

# Remember Those From Whom You Came

## Newsletter Of The Clan MacAlpine Society

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## Commander's Note

The Queen is dead.

I remember singing God Save the Queen at the beginning of each school day when I lived in Canada. Her Majesty's portrait was everywhere. She was coronated shortly after I was born and has been the British Monarch nearly my entire life. She held reign during the Independence movement in the 60's, 70's and 80's when over 50 countries were granted independence from the former British Empire. From Australia to Antigua, Canada to Cameroon, the Commonwealth still recognized her, and will recognize the new King, Charles III.



God save the King.


Highland Games across the world have returned after several years of lockdown. The response has shown that people are ready to come out from being isolated, and many games are experiencing record attendance. The MacAlpines have been represented at many games this season.

I am delighted that Eric McAlpine (semipelagian@protonmail) has joined the McAlpin DNA project at Family Tree DNA as an administrator. I look forward to his contributions to the effort. There are at present 130 people who have submitted their DNA to the project. If you are seeking more information about the project and would like to join it, go to FTDNA.com, click on Group Projects, and then click on McAlpin project.



Le gach deagh dhùrachd,  
With every good wish,

Michael T McAlpin  
Commander, Name of MacAlpine



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# President's News

Greetings from Italy! Robin and I are on an extended trip to Europe and seeing the old ruins in Rome and these parts of the world really make me think about my very extended family and my heritage.

Have you ever wondered who your ancestors were and tried making a family tree starting with yourself, parents, grandparents and so forth? You get all the people you know entered on your tree, then you run into a wall and can't find the next link in the family genealogy tree. Now what?

I have a suggestion that may help you get past the proverbial wall. Join the MacAlpine DNA Project at [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com). By joining the DNA project you will have access to other MacAlpine's around the globe. You can see where and how you line up with others and have access to email them and ask questions about their family line as it relates to yours.



There are two ways to join the project:

- 1) Order a DNA kit from [FamilyTreeDNA](http://FamilyTreeDNA). Once you have your results back, you can join the project.
- 2) If you have had a DNA test with a group other than FTDNA, you can join the project for a small fee and link your results to the project. More information can be found [here](#).

I can personally recommend this as when I was researching my family line, I did hit the wall and had no idea where to look. I joined the DNA project, found other members that could help me bridge the gaps in my research information.

Warning: YOU CAN BECOME ADDICTED

For some reason, the need to learn more kept driving me. In my case it took about ten years of searching Ancestry, LDS, national archives for land deeds, census records, birth certificates, death certificates, wills and joining the Genealogy Society of Bell County, Texas as well as the MacAlpine DNA project. My efforts resulted in my going back about two hundred-fifty years to find my five-time great-grandfather, who lived while under British rule in the South Carolina colony. With this information I was able to petition the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland and request for an Armiger of my family genealogy. In 2013 I received my Arms. The work was not easy, but it was very rewarding.

If anyone is interested in pursuing their arms, we have many people in the group that are willing to help and share their experience. Including me!

In Kinship,

Dale



# The Arms of John Duncan McAlpine

Submitted by Robin McAlpine

This is the sixth in a series of articles relating to the MacAlpine arms.

John Duncan McAlpine, born 1887, was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Depot Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force in WW1. Unfortunately, as were many others, he was poisoned by gas during the war and upon his return, his doctor advised him to convalesce in Western Canada. He passed away in 1951 Further information could not be found or retrieved.

John Donald McAlpine, the only son of John Duncan, was with the 1st Canadian Armoured Division at D-Day. Arms were granted to this only son in memory of his father, John Duncan.

*The Arms were granted for and in memory of John Duncan McAlpine and devolved to his only son, John Donald McAlpine. The Letters Patent trace through John Duncan's father, Duncan McAlpine, to his grandfather, Donald McAlpine, and the county of Argyll in Scotland.*



*Arms: Per bend Vert and Azure, on a bend Or a sword Gules in bend dexter, hilted Sable between in chief an antique crown Or and in base a bearded man's head Proper, severed at the neck*

*Crest: a curlew Proper*

*Motto: HONOUR ~ TRADITION ~ LOYALTY*

*Granted: The Court of the Lord Lyon, 4th December 2001. Lyon Register, Volume 83, Page 113.*

# The Homestead Project - The MacAlpines at Achahoish

Submitted by Mark S.C. McAlpin, Sennachie elect

Achahoish (Scottish Gaelic: Achadh a' Chòis meaning Field of the Hollow) is a village on the west coast of Knapdale on Loch Killisport (Loch Caolisport in Gaelic, meaning narrow port), which runs five miles from Achahoish to the sound of Jura, in the council area of Argyll and Bute.

In 1882, Wilson's The Gazetteer of Scotland described Achahoish as a "...hamlet at the head of Loch Killisport,. It has a post office...".

