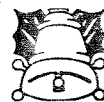


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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all our members and Manx friends. As your new President I want to thank you for your confidence in me by electing me to this honorable office. I will welcome any suggestions from the membership for ways to improve the Association and increase our membership.

We are still basking in the afterglow of our great GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION, and as Chairman of this memorable occasion, I would like to thank all who came or helped in any way to make this such a successful affair. Although it took nearly two years of planning I feel well repaid by the many Manx friends I was able to meet and look forward to meeting again, hopefully in 1979 on the Island at the Millennium celebration.

It has been a great accomplishment to celebrate our 50th anniversary and as we begin our second half-century may we each continue to work for the good of the Association and each of us in our own geographical area work to promote things Manx. With concentrated efforts, I am sure we can continue to grow.

Bert joins me in extending to you and yours our very best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Edna Cowin  
President

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT GREETES A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas! The season of music and wonder is filled with a powerful kind of magic. A magic that is expressed in many ways... in the merriment of its parties and celebrations, the contentment of hearth and home, the heartwarming tradition of gift giving and receiving, the dazzle and brilliance of its Holy meaning.

Excitement grows as each new sign or symbol of this cherished holiday appears. Rehearsals begin for Nativity plays at schools. Christmas cards are addressed and closets are piled high with mysterious packages. Store windows glisten with dazzling displays and forests of fir and spruce appear on every corner. Parties are planned and tempting delights are cooked and baked. Carolers appear filling the air with lilting holiday tunes and the local community tree is decorated and lit. Finally ornaments are tenderly and nostalgically unpacked, stockings are hung with anticipation. Surely those are sleigh bells jingling faintly in the distance!

The many legends that surround Christmas add to its aura of magic and mystery. If bees can hum psalms, animals speak and cattle kneel in their stables, then surely any miraculous happening is possible! And so the excitement mounts!

This wonderful time of merriment is also one of profound reverence. Churches in cities and country byways hold midnight services to celebrate the humble birth of Christ. It is the season of worship and rejoicing. Set apart by its majesty, mood, and magic, Christmas stands eternally outside time.

As Christmas day approaches it seems that everyone is waiting for something to happen! All are caught up in the spirit of what-might-be. At long last we know what all the preparations and waiting means... the miracle of Christ's birth which happened almost two thousand years ago, happens again in the hearts of people everywhere!

Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of unparalleled importance honoring the birth of Jesus Christ, by Christians the world over.

For those of other faiths, this beloved holiday happily expresses universal good will, cheer and the spirit of brotherhood.

And so Christmas, that magical season of music and wonder, belongs to everyone!



## ABOUT GIVING

Did you ever wonder why giving is so much a part of the Christmas holiday? Because the coming of Christ represented the highest form of giving.

God so loved the world that he gave His Only Son, that all men might be saved.

Christ gave Himself, through a life of service, dedication, and a cruel death upon the cross.

Mary gave her free consent to God, to do His will, in love to bear the Child and to guide him until He would be about His Father's work.

Joseph gave love, understanding and protection. No one could have done more that first night to find shelter and comfort, nor later expended more effort to protect mother and Child from those who

sought to destroy them.

The first Christmas was a day of giving, in many way... but most importantly, the unselfish giving that is represented in dedication and service to the will of God.

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Christmas is the most spiritlifting of all the seasons, a time when we are led to think of giving, not getting, of helping, rather than being helped, as in the Christmas prayer of St. Francis of Assisi:

"I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood; as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

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### GREETINGS FROM N.A.M.A. EXECUTIVE

May you all have a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

### SPEECH GIVEN BY MRS. BETTY Q. HANSON, M.H.K., CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLE OF MAN MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE.

Spetember 22nd - 25th, 1978.

Mr. Hon. President, Madam President,  
Madam Chairman . . .

William Wordsworth the famous English Poet visited the Isle of Man with his sister in 1833, and he wrote these words.

*"Once on top of Tynwald's formal mound,*

*(Still marked by green turf, circles narrowing stage upon stage) would sit this Island's King  
The laws to promulgate, enrobed and crowned*

*While compassing the mound around degrees and orders stood, each under each".*

So Tynwald has continued for well over 1,000 years since the dim and distant past when our Viking Ancestors saw our Island glistening in the sun, invaded and eventually settled and fused the Celtic and Viking stock into the proud Manx Nation.

On July 5th each year we re-enact this ancient heritage of government Thing-Volir, a concept of ancient Viking tradition, the concept of freemen knowing the law and observing it. In 1979 we celebrate the Millennium of this ancient assembly, which is the oldest continuous Parliament in Europe. This is something of which all Manxmen and Manxwomen are justly proud; it is something which has attracted the attention of the world.

In June 1930 Iceland celebrated the Millennium of their Parliament.

I quote an extract from the speech given by the late Deemster Farrant who attended the celebration as a Representative of the ISLE OF MAN.

"Mr. President we venture to dispute with you the title of the Oldest Legislative Assembly in the western world, but we do so inspired by a feeling of pride in our common ancestry and in the historic continuity of our respective constitutions. We

hail you in the spirit of your Immortal Sagas, as blood brothers and co-heirs of an historic tradition. We bring to you the respectful affectionate greetings of the Isle of Man".

The Millennium of Tynwald will be celebrations to which people world wide are invited to join, especially Manxmen and women and their descendants, who sought new lives in this great continent.

Their integrity, industry, enterprise and intelligence have significantly epitomised the motto of our emblem, 'Quocunque, Jeceris, Stabit' - whichever way I am thrown, I will stand.

This will be a time for people of the Island and those of Manx Ancestry to celebrate their pride in their unique heritage. Never before in our history has it been so important to let the world know of our national identity, our culture and our hopes for the future for the Island and its people.

All towns, parishes and villages will celebrate in their own way - Manx costume days, village fairs, Parish festivals, Market Days Concerts, sports, Pageants of Historical events - there will be a constant scene of activity and celebration.

There will be Ethnic or National Weeks; these will highlight our historical connection with other countries.

Celtic Week, Nordic Week, Scottish Week - all celebrating ancestral links with the old Kingdom of Mann and the Isles. The celebrations will include Music, dance, sport and culture of these countries and will include participation with the people of the Island.

There will be an International Festival of Music and Dance, with visiting Swiss Bands, a revival of an event which was so widely acclaimed some years ago.

We will have military tattoos, brass bands festivals, Music and Drama Festivals. For the first time the English Schools National Swimming Championships will be staged in the Island. The children of our schools will produce a junior Tynwald and the Girl Guides a Pageant of our History.

