

## Convener's Corner

Hello everyone –

I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend a Burns Night celebration. It is a wonderful way to kick off a new year of Scottish cultural heritage activities!

"Alright everyone, take a deep breath." That's my advice to all the members who will be assisting with and/or running the HOUSE of GORDON tent this year. Do the breathing while you have time because the games season has started in earnest! The H of G Southwest plans to have a tent at a minimum of 17 games in our region during 2007. We started with the Queen Mary Games in Long Beach, CA, then on to Mesa, Arizona for the Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland Games. Next on the list is the Kern County Gathering & Games - Bakersfield, CA March 31. The same day the H of G will have a tent at the Camp Verde Games in Camp Verde, AZ.

Time and again, we share a feeling of real elation with visitors to our H of G tent when they realize they are Scottish and that their name is connected to the GORDON'S.

Pay your dues! (If you did already, thanks!) **BUT, PLEASE DO NOT PAY YOUR DUES TO H of G NATIONAL.** Send your dues to **Arlene Adams**, our Membership Director. It creates a membership listing and bookkeeping nightmare sorting out who paid dues to National and for which year and the same with H of G Southwest. It makes it so much easier if everyone in H of G Southwest pays their dues to the same place.

I am asking all our members to be as supportive of the House of Gordon as you possibly can. I will be attending the Sacramento Valley Scottish Games, April 28-29, this year and would like to invite all our Northern California members to come on out and visit with me at the House of Gordon tent. You

should all know that I really enjoy talking about the House of Gordon!

Bydand - Tom Adams  
Convener  
House of Gordon  
Southwest  
(AZ, CA, HI, NM, NV)



**Cuimhnich air na  
daoine o'n  
d'thainig thu!**

## NATIONAL TARTAN DAY! APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>

Simply put – Scots have had a tremendous influence on America! Recognition of this fact occurred at the national level when a single-year U.S. Senate Resolution appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 1997. In 1998 Scottish contributions to America were officially recognized by U.S. Senate Resolution 155 which designated April 6<sup>th</sup> as National Tartan Day. On March 9, 2005 the U.S. House of Representatives followed suit passing H.R.41 recognizing National Tartan Day. (more on page 7)

April 6<sup>th</sup> is important in Scottish history – the date commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320. This Scottish *Declaration of Independence* played an influential role in the writing of another Declaration of Independence signed some 450 years later in Philadelphia!

Canada has celebrated a National Tartan Day since 1993. The celebration of Tartan Day has spread far and wide. There are Tartan Day festivities in New Zealand and Australia and there are Tartan Day celebrations back in Scotland. Not all Tartan Day celebrations occur on April 6 but there are a host of countries with a Tartan Day.

One of the more famous Tartan Day celebrations occurred in New York City (a week long celebration every year) in 2002 when Sir Sean Connery was invited to lead 10,000 bagpipers in the Tartan Day Parade up 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Pipers came from far as Japan, Trinidad, Australia, and Pakistan to participate.



The 2007 Tartan Day Parade in New York City will take place April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Parade is the finale of a series of events, which actually begin two weeks before the parade.

**On April 6, 2007 wear the Tartan!** If you can't wear a kilt or skirt, wear a sash, wear a scarf, or wear a tie! If you can't do any of that pin a tiny patch of tartan to your clothing for the day. If you don't have even the smallest piece of your family tartan, make a resolution to get a piece before Tartan Day 2008! Display it proudly! It is affirmation of your heritage and it is a heritage in which you may take great pride!

## **Scottish Tidbits**

It is estimated that 11million Americans can claim Scottish ancestry. According to some this makes Americans of Scot descent the 8<sup>th</sup> largest group in America. Amazing for a small country that today only claims a total population of 5 million. A small country that has had a major impact on the world!

## **Scotland on TV**

If you are missing Scotland or if you have never been but would like a peak at the land of Haggis and Heather, here is a real treat. Scotland on TV – it is a web TV channel with programming about Scotland that you can watch when you want to watch it! Tune in. <http://www.scotlandontv.tv/>

## **Scottish Soldiers Forced to Share Kilts!**

(Associated Press Report out of London Dec 18, 2006)

We would have included this article in the December newsletter except we had gone to print just before this story was released by the Associated Press. The news story began "LONDON – Great Scot!" It seems that the Ministry of Defense failed to award a contract in a timely manner to ensure that there would be sufficient kilts to outfit all the Scottish soldiers in the newly formed Royal Regiment of Scotland which came about with the August 2006 merger of several centuries-old regiments into one single regiment which is 5,000 strong.

