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Greetings from the President General

Our Annual Meeting last April was a success due in large part to the detailed preparations by Shari Worrell who assembled packets for all in attendance and provided favors of Scottish shortbread for everyone. We were saddened that she was unable to attend as her home in Illinois is on the market, and she hated to miss an opportunity for a sale. However, 2nd Vice President General John Hallberg Jones stood in and, as always, presided beautifully. A highlight, as you'll see in the minutes, was his brief history of the society. John has been a member of GSM for over twenty-five years so has a unique perspective that few of us can share. You'll also notice that John presented GSM with the gift of an icon of St. Margaret, something to be treasured.

One of the fun things about our Annual Meetings is that we have an opportunity to wear our own family tartan. For those without a tartan, GSM has chosen the Caledonia Modern as the official tartan of the society.

Since our meeting, Sue Smith, our efficient Treasurer General, has sent GSM donations to the following: University of Chicago (scholarship) - \$250.00; St. Margaret's Guild (for the chapel at Edinburgh Castle) - \$150.00; and the Hereditary Society Community - \$100.00.

Sincere thanks to Mike Schenk for his donation in memory of his mother and to Stephanie White-Trivas for her donation in honor of her Wallace relatives. Your consideration of GSM is most appreciated.

An important change effective in 2014:

Our meeting will stay on Tuesday of that main week but will be moved up to a breakfast instead of a lunch to accommodate members who belong to a couple of other societies which will meet around noon that day. I hope to see you there!

Warmly,

Karen E. McClendon

The National Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland
Annual Meeting
Minutes of April 9, 2013

Members and guests of the National Guild of St. Margaret met at the Army and Navy Club on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. John Hallberg Jones, 2nd Vice President General, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. For the Invocation, Chaplain Craig Metz read the prayer of St. Margaret. Mary Little led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and Louise Palm led in the recitation of the American's Creed.

Chaplain Metz gave the Blessing and the meeting was recessed for lunch, resuming at 12:20 with the reports of Officers although most had been previously filed.

Vice President Jones extended greetings to all in attendance and invited those who were presiding officers of national societies to stand and introduce themselves.

He gave a history of the Guild of St. Margaret, explaining that when Mrs. Wheeler founded the society, it was a fiefdom and she would be President as long as she desired. Only ladies were members, and the newsletter was very "homey," sometimes including recipes.

GSM evolved through the years, but the Executive Board still has the power to govern the Society. Vice President Jones enumerated the accomplishments and decisions of the Board members to date:

1. incorporating and gaining 501 (c) 3 status
2. membership by invitation only
3. membership by direct descent only
4. insignia (including a special medal for Geraldine Wheeler, Founder)
5. bylaws and standing rules
6. newsletters, Facebook and website
7. scholarship to a student of Medieval History at the University of Chicago
8. GSM official tartan
9. lineage book (permission form in packet)

To complete his report, Mr. Jones showed an icon of St. Margaret, his gift to the society. The icon will be housed between meetings with the Historian General.

Chaplain General Metz read the names of the following deceased members: Judith Balfour Hurd Hatch, died 29 February 2012; Arda Jo Green, died 1 February, 2013; Jane Mauk Hilliard, died 8 February 2013 and Norma Joyce Howard Reusser, died 22 February 2012. These ladies were remembered in prayer, followed by a moment of silence in their memory.



Treasurer General Sue Smith provided a report of the Society's finances, explaining that the \$17,000.00 listed as Miscellaneous Assets in 2013 reflects the assets that belonged to St. Margaret's predecessor and were passed to the current Guild recently by Gordon Brooks, who had served as Presiding Grand Marshall.

Mrs. Smith pointed out that she'd placed donation cards at each place setting and that donations would be tax deductible as St. Margaret received its tax-exempt status in December of 2012. The full report and the budget are filed with these minutes.

Registrar/Genealogist General John Harman reported his verification of 62 applications and 19 supplementals.

Insignia Chairman Michael Schenk was complimented for his beautiful insignia designs. He mentioned that he brought four martlets for those who might want to purchase them.