The fifteen Womens' Organizations

have collaborated to produce a great display and entertainment to which a Royal Personage has been invited.

Parish Churches and Public Buildings will be decorated by flower clubs; three tapestries depicting the Island's History are in preparation, as are two specially embroidered Kneelers for St. John's Church, all produced by the various Womens' organizations as their special Millennium Project.

A great sailing event will take place in August; this is a Sail Training Rally and Regatta, with visits of the schooners Sir Winston Churchill; the Christian Radich of Norway; the Headquarters Ships of Trinity House; the Northern Lights; Irish Lighthouse Commissioners and also the Ocean Youth Club with 73 ft. ketches, a great flotilla is expected to sail to the Island in August - this promises to be quite a spectacle. During this occasion there are strong indications of a visit of a Sovereign from another country.

I have omitted any specific dates for these events, as these can be obtained from the Public Relations' Stand at the Convention, as can any information and advice required, and I shall be only too pleased to answer any questions during the free time of the Convention.

Tynwald Week, 1 - 8th July, will of course be the focal point. The week begins with a service of Thanksgiving in St. German's Cathedral on St. Patrick's Isle. The two Archbishops of Armagh in Ireland, the Bishops of Liverpool, Europe, Argyle and the Isles, Trondheim and Sodor and Man will officiate. These Bishops all have a historic connection with our Island, through Viking Rulers and Irish Kings. Trondheim of Norway of course was the ancient place of enthronement of the Bishops of Sodor and Man.

We anticipate that a Royal Visitor will preside over Tynwald, and it will include the ceremony and splendor of over 1,000 years of history, something we, our children and the visitors to our shores will always remember. It will show the world what a rare and unique Assembly we have - a stable and enduring political Institution.

So far I have only mentioned happenings, now briefly I would like to outline schemes of long term value. A massive tree planting scheme to benefit future generations and a National Park and Arboretum at St. Johns.

Publications of literature of value have been assisted and encouraged - an English Manx Dictionary; a Parish History; the republication of the Manx National Song Book which has been out of print for some time.

We are to sponsor prizes in literature, art and Music for adults and children, not only for Millennium year but continuing into the future.

Last week, an Exhibition was staged in Douglas of high value and exclusive, silver, crystal, ceramic and porcelain collectors' items. Among special items of interest were the Speaker's Plate in silver - this was a salver inscribed with all the Speaker's signatures - a reproduction in crystal of the 'Vixen', the sailing ship built at Peel; golden goblets, one for each 10 years; facsimilies of Manx Crosses in Manx slate; the Chelsea Pottery Bowl with the Viking Ship Symbol, this is a limited edition of 50 only. These items are only a few of the collection; they have all been produced under licence from the Manx Government.

We are also giving assistance to Local Authorities on a £ for £ basis for projects which will benefit their own community.

I would, Ladies and Gentlemen, like to draw particular attention to a project of long term interest and benefit. This is a Millennium Trust which will be set up and will be used from time to time to provide amenities for the elderly which cannot be provided by Statutory powers.

The Isle of Man Post Office Authority will issue commemorative stamps and the Treasury, Millennium coins in cupro nickel, silver and platinum. Five Millennium Crowns in a commemorative case are to be presented to each child in the Island.

Recently we have heard about an exact replica of a Viking Ship which is to be rowed from Norway to the Island. It will be a hazardous journey and will follow the exact route of the Vikings and programmed to arrive at Peel on the evening of July 4th. The keel of this ship was laid by the Speaker of the House of Keys and the Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament a fortnight ago.

One of the most outstanding and interesting developments is the human interest element in the 'Know your Ancestry Promotion'. We have had a response up to last week of over 5,000 letters from all over the world. In

many instances, from people whose links with their ancestry have been lost generations ago, the only tangible clue, their Manx Surname. These letters have opened up a great storehouse of family histories, of past joys and sorrows, and earnest hopes and desires to meet long lost family connections.

Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I show you the Millennium Symbols - Red, Yellow and White. Three Legs in modern concept, spinning out into the future, into the next 1,000 years, and what may we ask will that future be?

The foundations have been laid.

Members and friends of the North American Manx Association may I extend to you on behalf of Tynwald and the people of the Isle of Man a very warm invitation to come and celebrate the Millennium with us.

Come and celebrate this great unique event in our history, this common pride in our heritage.

May I echo the words of Kathleen Faragher, one of our celebrated Manx Poets -

*"O exiled hearts, tis still the same  
dear sod,*

*The same warm welcome waits, and  
paths you trod,*

*Through well-loved haunts almost  
unchanged, Thank God!*

*On Mona's Isle,*

*A great welcome awaits you!*

## MARGARET JOUGHIN, ED. SAYLE NAMED REPRESENTATIVES OF MAN.

Margaret Joughin, immediate past president of the NAMA, has been named the Honorary Representative of the Isle of Man Government for eastern Canada, and Ed Sayle, a national trustee of NAMA and chairman of the board of the Washington Manx Society, has been named the island's Honorary Representative for the United States of America.

The appointments, accompanied by formal credential executed by the Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, were announced at the Golden Jubilee Convention of NAMA in September.

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## CONVENTION NEWS

### PRESENTATION BY M.L.C.

**HIGHLIGHT** of the first day of the North American Manx Association's Golden Jubilee Convention which opened at the Sheraton Inn, Cleveland, U.S.A., on Saturday was the presentation of a gift from Tynwald, made by Mr. Geoffrey Crellin, M.L.C., one of the two representatives the Manx Parliament selected to attend.

The gift consisted of a Chelsea ware bowl depicting a Viking ship and was accepted with thanks by the Association president, Miss Margaret Joughin.

Over 200 delegates, including 45 people from the Isle of Man, registered to attend the Convention which marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Association in Cleveland where the first Manx settler arrived in the early part of the last century. This was the appropriate venue for the 1978 celebration.

**At the commencement a welcome was extended by the Mayor of Rocky River, Cleveland.**

Rocky River is the area where the Sheraton Inn is sited and the Mayor, Mr. Earl Martin, told the company that it has a population of 23,000.

Amid applause the Mayor presented the president with the key to Rocky River and hoped that "it will unlock the friendships of our city."

Mrs. Edna Cowin, chairman of the Golden Jubilee Convention Committee, welcomed the delegates and said it was very gratifying to see such a large attendance.

Mrs. Cowin said she was really Manx by marriage as she had married Mr. Bert Cowin of Union Mills and during four holidays in the Island she had learned so much about the Isle of Man and its history and met its friendly people and she was proud to be wed to a Manxman.

