



Remember Men from Whom You Come Newsletter Of The Clan MacAlpine Society

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President's Message



What an exciting time for the MacAlpine Family. Our historic family convention was held in Scotland on September 10, 2016. The convention, held at Abbotsford House in Melrose, Roxburghshire, home of Sir Walter Scot, began with a Welcome and "Family Roll Call." We had a number of family join us on the phone from South Africa and Australia, as well as a contingent of folks in-house (pictured above).

I gave a short presentation on the history of the efforts made to bring the family together. The power point can be viewed by following the link on the home page of our website under the family convention article.

Mark Dennis, Ormond Pursuivant, accepted the nomination for our choice of Commander, Michael T. McAlpin Sr. After many questions and much discussion, Mr. Dennis called for a vote and we unanimously voted for Michael T. McAlpin Sr. as Interim Commander. The conversation then turned to the topic of what we would call ourselves. Would we use "clan", "family", "kindred", "house of" or something else entirely? Although the choice is up to the new commander, once approved by the Lord Lyon Court, Michael did ask for input from the attendees and the consensus was "House of". This is the recommendation Mark Dennis will take to the Lord Lyon. Once the Lord Lyon makes his final determination a warrant will be issued stating the final outcome. We eagerly await his decision.



Mark Dennis, Ormond Pursuivant (center)

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Voting Members ready to celebrate



Voting Members in Attendance
 (front row) Earl Dale McAlpine, Dr. David MacAlpine. Donald Ross McAlpine. Bruce McAlpine, Ann McAlpin, Michael T. McAlpin
 (back row) William McAlpin, Michael McAlpin Jr., John Gilpin, Ian McAlpine, Finn Alpin, Mark McAlpin



Interim Commander Select
 Michael T. McAlpin Sr.



Bruce Durie and Bruce MacAlpine



Patricia Roberts
 entertains us again

All my best,
 Earl Dale McAlpine
 President of Clan MacAlpine Society



Robert Burns aka
 Christopher Tait



Piper Andrew Bunyan,
 piped in the haggis



The Haggis

McAlpin Family Tree DNA Surname Project Up-date

Submitted by David Hobbs

Those participating in the McAlpin surname project at Family Tree DNA are part of on-going research in the effort to define the ancestral connections of the MacAlpine/McAlpin clan. In addition to general information on genetic genealogy that I have mentioned in previous newsletters, I wanted to talk a little more about the ability of genetic genealogy to identify linkages with others in the FTDNA database and also to point the way to the more elusive “most recent common ancestors” or MRCAs.

FTDNA database participants receive email notices of matches that have been identified in the Y-DNA (male line) or mtDNA (female line) databases (depending on which they are participating in). For this column, I wanted to clarify what it means when men receive a notice that they have a Y-DNA match.

Only men inherit their father’s Y chromosome. Paternal line DNA testing uses STR markers. STR markers are places where the genetic code has a variable number of short repeated parts. STR marker values change slowly from one generation to the next. Testing multiple markers give distinctive result sets. These sets form signatures for one’s paternal lineage. When compared with those of other men in the FTDNA database it is possible to find matches, which indicate a range of possible generations before you share a common ancestor. The ability of the data to predict a match depends on the level of Y-DNA tests you’ve taken. A match may be recent, but it may also be hundreds of years in the past.

For example if you have tested to the Y-DNA12 level the probability that a common ancestor of your match lived no longer than the following number of generations (with 20-25 years being the norm for each generation) is:

Genetic Distance	50%	90%	95%
0	7	23	29
1	17	39	47

If you have tested at the Y-DNA67 level the probability of a FTDNA “match” having a common ancestor are:

Genetic Distance	50%	90%	95%
0	2	5	7
1	4	8	9
2	6	12	14



These tables show why the higher level of testing generates more useable match possibilities as the a Y-DNA12 match at 0 genetic distance would indicate a 90% match within 23 generations (460-575 years), but with a similar genetic distance in a Y-DNA67 match would indicate a 90% probable match in the last 100-125 years.

In future up-dates, I will talk about what matches mean in the mtDNA and the Family Finder or autosomal DNA databases.

For those of you currently participating in the McAlpin surname project group you may have noticed a change in how the Y-DNA results for our 41 Y-DNA members are displayed. New subgroups have been defined to focus on distant (beyond the written record) migrations of the peoples who came to Scotland. I’ll write more about these ancient migration patterns and the connections they indicate in the future.



