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President's Page

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Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ùr. I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and are looking forward to a prosperous 2010! Things have been very busy for the officers of CMSI and I have some great news to share in this article.

Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust.

The Trustees of the Clan MacFarlane Charitable trust had our annual meeting on November 22, 2009 via teleconference.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of 4 new trustees to serve on the board of trustees:

Glenda Mason, New South Wales, Australia

Dawn Macfarlane, Netherlands

Cindy Sturgill Knox, California, USA

Richard Kilby , Wisconsin, USA

The Clan MacFarlane Charitable trust is a Registered Scottish Charity established by CMSI to manage the funds raised for Clan MacFarlane Heritage Projects, to acquire property for a heritage centre in Scotland, and to research, preserve, and acquire artifacts and archaeological data for the heritage projects. We are providing

the minutes of the annual trust meeting on page 6 of this issue as a courtesy to the membership of the Clan MacFarlane Society.

<http://www.macfarlane.org>

We are gearing up for several changes with MacFarlane.org after the resignation of our webmaster in mid November. We have decided to move forward by hiring a professional web design company to build a new site and are confident that this will enable us to bring you a much more efficient site that is easy to log into and navigate. In the interim, we will continue to support the existing site and have already added features that will help each CMSI member appreciate our clan history more, as well as CMSI's history.

One of the most important new features is the availability of several important literary works that are now available in the members section of [macfarlane.org](http://www.macfarlane.org), located on the Library menu item, Electronic Media, sub menu.

The following electronic books are now available for download at [macfarlane.org](http://www.macfarlane.org):

History of the Clan MacFarlane by James MacFarlane - Published in 1922 by David Clark Ltd., Glasgow

History of the Clan MacFarlane by CM Little - Published in 1893 in Tottenville, New York

The Books of Dumbartonshire by Joseph Irving - Published in 1879 by W. and A. K. Johnston, in Edinburgh and London

We will be adding many more electronic books and media as they become available.

Another feature that has been improved, is the MacFarlanes' Lantern Archive. Rick Kilby has just completed re-saving all old Lanterns into a compressed format. All 72 of the available issues used to consume 868 MB of space and that has now been reduced to 415 MB. All of the available issues are substantially smaller and will download quicker. Rick will also have the remaining thirty issues scanned and posted by the end of 2009.

We are also adding an extensive section on the main site dedicated to our heritage projects. We will include information on artifacts, our fundraising appeals, news and updates on the restoration of the Battle Standard, an archive of articles from the british press covering our efforts to re-establish a Macfarlane presence in our native homelands.

We continue to raise funds steadily and we look forward to creating an updated business plan once we have found a suitable location to create a Clan MacFarlane Heritage Centre. Remember your donations are Tax Deductible in the USA and UK!

Genealogy Department

I would like to thank the following members who have stepped forward to help revive our genealogy department:

Rick Kilby, Director of Publications, (publications@macfarlane.org) has volunteered to temporarily oversee our new DNA Project until another member is assigned to the task. Rick has several plans in development that will help overcome specific obstacles that have prevented substantial progress in this MacFarlane surname study.

Barb Duff, Ontario, Canada (barb_mcrac@macfarlane.org) has volunteered to help enter Gedcom Files and members pedigrees into our new system. If you use a desktop genealogy program, you may already know how to export your tree in the "Gedcom" format. This file format allows a file to be imported by almost all genealogy programs. When you send your Gedcom file, remember to keep it trimmed down to your earliest MacFarlane ancestor and his descendants. Our focus is on the MacFarlane connection, not the entire 12,500 people in your family tree file!

Dorothy Lennox Selcage, North American Commissioner (dorothy_lennox_selcage@macfarlane.org) has volunteered to help enter Gedcom Files and members pedigrees into our new system. Dorothy is also assisting with the transfer of files and data from Elizabeth MacFarlane and has already been able to forward her email files pertaining to the DNA Study and Genealogy Department to the executive board, as well as several hard copies of society records and other genealogical data. Dorothy continues to remain in contact with the trustee of Elizabeth's estate and will work on transferring the Society Databank in the weeks to come. We are trying to make sure nothing is lost in the transition, so please take a few minutes and email your MacFarlane connected Gedcom file to Barb or Dots so we can verify it is on record for you.

