike Walker provided great assistance in setting up and welcoming the many visitors. Although rainy, the spirits of participants and visitors were high, and a good time was had by all. The highlight of the weekend was a visit from good friends and mentors, Charlie and Barbara Wrenn, and their

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Wallace Leads Harpists

American Scottish Harpists Get A Wallace For Their President



who simply enjoy listening to the Scottish harp. All are welcome.

Mary Wallace (pictured above), CWS member from Ashton, VA, was in attendance at the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival held on April 26, 2003, at St. Leonard, MD.

She announced to the Society that she is the new President of the Scottish Harp Society of America. The Board of Directors and the membership at large congratulate Mary on this recent honor.

For more information on the Scottish Harp Society, please visit <http://www.shsa.org>, or email Mary directly at

The Scottish Harp Society of America, Inc. (SHSA) is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the Scottish harp, the clarsach and its music both ancient and modern. Members of the Society include musicians, harp-makers, and people

A Wallace Down-Under

A Wallace Piper in New Zealand

In case the Annual Director's Meeting ever is held in New Zealand, it's good to know that the Society has men like Robert Wallace around. Robert, currently residing in Hamilton, NZ, is a piper for hire.

Since we don't often hear about our brethren from the Southern Hemisphere, here's a little bit about Robert. Born in Inverness, Scotland, he was for many years piper to the "White Cockade Society", a renowned and well-respected Jacobite re-enactment group in Scotland. Robert has performed at many major events throughout the United Kingdom and France, and he has appeared in a number of small films for the tourist trade. He writes, "There's just nothing like the feeling of 'stirring the lads into battle' with the sound of the pipes, and its an awesome experience playing during a Highland charge, the most feared and impressive display of an army of kilted warriors swooping down on its enemy."

[Editor's note: I am certain that all of us share that sentiment about the stirring if the pipes. Goosebumps and pride.]

ADM Registration Deadline: 01 Sept 2003

As many of you are aware, the Board of Directors has chosen to hold the upcoming Annual Director's Meeting at the New Hampshire Highland Games or NHHG (formerly Loon Mountain). The Games take place this coming September 19th through 21st, with the actual meeting taking place on Saturday, September 20th.

NOTE: THE LOON MOUNTAINGAMES HAVE MOVED FROM CONCORD TO THE HOPKINTON STATE FAIR GROUNDS IN CONTOOCOOK, NH, 15 MILES FROM CONCORD.

Jean Robinson Wallace has been hard at work, making arrangements for members of Clan Wallace who will be attending. As this is the first time that an ADM has been held in the Northeast, members from New England and Eastern Canada are strongly urged to attend. Jean's number is 1-501-227-7116.

It is confirmed that the Comfort Inn in Concord is completely booked. Accommodation arrangements must be made elsewhere. The Board of Directors suggest contacting NH Tourism at 1-800-386-4664 or the visit website <http://www.visitnh.gov>

- Tickets are available starting in mid-May via www.nhscot.org or by calling 1-800-358-7268.
- Location of NHHG is I-89 Exit 7 Hopkinton, NH (northeast of Concord)
- Camping areas are available in the across the Merrimack Valley
- Plenty of parking onsite.
- Handicapped are in front of the General Parking area.
- No pets. Only guide or aid dogs permitted.
- No liquor is permitted on the grounds and this is strictly enforced.
- Closest airports are Manchester, NH, and Logan Int'l in Boston, MA.

Wallace-Themed Note Cards Available In Support of Translation Project

For the past two years, the Board of Directors have been quietly assisting Raymond Morehead of Bonney Lake, WA, with bringing one more Wallace book back into print, namely, "The Wallace Papers," also known as "The Maitland Papers," so named for its original nineteenth century publisher.

From about 1970, the Clan Wallace Society reproduced this nineteenth-century work in its original form for the handsome sum (at the time) of \$25.00, but has since stopped reproducing it. This tome is a collection of original documents in Old French, Latin, Old Scots, and Old English, all relating to William Wallace, and Scotland during the time of the Wars of Independence. Raymond Morehead, with the full support of the Board of Directors, has been in contact with scholars on both sides of the Atlantic, attempting to translate these primary historical documents into modern English. At last report, the Old French had been translated, and the Latin sections were being examined by respected American scholars and language specialists.

