

# Remember Those From Whom You Came

## Newsletter Of The House of MacAlpine

### The Worldwide Organization For MacAlpines

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## Commander's Note

At the Culloden Visitors Center, there is a Gaelic sign that reads “cha b’ ann leinn a mhàin àch le sinnsearan is siol” which translates to “Not for us alone but for our ancestors and progeny”

Words that we could use as a guide. It is vital that we engage our children in their heritage. It can be an enjoyable and exciting experience for them.

Our Society has been around for close to a quarter of a century, and we have accomplished much. We are making a few changes that better reflect where we are today.

We have applied for and received a determination from the Internal Revenue Service as a 501c3 non-profit organization. That is good news. In addition, we have changed our Society name to The House of MacAlpine. Which more properly reflects the nature of our family.

It is Game season once more, please look at our upcoming events and stop by. If you should have the desire to host a tent, we can certainly assist.

We have some exciting plans coming up this year, I hope that you take the opportunity to participate.

Le gach deagh dhùrachd  
With every good wish

Michael T McAlpin  
Commander  
Name of MacAlpine



**Commander:** Michael T. McAlpin, FSA Scot

**Society Officers:**

**President:** Earl Dale McAlpine

**Vice President:** Mark McAlpin

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**Secretary:** Sue Potter

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## President's News

We had a great time attending two full days of the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games January 14-15, 2023, in Winter Springs, Florida. It was wonderful to participate in the clan march on to the parade field and visit with our Scottish brothers and sisters. It was a bit cold in Florida but we survived.

Robin and I are looking forward to attending the Portland Highland Games on July 15th, 2023, at Mt Hood Community College, Portland, Oregon.

We are excited to announce that, as discussed in our November Board meeting, we have filed a name change with the state of Georgia. "Clan MacAlpine Society Inc.", a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation filed articles/certificate of amendment in the Office of the Secretary of State on January 7, 2023, changing its name to House of MacAlpine Inc. a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation"



This brings us in line with the naming convention discussed at the Family Convention in 2016, before the appointment by the court of the Lord Lyon, of our Commander, Michael T. McAlpin.

More good news! As of January 26, 2023, the Clan MacAlpine Society is an official tax exempt, 501(c)3 non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Georgia. Our Federal tax ID is 82-3172151 assigned by the IRS. So your donations may be tax deductible; and, as always, most appreciated.

We will be holding elections soon for President, Vice President and Treasurer. We are behind in elections due to covid. Watch for your opportunity to volunteer or nominate your perfect candidate.

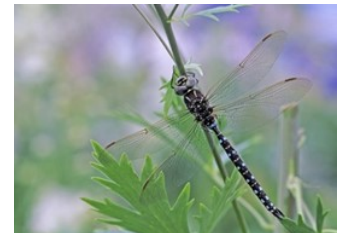
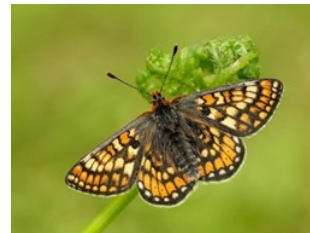
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## Moine Mhor

At the heart of the Kilmartin Glen is the Moine Mhor, Gaelic for Great Moss. Roughly 1200 acres dissected by the River Add and the Kilmartin Burn, dotted with ancient burial cairns and standing stones.



Graceful hen harriers hunt over the colorful patchwork carpet of bog moss, cotton grass and heather, while otters play in the Kilmartin Burn and Add River. The dragonflies are probably the most conspicuous group of insects at Moine Mhor, 11 of these colorful species have been recorded, including the beautiful demoiselle.





# Tribute To The Immortal Bard

MacAlpines the world over celebrated Burns Night with a flair.



