



# Remember Those From Whom You Came

## Newsletter Of The Clan MacAlpine Society

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### Commander's News

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the momentous Normandy assault has just been observed. We owe a debt to all that were involved in that great liberation. To the MacAlpines from the many nations that were engaged in that monumental effort, we honor you.

In the next several months MacAlpines are engaged in events all over the world. Our thanks to those who host and attend these events. I have the opportunity to be at several of these and always look forward to the activities and meeting everyone. I will have the special honor of representing the family at the Inverness Games in Scotland and the Military Tattoo in Sydney.

We will be exploring the Kilmartin Glen again in a few weeks...so much history there.

We have begun updating some of the clan tent supplies that are used at our hosted events, and have received many compliments regarding the signage and posters.

Yours Aye,

Michael T McAlpin,  
Commander



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## President's News



Last year, while planning a two week cruise to Hawaii for our anniversary, we thought it would be a great start to take Robin's parents to one of the most famous transatlantic cruise ships, The Queen Mary. She serves as a hotel now and we spent the night before our cruise on the Carnival Splendor enjoying the beauty of the Queen.

While walking her decks I could imagine workers carrying hot rivets in a glowing white hot bucket for installation into connecting holes in the metal seams. Holding metal tongs to pickup the red hot rivet and inserting it into a hole while two others on either side of the seam; one holding a pneumatic hammer and the other holding the rivet in place with a pneumatic hammer tool, beating the steel rivet pin in and locking the two steel

pieces together. I thought of the coal fire blast furnaces heating more steel rivets.

You see the Queen Mary has Scottish roots. Her keel was laid in 1930 in Clydebank, Scotland and launched for her maiden voyage on 27 May 1936. She remained in service until her retirement in 1967 and is permanently moored in Long Beach, California.



Our anniversary trip was planned last year and turned into a retirement and anniversary adventure. I retired after 46 years of working; 33-1/2 of those years with Southern California Edison.

My retirement is the beginning of a new chapter for Robin and Dale's excellent adventures aboard our 40 foot Monaco Diplomat motorhome, affectionately named "Sunshine". We plan to live and travel fulltime in Sunshine.

On another note regarding Clan MacAlpin/e business, we are looking forward to seeing you at our 20<sup>th</sup> Clan MacAlpin/e Society's Annual General Meeting at the Pleasanton Highland Games the end of August.



In Kinship,

Dale McAlpine, President



# The Clan MacAlpine Society 2019 AGM

Submitted by Robin McAlpine

Do you ever look up and ask yourself “where has this year gone?” Here we are sneaking up on July and I have no idea where the first six months of the year went. Our lives have changed so drastically this year with Dale’s retirement that it is so nice to have somethings that just don’t change.

That being said, it’s about time for our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year we will be back at Pleasanton, CA on August 31. Dale and I are hosting and we so hope you will make an effort to come out and see us. This is our 20<sup>th</sup> AGM as a family. I feel the need to celebrate. We will have a few surprises at the tent for those that come by and check in.

Our AGM dinner for Saturday evening is still in the works. You can really help me out by letting me know if you will be there for dinner. I have a few places in mind, however, I don’t want to over commit us for a venue that has a minimal number required if we can’t meet it. The cost of dinner is going to be \$55.00. The **best** way to let me know if you are coming is to go to the webpage, <https://www.macalpineclan.com/> and pay for your dinner. Donate \$55 and I will count that as your reservation. It is crucial attendees pay before you arrive. You can also email me at [robinlmcalpine@yahoo.com](mailto:robinlmcalpine@yahoo.com) or reply on the new post I will put on FB asking for a head count.

**We have blocked rooms at the Marriott Courtyard San Ramon, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd, CA 94583**  
**Rate is \$109 per night plus applicable taxes. Parking is \$10.00 per day.**  
**Call (800) 280-9574 and ask for the Clan MacAlpine Society ASGM Room Block.**  
**Last day to book is Monday, August 5th**

I hope we will see many of you in August. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text me at 951-805-2047.

All my best,  
Robin

**Join us on Labor Day Weekend (August 31 and September 1) 2019, as we celebrate the very best of Scottish culture, competition, cuisine and entertainment, in Pleasanton, California. The 154th consecutive Scottish Highland Gathering and Games takes place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.**



## Look for the Clan MacAlpine Society tent at these events.

Clan MacAlpine Society will be visible at many Highland Games during 2019. When attending the games, be sure to take time to look for the MacAlpine tent and meet some of your fellow clan members.