We still need more committee members to answer genealogy queries from our membership, we also need members who would be interested in moderating genealogy forums on Ancestry.com, Genweb, and MacFarlane.org. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact me via email at: president@macfarlane.org

We are looking forward to a great year and are planning some exciting programs!

2010 Tartan Day Dinner Cruise and Fundraiser - New York, NY USA - this event is being planned during New York City's Tartan Day Celebration. It will be open to the public and will include a silent auction to help raise funds. We are in the early planning stages for this event and will be publishing updates and news via email and macfarlane.org. If you would like to volunteer to help organize this event, please contact our fundraising committee chair, Cindy Sturgill Knox: fundraising@macfarlane.org

2010 World Gathering and AGM Vancouver BC Canada - Our Director of Gatherings, Randy McFarlane has been working closely with the CMSI board to plan a great AGM in Vancouver BC, June 25-27, 2010. See information on page 20 we will be publishing reservation information, updates and news in the next issue and via email and macfarlane.org as further details are confirmed.

CMSI Elections

Please see the announcement from the Nominations Committee, for the next CMSI Election for the offices of: **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY and TREASURER for the term beginning January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013.**

If you would like to stand for office in the next elections, please contact the nominations committee. We will be publishing a list of nominees and their qualifications in the next issue of MacFarlanes' Lantern with your ballot.

Your vote counts!

With the upcoming elections there have been some unfortunate incidents, where a small group of members have attempted to start mudslinging campaigns against the current CMSI leadership, to attempt to harass duly elected society officials out of office. Threats have been made to abuse the society's communication structure, accompanied by threats and attacks on the trust and society.

This sort of behavior is not only undemocratic, it is undignified, shows poor character and will not be tolerated by the Clan MacFarlane Society.

If you feel the society could use improvement or change, get involved, bring proposals for new projects, more importantly support existing projects, and help the society achieve it's goals. Participate in AGM meetings and vote in elections.

Achievements made on behalf of the society establish credibility, mudslinging does not!

Upcoming Highland Games and Festival Season

The Society needs volunteers to become commissioners for the 2010 Highland Games Season in several regions, to set up and maintain the Society presence by hosting Clan Tents at local festivals and Highland Games and recruiting new members for the society. Please check the commissioners directory at macfarlane.org for vacancies and contact me at president@macfarlane.org if you are interested in becoming a commissioner.

I plan to be at over 30 festivals across North America this year and am looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at upcoming events.

Board of Trustees Annual Meeting Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust 2001

22 Nov 2009
Teleconference



CMSI President, Michael Macfarlane called the meeting to order at noon (p.s.t.) via teleconference. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present:

Michael R. Macfarlane, Glendora, California, USA
Brian Macfarlane, Vice President Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland
David Millar, Commissioner for Wales, MidGlamorgan, South Wales
Kent Macfarlane, Director, Heritage, Burnaby, B.C., Canada
Nancy McFarland Reeser, Secretary, Freeport, Pennsylvania, USA
Michael McFarlane, Past President, Aurora, Colorado, USA
Kevin McFarlane, Treasurer, Westminster, Colorado, USA

Absent:

Elizabeth Macfarlane, Genealogist, Lloyd Harbor, New York, USA - excused

Other:

Marie Robb, Acting Trust Secretary, Lawrence, Kansas, USA

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Kevin McFarlane reported that the OSCR annual filing had been submitted by Brian Macfarlane in October. The filing included the following financial report: As of 31 Dec 2008, the Trust account balance at the Bank of Scotland was £102,292.80. Income for 2008 was in the form of interest only from that account in the amount of £1,143.00.

He further reported that an additional £12,500 in donations held by CMSI, would be remitted to the Trust by the end of this year. The funds would be wired from the U.S. bank account to the account held at the Bank of Scotland. Kevin also pointed out that some Trust members could not access the toll free telephone conferencing, and thought it would be fair to reimburse them for the cost of calls such as the annual meeting. This would be to reimburse Brian in Scotland and David in Wales.