Miss Joughin, in her presidential welcome, said: "In a sense this is a homecoming convention since N.A.M.A. had its beginning not exactly in Rocky River but in its larger neighbour in the east, Cleveland. It was to the Cleveland area that many of the Manx settlers came in the early 1880's and many of them doubtless settled in Rocky River. It was in this area too that the earliest Manx societies, the Mona's Relief Society and the Mona's Benefit Society, were founded in the 1850's. The idea of forming the North American Manx Association was the outcome of their first great Manx homecoming to the Island in 1927. **In August 1928 over 1,000 Manx people gathered at the founding convention in Cleveland.** This was an auspicious beginning for the new Association. Among the

visitors at that first meeting were two noted Manxmen, Mr. A. B. Crookall and Mr. Richard Cain, both of whom took an active part in organising this Association and maintained a lifelong interest in it. One can imagine the enthusiastic and maybe heated discussions which must have taken place at those first meetings. But the work they did was well done because we are here this weekend to celebrate the 50th year of N.A.M.A.'s existence, somewhat fewer in number but with no less enthusiasm.

Continuing, Miss Joughin said the main purpose of the Association was to keep Manx people in touch with each other over the years. Important decisions made included the issue of the Bulletins which kept Manx people in touch, secondly that regular Conventions should be held.

She added: "Here on this continent our Manx heritage is not to be found in ancient buildings and monuments or in great events but in the memory of the people who had provided the inspiration and hard work that has kept the N.A.M.A. alive. The names of the presidents from all parts of the U.S.A. and Canada are recorded and behind every one of them was a host of willing and able workers whose efforts contributed in no small way to the success of the Association. Manx conventions are friendly, informal affairs at which old friends meet and new and lasting friendships made. It is a society of friends with a common interest in things Manx. As long as we are able to gather our Manx friends together in conventions such as this, we shall 'Preserve our ancient heritage'."

Before the Mayor of Rocky River left to fulfill another engagement he made a request for a Manx flag to be sent to him and this will be arranged. (Throughout the Convention a Manx flag was flown outside the hotel).

Major Geoffrey Crellin, M.L.C., in fitting terms, congratulated the N.A.M.A. on its 50th anniversary and said that the Association and the World Manx Association were organizations which cherished all that we held dear.

It was evident, he said, that the flame of birthright, of pride, of nationality, still burned bright and the qualities of continuity and stability were there and were the same features as Tynwald members still tried to promote. **They were indeed qualities which had stood the Manx nation in good stead in the past.**

Mr. Sam Penrice, Hon. Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Crellin and to Mrs. Betty Hanson, M.H.K., for attending the Convention and said there was no doubt that Tynwald made the right decision in their choice of representatives.

Earlier the Honorary President, Mr.

Dick Corkill of Detroit, had declared the Convention open.

**At a meeting of the N.A.M.A. executive just prior to the reception he presented a personal gift to Miss Margaret Joughin, a gold emblem, to commemorate the Jubilee.**

Another presentation made on the first morning of the Convention was to Misses Florence and Ann Crellin of Akron, Ohio.

There was a large representation from Peel at the Convention and Mrs. Graham, wife of the chairman of Peel Commissioners, presented a gift in appreciation of all the generous gifts and support the sisters had given to the Ward Library in Peel.

Miss Flo Crellin, in a delightful speech, said she was born in Peel in 1908 and remembered going to the Library as a young girl.

Greetings to the Convention were read from the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Paul, and there were also apologies for absence read from the former president, Rev. James Caley, of Long Beach, California, and his wife Clarice, also from Mr. Stan Shimmin of Markham, Ontario, a former president, and Mr. Victor Kneale, M.L.C., chairman of the Isle of Man Postal Authority, also from Miss Doris Clague, a vice-president of the N.A.M.A. and president of the World Manx Association.

## PRESENTATION

There were several presentations at this stage of the meeting.

Mrs. Ethel Christian announced that there were two members present who were also at the inaugural meeting of the N.A.M.A. 50 years ago.

Amid prolonged applause she presented honorary lifetime membership certificates to Mr. Fred Gorry and his wife Florence.

Mrs. Christian, now living in Florida, was also present at the 1928 Convention as a girl, her father-in-law, John E. Christian, of Cleveland, being the first president.

The chairman of Peel Commissioners, Mr. Joe Graham, presented to Miss Joughin a painting of Peel Castle by Manx artist John H. Nicholson, R.A.

He said the town of Peel had decided to mark the Golden Jubilee year by this gift. On the back of the picture were the signatures of the present members of the Commissioners and the Town Clerk.

Miss Joughin suitably returned thanks and also received a picture of Douglas Harbour (1903) donated on behalf of the Millennium trade licensees.

Mrs. Hilda Penrice, acting for the Ladies Auxiliary of the N.A.M.A., presented Mrs. Helen Clucas with a gift in recognition of her work as president of the Auxiliary.

The morning's session closed with a moving memorial service conducted by the Rev. H. G. Kelly, of Fremont, Nebraska, chaplain to the N.A.M.A.

In the afternoon there was a tour of the city of Cleveland and a visit to the Claque House Museum in Westlake which was of absorbing interest.

## SPEECH GIVEN BY MAJOR GEOFFREY CRELLIN, M.L.C.

MADAM PRESIDENT

This excellent Souvenir booklet on the Convention has two very important features among many others. At the front is - "Welcome Manx Friends" and the article ends - "To preserve what'er is left to us of ancient heritage" the words at the back of the book reads "Friends I met at Rocky River".

"To preserve what'er is left to us of ancient heritage" comes of course from the writings of the famous Manx Poet, T. E. Brown, who spent the greater part of his life away from his beloved Island he knew what it was like to love his home land.

Now to "Friends I have met in Rocky River". I know with joy of the friends old and new whom I have met here and I hope I shall meet many more, I also know that to the Tynwald Delegates to this Convention, this experience will remain unique in our memories and for us, never to be forgotten.

I do hope that for all of us here present, that particular page gets filled and overfilled. From our hearts, Madam President, - we thank you.

## 240 AT THE BANQUET

The N.A.M.A. Golden Jubilee banquet in the Sheraton Inn, Rocky River, Cleveland, on Saturday evening was a glittering occasion.

There were about 240 guests and because of the record turnout some of the diners had to be accommodated in another room. They joined the remainder of the company in time for the speeches and entertainment.

The entrance of the "top table" was to the accompaniment of Scottish bagpipes and the national colours including the Manx standard were carried in and given an honoured place.

Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Ed. Sayle of Washington, D.C.

