

# NAMA

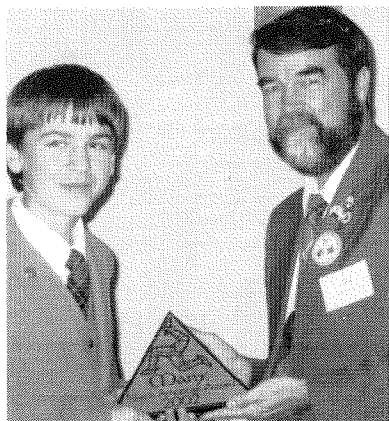
## NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." T.E. Brown

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### First Award Presented In NAMA Youth Program



*James Morey receives the first Manx North American Award from outgoing NAMA president John Cormode.*

Launching its effort to stimulate awareness of Manx culture among young people, NAMA has presented the first Manx North American Award to James Morey, an energetic young musician specializing in Manx and other Celtic music.

Made in association with the Isle of Man Department of Education, the award was presented to Mr. Morey at recent NAMA 2002 convention, where he played a program of Manx tunes.

The 13-year old fiddler began his violin studies at age five and is well known in his home-state of Wisconsin for programs of Manx folk tunes, which he has made a specialty of his playing. Born of Manx and Cornish ancestry, Mr. Morey has traveled to the Isle of Man twice to visit relatives in Ramsey and tour many of the Isle's historic sites. He has attended Wisconsin Manx Society meetings since an infant with his mother Jody Morey, an active member of the group.

### Norman Standish Elected President of NAMA

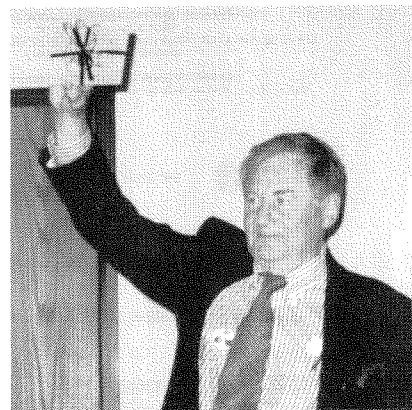
Dr. Norman Standish of Lanark, IL, a 10<sup>th</sup> generation descendent of noted Manx-native Myles Standish, was elected president of NAMA for the coming two years at the organization's biennial convention. He succeeded John R. Cormode, moving up from 1<sup>st</sup> vice president.

In other elections Bradley E. Prendergast of Chicago, IL replaced Standish as 1<sup>st</sup> vice president and in turn was replaced by Laurence D. Skelly, of Port St. Mary, IOM as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president. Sally Dahlquist of Iver Grove Heights, MN was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president after service as a NAMA Trustee and in other offices.

Joyce Benjamin of Madison, WI was elected a trustee to replace Ms. Dahlquist, and John Prendergast of Chicago, IL has been named as a trustee to succeed Barry A. Vann of Cleveland whose term had expired.

Officers reelected were Secretary Joan Gill of Plymouth, MN, Treasurer Helen Drom of Santa Maria, CA, Chaplain Rev Devore Craine Smith of San Diego, CA, Genealogist Calvin Quayle of Eau Claire, WI and Bulletin Editor Bruce Quayle of Wilmington, DE.

As 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bradley Prendergast will serve as chairman of the 2004 convention, which will be held in Chicago, IL. Skelly will chair the 2006 convention, which is expected to be in San Diego, CA, where Skelly lived before a recent move to the Isle of Man.



*New NAMA president Norman Standish led activities at the convention banquet*

In announcing the award to Morey, outgoing NAMA President Jack Cormode said it was a forerunner of a broader competition planned by the association to encourage knowledge of the Isle of Man and its culture among North American youth. As envisioned by its co-sponsoring Manx Department of Education, the competition may involve Manx music, dance, poetry and drama.

The award presented to Mr. Morey was a triangular block of black Manx limestone engraved with the three legs emblem.

### Washington Times Section Covers Manx Economy

A special section of the *Washington (DC) Times* published this summer was devoted to the current economic activity of the Isle of Man and related developments there.

The main article was titled "Isle of Man offers European stability for offshore business".

