

The Sgian Dubh

**Clan Morrison Society of North America
Morrison, Murison, Gilmore, Gilmour, etc.**

CMSNA Website: www.clanmorrison.net

Greetings from the Chief of Clan Morrison

Dear Clan Morrison,

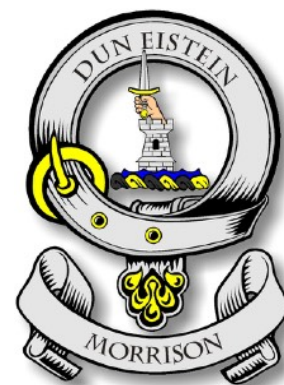
Warmest greetings from Scotland! I want to take a few minutes to introduce myself. I am R. Alasdair Morrison of Ruchdi. With the passing of my father, Dr. John Ruairidh Morrison, or Ru, I assumed the mantle of Chief of Clan Morrison in November 2020. I am proud to accept this position as well as the responsibilities that come with it. Last summer, we buried my father at the local cemetery in Clachan Sands where Morrisons of Ruchdi have been buried for generations. As many of you know, the loss of one's father can bring a weight of responsibility and a vacuum that you try to fill. We can only move forward.

I am presently studying computing science at the University of Glasgow, which is the second-oldest university in Scotland and the fourth-oldest in the UK. Founded in 1451, the University has been educating clan chiefs for more than 500 years!

I am both excited and pleased to be able to be in the first issue of *The Sgian Dubh* after a long time and look forward the CMSNA being revitalized again.

I also want to let you know that I appreciate all those who have been attending the games over the years and stood by the Clan Morrison tents. I have truly missed meeting fellow Clansmen at the Highland Games and I look forward to when I can visit again.

All the very best,
Chief R. Alasdair Morrison of Ruchdi



**From the Chairman
By Michael S. Morrison**

Welcome fellow members of the Clan Morrison Society of North America. By now you should have received my letter and I want to assure you that the Board is hard at work restoring the Society to normal.

My goal is to publish a newsletter quarterly, and this is the first one. It was not done by a professional editor/newsletter writer, yet we felt that, "something" needed to go out to the membership, sooner than later.

For those who do not know me, I am Michael S. Morrison and I have been the Chairman since 2018. I am an Air Force veteran and, as you can see, I am also a falconer. I live in Dothan, Alabama, with my wife and 2 children.

I had the privilege to attend the annual Tartan Day Parade in April in New York City this year and meet some of the Clan.

Early September took me to Virginia for the 49th Scottish Games. It was my first time here and I got to meet several long-time Clan members. We were also able to hold the annual AGM.

In my letter to you, I asked for your support and patience. I have brought on two more people to the Board and am still soliciting others to join me.

The website is still the place to look for information and we also have a Facebook page where you can get information as well.

I wish all of you good health,

Yours Aye,
Michael S. Morrison,
Chairman



CMSNA Financial Report

As of August 1st the total monies for CMSNA total. \$43,831.89.

Checking - \$18,289.76

Saving - \$ 25,542,13

CMSNA Executive Leadership

The Chief of Clan Morrison R. Alasdair Morrison of Ruchi

Chairman:

Michael S. Morrison

Vice-Chairman

Vacant

Treasurer:

Vacant (Michael S. Morrison, acting)

Membership:

William Broome

Secretary:

Bob Morrison, M.D.

Historian:

Vacant

Chaplain:

Vacant

Newsletter Editor:

James Morrison

Scholarship Director:

Robert S. Morrison

Past Chieftain:

Anne M. Morrison

Webmaster:

Chris Gillmore

Past Chairmen:

Anne Morrison, Chris Gillmore, Arthur Morrison, Edwin F. Holcombe, Jr., Jim Morrison, Gerald B. Morrison, Jeffrey Moore, David H. Blain, David R. Gilmour

Members at Large:

Jan Tremblay, William Hal Morrison, Jr.

Chairman's Advisory Committee:

Edwin Holcombe, Jr., Jim Morrison, Robert "Bob" Morrison, David R. Gilmour, Chris Gillmore, Jennifer Wolcott

We are in desperate need of Board members and especially a back-up Webmaster.

