



# The Cochrane Heritage



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## Letter from the Commissioner to the Chief

We hope 2022 sees a return of more Highland Games and Gatherings - we have missed seeing our friends and sharing Scottish culture and just plain fun! We were unable to participate in any California games this year and looking forward to changing that in 2022!

However, this is a prime opportunity to recognize our commissioners who were able to represent Clan Cochrane in 2021:

Cathy Rave - Amazing! Cathy worked very hard in 2021 at four (4!!) New York events and attended Grandfather Mountain Games.

Scott and Candi Elson - Repeated strong representation at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina!

Ginger Cochran - Stone Mountain, Georgia! And we heard through a friend way out in California these games were phenomenal!

Tim Cochran - Games in Tennessee as well as supporting Ginger in Georgia for Stone Mountain

Additional recognition is due to:

Brian and Jessica Crisler - not only as Texas Commissioners, but for the design of our clan website. Still building and improving member access - If you have not been able to access the member only site, instructions are included at the end of this holiday message.

John Cochran - John represents Clan Cochrane at COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans and Associations). He is always a solid source of information and we are thankful. Our entire group is very supportive and active - if we have failed to recognize someone's contribution - please give us a shout out so we can correct the situation.

Upcoming Special Event- While we had hoped to be honored clan at Grandfather Mountain Games with the presence of the Earl of Dundonald in 2022 - that honor has been moved to 2023. This will be a great opportunity for Clan Cochrane and hope our members can attend! More information coming as we get it -

Several items to consider:

We would like to plan a Scotland trip for 2024 if enough of our members are interested. Hopefully by that time travel is unrestricted! We would like to re-instate the "Flowers of the Forest" section in our newsletter to recognize the losses in our families. In addition, we would like to add a "Our Garden Blooms" section to recognize how our families grow: Marriages and Births. If you have any of those three events you would like to share and/or interest in the Scotland trip please e-mail Cindra Cochran at [cofna@yahoo.com](mailto:cofna@yahoo.com).

Aye,

Keith D Cochran  
Commissioner to the Chief  
North America



Clan Cochrane is a Member



# C L A Y M O R E

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



**Congressman Mike McIntyre, past Co-Chairman of the Congressional Scottish Caucus and long time friend of COSCA and all things Scottish shared this picture of his son Joshua Carmichael McIntyre and grandson William Carmichael McIntyre.**



**Christmas** was not traditionally celebrated anywhere in Scotland because it was banned for nearly 400 years until 1958! One of the Scottish Christmas traditions that was banned for so many years included the baking of Yule bread. During the ban, bakers were required to give the authorities the name of anyone requesting this holiday staple. A loaf of unleavened bread is baked for each individual in the family, and the person who finds a trinket in his or her loaf will have good luck all year.

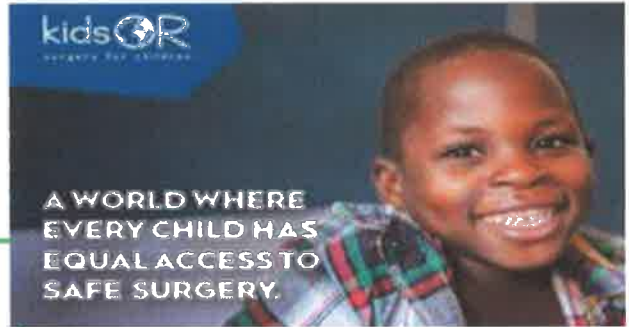
Thanks to [Highland Echoes](#) [TheScottish Banner](#)

**This is the first edition of the recently proposed bi-monthly Claymore. Until now, Claymore has been distributed twice per year and contained enormous amounts of educational and cultural materials about Scotland and Scottish affairs. However, many included materials were not specifically member-focused. In order to improve communications to you, we are introducing a new format as described at the AGM. Claymore will be produced more frequently and regularly and with timely information thanks to the contributors (this edition is being distributed only 2 months after the last Claymore). A more extensive magazine like newletter, with detailed articles will continue to be published twice a year. But, we cannot produce anything worthwhile if we have only limited amounts of news to present. We rely on you, our members, to advise us of events or other notable snippets of information. Contributors to this edition include Clan MacKinnon Society, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Congressman Mike McIntyre, the Scottish Banner and Highland Echoes. **THANKS** to y'all and **CONGRATULATIONS** on your first edition.**

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Clan societies, organizations and families.