France



Sweden



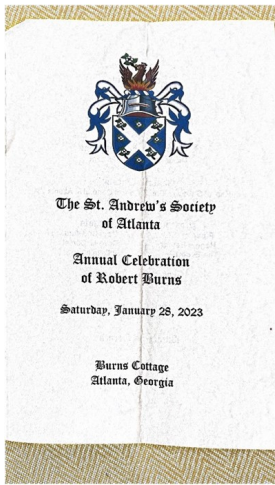
Scotland  
Ontario, Canada



# Tribute To The Immortal Bard . . . Continued



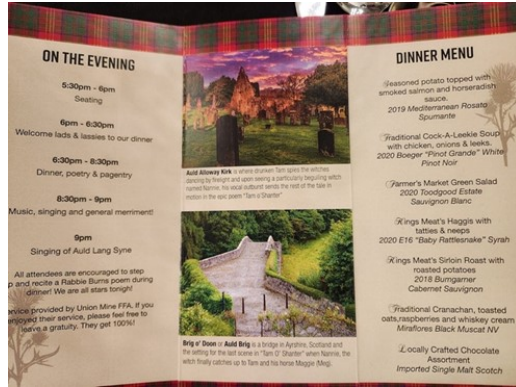
Sarasota, Florida



Atlanta, Georgia



# Tribute To The Immortal Bard . . . Continued



Placerville, California



Reno, Nevada



# Central Florida Highland Games

One of the earliest games in a calendar year, Central Florida Highland Games was another success. The Scottish-American Society of Central Florida & the City of Winter Springs hosted the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Scottish Highland Games, bringing together Scottish clans & societies to compete in athletic events, highland dancing, & piping to celebrate their heritage.



These games have become one of the favorites for MacAlpines, and although a wee bit cold, was well attended and well done. It is always such a great pleasure to meet kinsmen discovering our presence at any of the games for the first time. What a great opportunity to share our heritage.



The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Games will return to Winter Springs, Florida on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



# Rules Of The Road, 1843 James McAlpin Cited For A Traffic Violation

James McAlpine of Kirnan, about six miles south of Kilmartin was found "having his cart unyoked at the roadside". Although liable for a penalty of up to forty shillings, no fine was imposed.



ANNO SEXTO & SEPTIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. xcviij.

An Act for making and maintaining Highways, Roads, Bridges, and Quays, and for regulating Ferries, in the Shire of *Argyll*, and for altering and repairing certain Military and other Roads, Bridges, and Quays in the said Shire.

[10th August 1843.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for making and maintaining Highways, Roads, Bridges, and Quays, and for regulating Ferries, in the Shire of Argyll, and for altering and repairing certain Military and other Roads, Bridges, and Quays in the said Shire, and in the Parish of Arrochar and Shire of Dumbarton*: And whereas it was enacted that the said Act should "commence and take effect upon the last Tuesday of March One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and shall continue and be in force for Twenty-five Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament:" And whereas the Period for the Continuance of the Act above recited is now nearly expired, and it is therefore requisite and expedient that new, further, and other Powers be granted for making, improving and maintaining Highways, Roads, Bridges, and Quays, and for the Regulation of Ferries, in the said Shire of *Argyll*; and it would greatly contribute

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**List of the Offences against the Road Act brought before Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace with the amount of Fine imposed on each in the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> February 1845**

(Editor's note - what follows is a list of offenders plus offences plus fines. All took place between 2 March and 5 November).

James McAlpine, Kirnan - Strath - Having his cart unyoked on the roadside - No fine  
 Mary Brown, Bellanoch - Obstructing the road with hay - No fine  
 Neil McCallum, Cairnbaan - His cow grazing by the Roadside - 5 s  
 Hugh MacVean Bellanoch - Having timber on his cart too far from the horse - No fine  
 John & Neil McTavish, Duncho'gin - Having boy under 14 driving a cart - No fine  
 John Leitch, Upper Kames - Having a dog which annoyed travellers - 2 s 6  
 Archibald Walter, Gortonronach - Same offence but not proved - No fine  
 Hugh McTavish, Lochgilphead - For Obstructing Peter Hugh's cart  
 William Blackwood, Woodlands - Leaving cart on the road - No fine  
 William Blackwood, Woodlands - Having a gale hung upon the road - 5 s  
 Hugh Carmichael, Ardrishaig - No name on cart - 2 s  
 Alexander MacGill, Lochailhead - His cow crazing on the Roadside

LXXV. And be it enacted, That every Person shall be liable to a Penalty of not more than Forty Shillings who, on any Road, Bridge, or Quay within the Limits of this Act, shall commit any of the following Offences; (that is to say),

Penalty for Offences on the Roads, &c.

