



CLAN MUNRO USA GATHERING BOSTON, AUGUST 9 – 12, 2012

QUESTION: What's a "Boston Come-Ye-All?"

Answer 1: It's a sea chantey cataloging different species of fish and making only a passing reference to Boston.



Answer 2: **What Clan Munro Association members should plan to do the second weekend of August, 2012!
Clan Munro will gather in Boston from August 9 to August 12, 2012**

Good Old Boston: The home of the Bean and the Cod, the City on a Hill, the Hub of the Universe, the Athens of America, the Cradle of Liberty. Boston, home of the Red Sox, the Patriots, the Celtics, and the Bruins, Faneuil Hall and Fenway Park, more institutions of higher education than you can shake a stick at, Swan Boats and schrod.



Home of Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, Bette Davis and Arthur Fiedler, Mark Wahlberg and Mr. Spock, Charley on the M.T.A., Julia Child, and the Kennedys (none of whom will be joining us).

More important for Clan Munro, Boston is the place where, in November 1651, William Munro of Aldie, captured by the forces of Oliver Cromwell after the Battle of Worcester, arrived as an indentured servant. After the period of his indenture was completed, William bought land in Lexington, MA and became progenitor of a long line of Munros/Munroes/Monroes. Eight of his descendants (including Ebenezer Monroe, who may well have fired the first shot against the British) were among the 79 or 80 Minutemen who faced the British in the Battle of Lexington Green in April, 1775.

The hotel for the gathering will be the Omni Parker House, centrally located in the heart of historic Boston. More on the Parker House below.

Gathering Schedule:

Thursday: Arrival. Register, pick up your packets in the hospitality room, and meet and greet old and new friends. The CMA Board meeting will take place in the Gardner Room at the Parker House. Attendees will be responsible for their meals on Thursday,

Friday: Breakfast on your own. The hotel will make available discount coupons for their breakfast buffet or you may explore elsewhere. (We'll have a list of restaurants in your registration packet.)

9:00, a.m., the Annual General Meeting of Clan Munro Association, USA, Inc will be held in the Press Room of the Omni Parker House, 60 School Street, Boston, MA.

After the meeting, around noon, a buffet luncheon will be served in the adjoining Alcott Junior Ballroom featuring New England clam chowder, salad, roast vegetables, grilled salmon fillet with white wine steak butter, roasted herbed marinated chicken breast, and seasonal desserts.

We'll then return to the Press Room to hear Diane Rapaport, who has written extensively about William Munro and his fellow indentured Scots. We'll also hear about the Scots' Charitable Society, founded in 1657 to aid some of the other Scots indentured servants who shared the voyage to Boston with William. A number of SCS members played interesting roles in revolutionary Boston. The Scots' Charitable Society continues in operation 350 + years later as the nations oldest charitable organization.

There are myriad things to do and see in Boston, and we did not want to limit attendees to a single attraction or bus tour, so CMA members can use Friday afternoon and evening (as well as their time after check-in on Thursday) to walk the Freedom Trail (literally across the street from the Parker House), visit Boston's Harbor Walk or Harvard Square, across the river in Cambridge, shop Quincy Market, Charles Street or Newbury Street in the Back Bay, ride the swan boats in the public garden, visit the Museum of Fine Arts, the Institute of Contemporary Art or the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum with its newly-opened addition, or check out Fenway Park (celebrating it's 100th anniversary in 2012 – unfortunately, the Red Sox will be on the road in Cleveland). Boston has many restaurants close to the hotel, including the historic Union Oyster House. On Friday, attendees may wish to visit the North End and the street festival of La Madonna della Cava and sample the cherrystones, little necks, oysters, fried dough, gelato, pizza, espresso and Italian pastries on offer and then head to one of the North End's many Italian restaurants for a hearty dinner.

Saturday: On Saturday morning, we'll board busses for a trip to Lexington, following for a time the route of Paul Revere. We'll visit three historic buildings in Lexington operated by the Lexington Historical Society—the Hancock-Clarke House (there's a John Hancock / Sam Adams / Paul Revere / Munro connection there), the Buckman Tavern (where the Lexington Militia awaited the arrival of the British), and the Monroe Tavern (used as the field headquarters by the British during their retreat back to Boston). We'll also stand on Lexington Green, where the Minutemen faced the British column, and we'll visit the graves of William Munro and some of his descendants in the Old Burying Ground. We'll have a box lunch at the old Lexington Depot, the headquarters of the Lexington Historical Society. We'll then return to Boston for a short rest and the annual banquet.