**ACHAHOISH**, hamlet at head of Loch Killisport, Argyleshire. It has a post office under Lochgilphead.

(Page 6, The Gazetteer of Scotland)



The Parish of South Knapdale was formed in 1734 and churches were built at Achahoish and Inverneill. The church at Achahoish was completed 1775, rectangular in plan with a square castellated tower added in the 19th century.

The church contains an ancient font basin from the nearby St Columba's Cave, where Columba waited to hear if his request to King Conal to establish a monastery at Iona would be granted. (related article in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2021 Newsletter about Dun Chonnallaich, "The Fort of King Connal's people")



Inside the cave is a small altar, with a cross carved into the stone.

Nancy MacAlpine, daughter of Donald MacAlpine and Elizabeth was born in Achahoish in 1808 and baptized in the church.



# 17th-century Replica Turf and Creel House Now Open at Glencoe

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*17th-century replica turf and creel house at Glencoe*

**A new National Trust for Scotland re-creation has officially opened after an experimental project to keep alive heritage building skills and share the story of Glencoe's lost homes.**

The Glencoe turf and creel house has been inspired by years of archaeological investigation and historical research into long-vanished settlements, once home to hundreds of people in the heart of the glen.

The turf, wattle and thatch structure was erected using traditional materials, tools and techniques by a team of skilled craftspeople in 2021. It has the same footprint as one of the late 17th-century dwellings excavated by the conservation charity's archaeologists and volunteers at the former township of Achtriachtan, near the famous 'Three Sisters' of Glencoe.

Visitors to Glencoe National Nature Reserve can now explore the turf and creel house for themselves at the National Trust for Scotland's Glencoe Visitor Centre, where its heather-thatched roof and earth walls blend into their mountain backdrop.

While stepping inside to discover the workmanship that has gone into the building, visitors will also be immersed in the sounds of history, thanks to an installation that conjures up the sounds, speech and songs of life here in the glen 300 years ago.

## *17th-century replica turf and creel house now open at Glencoe . . .*

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Developed with the involvement of historians, musicians, local Gaelic speakers and school children, the soundscape comprises over 200 different sound elements that were carefully chosen to give the interior an authentic and evocative atmosphere, with each representing a different local story.

Listeners will hear the cry of wildlife and livestock, the commotion of construction and daily toil, the chatter of domestic life, and the sounds of socialising at a traditional evening 'ceilidh'. Together they create a subtle backdrop of universally recognisable noises alongside overheard Gaelic voices.

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The audio installation was designed by creative producer and sound artist Guy Veale, who has worked on numerous National Trust for Scotland projects.

Renowned local Gaelic musicians, Iain MacFarlane, Ingrid Henderson and Ewen Henderson, as well as the conservation charity's own Fiona Mackenzie, curator of the Canna House Gaelic archive, are among those who contributed their voices and instrumental pieces to the soundscape. Young Gaelic speakers at Acharacle Primary School were also recorded to give the babble of children at play.

### **Focus on traditional skills**

Historic Environment Scotland has been a key partner in the Glencoe turf and creel house project. It funded two trainees to support the project team while developing their own skills – one has been focused on traditional building crafts, while the other has focused on heritage engagement and interpretation.

Lucy Doogan, one of the HES trainees, grew up in Glencoe and can trace her family back to those who lived here at the time of the Massacre of 1692.

Lucy said: "It has been fantastic to have the opportunity to be part of this. Our creel house really helps visitors visualise a time when the glen itself would have looked very different to how it does today, home to a bustling community living in wee townships with a rich Gaelic culture. I hope we can rekindle this past while creating new stories here in the future."

As well as the soundscape, visitors can join free daily guided tours around the turf and creel house, which give the chance to get a deeper insight into the project and the history which inspired it. There is also a new film charting the creel house's construction in the Visitor Centre's cinema.

For more information on Glencoe National Nature Reserve and Visitor Centre, check out the [NTS website](#).

*(report and image courtesy National Trust for Scotland)*



## Grandfather Mountain Games

The 66<sup>TH</sup> Grandfather Mountain Highland Games returned to MacRae Meadows beginning Thursday, July 7 through Sunday, July 10.



The games officially get underway with the torchlight ceremony on Thursday evening, where representatives of more than 100 clans — many of whom travel from across the country and world to attend the games each year — announce their families' participation in the gathering. Truly, a sight to behold, the “raising of the clans” proclaims that they have once again convened to celebrate their heritage.



Friday offers a full day of activities with Highland dance competitions, musical entertainment, a children's caber toss clinic, heavy athletics and the Celtic Rock Concert in the evening, all which continue through the weekend. There is also a gala dinner with pipers and haggis held at the host hotel.

