



# Remember the Death of Alpin

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The Worldwide Organization For MacAlpines

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## President's Message

Our Call for Representatives has run in six newspapers, on our web site, our newsletter, and our Facebook page.

Calls for those who would like to be on the Derbhfine have similarly been run.

Our goal is to have as widespread a representation as is possible. If you are interested in being on the Derbhfine and have not yet notified our Secretary, Robin McAlpine, please do so.

Plans for the Family Convention (Derbhfine) at Abbotsford House in Roxburghshire, Scotland in September are well under way.

I have asked Mark McAlpin of Seattle to be Sennachie, and he has accepted. This ancient position incorporates duties inherited from both Pict and Gael and will have an active role at the Derbhfine.

The season for highland games is on us, and as has been our practice since 2000, we will be well represented in a variety of locations. If you have not attended one of the games in your local area, I think you will find it a great experience.

You can find a list of games at :

[www.scotland.org/whats-on/scotlands-festivals/highland-games/usa-canada-highland-games/](http://www.scotland.org/whats-on/scotlands-festivals/highland-games/usa-canada-highland-games/)

Our election cycle is on and we have nominations for several Society Officers. All of these folks are dedicated to the effort and have demonstrated their desire to be active and involved in bringing together MacAlpines from around the world.

In Kinship,

Michael T McAlpin  
President

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## McAlpine DNA Project

"Submitted by Dave Hobbs

The MacAlpin Surname DNA Project hosted by Family Tree DNA currently has thirty-five members. The project supports the goals of the Clan MacAlpine society to better describe the genealogical connections of those Scots making up, or related to, the MacAlpine lineage from the time before King Kenneth to the present day.

Genetic genealogy is a tool which can be of assistance in answering questions about our relationship to the people and places in the earliest days of Scotland by extending the traditional paper trail of parish records, wills, and property transfers by including the genetic and archeological record. This additional information provides a lens into how our ancestors made their way to Scotland and who they paired with once they got there.

For those who haven't seen my up-dates on the surname project in the past, or for those who want more information about genetic genealogy, I'd like to recommend a video entitled *DNA-Brick Wall Buster* by Maurice Gleeson. This film summarizes the three different types of DNA analysis used in genealogical research (Y-DNA/paternal line, mtDNA/maternal line, and Autosomal DNA for locating possible cousins in the last seven generations). It also describes strategies for using DNA analysis for either a "fishing trip" to find cousins, information about when and where those representing the ancestry of your Y-DNA or mtDNA "haplogroup" migrated across the continents, or to answer specific questions about whether individuals found in traditional records with a shared surnames are in-fact genetic relatives.

This instructive video is available on the International Society of Genetic Genealogy website at: [http://isogg.org/wiki/Genetic\\_genealogy](http://isogg.org/wiki/Genetic_genealogy) (scroll down page to "Videos" to click on this title). ISOGG is a non-commercial and non-profit organization established as a reference for those around the globe who are interested in learning more about the possibilities genetic genealogy may hold for ancestral research.

In the future, it is our hope that with more participation by men who share the MacAlpine name it will be possible to get a clearer picture of the genetic connections of the MacAlpin(e) lineage. If you would like more information about how to participate feel free to send me an email at: [dhobbsmw@pacbell.net](mailto:dhobbsmw@pacbell.net).



## Clan MacAlpine Society Call for Representatives Family Convention to be held at Abbotsford House Melrose Roxburghshire September 10, 2016

The Clan MacAlpine Society seeks to gain formal recognition of a Chief of Name and Arms by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. Having an armigerous Chief, MacAlpine would then be constituted and regarded as a clan or family in its own right.

The Convention will be held under the supervision of Mark D. Dennis Esq., Ormond Pursuivant of Arms as the appointed Supervising Officer and representative of the Lord Lyon.

Those wishing to be considered as interim Commander, chosen at a Family Convention as above, should request fuller information from the Secretary of the Clan MacAlpine Society:

By email at: [robinlmc Alpine@yahoo.com](mailto:robinlmc Alpine@yahoo.com)  
or by mail to: Robin L. McAlpine  
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## Out And About

Caught on camera on a recent cruise, Society Vice President Earl Dale McAlpine and Secretary Robin McAlpine with the Captain of the ship.



