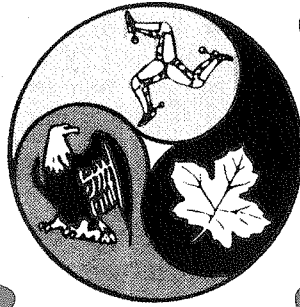


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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." T.E. Brown

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### Chicago Site Selected For 2004 Convention

The Chicago Manx invite you to join your Manx friends and relatives at the 2004 Biennial Convention. The Convention is scheduled for August 28, 29, and 30, 2004. The Allerton Crowne Plaza Hotel on Chicago's famed beautiful Magnificent Mile has been selected as the sight for the convention. The hotel offers wonderful facilities, has a beautiful two-story atrium lobby for informal meetings with your friends. There is a lounge for appetizers and snacks and nightly drinks specials, a health club, a magnificent swimming pool for all to enjoy. The hotel is located on Chicago's Michigan Avenue, steps from the Water Tower, world class shopping, and conveniently served by free trolleys. Come to Chicago and enjoy the world-class museums (within a mile of the hotel), the new theater district of Chicago, and some of the best dining in the world.

The Chicago Manx look forward to being joined by the Manx worldwide on a glorious summer weekend. Make plans to set aside these dates to come to Chicago. For more information, booking details, transportation information and the like and future bulletins, direct your questions to Convention Chair and NAMA First Vice President Bradley Prendergast at (312) 853-0700 or [www.beeves@juno.com](mailto:www.beeves@juno.com). The Chicago Manx look forward to hosting you at the 2004 Convention.

### NAMA Youth Award Nominations Sought

The Manx North American (Youth) Award is a triangular shaped three-dimensional block of Manx black limestone that is carved with the three legs emblem. At each NAMA convention one of these prestigious awards from the Isle of Man Department of Education shall be awarded to a student or a small group of students, 18 or younger, with Manx family links, who makes a contribution to maintaining an awareness of the Isle of Man and its culture. They must demonstrate interest in one or more aspects of Manx culture or history which may be evidenced within disciplines of learning the Manx language, performing Manx music, poetry, dance, drama, or by sharing knowledge of Manx culture or history through essays.



Nominations will be accepted from an individual NAMA member or local societies. Each nomination must be in the form of a one-page description of the nominee's 'body of work' that is evidence of their understanding of the Isle of Man and its culture through performance. The individuals, or those nominating them, must also provide a cover letter with names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references that may be used by judges. All entries should be mailed directly to: Mary Kelly, P.O. Box 425, Platteville, WI 53818 and must arrive by March 31, 2004.

### Emigrating to America; 'Mother Urged it On'

(Many early Manx emigrants to America have written of their family's experience, giving today's Manx descendents a picture of how "we" got here. Thomas Tear and his family sailed from Ramsey in April 1826, when he was six, and many years later he wrote an account of their experience which eventually appeared in the magazine of the Lake County (Ohio) Historical Society and is excerpted here.)

"What led to emigrating to America was as follows. Father's business in the summer for many years was fishing, herring fishing mainly. He was with his father-in-law much of the time, who owned an interesting number of fishing vessels and who was quite successful in the business. Father was wanted because he could speak English, after a fashion, and figure a little, neither of which his father-in-law could do, though he was a very superior character. Father was a good hand, but the fishing failed and for a number of years, instead of making money, sunk money. The enormous drinking of the fisherman helped to this end, as well as the tobacco, which seemed to be regarded as one of the necessities of life.....

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## Comments by NAMA President Norman Standish

Now that the rush of the holiday season is over, it is time to focus our attention on the coming year. Hopefully, the economic conditions of the country will smooth out and the lingering threats of military action will fade away. It is time to turn our attention to the coming year of NAMA.