In fairness the kilt is not worn on the battlefield (not since WWI) but the kilt is still part of the official ceremonial uniform. It seems that someone in the Ministry of Defense is guilty of poor planning. The lads do not have enough kilts and must share! In fact when the story broke there were only 320 kilts to be shared among all the members of the regiment or about one kilt for every 15 members of the regiment. According to anonymous sources in the Ministry of Defense this situation will not be resolved quickly. Get this – it is estimated that the full contract for kilts is worth almost \$2 million, will take two years to complete, and will require 15,000 yards of fabric. Lt. Col Willy Macnair (who served in the defunct Queen's Own Highlander Regiment) is quoted saying, "The kilt is psychologically important for the identity of Scottish soldiers." He went on to say that some members of the newly formed Royal Regiment of Scotland may complete their tour and muster out of the regiment before they ever get to wear their own regimental kilt!

Of course the Ministry of Defense was quick to claim that "there were no problems whatsoever". They claimed there were plenty of kilts for ceremonial duties and went so far as to state that the Scottish battalions were happy with the situation. (Your editor finds this a bit difficult to believe.) There has been assurance given that the entire regiment will be kitted out by early 2008.

Editors comment: Sometimes it seems that our English brethren simply do not and perhaps never have appreciated the meaning and importance of the tartan and the kilt to the Scots. (Except that period after Culloden when they banned tartan, kilts, bagpipes, and all other evidence of Scottishness – and then rescinded that law) Obviously the Ministry of Defense in London has missed it again with the new Royal Regiment of Scotland!

## Read any good books lately?

We have a couple of worthy candidates for your Scotland books collection:

**Scots in New England** isn't a read but it is an interesting genealogical resource if your Scottish family roots stretch back to New England as early as 1623.

**Modern Scottish Culture** is a bit academic in tone and presentation but it is a worthy description of just what makes up modern Scottish culture. The author does explore and explain modern Scottish culture from a variety of perspectives including education, religion, sports, and the legal system (Scottish versus English) to name a few. One of the interesting points that the author brings out is the difference and meaning of entities like *England* and *Scotland* and the entity represented at the United Nations which is called Great Britain. An underlying theme throughout the book is the meaning and impact of devolution which led to the formation of a Scottish parliament after almost 300 years of "Union".

## 2007 Games Report

**Queen Mary Scottish Festival** - This year it was dry (thank goodness) but windy. We had a number of visitors both days. Mike and Joanne Whitney from Nevada assisted us at the table and spent some time visiting with the other clans to talk up the Las Vegas Games. We had our annual dinner at the Rock Bottom Saturday night with a group of 35 folks from the House of Gordon, Clan Graham and others. John and Nellie Lowry joined us both Friday and Saturday for dinner. Tom Adams had a special treat during the games – his cousin came by and they spent some time visiting and catching up on family.

Bryce Parker, from Las Vegas, Nevada competed in drumming and took first place. In addition, Bryce was awarded a \$500.00 scholarship from the St. Andrew's Society of Southern Nevada at the 2007 Burns night dinner. He will be attending St. Andrew's University in North Carolina on a pipe band scholarship. Way to go Bryce!

## Mesa, AZ

Jodi and Patrick Gordon set up the children's activity area and it proved once again to be a very successful draw enticing scores of people to the H

of G tent. Over the two days we watched page after page of sign in sheets being filled out. We are not keen on giving weather reports but rest assured it was VERY cold on Saturday morning at the venue – there was frost on the Country Dancers dance floor! Also in attendance were Larry Lamper, Lynne and Woody Gordon, and Tom and Christine Adams. Larry and Margaret recently celebrated the long awaited opening of their new pub, Celtic Crossings, in Prescott, AZ. Check it out at [www.celticcrossingspub.com](http://www.celticcrossingspub.com).



Tom & Larry chillin' in Mesa

## Turakina Games, New Zealand

The Turakina Games are the oldest Highland Games in New Zealand and is held in conjunction with a Pipe Band Contest and Children's Games. It's a real country day out and Jim & I arrived early and erected our tent and had time to go around and talk with folks from the other Clans before things got too busy.