2023 Board Officer Elections

The following were nominated at the September 2, 2023 AGM in Virginia:

Chairman: Michael S. Morrison (incumbent).

Vice-Chairman: VACANT.

Secretary: Bob Morrison, M.D. (incumbent)

Treasurer: VACANT (Must have been a Member-at-Large or Board for a minimum of 1-year). Michael S. Morrison is the current the acting treasurer.

Historian: Dr. Edmund Potter.

Any nominations can be made by mailing the Chairmen, Michael S. Morrison, at 631 Dunn Road, Dothan, AL 36303 or by emailing clanmorrison2019@gmail.com before September 22nd.

The Clan Morrison Society, founded in Scotland in 1909, was granted its own coat of arms by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms. In the United States and Canada, there were formerly two organizations---the American Section of the Clan Morrison Society and a Clan Morison of North America, but these are now unified in the Clan Morrison Society of North America.

CMSNA News

Bill Broome was recently brought on as a Member at Large and the Membership Director. He has been working hard to sort through the roster and get it updated. James Morrison, a retired journalist, has agreed to come on board as the editor in a few months as well. We are still looking to fill the vacant positions on the Board. Please contact the Chairman.

25th Anniversary of Tartan Day in New York City!



Stone Mountain Gathering/Games

Grandfather Mountain Gathering/Games



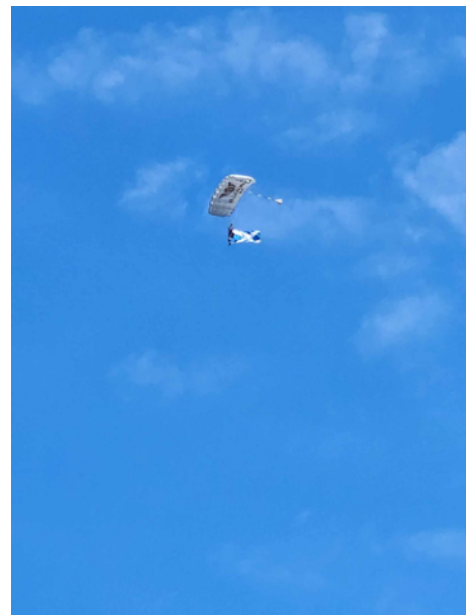
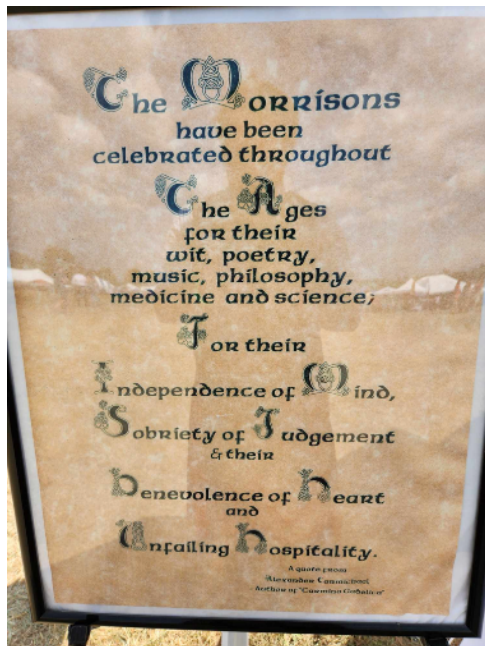
Photos Courtesy of Michael Morrison

Above Right: Clan Kilted 1 mile Relay - 2nd Place, representing Clan Morrison - Kendal Shirley, Noam Knight, Simon Nakashima, and Christian Knight.

Right: Clan Morrison Tent
Photos Courtesy of Coit Morrison



Virginia Scottish Games September 2-3, 2023



Top Left: Some of the Clan in Virginia.
Top Right: Dr. Edmund Potter & Chairman, Michael S. Morrison
Bottom Left: Brief characteristics of the Morrisons.
Bottom Right: Skydiver to start the Games.
Photos courtesy of Michael Morrison.