In August 2019, the Honourable Lord Lyon King of Arms, granted a commission to Richard Baird as Commander of Clan Baird. He was on the field at Grandfather Mountain, as was our Commander Michael McAlpin. Both were recognized at the opening ceremonies. This may have been the first time two Commanders have been on the field at any of the games.



## What a Fling!

The Fergus Games roar back to life after a three-year Covid Hiatus

On Friday evening, the gates were open once more. Cabers were flying, kilts were birling, and pipes were skirling as visitors were treated to an exhilarating weekend of world-class entertainment. An international line-up of talented artists brought Celtic flair to the weekend with their unique styles. The schedule was packed full of events to suit everyone, from Highland Dance, Massed Bands, Clan Gatherings and Heavy Event competitions to whisky tastings and an elegant brunch with Outlander star Duncan Lacroix and author Diana Gabaldon.

Save the dates for August 11th to 13th 2023, when the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games will be back at the Centre Wellington Sportsplex.



## Men in Kilts - The Society in Stockholm

Left to Right  
Tommy Lienberg  
Finn Alpin FSA Scot  
Ronny Lindergren  
Christian Sjögren



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## Inter-Celtic Festival of Lorient, France

Submitted by Artair MacAlpine Siegwart

Hello brother, sister MacAlpine.

I am delighted to share my experience with you, from Friday August 05, 2022 to Sunday August 14, 2022, I went to represent the MacAlpine clan at the 51st Inter-Celtic Festival of Lorient in beautiful Brittany, France. The Festival was founded in 1971, and highlights the heritage and culture of the six Celtic Nations (Brittany, Cornwall, Ireland, Isle of Man, Scotland, and Wales).



For 3 hours we were able to see a parade and meet bagpipers from Scotland but also from Ireland, Brittany, Isle of Man, and Wales. Mainly we exchanged with the Reading Scottish Pipe Band from Southeast England, and the Dunbar Highland Band from Antwerp.



- ◆ On the second day, the international back hold (Scottish wrestling) tournament took place, with our participation. We found the teams of France, Scotland, Ireland and California.
- ◆ Ireland finished gold and Scotland silver. For my part, I was able to train with Scotland.



# Martinmas

The Kilmartin Glen is named after St. Martin of Tours and November 11th is the Feast of St Martin or Martinmas, a feast to commemorate the death and burial of the 4th century bishop of Tours France. Since 1918, the day is now better known as Armistice Day.

Famous for his generosity towards a drunken beggar, with whom he shared his cloak, St Martin is the patron saint of beggars, drunkards and the poor.



As Martinmas coincided with the gathering in of the harvest, during the Middle Ages it was a time for feasting, to celebrate the end of autumn and the start of preparations for winter. As fodder would become scarce by tis time of year so cattle were often killed and the offal was mixed with oatmeal to make haggis, with the blood used to make black pudding

Martinmas beef, salted to preserve it for the winter, was also produced from cattle slaughtered at this time.

Martinmas is also a Scottish term day. The Scottish legal year is divided into four term and quarter days: Candlemas, Whitsunday, Lammass and Martinmas. On these days servants would be hired, rent would be due, and contracts would begin or end. Traditionally

therefore, Martinmas was also the time of hiring fairs, at which agricultural labourers and farm hands would seek employment.

As November 11<sup>th</sup> approaches, raise a glass in honour of St. Martin, or make traditional Martinmas beef as in the following recipe.

## Martinmas Beef

- 1.5kg (approx. 3.3 lbs.) brisket of beef
- 40g (approx. 3.25 TBL) fresh ginger – peeled and finely chopped
- 1 tsp ground mace
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp ground cloves
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- 500ml (approx. 2.25 cups) dry cider (apple juice can be substituted)
- 30ml (2 TBL) white wine vinegar
- 40g corn flour (cornstarch)
- Salt and black pepper



## Method

- Pre-heat the oven to 140°C/275°F
- Apart from the beef and corn flour (cornstarch), thoroughly whisk all the ingredients together.
- Place the beef in an ovenproof or casserole dish that has a lid.
- Pour the spiced liquid over the beef, cover with the lid, and cook for 4-5 hours.
- Once cooked, remove the beef from the cooking liquid and set aside to rest.
- Transfer the liquid to a pan and thicken to the desired consistency with the corn flour (cornstarch) which has been slacked with a little water.
- Adjust the seasoning and slice the beef to serve.

# Hosting a Tent

Calling All MacAlpin/e's.....

Yes, that means you! I'm looking at you and you and you!

We need help spreading the MacAlpin/e name and merriment across the globe. How? Host a tent. Really, it's that simple.

Do you remember the time you attended the Highland Games, and you couldn't find the MacAlpine tent? Do you remember how disappointed you were? The only remedy is you! Unfortunately, we can only attend so many games and reach so many miles. Think about hosting a tent and making someone smile because they found their family at the Highland Games.