The Arms of AUBIGNY-SUR-NÈRE

Look for the  
MacAlpine Tent

Join us at the AUBIGNY-SUR-NÈRE  
Franco Scottish Festival

July 12-14, 2019

AUBIGNY-SUR-NÈRE, FRANCE



Look for the  
MacAlpine Tent

Join us at the Grandfather  
Mountain Highland Games  
July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

MacRae Meadows  
Grandfather Mountain  
Linville, N.C. 28646

Join us at the Inverness Highland Games

THE 2019 INVERNESS  
HIGHLAND GAMES



Bught Park, Inverness, Scotland  
on Saturday 20th July 2019 commencing at 11am.



Look for the  
MacAlpine Tent

Join us at the Saint Andrews Society  
of Detroit Highland Games

August 2-3, 2019  
Greenmead Historical Village  
20501 Newburgh Rd.  
Livonia, Mi 48152



Look for the  
MacAlpine Tent

Join us at the Fergus Scottish  
Festival

August 9-11, 2019

Fergus Wellington Sports Plex 550  
Belsyde Avenue East  
Fergus, ON N1M 3S1



Look for the  
MacAlpine Tent

Join us at the Pleasanton Highland  
Games

August 31 - September 1, 2019

Alameda County Fairgrounds,  
Pleasanton, CA  
The 2019 MacAlpine Annual  
General Meeting will be held there



Look for the  
MacAlpine Tent

Join us at Longs Peak Scottish- Irish  
Highland Festival

Sept 6-8, 2019

Fairgrounds,  
Estes Park Colorado



Tickets are available  
for the Clan Seating

Join us at the Royal  
Edinburgh Military Tattoo

October 18, 2019  
ANZ Stadium, Sydney  
Australia



Look for the  
MacAlpine Tent

Join us at the Stone  
Mountain Highland Games

October 19 + 20, 2019

Stone Mountain Park,  
Atlanta, Georgia

## Gathering for an Annual Cocktail Party in Stockholm

Submitted by Finn Alpin

The gathering for the annual cocktail party at Tommy & Lotta Lenberg's place in Stockholm, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

It has become a very nice summer tradition, that Tommy and Lotta invite family and friends to gather at their place for a cocktail party, to mark the end of the school year and beginning of the summer holidays. My attendance record has been less than great for a couple of years due to work, but this year I was lucky enough to be able to attend. We gathered at the end of a sunny afternoon in the garden and enjoyed socializing with friends and family into the night. There were 10 members of the Society present and in spite of the warm weather, a few kilts were worn. A vast variety of cocktails and drinks were available, diligently presented by members of the household, and a very tasty buffet of tidbits, which I frequently found myself heading for. Gracious hosts and a lovely group of people. I very much hope that I will be there again next summer!

Slàinte!



## Hosting a Clan Tent

Are you thinking about how to host a MacAlpine Society tent at one of the Highland games? Here is information to help you with what is needed. The Society will provide a start up 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, if you are looking at a one time use, we ask that you return the kit. Many games require you to bring your own popup tent, while others require the use of their tents. Details of what specific games provide and sponsor applications are available on the games' website.

Here is a list of what you will find in the Clan MacAlpine Society startup kit:

- MacAlpine banner
- MacAlpine poster
- Sign in sheets
- Informational trifolds
- Boars head stamp
- Copies of Clan Encyclopedia
- Nametags
- Copies of last two newsletters

In addition to what the society provides, you will need 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 in pictures above
- Zip ties, side-cutter to remove zip ties, duct tape, scissors,
- Table cloth and table decorations
- Netting to hold pictures at side of tent and fasteners to hold pictures

Each host will have their own ideas about other items they will want at their tent to make it welcoming to visitors. Hosting a tent is a great experience and you have the opportunity of getting to meet and introduce fellow MacAlpines to the Society as well as get acquainted with others who share your Scottish heritage. Let us know if you have an interest in hosting a tent at a Highland games event in your area.

## Arichonan Clearance

Submitted by Mark S.C. McAlpin - Sennachie Elect

The time of the Highland clearances is still a sad and sensitive episode in Scotland's history. Not all landlords evicted their tenants forcibly; every settlement and every glen have a different story to tell. Individual stories, in many cases, still lie hidden. The fact remains that thousands of families left their homeland to begin new lives overseas.