NAMA Board Meeting – The NAMA Board will meet in Chicago on August 2, 2003 to plan for the 2004 convention to be held there under the chairmanship of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Brad Prendergast. Past NAMA conventions in Chicago have been exciting occasions, and we look forward to another memorable gathering in that interesting city.

We also need to look beyond the next convention to consider future sites and welcome your suggestions for this. We have already received these suggestions: Canada, from Carol Christian; Plymouth, MA, from Jim Tiffin; Cleveland, from Alice Cannell; and California, from Devore Smith.

At the August Board meeting, the NAMA Committee on Nominations and Elections will consider names for election as officers at the 2004 convention. Members of that committee are Jack Cormode (Chairman), Don Quayle, Larry Fragher, Mary Kelly, Norman Gill and Norman Standish.

NAMA Newsletter – Our newsletter is a very important communications tool with our membership, and to support editor Bruce Quayle we need your thoughts and input. News of your contacts and relatives on the Isle of Man, human interest stories, genealogy you wish to share, letters and documents your forefathers may have written to the family – all can be of interest. See the account in this issue of the Tear family's travel from Ramsey to Ohio in 1826 as an example of an interesting article.

Membership – Each year we lose members who do not realize that their dues have not been paid. If you look at the mailing label on your issue of the NAMA Newsletter, your status is clearly defined. Line 1: membership TYPE (Ind – individual; Fam = family, Soc. = society, or Comp. = complimentary) and TERM – (Year = yearly member, and LIFE = life membership). Line 2 – membership dues and postage supplement in US dollars. (AMT – amount due for your membership type and term. POST = postage supplement if due and TOT = total amount due) Annual individual dues are \$15 and Family dues are \$20.-

Inventory of NAMA Property – Each year at the NAMA Board meeting the Trustee with responsibility for maintaining the inventory of NAMA property presents report on the location of that property. With changes in Trustees and Officers there are always changes necessary to update the location of various items. We appreciate the efforts of Sally Dahlquist in keeping this list current. With her election as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice president, I have appointed Trustee John Prendergast to assume this title.

Transportation to the IOM – Air travel to the Isle of Man has undergone some changes this past year. Assistance in making arrangements for travel to the Island can be obtained by contacting Laurence Skelly by mail at Glen Lea House, Trugguin Road, Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, IM9 5AS, United Kingdom, or through email at Skelly@manx.net.

My Fault – At the 2002 NAMA convention, the Galva Manx Society contributed some beautiful glass pieces with the Three Legs of Man for window display. I didn't want them broken and secured them carefully wrapped on a secure shelf. When it came time for the general meeting I had one of those "senior moments" and completely forgot about them. I have proposed that we use them as door prizes for the Chicago convention. The situation was entirely my fault, and I do extend my apologies to the Galva Manx Association.

Back to work – I must get back to work on my Habitat for Humanity house in Freeport before I forget. This is the third house I have worked in since retirement. Best wishes to everyone. Hope to see everyone at the next Convention.

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**Travelers** (continued from page 1.)

“Father had a few books and did some reading. He had one called Geography, in which he got some knowledge of America. Some four years before, I think it was, two families not far away had gone and settled in Cross Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. They wrote back of the state of things, but it was very little heeded. Finally, father began to talk about going to America. It would have ended in talk probably, but mother, seeing that they were constantly losing ground, concluded that something must be done. Unlike many other women, she began to favor it and urged it on.....

“In our family were: father, mother, grandfather and six children: Judy, William, John, Thomas, Margaret and James. The children’s ages were 16, 15, 12, 6 and 3 and James the youngest being only seven weeks old.....

“Before reaching Liverpool, they expected to take passage to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and then travel by wagon across the country to Jefferson County, Ohio. At Liverpool they were informed of the recent completion of the Erie Canal enabling them to reach Ohio by way of New York, by water, which was far more preferable. So they went to New York....

“We were in New York only a few hours before starting for Albany on the river. We were on some kind of boat that was fastened to the side of a steamer and drawn along or towed. The boat was open and there were two boats on one side and one on the other side of the steamer. Thus we went up the river to Albany in not over 24 hours....

