Greetings from the President General

What a busy year! I had fully intended to complete this newsletter in August or September. As you see, I didn’t meet my goal.

Membership is growing. I encouraged this in my last newsletter, and it seems that several of you took this to heart and proposed your qualified friends for membership. Don't stop! Growth is essential in keeping a society viable.

Our Tuesday, April 14, 2015, Annual Business Meeting will again be held at the Army and Navy Club. The 2014 breakfast buffet was a success; however, this year a plated breakfast will be served. Also, note the earlier start time.

We're pleased to have a well-known speaker this year. Douglas Richardson’s talk, “How Genealogy and History Are Intertwined,” is sure to be entertaining and informative. Don't miss it!

As with last year, members and visitors alike are encouraged to wear their plaids and share whatever is known about their clans. Remember that a tartan order form for GSM’s Caledonia Modern is on the Members Only link on our website.

A very important piece of new business will be the election of officers for the 2015-2017 term. As per our bylaws, the nominating committee selected the slate in time to be included in this newsletter along with the Annual Business Meeting notice and reservation form.

I look forward to seeing each of you in April.

Warmly,

Karen E. McClendon
New Members

524 Suzanne Butler Bell Fichter
525 Elizabeth Ayers Berry
526 Grace Elizabeth Bliss Smith, Ph.D.
527 Ronald Reed Franke
528 Laura Dean Ramsay
529 Douglass Mather “Tim” Mabee
530 Dr. Mark Edwin Young, Sr.
531 Christy Lee “Cricket” Cheuvront Crigler
532 Patricia Joyce Greer Bruce
533 Carol Ann Crane Kitchens
534 Mollie Jean Graham London
535 Karen Lee Markey Janczy
536 Cheryl Faye Whitt Rios
537 Bonnie Davine Moore Roberts
538 Richard Morgan Wright, Jr.
539 Christopher Willard Moberg
540 Charles Bryan “Chuck” Poland
541 Madeline Elaine Wilson Alworth
542 Michael Timothy Bates, Esq.
543 Linda Kay Vandenberg White
544 Elise Chilton Payne
545 Susan Godman Rager, Exq.
546 Staci-Jill Stanley Burnley
547 Bonnie Kay Shank Shelton
548 Jane Ordway Carman
549 Edward Franklyn Butler, Sr.
550 Oma Mae Hill Gaines
551 Marcy Lynn Carter-Lovick
552 Princess Karen Cantrell
553 Patricia Harris Fullerton
554 Michael John Radcliff
555 Wesley Wilde Babbitt
556 Mary Jamia Jasper Jacobsen
557 Barbara Hensley Carpenter
558 Rhoda Ruth Justice Garcia

Jacque DuBois, NY (Matilda)
Mary Launce Sherman, CT (Matilda)
Robert Abell, MA (Matilda)
Elizabeth Alsop Baldwin, CT (David)
Gov. Thomas Dudley, MA (Matilda)
Thomas Bressey, CT (David)
Edmund Hawes, MA (David)
Thomas Bradbury, MA (David)
William Rodney, DE (Matilda)
Constant Southworth, MA (Matilda)
Thomas Gascoigne, VA (Matilda)
Edward Rainsford, MA (Matilda)
Lawrence Smith, VA (David)
Dannett Abney, Sr., VA (Matilda)
William Goddard, MA (David)
Warham Horsmanden, VA (Matilda)
Thomas Ligon, VA (Matilda)
Mary Gye Maverick, MA (David)
Norton Claypoole, DE (Mary)
John Hawes, MA (David)
Anthony Savage, VA (Matilda)
Thomas Gascoigne, VA (Matilda)
Thomas Owsley, VA (Matilda)
Rev. Edward Foliot, VA (Matilda)
Gov. Thomas Didley, MA (Matilda)
Thomas Butler, Jr., MD (David)
Edward Johns(t)on, VA (Matilda)
William Farrar, VA (Matilda)
Thomas Owsley, VA (David)
William Boddie, VA (David)
William Washbourne, NY (David)
Anne Marbury Htchinson, MA (Matilda)
Louis DuBois, NY (Matilda)
Frances Deighton, MA (Matilda)
George Elkington, NJ (Matilda)

GSM Honor Roll
Applications Approved from David I, Mary and Matilda

Harold D. Ford
Tara Jacks
John H. Jones (two complete sets through two different gateways)
Karen Janczy
Paulette Lollar
David W. Morton
Barbara Teague
Debby Wilhite
President General Karen E. McClendon called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM and welcomed all in attendance. Officers, guests and presiding officers of other societies were introduced. Because the food, as well as most members and guests, arrived early, the meeting began ahead of schedule and the breakfast buffet was moved to the beginning of the agenda. Chaplain General Craig H. Metz gave the blessing and the buffet was opened.

President General McClendon thanked the First Vice President for preparing the directory and for being the insignia and tartan chairman. Elizabeth Berry and Debby Wilhite were appointed as readers of today’s minutes. She then thanked all who had made donations to the Society and added that their names will be noted in the next newsletter.