Located off the remote B8025 a few miles north of the harbor at Tayvallich, and boasting fine views of Argyll's picturesque Caol Scotnish, lies the abandoned township of Arichonan. While there is no record of any McAlpin(e)s living at Arichonan prior to its clearance, The Clearance of the Arichonan, is in an interesting occurrence that it is highly documented and impacted many of the surrounding areas, many that were homes to the McAlpin(e)s, such as Tayvallich and Kilmory Oib.

The Kilmartin Museum had this to say about Arichonan. "Like Kilmory Oib, Arichonan has 'intrinsic' archaeological significance in that earlier buildings likely survive below the present upstanding structures, these also likely preserving several phases of occupation evidence within their associated fabrics. The settlement also has 'contextual' significance as it is a well preserved and discrete survival of a joint tenancy township where the layout of the township can be relatively easily understood with the major elements of houses barns and enclosures relatively easy to comprehend. The buildings also display a range of structural and architectural features within their fabrics which were perhaps common across the region but are now rarely so well preserved. So often the process of clearance and abandonment of settlements across Argyll is reflected in a historical silence. Because of this the site has important 'associative' characteristics Arichonan (and Kilmory Oib by association) is of local and regional historical importance as its inhabitants were part of a well recorded opposition to forced eviction. This perhaps gives the settlement an added poignancy as it provides public with a very real link to the past and to the people who once inhabited it. The walk up to the site through the woods from the designated car park at Gleann a' Ghaolbhan also gives a feeling of discovering a hidden past as the original track opens to spectacular views of the deserted settlement and the Knapdale peninsula to the south." *Excerpt from the Kilmartin Museum Archaeological Paper "Kilmory Oib and Arichonan"*



Arichonan sat on Poltalloch lands and by the 1820's many people were leaving the area for Upper Canada and Australia. By the 1840's thing had gotten worse. Many land owners and "improvers" believed that by clearing the land of all those excess "poor" people, one could at the same time erase poverty from the Western Highlands. This was a concept that land owners and "improvers" could support with enthusiasm, and if necessary, with the full force of the Law.

In 1846, the Marquis of Lorne (soon after, the 8th Duke of Argyll) noted:

*"... the laziness, ignorance, and intractability induced by an over-population subsisting on potatoes, and having small possessions of land is such as to increase one's dread of the system, and one's anxiety to put an end to it, the more one sees of its effects. On our estates, I am convinced that no such relief can be given without extensive emigration, and to this I am directing every effort..."* Further, Thomas Malthus, and English cleric and scholar of the time, gave this further "intellectual" justification, that without something being done, meaning the mass emigration of the poor, the geometric population growth would outgrow the arithmetic growth of food production resulting in "famine and distress through the land."

In 1848, there was a famine, of course: the famous Irish Potato Famine. It certainly affected the greater Knapdale area, where potatoes turned to stinking black slime in the fields. Mass starvation did not visit Knapdale, as there was a greater diversity of crops in Knapdale than was usual in Ireland. The South Knapdale Parochial Board Minutes mention the potato famine crisis only in the context of lowering the paupers' allowances in 1851, as the prices for "meal" had decreased from the year before.

## *Arichonan Clearance ... Continued from page 11*

However, things were still bad in the Highlands. Aside from black slimy potatoes, cattle prices were poor, and the herring fishery was on the brink of complete failure. Additionally, there was the cholera epidemic. Thus, along with all the "moral" and "intellectual" justifications, the upper strata own the estates, which was spelled out in the records kept in Edinburgh and could legally proceed with their plans for combining several smaller, inefficient farms into one large sheep run and at the same time charge a higher rent.

Thus, in the spring of 1848, the Poltalloch Estates notified the tenants in Arichonan Township that their leases were terminated that Whitsunday. In the words of the "Summons of Removing" dated 4th April 1848, would they please "... *flit and Remove themselves, their Wives, Bairns, Families, Servants, Subtenants, Cottars, Dependants, goods and gear, furth...*" They had until Whitsunday, 27 May 1848, to do so.

Mr. William Martin, the Factor for the Poltalloch Estates claimed he spent some time in "frequent communings with the said parties and offered to provide houses for them on the Estate of Poltalloch..."