Copies of the section were obtained by Past President Donald Quayle, who has offered to send one to interested individuals. Contact him at 4831 Fort Sumner Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816 or by email at [Dquayle@aol.com](mailto:Dquayle@aol.com)

## NAMA Annual Meeting

The NAMA Executive Board met in Lanark, IL on July 19, 2002. Following is a summary of the minutes of the meeting prepared by Secretary Joan Gill.

Considerable time was spent discussing the matter of declining membership. NAMA, in cooperation with local societies, will try to reach other people with Manx names by mail. There will be an incentive for parents to give memberships to their children. Additional contact will be made with former members. It was voted to eliminate the mailing fee for non-US members.

Bruce Quayle, Bulletin editor, discussed plans to enliven the bulletin and said he welcomes comments, suggestions and contributions. The board agreed the editor has the right to edit any articles as needed.

The Manx Youth Award Committee announced this year's winner- James Morey of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. The committee will work with the Manx government on guidelines for this award.

The next NAMA convention will be at the Allerton Hotel in Chicago, IL in late July or early August of 2004. This was also the site of the 1933 convention.

The nominating committee presented the names of Sally Dahlquist for third vice president and Joyce Benjamin for trustee, both well-qualified candidates.

The exchange of the bulletin/newsletters with other interested groups will be limited to six outside North America.

Honorary president Robert Kelly, who presented convention resolutions acknowledging contributions by various individuals to the convention activity, opened the general membership meeting on July 22. Reports from local societies included many interesting activities.

At the convention banquet the slate of officers was elected and installed, and the passing of the symbols of office completed.

## OUR CONVENTIONS REALLY MOVE AROUND

The location of NAMA's 2002 convention amid the cornfields of western Illinois may have been the most rural yet, but a study by Honorary President Robert Kelly shows that it was in the association's tradition of moving the gathering around.

Since the founding convention in Cleveland in 1928, the 46 almost biennial meetings have convened in 25 different places. The qualification "almost" is caused by WW2 interruptions and other aberrations.

In North America there have been 21 conventions in the United States and 16 in Canada, from coast to coast in both countries – California to Virginia, and British Columbia to Nova Scotia.

The mother Isle has hosted five conventions, the most recent in 2000, plus four other gatherings labeled Homecoming, which aren't counted as official conventions.

Bob Kelly has been to 29 of the 46 conventions and is looking forward to the 47<sup>th</sup>, which is scheduled for Chicago. He'll send you a complete list if you ask. You can reach him at 2872 Embury Drive, Rockford, IL 61103-9538

## FUNDS DONATED TO NYC FIREFIGHTERS

Several months ago two representatives of Isle of Man emergency workers traveled to New York City to deliver a check for more than \$16,000 to New York firefighters' aid fund from their Manx colleagues. Willie McHarrie of Castletown, who retired in 2001 after 34 years as a retained firefighter, traveled to the US with a friend, Lily Chapman, to present the check to the 911 funds on behalf of the island's emergency services that raised the money through a variety of events and donations.

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## ***Manx Notebook Disc A Rich Mine of Data***

As anyone active into Isle of Man research knows, one of the most prolific sources of information has been the Internet site created by Frances Coakley – ManxNote-Book.com. In our home, though, tying up the phone line too long to dig into the Notebook had been declared an offense.

Now the problem has been solved by acquisition of the notebook on a disc recently issued by Ms. Coakley, who is editor of the publication of the Isle of Man Family History Society. For \$15 US in cash, the disc is always available for the home computer to mine the Note Book at leisure. Canadians can get one by sending 8 pounds in a UK/Manx cheque.

The address is Frances Coakley, 38 Artillery Road, Guildford, GU1 4NW, United Kingdom

## **POPULATION CHANGES ABOUT IN BALANCE**

Final tabulations show that the Isle of Man experienced 863 births in the year 2001 and 855 deaths, a statistic that Manx Radio labeled “hatch and dispatch.” The number of births was up slightly from the previous year, while the number of deaths declined slightly.

The most popular names for babies registered in the island in 2001 were James and Megan. Other popular names for boys were Joseph, Jack, Thomas, Mathew and William. For girls it was Emily, Abigail, Lauren, Katherine, Sophie, Olivia, Chloe

### **EUROMANX**

The Isle’s new airline – EuroManx – began flying in August with initial daily service from Douglas to both Dublin and Edinburgh. The company is optimistic that the service will find a growing market.