Following a cash bar, the banquet will take place in the Parker House's beautiful Rooftop Ballroom. The dinner choices are pan-seared sirloin with merlot demi glace, bleu cheese butter and onion relish; baked Boston schrod (a Parker House original) with roasted fingerling potato, julienne carrots, zucchini and squash with lemon buerre blanc; or ricotta and spinach handkerchiefs with garlic basil butter sauce, broccoli rabe, marinated

artichoke and roasted tomato, all served with Parker House Rolls, and, for dessert, another Parker House original, Boston Cream Pie.

Sunday: The final event of the weekend will be the Kirkin' O' the Tartan. CMA Chaplain Randy Mathis will lead the service, which will take place directly across the street from the Parker House at King's Chapel, founded in 1686 as Boston's first Anglican congregation. The current building was opened in 1754. Its bell, recast by Paul Revere, still rings each Sunday morning. In the 1780s, King's adopted Unitarian principals, which led to a split from the Anglican church, but it continues to use the Anglican Book of Common Prayer. The Kirkin' will begin at 9:00, a.m. and will end in time for attendees to return to the hotel and prepare for 11:00 a.m. checkout.

Travel to Boston: Amtrak trains from Washington/ New York and from Chicago/ Buffalo/ Albany arrive at South Station. Boston's Logan International Airport carriers include Air Canada, Air Tran, Alaska, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, Southwest, Sun Country, United, US Airways, and Virgin America.

The Omni Parker House

The headquarters for the 2012 Gathering is the Parker House, the oldest continuously operating hotel in the U.S. Although historic, the hotel underwent a complete renovation in 2008 and offers every comfort. The Parker House is located at 60 School Street, Boston, MA 02108 in the center of historic Boston, with sites like the Old South Meeting House, the Old State House, and Faneuil Hall all within a few blocks. It is also the closest Boston hotel to Logan Airport, with a @ 10-minute cab ride costing \$21-\$25. The least expensive shared van shuttle appears to be Kings Super Shuttle (617-820-0816 - \$16 per person, \$17 if reserved on line at www.bostonkingsupershuttle.com). An alternative, if you're not heavily laden with luggage, is the subway. The MBTA Blue line runs from the Airport station to Government Center station, 3 stops away and about a block from the hotel. The current fare is \$2.00.

Check in is on Thursday, August 9th with checkout on Sunday, August 12th. For folks wishing to stay longer, the Parker House is offering the group rate for up to three nights before or after the event, based on availability.

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each individual and cannot be accepted by the 2012 organizing committee. Boston hotel rates are higher than we've been accustomed to at recent gatherings, but the CMA rates are significantly discounted from the hotel's regular charges--\$199.00 per night for a "Traditional Non-Smoking" single and \$219.00 per night for a "Deluxe Non-Smoking" room, either single or double occupancy. Suites can be reserved at higher rates. Applicable taxes (currently 14.45%) will be added. Monday, July 9, 2012 is the cut-off date for these discounted CMA rates. The Parker House also has the standard cancellation, no-show, and early departure policies and requires a credit card to guarantee your reservation. In-room internet access and use of the hotel's fitness center are included at no charge. Breakfast buffet coupons, including tax and tip, are available for \$22.00 (as opposed to the normal charge of \$25.00). Attendees joining the Omni Select Guest loyalty program (at no cost) will also receive complementary morning beverage delivery, complementary pressing, complementary bottled water on arrival, complimentary shoe shine, complementary newspaper of choice and other benefits. Attendees may enroll online at <http://omniselectguest.com> or at the front desk upon check-in.

For reservations, the Parker House has set up a dedicated Clan Munro web site for us: <http://omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/BostonParkerHouse/MeetingFacilities/ClanMunroeUSA8.aspx>. Reservations may also be made by phone at 1-800-The Omni or 617-227-8600 (remember to ask for the Clan Munro USA rates). **However, using the web site has an added benefit. The first twenty registrants will be entered into a raffle to win two nights of their stay for free.** The Conference services Manager, in case you need her, is Saori Lawrence. Her e-mail is slawrence@omnihotels.com and her direct phone line is 617-725-1641.