This project is not without costs, and while production costs will be recouped through the purchase price once the work becomes available for purchase, there are administrative and translation expenses that must be addressed immediately.

While the Board has agreed to allocate

a fixed amount to this project, Mr. Morehead has offered the Society and its members an opportunity to contribute directly to the project. A graphic artist, Raymond is offering Wallace-themed note cards and envelopes for sale. The profits from these will be set aside for the translation project.

A set of 10 cards/envelopes retails for \$10.95 plus postage, with \$3.45 donated back to the fund. A set of 100 cards/envelopes retails for \$87.60 plus postage, with \$27.60 donated back to the fund.

The cards may be ordered in three card-stocks: White, Parchtone Cream, and Parchtone Grey. There are six images available (pictured here):

1. Celtic Knotted Acorn (clan plant badge)
2. Celtic Knotted Thistle
3. Scots, Wha Hae (lion rampant)
4. Pro Liberate (William Wallace)
5. Old Jocks Bobby (cairn terrier)
6. Esperance and Endure (battlefield)

Raymond also invites custom orders from Society members.

To place an order, please contact:

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Tartan Day, the ASF, & The Scottish Coalition *(continued from p. 1)*

A year later, this new coalition links the ASF with eight other Scottish cultural associations. These include the Caledonian Foundation USA, the Association of Scottish Games & Festivals, the Council of Scottish Clans and Societies (COSCA), Scottish Heritage USA, the Tartan Educational & Cultural Association, the Association of St. Andrew's Societies, the Scottish-American Military Society, and the Living Legacy of Scotland, Inc.

Preliminary attempts to make contact with the ASF by local CWS representatives in the Washington, D.C. area were unproductive and rebuffed, which only served to underscore popular be-

lief that the ASF had an agenda of its own. Wisely, Chief Ian Francis Wallace has invited the Board of Directors to remain on amiable terms with the American Scottish Foundation in spite of its unilateral and perceived political approach to selecting recipients of the "William Wallace Award" and the presumption to speak to American legislators as Scottish America's true voice.

The mission statement of The Scottish Coalition is to serve the Scottish-American community, principally through research, long-term planning, and as a resource for information and guidance. In the Coalition's own words, "Its shared vision is that fruitful and mutually supportive relationships can be forged

between individuals and organizations in the United States and in Scotland, in order to assure that the unique Scottish identity and heritage shall become better known and more widely celebrated for the benefit of peoples throughout the world." The Clan Wallace Society lauds the Coalition for facilitating the forging of these links.

Long story short, the Clan Wallace Society hopes that this exercise in building a consensus initiated by the leadership of the ASF is indeed useful to the Scottish communities of North America and Scotland, and that it is not merely an exercise in window-dressing.

William Ross Wallace: An American Poetic Genius

William Ross Wallace, 1819-1881.

Though his works are largely forgotten today, William Ross Wallace's poetry and verse were popular and well-respected in the middle of the nineteenth century. He was a close friend of Edgar Allan Poe, and Poe praised Wallace's poetry. The well-known poet William Cullen Bryant also thought highly of Wallace's work. Wallace was born in Paris, Kentucky, in 1819. Between 1833 and 1835, he attended Hanover College (Indiana), and after graduation returned to his native Kentucky, settling in Lexington. While at law school and until 1839, he was the editor of "The Louisville Literary Register." In 1841, he passed the bar, and established his practice in New York City, where he seems to have been more occupied with literature than with legal affairs. His poems were intensely patriotic, and he had an almost mythical reverence for the American Revolution and for George Washington. Numerous catalogues of American literature describe Wallace as a very popular poet, which suggests that his thoughts on the Revolution were in tune with the beliefs of many contemporary Americans.

