



# Remember the Death of Alpin

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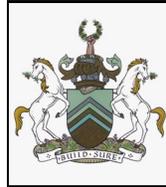
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## President's Message

It has been a very busy and exciting quarter in the Society. Highland Games season is in full swing, and we have been represented at the Woodland Games in Northern California, the Alma Games in Michigan, the Costa Mesa Games in Southern California, the Glasgow Games in Kentucky, and at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina. We have also had considerable interest in the Netherlands, where Dick Barr is our new Commissioner.

Certainly the largest gathering was in Kilmartin, Scotland, where we had a great turnout, and a great time. My thanks to everyone who made this a real success.

Dr. Bruce Durie was there to speak about the process going forward as you will read in the accompanying article. Historian Bill Potter gave four programs covering the significance of the Kilmartin Standing Stones and Cairns, King Kenneth's Fort Dunadd, the Revolt of the West (Monmouth Rebellion) and the significance of Iona Abby and Saint Oran's Chapel Cemetery where King Kenneth and other kings are believed buried.

The dinner in Kilmartin was terrific, the folks at the Kilmartin House Museum really put on a fine meal for us, and Patricia Roberts was a real delight.

Elections were held, and we have enthusiastic officers for the next term.

In the next Quarter, we will be doing the diligence required in order to put forth a call for Representatives (those who believe they meet the criteria to be considered as an Interim Commander), and soliciting for those who wish to sit on the Derbhfine when a Family Meeting is called under Court Supervision. Clearly, the intent is to have as many branches from as many locations actively involved.

I would encourage everyone to read the recap of Dr. Durie's presentation, to consider carefully the implications of moving forward, and to be involved in the process should we move forward at this time.

Our Secretary, Robin McAlpine has set up a survey regarding the potential location of our next AGM. Please take a look at the proposed locations, and take the survey.

In Kinship

Michael T McAlpin  
President



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## Kilmartin Business Meeting - A Recap

*Submitted by Robin McAlpine, Secretary*

As you can tell from the photos that have been posted, we had a wonderful time of fellowship in Scotland for the 2014 AGM. Thank you to all who attended. To those who were unable to attend, we missed you and hope to see you next year.

I would like to just give a short report here on some business that we took care of this year. We held elections at the AGM and I'm happy to introduce to you the board for the next two years:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>President - Mike McAlpin</b>             | (two year term)  |
| <b>Vice President - Dale McAlpine</b>       | (four year term) |
| <b>Secretary - Robin McAlpine</b>           | (four year term) |
| <b>Treasurer - Kenneth McAlpine</b>         | (two year term)  |
| <b>Member at Large - Finn Stavsno Alpin</b> | (four year term) |

To maintain stability among the board, we staggered some positions this year so as not to completely change over the board every four years.

As you may recall, I posted on the FB page and in the newsletter some proposed changes to the constitution. The changes made are noted below. Our constitution is in need of some major work and we will be going forward with other changes soon and will submit those to you once we are happy with the document.

### **Carried as proposed**

4.5 Each Officer and Elected Committee Member shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting for a term of up to four years and shall be eligible for re-election. A Committee Member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee either in electronic format or physical meeting without due cause and notification will be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.

### **Carried as proposed (with an additional changes)**

4.6 The Secretary shall send by email, newsletter or social networking to every Member of the Society a statement showing the vacancies for Officers and Elected Committee Members which at that time can be foreseen as bound to be available for filling at the next Annual General Meeting at least thirty days before the AGM.

### **Carried as proposed**

4.7 To be valid, a nomination shall be received by the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting

### **No changes**

4.8 If the number of candidates for any appointment necessitates a vote, a voting paper showing the names of the candidates and the proposer and seconder of each shall be sent to every Member of the Society with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

### **Carried as written below**

4.9 Every Member of the Society will have one vote. Voting may be either by post, electronic format or in person at the AGM. All votes will be counted at the AGM.

Thanks again for your dedication to the Clan MacAlpine Society. It is my pleasure to serve. Robin



**Prof. Bruce Durie**  
**OMLJ BSc (Hons) PgCertAAS PhD**  
**FSaScot FHEA FIGRS FColIT**



We were very fortunate to have Dr. Durie address our group on the process of becoming a Clan and choosing a Chief. Dr. Durie spoke and answered questions for about one hour; the following is a recap of his talk.