“We had gotten to Albany and while waiting on the dock for a canal boat on which to take passage...a man from Ohio came

## Chaplain’s Corner

Rev. Devore Craine Smith

How has the Manx religious tradition been sustained in your family traditions? In my family it has been faithfully carried forward from its roots in the Isle of Man in John Wesley’s Methodism. The Daniel and Elizabeth Craine family at Sulby followed their faith in the Methodist church of Sulby and my grandfather, John Caley Smith, attended the Church of England Parochial School there. At the age of 21 he emigrated to America, as did many of our ancestors, carrying his Methodist faith with him. He graduated from Hedding College in Illinois by being trained and ordained as a Methodist minister serving his whole life in Illinois parishes. Thus his children, including my mother, Mona Elizabeth Craine, had a firm foundation in Methodist worship and the Christian life.

By marriage to Milton William Smith and having lived for several years with his mother and father, William and Sarah Smith, we became Presbyterians at the Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church of Streator, Illinois under Rev. Edgar Smith.

The Presbyterian tradition continued at San Diego during the war in the newly organized Presbyterian congregation at Linda Vista where I began my progress toward the ministry from high school there through Palo Alto High School and Stanford. Theology at San Francisco Theological seminary led on to serving Presbyterian churches in California (with my new family) and participation in retirement in a Presbyterian Church in El Cajon and my daughter Kimberly Evangeline Billman in the Foothills Methodist church. I am thankful that through my families’ faithfulness we are blessed with a vital Christian faith today and into the future. I pray that your families have been blessed as well and are continuing to pass it on.

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along inquiring of the passengers if any of them wanted to buy land. This man was Eliakim Field, the builder of the old Concord Furnace. He was on his way to New York to contract pig iron, also to engage a man to his furnace. My father took his address and afterwards bought the land on which I now live. He led us to this place - Leroy Township....

“We finally got aboard a boat and reached Buffalo in a week. At Buffalo we were put aboard a schooner called The Lady of the Lake; because of the foul wind, the flat bottom of the vessel and the unskillfulness of the seamen, we were two weeks in reaching Fairport, 160 miles. We landed early in the morning before sunrise. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 1826...

“After father got here, he wrote back describing the state of things here and wrote repeatedly. It was father’s letters that I always heard spoken of as stirring the people up there so much. It seems there was almost a panic the next year, by a middle class going to America. People, it was said, would come from far and near to hear father’s letters read. Once a crowd had gathered, a man took the letter and got up on top of a sod hedge and read it to the crowd.....

“How many came from there the next year I cannot say, but I have heard it was way up in the hundreds. A good many anyway, and most of them for their good, but not all, I think. Those who were best off there, generally did the poorest here.....”

(Editor’s Note: The Bulletin welcomes accounts from members of how their ancestors came to North America.)

## Polar Bears in the Irish Sea?

On New Year's Day 2003, 181 hardy Manxmen braved the freezing waters of the Irish Sea in Peel Harbor. This traditional swim raises funds for Isle of Man charities.



- Photo by Peter Killey

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## What's Going On With Australian Manx Societies

The Bulletin has been lax in keeping tabs on our cousins "down under", but some recent email probes to Australia find that the societies there have an active calendar of events.

President Margaret Witherington of the Queensland Manx Society reports some 120 members throughout the territory, with meetings every two months in Brisbane with an average attendance of 40. That number doubles for the Tynwald Day meetings.

The Society dates back to August 1914 and is one of the oldest ethnic organizations in Queensland.

Programs focus on Manx and/or Celtic themes from members or guests and always include the singing of Ellan Vannin and the Manx National Anthem. Most members are of Manx descent, although only eight are Manx born. Contact Mrs. Witherington at [manninaus@iprimus.com.au](mailto:manninaus@iprimus.com.au). Or you can visit the society's website at <http://qldmanx.iomonline.co.im>

Each May, the Queensland and somewhat smaller New South Wales Manx Society get together in Glen Innes, New South Wales for the annual Celtic festival there. This event grows more popular each year.