Motion was made by Kevin McFarlane to reimburse David Millar and Brian Macfarlane for the telephone costs incurred in the course of conducting official Trust business.

Seconded and passed without dissent.

Official removal of Trustees

President Michael Macfarlane reminded members that the Trust needed to officially remove Ian Macfarlane and Elizabeth Macfarlane. Ian passed away earlier this year, and Elizabeth is now in full-time home nursing care, and is unable to continue to serve due to health reasons.

Motion was made by Kent Macfarlane to officially remove Ian Macfarlane and Elizabeth Macfarlane as Trustees, with a sincere thank-you for their contributions to both the Clan Macfarlane Society and the Trust.

Seconded and passed without dissent.

Proposal of new Trustees

President Michael Macfarlane previously submitted names of active Society members to the Trustees for their consideration as prospective members to the Trust. Those recommended were: Cindy Knox, California, USA; Richard Kilby, Wisconsin, USA; Dawn Macfarlane, Netherlands; and Glenda Mason, Australia. President Michael Macfarlane made a motion to accept all four names: Rick Kilby, Dawn Macfarlane, Cindy Knox, and Glenda Mason as Trustees to the Charitable Trust.

Seconded and passed without dissent.

Search for Property Update

President Michael Macfarlane updated the Board stating there have been some properties suggested by realtors in Scotland, but these tended to be larger houses that although ideally located, were not appropriate size or type to maintain and sustain a business. Michael Macfarlane reminded the Board that the Society needs to purchase a commercial site with the membership donations, but the property will then need to be self-sustaining.

Problems

President Michael Macfarlane wished to discuss the business of recent attacks upon the Society and the Trust. He proposed that he be granted permission to visit with the law firm of Hart, King and

Children to seek legal advice.

Kent Macfarlane made motion to allow President Michael Macfarlane to meet with attorneys to seek legal advice for the issues at hand.

Seconded and passed without dissent.

Vote of Confidence of Sitting President Michael Macfarlane:

Brian Macfarlane stated that President Michael Macfarlane has been under attack, and suggested the minutes from the meetings of the Trust include a statement reflecting the confidence the Trustees have in Michael and with his oversight of the Trust. Brian Macfarlane proposed that the minutes from the annual meeting be included with a chronological report about the Trust, and be placed in the upcoming Lantern, to serve as a vote of confidence in President Michael Macfarlane.

Seconded and passed without dissent.

President Michael Macfarlane reminded Trustees that various items of business from this meeting would need to be continued later, and this would likely be completed via email

There being no further business, President Michael Macfarlane proposed the annual meeting be adjourned. **Seconded and passed without dissent.**

Vice President's Page

Brian Macfarlane, Vice-President
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Hello again folks:

My health and that of my family is continuing to improve steadily no doubt helped considerably by meeting many friends new and old during Sheena and my trip to the Santa Cruz CA AGM in October. Thanks to you all, you know who you are.

At the Santa Cruz AGM it was proposed that Michael MacFarlane, our President and Preston McFarland, our then Webmaster, would resolve issues that were preventing work required on the website. With 60 days being pronounced as a reasonable timescale. None of the issues that were preventing the Website from progressing were resolved when Preston resigned in mid November. I have included his email to us where he outlines to the CMSI Executive Board his reasons for resigning, and as one of his grumbings to us

previous to his resignation was a lack of openness, we have decided to publish it and reply candidly to his concerns. It has to be said however, that completely open and frank replies to his rather aggressive and combative style, had always been made. Unfortunately in his self righteousness he just wouldn't accept any of them. All we can do is print them here and answer them.

Giving due respect to each of his points has necessitated this being long, we apologise for that. His points are in italics:-

From: prestonfm@gmail.com

To: MrMacF@aol.com

CC: MACPHARLAIN@aol.com, kevin_mcfarlane@msn.com, lochsloy@connecttime.net

Sent: 11/11/2009 14:41:36 GMT Standard Time

Subj: Re: Macfarlane.org

Michael,

I had originally responded to you but then I noticed all the cc's. Since we're making this public let me voice my concerns so everyone is on the same page.