## **North American Manx Association Members Convene In Historic Territory**

For its 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention the North American Manx Association met July 19-22 in an area rich in Manx history – western Illinois, home to many early settlers from the Isle of Man.

Over the course of four days conventioners’ flavored a rich variety of historic locations where some of the first Manx emigrants to the United States lived, worked and worshiped. They also did the business of the association – electing officers, examining the books, and laying the ground for NAMA growth.

Convention chairman Norman Standish, a tenth generation descendent of Myles Standish, who was the first Manx emigrant to North America, planned a program which he rightfully said would “give everyone a flavor of what the early settlers enjoyed and endured.”

After an opening reception at the historic Standish House in Lanark, Illinois, the conventioners’ guided bus journeys began with a visit to a 150-year old “Circuit Church” for a memorial service for departed NAMA members. Following a picnic in historic Winslow, a community settled by descendants of Mayflower passengers, the conventioners saw a reconstructed stockade such as settlers needed for defense against Indians. They visited the earliest lead mines in the area, an industry that attracted many Manxmen, and rode in a restored stagecoach to sample the travel mode of settlers.

In Galva descendents of early Manx emigrants described the coal mining industry and farming opportunities that drew men and women from the Isle to settle on the Illinois prairie.

The convention concluded with a general business meeting and banquet in a restored historic hotel in Freeport. A highlight of the closing gathering was a program on Manx and other Celtic music by a trio of singers and a talented young fiddler.

A limited number of the Memorial Booklets and decorative Manx Plates for produced for the convention are available for purchase. Booklets are \$10 and Plates \$20 plus shipping. Contact: Norman Standish



*On the conventioners’ visit to Galva, IL, Larry Fargher and Norm Gill admired the parade float used by the local society.*

## **TYNWALD DAY ROYAL VISITORS**

A highlight of the 2002 Tynwald Day on the IoM in July was the presence of King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway who attended the ceremonies at St. Johns and visited other island venues during a July 4-6 stay. This was their first time on the Island once ruled by the Viking peoples from the north in centuries past. Harald has been Norway’s ruler since 1991, succeeding his father, King Olav V, who visited the island during the Tynwald Millennium celebration in 1979. Other dignitaries present for Tynwald Day were political leaders from Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Iceland.

## ***Manx Language Alive and Well; Use Growing on the Isle***

Pass the word – reports that Manx is a dead language are not true. Just the opposite.

A government study last year found a growing usage of Manx, with more than 2 per cent of the Isle's population now speaking the language. More encouraging, the largest percentage of usage growth was among young people under 19. In 2001, there were 784 Manx speakers under 20 compared with 147 in 1991, a five fold increase.

Since 1992 classes in Manx have been offered in all schools on the Isle in cooperation with the Manx Heritage Society.

NAMA members interested in learning something of Manx may contact Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh (the Manx Language Society) at St. Judes, Ramsey, Isle of Man, British Isles. The society has a catalog of learning materials that are available by mail.

To sample a bit of Manx, Internet users can dial up Manx Radio at [www.manxradio.com](http://www.manxradio.com) and listen to news broadcast in the language and gather other information of Manx. For a whole raft of information of this lively language, Internet users can sign on to the versatile Google search engine at [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type in "Manx Language."

Who said Manx is dying?

## **Manx Students Earn NAMA Culture Awards**

Continuing its tradition of encouraging interest in the Manx culture, NAMA presented awards in July to Isle of Man students who excel in music, arts, crafts and language. NAMA President John Cormode represented the association at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony.

The award in music went to the Manx Youth Orchestra represented by Timothy Shallcross from Queen Elizabeth II High School and Katie Stone from St. Ninian's High School.

The arts and crafts medal was awarded to Mika Nash of Ballakermeen High School and the language and culture prize to Mark Caley of Queen Elizabeth.

The award for overcoming a disability was presented to Rachel Callister of Ramsey Grammar School.

Fiona Budd and Laura Mudge, both of Castle Rushen High School, were recognized for most progress in Manx.

Manx government officials taking part in the ceremonies were Minister of Education the Hon. Steve Rodan, Speaker of the House of Keys, the Hon. J.A. Brown, and the President of Tynwald, the Hon. Noel Q. Cringle. The introduction of the awards was offered by Mrs. Elizabeth Hanson, past president of the World Manx Association.