In Wallace's poetry of the 1850's, he treated the Revolution in symbolic and grandiose terms. In "The Liberty Bell," he describes the ringing of the Liberty Bell, which had been rung on 04 July 1776, as a reverberation of a unanimous belief among Americans that their time for freedom had arrived. He even goes so far as to say that the revolution was an "era sublime." He clearly idealizes the Revolution in his work; he almost never mentions the bloody, distasteful aspects of war. In fact, he barely sees the Revolution as a war at all; he seems to think of it as a pure, blessed period in America's history. In the "Last Words of Washington," Wallace explicitly calls Washington a "savior" of his country. Even though the scene Wallace describes in this poem is Washington's death, Wallace does not seem to describe him as an ordinary man bowing to death. Washington appears in this poem as a transcendent being that is being welcomed into an elite legion of timeless, scarcely mortal, "heroes." Wallace's poems "portray the American Revolution as an unblemished age when true greatness graced American soil."

After the outbreak of the Civil War, Wallace continued to write patriotic poetry in support of the Union. Some of these works were well-known and well-liked by Union soldiers. As the war intensified, his melodious verses enjoyed an extraordinary popularity. They were sung by many regiments that marched out from New York, for they were not only rhythmical and adaptable to musical setting, but were filled with a sentiment of patriotism – especially in those uncertain times – had a tremendous popular appeal in the North. Among these songs was the well known "Keep Step to the Music of the Union." His "God of the Free" was intended to be a national anthem, but was not met with popular acceptance. Wallace also attempted fiction, but his one story "Albin, the Pirate" did not sell well, and has long been out of print. He was a popular lecturer and possessed extraordinary oratorical gifts. For nearly twenty years he was a regular contributor to the "New York Ledger," "Godey's Lady's Book," "Harpers' Magazine" and "Harpers' Weekly," the "Celtic Monthly," and other publications.

According to Edgar Allen Poe biographer Kenneth Silverman, "In June 1842 Poe visited New York City and while there drank himself into an alcoholic amnesia. Poe explained that others had induced or forced him to drink. He said that William Ross Wallace 'would insist upon the juleps, and I knew not what I was either doing or saying.' In the autumn of 1844 Poe completed his poem 'The Raven' and recited it to William at Stryker's Bay Tavern, located on the Hudson River near where 96th Street



WILLIAM ROSS WALLACE.

now ends. William's expressions of appreciation, it appears, were not thought by the poet to be adequate to the occasion. Poe, on his part, assured his listener that he had just heard the greatest poem in the language."

Though largely forgotten today, William Ross Wallace was a literary giant of his time. After all, it was William Ross Wallace who wrote:

*But mightier power and stronger
Man from his throne has hurled,
**For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is that hand that rules the world.***

Scottish Book Club

Submitted by John R. Wallace

Title: *Rebel King-Hammer of the Scots*

Authors: Charles Randolph Bruce and Carolyn Hale Bruce

ISBN: 0-9721674-0-4

Prices: Hard \$28.95; Paper: \$19.95

At a recent Saint Andrews Meeting in Tidewater, VA, I had the pleasure of hearing Charles Randolph Bruce talk about the details of how he and his wife, Carolyn, compiled and wrote this exceptional novel. I was entranced and bought a copy. From the time I opened page one, I was hooked and could literally not put it down.

This is a tremendous narrative about King Robert the Bruce and the events that followed the death of Sir William Wallace and his efforts to free Scotland from the tyranny of Edward I, the "Hammer of the Scots". In telling this story, the author uses an interesting style to introduce his many characters and portray the incidents surrounding the clashes between King Robert and King Edward. The pages contain an Historical background, an events map, and thirty-six detailed character sketches done by the Charles Randolph Bruce himself.

This is a must read for those interested in reading about this interesting and exciting period of Scotland's history. I highly recommend it to all. As the authors live in my area, I have ready access. Please contact me at johnrwallace@earthlink.net

Editorial: CWS Newsletter Wins Award

In late January this year, President Marcus "Jim" Wallace learned that The Family Tree Magazine was holding a Newsletter Contest through the auspices of the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Moultrie, GA. Clan Wallace is one of 83 clan societies that house their private collections at the Odom Library. Believing that Clan Wallace's newsletter was better than most, Jim entered the last two editions of the *Gléidhidh* into the contest.