The New South Wales Manx Society was founded early in 1984 shortly after the late Noreen Cottier, someone not a stranger to NAMA members, called a meeting on a visit to Sidney. An earlier Manx society had existed in New South Wales from about 1914, but had been disbanded.

The NSW society website is <http://nswmanx.iomonline.co.im>. President Margaret Sharpe of the New South Wales Society is reachable at [msharpe@hunterlink.net.au](mailto:msharpe@hunterlink.net.au).

The December 2002 newsletter of the Manx Society of Western Australia from Secretary Kath Craine apologized for a news blackout occasioned by family business and reported on the status of individual members. The Society had had a turnout of 74 for its Tynwald luncheon earlier in the year and looked forward to a get-together later in 2003. Mrs. Craine can be reached at 11 Governor Drive, Falcon, Western Australia 6210.

## Lonesome for the Isle? Sign on for Manx Scenes

NAMA members and others who need an Isle of Man fix, but are unable to make a trip just now have only to hop on the Internet and log on to [www.manxscenes.com](http://www.manxscenes.com) for relaxing color views of almost any sight on the island they long for.

This treat comes without charge from a generous Manxman named Peter Killey, a talented photographer by hobby and a Douglas fire-fighter by profession. Peter began his interest in digital photography in 1999 and as his equipment and pictures got better and better, he decided to share the results with one and all. As he writes on his website:

"Obviously I am a Manxman and I am very proud of my Manx roots and my Manx heritage, so much so that I decided to build this Isle of Man digital photographic website, so the whole world can see what I can see daily, in other words true God's country."

There is more information about Peter and his digital photography on the "about me!" page on the Manxscenes website.

For those who may not be Internet users, Peter has agreed to let the NAMA bulletin publish some of his pictures occasionally. Unfortunately they won't be in color, but even black and white views of the island are better than nothing.



Photographer  
and fireman  
Peter Killey

## From Fort Collins to Peel : A Special Manx Visit

*(In the previous issue the Bulletin began the account of Rev. Carol and Doug Fox, members of the Rocky Mount Manx Society, of their special time on the Isle in 2002 when Carol served the Methodist Ministry there. The following concludes their report.)*

Carol found that being in ministry on the Isle of Man is not too different from being in ministry in Colorado. Having the opportunity to serve the congregations through leading worships, congregational care experiences and Christian education opportunities are very similar wherever people of faith are gathered. The difference is in "how" we do ministry. That is, serving four Chapels instead of one, or at most two; traveling on Sunday evenings to preach at various Chapels scattered through out the Circuit, Christingle Services during the Christmas season and leading school assemblies are a few differences both of us experienced.

No sooner had we adjusted to Winter than Spring arrived. Spring comes to the Isle of Man quickly. One day you notice a few flowers in the lawn and the next the roadways are outlined in daffodils. And then the yellow gorse lights up the hedgerows. The Isle of Man is one of the most beautiful places in the world, and it is at its best in the Spring.

In the spring we were able to move into the wonderful, newly renovated 'Wesley Manse' on Athol Street, Peel. The Manse was built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and it had a complete interior redecoration, an exterior "damp course" and a new slate roof. An airy and bright modern kitchen as well as an oversized central heating system (The stew-

ards felt sorry for their Americans who were constantly shivering in the cold, damp, Manx winter.) It was great fun watching the Manse through this renovation. Doug got to know the two men who were doing the job and gained a great respect for the skill and craftsmanship required to fix up these wonderful old Manx buildings. But, by far, the most wonderful experience was to actually be in Peel. Peel is a unique place, even for the Isle of Man. There are almost as many native Manx in Peel as in Cleveland. And, Peel accepted us as if we had been born there. Our morning ritual involved a stroll down Michael Street to catch up on the local skeet (news), stop into Mr. Kelly's butcher for lamb chops and a few words on the state of affairs in Peel, check in at Mandrill's to see what the catch of the day was, and then wander down to the front. Some of you may know that the tradition is to kick the north rock ledge with your right foot, and this we did religiously every day.