## **MANX CENTRE SEEKS MUSIC MEMORIES**

The Centre for Manx Studies in Douglas has begun a research project entitled "Popular Music of the Manx Tourist Industry 1870-1970." It is interested in hearing from anyone who has either personal memories or family stories relating to the music provided to Isle tourists in those years. This would include those who heard any of the myriad dance bands once active on the island, someone who played or sang in concerts, who visited one of the many island theaters, or who may have copies of any Manx music performed for tourists. Folks with any information of these and related subjects are asked to contact the Centre at 6 Kingswood grove, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 3LX.

A visitors' center and café opened in July at the Sound, the southern most point of the Isle. The center offers unobstructed views from Spanish Head and Buroo to Kitterland to the Mountains of Mourne.

## **Your Manx Heritage: Be Proud of It**

At a time when pride in country and its heritage of freedom is much on our minds, we should not forget that this legacy is a blend of many traditions and beliefs brought by immigrants from their birthplaces. People from nations large and small have all contributed, among them our ancestors who through the years came to North America from the Isle of Man. The spirit of independence and self-government that we cherish is rooted in such institutions as the Isle's Tynwald, the oldest continuous legislature.

NAMA's convention met this year on lands where 150 years ago men and women fresh from the Isle of Man farmed the land and mined the ground for food, coal and other essentials to help build a nation. And conventioners new to Illinois found people generations removed from the Isle in who pride and love for things Manx are as strong as that of those who dug the earth years ago.

The writer Hal Caine, of Manx ancestry, has written that a Manxman "contentedly adopts himself to the country that becomes his foster mother, but he never forgets his natural mother for all of that. And whatever the greatness and grandeur of the country he lives in, he always clings to the belief that the Isle of Man is the most beautiful and desirable place in the world. .... As blood calls to blood, though it may be over many generations, so across the countries which separate him from his home there is always a deep call to the Manxman's heart for the soil that gave him birth."

The right to claim a Manx heritage is a thing to be guarded, nurtured and preserved.

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A strong economy has boosted the average home price on the IOM to almost £174,000 pounds. This is an increase of almost £16,000 pounds from last year. A real estate dealer said "It is simple economics; it always boils down to supply and demand".

## ***New History Series Traces Island's Growth***

A New History of the Isle of Man: Volume 5, *The Modern Period 1830-1999* is the first book to be published in a series of volumes planned to study the island's history.

The five-volume series, edited by John Belchem of the University of Liverpool, will survey all aspects of the Isle of Man history from the evolution of the natural landscape through prehistory to modern times. Published to mark the centenary of A.W. Moore's pioneering history of the island, the series is being produced by the Centre for Manx Studies in partnership with the Isle of Man Government and Liverpool University Press.

The modern period book covers political, constitutional, economic, labor, social and cultural developments in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The publishers say that the history's contributors "explore the ways in which a sense of Manxness was contrasted, contested, continued and amended as the little Manx nation underwent unprecedented change from debtors' retreat through holiday playground to off-shore international financial center."

The book is priced at \$82.95 for the hardback version and \$29.95 from the paperback edition. Copies may be ordered through: International Specialized Book Distributors, 5824 NE Hassalo Street, Portland, OR 97213-3644. The distributors can be reached on the Internet at [www.isbs.com](http://www.isbs.com). Copies may also be ordered through Amazon.com.

## **TRAVELWRITER SALUTES OUR ISLE'S DELIGHTS**

Too few of the writers who report for travel magazines and newspaper travel section find their way to the Isle of Man, so a lengthy feature that details the charms of the island is a rare treat.

How rare might be seen in an English customs officer's comment to the writer that "foreigners just never go there unless they have family." Fortunately the writer's husband did know the island and insisted that she make a visit.

Her enthusiastic report appeared last August 25<sup>th</sup> in the leading Southern California newspaper, the writer describing the many pleasures she, her husband and young child found in "this little jewel just 33 miles long and 13 miles wide" that would make "an ideal escape from the real world."

From the plane, the author wrote, "I looked down on an emerald island with mountains, wooded glens, waterfalls, dramatic sea cliffs and empty beaches."

The idea of sharing this enthusiastic article with all NAMA bulletin readers arose, but an inquiry about this to the newspaper brought word of a reprint fee that challenged the bulletin's budget. It was not clear whether even mentioning the name of the paper would generate a fee, but those with access to the Internet can try <http://www.latimes.com> and have a good chance of finding the article.

