

The Pollag
November 2019

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

Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole, Pogue

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Words from the President...



Another year and another decade are coming to an end. We want to thank all our Clan Pollock members for their support. We especially appreciate everything our Clan Pollock Treasurer, Historian and Genealogist do as well as our Pollag editors and our Commissioners/Conveners to help things run smoothly.

We have welcomed new members this year and we have said a sad farewell to members who have been a part of Clan Pollock for many years. We will especially miss our Clan Pollock Chaplain, Rev. Phillip JB Pogue who passed away recently.

We look forward to a new year and a new decade. We want to encourage our younger members to become involved – we need young ideas and welcome your participation!

Please excuse our overlooking the birthday list in the August Pollag. We try to wish every member a Happy Birthday on our Clan Pollock Face Book page. If your birthday isn't listed, please send us a reminder.

If you are looking for a Christmas gift, check out our Clan Pollock items for sale on the website, www.clanpollock.com.

Remember to notify us if you have a change of address OR change in your e-mail address so that Mike and Beth Avery can make sure you receive your newsletter. The Averys do an excellent job in putting together our Pollag but they need news from our members to include.

With a new year comes the time for your annual dues. You can send a check for \$15.00 to our Secretary or you can pay via Pay Pal for \$16.00. If you join via Pay Pal, please send the application form to our Secretary. This is sent on to Clan Genealogist, Dick Pollock, so he can get in touch with you also. Dick does a great job in researching your ancestors!

We wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
Written October 30, 2019

MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

David M. Barboza, Valley Springs, CA
David A. Culbreth, West End, N.C.
Margaret L. Griffes, Greenwood Village, CO
John A. Main, Fairfax Station, VA
Nicole Polk, Reno NV
Karen Walton, Parkersburg PA
Judy Whitnable, Louisville, KY

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Frances Alma Brooks Richards passed peacefully March 20, 2019 in Shreveport, LA at 99 years old. Alma was born January 28, 1920 in Mt Airy, NC. She was a life member of Clan Pollock. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Eye Samaritans International at <http://eyesamaritans.org>.



The Reverend Phillip J.B. Pogue, Clan Pollock Chaplain, passed away October 17, 2019 in Bowling Green, KY. Phillip had served as a minister at several Presbyterian churches before his retirement. Phillip had been a member of Clan Pollock since 1990. We enjoyed seeing him at many Games over the years. In 1999 at the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration Phillip won the "Bonniest Knees Contest". He wore his medal proudly! Phillip is survived by two sisters, Clan Pollock member, Charlene Pogue Young and Gail Brown. He was much loved by those who knew him and will be greatly missed.

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Pollag Deadline.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is the 25th of the month previous to the issue. The Pollag is issued in February, May, August and November. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. Send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@otherwhen.com



Have you "liked" the Clan Pollock Facebook group?

<https://www.facebook.com/ClanPollock/>

Check out the new website at: <https://www.clanpollock.com/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

7 – Beverly J. Oleson
10 – Nancy P. Haga
11 – Travis B. Scobey
14 – Billy F. Anderson
15 – James Pollock; W. Field Pollock
18 – Denise T. Thomas; Rachel A. Jerell
20 – David M. Barboza
23 – Howard W. Pollock
27 – Christopher Pollock
29 – Christopher C. Polk
31 – Robert J. Pollock

JANUARY

1 – Paul D. Layman; Stephen J. Pollock
4 – Margaret L. Griffes
5 – Charles A. Pollock
7 – Irene Fleming
8 – Elva G. Pollock-Arnold; Susan Pollock Beavis; Barbara C. Lewis
9 – Fred H. Pollock; John B. Pollock
11 – William K. Stevens; Linda L. Tiffany

15 – James (Jim) Poage
16 – Christine B. Halliwell; Robert P. Pollock
20 – Matthew D. Pollock
21 – Armando Pollock; Curtis J. Pogue
24 – Marcia Baker
25 – Elizabeth G. Anastasia
26 – John C. Pollock III; Susan E. Strickland; Stephen J. Pollock
28 – Alex J. Pollock
29 – Michael R. Sleigh
30 – Marilyn P. Young

FEBRUARY

1 – Wendy Mullin
4 – Christopher Dunn
8 – Sally Patterson
9 – Virginia T. Watson
12 – T. Kathy Grant
15 – Thomas W. Poage
19 – John M. Pogue; Mark P. Pollock
20 – Revis A. Morton
24 – Milbry Polk
28 – Sally Brace

If you don't see your birthday listed, please let us know. We don't want to leave any of our members out. Thanks. We apologize for not putting the September, October, & November Birthdays in the August Pollag! Just an oversight on my part. Clara Ann Pollock, Clan Pollock Secretary, apollockis@comcast.net

NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENTS

Want to help Clan Pollock grow and meet new friends? Think about having a tent at a Game near you. It's easy to do and fun. Contact A.D. if you are interested.