View the 2023 AGM on YouTube!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyhfWTt_3nw

Flowers in the Forest

Dorothea B. McNamara (Life)	Winter Haven, FL	2015
Robert N. Morrison Urash	Evansville, IN	2021
Dorothy Gilmour Hatton (Life)	Cairo, NY	2021
John R. B. Gilmour (Life)	Matamoras, PA	2012
Stanley A. Morrison (Life)	Ocean City, NJ	2020
Marion Morrison Simmons	Manchester, NJ	2017
James Michael Morrison (Life)	Downingtown, PA	2019
Betty Orders White (Life)	Gainesville, GA	2022

New Members (2021-2023)

Brian Andrew Morrison (Life)	Los Angeles, CA
Gerald Joseph Morrison (Life)	Springfield, PA
John Cleaves Morrison (Life)	Lecanto, FL
Mona Morrison-Gresham (Life Upgrade)	San Antonio, TX
Paul R. Scagel (Life Upgrade)	Northampton, MA
Robert James Garbett	Crossmore, NC
Kurt Kosek	Bigfork, MT
Norma Kosek	Bigfork, MT
Jeff Gilmer	Birmingham, AL
Rodger Morrison, PhD	Troy, AL
Mark Morrison	Bloomington, IL
George Morrison	Fairview, NC
Catherine Morrison	Cambridge, MD
Herbert Andrew Morrison	Port Ludlow, WA
David Guy	North Windham, CT
James Morrison	Leesburg, VA
Jordan Smith	Omaha, NE
George William Morrison, III	Fairview, NC
Ronald Lee Morrison	Lebanon, PA
Austin Richardson	Lakewood, CO
Donald Morrison	Jamison, PA
Erin Melcher Beam	Alexandria, KY
Shelleen Baraldi	Commerce City, CO
John Frederick Phillips	Chattanooga, TN
William Gilmore	Colorado Springs, CO
Heather Morrison	Eureka, MT
Marta Alison Richardson	Baton Rouge, LA
James Brian Broome	Calera, AL
Andrew Morrison Shiels	Reston, VA

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new members!

CMSNA Scholarship

Clan Members,

Please be on the lookout for folks who meet the requirements to apply for our scholarship.

The rules are fairly simple:

The scholarship is for continuing education in fields of interest to our Scottish heritage. Applications for these scholarships must be received by the society no later than March 31st of each calendar year. Scholarship awards will be announced no later than June 1st of each year. The number of scholarships and the amounts offered will be determined each year by the society. The society is not required to award scholarships if no applications are received that meet the requirements of the program.

It is the intention of the society that the awarding of these scholarships shall help to preserve the unique traditions, memories, and skills associated with historical Scotland. As the descendants of Scottish Clans and families, we hope that each new generation will keep our shared heritage alive and pass it on in turn to the next generation.

Studies that are acceptable to the scholarship program are broadly any field that can help to preserve the unique traditions, memories, and skills associated with historical Scotland. The society will consider any and all fields of study but will approve them only if their primary objective is clearly to promote and/or preserve Scottish heritage.

Subjects include, but are not limited to, performing arts (piping, drumming, playing on musical instruments of traditional Scottish music, the singing of Scottish songs, Scottish dancing), weaving, kilt making, Scottish athletics, Scottish cooking, woodworking, smithing, the fabrication of traditional Scottish attire and weapons, history, genetics (DNA studies), genealogy of Scots, Scottish archeology, etc.

For more information, see the website:

https://clanmorrison.net/public_html/CMSNA%20Scholarship%20Rules%20for%20Application.pdf

Website Links!

These are various links to things Scottish. We are not endorsing them or advertising. They are simply interesting links found on the Internet.

Scottish Food: <https://ackroydsbakery.com/>
<https://www.britsuperstore.com/uk/>
<https://www.britishfoodshop.com>

Scottish News: <https://www.scottishbanner.com/>

Highland Games (US): <https://highlandgamesandfestivals.com/u-s-events/>
(Canada): <https://highlandgamesandfestivals.com/events-in-canada/>

Membership Report as of September 9, 2023:

Life: 459

Annual: 169

Living in the US: 605

Living Outside the US: 23

Total: 628

Your input is needed in order to be publish this newsletter. Please send any articles, timely event listings, travels in Scotland, photos, photos from your area Scottish Highland Games, or notices for the, "Flowers in the Forest" to: James Morison at: jamesellismorrison@gmail.com Please include Sgian Dubh in the Subject line.

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