- Every Person who shall slaughter or dress any Beast, Swine, Calf, Lamb, or other Cattle, except in the Case of any over-driven Cattle, or which may have met with any Accident, and which it may be impossible to get to any Slaughter-house, and which the Public Safety and other Purposes may require, to be killed on the Spot:
- Every Person who shall suffer any Sow or Pig to be at large, so as to root up or damage any Road, or the Fences or Ditches or the Sides thereof:
- Every Person who shall suffer to be at large any troublesome or ferocious Dog, or set on or urge any Dog or other Animal to attack, annoy, worry, or put in fear any Person, Horse, or other Animal:
- Every Person who shall lead or ride any Horse or other Animal, or draw or drive any Cart or Carriage, Sledge, Truck, or Barrow, upon any Footpath or Causeway made or set apart for the Use and Accommodation of Foot Passengers; or hold or fasten any Horse or other Animal so that it may stand across or upon such Footpath or Causeway:
- Every Person, having the Care of any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, who shall ride on any Part thereof, or on the Shafts, or on any Horse or other Animal drawing the same, without having Reins, and holding the same; or who shall be at such a Distance from such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage as not to have the complete Control over every Horse or other Animal drawing the same; or shall not keep the Waggon, Cart, or Carriage to the Left or Near Side, except in case of actual Necessity, or some sufficient Reason for Deviation; or shall wilfully prevent any Person or Carriage from passing him or any Carriage under his Care:
- Every Person who shall ride or drive furiously, or so as to endanger the Life or Limb of any Person, or to the common Danger of the Passengers in any Thoroughfare:
- Every Person who shall leave any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage in any Thoroughfare or on the Side thereof, without a proper Person in charge of the same, longer than may be necessary to load or unload the same:
- Every Person in the sole Charge of driving more than One such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, who shall have more than One

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## Lieutenant James M'Alpin, Standard-bearer of the Glenbucket Regiment during the '45

John Gordon was the laird of Glenbucket a tiny estate in Aberdeenshire. He was a serial Jacobite, having been out, as a sixteen-year-old, in 1689 with Bonnie Dundee on the braes of Killiecrankie, and, in the 1715 Jacobite rebellion he commanded a battalion of Gordons at Sherriffmuir when he was about forty-two years of age.

In the '45 uprising he held the rank of Major General and is said to have received his rank from the Prince himself.

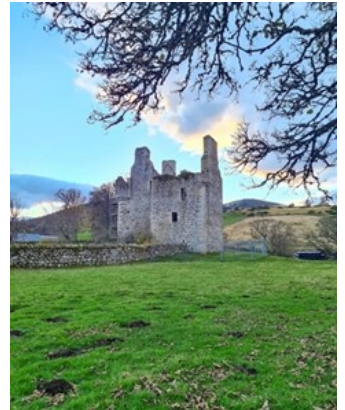
He formed a Regiment for the Jacobite cause in October of 1745 in large by pressing men into service from highland or near highland areas, and particularly highlanders owing no particular allegiance to any chief. Lieutenant James M'Alpin was the standard-bearer carrying the personal banner of John Gordon of Glenbucket.

Although Glenbucket was notorious for pressing men into service, James M'Alpin was almost certainly an enthusiastic volunteer to have held the trusted position of standard-bearer for the Regiment.

The original size of the regiment is not known, records suggest 500 men at the beginning, however by the time of Culloden it is listed as being 200 strong, well down on its strength due to losses and desertion, as was the entire Jacobite army.

Glenbucket's Regiment took part in the advance into England and the return from Derby.

Glenbucket led his regiment at Culloden, where the regiment stood on the left in the second line and were then moved up to the first line.



Glenbucket was at the head of his regiment on a grey highland pony. James M'Alpin would have been by his side hoisting the banner of the regiment.

When the Jacobite army advanced, the regiment advanced, but due to swampy ground and small ponds to their front they were unable to make contact with the enemy. When the general retreat and disintegration of the Jacobite army began the regiment was able to retire from the field virtually intact and in good order.

Along with other remnants of the army, the Glenbucket Regiment escorted Prince Charles from the field for at least part of the way.



There is no record of what happened to James M'Alpin nor the Glenbucket regiment after Culloden, it may have been amongst the units which gathered at Ruthven barracks after the battle, Perth's regiment was there. Whatever happened, the regiment was disbanded soon after Culloden, never to be heard of again. Old Glenbucket survived and managed to escape from the battlefield and gathered with others like Lovat, Lochiel, the MacDonnell chieftains etc. at the head of Loch Arkaig, hoping to re-launch the 45. He finally escaped on a Swedish sloop on 25th November and was expressly exempted from the Act of Indemnity of June 1747. He died in France June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1750.



# Macailpein A' Ghàidhealtachd Whisky

Artair Sigward is a French whisky enthusiast with Irish and Scottish roots who has recently launched a unique whisky brand inspired by his ancestral family, the MacAlpine. In an interview, he shared insights into his background, his distillery business, and his whisky.

**Q: Can you tell me a little about yourself?**

A: My name is Artair Sigward, and I am French of Irish/Scottish origin. I feel Scottish above all, and I own land in the Highlands. I have started a company which offers whiskys to taste, and our whisky is called Macailpein A' Ghàidhealtachd.