Along with Spring came one of the more memorable experiences in this year of new and wonderful experiences. It came on a Sunday evening in April at the Glen Maye Chapel when Carol was invited to preach at a Mariner's Service. The Mariners are a men's choir. Originally all of them were Captains from the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company. While that requirement no longer exists, the Mariners continue to decorate their services with an assortment of ships flags, wheels, lights and the like. Following their service and a light supper we all sang the wonderful old hymns. Indeed, sitting in the small Chapel, strong winds rattling the roof tiles and horizontal rain beating on the windows, we shall never forget the reassurance of hearing the men sing, "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life....? We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love."

Carol also had the opportunity to lead a Civic Service at Peel Methodist Church. What a joy to have the freedom to blend prayer and worship and government work! And what a different experience for us to be a part of it all. On July 5<sup>th</sup> Carol was honored to represent the Methodist church in the annual Tynwald ceremony. It was a beautiful day, sun shining brightly and everyone in a festive mood. We ended the day with traditional spuds and kipper meal.

Well, we could go on and on writing about our experiences in Ministry on the Isle. It has been a humbling experience to be so welcomed. What an honor to be allowed to pastor to such wonderful people, and to experience the Isle of Man. Here we came home to a place we had never been before, but to a place where a part of us will remain forever.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to hear more about our year on the Isle of Man. Rev. Carol and Dr. Douglas Fox are reachable by email at: [revfox@attbi.com](mailto:revfox@attbi.com)

# Society News

## Chicago Manx

The Chicago Manx held their last meeting of 2002 on November 17 at the home of John and Mary Prendergast on the south side of Chicago, with 15 members attending. The Chicago Manx cover the greater Chicagoland area and are trying to meet in all parts of the region hoping that we can get new people interested in attending. We enjoy a delicious dinner and have a program related to the Isle of Man.

Our next meeting will be held April 6 at the home of Bob and Eleanor Quayle in Munster, IN. We will begin with a potluck dinner at 1PM, followed by our meeting.

Robert Kelly, president of the Chicago Manx, is also president of the Winnebago and Boone Counties Genealogical Society in Rockford. At that group's December 2002 meeting highlighting ethnic holiday customs he presented a program on Isle of Man customs for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

At the meeting of the genealogical society on March 1 he will present another program on the Isle of Man and England. He is hoping to find in the Rockford area people of Manx descent who may become members of both the local society and NAMA.

The Chicago Manx will be hosting the 2004 Convention in Chicago and hope that all NAMA members will make plans to attend. - Robert Kelly

## Cleveland Manx

At our annual Christmas party on December 1 at a local Holiday Inn, we collected mittens, gloves and knitted hats that were taken to a charitable organization. Then, we were entertained by a barbershop quartet.

On December 30 several members helped our former member Flo Gorry celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (which is reported elsewhere in this bulletin).

We are planning to meet in March, but we skip January and February due to the possibility of inclement weather, which we've seem much of

this year. Definite plans are not made yet, but we will probably meet at a restaurant. - Mona Haldeman.

## Greater Washington D.C. Area Manx

Despite the threat of more terrorist attacks, the most dangerous characters who disturbed the peace at our annual Twelfth Night Party on January 11 were a tall dark First Footer, who ushered in the New Year, and several sword wielding characters from the past who acted out our Mummer's Play. So a good time was had by all, with plenty of feasting and merrymaking.