When they do, they will find that the writer says she "found the Isle of Man to be a miniature of England, except more manageable for visitors trying to see everything in a single trip. It has medieval castles and ruins, ancient Celtic stones, Viking gravesites, Victorian steam trains still in operation, scenic paths, friendly people and – sorry to have to add – bland English cuisine."

One NAMA member who read the article challenged her knock on a particular restaurant, but such evaluations are usually a judgment call.

Suffice to say that the author wrote, "We left the island already planning a return trip" when maybe their child "might be old enough to walk the footpaths throughout the island, each beckoning with a new view to admire or a historic tale to tell."

For the full article from the Internet try: [www.latimes.com/la-tr-isleofman25aug25.story](http://www.latimes.com/la-tr-isleofman25aug25.story).

Even though we can't say exactly who this admirer of the isle is, it's always nice to know there is another Manx fan out there who has told possibly a million California travelers about our island.

We love the newspaper and hope they don't send a bill.

## ***In Memoriam***

*Camille Marie Fargher*, beloved wife of past NAMA president Larry Fargher, died peacefully in Santa Clara, CA on May 2, 2002 after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. She was born December 5, 1921 in Dwight, Nebraska to Joseph and Frances Augusta. Long active in her community where she was the "Santa Clara Woman Volunteer of the year" in 1965, Camille participated in NAMA activities for more than 20 years. She attended many conventions and walked the path in Tynwald in 1992. In addition to her husband four children, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild survive her. One son preceded her in death.

*Louisa Jane Corlett Feick*, wife of the late George Feick III, died in Stoughton, MA on May 13, 2002. Born in Hudson, Ohio February 26, 1924 to Spencer and Zella Corlett, she was an avid genealogist and especially interested in her Manx heritage. A long-time member of NAMA, she was working actively on her family's history when she died, her daughter Stein Feick reported. Four children, a brother and many nieces and nephews survive her.

## Bulletin Schedule

The normal NAMA bulletin schedule is for three issues in a convention year, such as 2002, and four in the year between conventions. A final issue for this year will come out in December with a copy deadline of November 22. For 2003 the following schedule is planned:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Bulletin issue</u>
February 15	March
May 15	June
August 10	September
November 15	December

We welcome and need contributions and comments at any time. Reports of society activities are naturally important, and recollections of visits to the island or experiences in genealogical searching are of interest. Plus anything you feel could be of interest to fellow Manx. These can be sent to the editor (who reserves the right to edit copy); Bruce Quayle at 3005 Ridgevale Road, Wilmington, DE 19808 or by email to [pnbcue@aol.com](mailto:pnbcue@aol.com).

## Manx Stamp Success in Canada

A stamp from the Isle of Man has been voted the favorite Canadian theme stamp issued last year, Manx Radio has reported.

The design shows the arrival of the first train of the Canadian Pacific Railroad into Vancouver, a center of Manx settlement, and forms part of a set of stamps issued last year on the theme of Victorian days.

The manager of the Isle of Man Philatelic Bureau, Dot Tilbury, said they were especially proud to have won as the concept and design were all done on the island.

The competition has been publicized in many philatelic bulletins including the US based Linn's Stamp news, the largest weekly newspaper in the world.

## "AN OLD MOVIE SET"

By Terry McCaffrey

A few years after my wife Joan and I left Mannin and came to British Columbia I worked in a small Vancouver office where we needed someone to order pencils, erasers, drawing pins and all those things which people rarely use anymore. A very pleasant, elderly gentleman came out of retirement to do this work for us. He had grown up in a tiny "whistle-stop" village on the east side of the Rockies. He spoke often of his little "Eden". His sweetest memories were there. He said that he meant to go back "someday", but his time ran out. He never returned. Perhaps, in his heart he knew that he wouldn't return and that what happened to him in this special place was best kept as a precious memory only.

Years later, my family and I returned to the Isle of Man for a holiday. Few places stand still. We expected many changes. One day I set out alone by car from my wife's cousin's house in Onchan village. I was making for Glendhoo where I grew up back in the thirties. As a child it had always seemed an enormous distance from Onchan to our house down in the glen. In the car I covered the several miles in minutes. I turned off the main road and down a steep but neatly paved farm lane which I remembered as being full of ruts and projecting rocks which became slippery when it rained. Everything seemed so much smaller than when I saw it last. This included the farm lane itself where the summer grasses on the hedges brushed both sides of the car. The whitewashed farmhouse, the farm buildings and the nearby red brick house that my dad built were all there, as before. They appeared little changed - at least from the outside. I seemed to be the only person there.