The president, Miss Margaret Joughin, extended a welcome in a charming speech and there was a special reference to the attendance of the Tynwald representatives, Mr. Geoff. Crellin and Mrs. Betty Hanson.

In his reply Mr. Crellin gave some apt quotations from T. E. Brown which were much enjoyed.

Other guests were introduced to the gathering, and thanks expressed to the committees in the Cleveland area responsible for the Convention arrangements.

Among the entertainers was Mrs. Pauline Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greggor of Peel. She is a talented soloist and her two songs were very well received. Pauline lives in Toronto with her husband and son. Accompanist was Mrs. Mona Haldeman who did so much as treasurer of the Convention Committee.

On Sunday morning there was a business meeting when greetings and reports were read by delegates.

Among the speakers were Mr. Dave Corkill and Mr. Ed. Sayle, representing the two newest Manx societies. Mr. Sayle described the rapid progress made in Washington since inauguration last November with a current membership of 190 and Mr. Corkill spoke of the revival of interest in Nebraska.

Mr. William Archibald (Peoria), Mrs. Callister (Galva), Mr. John Hughes (Bisbee), Mr. Robert Kelly (Chicago), Mr. Bill Roseman (Cleveland), Mr. Malcolm Kinley (Southern California), Mrs. Minnie Oakley (Toronto) and Mrs. Greeba Malekin, representing both Blackpool and London Societies, also addressed the Convention.

On behalf of the World Manx Association Mr. Sydney Boulton, who is an honorary life member of the N.A.M.A. (an honour given him at the Washington Convention four years ago) spoke of the close liaison between the two Associations and also read a greeting given to him by Miss Doris Clague, president of the World Manx, who was prevented from attending by family commitments.

Mr. Boulton was deputising for Mrs. Nina Quiggin, of Douglas, who unfortunately was prevented through illness from making the journey to Cleveland.

## ROTARIANS AT CONVENTION

Rotarians from the Isle of Man who were in the delegation to the N.A.M.A. Golden Jubilee Convention in Cleveland, were guests at the Lakewood (Ohio) Club lunch and were given a warm welcome. Mr. Eric Hanson, president of the Ramsey Club responded on behalf of the visitors. He was accompanied by Mr. Geoffrey Crellin, M.L.C., who is a member of the Rushen Club, and by Mr. Reg Sillito a member of the Douglas Club.

## MILLENNIUM PROGRAMME

In a most informative speech which held the attention of the delegates Mrs. Betty Hanson, M.H.K., who is chairman of the Millennium Committee, gave details of outstanding events in 1979.

It was obvious throughout the Convention that the Millennium of Tynwald had fired the imagination of N.A.M.A. members and many are likely to be in the Island next year.

Mrs. Hanson said: "We anticipate that her Majesty the Queen will preside as Lord of Man at our July 5th Tynwald."

She added that nothing more definite could be said because such announcements had to be made in due course from Buckingham Palace.

Mrs. Hanson also revealed that the "Operation Roots" exercise had aroused so much interest that no fewer than over 5,000 letters had been received up to last week by the Millennium Office.

Mr. Norman Clucas, hon. vice president of the N.A.M.A. moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hanson which was heartily accorded.

## PEN PALS MEET

One of the most remarkable meetings at the Golden Jubilee Convention in Rocky River, Cleveland, was between two pen pals who had been corresponding for 60 years and had never met until last week-end.

It seems that 60 years ago Mrs. Ruth Haskell, of Phoenix, Arizona, wrote to a Manx newspaper asking to be put in touch with a Manx person in Peel who would correspond with her. The inquiry was passed on to Callister's shop in Michael Street, Peel, where Lily Clucas (mother of N.A.M.A. secretary Miss Elizabeth Clucas) was a young woman assistant. She undertook to write and from that time letters have passed between them regularly.

Mrs. Haskell decided to travel to Rocky River for the Convention. Imagine Mrs. Clucas's great surprise and delight when she was introduced and met for the first time her correspondent since 1918. Mrs. Haskell told me that her father was Fred Corkill of Peel, who emigrated in 1888 to the U.S.A.

## THANKS

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Sidney Boulton of Ramsey, Isle of Man reporter for the I.O.M. "Examiner" for his excellent coverage of the Golden Jubilee Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. I have used several of his items for this issue of the Bulletin.

The Editor.

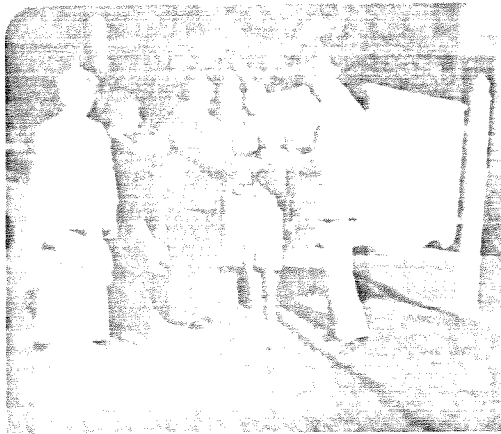
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**GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION  
NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION  
ROCKY RIVER, OHIO SEPTEMBER 22-25, 1978**



Delegates at Clague Park, Westlake



Left - Presentation of Plaque by NAMA President Mrs. Edna Cowin and Mrs. Irene Curphey to the Trustee of Clague Museum: Mrs. Helen Clucas and Mrs. Hilda Penrice look on.

Below - Left - Manx Government Representatives, Major Geoffrey Crellin, M.L.C; and Mrs. Betty Hanson, M.H.K.

Below Right - Past President Margaret Joughin with Manx guests - Mr. Eric Hanson, Miss Noreen Cottier and Sam Penrice Past President.





Opening ceremonies at the Sheraton Hotel, Rocky River, Ohio.



Banquet, M.C. - Ed Sayle, left to right, - Mrs. Irene Curphey, Mr. Richard Corkill, Mr. Sayle, Miss Margaret Joughin.



Business Meeting - Delegates.



Isle of Man guests, Mrs. Vida Blackburn and Mrs. Lily Cowin.



Head Table Guests - Mrs. Hilda Penrice, Mr. Eric Hanson, Mrs. Hansen, M.H.K., and Mr. George Curphey.

# News and Christmas Greetings from the Manx Societies

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

With the N.A.M.A. Golden Anniversary Convention in the recent past, when this holiday season rolls 'round -- there will be many greetings exchanged among members. These greetings will be between old and new friends. We like to think that Manx folks everywhere are our friends and in this spirit of brotherhood, extend to one and all our sincere greetings and good wishes for the coming year.

May God bless us . . . everyone.

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Ohio. 44131.

