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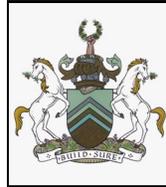
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President's Message

Sitting with Ian and Margaret McAlpine at the Tollbooth Tavern in Edinburgh a few weeks ago, listening to Ian's news and views of Scotland, and sharing with him thoughts about the Clan MacAlpine Society made me reflect on how far the Society has reached in fifteen or so years.



Reinforcing that thought was that the prior week we had quite a turnout at the Pleasanton Highland Games, we were now members of the Australian Scottish Heritage Council and that we are laying out plans for our third Canadian AGM. We also have a new milestone on Facebook, now exceeding seven hundred members. Many people have worked so long to bring us this far.

I had hoped to meet Mr. Dennis, who has been assigned by Lord Lyon as our Supervising Officer, but it appears that his schedule is quite busy.

I did enjoy an evening with Dr. Durie and his wife Carolyn, and we exchanged views on the Society.

On Thursday September 17th, I stopped by the Lyon Court, to show my son the Register of Arms. Lyon Morrow heard the name and asked us to sit for a bit. As always, he was thoroughly engaging, and gave indication that a Family Meeting in the third quarter of 2016 or perhaps second quarter 2017 would be likely targets. When we hear of the requirements for next steps, we will have them posted.

In kinship,
Michael T McAlpin
President

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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Council of Scottish Clans & Associates (COSCA) 200PM, Saturday, July 11, 2015

By Clan MacAlpine Society Member, Teala Pennell

73 members-in-good-standing (Clan MacAlpine Society included) of COSCA attended the Annual General Meeting at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games on July 11th.

John King Bellassai, the new President of COSCA presided, and Francis, Lord Napier 6th Baron of Ettrick, and Chief of Clan Napier spoke, as did Jamie Macnab of Macnab, Chief of Clan Macnab. They were the two Clan Chiefs present at the Games.

Lord Napier said that the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs is working to build closer relationships with COSCA and clans in the U.S. He has realized there are about as many Scots in this area as there are in Scotland. Tourism based on heritage is a booming business in Scotland so feel free to reach out and help build those ties.

COSCA members are advised to make sure their dues are paid and they may have to double check that remain in good standing. COSCA and everyone else are going through a modernization process. So make sure the contact information for your President and VP are on your website for questions not pertaining to membership and update your websites constantly.

COSCA is back in good standing as a non-profit. They will be providing technical assistance to the clans needing help with their tax exempt status.

Lees McRae College at nearby Banner Elk has been secured as the site for next year's Clan Caucus on the Thursday or Friday before the Grandfather Mountain games. COSCA is beginning plans for next year's program. Send in any ideas and potential guest speakers you have in mind.

COSCA is also interested in any articles pertaining to heritage and Scots in the modern world for the Facebook page, so if you have an interesting story, please share it.

Tartan Day is being planned at the Capitol building in Washington for the 20th anniversary in 2018. It's going to be a huge bash so everyone is invited.

In addition to its officers and At-Large voting Trustees, listed above, the COSCA Board benefits from the input of several (non-voting) Advisory Trustees. These include Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Bt., 24th Chief of Clan Gregor & Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs; Jamie, Lord Sempill; Andrew Morrison, Viscount Dunrossil, Honorary British Council General for the Southwestern United States; and Dr. Bruce Durie, Shennachie to the Chief of the Name of Durie.

Awesome organization. Thanks for asking me to sit in!





Pleasanton Highland Games September 5-6, 2015

The Clan MacAlpine Tent at the Pleasanton Games was a great success. In addition to a strong contingent of regular members, many of whom were in Scotland last year, we had seventeen new folks drop by.



Scottish Tartan Museum



Thanks to Mary Ann McAlpine Baker's keen observation, the McAlpine Tartan is now hanging at the Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, North Carolina.