We were on our own at the tent when Ellis Gordon and his wife Lois Gordon arrived to spend the day with



us. Ellis Gordon, pictured with Jim & me at the tent, is a Life Member of House of Gordon. He joined in 1961 when our present Chief's father came out to New Zealand after he had founded the House of Gordon as the Clan society. Ellis is a Kenmure Gordon. It was great to have Ellis and Lois come to help.

At the end of the day after the prize giving there is a BBQ held and this is followed by a ceilidh. We had a good day as we got 12 new members and although both Jim & I were tired next day it was with a feeling of elation at such a successful day at Turakina.  
That's all for now.

Bydand and aye,  
Glenyss & Jim O'Halloran

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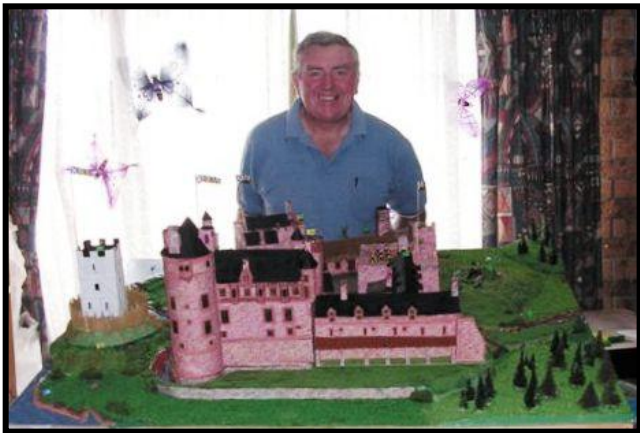
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## Member News

Those of you who traveled to Scotland with the House of Gordon 2005 Tour will certainly remember Ken & Colette Gordon from Australia. Ken is now the House of Gordon President "Down Under".



Ken enjoyed the holiday season playing Santa for the local kids (and for Colette).



Ken has also been very busy getting ready for the 2007 Games season with his beautifully handmade replica of Huntly Castle.

Lastly, Ken & Colette celebrated their daughter Erynn's wedding earlier this year. Erynn is a trainee store manager at Mc Donald's in Darwin. Wade is a Sapper in the Army, (combat Engineer), also in Darwin.

The unique wedding colors reflect the couple's favorite colors. Erynn's bedroom was painted green when she lived at home, and purple is Wade's preferred color. Their heart shaped wedding cake intertwines both favorites.



(left to right) Andrew (son), Colette, Wade & Erynn Hughes, Ken, Kylie (Andrew's fiancée)

Andrew Gordon and Kylie plan to wed next year.

### Welcome!

We have a new House of Gordon member to acknowledge this quarter. Let us extend a big welcome to **Jeff Gordon** of Las Vegas. Jeff is also a member of the Las Vegas Celtic Society and an integral part of the Las Vegas Highland Games (shameless plug coming up...) April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jeff is our esteemed Emcee for the Las Vegas Highland Games, and presided over the Freemont Street show that kicked off last year's Games.



## Descendents of Alexander Gordon of Exeter, New Hampshire Plan Reunion

All our House of Gordon members should take notice: One of the earliest Gordons in America and probably the earliest Gordon in New England was a 16 year old Scot named Alexander Gordon. He was captured at the Battle of Worcester and in 1651 was held as a prisoner of war at Tuthill Fields, London. Young Alexander was given the option of accepting indenture in America or execution. **Thankfully he elected to go to America! Your vice-convenor and editor is a direct descendent!**

This July 14<sup>th</sup>, a reunion for descendents of "Ole' Alex" is planned in Exeter, NH (Exeter is where Alexander settled after gaining release from indenture). Another of Alexander's descendents, Merle Gordon, is organizing the all day event and has been putting the word out looking for Alex's living descendents. It is assumed that the families descended from Alex have scattered far and wide over close to 350 years. Merle asked if we could put a notice in our newsletter because there may be more 'family' in our region of the country.

If you think you are a descendent of Alexander Gordon who settled in Exeter NH back in the 1660's, contact Merle for more information about the planned reunion. He reported he is receiving a lot of positive response and there are a number of folks that will be attending, including yours truly. You can contact Merle Gordon by email at [merrill515@yahoo.com](mailto:merrill515@yahoo.com).