It was like looking at an old movie set where all the players had left long, long ago - most of them forever.

I pictured farmer Harry Cubbon ambling across his cobbled yard, trouser bottoms tied with binder twine, working slowly on his plug of Manx Cake chewing tobacco, stopping briefly to dip his fingers in amongst the pollywogs and various other forms of life in the iron water tank before milking his cows. The old stable door hung open. I fancied I could see the ample rear views of Nancy and Lizzie, the Clydesdales - side by side, flicking their tails to ward off the flies and, occasionally stamping their great hooves and in the farmyard, the dozing form of Ned the Border collie and the self-important rooster and his harem scratching for grain from the last "thrashin".

A man did appear from the farmhouse but he was disinclined to talk so I walked out of the yard and up the lane to the house that my dad built. A young man appeared who greeted me very pleasantly. "My father built this house", I told him....."my family and I have lived in British Columbia for some years now and....."Very interesting", he replied....."if you will excuse me, I must do some shopping in Douglas before my office opens. Hope you enjoy your visit to our little island." He jumped into his car and soon disappeared in the direction of Douglas.

I thought about the old gentleman who had once looked after our office supplies in Vancouver. At least I had returned, although my book on Glendhoo, just like his on his Rocky Mountain village, had, in reality been closed a long time ago.

### Fascinating fact...

The Three Legs of Man is the island's symbol of Independence. While there is much local argument about which way the legs run (officially it is clockwise), the symbol's meaning is undisputed: *Quocunque Jeceris Stabit* - 'Whichever way you throw me I stand'.

Acknowledgement: DOTL



# Society News

## CLEVELAND MANX

Mona Haldeman reports that the Cleveland Manx have maintained their usual active pace of events. In April, 25 members gathered at the North Royalton Public Library to hear Florence Roseman's account of the Athenia torpedoing in 1939 when she and her mother were returning from the Isle of Man, an event which both happily survived. In May, members dined together at a restaurant in the Amish settlement east of Cleveland and June found them at the Carousel dinner theater. A trolley tour of historic Lake View Cemetery, where President Garfield is buried is on the calendar for July, to be followed by the August picnic. Manx friends visiting in the Cleveland area are always welcome of the society's gathering.

## ONTARIO MANX

The Ontario Manx have enjoyed an active 2002 thus far with a spring meeting in May and a picnic in July. The May gathering at the home of Margaret and Edmonde Roche featured a video about the Isle of Man brought by Alex Wright. At the July picnic the group ate heartily before an active game period that included favorite egg tossing and shoe kicking races. The youngest and newest society member at the picnic was Emilie Carolyn Teare, daughter of Genevieve and Alan Teare and great granddaughter of the late Thomas Henry Teare, a ship chandler of Peel.

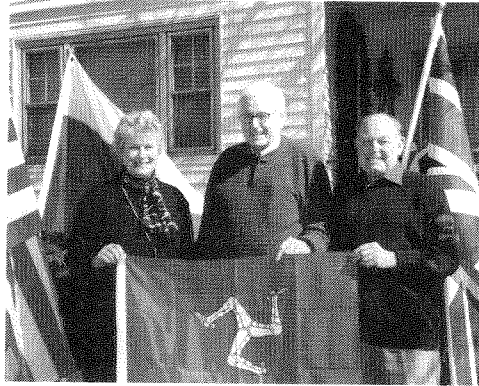
Society reporter Phyllis Busche noted that the members have been saddened to learn of the passing in July of long-time member Corrie Sharrock.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN

A video presentation by Chuck Caley about the famous sailing vessel Star of India, built in Ramsey on the Isle of Man, highlighted the spring meeting of the society at the home of Bob and Rachel (Vondy) LaRue in Erie, Colorado. President Jim Corlett led the group in the singing of Ellan Vannin. Reporter Albert Scarffe noted that the

youngest member present was 13 weeks old Michael Kent-Ruiz.