**Kids Operating Room**, Scotland's leading global health charity, has been busy working on giving children around the world access to safe surgery not available to them before. **KidsOR** is a Directed Giving project of the American-Scottish Foundation, KidsOR has installed 10 new Operating Rooms in the past two months bringing KidsOR closer to their goal of 50 children's operating rooms by year end.



Over three hundred (300) recipients of [scot.soc.indy@gmail.com](mailto:scot.soc.indy@gmail.com) receive the latest updates from the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, Indy Irish Fest, Columbus Scottish Festival, Scottish Society of Louisville, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSA Scot), *Scottish Banner*, *Electric Scotland*, *Beth Gay's Freeman Family Tree Newsletter*, *Updates from Prof. Peter Hylton*. Recipients include current, former, and prospective members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, our sister societies and associations, bands, pipe bands, publications, and vendors.

Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot  
 Past President (1991-92 and 2000-04)  
 Scottish Society of Indianapolis



## Clan MacKinnon

The Clan MacKinnon Society has recently created a philanthropy budget line to help fulfill the mission of supporting other nonprofits. In 2021 donations were made to three projects deemed worthy of this mission:

- The Mull Museum in Tobermory, Isle of Mull, Scotland to help digitize their genealogy/history records.
- The ancient ruins of Caisteal Maol On, Isle of Skye, the ancestral home of Clan MacKinnon to repair signage and the castle access path. The Caisteal Maol trail is now complete and ready for visitors!
- The Society found a home at the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia (GANS) for the entire treasure trove of historical documents, previously owned by Gerald Allan McKinnon, Historian for the Clan MacKinnon Society, who recently passed away. He amassed a collection of over 350 books and articles for his research. He wanted his collection deposited intact and preserved. It was to be accessible to other genealogical researchers. Gerald authored several historical books on Scottish history including *The Small Regiment*, *The Shank Bone Papers*, and *The End of an Old Song*. His final book will be published by the Clan MacKinnon Society when editing is complete. Clan MacKinnon Society supported the substantial cost of shipping from British Columbia to Nova Scotia (21 boxes of research materials including the earliest published item from 1745, Vol.15 of the *Gentleman's Magazine*).

Submitted by: John McKinnon, Chairman of the Board Clan MacKinnon Society

**Want to continue receiving Claymore? You can become a member, organizational or individual, by going to [this link](#). Since we do not want to be involved in your internal operations we recommend an organization designates a contact person to whom COSCA related materials are sent and who can then distribute such materials, like Claymore, to your membership. Annual dues are only \$25 for an individual and \$50 for the entire organization.**



**Before and after:** footpath to Castle Moil, brief history of Castle Maol



**Left:**  
 US Consul General Jack Hillmeyer  
**Below right (L to R):**  
 Session Clerk Athelstaneford Parish Church, Bill Stevenson  
 Chair Scottish Flag Trust, David Williamson  
 Lord Lieutenant of East Lothian Roderick Urquhart  
 US Consul General Jack Hillmeyer  
 Provost of East Lothian, John McMillan

## Clan MacLachlan

The Clan MacLachlan Association of North America completed a major rewrite of its By Laws in 2021. According to the new By Laws, the following were elected to the CMANA's governing board:

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|--------------|---------------|--|
| President:   | CA            | Kevin McLachlan                                  |
| V/President: | FL            | Lynne Shuman                                     |
| Treasurer:   | MI            | Lt. Governor John Cherry                         |
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|              | FL            | Mairi MacLachlan                                 |
|              | NH            | DJ McLaughlin                                    |
|              | P/Presidents: | MA   |
|              | MT            | Jack McLaughlin                                  |
|              | NC            | Capt. Robert McLaughlinlin                       |