1. The minutes you submitted for The Lantern were not accurate and did not reflect the statements that were made. At no point during the AGM did you mention wanting to out source the website to another company. It wasn't until I read the minutes that I became aware of this. I can post the video on You Tube for everyone to review. If I'm mistaken I'll apologise.

Firstly by public he means the Executive board only. The minutes Preston refers to have not as yet been published in a Lantern or anywhere else so we cannot understand how he can make this statement. That aside and the fact he is perhaps referring to an, at best unauthorised tape recording of the AGM and which at worst is arguably illegal. That and his desire to post the AGM on You Tube does

however, give a clear indication of the mindset of our former webmaster. I was in fact sitting right next to Michael at the AGM and can clearly remember his statement regarding the Website company that stemmed from I believe, a discussion brought up by KS Commissioner Marie Robb. It was quite noisy so I will suggest he just didn't hear it.

2. You asked me to change the copy right on the site to Royal Publishing. I question this because the society pays for the site and therefore owns the copyright. As far as I know Royal Publishing has not bought or licensed any such copy right from the society. Fortunately, I ran into a technical issue when I attempted to do this the first time. However, the change can be made taking a different approach. Your web services company should be able to do this.

Preston has repeatedly been informed by everybody he has mentioned this to, that the website is sponsored by Michael's company Royal Publishing, Inc., and has been since it was created many years ago, before Michael was even elected President of CMSI.

Royal Publishing has paid the Hosting Fees, Domain name fees, the original design fees, and the fees for now re-designing the website. Royal Publishing, Inc. Donates space on this website for the society to archive it's data and have a presence on the web.

Preston was never asked to create copyright information or any other legal statements for this website. When he went ahead and made an unauthorised incorrect statement off his own back that he published, he was asked to correct it.

It is surprising the lack of knowledge Preston displays on this subject considering - as the board has discovered - in October he was found to have personally purchased the domain name clanmacfarlane.org

We are interested just why he did that? In any case the correct copyright information now appears on macfarlane.org without Preston's input.

3. I'm concerned that the society has no control over the trust. You assured me it did and was going to send me the trust paperwork for publication. It never came. I can only assume that my worst fears are true and that the society truly has no voice with the trust.

Up until now from its inception in 2001 every trustee was a current officebearer in CMSI apart from Janine Smith, my late father Ian MacFarlane and Mike McFarlane from CO USA who in any case is a past President. CMSI has no voice with the trust? I cannot understand his logic here. Not for the first time I may add. I have published his email to me after his resignation as I am the named contact of the Office of the Scottish Charity regulator's (OSCR):-

All,

In accordance with .23 (1) (a) and (b) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 I am requesting copies of:

** a copy of the latest statement of account*

** a copy of the constitution.*

I have asked Michael for this information numerous times, but really haven't made a formal request, so here it is.

It should be noted that you are required to provide said information. Failure to provide the requested documents in a reasonable time frame will result in a complaint being filed with "Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator".

Regards,

Preston McFarland

I would like to draw attention to the arrogant and haughty tone to Preston's e mail here. His dig at Michael for not providing the Trust deed when what was discussed with Michael was possibly adding the document to macfarlane.org. Also, it is widely known that our attorney in Scotland provides any copies and that sending them to any interested parties was my remit not Michael's. He also implies we don't know what our responsibilities are while making threats. This is a common theme throughout his contact with most of CMSI's officers. I have since carried out those responsibilities under a Freedom of Information act and in prompt fashion. I just needed to be asked. That he felt the need to go to these lengths anyway says everything about his character. It also begs the question why? The trust money never goes anywhere just sits in the Bank of Scotland account. It does however continue his pattern of conduct towards CMSI officers who are reasonable hard working volunteers.

4. Brian let down the entire society and then mocked those that attended the AGM in Scotland by calling them names and generally putting them down. I can not support a leadership structure where the officers feel this way about the membership.