**Q: What is the official name of your whisky?**

A: Macailpein A' Ghàidhealtachd, which is Gaelic to say: MacAlpine of the Highlands. Our whisky is produced in the Highlands, and we hope to create a whisky that comes from Islay and Campbeltown, representing the Macalpines wherever they have resided.

**Q: How did you get started in the distillery business or into distilling?**

A: I was trained by WSET London (Wine and Spirit Education Trust) and met many distillers. I am a bottler and cellar master, but do not produce distillation.

**Q: How would you describe your whisky?**

A: The color is gold and pulls green, which is a difficult balance to find. On the nose, barley is the main flavor, but the power of the Argyll mint is present. In the mouth, it is very strong mint chocolate and softened by barley. In the end, it's a length like you've never known. My whisky is unique because it is inspired by the MacAlpine of the Highlands, and it is aged in a custom-created cask of Scottish mint liqueur. It also has a gold and green color, which is a difficult balance to achieve.

**Q: If you were to compare your whisky to the historic definition of the Scottish regions of whisky, which would it be closer to?**

A: Our whisky comes from the Highlands and is inspired by 14-year-old Macduff whisky.

**Q: Is your whisky more in line with French whisky styles or French style?**

A: It is a 100% Scottish whisky.

**Q: Can you at a high level describe your process?**

A: The whisky that was chosen to design our MacAlpine whisky was selected from 131 Scotch whiskies. Once chosen, we age it in a cask created especially for the occasion: barrel of Scottish mint liqueur.





## Macailpein A' Ghàidhealtachd Whisky . . . Continued

**Q: How do you source your ingredients?**

A: The ingredients are 100% Scottish, and the mint comes from Argyll, as well as the land to grow it.

**Q: Where is your spirit fermented and distilled?**

A: Highland, Macduff distillery.

**Q: What happens to the byproducts of your distillation process?**

A: Part is recycled.

**Q: What type of stills do you use?**

A: Copper stills as Scottish law requires.

**Q: Do you ferment all the alcohol that you distill?**

A: This is the work of the Macduff distillery.

**Q: Do you purchase bulk-aged spirits and blend them?**

A: We only use single malt, a choice among 131 references.



**Q: Is your whisky blended?**

A: Our whisky is a single malt.

**Q: Do you barrel age or Solera-method age?**

A: We age our whisky in Scottish Mint Liqueur Casks, a custom-created cask, nowhere else.

**Q: What type of barrels are used if barrel-aged?**

A: We use Scottish mint liqueur for the finish, otherwise the first American white oak.

**Q: Do you add colorings, flavorings, or additives?**

A: No, we do not add any dyes or additives to our whisky.

**Q: What makes your spirit different or unique?**

A: Our whisky is one of the only whisky consumable in a quaich without losing the nose. We spent two years designing a unique taste, using no dyes or additives, and achieving a gold and green color, which is a difficult balance to achieve.





# ***Look for the MacAlpine Tent At Your Local Highland Games***



**Join us for the Loch Norman Highland Games  
April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. Huntersville, North  
Carolina**

**Look for the MacAlpine Tent**



Presented by the  
Greenville Scottish Games  
at Furman University

**Join us for the Greenville South Carolina Highland Games held  
at Furman University  
May 27, 2023.**

**Look for the MacAlpine Tent**



**Join us for the Grandfather Mountain  
Highland Games July 7-9, 2023  
at MacRae Meadows, Grandfather  
Mountain, Blowing Rock Hwy, Linville,  
NC 28646**

**Look for the MacAlpine Tent**





**Join us for the Portland Oregon Highland Games**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Mt. Hood Community College**

**26000 SE Stark St, Gresham, OR 97030.**

**Look for the MacAlpine Tent**



**Join us for the Argyllshire Gathering, held at Mossfield Stadium, Oban, Scotland -**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



**Join us for the 51st Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival  
October 20 - 22, 2023**

**Look for the MacAlpine Tent**



**Join us for the Charleston Highland Games November 3-4, 2023**

**at Riverfront Park**

**1061 Everglades Ave**

**North Charleston, SC 29405**

**Look for the MacAlpine Tent**



## 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. Find out if they provide a tent, or do you need to take a pop-up tent? And, do they provide a table/chairs?

What we provide in our startup kit:

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

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 poles to tent poles
- Zip Ties / scissors to remove zip ties / duct tape
- 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)
- It never hurts to have some hard candy or individually wrapped candies in a bowl

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.

Many Thanks,  
Robin McAlpine  
Membership/Marketing