EXTRAS / DISCOUNTS

We've been lucky to secure some discounted rates for folks who would like to add additional things to their stay.

Trolley Tour: For those of you who would rather not do Boston on foot, Upper Deck trolley Tours offers the highest-rated hop-on, hop-off trolley tour, with a free 2nd day and free extension into Harvard Square. Clan Munro members would pay \$30 rather than their regular \$40 price (seniors \$27, Kids 3-11, \$15). For tour details, see their website, www.bostonsupertours.com. You should buy your e-ticket directly from them in advance at 617-742-1440 and mention the Clan Munro special rate.

Old South Meeting House: Old South is on the Freedom Trail and about a block from the Parker House. It was, in the 1770s, the largest meeting facility in Boston and was the site of the meeting before the Tea Party Indians marched to the waterfront to toss the tea into Boston Harbor. We will have discount coupons (\$1 off the normal \$6 admission price) in the Hospitality Room.

Old North Church: It was in the belfry of Old North that the lanterns (One if by land, two if by sea) were hung to start Paul Revere on his ride to Lexington, where he was met by Sgt. William⁴ Munro, great-grandson of William¹. William H.⁶ Monroe (William¹'s great-great-great grandson) was 14th Rector of Old North. So there are Munros at both ends of Paul Revere's ride (if not quite at the same time). Old North is offering a tour for CMA members at 4:30 on Friday for \$4, a dollar off their regular price. The rate to add a tour of Copp's Hill Burying Grounds, Boston's 2nd oldest cemetery, is an additional \$4. Maximum size for this group is @ 50 people. *Reserve in advance.*

New England Historic Genealogical Society: While NEHGS can't host us in their Newbury Street headquarters on Friday afternoon, their resident Scottish genealogy expert, David Dearborn will come to our hospitality room at the hotel for a presentation at about 4:00 on Friday. Again, maximum group size looks to be @ 50 people. *Reserve in advance.*

Parking: Parking costs in Boston are generally outrageous. If, however, you park at the Alewife MBTA Station, which is at the western end of Route 2 and take the ½ hour subway ride back into Park Street in Boston, the cost for overnight parking is just \$8.00. See their web site:

http://www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/subway/lines/stations/?stopId=10029.

If you park at the Central Parking facility at 77 Ames Street in Cambridge, it's a one block walk to the subway, and then five stops to Park Street To print a discount coupon for \$15 for any 24 hours, go to <http://boston.centralparking.com/Cambridge-77-Ames-Street-Parking.html>.

Recommended Reading:

Unger, Harlow Giles, *American Tempest, How the Boston Tea Party Sparked a Revolution*.

Cambridge: Da Capo Press, 2011. ISBN: 9780306819629.

Unger explores deeply the historical and economic background of the period leading up to the Tea Party, the Bostonians jockeying for leadership roles and their conflicting motivations, and the aftermath of the December 16, 1773 event that defined the course of American History.

Looking forward to seeing you in Boston this August,

Your Host

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CLAN MUNRO ASSOCIATION, USA
Registration for the 2012 Annual Gathering
August 9-12, in Boston, Massachusetts

Names (as you'd like them to appear on your name tag).

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Check here if address information is new ___ or it you are a first-time attendee ___

Registration must be received prior to July 9th to get the best rate.

Registration fees include : Friday buffet lunch, Saturday transportation to Lexington, tour of Lexington historic sites, and box lunch, and Saturday Gala Banquet.

___ of Adults at \$280 per person (\$320 after July 9th) = \$ _____

___ of Children (under 12) at \$200 (\$225 after July 9th) = \$ _____

___ of people for Old North Church Tour at \$4 each = \$ _____

___ of people for Copp's Hill Burying Ground at \$4 each = \$ _____

Total Payment enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: **"CMA 2012 Gathering"**

and mail with this registration form to: **Fred Hoffman**
324 Crafts Street
Newtonville, MA 02460

How many in your party wish to register for the New England Historic Genealogical Society presentation at the Parker House on Friday afternoon? _____.

Please mark your choice for main course for the Saturday banquet (Please show the number of people choosing each option):

Pan-Seared Sirloin: _____ Baked Boston Schrod: _____
Ricotta and Spinach Handkerchiefs: _____ Kids' Meal (chicken fingers) _____