## EXECUTIVE THANKS CONVENTION COMMITTEE

A resolution thanking the Cleveland Manx Society for hosting the **GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION** was sent to Mrs. Robert S. Cowin, President of the Cleveland Manx Society and read at the October meeting of the group. In addition to their cash donation, the Society furnished imprinted notebooks, imprinted pens, the official convention songbook, souvenir postcards, and several raffle prizes.

## BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The regular monthly meeting was held on October 9th with 12 members in attendance, the President, Mrs. Helen McKay presided at the meeting.

It was decided to again give Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to a family in need, a motion was made that \$25.00 for each project be taken out of the general funds. A raffle arranged by Eva Maddern was won by Mable Bolitho, it was reported that Eva Cunningham had broken her arm, two members offered to visit her bringing a small gift.

Mable Bolitho agreed to host the October meeting and Ivy Dillon will have the usual Christmas party at her home.

Greetings to all for the holidays and may each day of the New Year add to your happiness.

Ivy L. Dillon  
207 Hazzard Street,  
Bisbee, Arizona. 65603.

## GALVA

Mrs. Clyde Collinson and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Collinson of Galva attended the N.A.M.A. Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in September and en route home they visited cousins in Continental Ohio, Mrs. Catherine Jones, Mrs. Glen Dangler and Mr. and Mrs. John Craine. The Ohio folks are former Galva residents.

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The Meeting in Cleveland was "Reunion time" for the Collinsons and Belfords of Urbana Ohio. In 1946 Dale Collinson and Mylroie Belford of Galva attended a Methodist Youth rally in Cleveland, Ohio as representatives of their local Methodist Youth group. Miss Laura Gramling (now Mrs. Belford) represented the Orangeburg South Carolina church. Five thousand Methodist youth attended the meeting which was held in the auditorium, in Cleveland.

A special thought for each of you  
To wish you all that's dear  
May you have a Merry Christmas  
And a blessed New Year.

Galva Manx Society  
DeRollo Kelly - President  
Mrs. Clyde Collinson  
Secretary-Treasurer

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The World Manx Association extends kind Greetings to Manx people throughout the World, with Best Wishes for a prosperous and Healthy New Year to All.

Doris M. Clague, Pres. & Chairman.  
Evan R. Cain, M.B.E. Vice Pres.  
Officers and Members of W.M.A.

## PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

"Throughout this Christmas Season may you find new joys, renew old friendships, and rejoice in happy memories; . . . and may the New Year bring fulfillment of your brightest hopes."

Jean Callister Martzluf, Sec.  
Peoria Manx Association,  
Van Buren St.,  
Brimfield, Illinois 61517

## THE WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The World Manx Association, in issuing this circular, wishes to draw your attention to just two of the events being organized by the Association. These are to take place in 1979 with emphasis on the Millennium Gathering which is to be held Saturday July 7th, the venue being the lovely Gardens Room of the Villa Marina, Promenade, Douglas. It is hoped that the Gathering will be a great reunion of Manx people from Abroad and in the British Isles, as there are Manx societies in many parts of the world. The World Manx Association extends a very warm welcome to Manx and those of Manx descent who may be visiting the Homeland and anyone who would care to attend our Gathering and would like to speak the proverbial 'few words' is invited to do so. Fittingly the soloist during the afternoon will be the Cleveland (Ohio) Gold Medalist for 1979, and an afternoon tea will be served. Cost of an inclusive ticket for the Gathering has been produced for the reasonable cost of £1.20. Should you wish us to reserve a ticket for you, kindly apply to Miss M. Kissack, 'Carragyn', 65 Highview Road, Douglas, Isle of Man., enclosing the required cost of the ticket. A saving on postage might be to book a group of people and send the monies along in one package. Kindly apply no later than July 3rd 1979.

Another specially planned Millennium event is the Sunday Outing to be held on July 15th 1979. This will consist of a coach drive through the beautiful Manx countryside, afternoon tea, and before returning to Douglas, ending the day by attending Evening Service at the Christchurch, Laxey, which has been selected on account of the close link with the old church of Laxey, Wisconsin, which original building was built by pioneer Manxmen in the United States of America.

The excursion on July 15th, leaves the Colonnade, Villa Marina at 2:15 p.m. and returns there in the evening.

We should be delighted to meet you at any of our functions during Millennium year and details of further events will be available shortly.

Doris M. Clague (Miss)  
President and Chairman,  
World Manx Association



## GREATER WASHINGTON D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

Since we have completed our initial drive for membership, with the result 65 families and a total of 195 individuals, we can consider the Washington D.C. Area Manx Society as organized.

The make up of our membership consists of all age groups and practically all professions and occupations are represented. Being located in the Nation's Capital, we have several working for various agencies of the Federal Government and as staff assistants to Members of Congress. One of our members, John Comish, who is with the Department of Defense, was honored by being selected to open the NATO Conference in August 1977. We have a few members who were born on the Isle of Man; however, most of the membership are second, third and fourth generation Manx.

To keep our organization viable, we plan three meetings a year for the Officers and Board of Governors, and one dinner meeting for the membership. Our next membership meeting is planned for April 7, 1979 at the Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers Club. Dependent upon the weather, this can be Cherry Blossom time, so if any or you are planning a trip to Washington, let us know several days in advance so that we can make your reservation.

We would like to thank the North American Manx Association for their support in getting our Society started - the Quarterly Bulletin served as an excellent recruitment source. It is noted that 22 of our members are also members of the North American Manx Association.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Robert C. Camaish  
President  
Mary E. Hayslett  
Secretary

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

It is nearing the Christmas season once more and the officers and members of the Southern California Manx Society send greetings and good wishes to all Manx friends everywhere for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joyce Kinley, Sec.,  
2816 Shantar Drive,  
Costa Mesa, California.  
92626.

## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

The Toronto Manx Society held their Fall meeting on Sunday October 1st, 1978 at Sandy Cove Acres, Stroud, Ontario. Hilda and Sam Penrice who now reside at Sandy Cove, were able to arrange the meeting and picnic supper in the "Hub" the Community Hall, there was quite a good attendance of members and friends. Sam Penrice welcomed the members and chaired the meeting to elect a President and executive.

The slate of officers are as follows -  
President - Mrs. Peter (Alice) Foster  
Secretary - Mrs. Marion McLaren  
Treasurer - Mrs. Dot Hall  
Social Convenors - Mrs. Amo Fisher  
Kely Welton.