A Clan requires two things, that is to be from the Highlands, and to have a Chief. The process is in part governed by the Lord Lyon, and in part governed by the Clan or Family. Lyon will grant the undifferenced arms to the senior line of the Clan or Family. Lyon will recognize someone as Chief of Name and Arms with the right evidence, e.g.

- Lineage
- Decision of the Clan or Family

Lyon will not pronounce on whether a Name is a Clan or a Family, but will recognize such.

The usual way to choose a Chief is that the Chief's heir inherits, or a lineal or collateral descendant of the last Chief is found. Alternatively, identify a descendant of the most senior line from a known ancestor.

But what if there isn't a Chief? Or what if the line is mostly mythical and can't be proven?

The family must decide which line is the Chiefly line.

The must appoint a Council that would ultimately comprise the Derbhfine.

A Sennachie must be appointed to oversee the process, the Sennachie would marshal information on Pedigrees, Histories, DNA, Receive objections (if any), and report regularly to the Derbhfine, and the family.

Likely "Representers" must be invited to have their pedigrees drawn up or to present existing pedigrees. Lord Lyon operates a judicial court, therefore so must Clan MacAlpine. A pedigree with proofs must be presented, along with &-67 +FF +terminal SNP's testing.

Not acceptable "I saw it in a book that says...", "The family story is..." "There's a tree on Ancestry (etc.) which..."

A family meeting (Derbhfine) must be held where an interim Commander is chosen.

The Family meeting attendees must discuss all pedigrees, and allow time for objections (perhaps five+ years)

Once a Chief is accepted, he may apply to the Lyon Court for the undifferenced arms of the family.



**Flowers of the Forest**

**Frank McAlpine "Mac" Toole**

Funeral service for Dr. Frank McAlpine "Mac" Toole, 99, of Talladega, North Carolina was held Monday June 2, 2014, at the Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery. Dr. Toole passed away Friday May 30, 2014, at his home. Born November 27, 1914 in Baltimore Maryland, Dr. Toole grew up in Asheville and Talladega, North Carolina, attending school in both cities. He was a 1932 graduate of Talladega High School, a 1936 graduate of Davidson College of North Carolina, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and a 1940 graduate of Emory University School of Dentistry. After two years of practicing dentistry in Birmingham, Dr. Toole spent the next 43 years practicing dentistry in Talladega. During that time he also served his country as a major with the Army Dental Corps. He retired from the practice of dentistry on July 1, 1985. Dr. Toole was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Talladega, where he served several terms as a Deacon, a term as a Ruling Elder and as clerk of session. Dr. Toole also was a faithful member of the church choir. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Arthur Fulkerson Toole and Kate McAlpine Toole, his first wife, Florence Smith Toole and son, Frank McAlpine Toole Jr. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Toole; children, Howard Vandiver Toole, Stephen Clarke Toole, John Stephen Clarke Toole, John Steven Fleming and Margaret Lindsey Fleming; brother, Dr. Arthur F. Toole Jr.; nephews Dr. Aruthur F. Toole III, Barckley Wallace Toole; niece, Kitty Toole Kirby; and three grandchildren. Online condolence may be sent to [www.usreyfuneralhome.com](http://www.usreyfuneralhome.com)"

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**Gwendolyn Maxine Newman**

Mother of Carolyn McAlpin (wife of Society President Michael McAlpin passed away in Carolyns arms July 7th. Gwendolyn was born in Bismarck North Dakota January 13, 1927.

## Society Scottish Armigers Annual General Meeting

*Submitted by Dale McAlpine, Vice President*

**Society Scottish Armigers  
Annual General Meeting  
June 30, 2014  
Scottish Arts Club, Edinburgh**



### **AGM**

I will not bore you with the meeting details of the Society of Scottish Armigers AGM (annual general meeting) Michael McAlpin & I attended while in Scotland. We met the new President of SSA, Lord Lyon, Dr. Joseph Morrow.

Dr. Morrow was presented the honor of SSA Fellow by the Right Honorable Andrew William Reginald Morrison, The Viscount Dunrossil, Chairman of SSA. I was surprised to be recognized as one of the latest SSA new members.

The society has a great appreciation for the Scottish Highland games in the USA and will be attending as many as their schedule allows. The next SSA AGM will be held on September 19, 2015 at Boone Hall Plantation in Charleston, SC, USA.