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games
January 18-19 2020
Winter Springs, FL
(half hour north of Orlando)

Calling all Pollocks, Polks, Pogues, etc. to celebrate Scottish heritage at the Clan Pollock Tent. If you'd like to volunteer for an hour shift, we'd love to link up. You're also invited to join us during the daily marching of clans.

This is a two day event with dozens of Scottish clans/family/societies in representation. There are many vendors and great bands. For event details, hotel info, etc., visit FlaScot.com



GAME REPORTS

LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

Estes Park, Colorado

September 6 - 8, 2019

Tent hosts: A.D. And Clara Ann Pollock, Mark Thomas

We had a great time at these Games! We had old friends and new friends stop by Clan Pollock's tent.

Thanks to the Morse family (Clan Maxwell) for bringing and setting up the inside tent for us. Also thanks to Mark & Denise Thomas and their friends, Hank & Ann Schrader, for their help in taking the tent down on Sunday afternoon. Plus the Thomases brought snacks and drinks for the tent.

We had 18 march with Clan Pollock in the parade on Saturday. It was good to have Christopher, Beth, Nora & Vivian Pollock marching. Nora (almost 4) marched the entire route and carried one end of our banner. Grandfather Mark handed out candy and Uncle Matt and Aunt Vicki had their dogs. We had 3 essentials to get crowd attention – cute children, candy and dogs! Mike Belitz carried the banner. It was good to see Mike & Jamie (Polk) and Jamie's mom, Arlene.

We also want to thank cousins Bill & Diana Pollock for storing all our Clan Pollock "stuff" for the tent at their place in Severance. It really helps us to have everything close by when we come from Kentucky.

We are looking forward to next year and seeing even more friends. Dates for next year are **September 10 – 13, 2020.**



Top row: A.D. And Clara Ann at the tent, Matt Pollock with dogs before the parade; A.D. at the tent; Bottom row: Christopher, Beth, Nora, and Vivian Pollock waiting for the parade to start, and Nora Pollock pulling the sword from the stone.

TREASURE VALLEY HIGHLAND GAMES

Boise, Idaho

September 21, 2019

Tent hosts Howard and Laurie Pollock

just me the wife and two of our dogs. we had a wonderful time and a brand new setup mixing vendors and clans together with games in the center of the group. ~howard pollock



THE GENEALOGY TREE

When you joined Clan Pollock International you were sent an email with a Pedigree Chart attached. We asked that you fill out the Pedigree Chart and send it back to me. I hope by now that you have gathered enough of your family history that you can send me your completed chart: mr.richardhp@gmail.com.

Actually I'll take your information any way you can send it, so we can add your data to our database. Thank you in advance.

Have you ever shopped on Etsy? Google Etsy, enter Clan Pollock and you'll see quite a number of items for sale. I ordered the mouse pad, even though the colors are a bit dark. Great pad, would also be a good stocking stuffer for Christmas. Also check out the Clan Pollock Merchandise webpage <https://www.clanpollock.com/clan-merchandise/>. There are men's ties for only \$18.00. In addition, there are clan cap badges, scarves, and kilt pins.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
Clan Pollock International

Do you have any information on Morris Pollok of Glasgow?

Bob Parrish is researching the history of Morris Pollok of Glasgow. He was the first Provost of the borough of Govan and the founder and proprietor of the Glasgow Silk Works factory located there. His body rests in the Glasgow Necropolis cemetery.

Bob is especially interested in the identification of Morris Pollok's brothers who emigrated to Virginia and established families there.

Please send any information you may have including internet links of such sources to: Bob Parrish, 3000 Quisenberry Street, Midlothian, VA 23112-3756. email – raibeart@verizon.net

HISTORIAN'S CORNER
The Declaration of Arbroath – 700th Anniversary

The Declaration of Arbroath is the most famous document in Scottish history, equivalent in patriotic regard to our own Declaration of Independence and England's Magna Carta. It was a document drawn up by the earls and barons of Scotland six years after the Battle of Bannockburn. It was basically a letter addressed to the Pope asking him to recognize Scotland as an independent country in its own right, with Robert the Bruce as its rightful king – and by the way, please tell the English King, Edward II, to do the same. It is dated 6 April 1320 and was sworn to by 40 barons and 8 earls of Scotland, as indicated by their seals affixed to the document.