As elsewhere, the inhabitants at Arichonan did not take kindly to the prospect ditching their homes to make way for sheep grazing, and when landowner Neil Malcolm of Poltalloch terminated his leases on Whitsunday 1848 things turned sour. When on June 13th, Sheriff Officer John Gillies proceeded to enforce that "Summons of Removing" and eject said tenants, he was "... *Assaulted by Sticks, Stones and other weapons to the imminent risk of our lives, and all the way receiving the most abusive, threatening language, and to such a height was this unlawful conduct carried on by the said Tenants, and others there assembled, that I found it impossible to carry the same Warrant into Execution...*"

It was not until July 7 that the full force of law and order came to Arichonan. Poltalloch's Factor, William Martin, and some 30 of Poltalloch's servants joined Captain McKay, the Superintendent of Police for Argyll and 9 of his officers to enforce that Summons of Removing. Some 100 "grown men and women" were there on Arichonan Hill to meet them. Assistance had come from neighboring farms, notably Kilmory Oib, residence of Dugald McAlpine, in support of the beleaguered tenants. They were armed with sticks and stones, and in the ensuing riot, Mr. Martin was "knocked down, struck and dragged by the hair..." and John Stewart, Police Officer from Lochgilphead, received a severe cut on his temple from a stone that was thrown at him.

Five people who appeared to be ringleaders were arrested and marched two miles to Bellanoch Inn. But "... *the crowd followed them and increased to 200*" and threatened to follow and harass them all the way to Lochgilphead. According to Mr. J. MacLaurin, the Sheriff Substitute of Argyll,

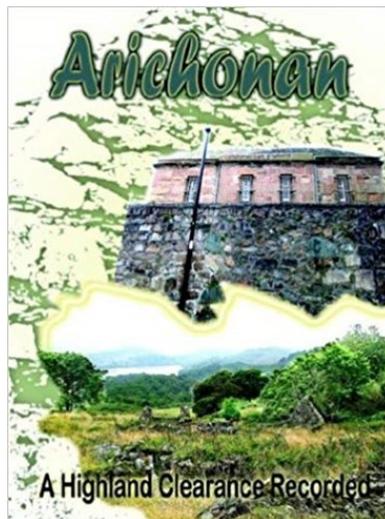
*"In passing along from Bellanach there are narrow wooded defiles through which the road to Lochgilphead passes. In these defiles, great crowds were assembled at suitable points with heaps of stones collected to hurl upon the Police, had they brought the prisoners along...."*

In the excitement, the Sheriff and Mr. Martin and Supt McKay were convinced that military aid would be required to put down this rebellion. The Crown's Agent in Edinburgh, John C. Brodie on the other hand, wondered what could "... *...have created such unusual disturbance among a hitherto well behaved, orderly, moral population...*" and blamed it all on John MacLaurin, Argyll's Sheriff Substitute, who - as far as Brodie was concerned - should have been present in Arichonan at a time when "... *his character and position would give additional weight...*" to the Law's strength.

Surprisingly, three years after the riot, the 1851 census shows that 26 people were still living at Arichonan, but only one of them was a farmer. However, just over 20 years later Arichonan also stood empty. Arichonan was a valiant act of defiance, but it could not stop the momentum of change.

### **Good Reads:**

**For further reading on the Arichonan Clearance the following book is available authored by Heather McFarlane**



# Grand Valley Scottish Festival, Grand Junction, Colorado

Gordon and Barbara MacAlpine, hosts



The Grand Valley Games held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> were well attended, and we were amazed and delighted to encounter so many people with genuine interest and knowledge regarding Scotland. Many of them had been to the places where we took pictures for our display. Many also said they now planned to visit Oban, Kilmartin, and perhaps Dunadd.

It was a real treat to meet at least four people who are either MacAlpines or have MacAlpine (or McAlpin) lineage. One woman in her 80s told us she descended directly from King Kenneth mac Alpin... at least that's what the genealogy people told her :-). She was a gem.



We really liked how the clans, vendors, performers, competitions, and children's games were all intermingled. This way, we could see and be a part of everything. It was very enjoyable for all concerned.

We did have unanticipated severe weather. There were a number of funnel clouds. We staked our tent down with 12 10-inch spikes and hung on to it as it tried to break away numerous times. Unfortunately, about 12 tents were totally destroyed.



## Happy 99th Birthday Janet Laird Ritchie MacAlpine

Janet was born in Glasgow, Scotland ninety-nine years ago to Alexander and Euphemia MacAlpine. Her older brother was the actor 'Simon Lack'. She resides in Australia and enjoyed a wonderful birthday celebration with her son and daughter-in-law, Lewis and Rosalee MacLeod. Much to her delight, from her DNA test through Ancestry, Janet discovered she has a half brother. Pictured celebrating with her are her half brother, Ian, along with her son Lewis.



## Kenneth Scott McAlpine, Royal Marines, on Juno Beach 75 Years ago

Kenneth McAlpine ran away from school at the age of 17 in 1943, intending to join the recently formed Royal Marine commandos.