Historian Melissa Fischer announced that St. Margaret’s icon and the society album are on display in the gallery.

Chancellor General Patricia Kryder reported that, in order to maintain the non-profit 501(c) (3) status, paperwork must be submitted each year.

Registrar General/Genealogist John R. Harmon reported that twenty- four (24) original applications and five (5) supplemental applications from current members have been approved since the last annual gathering (report attached).

Treasurer General Susan Young Smith submitted her report (attached) and gave a detailed account of income and expenditures. As of March 31, 2014, the checking account amount is $23,056.55. Two (2) Certificates of Deposit (CD), $5,000.00 each, have been opened and a third CD will be opened following the annual meeting, including the life membership portion of twenty-two (22) new applications. The Annual Budgets were also presented. The appropriate 990 e-Postcard for the fiscal year 2013 has been filed, and the annual IRS Form 1099-MISC for genealogist verification service has been filed it with the IRS and the NC Department of Revenue. One hundred dollars ($100.00) was submitted to the Hereditary Society (HSC) and $1,000.00 will be sent to HSC to establish the Society as a Perpetual Sponsor.

Donations were coordinated with Hazel Dunn, Fellowship Secretary, for the St. Margaret’s Chapel Guild’s second Altar Frontal cloth in the amount of $700.00 and $100.00 for flowers to be place on the altar. In addition, it was reported that 34 members and 10 guests were in attendance at the Second Annual Gathering of The National Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland, Inc. In conclusion, a thank you note for donations made to St. Margaret’s Chapel was read.

First Vice President Michael P. Schenk reported that six (6) miniatures have been purchased since the last annual gathering; and two (2) apparel items (a miniature rosette and sash) have also been purchased.

President General McClendon appointed a nominating committee: Craig Metz volunteered to be the Board member on the committee. Two appointed members are Joan Clark and Catherine Strauch. The slate will be presented in the winter issue of the newsletter and election will be held at the April 2015 meeting.

Chaplain General Metz presented the Memorial Service recognizing the seven (7) members who have passed since our last annual gathering: Mattie Epes Jolly, William Benjamin Neal, Mrs. Dorothy Joyce Hudson Gallion, Mrs. Betty Jane James Bernstorff, Forrest Fraser MacDonald, Mrs. Evelyn Maude MacLellend Boschen, and Mrs. Geraldine “Gerrie” Wheeler, our Founder.

A sharing of our tartan information followed. Upon conclusion, Chaplain General Metz gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM

M. Paulette Lollar, Secretary General

Approved as written by Elizabeth Berry and Deborah Wilhite, readers
Members of the Guild of St. Margaret were saddened upon learning of the passing of our Founder, Mrs. Geraldine “Gerrie” Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler had been active in numerous lineage societies, holding Membership #1 not only in GSM but also in Descendants of Early Quakers.

The current membership directory contains a comprehensive and quite interesting account of the founding of the Guild of St. Margaret. A purpose was “the strengthening of the family ties, the enrichment of the domestic life, the emphasizing of the domestic arts, the obligation of doing charitable deeds (whether large or small), and the duty of women in general in the upholding of high moral and spiritual values for the betterment of all mankind.”

The Guild was founded upon the life of St. Margaret of Scotland who exemplified the aforementioned qualities. As Queen of England, Margaret had great influence, socially and religiously, on the lives of the Scottish subjects. From the beginning, a purpose of this society has been “To perpetuate the memory and deeds of St. Margaret of Scotland.”

A continuing GSM tradition is the annual donation given to St. Margaret's Chapel Guild for the fresh flowers always on the altar of St. Margaret’s Chapel on the grounds of Edinburgh Castle. The tiny chapel, erected by Margaret’s son, King David I, holds only 20 people, but is one of the most treasured of Scotland’s antiquities.

Hazel Dunn, Guild Fellowship Secretary and our friend and liaison from the Chapel, happens to be flower coordinator for the month of November. Hazel proposed that the flowers for the Chapel on St. Margaret’s Day, November 16th, be placed there in memory of our Founder, Geraldine Wheeler. We are so pleased to share this news with Gerry’s family and all of the GSM members. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Hazel.
Some GSM Board Members

Dianne Robinson is a native of NC and the widow of Charles C. Robinson. Her son, John L. Boyter III, and his wife Melissa have blessed Dianne with two grandchildren. A member of many organizations, including a long list of lineage societies, Dianne is generous with her time and talents and holds offices in a number of them: Ancient Heraldic and Chivalric Order of Albion, Order of the Merovingian Dynasty, Americans of Royal Descent, Order of the Three Crusades, Presidential Families of America, and of course, the Guild of St. Margaret, to name just a few.