John Hallberg Jones introduced the following slate for 2013 – 2015:

President General	Karen McClendon
1 st Vice President General	Michael Schenk
2 nd Vice President General	Dianne Robinson
Chaplain General	Craig Metz
Treasurer General	Sue Smith
Secretary General	Paulette Lollar
Registrar/Genealogist General	John Harman
Chancellor General	Patricia Kryder
Historian General	Melissa Fischer
Trustees General	Eric Nielsen and Mike Swisher

There being no nominations from the floor, Sally Hlavay moved to elect the slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The installation of this first elected slate of the Society was conducted by 2nd Vice President General Jones who presented Mrs. McClendon with the Presidential insignia and the gavel.

President General McClendon praised Shari Worrell for the tremendous amount of work she accomplished during her term as the appointed President General during the Society's period of reorganization and for the detailed preparations she made for the day's meeting, including the table favors. Mrs. McClendon entertained a motion that Mrs. Worrell be made Honorary President General of St. Margaret. John Hallberg Jones so moved. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Schenk displayed the HPG insignia that he designed and which will be sent to Mrs. Worrell along with a gift from the Society.

President General McClendon announced that in order to accommodate members who belong to Saints and Sinners, the 2014 meeting will be a breakfast held at Army and Navy on Tuesday, April 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Karen E. McClendon, Recording Secretary



GSM's Officers Installed at the Annual Meeting
not present: Michael Scott Swisher, Trustee General

New Members

502 Charles Edward Francis Drake, M.D.	John Fisher, Jr., VA (Matilda)
503 Christine Fortenberry Eaton	Anthony Savage, VA (Matilda)
504 Katherine Maureen Deegan	Katherine Marbury Scott, MA (Matilda)
505 Ann Scott Williams	Thomas Gascoigne, VA (Matilda)
506 Catherine Munch Passas	Katherine Marbury Scott, MA (Matilda)
507 Mary Burleson Rickert	George Lyddall, VA (Matilda)
508 Marsha Lee Masone	Mary Gye Maverick, MA (Matilda)
509 D. Christine Hollister, Ed.D.	Robert Abell, MA (Matilda)
510 Wallace Harden Smith II, M.D.	Lawrence Smith, VA (David)
511 Catherine McCreary Strauch	Maj. James Cudworth, MA (Matilda)
512 Edward Charles Horton	Maj. James Cudworth, MA (Matilda)
513 Joan Marie Littley Clark	Rev. Thomas James, Jr., MA (Matilda)
514 William Frame Conger	Constant Southworth, MA (Matilda)
515 Deborah Frierson Wilhite	William Randolph, VA (Matilda)
516 Jane Routt Power	Dannett Abney, VA (Matilda)
517 Juanita "Nita" McMinn Helmer	William Norwood, VA (Matilda)
518 Verne "Allen" Gray	Jeremiah Clarke, RI (Matilda)
519 Sharon Kaufelt Stine	Roger Mallory, VA (Matilda)

November the 16th
St. Margaret's Feast Day

Queen Margaret died on November 16, 1093, when she was only 48 years old. She was canonized 157 years later in 1250 by Pope Innocent IV. She is celebrated now on November 16th.

In Memoriam

068	Mrs. Milton F. Phillip (Ruth), Missoula, MT	09	Jun 2003
302	Mrs. Lee Reusser (Norma), Enid, OK	22	Feb 2012
338	Mrs. Monroe L. Hatch (Judith), Naples, FL	29	Feb 2012
354	Miss Ardath Jo Green, Richmond, VA	01	Feb 2013
471	Mrs. John K. Hilliard (Jane), Portales, NM	08	Feb 2013

Help Needed

Please refer to the 2013-2015 Membership Directory for listings of those for whom we need death dates and for those members who appear to be "lost." Any information sent to either me or to John Harman will be most appreciated. It's a group effort to keep society rolls up to date.

The Guild of St. Margaret added several new faces to the Board for the 2013-2015 term. Each will be featured in an issue of the *Journal*, beginning with Secretary General Paulette Lollar.

Mary Paulette Lollar, Secretary General



Mary Paulette Lollar was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. She began her interest in genealogy while a sophomore in high school due to a class assignment. It wasn't until her maternal grandmother passed that Paulette's aunt seriously began researching the family. When her aunt was no longer able to research, she passed the torch to Paulette and the rest is history.