## Events submitted by Members For The First Half of 2022

	Event Name	City/Town	Day	Month
FL	<a href="#">Central Florida Scottish Highland Games</a>	Winter Springs	15	January
FL	<a href="#">Sarasota Highland Games and Celtic Festival</a>	Sarasota	5	February
FL	<a href="#">Mount Dora Scottish Highlands Festival</a>	Mount Dora	19	February
NV	<a href="#">Las Vegas Highland Games</a>	Las Vegas	9	April
GA	<a href="#">Savannah Scottish Games</a>	Savannah	7	May
GA	<a href="#">Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games</a>	Blairsville	11	June
WY	<a href="#">Cheyenne Celtic Festival and Highland Games</a>	Cheyenne	11	June

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## Scottish & the USA, St Andrew's Day, November 30th

Tradition has it that the Saltire, Scotland's National flag, originated in a battle fought in East Lothian, near the village of Athelstaneford in 832AD. Today, to celebrate that special connection the flag flies proudly all year round from the floodlit Saltire Memorial in Athelstaneford Parish Church. The Flag Heritage Centre at the back of the kirkyard tells the story of the Battle of Athelstaneford.

On St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 2021, the US Consul General in Edinburgh Jack Hillmeyer visited the memorial. The US flag was hoisted in a special ceremony to celebrate the close bonds between Scotland and the United States of America.

**The Saltire is rarely lowered at Athelstaneford and flying another national flag is a rare honour, particularly on St. Andrew's Day.**

Speaking after the ceremony Mr Hillmeyer said *"It was a great honour to be in Athelstaneford on St. Andrew's Day and it was a tremendous honour to have the Stars and Stripes flown at the Saltire Memorial. It shows the depth of friendship of our two nations especially on this beautiful St. Andrew's Day."*

David Williamson chair of the Scottish Flag Trust, a small volunteer run charity, which maintains the memorial and heritage centre explained that the Trust was "delighted to host the US Consul General on St. Andrew's Day and fly the US flag at the Saltire Memorial to celebrate the close links between Scotland and the USA".

He went on to explain that the Flag Trust has recently launched an international fundraising drive to restore and renew the birthplace of the Saltire, with interest already shown from St. Andrew's and Clan Societies in the USA. To raise further funds on St. Andrew's day the trust launched a new initiative to allow everyone with a love of Scotland to have the Saltire flown in their honour at the birthplace of our flag. Sponsors receive a personalised certificate and have their name displayed in the flag centre. People can go online to [Saltire.scot](http://Saltire.scot) to find out more about the restoration and sponsor the flag for a day for themselves or as a gift someone special or in memory of a loved one.



## Central Florida Games

By  
Tim Cochrane  
TN Commissioner



I decided to go on a road trip in January to Florida and attend and promote Clan Cochrane at the Central Florida Highland Games, Jan 15-16 2022.

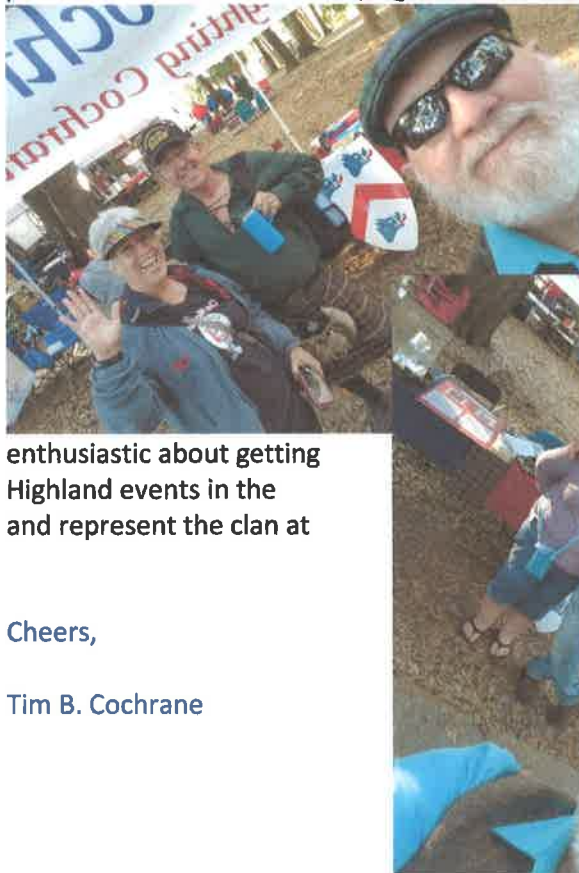
I had 3 main goals:

- Find warmer weather – Check
- Experience some new games – Check
- Find a volunteer to become a Clan Cochrane Commissioner for part of Florida – BIG CHECK!!

I was very impressed with these games. Well organized, good infrastructure...I would say same size as Stone Mountain Games, a few less Clans in attendance.

When the organizers found out it was my first time, I was advised “don’t go in the water behind the main stage” (Lake Jesup), as it contains the largest concentration of alligators in Florida.

These games also had an on-site “boondocking” RV area, where vendors/clans could park...not a bad deal for ~\$30/night.



enthusiastic about getting Highland events in the and represent the clan at

Cheers,

Tim B. Cochrane



Fri/Sat weather was good, in the 70s...Sunday was rainy and a little chilly. The attendance was estimated at 20,000 for the weekend. The comment I heard from many people was “What took so long for Clan Cochrane to be here”.

I was able to find new Clan Cochrane Commissioner, Jesse Flint. Jesse will be hosting the Clan Cochrane booth at future Central Florida Games. I’ll be mentoring him during this year and helping him to setup his first games booth next year...so another road trip to Florida in Jan 2023 for me.

Jesse and his wife are very excited and involved in the Games. Florida has a number of northern area, so hopefully Jesse will branch out those events also.



# Coming events!!!

## May

- **Greenville Highland Games:** Furman University, Greenville, SC May 27-28 [www.gallabrae.com/](http://www.gallabrae.com/)

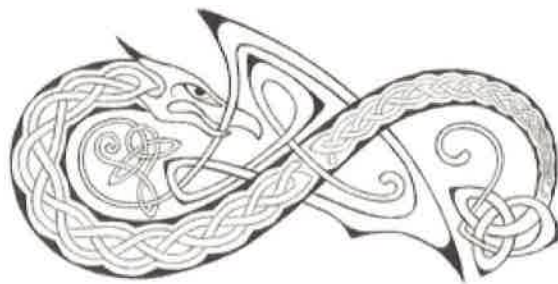
## July

- **Grandfather Mtn Highland Games:** MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC July 7-10 [www.gmhg.org/](http://www.gmhg.org/)

## September

- **Middle Tennessee Highland Games:** Sanders Ferry Park, Hendersonville, TN Sept.10-11 [www.midtenngames.com/](http://www.midtenngames.com/)

We will update this list as events are confirmed.



Hello Clans, Organizations, & Scholarship Board Members,

This past weekend I had the opportunity to compete at the Orlando Highland Games and Championship! It was very exciting to be once again participating in area events and to be able to visit with both new and old friends. It was equally thrilling to see Clan tents in abundance around the games, my heart was truly filled with joy as we were all able to ring in the New Year with our first event of the 2022 season!

I wanted to take a minute to introduce someone very special to me. This incredible lady is Ms. Kasey Hawkins. I first officially met her when I was a beginner dancer dancing in the Spokane area. I had the privilege to reconnect with her at the Orlando games and share my story of her inspiration into my life.

Kasey was a premier dancer and fierce competitor back when I was just starting out about 6.5 years ago, and still is. When I first saw her dance, I was so awe struck by how talented, kind, studious, and caring she was to ALL the dancers, no matter what their dance status. Kasey has always been incredible, confident, and a pleasure to watch on stage; and as a young dancer of 13 years old at the time, all I ever wanted was to one day be just like Kasey Hawkins. It was a secret that I carried with me for 6.5 years. Kasey was my inspiration to become a competitive dancer, but she was more than that as well.