This year begins our Society's second quarter century. We look forward to being an active charter member of the newly-formed National Heritage Center at Northern Virginia's Marymount University. As, as one of our Manx-American members, Kelly McCarthy, has been appointed an honorary Manx government liaison with US interests, that promises to produce closer ties between us and the Island at various commercial and governmental levels.

If you plan to brave a visit to our Nation's Capital in April, please attend our annual dinner. Contact Society President Don Quayle for more information via) DRQuayle@aol.com or 301-229-1216 - Russell Woodgates

## Northern California Manx

In what has become a most pleasant holiday tradition, the Northern California Manx met again in December at the home of Kim Parker and Peter Herrera, where we shared a lasagna buffet with all the trimmings. But before and after the luncheon, as always there was the "cooish" with much discussion of what was going on with our favorite isle plus some catching up on our own "family" news. There were also reports on the recent convention in western Illinois and the upcoming 2004 one in Chicago. We discussed what we would do to get ourselves better known in the area, such as participating in ac-

tivities like the Celtic fairs. - Jack Cor-mode

## Ontario Manx

The Ontario Manx met at the home of Carol Christian on October 26, 2002 for their fall meeting. We were unable to have our annual Christmas dinner this past year due to illness and some members being away. We are hoping to meet sometime in March.

The Ontario Manx are missing two very loved and valuable members, Lil and Pat Kendall, who hosted our picnics and corn roast for several years. They worked very hard to make sure that we had a good time, and we always did. Pat passed away on September 13 at the age of 91, and Lil followed very shortly on November 10 at the age of 83. Pat was not Manx or of Manx descent but enjoyed our society very much. Lil's parents (Clague) were both born and raised in Glen Maye and immigrated to London, Ontario and later to Toronto. We are missing Lil and Pat very much.

The Spring meeting will be in April, place and time pending. - Phyllis Busche

## San Diego Manx

The Christmas meeting of the San Diego Manx Association was held at the beautifully decorated home of Aline and Ed. Wittenkeller, with 25 members in attendance. Faith Vick presented candy canes to everyone, and the Reverend Lou Vick shared with members the origin of the candy cane. They date back to 1664 England when the Puritan government banned all Christmas celebrations. In honor of Christmas a Christian made candy canes for friends. The three bands represented the Trinity and the broad band represented Jesus.

Hilary Harrison was elected to the two-year term of Society President. The members expressed their appreciation to outgoing president Lou Vick for a job well done the past two years.

Bob Wright of the San Diego Maritime Museum gave an update on

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his efforts to have a Star of India memorial plaque located at Ramsey Harbor. Bob also indicated that a sailing of the Star of India is planned for the 2006 NAMA Convention to be held in San Diego. It is hoped that conventioners will have the opportunity to be onboard.

Following the close of the business meeting, gifts were exchanged and, a fantastic spread of Christmas goodies was enjoyed by all.

The February meeting was held at the home of Hilary and Brian Harrison. Ruth Smith shared a Christmas card received from Ramsey residents Debbie and Mervyn Sims who tied the knot on the Star of India March 19, 1994.

The Star of India is 140 years old this year, and the San Diego Maritime Museum is launching a campaign to have her designated a World Heritage Site. The "Star" meets all the criteria and the Museum is looking to the San Diego Manx, NAMA, the Manx National Heritage and the Isle of Man government to take an active role in achieving their goal. Ernie Hughes shared with members an original print of a photograph taken of the Star of India on the Ramsey Shipyard slipway in 1863.

News of members not in attendance: Marge Frederick is recuperating from a fall and Lee Widner is recovering from heart surgery.

The meeting concluded with a showing of a very entertaining and educational video of the Isle of Man.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2003. - George Watterson

### Vancouver Manx

As the time for submitting this report from Vancouver we are having a lovely mild winter. Our committee will meet in early March to plan for the year's events. We hope to have a spring tea, a picnic and a fall dinner. It is getting harder to find a venue at a reasonable price in which to hold these events. I imagine other societies have the same problem.