### **Social Hour**

After the AGM was adjourned we had time to mingle and personally meet the new Lord Lyon, Dr. Joseph Morrow.

Left to Right: Dale & Robin McAlpine, Lord Lyon, Michael & Carolyn McAlpin.

**Dinner** - We had a wonderful time meeting and getting acquainted with the society members and their wives. Dr. Joseph Morrow spoke of his experience as a minster in Iowa while taking part in a church exchange program for two years. He fell in love with America had great things to say about us.



After the SSA dinner I asked both Lord Lyons, the outgoing Lyon, David Sellar, who approved my arms and the new Lord Lyon, Dr. Joseph Morrow if I might take a picture with them. They were both gracious and said yes.

At the end of the evening, while waiting for our cab, we had a small window of opportunity to speak to Dr. Morrow. We shared our plans about the future filing of the petition for a family convention of the MacAlpine's and he said he was looking forward to seeing it and had words of encouragement.

## Regional Highland Games



Stephanie Albin-Rinehart and Frances Albin-Bowman raise the Society Banner at Grandfather Mountain



The Society Tent at the Alma Michigan Games.



More fun at Grandfather Mountain



Roy and Kate Simpson at the Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival in Woodland, California.

### Clan MacAlpine Society Kilt Pins Now Available For Purchase

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

The pins are made out of silver weighing approximately 1 ounce  
Dimensions are 4"X 1 1/8"

Price is \$75 USD and is payable by PayPal or check

Please contact  
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## MacAlpine AGM, Scotland 2014 Photo Gallery Agenda



This photo journey of our 2014 AGM in Scotland is described here left to right from top to bottom. Maybe you'll find yourself amongst these photos.

- Row 1: Bill Potter discusses the cairns and standing stones; Kilmartin standing stones; Ann McAlpin at Dunnadd at Kilmartin; and Patricia Roberts and her clarsach
- Row 2: Dr. Durie in Kilmartin Church; the gardens at Kilmartin House Museum; and our treasurer of the day
- Row 3: Ferry ride to Mull; Bill Potter at St. Orans Mound; St. Orans Chapel and the burial ground at Iona
- Row 4: Iona Abbey and Duart Castle

# The Gala Dinner



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It was wonderful to have all these Clan MacAlpine Society members joined together for our gala dinner at the Kilmartin House Museum.

## Possible 2015 AGM Locations

*Submitted by Earl Dale McAlpine*

Please read the information and take the survey after... for the 2015

### 1. Hawaiian Honolulu, Scottish Festival and Highland Games,

**April 4 & 5, 2015** ~ Kapiolani Park, Honolulu, HI

- Air Fare from Chicago to Honolulu, party of 2 about \$1,000
- Hotel, one room, party of 2 about \$800.
- Festival admission \$1.00 per person/ per day.
- Approx. \$1802 for party of 2



### 2. Las Vegas Highland Games and Celtic Festival

**April 11 & 12, 2015** ~ Floyd Lamb State Park □ 9200 Tule Springs Rd, Las Vegas, NV

- Air Fare from Chicago to Las Vegas, party of 2 about \$500
- Hotel, one room, party of 2 about \$400.
- Festival admission \$15.00 per person / per day.
- Car Rental \$ 260.
- Approx. \$930 for party of 2



### 3. Michigan Alma Highland Festival & Games

**May 23 & 24, 2015** ~ Alma College Campus, Alma, MI

- Air Fare from LAX to Chicago, party of 2 about \$800
- Hotel, one room, party of 2 about \$400.
- Festival admission \$10.00 per person/ per day.
- Car Rental \$300.
- Approx. \$1220 for party of 2



### 4. Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games

**May 2,3, & 4, 2015** ~ Maverick Stadium, UTA Campus, Arlington, TX.

- Air Fare from Chicago to Arlington, party of 2 about \$800
- Hotel, one room, party of 2 about \$400.
- Festival admission \$18.00 per person / per day.
- Car Rental \$ 260.
- Approx. \$1,496 for party of 2



PLEASE take the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MPZQNLC>



*Patricia Roberts played her Clarsach,  
Guitar and sang for us at the  
AGM in Kilmartin.*

*She was splendid, and many asked  
if she has CD's available.*

*She does indeed.*

*They can be ordered at her website at  
[www.patriciaroberts.co.uk/CDs.htm](http://www.patriciaroberts.co.uk/CDs.htm)*