I loved how she genuinely treated people. I saw how she encouraged everyone, whether they were a beginner, novice, intermediate, or premier dancer. Kasey was always there to lend a helping hand to teachers, event coordinators, students, or parents. When I moved to Florida to begin my journey to become a highland dance instructor, I had a very good idea of what kind of dancer, instructor, and person in general that I wanted to be. It all started because of a beautiful community that I was a part of in the Pacific Northwest, and because of the example that Kasey Hawkins is within the Scottish community. I am very lucky to once again find myself in a beautiful community here in Florida, much like the one I originally came from 6.5 years ago.

This past weekend was the first time that I shared this story with Kasey. I felt impressed to tell all of you as well and to please look for Kasey Hawkins at community events. She is someone who is absolutely inspiring to everyone around her. She has a beautiful heart, is dedicated, hardworking, and loves her Scottish roots above most people I know. If you happen to find her amongst your scholarship applicants, please take some extra time to review her applications thoroughly, I promise you won't regret it. She has talents that are transcendent and she could use the Scottish Communities support as she transitions from the Pacific Northwest to the Jacksonville, Florida region.

Sincerest thank yous' and deepest appreciation for all your continuous support,  
Audrey Trawick, Tampa Bay Highland Dancers, Clearwater FL.  
Orlando Championship 2022



Fling: 2nd  
Sword: 4th  
Trews: 3rd  
Reel: 2nd



Placement: 1st runner up for the Premier 18 and over



# Sherrri Cochran Anderson Scholarship

Below is Information on our Clan Cochrane Scholarship which we hope to award this coming spring for the first time. We encourage you to share this information with those who might qualify. Those wishing to receive an application form or with questions concerning the Scholarship can email me, Thomas Cochran at [tkcochran@sopris.net](mailto:tkcochran@sopris.net) .

## Clan Cochrane Scholarship

The Clan Cochrane in North America Scholarship program shall be for the purpose of assisting persons pursuing education and training in Scottish arts, history, genealogy, and/or culture. This includes, but is not limited to study of Scottish music, dance, languages, history, genealogy, clothing and customs. Special consideration will be given to those showing the Cochrane Family connection to the above noted areas. Only applications relevant to the Scottish and/or Cochrane studies will be considered.

Scholarships will be awarded yearly by May 31.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age; there is no upper age limit.

Applicants may be asked to submit a video of performance or a description of the proposed area of study or proposed project. Three letters of recommendation are needed from those familiar with your involvement in area for which the scholarship is being requested.

Awards will be based on the Scholarship Committee's assessment of the relevance, commitment and abilities of the applicant. Race, gender, ethnicity or religion of the applicant will not be considered. Preference will be given to immediate family members of Clan Cochrane in North America, but others will be considered.

Scholarship recipients must submit a letter of confirmation of enrollment, registration, or apprenticeship in the program toward which the scholarship will be used.

Scholarship recipients must submit a certificate or letter from the institution, organization or instructor upon completion of the course of study or project for which the scholarship is granted.

The recipient must also write a brief article (200-500 words) explaining their study or project for the Clan Cochrane in North America Newsletter.

The Scholarship Committee shall award one or more scholarships of varying amounts from \$100 to \$500 based on perceived merit and available funds and may decide to award no scholarship in any given year. The decision of the Scholarship committee is final.



# Clan Cochrane Scholarship



## Application Form

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

(Maiden)

Last

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background (Schools attended, dates, and main areas of study. Include special classes, seminars and extra-curricular activities that are pertinent.

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Attach extra paper if necessary.

Describe, on an attached sheet of paper, your interest in Cochrane (Cochran) History or Genealogy that you have interest in and knowledge of Scottish history and culture.

Describe how you intend to use this Scholarship.

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If awarded this Scholarship you must agree to send a picture of yourself and a short biography for our Newsletter.

You must provide confirmation of enrollment in a class or course of study or award must be sent directly to an institution of learning.