Because of the above, I wish you the best of luck with the web services company you're hiring. Due to point 4, I'm also resigning as the Utah Commissioner.

*Regards,
Preston*

This unwarranted attack on me is truly disgusting. Although I am not surprised to see it here as he mounted a similar email attack against me in the summer, saying this and worse. He has the temerity to say that I let the entire society down. By doing what exactly? Having a heart attack and being diagnosed with diabetes? Or perhaps he feels I could have done more to prevent my mother from having a double leg amputation and my fathers demise? All this happened in the three months prior to me telling everyone I was unable to attend. He should also know that I need to get respite care for my mother before going anywhere, at any time. Who could even think such insensitive thoughts anyway? Far less actually say them. Yet on he goes with breathtaking nastiness. Just like his mistrust of everyone at CMSI his name calling and mocking charges against me are a figment of his vivid imagination and are playing to his audience. It's interesting to note he made no attempt to attend the Scotland trip himself when he's perfectly healthy, yet can criticise me for not attending when I'm in dire straights. Incidentally he then condemned me for attending the Santa Cruz AGM a full six months afterwards. Saying if I was too ill for one I should have been to ill for the other. Not surprisingly I am left scratching my head.

He now appears to have embarked on an entirely self righteous campaign against everything this society has achieved in recent years including the Charitable trust. He quite erroneously implies wrong doing at every turn. His criticism of the Trust itself would be more appropriate if he had actually contributed money to it and was someone who actually seen it as a good thing. His totally unreasonable behaviour can only damage the society. The society's motto is "This we'll defend" and he better understand we assuredly will.

We don't yet know whether there is a connection but at the same time as Preston's resignation we had an attack on Michael our President. Another CMSI member launched a totally vicious and unwarranted personal attack on him, his character and indeed integrity via email. Significantly he actually copied this hearsay, cant and rumour to every Board member, office bearer and commissioner. I replied to his sickening rant on Michael's behalf in no uncertain terms and was supported by everyone else that replied. So he found himself in a minority of one.

However, the reason for this attack was because this member - who will remain nameless at the moment for legal reasons - had just been found by the CMSI board to have been operating clandestinely as an administrator under an assumed name with the MacFarlane Familytree DNA project that CMSI has sponsored now for some years.

This man has been found to only work genealogy in his own interests on a number of other occasions and we can prove he has in this case too. He was expressly forbidden by the board to be allowed within miles of the project yet here he was. We are in the process of investigating this shocking discovery and we will report back in due course. Meanwhile, I would advise anyone thinking of joining this project to put it on hold until our investigation is complete.

I regret being the messenger of such ill tidings but one of us had to do it. No one in CMSI wants this deflection from our goals but the nature of the attacks has forced this defence upon us. I assure all our members this situation will be resolved soon. In the meantime we are all back firing on all cylinders and you should all see the benefits mentioned elsewhere very quickly now there are fewer man made obstacles.

Loch Sloy

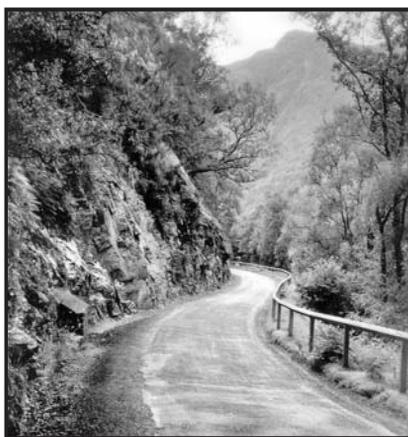
Brian

*If you listen carefully
you can hear
your ancestors calling you...*

*Help preserve the past
by investing in the future.
Join the international
Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc.*

Find your ancestors in the
Clan MacFarlane Museum of Highland
Life in Scotland. This Museum and
Heritage centre will be a focal point
for all MacFarlanes and septs worldwide
and will aid the preservation of Scottish/
Gaelic Culture, Artifacts, Genealogy and
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or to join in the effort,
find us on line at www.macfarlane.org**



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FROM THE LANDS DOWNUNDER TO THE LANDS UP OVER.