## The Gordon DNA Project - Update

The Gordon DNA Project continues to grow. More folks are signing up and the data base is expanding. Personally, I have identified four other Gordons that are distant cousins. We are all direct descendents of the Alexander Gordon who settled in Exeter, NH in the 1660s. In addition there are a number of individuals with whom I share a fairly close genetic match at the 12 and 25 marker level. I plan to contact some of these folks to get an idea how we may share common ancestors. Anyone interested in the Gordon DNA Project can go to the website ([www.thegordondnaproject.com](http://www.thegordondnaproject.com)) to get more information and to find out how to sign up as a participant.

## From the desk of Arlene Adams, Membership Director

Please check today and if you have not paid your dues for 2007 please send your \$25.00 annual dues to Arlene Adams.

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**A special request from Arlene:** Please **DO NOT** Send Your House of Gordon Dues payment to House of Gordon *National*. This creates unnecessary confusion in terms of tracking and updating membership rolls and it creates problems in terms of tracking monies that belong to National and monies that belong to your House of Gordon Southwest.



## Treasurer's Message



I too would like to urge all House of Gordon, Southwest members to please send their dues to Arlene Adams and **NOT** to the House of Gordon *National* as this will delay the posting of your Southwest membership status and may cause you to miss out on exciting House of Gordon, Southwest, activities, newsletters, and information. As I have mentioned before, \$15 of your \$25 dues goes to National and **they bill us for it** by member count. It is not unusual to be mistakenly billed twice for the members who have paid dues to National.

### ATTENTION MEMBERS

Several California games venues urgently need bighearted volunteers to transport materials and to set up our House of Gordon tent at the games. You only have to attend a few games a year in your own area (and you get free tickets), its lots of fun and **ITS EASY!** Please volunteer and help keep the games alive and flourishing in your area. Look over the games calendar for 2007, and call Tom or Woody for details of how you can help your Clan. Big thanks to those who have recently volunteered 😊

## **National Tartan Day Resolution Passed By U.S. Senate in 1998**

**Whereas** April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational document;

**Whereas** this resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times;

**Whereas** this resolution recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans that have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts;

**Whereas** this resolution commends the more than 200 organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture, representing the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every State, who already have made the observance of Tartan Day on April 6 a success;

**Whereas** these numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed:

**Now, therefore, be it Resolved**, That the Senate designates April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day".

## **House Resolution 41 (Taken from the Congressional Record for March 9, 2005)**

**Whereas** April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and the American

Declaration of Independence was modeled in part on that inspirational document;

**Whereas** this resolution honors the major role that Scottish-Americans played in the founding of the Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, and Scottish-Americans successfully helped shape the Nation in its formative years and guide it through its most troubled times;

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**Whereas** these numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed: Now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as "National Tartan Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish-Americans to the United States.  
(Reprinted from [www.tartanday.org/history.htm](http://www.tartanday.org/history.htm))

## **A Bit of Gaelic Folklore**

The **kelpie** is a supernatural shape-shifting water horse from Gaelic folklore that is believed to haunt the rivers and lochs of Scotland. In Orkney a similar creature was called the *Nuggle*, and in Shetland a similar creature was called the *Shoopiltee*.

The kelpie sometimes appeared as a beautiful tame horse standing by a stream or river. If anyone mounted it, it would charge into the deepest part of the water, submerging and taking the rider with it. After the "each uisge" ("water horse" in Gaelic), carried the unsuspecting victim into the water, it would tear the victim apart and devour the entire

body except for the liver. As long as the each uisge is ridden in the interior, he is rather harmless. But the merest glimpse or smell of water would mean the end of the rider. The creature assumes human shape, woos maidens, and can be recognized only by the water weeds in his hair.

The kelpie was also said to warn of forthcoming storms by wailing and howling. Rarely, kelpies could be benign. The folktale *The Kelpie's Wife* tells of one in Loch Garve, Ross-shire, who had a human wife. The Jethro Tull song *Kelpie*, from the 1988 album *20 Years of Jethro Tull*, tells of a young woman tempted away by a kelpie. A similar creature from Gaelic folklore, the *each uisge* ("water horse" in Gaelic) haunts bodies of salt water, rather than the fresh water rivers and lochs with which the Kelpie is associated.