If for any reason you do not complete the course of study for which this award was made you agree to return the monies awarded.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and attachments to: Clan Cochrane Scholarship Committee, c/o G. Thomas Cochran

297 Fieldstone Court, Silt, CO, 81652 ([tkcochran@sopris.net](mailto:tkcochran@sopris.net))

# Cochrane Merchandise



Unable to attend the games or festivals but still want a piece of Cochrane pride? Shop at Celtic Jackalope for your clan t-shirts, badges. [www.celticjackalope.com](http://www.celticjackalope.com)

## Cochrane Tartan



Cochrane Hunting

Cochrane Azure

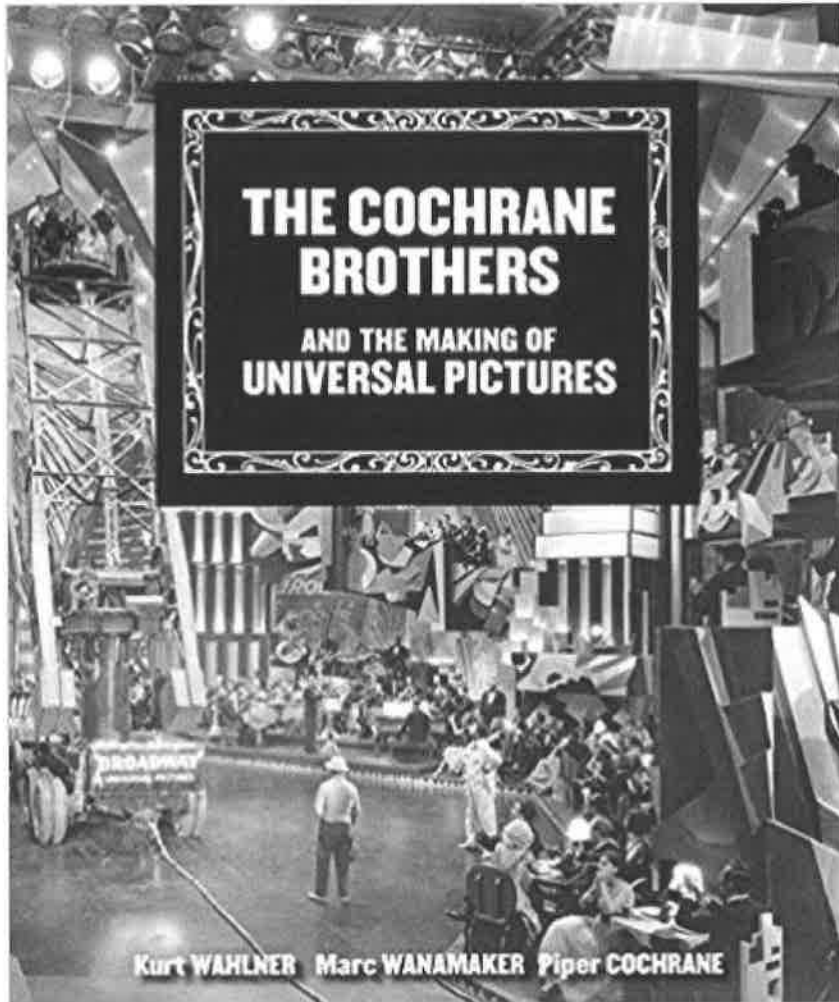
For those of you that have been inquiring the Clan was able to order a run of the Hunting Tartan. This is high quality 16oz Strome fabric woven for us by Lochcarron in Scotland and is absolutely gorgeous in person.

Perfect for daily wear we highly recommend this for any casual occasion. As soon as the weaver ships this out from the mill we will know better what the charges will be, including shipping, and will notify all as soon as possible. This sells out fast every time we offer it. It is not kept in stock anywhere for mass retail and is only available for Clan purchase and use. Price for the Hunting is \$42/meter plus \$25 shipping.

There will not be another order of this until the Hunting has sold. Pricing for this is \$40/meter plus \$30 shipping.

Fabric is 56" wide (double width), and the meters ordered are measured by the length. Both are available so get it now so you will be ready for the upcoming group events! To order please contact Cindra Cochran at [ccofna@yahoo.com](mailto:ccofna@yahoo.com).

## **The Cochrane Brothers & the Making of Universal Pictures**



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