**2016 Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA)
Annual Meeting
Grandfather Mountain, July 9th, 2016**



Submitted by Teala Pennell, Clan MacAlpine Society

Guest Speakers:

Andrew Durie, Chief of the Name and Arms of Durie and former North Carolina Congressman, Mike McIntyre



Andrew Durie

Congressman McIntyre was instrumental in having April 6th designated as National Tartan Day, and discussed the important contributions that Scots have made to America. Be sure to ask your local congressmen if they are a member of the Scottish Caucus.

COSCA President John Bellasai discussed subscriptions to Scottish Heritage Magazine, the official Magazine of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Get your subscription through COSCA and COSCA gets credit and partial funds.



Mike McIntyre

COSCA is continuing to track down members since the change in the tracking program. Some members were lost in the transaction and are not receiving the newsletter or on the roster. The COSCA website now has direct links to clan society webpages. There are 150+ clans.

If your Clan or Society has not renewed your membership this year, it is time to pay dues.

Donald MacLaren of MacLaren is celebrating his 50th year as chief of Clan MacLaren.

He discussed how the Council of Scottish Chiefs is trying diligently to push for authenticity in merchandising etc.



Donald MacLaren

COSCA Membership report:

We are doing pretty well but not where we want to be. Please mention COSCA membership to other clans and families who may not be part of it.

Treasurers' report:

We started with \$8,000 in the bank at the beginning of the year and we are now at \$7k and some change. We collected \$3,081 this year from fundraisers. An updated treasurers report is coming.

President's report:

We had a busy year. Grandfather Mountain has a paving stone project if clans are interested in purchasing a paving stone for the entrance at Grandfather Mountain. They are around \$1,000. COSCA will have a paving stone. Go to Grandfather Mountain's website for more information. The Family Tree DNA representatives were at the Highland Games. COSCA hopes to have an ongoing business relationship with them but no formal relationship yet. Stay tuned.

Lord Lyon would like to award more grants of Scottish arms. Clans may get petitions for those who have done a lot for Scottish heritage to submit for grants and awards.

COSCA was formerly a member of the Scottish Coalition USA and left in the past. There was recently a vote and it was unanimous and we are going back to the Scottish Coalition USA.

Dr. Bruce Durie has an initiative where he is offering online courses to become certified as a clan historian. You **MUST** have the blessing of your clan chief. This may be a process for broken clans or families.

Elections were held and the slate was accepted as presented. The board would like to add more women to the mix. If any women are interested in holding office, please spread the word and let the board know.

If you are not getting the Claymore newsletter please let someone know.

The board is also looking to review and re-write the bylaws. They are supposed to be reviewed regularly and it has not been done in quite some time. They would like volunteers with experience in drafting bylaws. Contact a board member if interested.

The 40th annual Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Games in Estes Park, Colorado!!

See <http://www.scotfest.com>

By Gordon MacAlpine



There were 80 registered clans represented, including Clan MacAlpine Society. We marched in the parade of clans and bands down the main street and in the main clan tent we proudly displayed the Clan MacAlpine Society banner made by Kelly McAlpin-Beuschel. The official letter to all the clans welcomed Clan MacAlpine.



Barbara and I want to express our appreciation to the Society for the privilege of representing Clan MacAlpine at the Longs Peak Highland Festival this past month in Estes Park, CO. Special thanks go to Mary Ann, Michael, Dale, and Kelly for helping us to prepare. We got to meet impressive representatives from numerous clans, who described how our lineages are strongly linked; they also warned us about other clans to watch out for :- (Actually, based on our observations of many knives, swords, and flint-lock pistols, we suspect some participants were descended from Pirates!)

In addition, we enjoyed talking with a number of people who told us of MacAlpines in their backgrounds and signed our log book. One was wearing a MacAlpine kilt; and a family had recently come here from Scotland, apparently from the Oban region (accent was wonderful, but a wee bit difficult to follow). Along with the banner, Kelly and her father (Michael T McAlpine Sr.) sent us a boar's head crest stamp for the children's "passports." Hundreds of kids thought the "dragon stamp" was the coolest one at the festival! Overall, it was an amazing and educational experience for us. If we have the opportunity to do it again next year, we hope others will join in the fun.



Clan MacAlpine Society Kilt Pins

Custom designed by Mark McAlpin, incorporating elements of the boar's head, pine tree, crown, and sword, all of which are linked to the MacAlpines, and appear prominently in MacAlpine Heraldry.



The pins are made of silver weighing approximately 1 ounce - Dimensions are 4"x 1 1/8"

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