Following the business meeting, the entertainment was the showing of two Manx Films depicting the Isle of Man - "The Manxman" and "Holiday Island", an open invitation was extended to the residents of Sandy Cove Acres to view the films.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Boulton of Ramsey, Isle of Man were guests of the Penrices following their visit to the NAMA Convention in Cleveland, a question period followed the showing of the films, Sydney did an admirable job of answering all the questions and enquiries about the Island.

The Christmas meeting will take place on December 2nd 1978 and will be held at Shell House, Oakville, Ontario.

On behalf of the Toronto Manx Society, sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Manx friends everywhere.

Marion McLaren  
106 Hiltz Ave.,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
L7G 2Y1.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from the LADIES' AUXILIARY to the N.A.M.A.

*"All blessings be yours at the  
coming of Christmas -  
The joy that endures and the  
peace without end,  
The gift of good health and the  
gold of contentment,  
And the greatest of wealth -  
God Himself-as your friend."*

-Guideposts-

To Manx men and Manx women wherever they may be throughout the world at Christmas time, A Very Happy Holiday Season.

MRS. IRENE CURPHEY  
President  
MISS ELINOR CAIN  
Secretary-Treasurer

## NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

The Nebraska Manx Association met in Fremont, Nebr., Sunday, October 8th, for a picnic dinner with Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Kelly as Hosts. We had a lovely Fall day and a good turnout. All the Nebraska folks who attended the Cleveland convention were back home again safe and sound. Our president Dave Corkill gave a full report on the convention, his first. He was so enthusiastic that we are looking forward to the next one. Several of our members have already made plans for the "Millennium" next year. Our next meeting will be in April at Lincoln, Nebraska. After the good meal and visit we parted company with the hopes of another good get-together in Lincoln. Those of us who were able to attend the convention send out thanks to all who helped to make it so successful.

We would like to send to everyone our best wishes for Christmas, with a New Year bright and beautiful all around the world.

Annie Kerruish Robison  
Secretary - Treasurer,  
Nebraska Manx Society,  
R.R. 1, Box 101, Elk Creek,  
Neb. 68348.

## GREETINGS

With Happy Memories of a good convention and the meeting of old friends we approach another year.

May the New Year be filled with Good Luck, Good Health and Cheer.  
"Carol at your neighbour's homes  
For Festive jolly meetings -  
And shout "A Merry Christmas  
Friends"  
That cheeriest of greetings.

Alice Garrett,  
Seneca Towers,  
200 Seth Green Dr.,  
Apt. 1623, Rochester,  
N.Y. 14621.

## A MESSAGE OF THANKS

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Ladies Auxiliary for the past six years; and I sincerely would like to thank all members, especially the officers who served with me. Their efforts and cooperation helped to make the luncheon-meeting held Saturday, September 23, at Rocky River, Ohio, such a wonderful success.

It is my fervent hope that our members will continue to support our newly-elected officers, in every way possible.

My very best wishes to all  
Mrs. Helen Clucas

## MORE CONVENTION NEWS

**COPIES OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR BOOK ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT \$1.00 EACH. CONTACT MR. WILLIAM ROSEMAN, 20817 CLARE AVENUE, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44137.**

**CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHS CAN STILL BE ORDERED DIRECT FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHER AT \$8.00 EACH POSTPAID. CONTACT DENISON STUDIOS, 13035 LORAIN AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44111 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

All those ordered at the special convention price have been mailed.

**ISLE OF MAN POSTAGE STAMPS COMMEMORATING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE N.A.M.A. AND JAMES KEWLEY WARD, MANX PIONEER IN CANADA WERE AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION**

We have a limited supply available to our readers as follows:

James K. Ward First Day Covers \$1.00  
**NAMA GOLDEN JUBILEE** First Day Cover \$1.00

Presentation Pack featuring the Golden Jubilee N.A.M.A. Stamp and the two stamps honoring James Kewley Ward \$1.25

Orders will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

Send your orders to the Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Clucas, 1541 East 191 Street, Apt. K605, Euclid, Ohio 44117. Proceeds from this sale will be put in the Memorial Fund in memory of all those who were mentioned at our GOLDEN JUBILEE Memorial Service.

## 50 MANX AT NAMA JUBILEE

Over 50 Manx people in all travelled from the Island to Rocky River, Cleveland, U.S.A., to be present at the Golden Jubilee of the North American Manx Association which began on Friday evening with a reception given by the president, Miss Margaret Joughin, of Montreal.

Heading the Manx "invasion" were the Tynwald delegation, Mr. Geoffrey Crellin, M.L.C., and Mrs. Betty Hanson, M.H.K. Mrs. Hanson was accompanied by her husband Mr. Eric Hanson, lately retired headmaster of the Albert Road School in Ramsey.

There were a number of World Manx Association members among the party who went from the Island.

There was a strong contingent from Peel headed by Mr. Joe Graham, chairman of Peel Commissioners, and Mrs. Graham, and Mr. Leslie Kelly, Town Clerk. Others were the Rev. R. E. Cubbon, Mrs. Lily Clucas, mother of Miss Elizabeth Clucas, who is secretary of the N.A.M.A., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greggor; Miss Noreen Cottier, Mrs. Dorothy Gell, Mrs. May Teare, Miss Lily Kneen, Mrs. Gladys Brew, Miss Lenna Watterson, Mrs. Margaret Hughes, Also Mrs. Olive Redmayne (nee Clucas), of Onchan, who formerly belonged to Peel.

The Convention was joined on Sunday afternoon, when the programme included a visit to the Clague Museum at Westlake, by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gawne of Peel and their daughter, Elvira, and son-in-law Mrs. Bill Peel, of Ramsey. Elvira and Bill were married just recently at Geneva, Ohio. Also present was Bill's mother, Mrs. Lil Peel, licensee of the Bridge Inn at Ramsey, who was with a tour which included the Convention at Rocky River in their itinerary.

From Onchan came Mrs. Vida Blackburn, sister of Mr. Jack Nivison, M.L.C., and of Mr. Alec Nivison in Toronto. Also Misses Millicent and Nancy Clague and Mr. Bill Nelson and Mr. Eddie Clague and his wife Winnie.

The Douglas representation included Mrs. Lily Cowin (Falcon Street), Mr. and Mrs. Reg Sillito (Second Avenue), Mr. Fred Skelly (Woodville Terrace), Mr. and Mrs. Eric Quarrie, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Corlett, Mrs. Cassie Callister and Mrs. Ella Worsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Keig from Kirk Michael and Misses Joice and Voirrey Gelling, of Crosby, were there, also Mrs. Greeba Malekin of Andreas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clucas, of Port Erin, attended, and from the North were Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Boulton, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henson of Claghbane, Ramsey, and Mrs. Peel as stated.