*"Well I'm a man when I'm feeling  
the urge to step ashore.  
So I may charm you --- not alarm you.  
Tell you all fine things, and more.  
Up, ride with the kelpie.  
I'll steal your soul to the deep.  
If you don't ride with me while the devil's free  
I'll ride with somebody else."*

(excerpt from Jethro Tull's "Kelpie")

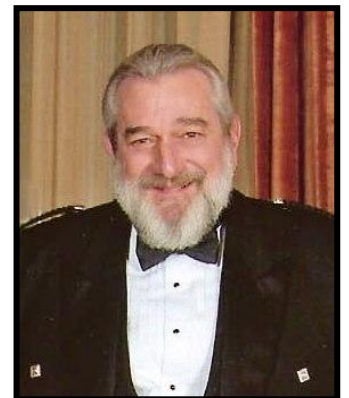
## **Greetings from the Editor**

The 2007 House of Gordon year has begun. We have already had very successful H of G representation at the Queen Mary and Mesa, AZ Games. The calendar for the year is going to keep some of us very busy. Planning calls for a House of Gordon Southwest tent at 17 Games venues this year. In addition we are planning to check out two events in New Mexico to determine if we should add one or both of the New Mexico games to our House of Gordon tent schedule for 2008. Unfortunately there are several Games we have attended in the past that had to be dropped off our tent calendar this year. We simply do not have enough members that have stepped forward to help out. The math is simple – a few members trying to cover a lot of games. I, for one, have a finite number of days that I can take off in order to travel to the venues. A one

day Games (Sat.) takes a three-day weekend and a two-day Games (Sat.& Sun.) takes a minimum four-day weekend. My shortest drive (excluding the Las Vegas Games) is about 300 miles one way. I am not complaining – I love going to Games. I am offering a perspective for folks who do not step forward to help and live down the road from a Games venue! Come on! - Help out! – Do the tent! – it is a day or two out of an entire year for the opportunity to give something back to your clan.

I have one more editorial issue. I noted that "*The House of Gordon Reorganizes at Grandfather Mountain*" article in *The Highlander* states that "You will see House of Gordon representation at games and festivals across the country with special emphasis to areas heavily settled by Scottish immigrants." The article goes on saying these areas include Virginia (with the surrounding states of Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania), the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee and, California. I would like to petition that we consider House of Gordon representation in New England. A substantial number of Scottish immigrants settled in New England. I know that my branch of the Gordon family is among the oldest of the Gordons to settle in America and is probably the oldest Gordon family to settle in New England! According to David Dobson (Scots in New England 1623 -1873) he has found records for some 3,000 Scots that settled in New England. He speculates the reason there were not more is, by the time of the later immigration of Scots resulting from events like the Clearances, New England was pretty well settled so immigrants went to areas with more available land and opportunity. If you have Gordon family roots from New England there is a good chance we are cousins!

Slangeva,  
Woody Gordon,  
Vice Convener & Editor



p.s. Those of you receiving the newsletter by email have the advantage of seeing the amazing full color photos. (Send our Secretary your email address if you have not already done so to receive your full color newsletter issues electronically.)