## SALT LAKE CITY MANX



*Russell Cannon (center) welcomes Pam and Rod Done from Ballaugh, IOM to Salt Lake City for the Winter Olympics.*

The Manx of Utah had the privilege in February of hosting the parents of a Manx young woman believed to be the first participant in the Winter Olympics to come from the Isle of Man. Cheryl Done from Ballaugh was in the competition as a member of the British women's bobsled team. Ms. Done's parents, Rod and Pam Done, made their first trip to the United States for the Olympics and were guided by NAMA member Russell A Cannon for tours of important Salt Lake City sites. Mr. Cannon also arranged the Done's attendance at Olympic-related events presented by the Mormon Church.

While the British team did not win its event, Ms. Done enjoyed the Salt Lake hospitality and at a piano recital, Mr. Cannon reports, struck up acquaintance with a young and single Brigham Young University professor and pianist and arranged an email exchange with him.

Mr. Cannon noted that in Ballaugh the Dones live near David Cannan, a member and former speaker of the House of Keys, who is a cousin of Mr. Cannon.

## SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Jim and Linda Kermott entertained the spring meeting of the society with an account of their August 2001 visit to the Isle of Man. In tracing his ancestors Jim found the 1700 AD gravestone of a relative in the cemetery of

the parish church of St. Runius in Marown. The church, which dates back to 1200 AD, was the parish church of the Kermott family. Bob Wright of the San Diego Maritime Museum reported on happenings on the Manx-built sailing ship Star of India when it is at the museum. Faith and Lou Vick hosted the meeting at their home with Katie Kermeeen serving as co-host.

## WISCONSIN MANX

The Wisconsin society sent 12 members to the NAMA convention, an event highlighted by the presentation of the first Manx North American Award to our own James Morey. Several of our members used this time to celebrate family reunions. Georgene and Mona Voutila enjoyed the company of two Minnesota cousins who share their Gelling heritage. Her brothers, Douglas Coen from Minnesota, Lyle Coen from Illinois and D. Allen Coen from North Dakota, joined Joyce Benjamin. Their Manx heritage stems from the Quilliam family of Balladoole.

At the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the society convention attendees will share their experiences, and James Morey will share his musical talents. All Manx people and friends are welcome to join us at the Midvale Community Lutheran Church at noon.



*Greater Washington Manx created this special emblem to recognize their 25th anniversary.*

(The final 2002 issue of the bulletin will be mailed in early December. Reports for that issue should be received by November 22. Thanks)

## Chaplain's Corner

My "Corner" this issue is a continuation of my report in the last issue about Arthur Caley, famous as The Manx Giant." He was born in 1829 and raised at Balla Caley across the road from Coobane, the home of my grandfather, Rev. John Caley Craine, who immigrated to America in 1888 and who apparently was a distant cousin of Arthur Caley. My great-great grandmother was Elizabeth Caley from Balla Caley in Sulby Glen. She married my great-great grandfather Thomas Craine in 1796.

A.W. Moore in his book "Manx Worthies" includes a short biographical sketch. Arthur Caley was born in Sulby, and both his parents were of ordinary stature. At the age of 22, he was 7 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 21 stone or about 300 pounds. At the age of 43 he weighed 620 pounds and his height was 7 feet 11 inches. He came to America and was well known for his appearances with the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

You can visit his family home attached to the east end of the Sulby Glen Hotel. Or perhaps you can stop for a visit the next time you pass by, possibly on your TT Motorcross motorcycle.

Rev. Devore Craine Smith



## Give Your Family A Bit of Manx History

"To preserve what'er is left us of ancient heritage." These words of the famous Manx poet T.E. Brown were well chosen as a motto for the NAMA Bulletin.

We Manx men and women have a responsibility to pass on our love of the Isle of Man and our knowledge of its culture and lore. Many of us had a parent or grandparent to share with us family stories, songs and bits of history. With each passing generation the ties to the Isle of Man grow a little weaker. We must keep the Manx spirit alive in our families.

In the coming holiday season what better gift to give than a bit of Manx heritage. Give your children or grandchildren a year's membership in NAMA. An annual individual membership is \$15 US/\$22 Canadian. A family membership is \$20 US/\$30 Canadian. A colorful membership certificate suitable for framing is available for \$5US/\$7 Canadian. As a bonus for any parent enrolling their adult children, we will be creating a special Manx certificate for any children under the age of 28. Mail membership orders to Treasurer Helen Drom, 4960 Cherry Avenue, San Diego, CA 93455-4947.

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