Mr. Jim Kennedy represented the Tourist Board, and travel agents in attendance, who had a busy time answering enquiries, especially about the Millennium Year visits were Mr. Vic Neal and Mr. Ron Richmond of I.C.C., and Mr. Brian O'Connor of Golden Isle Holidays.

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## CONVENTION LIST

We have had several requests for a listing of the delegates who attended the GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this list, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Mrs. Mona Haldeman, 191 Glenview Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012.

## TYNWALD REPS SELL I.O.M. DURING CONVENTION TRIP

Believe it or not, the Rocky River Convention was a brief opportunity for the two official delegates from Tynwald to slow down during their hectic visit to the United States. Although Betty Quirk Hansen, MHK and chairman of the Millennium Committee, and Major Geoffrey Crellin, MLC, had endless sessions with convention goers describing the exciting events planned for the Millennium Year, they were under far less pressure than in the days preceding the convention. At New York and Washington they polished off a half dozen radio interviews, a network TV show, newspaper interviews and three travel magazine interviews. One of the local interviews in Washington, for example, is being run is a series of radio programs on National Public Radio featuring Manx music. Then there were the press interviews at Cleveland, and plans for even more interviews when the delegates returned to New York. Quipped Major Crellin, "The next time I visit Washington I'd like to do some sightseeing; this time all I saw were the insides of radio studios and press rooms."

Their interviews were highly successful in highlighting the Millennium celebration planned for 1979.

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## THE LONGBOAT "COMEOVERS"

With the Millennium of the founding of Tynwald by the Vikings close at hand, perhaps it is time to do honor to those of our members whose names reflect their descent from those Viking "comeovers" to the Isle of Man more than a thousand years ago. Some of them are:

Casement, Castell or Caistell, Cottier or Cotter, Corkhill, Corlett, Cowley or Kewley, Crellin, Crennell, Cringle, Garret, Christian, Goree and Gorry, Godred or Orry or Gore, Lace, Leece, Scarff, and Skillicorne.

Happy Birthday Vikings!

## MANX COINS AUCTIONED

AT the N.A.M.A. Banquet on Saturday night Mr. Geoff Crellin, M.L.C., auctioned Manx coins which were in great demand. The seven new £1 coins, three Churchill crowns and three Washington crowns and a Manx 2p coin realised nearly 300 dollars for N.A.M.A. funds.

# THE MILLENNIUM IS COMING! THE MILLENNIUM IS COMING!

Almost daily, the Millennium Office of Tynwald is recording new events slated by Manx communities and organizations for the Millennium Year celebrations. According to Noreen Cottier, a volunteer at the Millennium Office who attended the Cleveland convention, the stacks of letters from overseas Manx who responded to "Operation Roots" is a major priority in assuring that the Millennium heritage is shared by those of Manx descent throughout the world. And, she noted, the calendar of events is becoming so full that there will seldom be a time when something exciting will not be happening somewhere on the island during the peak season. "And, it is not just Tynwald Week that is crowded with happenings," she said. "There will be events spread throughout the tourism season so that homecomers will not miss out on any of the Millennium Spirit."

Miss Cottier, who is a former officer of both the Cleveland and San Francisco Manx Societies now resides at Peel, described the wave of excitement that has swept over the Manx people in expectation of the Millennium. "They won't be watching the Millennium celebration; they are all going to be a part of it."

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## "OPERATION ROOTS" INVITATIONS SENT TO THOSE ON RECORD

The Millennium Office's "Operation Roots" project has sent formal invitations to all those who have responded to its world-wide appeal to hear from those having a Manx heritage. The invitation, which asks R.S.V.P., reads: "On the Occasion of the celebration of One Thousand Year of Parliamentary history, an invitation is extended to you to visit the Isle of Man in 1979, and join in the Celebration of the Millennium of Tynwald."

Members who have not yet written "Operation Roots, Douglas, Isle of Man," are encouraged to do so in order to receive their formal invitation, an important keepsake of the once-in-a-lifetime commemoration. If you know of anyone of Manx descent, urge them to record their island heritage with "Operation Roots."

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## MILLENNIUM YEAR PROVISIONAL EVENTS 1979 ISLE OF MAN

Many events will be taking place on the Isle of Man Millennium Year, space does not permit printing a full list, the following are some of the events which will perhaps interest our NAMA members who plan to visit the Isle of Man - June - July.

<b>June</b>	
International T.T. Motorcycle Races	2, 4, 6, 8
Manx Costume Days - Port St. Mary	5, 12, 19, 26
Mananan International Festival of Music and the Arts	10 - 20
Manx Wedding Pageant - Maughold	14
International Cycling Week	17 - 22
Viking Re-enactment of Tynwald - Ramsey	21
Welcome for Nordic/Celtic Visitors - Peel	23
Medieval Pageant - Ramsey	23
St. Johns Village Fair	23
Nordic Week	24 - 30
Rehearsal for Viking Festival - Peel	24
Celtic Night - Peel Castle	25
Re-enactment of Battle of Skye Hill - Ramsey	25
Viking Festival - Peel	27
Nordic Night - Peel Castle	29
<b>July</b>	
National Thanksgiving Service - St. Germans Cathedral - Peel	1
<b>TYNWALD WEEK</b>	1 - 7
Burning of the Viking Fleet - Peel	3
<b>TYNWALD DAY - CEREMONY AT ST. JOHNS</b>	5
World Manx Association Gathering	7
Celtic Week	8 - 14
Manx Costume Days - Port St. Mary	10, 17, 24, 31
Scottish Ceilidh	19
Margaret Curphey Sings - Peel Parish Church	27
Handicraft Exhibition & Manx Craft Demonstration - Maughold	27
Maughold Festival of Flowers	27-31
Historical Walk and Talk - Maughold	28
Maughold Church Service	29

## THE ISLE OF ?

*Being the old chauvenist I am  
I'm getting concerned about the Isle of Man  
Changing Miss to Ms. to some is amusing  
But to me it becomes very confusing  
And woe to the green hills by the sea  
As these things really bother me  
'Cause if trends continue to worsen  
We'll have to call it the Isle of Person.*

Original poem by -

Norman D. Clucas

## MILLENNIUM 1979 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

**MR. BRIAN O'CONNOR, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GOLDEN ISLE HOLIDAYS AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL AGENT TO THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION WAS AT THE CONVENTION TO DISCUSS VISITING THE ISLE OF MAN DURING THE MILLENNIUM YEAR. IF YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION BUT ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT OUR SECRETARY, (Miss Elizabeth Clucas, 1541 East 191 Street, Apt. K605, Euclid, Ohio 44117) AND SHE WILL SEND YOU A COPY OF THE LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED AT THE CONVENTION WHICH WILL GIVE YOU A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND AN ENQUIRY FORM.**

With hotel accommodations certain to be in critical supply, members of NAMA contemplating a visit to the Isle of Man during the celebration of the Millennium Year are urged to start making plans now. Brian O'Conner, managing director of Golden Isle Holidays, the official travel agents to the North American Manx Association, speaking at the Jubilee Convention noted:

"Everything possible will be done to make the Millennium homecoming as enjoyable as possible, but we really have to know how long to make our red carpet. We want to assure that the overseas Manx get the very best at the most economical prices possible, and the only way it can be done is to get their reservations in early."