Paulette graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a B. A. and an M. A. in political science. After graduating, she worked as a substitute teacher and fell in love with the profession. She returned to the university to obtain teaching certification with English as a Second Language (ESL) and Gifted and Talented endorsements. She taught in El Paso (TX), Dallas (TX), Ft. Worth (TX), Scottsdale (AZ), and Las Vegas (NV) school districts as well as teaching at

the University of Juarez in Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, and Edron Academy (El Colegio Britanico) in Mexico, D. F.

Paulette has two children and nine grandchildren. Her son, Edward, works in the computer industry and her daughter, Susannah, is an executive with Young Presidents' Organization (YPO). One granddaughter is a classical pianist, another is an accomplished artist; and yet another is a student of classical ballet. All the other granddaughters, except the 10-month old, are in elementary schools. Her only grandson is a sophomore at Virginia Military Institute (VMI).

Paulette is a member of numerous lineage societies, namely, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (organizing regent of Major Winfield Scott, AZ) and the regent of Cross Timbers (TX), United Daughters of the Confederacy, National Society Colonial Dames 17th Century (organizing president of La Belle Chapter (TX), National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons, Order of Three Crusades, National Society Saints and Sinners, Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry, National Society Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims, National Society Daughters of American Colonists, Order of the Descendants of the Justiciars, Colonial Society Daughters of Indian Wars, National Society Daughters of 1812, National Society Sons and Daughters of Antebellum Planters, Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar, Sons and Daughters of the Virginia Founding Fathers, The Society of Knights Templar Descendants, Order of the Merovingian Dynasty and The National Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland. She holds committee chair positions in some and chapter officer positions in others.

Paulette is an Episcopalian. She is interested in genealogy, both for herself and others, and enjoys politics, reading, music, entertaining friends and family, and spending time with her grandbabies. She adores her little dog Trecious. Paulette has many interests but says there's one thing she just can't bring herself to enjoy - gardening!

2013 Annual Meeting



Michael P. Schenk,
who designed all
of our insignia,
is shown here with
the Honorary
President
General's insignia.



John Harman, Marlene Wilkinson and Eric Nielsen



Members and Guests



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Craig Metz, Dianne Robinson and John Hallberg Jones



C. Owen Johnson

Save the Date!

The Guild of St. Margaret will hold its
2014 Annual Meeting on **April 8th**
at **9:00 am** at the Army and Navy Club.
See you at breakfast!

The Caledonia Modern Tartan

The Caledonia Modern Tartan was selected as the “official” tartan of the Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland. Since this tartan belongs to no specific clan, it is considered a “general” sett (pattern) which means that anyone not possessing a tartan of his or her own is entitled to wear it. Its age is unknown, but it almost certainly existed at the beginning of the 18th century since a Caledonian tartan is mentioned by Telford Dunbar in his 1962 *History of Highland Dress* (page145) when he states that it appeared in William Wilson's stock list of 1800. There are various references in Wilson's letter collection to Caledonia with dates from 1809 to 1821.

Tartans have been around for a very long time. By the 15th or 16th Century, the word “tartan” was being widely used in both Scotland and England and referred to the distinctive cloth woven in the Highlands. In 1538, King James V ordered “three ells of Heland Tartan.” At the time, the word seems to have signified the cloth itself rather than a particular design. That usage evolved gradually so that by the 1700s, clans wove (or had woven) tartans particular to their own clan or sept.

The shades of color in tartans can be altered to produce variations of the same tartan. The resulting variations are termed: modern, ancient, and muted. These terms refer to color only. Modern, such as in our chosen tartan, represents a tartan that is colored using chemical dye, as opposed to natural dye. In the mid-19th century, natural dyes began to be replaced by chemical dyes which were easier to use and were more economic for the booming tartan industry. Chemical dyes tended to produce a very strong, dark color compared to the natural dyes.

The much beloved books and poems of Sir Walter Scott romanticized tartan and all things Scottish to a world-wide audience. When King George IV visited Scotland in 1822, it was at Sir Scott's urging that the king, his entourage, and the clan chiefs and nobles all appeared bedecked in kilts and tartan. When Queen Victoria and Prince Albert leased Balmoral Castle in 1848, they fell in love with the highlands. They decorated much of the castle with Stewart tartan, and Prince Albert designed the Balmoral tartan, which the Royal Family wears to this day. Wear your own tartan to our annual meetings. If you don't have one, choose Caledonia Modern.

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