He was initially turned down and taken home by his father. He refused to return to school and after a spell in the Home Guard in Wolverhampton he was accepted by 48 (Royal Marines) Commando based in Deal and sent for training at Achnacarry in Scotland.

McAlpine was 6ft 4in tall and the Royal Marines clearly felt his height outweighed any doubts about his youth. He was in fact still 17 when he joined his unit, under the legal age for a recruit.

In the early hours of D-Day on June 6, 1944, McAlpine's landing craft got lost en-route to Normandy and landed at Brighton beach to the surprise of an early morning dog walker who pointed the commandos in the direction of France. McAlpine said later it was the type of comical error that never got into the history books.

His unit was involved in heavy fighting when they finally landed at Juno beach that day and went on to capture the strongpoint at Langrune-sur-Mer where the commandos remained on security duties after suffering 50 per cent casualties.

For the remainder of the summer campaign McAlpine's no 3 section took part in a number of small fiercely fought actions, many involving night infiltration around enemy strong points as the Germans retreated across northern France. By the end of September 48 Commando held a front of 10,000 yards investing Dunkirk.

Kenneth McAlpine rarely spoke of his wartime service and became a wine merchant after the war. Only late in life did he write his memoir of his time as the youngest Royal Marine commando. in his memoir *We Died With Our Boots Clean*. He passed on October 29, 2013, aged 88.



48 Commando's headquarters landing on D-Day. Note the ridiculously spindly ramps off which a Marine carrying heavy equipment is falling. (IWM B5219)

# Alma Highland Festival, Alma Michigan

Mary Ann and Jeff Baker Hosts



The MacAlpines were well represented at the Alma Games, and the new Banner received many positive comments.

Our thanks to Jeff and Mary Ann who hosted, and Kenneth and Laura and Hal and Scott and Bruce and David for representing us so well.



## What is a Bothy?

Submitted by Mark S.C. McAlpin - Sennachie Elect

A bothy is a term from 18<sup>th</sup> century Scotland that refers to small cottage, generally for communal use in remote areas to be used by laborers or farmhands on an estate.

Nowadays a bothy also refers to a basic shelter, usually left unlocked and available for anyone to use free of charge. Bothies are generally found in remote mountainous areas of Scotland and particularly common in the Scottish Highlands. Most bothies are ruined buildings which have been restored to a basic standard, providing a windproof and watertight shelter.

Because they are freely available to all, the continued existence of bothies relies on users helping look after them. Over the years, the Mountain Bothies Association has developed a Bothy Code that sets out the main points users should respect. The closest Bothy to the Kilmartin Glen is Carron Bothy, about 11 miles North and East on A816 from Kilmartin



Carron Bothy

## HONOR FLIGHT 2019-2020

“In My Opinion, I Wasn’t Really A Veteran” *Kenneth G. McAlpine*

*Submitted by Laura McAlpine*

In March or April of this year, a volunteer from Honor Flight visited Brookdale Senior Living where Ken McAlpine, patriarch of our family clan, lives. The volunteer gave an invitation to any and all WWII veterans to go to Washington, DC to be honored for their services to our great nation. Ken was unsure about participating but eventually decided he would go. The day was planned from morning to night beginning with a very early departure from home at 3:30 am and not returning until 1:30 am. For nearly twenty-four hours, Ken along with his guardian LT. Jon Gearns-Hazlett of the Novi Fire Department who spent 8 years in the Navy too, were inseparable as they embarked on a day’s worth of reminiscing and memories. The group was picked up by their guardians, boarded a bus and driven to Toledo, Ohio for breakfast and then onto the airport for their flight.



Our dad, who is soon to be 90, served in the US Navy during peace times as did his brother Jim. Dad recently shared how in 1941, he and 3 siblings, Anne, Don and Hugh had just come out of the Center Theater in Detroit to hear rumblings on the street that the US was going to War after Japan had been bombed. Ken graduated from Northwestern High School in January 1948 and his date of service was 8/25/1948 through 8/24/1949 spending his time at the Navy Base in Great Lakes, IL and then in Boston as a corpsman.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Honor Flight plane carrying Ken and many other veterans landed in DC where they boarded 3 buses for the ride over to the U.S. National Park Service for the festivities of the day. The 3 buses were Red, White and Blue and Ken was on the white bus. Our brother, Donald Ross McAlpine, was able to spend a good part of the day with Dad and they shared some of the historical sites together. Donald is also a veteran having served in the USMC – Oorah! Together they visited the Washington Monument, WWII Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and also saw the VietNam Wall. Later that day, Dad and Don went their separate ways and the tour moved onto Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and saw the Changing of the Guard.