Next year marks its 700th anniversary and events are being planned in Scotland to celebrate the occasion. See <https://arbroath2020.com/> The main event will be a procession through Arbroath carrying a replica document to a vessel in the harbor as a reenactment of the Scottish delegation departing to take it to the Pope in France in 1320. This will take place on 5 April next year, so, for those of you planning a trip to Scotland, consider it into your plans. Arbroath is a small and picturesque town north of Dundee on the east coast of Scotland and worth a visit in any case.

The declaration is actually a letter to Pope John XXII. It recounts the ancient origins of the Scots and ends with a stirring oath to stand by Robert and Scotland no matter what. The original document was written in beautifully crafted Latin, and is attributed to Bernard de Linton, Abbot of Arbroath and Chancellor of Scotland. Here is the most famous passage from the document. Note the not so subtle remark that if Robert should decide to go over with the English then he was on his own:

*But from these countless evils we have been set free, by the help of Him Who though He afflicts yet heals and restores, by our most tireless Prince, King and Lord, the Lord Robert. He, that his people and his heritage might be delivered out of the hands of our enemies, met toil and fatigue, hunger and peril, like another Macabaeus or Joshua and bore them cheerfully. Him, too, divine providence, his right of succession according to or laws and customs which we shall maintain to the death, and the due consent and assent of us all have made our Prince and King. To him, as to the man by whom salvation has been wrought unto our people, we are bound both by law and by his merits that our freedom may be still maintained, **and by him, come what may, we mean to stand.***



*Yet if he should give up what he has begun, and agree to make us or our kingdom subject to the King of England or the English, we should exert ourselves at once to drive him out as our enemy and a subverter of his own rights and ours, and make some other man who was well able to defend us our King; for, **as long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours that we are fighting, but for freedom -- for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.***

Most people are not aware that there was actually a response from the Pope. It is dated 28 August of the same year, quite timely considering the bureaucratic and logistical constraints involved. It was respectful and acknowledged the seriousness of the request but basically said that Robert and Edward would have to settle matters on their own. Here is the crux of the text:

We have graciously received your letters and accede to your prayers and also to those of the said Robert, who has informed us by his letters, among their other contents, that a certain day had been appointed for the making of the final peace between him and the said king of England; and we have therefore thought fit to ask said king of England by our letters, and even to exhort him, to incline his mind to this peace with said Robert and to endeavour to shape it in lasting fashion; we have also, by various other letters, urged several councillors of the said king to move him to the establishment of this peace. Wherefore we ask, advise and exhort all of you, in the Lord Jesus Christ, that you take into the most careful consideration the countless dangers and the losses of lives and goods which have been caused by the strife of the said king and Robert in times past and which, it is to be feared, will arise likewise from it in future unless it be bound up by union and concord; that you turn your minds to the profit of this unity and peace; and that, as far as in you lies, you do not allow the day thereto appointed (as aforesaid) to pass without it's firm establishment.

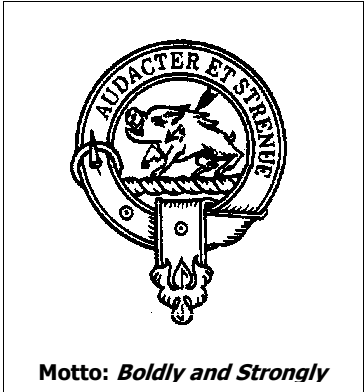
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Nollaig chridheil agus bliadhna mhath ur -- Christmas in Glasgow



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St. Andrew's Day November 30th is marked with a celebration of Scottish culture with traditional Scottish food and music. In Scotland the day is also seen as the start of a season of Scottish winter festivals encompassing Saint Andrew's Day, Hogmanay, and Burns Night.

Hogmanay is the Scots word for the last day of the year and is usually includes gift-giving, visiting friends and neighbors, with emphasis on "first foot", that is the person who first steps foot in the house n the New Year, especially a tall dark haired man, is the bringer of good fortune.

Robert Burns Birthday: On January 25th all over the globe people remember the famous Scottish poet Robert Burns. He was born in 1759. If you plan to celebrate at a group function or in your home, we hope you will include the Bard's grace at your supper table. Want to hold your own Burns dinner? Here's how: <https://ebooks.visitscotland.com/burns-night-guide/>

The Selkirk Grace

Some hae meat and cannot eat,
Some cannot eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thankit!