You don't have to be an expert in the family history or Scottish lore. You just have to be willing to stand and greet and have folks register when they stop by. If they have a question, you can get their question and email address and submit for someone to answer.

We will provide you with a startup kit and pay the festival fees for the first year. If you plan on hosting the following year, or at other games, hold on to the kit and use it again and again. However, if you try hosting and it just isn't for you, we ask that you return the kit to us.

Once you decide to host a tent, you will need to find out a few things from the event organizers. Details of what specific games provide are generally available on that games' website, along with tent sponsor applications etc.

- 1) Do they provide a tent, or do you need to take a pop-up tent?
- 2) Do they provide table and chairs?

What we provide in our startup kit:

- 1) MacAlpine banner
- 2) MacAlpine poster
- 3) Informational trifolds
- 4) Copies of last two newsletters
- 5) Sign in sheets
- 6) Boars Head Stamp
- 7) Nametags

In addition to what the society provides, you will need some or all of the following:

- PVC pipes or other poles to hold banner above tent
- Assorted bungies to hold pvc pipes or other poles to tent poles (as pictured)
- Zip Ties
- Cutter/Scissors to remove zip ties
- Tablecloth
- Table Decorations (one can often find Scottish coffee table books at second-hand stores)
- Netting to hold pictures along the side of tent (depending on your set-up)
- Fasteners to hold pictures (binder clips work well)
- Duct Tape (always good to have)
- It never hurts to have some hard candy or individually wrapped candies in a bowl

## Hosting a Tent . . . Continued from page 11

For personal comfort, you may want to bring:

- An ice chest with ice
- Bottles of water
- Plastic cups
- A bottle of scotch (optional, where allowed)
- Small plastic cups (shot size if serving scotch)

Some tent hosts like to add a game for the children, so we created the MacAlpine Sheep Game (email [robinlmc Alpine@yahoo.com](mailto:robinlmc Alpine@yahoo.com) if you want it). The game consists of lost sheep, which can be distributed to other clan tents, along with a scorecard to be signed by the tents where the lost sheep are located. Upon completion of the scorecard, the child can return to the MacAlpine tent for a treat (ex: crispy rice treats and small granola bars). If you add the game, don't forget the treats.



Multiple clan tent photos can be seen [here](#))

Many Thanks,  
Robin McAlpine  
Membership/Marketing



# New MacAlpine Society Store

We are pleased to announce the grand opening of the new MacAlpine Society Store. The store will offer a small showing of MacAlpine themed products. Proceeds from sales in the store will go to continuing funding, highland dancing and piping scholarships, tent hosting supplies, and research projects.

The store can be reached either off a link from the Society website menu or directly at <https://macalpinesociety.myshopify.com/>.

## Items currently available



Hills and Streams and MacAlpines Women's Tee



Hills and Streams and MacAlpines Unisex Tee



MacAlpine Plaid Sash Women's Tee



MacAlpine Plaid Sash Short Sleeve Tee



Hills and Streams and MacAlpines Mug 11oz



Tartan with MacAlpine Mug 11oz



Tartan Mug 11oz



MacAlpine Tartan Poker Cards



Boar's Head Lapel Pin



Boar's Head Challenge Coin

# Clan MacAlpine Information



We invite you to learn more about Clan MacAlpine Society by going to our website <https://macailpein.com/> and reviewing the wealth of information found there.

We hope you enjoy receiving your quarterly issues of this newsletter, *Remember Those From Whom You Claim*, that contains articles of interest and activities our members participate in. For those of you on Facebook, check us out. We have many contributors to that site.

On our website you will find the store where you can order the clan items shown on this page, get membership information, find information on the Clan MacAlpine DNA project, and a variety of other sections about MacAlpine history and the history of Clan MacAlpine Society.

Also on the website you have the opportunity to support your Society by checking out the page on "Funding Projects" to discover ways you can make a donation to Clan MacAlpine Society. It is through your donations that we are able to participate in or support heritage activities. You can earmark your donation for:

- ◆ General Society Operations
- ◆ Society Clan Tent Fund
- ◆ Kilmartin Museum Fund
- ◆ Pipe and Drum Band Fund
- ◆ Scottish Dancing Fund

Watch for Highland Games in your locale. Look for a Clan MacAlpine Society tent and celebrate your heritage by meeting fellow MacAlpines.



## Clan MacAlpine Challenge Coin



\$20.00 + 4.95 Shipping  
Available in store on Society website at [www.macailpein.com](http://www.macailpein.com)  
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## Clan MacAlpine Lapel Pin



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## Clan MacAlpine Society Kilt Pin

### TEMPORARILY OUT OF STOCK



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"

\$75 USD payable by PayPal or check

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