Eventually the Vets boarded their charter plane to head back to Toledo and upon return they were escorted into a room for “mail call” where veterans received letters or notes from people they may or may not know with words of thanks and appreciation. Ken received nearly 50 cards and letters, many from former students from the 50’s/60’s when he was a young and handsome elementary school teacher. Several female students noted that they had school-girl crushes on Ken and some told of getting his phone number and would call just so they could hear his voice! We got a good chuckle out of that true story. Additionally, the vets each received a beautifully made hand-crocheted afghan which sits nicely on the back of Ken’s couch.



All in all, it was a very enjoyable day filled with pleasant appreciation for a brief period of Ken’s life, which brings me to the point of his statement “In my opinion I wasn’t really a veteran”. In a family with 7 boys and 3 girls, 5 of the boys served in 2 branches of the military – Air Force and Navy. Ken feels since he was in for just one year and didn’t serve in an active war, he really didn’t need the honor given to him. But, his older brother Robert McAlpine enlisted in the Air Force after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and served as a gunner flying in 51 missions over Southern Germany, Romania, Hungary and Austria. Additionally, Ken’s brothers Donald and Hugh also went into the Navy during the Korean War, serving on an Aircraft Carrier with some war stories of their own. Ken proudly accepts this recognition posthumously for all 4 of his brothers.

## What is Run Rig Land?

Submitted by Mark S. C. McAlpin - Sennachie Elect

This past summer, while visiting Scotland, I had the great pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of Ian McAlpine. While sitting on his back porch I made the comment of how symmetrical his land plot and the adjoining land plots were. He explained to me that his plot was what was once known as a run rig.

While you may be thinking 'isn't Run Rig that Celtic rock band from the Isle of Skye from the 70's' and you would be correct, but however, in this case it refers to a practice of land tenure in Scotland possibly dating as far back as the late medieval period that was later superseded by the crofting system by the second decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The runrig system of land tenure was organized on military lines as might be expected from the clan chiefs whose main preoccupation in life was military. At the top of the structure was the clan chief, the supreme commander as it were, at the next level of command was the tacksmen class or the equivalent of an officer corps. Then there were the small holders or ordinary soldiers.



"Tac" is the old Gaelic word for farm. Tacksman leased large areas of land from the clan chief on a long-term basis, usually as a reward for military service or because of blood relationships. He, in turn, sub-let most of his land to small holders on an annual lease without security or tenure. The small holders annual rent was therefore payable to the tacksmen and it was usually paid in kind, either by labor or agricultural produce or both. There were no written records of either rent or small holders tenancy kept. Only the tacksmen "na daoine uaisle" were entered in the rent roll.

Under the Run Rig system of tenure no part of the in-bye arable land was held permanently by any individual small holder, but was re-allocated regularly. There was an annual allocation of about one third of the arable land and it was carried out as follows:

Towards the end of the autumn, when the harvest was over, the village constable who was an official elected by the small holders in order to represent them (similar to a grazing clerk) called a meeting of the small holders and the estate representative known as the ground officer or "Maor". Having decided on the portion of land to be put under the green crop next year, they divided it in shares according to the number of tenants in the village. Thereupon they cast lots, hence the designation "lots" which is still the name sometimes applied to the croft. The share of the land that fell to a tenant was kept by him for three years. In that way a third of the land under cultivation was reallocated each year and the whole of the Tack land changed hands every three years. In that way the good land and the not so good land rotated among all the tenants.

# Clan MacAlpine Information

We invite you to learn more about Clan MacAlpine Society by going to our website [www.macalpineclan.com](http://www.macalpineclan.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

Be sure to watch for Highland Games in your locale. Look for a Clan MacAlpine Society tent and celebrate your heritage by getting acquainted with fellow MacAlpines.



## Clan MacAlpine Challenge Coin



\$20.00 + 4.95 Shipping  
Available in store on Society website at [www.macalpineclan.com](http://www.macalpineclan.com)  
Contact [drscotmac@yahoo.com](mailto:drscotmac@yahoo.com) for further information

## Clan MacAlpine Lapel Pin



\$10.00 + 4.95 Shipping  
Available in store on Society website at [www.macalpineclan.com](http://www.macalpineclan.com)  
Contact [drscotmac@yahoo.com](mailto:drscotmac@yahoo.com) for further information

## Clan MacAlpine Society Kilt Pin



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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