The hundreds of Highland Scots who immigrated to the mountains of North Carolina in the 17th and 18th centuries brought with them many traditions from their homeland, including the tartans from which they made their traditional kilts. Today, visitors to the Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, North Carolina, can see more than 500 tartans on display and learn the history of this distinctive fabric.

Since 1988, the museum has served as a general Scottish heritage center for the region. Members of the museum staff of volunteer historians host guided tours, look up tartans, and answer general questions on Scottish history.

Hours of Operation

Open year-round, Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm.

Admission Fees

Adults: \$2 Children: \$1

Location

[Scottish Tartans Museum](#) - 86 East Main Street
Franklin, NC 29734 - (828) 524-7472



A word from Scottish Tartans Museum ...

"We have the first section completed now of the Banners on Display in our museum! These banners have all been donated by our members and friends!!!! This is just the first wall. We have a lot more needed.

To those who paid \$50.00 to The Scottish Tartans Museum, your tartan will proudly fly in our museum for all to see!!!! Thanks and please continue to keep donating!!!!

We need you!!!!

Would Be Grave Robbers Attempt to Steal Artifacts From Columba's Grave at Iona.

For those who were at the AGM in Scotland last year you will remember that we toured Iona Abby and Saint Orrans Mound where the McAlpine kings are buried. The shrine on the island of Iona is next to the abbey which he founded and where his body was buried in 597. Many believe his remains hold special powers and the desecration has stunned locals and historical experts alike.

Monday August 3rd, someone forced open and damaged a wooden floor hatch which covers the burial site, leading to fears that professional thieves may have deliberately targeted the tomb. However, the culprits would not have found anything to steal, as there are no visible remains there now. Jane Martin, Historic Scotland Manager at Iona Abbey, said: "Someone jimmed up one of the hatches and did some damage to it. His remains were thought to have powers. They were very important. We assume it was somebody who was interested and they must have known the hatch was there, there was a carpet over the hatch but it was moved."



Ms Martin said: "It's quite shocking, we don't often get any crime here at all. You expect that people treat the buildings with respect because they are old and because they have this religious history as well. We are going to take steps to improve the security of the building." The attempt happened on in the afternoon as there was a guided tour at 11.45am and the damage was discovered during the next tour at 2pm. Police Scotland are investigating.



Submitted by Chris McAlpine

Founded in 1981 to foster within the Commonwealth of Australia that heritage brought to Australia by Scottish immigrants.

The Council has many objectives, amongst them is:

- ◆ To maintain within Australia the heritage of Scottish Australians including music, literature, culture, language and history.
- ◆ To encourage the continued use and survival of Scots Gaelic.
- ◆ To remind Australians of their heritage and to lift the perception of the Scottish heritage.
- ◆ To promote and organize events which aid in the maintenance in Australia of Scottish music, literature, culture, language and history.
- ◆ To encourage, support and promote the genealogical and historical research and study of their Scottish ancestry by individuals, families, clans, and other Scottish societies.

The Clan MacAlpine Society recently joined, the Society logo (in lieu of a Clan Crest) is displayed on their membership page.

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Clan MacAlpine Society 2016 AGM

What to do, what to do...

The 2016 Clan MacAlpine Society Annual General Meeting will be held in Canada. This will be our third AGM in Canada and we are anxious to see all our Canadian friends again. Please look at the Survey link and cast your vote for which of these games we will select.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QXSQLYB>

Victoria Highland Games

21 May 2016 - 22 May 2016

Topaz Park, Victoria, Canada

<http://victoriahighlandgames.com/>



Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

12 Aug 2016 - 14 Aug 2016

Fergus, Ontario, Canada

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/index.cfm>



Cambridge Highland Games

15 Jul 2016 - 17 Jul 2016

Cambridge, ON, Canada

<http://www.cambridgehighlandgames.ca/>



Highlands of Durham Games

23 July 2016 - 24 Jul 2016

Elgin Park, Uxbridge ON, Canada

<http://highlandsofdurhamgames.com/>



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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