



45TH "SAPPHIRE" ANNIVERSARY

2020 AGM

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 6-8



Clan Graham Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

2020 AGM

Clan Graham Society plans a festive AGM and 45th “sapphire” anniversary celebration in San Antonio, Texas, November 6-8, 2020

Due to the global pandemic and the coronavirus crisis, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) trip to Scotland this year has been postponed until the summer of 2021. Instead, a mini AGM will take place in San Antonio, Texas, from November 6-8, 2020, to give members an opportunity to reunite and celebrate the Society’s 45th “sapphire” anniversary year. Please make plans to attend this festive event. Like the precious gem, let us make precious memories that we do not forget! Ne oublie! Below is tentative information. For AGM updates, please check our website and Facebook page at www.clangrahamsociety.org and www.facebook.com/ClanGrahamSociety.

TENTATIVE/SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Friday, November 6, 2020

- 2 - 8 p.m.: Arrivals and registration at the Menger Hotel; socializing available in the historic bar and lobby
- 6 - 8 p.m.: CGS social in the lobby – time to catch up with friends!
- Or visit the Alamo next door and enjoy River Walk restaurants and shopping on your own schedule and at your leisure

Saturday, November 7, 2020

- Sightsee around San Antonio and celebrate Fiesta events on your own
- 6 p.m.: CGS Banquet and Address to the Haggis; members are encouraged to wear their tartans and kilts and dress in “shades of sapphire blue” (your choice: formal or casual)
- 8 p.m.: Clan Graham Society AGM

Sunday, November 8, 2020

- 8 a.m.: CGS farewell breakfast included at the hotel restaurant
- 11 a.m.: Hotel checkout time

AGM REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND FEES

- **By August 15:** Early registration is encouraged \$50/family
- **By September 15:** Late registration \$60/family
- AGM banquet: \$65/person

Make check payable to Clan Graham Society (memo line: 2020 AGM Registration) and mail to Lora Graham Greenland, the 2020 AGM committee chairperson (address on page 6). Also, check our website for information regarding paying by credit card (PayPal).





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The historic Menger Hotel, pictured circa 1860 and now, will be the 2020 host hotel for the Clan Graham Society's Annual General Meeting.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The historic Menger Hotel will be the host hotel for this year's AGM, banquet and social gatherings.

According to the hotel website, the Menger, in the tradition and style befitting the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi, welcomes guests with a nod to San Antonio's colorful past intermingled with its cosmopolitan present—all just steps from famous World Heritage Site—the Alamo.

This long-rooted landmark is renowned for its refined architecture, museum-worthy mementos and esteemed history. Now Grahams can become part of the list of honored guests, which have included at least 13 U.S. presidents, Oscar Wilde, cattle baron Captain Richard King of the King Ranch, Roy Rogers and Babe Ruth.

Step into the exquisite Victorian lobby and

be transported back to a time when Theodore Roosevelt gathered his Rough Riders in the Menger Bar. It was the hotel's founder, William A. Menger, a German immigrant, who established San Antonio's first brewery with Charles Degen in 1855. They served beer to travelers in a tavern next to the Alamo Chapel. Menger got the idea of opening a hotel from dealing with men too drunk to find their horses, so they would sleep it off on the tavern's tables. He opened on February 1, 1859—less than 23 years after the Battle of the Alamo. The initial two-story inn with 50 rooms has expanded into five stories with more than 300 rooms today.

The Spanish courtyard garden, filled with palm trees, azaleas and a three-tiered fountain, is one of the most peaceful in town; and the gracious service and modern amenities (including the largest heated pool in San Antonio), promises an extraordinary experience all around.



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A block of rooms has been reserved for CGS members for November 5 (Thursday early check-in) to November 8 (Sunday). Hotel reservations are open now and close **October 1**. Check in is at 3 p.m. and check out is at 11 a.m. Please use this link for the hotel and identify yourself as a member of the Clan Graham Society:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/75799?/groupID=2822886>

Room Rate: \$129/per night

Parking: \$20/per night

Address:

204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone: (800) 345-9285

Website: www.mengerhotel.com

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

Fly into the San Antonio International Airport (SAT). The Menger Hotel is located Downtown,

only 8 miles away (a 15-20 minute drive). Rent a car; take an Uber/Lyft, taxi or shuttle; or ride the bus (Line #5). More transportation help and information are available at the guest services desk at the airport.

