



# Crann Tara

## "The Fiery Cross"

"The gathering beam, a signal formally used on occasion of insult or impending danger, to summon a clan to arms."

*...The door to the sodden croft squeaked open, and a bearded man peered out into the wild night. He stood there listening intently, a broadsword glinted in his hand, and he knew that his instincts has not failed him. He had heard it. The cry came again, and there was a glimmer of light up on the hills. He knew that bare shanked runners, each carrying a fiery cross was traversing the heathered braes, screaming The Clan war cry down into the glens, summoning his fellow clansmen to assemble at the traditional rendezvous.*

*The crofter ducked back into the cottage, reappearing several minutes later with his two sons, all heavily armed. Along with the weapons, the trio each carried a pouch of oatmeal on with they would subsist for several days. They pulled their plaids around them and quickly headed off into the dreich night.*

*The Clan must gather...they had been called.*

Well, it's no' so dramatic as that, but it will be the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of The Edmonton Clansmen Rugby Club, coming in 2017. A giant get-together



is being planned for the long weekend in August of that year. This early notice is just to give our Clansmen and Clanswomen from far and wide, a chance to organize, and to be here, OK?

What we will need from **YOU** is the email addresses of all the Clansmen and Clanswomen that you still communicate with, so we can ensure they are informed of the coming events.

Please forward information to Dave Walker at [sbeet@telus.net](mailto:sbeet@telus.net). We will include the list of newly found Old Clansmen and Clanswomen in the newsletter as we go.

## Roll Call

Please send contact information for Clansmen and Clanswomen to:

**Dave Walker**  
[sbeet@telus.net](mailto:sbeet@telus.net)

## Every Picture Tells a Story

Please send pictures, along with appropriate (and even slightly inappropriate) captions to:

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# The Edmonton Clansmen Rugby Club

There is a plan afoot to produce a newsletter publicizing the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Club, in 2017. Its intent, to promote the events (yet to be planned), but this gives our long-distance Clan alumni a heads up.

Leading up to said anniversary celebrations, we are looking for photos and stories of Clan activities. Achievements and events (if you will), over the years...advise if anything has been missed. Even better send photos and stories (a caption to go with the photo will suffice).

To jog memories and inspire action, we would love photos and stories of the following:

- Annual Ski Trips
- Annual Clanspiels
- Clan Hockey
- Clan Soccer
- Clan Basketball
- Clan Broom ball
- Annual Greater Vulgar Invitational Golf Tournament (now played in Victoria, BC)
- Clan membership, Klondike Days Association, (Annual Olde Tyme Rugby Game at Hawrelak Park)
- Clan Blood Clinics
- Building the first building at Ellerslie (Subsequently the garage)
- Building the House at Ellerslie (The Club bid on it and erected a package, "The Clandominium")
- Dismantling the end zone stands at Clarke Stadium (The Knothole gang). Reassembling at Ellerslie
- Constructing the inside of the changing room building at Ellerslie
- Planting the trees around Ellerslie, plus the landscaping etc.
- Erecting ice-rink at Ellerslie
- Grottie Towers (First Clan Clubhouse)
- Grottie Two
- Grottie Three
- Present Clubhouse (The three incarnations)
- Tours, UK, Ireland, Europe, San Francisco, Texas, Park City, plus Sask. and BC events
- Old Boy Tours, Toronto, Las Vegas, New Zealand
- Raffling Cars
- Raffling Houses
- First Bingos in Jasper Place
- First Casino at The McDonald Hotel
- Running Beer concession at Eskimo games
- Subsequent Bingos and Casinos
- Porridge Bowls
- Charity Trotter Involvement at Northlands Race-track
- Etc., etc.

Ideally, a monthly 4-page newsletter will be produced. The material collected could then be used to compile an interesting history and could be reproduced in disc form for souvenir value at the Celebrations.

Please forward your comments, items, photos, lottery numbers, etc., etc. to:

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*Caption This!* 

Here's one to get you started, from our not so distant past!