O'Conner noted that most NAMA members had expressed an interest in package tours from their local airports to the Isle of Man, accommodations on the island and the return trip home. "We'll be glad to quote them a package price if they write us and tell the name of the airport in the U.S. or Canada from which they want to depart and return, the dates they want to travel and how simple or posh they want their hotel to be." He noted that some members at the Cleveland convention expressed a desire to tour other parts of the UK and Ireland during their Millennium travel. "If they will just let us know where they want to go, we'll tell them the most economical and enjoyable way to do it," he said.

With the first fireworks of the Millennium Year set for January 1st, NAMA members are urged to write for travel information now: Golden Isle Holidays, Central Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man. Competitive and equally appealing travel packages are also available by writing: I.C.C. Travel, The Strand, Douglas, Isle of Man.

## DONATIONS TO CONVENTION - 1978

The Convention Committee wishes to gratefully acknowledge the following cash contributions:

Ladies Auxiliary of N.A.M.A.  
Cleveland Manx Society  
Vancouver Manx Society  
Bisbee Manx Society  
Nebraska Manx Society  
Ruth Thorman and Eileen Fabel  
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Anne & Florence Crellin  
Allen N. Corlett  
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Norman & Helen Clucas  
Col. Parker  
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Mabel Lindauer  
Harry Quiggin  
Rev. & Mrs. James C. Caley  
Richard & Catherine Kelly  
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Cowle  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Corkill

We wish to thank all those who gave financial support and contributions of prizes to the GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION. Your encouragement has helped the N.A.M.A. have a very successful convention and we look forward to another get-together in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1980.

Due to lack of space, the list of Convention prize winners has been held over until the next edition of the Bulletin.

### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Through the generosity of Mr. Richard Corkill, Hon. Pres. NAMA of Detroit, 7 Royal Doulton Figurines which he presented were raffled in a special draw, the following are the list of winners:

Mrs. Marge Krach, Cleveland  
Miss Linorah Cox, Cleveland  
Mrs. Edith Scalatta, Cleveland  
Mr. Robert Kelly, Chicago  
Mr. Raymond McDonald, Michigan  
Mrs. Eileen Quine, Cleveland  
Mrs. Margaret Glunt, Cleveland

## OBITUARY

ANTHONY, Margaret E., (nee Gell) of Syracuse, N.Y., died July 25th 1978, she was a Life member of NAMA. Her parents were born on the Isle of Man, her mother in Pt. Erin - Margaret (Kelly) Gell and her father Thomas E. Gell in Douglas, Isle of Man. She attended Conventions in Montreal and Toronto and in 1965 she visited several relatives on the Isle of Man and England. She is survived by her husband, Barent E. Anthony, two daughters, Barbara Hughes, Mona M. Anthony, one son William E. Anthony and five grandchildren.

## A STORY FOR ALL TIME, THE BLESSED BIRTH

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in the manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

Christians all over the world give prayerful thanks to God for the miracle of the manger. At Christmas, in church services and in private devotions, they turn again and again to the wondrous story of that Holy Night in a spirit of thanks and humility.

They recall humble shepherds, first witnesses to see and adore Jesus, herald angels singing their divine message, the Star that shone in the East guiding the Wise Men on their royal journey to Bethlehem.

The first Christmas lives anew in every word of its sacred and inspiring story. The words echoing across the ages bring comfort and a solemn sense of the meaning of the holiday and its universal message.

At services in small churches and grand cathedrals all over the world, midnight masses, vesper services, choir singing, censers exuding clouds of incense, and reverent prayers, will celebrate Christmas.

Christ's life provided a lesson for all. His legacy to mankind is summed up in His words (John 15:11) -

*"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."*

## CHRISTMAS STILL MOST IMPORTANT

According to a survey conducted in thirty cities, Christmas is the most meaningful and important holiday to Americans. The study also reports that the values of Christmas are as profound as ever and there are no signs of youthful anti-traditionalism.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Several years ago, there was a television program, "This Is Your Life", in which a selected person was surprised to see his or her whole life unfold on stage; and, of course, it was mostly composed of a series of common, every-day events; so that, someone, noting this, exclaimed, "Why, it could happen to you . . . or ME!" In such perspective, almost any life can be seen as interesting and dramatic. The flavor of expectancy is added.

The Apostle Paul wrote: "The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own." (Romans 8:19 -- Phillips) People "on tiptoe"! Doesn't that describe the meaning of Advent . . . the child-like anticipation of a Great Event? He whose coming we celebrate said, as a Man: "Whoever does not receive the Kingdom as a little child cannot enter it." (Mark 10:15)

In our so-called "adult" world, we often lack this expectancy which this verse suggests. Of some blessed possibility, we say, "What's the use? It won't happen . . . especially to ME!" Then comes the Christmas story, asserting that it DOES happen . . . to anybody! It happened to some humble people, who had been waiting for 600 years for a Savior. And He comes again, and again, wherever peoples' hearts are "on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight . . .!"

Herbert G. Kelly

### CHAPLAIN RE-APPOINTED

At the invitation of the new president of the North American Manx Society (Mrs. Edna Cowin) the Rev. H. G. Kelly, of Fremont, Nebraska, has been re-appointed chaplain.

### PRESENTATION

To mark their pleasure at the election of Mrs. Edna Cowin as president, she was presented with a silver tankard by her fellow members of the Cleveland Manx Society. The presentation was made by Mrs. Richard R. Kelly.

### CORRECTION

The Constitution as printed in the new membership directory states that "This includes all amendments to date" however in the Sept. - Dec. 1974 issue of the Bulletin there was a change in the Constitution which was not included in the new directory.

This should read - All past presidents of the NAMA be ex-officio officers of the Executive Committee.

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Due to lack of space the regular column "Know your Ancestors" has been held over until the next edition of the Bulletin.