Beth Gay, DCTJ, FSA Scot, Editor-in-Chief of "The Family Tree Magazine," published by the Odom Library, was the contest coordinator and chief adjudicator.

On 01 June 2003, the judges announced their decisions. Clan Wallace's *Am fear-gléidhidh* placed first amongst Scottish Clan Newsletters (under 10 pages).

Marks were awarded in the following criteria, with 300 points possible:

Writing Style & Content	(20 pts)
Punctuation	(20 pts)
Spelling/Typo's	(20 pts)
Helpfulness to Readers	(20 pts)
General Interest	(20 pts)
General Layout	(15 pts)
Use of Art	(10 pts)
Use of Graphics	(19 pts)
Use of Photos	(20 pts)
Overall Appearance	(18 pts)
Typeface	(20 pts)
Headlines	(20 pts)
Neatness	(20 pts)
Balance of Design	(17 pts)
Quality of Production	(20 pts)

TOTAL SCORE: 279 pts
TOTAL POSSIBLE 300 pts

General comments by the judges included, "Love color photos and graphics, but need more artwork" or "Nice photos! Need to tweak your layout for more interest." "Like your headings!"

As Editor, Tom E.S. Wallace [me] was the individual recipient of the blue ribbon and

the certificate from the Odom Library. I am honored by the kind words of my peers, but I believe that this award must be shared with everyone who has contributed to the *Gléidhidh's* development over the last five years.

Without the contributions and news snippets from you — our readers — there would be no Clan Wallace newsletter. This publication is only as good as its information that goes into it. That said, we should all give ourselves a pat on the back, and continue to strive for excellence. Congrats, everybody!!!

Going... Going... Gone!



One of the earliest portraits of William Wallace failed to reach its reserve price of £20,000 when it came up at auction in mid-April and was therefore withdrawn. The highest bid was £14,000.

The 18th century work by an unknown artist is based on an earlier work by George Jamieson, painted in 1640.

Of course, no contemporary portrait of William Wallace exists; even the 1640 representation is purely speculative, painted some 335 years after Wallace's death.

Nominations Starting

In the next several weeks, Council Members of the Clan Wallace Society will begin to receive nomination packages for the annual nominations of candidates leading up to the election of

directors in August. Per the Constitution of the Society, the Board of Directors consists of 10 Council members who are elected by their peers (other Council members) for terms of three years, taking office on the First of January of the year following their election. Once elected, these 10 Directors annually elect between themselves a Society President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Traditionally, one-third of the Board has stood for election each year; for example, three in Year 1, three in Year 2, and four in Year 3, at which point the cycle begins again. Following a tie vote of the Board on a critical matter in 1999, a Constitutional Amendment was introduced and ratified by the Council membership to increase the number of Directors on the Board to eleven — an uneven number. This year, 2003, instead of electing/re-electing three directors, the Council will be asked to elect four directors, in addition to the seven who have not yet completed their terms of office.

Including the new vacant seat on the Board, three directorships face election: those currently occupied by Director JoAnne Wallace McIntosh of Dallas (TX), Director R. Wayne Jones of Charles Town (WV), and Director James Hamilton Wallace of Newburgh (ON) have each served a three-year term, and all are eligible to stand for re-election should they so wish. Nominations will begin in the next few weeks for other Council members who wish to run for office.

When you receive your information package, please read it very carefully and follow the instructions exactly. The process of nomination and the deadlines attached to the process are clearly defined. By the time of the next newsletter, the nomination process should be complete and elections underway. Should you have any questions about this matter, please contact :

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25414-6458. PH 1-304-725-0414.

FINAL NOTICE!!! WALLACE GATHERING 2003

If you are planning to attend the 2003 International Gathering of Clan Wallace taking place at Reno, NV, scheduled fro 24-27 July 2003, you must contact Jan Wallace by phone immediately. Jan's number 1-530-743-1060.