Dianne Alley Robinson
2nd Vice-President General

Eric Nielsen has led an interesting life. After graduating from the U of CA at Berkeley where he played soccer, he decided to study Oceanography at the U of Washington in Seattle. Instead, a religious experience led him to minister four years to the poor and the drug addicts in downtown Long Beach. This was followed by four years in the construction business. Only then did Eric feel called to train in the field of medicine, graduating from the USC Medical School in 1988, followed by his internship and residency which ended in 1992. Retiring in 2010 has allowed Eric to pursue genealogy, an interest begun when he inherited his mom’s files in 2008. One of Eric’s worthwhile goals is to honor his ancestor, Anne Marbury Hutchinson, by sponsoring women’s education and women’s health clinics - passions of hers 375 years ago.

Dr. Eric Jon Nielsen
Trustee General

Those who attend the April meetings must have seen this dapper gentleman with his elegant style, sporting a pocket watch with a special fob on the chain. Mike collects watch fobs with heraldic designs, a hobby very much in line with his interest in genealogy. Others may know Mike as the owner of Bayport Printing House in Bayport, MN. Many of our societies send him our printing requests. Mike stays busy in the lineage society world, too, being a member and often an officer in numerous groups. Among them are Sons of the American Colonists, Indian Wars, Sons of Colonial Wars, Order of the Justiciars, BOMC, and Order of the Norman Conquest. Mike is also a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

Michael Scott Swisher
Trustee General
GSM 2014 Scholarship Recipient

Alexandra “Ali” Montero Peters graduated from the University of Chicago this past summer with dual BA degrees in History (3.97 GPA) and in Medieval Studies (4.0 GPA). She’s Phi Beta Kappa, a Mellon Mays undergraduate Fellow from 2012 to graduation and on the Dean’s List from 2011 to graduation. Awarding her with the $250.00 GSM Scholarship seems appropriate. The presentation was made at the department’s Award Luncheon on May 29.

More About Alexandra

Alexandra has been in love with the Middle Ages since she was a little girl and cannot believe how lucky she is to be studying what has always been a deep passion for her. She is incredibly excited for the future and plans to get her PhD in History, but in the meantime she is content to help professors on campus with their research and to pursue her own hobbies now that she is graduated. In her spare time, Alexandra loves to study languages, run alongside Lake Michigan, read fantasy and historical fiction novels, and fill her sketchbook with drawings.

Two Websites of Interest

The Guild of St. Margaret  http://www.guildofstmargaret.com
Members Only password stmargaret

St. Margaret’s Chapel (in Edinburgh) stmargaretschapel.com

In Memoriam

#001  B. Geraldine Hartshorn Wheeler (Mrs. Lloyd F.) 09 Mar 2014
#243  Louise Thelma Hall Gary (Mrs. Judson Davie) 01 May 2014
#287  Leta Proctor Baughn (Mrs. Milton H., Jr.) 16 Feb 2004
#323  Evelyn MacLellend Boschen (Mrs. Herman, Jr.) 07 Mar 2014
#368  Lyde Sumners Black Jones (Mrs. Felix Henley) 28 Aug 2014
2015 – 2017 Proposed Slate of Officers

Our thanks to the members of the nominating committee who have secured excellent GSM candidates for the next term of office. Be present at the Annual Business Meeting to cast your vote.

The Nominating Committee proposes the following Governing Officers for the term of office of 2015-2017:

President General – Michael Perry Schenk
First Vice President General – Dianne Alley Robinson
Second Vice President General – Joan Marie Littley Clark
Chaplain General – Rev. Barry Christopher Howard
Treasurer General – Susan Young Smith
Secretary General – Mary Paulette Lollar
Chancellor General – John Michael Phelps
Historian General – Melissa Harrison Fischer
Trustee General – Eric Jon Nielsen, M.D.
Trustee General – Michael Scott Swisher

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Huseman Metz, Chairman
Joan Marie Littley Clark
Catherine Marks Strauch
Many Thanks to our Benefactors

Your Guild of St. Margaret has been the recipient of several donations over the past year.

Mrs. Geraldine Wheeler left us a sizeable bequest which will be used to grow our Endowment Fund.

Other donations were from the following:
Dianne Alley Robinson in memory of her grandmother, Cornelia Smith Isenhour
Michael Perry Schenk in memory of his mother, Lola Margaret Gleason Schenk
Stephanie White-Trivas honoring Patricia Kryder
Carla Odom honoring Karen McClendon

Additional donations came from Marsha Masone, Patricia Allen and Jan Downing.

Sincere thanks to all whose generous gifts to GSM enable the society to continue its work.

Paying It Forward

Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Wheeler and other GSM members, we are pleased to report that our donations have grown substantially.

$5,000.00 to be put in a CD
$1,135.00 to St. Margaret’s Chapel Guild
    $600.00 for the altar frontal cloth
    $350.00 for Chapel flowers
    $185.00 for their General Fund
$1,000 to HSC as a perpetual sponsor
$250.00 for the University of Chicago scholarship award

GSM 2014 Breakfast Meeting

Our Registration Table complete with the icon donated by John H. Jones and the book compiled by GSM Historian Melissa Fischer