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You're cordially invited to join us for all the festivities of the **101st Annual Gathering** of the **American Clan Gregor Society** at the DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland over the weekend of **September 16th – 18th, 2010**.

The tour on Friday will take us to both sides of the lovely Chesapeake Bay. We'll first cross the bay and stroll down eastern shore to have lunch at a restaurant that overlooks the bay and an active marina. We'll then visit the historic Christ Church (Anglican), built in 1880, to recognize our recently departed members. Next, we'll stop at the United States Naval Academy for a walking tour of the facility. We'll conclude our day's ventures with a stop at a small old Magruder family cemetery where lays Sir Malcolm's great uncle, Dr. Ernest Pendleton Magruder along with a number of other early members of our society. There is an amazing story behind how this cemetery was identified and located for the Gathering. There's a strong possibility that Lois Ann will reveal the story as part of her genealogy presentation on Saturday afternoon.

Our Friday evening Ceilidh will feature the local Maggie Sansone Celtic trio, performing many of our favorite Scottish songs. You'll just want to jump right in and sing-a-long or grab a partner and dance. The evening's activities will conclude with our own MacGregor pipe band and highland dancers giving a rousing performance.

The festivities would not be complete without our splendid banquet on Saturday evening complete with an astonishing address to the Haggis, another unparalleled performance of our pipe band and dancers, and the always spectacular sights and interactions of so many MacGregors in one location.

The Magruder family cemetery we will be visiting has fallen into a bit of disrepair; thankfully one of our newest members, Paul Collinson, has taken it upon himself to restore the cemetery. To date he has stabilized one monument that was a safety hazard. He's looking to have the perimeter surveyed and place a number of cornerstones around the monuments. He could use and would appreciate any financial assistance offered. If you'd like to make a donation, you can contact Scott for more details.

Please note there are a number of choices to be made on this year's reservations form. We need to know the number in your party desiring each lunch choice, also how many in your party are under or over 62 years of age. Additionally, the banquet meal contains crab meat so if you are allergic to or don't like crab please let us know this too.

To make it easy for you to participate in all our great events you'll once again find a single line entry on the reservation form that allows you to sign up for all events at a discounted price. The opportunity to make a donation towards the banquet toasting wine is also available. Recognition will be made in the Gathering programme for all wine donations received by **Wednesday, August 11th**.

Saturday, August 17th is the deadline for hotel reservations. Our group rate of \$105 + taxes per night be sure to mention the "American Clan Gregor Society", when making your reservations. The DoubleTree numbers are direct 410-224-3150 or toll-free 800-266-7631. Inclusion in the society's block of rooms cannot be guaranteed should you accept a different discount offer. Hotel parking is free. The Baltimore Washington International airport (BWI) is the closest at approximately twenty miles from the hotel. The hotel shuttle does not go to the airport, but will carry guests around Annapolis for dinner or shopping.

If you've procrastinated in making your hotel reservations for the Gathering it may be too late! As of July 2nd our block of rooms was filled. The hotel increased our block slightly, but these rooms have also been taken. Hopefully the hotel will be able to provide some additional rooms in the coming weeks. Don't be discouraged, if you're still in need of a room for the festivities please contact Scott at mcgregor@verizon.net and he'll do everything possible to get you into the hotel.

With so many fun things to do, wonderful seafood to eat, and great kinfolk to visit with, you don't want to miss the excitement of this wonderful weekend. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

*While there's leaves in the forest, and foam on the river,
MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever!*