Several of our members have been in the "not so well" category. Most are on the mend and are recovering quickly.

At our last fall dinner Chris Stirling (a former president) showed a wonderful video he had made of the Isle of Man. The background music on the tape was from the CD "The Bes' tha's In" along with the roar of the sea and the cry of seagulls. It was a terrific ending to a lovely evening. - Vera Henry

### Wisconsin Manx

The Wisconsin Manx Society, Inc. meets only two times per year, Spring and Fall. When we meet on April 27<sup>th</sup> we'll need to elect officers for the next two years. Since Joyce Benjamin has been President for two terms, she is required by our By-Laws to step down. Her shoes will be difficult to fill as she has done a great job of representing us in various Celtic gatherings as well as NAMA. Our organization has stayed alive

and active because of her work between meetings. She has made special effort to keep us focused on our purpose and individual tasks by holding semi-annual Executive Board meetings a month preceding the general meetings. We recommend her method to other groups. (Note: She bribes us with very special desserts.) Since she no longer can be our President, it's good to know that her enthusiasm will be carried into the NAMA Board, since at the NAMA Convention 2002 she was elected to be a Trustee.

We look forward to seeing the Video "The Star of India Goes to Sea" at our April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. We saw it a few years ago and it's "back by popular request". Some of our members have seen the restored Manx-built ship at the Maritime Museum in San Diego and the Alffs won a framed photo of it as a drawing prize at the NAMA Convention 2002. For further information on our meeting plans call Dorrie Alff (262)

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### Celebrating a Manx Centenarian

Mrs. Florence Gorry (nee Claque), former member of the Cleveland Manx, turned 100 on December 30, 2002 and was honored at a surprise party planned by Elizabeth Duncan at the retirement center where Flo now lives. She had been an active member until a few years ago when she had to enter an assisted living center. In a new blue dress with her hair newly done, Flo enjoyed the presence of her friends.

She was born in Peel, Isle of Man on December 30, 1902, where she lived with her parents, brother and sister until coming to America in 1925. On the island she worked at Looney's drapery shop for seven years, leaving to care for her grandfather. They lived on Mona Street and bought the house for 350 pounds. It was sold recently for several thousand pounds.

She sailed to the US on the Baltic and married Fred Gorry the day after landing in the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City. They moved to Cleveland where Fred worked at Penton Publishing for over 40 years. He died several years ago.

Both Fred and Flo loved to sing and sang in church choirs. Flo can still recite in the Manx language some songs she used to compete in the choir nearly 90 years ago. She is very alert and certainly has no memory loss.

- Mona Haldeman.

## Celtic Heritage Center Offers Research Help

If you are at all interested in matters Celtic, a rich source of information stands ready to help.

The Celtic Heritage Center in Washington, D.C. is a non-profit, non-partisan entity whose main goal is to study and celebrate the cultures of the Celtic lands and their legacy in the United States. Its range of studies includes contributions of countless Breton, Cornish, Irish, Manx, Scottish, Ulster Scots and Welsh immigrants.

The Center serves as an educational resource for people interested in investigating the past and present contribution of these immigrants and the Celtic cultures from which they came.

The Center is the creation of Dr. Christopher Snyder, Chair of the Department of History and Politics at Marymount University in Arlington, VA.

The principal tool of the Center is its website – [www.celticheritagecenter.org](http://www.celticheritagecenter.org) - which lists and provides Internet connections to more than 100 organizations and events of Celtic nature. A visit to the website is needed to appreciate the scope of its offerings.

Dr Snyder has addressed the Greater Washington Area Manx Society on the Center and received a Manx flag for inclusion in its resources.

For those not working the Internet, Dr. Snyder's address at Marymount is 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207-4299.



*Former NAMA President Don Quayle (left) presented a Manx flag to Dr. Christopher Snyder (right) for inclusion in the new Celtic Heritage Center, which he has established in Washington, D.C.*

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