# Clan MacAlpine Society News

## Elections

Submitted by Robin McAlpine

As you know we will not be holding a physical AGM this year due to the conflict with the dates of the Derbfhine to be held in Scotland in September, but we do need to hold an election.

Nominations have been made for the following positions:

- Earl Dale McAlpine – President
- Mark McAlpin – Vice President
- Kenneth McAlpine – Treasurer
- Finn Alpin – Member at Large

Elections will be held via email and USPS. You can email your vote to [Secretary@ClanMacAlpine.com](mailto:Secretary@ClanMacAlpine.com) or mail your vote to:

Robin McAlpine  
Clan MacAlpine Secretary  
3061 Harbor Blvd  
Ventura, CA 93001 - USA

All votes must be **received** no later than May 15, 2016 to be counted.

Thank you, Robin

## Updated Constitution Posted to Website

Submitted by Robin McAlpine

The Clan MacAlpine Society Constitution has been updated on the Facebook page and the website. Although there were no actual content changes, I did update the verbiage we had voted to change back in 2014 while in Kilmartin.

Sorry to be so far behind but it seems there was always something else on the front burner. While making those changes I did move some content from just under 4.2.9 where it was just kind of there, to 4.1 where it made more sense. I put the text in red font so all could see it was moved but the verbiage is actually the exact same, only the placement has been changed.

Thanks for bearing with me. If you have any questions, let me know.

My new email for Society business is:  
[Secretary@ClanMacAlpine.com](mailto:Secretary@ClanMacAlpine.com).

## We have placed our Call for Representatives in six newspapers to encourage as many to participate in the process as possible.



**Public Notices**

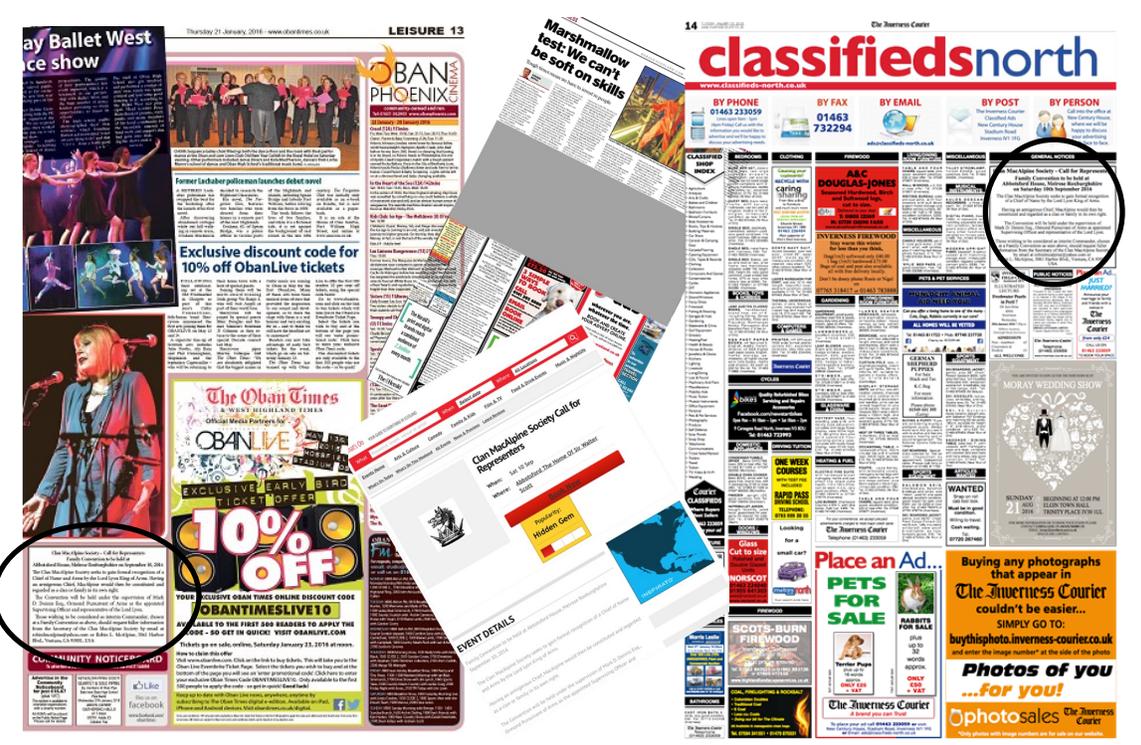
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## Burns Dinner—Reno