**Air Son Gradh Na H-Albann!**



# 2007 Games Calendar



March 10-11 Calaveras Celtic Faire

Angels Camp, CA

**March 31 Kern County Gathering & Games**

**Stramler Park, Bakersfield, CA**

**March 31 Camp Verde Highland Games**

**Community Ctr., Camp Verde, AZ**

**April 21-22 Las Vegas Celtic Society Highland Games**

**Floyd Lamb Park, Las Vegas, NV**

**April 28-29 Sacramento Valley Scottish Games**

**Yolo City Fairgrounds, Woodlands, CA**

**May 19 Prescott Highland Games**

**Watson Lake Park, Prescott, AZ**

**May 19-20 Livermore Scottish Games & Celtic Festival**

**Robertson Park, Livermore, CA**

May 19-20 Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival & Games

Balloon Festival Park, Albq., NM

**May 26-27 USS Highland Games**

**LA Fairplex, Pomona, CA**

June 2 Modesto Games & Gathering

Tuolumne River Regional Park, Modesto CA

June 16 Campbell Highland Games & Gathering

Campbell Community Ctr, Campbell, CA

**June 23-24 San Diego Scottish Highland Games**

**Brengle Terrace Park, Vista, CA**

**July 7-8 Monterey Scottish Games & Festival**

**Toro City Park, Salinas, CA**

July 14-15	Dunsmuir Scottish Highland Games	Oakland, CA
<b>July 21-22</b>	<b>Arizona Highland Celtic Festival</b>	<b>Foxglenn Park, Flagstaff, AZ</b>
<b>Sept 1-2</b>	<b>Pleasanton Highland Games</b>	<b>Alameda City Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA</b>
<b>Sept 15</b>	<b>Fresno Highland Games (<u>H OF G AGM*</u>)</b>	<b>Coombs Ranch Park, Fresno, CA</b>
Sept 22	Dixon Highland Games	Dixon May Fairgrounds, Dixon, CA
<b>Oct 5-6</b>	<b>Reno Celtic Celebration</b>	<b>Barkley County Park, Reno, NV</b>
Oct 6	Loch Lomond Highland Games	Highlands Park, Ben Lomond, CA
<b>Oct 12-14</b>	<b>Seaside Games</b>	<b>Ventura, CA</b>
Oct 20-21	Rio Rancho Highland Games	Rio Rancho, NM
<b>Nov 3-4</b>	<b>Tucson Celtic Festival &amp; Scottish Games</b>	<b>Rillito Park Raceway, Tucson, AZ</b>

These are the 2007 dates posted so far. This list is compiled through information from a variety of sources including [www.usscots.com/events/dates/geographical.html](http://www.usscots.com/events/dates/geographical.html). Please contact the editor with additions, corrections, and changes for inclusion in upcoming issues. You may want to reconfirm the date for the Dixon, CA Games please let the editor know if there's a change.

The House of Gordon Southwest plans to have a tent at events listed in **bold face**. Participation at other events will depend upon volunteer assistance with a House of Gordon tent.

Our Arizona members, Jodi and Patrick Gordon, and possibly David Melcher who recently relocated to New Mexico, have graciously volunteered to try to attend the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival & Games and report back with their findings regarding House of Gordon participation at future Games in New Mexico.

Vice Convener, Woody Gordon, will attend the **Reno Games** for some fact finding, and will be considering the feasibility of having a Clan tent in northern Nevada.

Results from visiting the new Games venues will appear in future newsletter's Games reports.

\***H OF G AGM** - Our annual general meeting and election of House of Gordon Southwest officers.

# House of Gordon 2007 Dues Notice

House of Gordon dues are payable **January 1** of each year. Paying your dues promptly from this notice will enable us to represent the Clan at Southwestern US Games & Festivals, including those in your area, and will keep those postcards, emails, and Regional and National newsletters coming to keep members informed. **Please Print or affix your return address label below:**

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*Thank you for your support of Scottish culture!*



Lynne & Woody Gordon with Clan Hope members at the February 2007 Burns Night dinner in Las Vegas



The Wedding Party

Huntly model



Musical humor

# Piping Scholarship Opportunity

(This last minute addition to the newsletter will only reach those who received the March newsletter through email)

The following is from Alexis Malcolm, of Alexis Malcolm Kilts, maker of the lovely kilts worn by Clan Gordon and Clan Hope members in the Burns Night photo on page 12.

## CHRIS G. MALCOLM KEHM. USMC PIPING SCHOLARSHIP

**Hello All!**

**Please take a look at our new Scholarship web page & if you have anyone that may be interested, please have them apply. This summer we are offering just one, but hope to expand the number of weeks**

awarded as interest & donations come in:

[www.alexismalcolmkilts.bigstep.com/generic37.html](http://www.alexismalcolmkilts.bigstep.com/generic37.html)

**We have established this Scholarship in memory of our youngest son, Chris, who was the light of our lives. He was a Piper, US Marine, sailor, divemaster, member of the SCV, airboater, 3rd year Engineering student and a brother to all who worked with him at Bell South. Chris put a lot of living into his 32 years!**

**Keep in mind that ties to Clan Malcolm or Clan Gunn are only a "preference" not mandatory.**

**Please let us know what you think...**

**Cheers!**

**Alexis M.**



CHRISTIAN GRISINGER KEHM

1973 - 2005

We will ever hear the bagpipes  
And not think of him  
Will we ever not smile  
When we say "Christian Kehm"  
How long did we know him  
It was only a while  
He'll never be forgotten  
Christian had style  
He was a comic book hero  
We all dreamed we might be  
A hunter in the glades  
A sailor on the sea  
He could spin you a yarn  
That would keep you spellbound  
When you needed an ear  
He was there to be found  
Chris was a good man  
Full of life and life's adventure  
With him goes our hearts  
In their place is his picture  
Hidden is his body  
But his spirit's everywhere  
When you're down and lonely  
A thought will say "he's still there"  
Chris took the high road  
And we too the low  
But we will meet again  
When the pipes begin to blow

By Tom Grimm  
Chris' "Band of Brothers"  
@ Bell South