SAN ANTONIO SIGHTSEEING/ATTRACTIONS

There is a lot to see and do in a short weekend in San Antonio. Deep in the heart of the city, Downtown blends history with a vibrant Tex-Mex experience! The Menger Hotel is adjacent to the Rivercenter mall and the Alamo. Across the street are shops, restaurants, museums and the famed River Walk. Within walking distance are other attractions, such as HemisFair Park (site of the 1968 World's Fair and home of Tower of the Americas and the Institute of Texan Cultures; La Villita (an artisan community); San Fernando Cathedral with the iconic St. Anthony statue out front and "The Saga" evening light show; and festive Market Square ("El Mercado") for a great cultural, culinary and shopping adventure.

Website: www.visitsanantonio.com

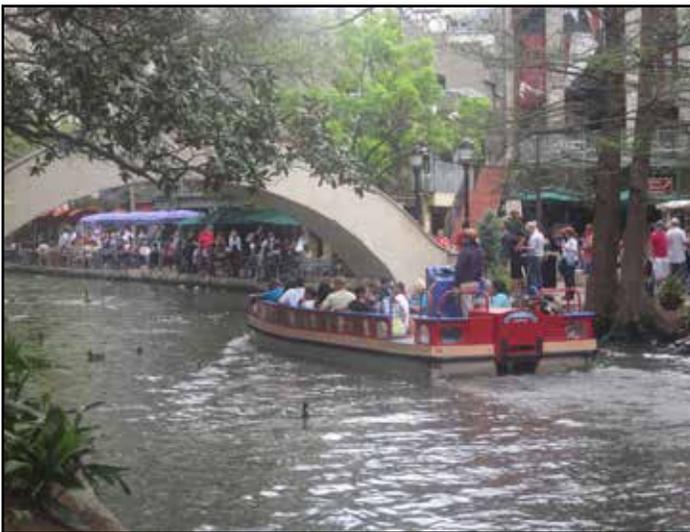


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Take a leisurely stroll, ride a relaxing river boat cruise, dine under colorful "palapas" and shop till you drop along the River Walk.

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Ne Oublie--Do Not Forget! Remember the Alamo! This museum commemorates the 19th century battle site. Visit www.thealamo.org.



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Tower of the Americas



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"The Torch of Friendship" sculpture stands in the middle of Downtown San Antonio.

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Shops at the Rivercenter mall are adjacent to the Menger Hotel.



¡Viva Fiesta! Locals and visitors alike celebrate all over the city.

¡VIVA FIESTA!

San Antonio's signature event, Fiesta, held every spring throughout the city, has been postponed due to COVID-19. Likened to Mardi Gras and Carnival, Fiesta has been rescheduled for November 5-15 this year. Clan Graham members have the option to experience the colorful festivities as part of their vacation.

Since 1891, Fiesta commemorates the Battle of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto, which liberated Texas from Mexico in April 1836. More than three million people the world over participate in 100+ events that take place all over the city. Parades, coronations of various royal courts, military honors, concerts, charity FUNraising activities and medal/pin mania are all part of the charm of Fiesta San Antonio.

Website: <https://fiestasanantonio.org>

2020 AGM HOST CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this year's AGM, please contact:

Lora L. Graham Greenland
2020 AGM Committee Chairperson and
Vice President of Clan Graham Society

Address UNTIL June 15
1808 Baihly Hills Drive SW
Rochester, MN 55902

Address AFTER June 15
2121 Allen Parkway, #1037
Houston, Texas 77019

Cell Phone: (616) 204-1813

Email: ladyloragreenland@gmail.com





CLAN GRAHAM SOCIETY 2020 AGM REGISTRATION

Early registration by **August 15, 2020** • Late registration by **September 15, 2020**

Please complete and send this form with check payable to
Clan Graham Society (memo line: 2020 AGM Registration) to:

LORA GRAHAM GREENLAND, 2020 AGM CHAIR AND CGS VP

Address UNTIL June 15, 2020:
1808 Baihly Hills Drive SW
Rochester, Minnesota 55902

Address UNTIL June 15, 2020:
2121 Allen Parkway, #1037
Houston, Texas 77019

Name: _____

Member #: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Member #: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: Home: (____) _____

Cell: (____) _____

AGM Registration Fees and Deadlines

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Your choice: formal or casual comfortable

Please select dinner:

Grilled Pork Chop (#): _____ Grilled Chicken (#): _____ Rib Eye Steak (#): _____

Trout Almondine (#): _____ Salmon (#): _____ Vegetarian Meal (#): _____

All dinners include roll and butter, iced tea, coffee, potato, vegetable and mini dessert

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GRAND TOTAL Please write a check payable to **CLAN GRAHAM SOCIETY** for this amount: \$ _____
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