Submitted By Dale McAlpine

Having recently moved to Ventura, CA, Robin & I decided we wanted to attend the local Robert Burns Dinner Celebration. Robin found one not too far from our house, a potluck dinner in Santa Barbara, but there was no contact information. We remembered that our own society members, Janet & Doug McAlpine, from Reno had invited us up to their Burn's dinner celebration on numerous occasions. It was their 35th annual event so we decided a road trip was in order. In the meantime, Robin did some fast talking to talk Roy and Kate Simpson from Sacramento and Mike and Caroline McAlpin from Georgia into joining us for the occasion. We ordered our dinner tickets and planned our road trip.

We arrived at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV with much anticipation as this was our first Burn's dinner and we had heard so much about this event. We checked into the hotel and dressed in our finest Scottish attire for the night ahead. We were greeted by Doug, Janet and Ann Marie and many, many more.

Many guests perused the information tables by the Reno Celtic Celebration, Sons and Daughters of Erin, and the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) and then proceeded to the vendor area and on to the Burns Raffle while being entertained by the "Sierra Silver-Strings."



*Left to right: Dale McAlpine, Robin McAlpine, Caroline McAlpin, Mike McAlpin, Paul McAlpine, Janet McAlpine, Ian McAlpine, Doug McAlpine (behind Ann Marie), Ann Marie McAlpine, Cameron McAlpine, and Roy Simpson.*

While Michael, Roy & I took advantage of the complimentary whisky tasting prior to dinner, the ladies checked out the items being raffled in the fundraising raffle. Kate even ended up going home a raffle winner with a new Dooney & Burke bag full of goodies.

More than 500 guests were piped into the dining room by the "Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band" where we enjoyed a tasty dinner and dessert. The event emcee kept the evenings activities moving along where SAMS provid-

ed the color guard and the Spirit of Robert Burns was introduced by Raey Palmer, piper and young Ellie Katrina Maddox. Chaplain, Robert Bledsaw, performed the invocation and the traditional Ode to the Haggis was made by Allen Rice. A toast to the Lads and Lasses had the crowd in stitches and special entertainment provided by "The Fire" was so beautiful. The "Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band" performed with "The Fire" to end the evening.

We all had a wonderful evening and so appreciate Janet not giving up on us with her invitations. We will be sure to go back and visit them again.



*Doug & Mike*



*Kate, Caroline & Robin*



## Burns Dinners

### Burns in Stockholm



- ◆ From left to right: Leizel, Alpin Finn Alpin, Sweety Bee Toto, Fredrik Janevi, Sophie Janevi, Tommy Lenberg, Lotta Lenberg & Christian Sjögren (in Scandinavian District tartan)



*Christian Sjögren & Lotta Lenberg / Leizel Alpin, Finn Alpin & Sweety Bee Toto / Christian Sjögren & Tommy Lenberg*



### Ian McAlpine . . . off to the Burns dinner at the historic Dean Tavern, in Newtongrange, about 8 miles from downtown Edinburgh

The historic Dean Tavern is an example of a Gothenburg pub. The Gothenburg model was imported from Sweden. The pubs were not to be attractive or welcoming, in order to discourage drinking and the sales of spirits was not to be encouraged. The shareholders of the trust were to receive a maximum return of 5% annually and all other profits were to be used to benefit the local community. The town treasury was to control this income and use it to provide libraries, museums, parks district nurses and ambulances. The Dean Tavern is one of only four remaining pubs using the Dean system.



For those attending the Derbhfine in September, perhaps we can gather at the Dean Tavern for a taste of Scotland meal.

## Look for the Clan MacAlpine Society at an event near you

Honolulu Hawaii April 9,10



Estes Park, Colorado, September 8-11



Woodland California April 23,24



father Mountain,  
North Carolina July 8,9,10

Costa Mesa, California  
May 28, 29

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### 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"

\$75 USD payable by PayPal or check

Please contact  
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