Yes, it is that time of the year again and I wish you all a

'MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.'

I would like to say Thank you to Elizabeth MacFarlane who for many years looked after the genealogy section for the Clan. Elizabeth has been quite ill for sometime and has had to relinquish her role. Thank you Elizabeth for your friendship and all that you accomplished.



A special welcome to our Welsh Commissioners David & Moyra Millar who have taken on the job of Directors of Memberships. From what I have seen so far of their work, I know that the Clan memberships are in good hands. Many thanks, to Dorothy Lennox-Selcage of Canada, for sending me photos of the Clan on Tour.

I know I gave you a poem in Lantern 102, well here's another one. I do not know who the author is.

Portrait of Scotland.

He grew old, the proud Scot, in a far, far distant land
"Paint all the poets of Scotland, And at last felt his time growing near.
Every poem, story and song:
And so, in the hush of a clear summer's night,
For these are part of the framework
He summoned the ones he held most dear.
That keeps our heritage strong.

"My children," he said "soon the Master will call
"Show clearly the bonds of true friendship
And take this tired old soul to its rest;
With links of pure, yellow gold
But while I still see the things of this earth,
For this is the treasure of Scotland
Fulfil me one last request. That can never be bought or be sold

"Paint me a picture of Scotland,
"Add compassion and kindness
Draw me a portrait of home;

These are present in Scots, it is true;
:Show me the scenes of the land that I love,
No portrait of Scotland is completed
Before I was tempted to roam.
Unless these virtues shine through.
"I will gaze on the beauties of Scotland
once more, "God walks in the Highlands
of Scotland 'Ere death closes my eyes;
On the Lowlands His hands surely rest,
To run as a child through the heather
So paint in His Grace and His Glory
And lie down beneath Highland skies'.
That your efforts may truly be blessed.

Then the sons commissioner an artist
"Be sure the banner of Scotland
Whose skill with the brush was well known.
Finds a place worthy of its good name.
They made him create for the father
For Scots, the proud Rampant Lion
The land in which he had grown.
Is always protected from shame.

“Keep a place on the canvas for bonnie pipes
 He was old, the proud Scot, far away
 from his land And the strong, steady beat
 of the drum. And he knew his time was
 quite near For this is the music of
 Scotland, my friend And in the hush of
 that last summer’s night. And the sound
 that makes every heart hum. The showed
 him the land he held dear.

The artist was awed by his subject
 The blue of the sky, the gold of the sun
 “Too much for one canvas”, he thought
 That had known the white-heathered hill.
 ‘Till suddenly, with inspiration
 The green of the mountains, the grasses,

Till next time, Thoir aire/take care

Glenda
Glenda Mason D.Urr
Global Commissioner for Australasia
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the trees
 He found the solution he sought
 And the love that death couldn’t still.

“My home is not Scotland – yet’
 He smiled as he gazed at the canvas,
 This place could be my birthplace too.
 For the artist had pleased that old man,
 I must choose the one thing that’s
 Scotland’s alone For with
 skill and discretion, he had painted
 And that’s the painting I’ll do”.
 The cloth and the Crest of his Clan.



Commissioner Reports



Arizona

Hello from the land of Desert, Sun, and KILTS!?! ARIZONA, USA. I am Randy McFarland, and along with my wife Cheryl, we are proud and pleased to represent the Clan MacFarlane as Commissioners of Arizona. We must be sure to thank Al and Bobbi Landeck for their years of service and commitment to the Clan MacFarlane Society. Bobbi and Al found it necessary to “pass the torch” due to medical reasons and we were honored to take on these duties a year ago. Since then we have participated in games at Anne Arundel Maryland, Prescott, Tucson, and Phoenix Arizona. We assisted with the MacFarlane tent at the Gathering in Edinburgh, Scotland and stumbled upon the Verde Valley and Sedona, Arizona Celtic Festivals. We certainly look forward to representing the Clan MacFarlane Society at these venues during the next games season.

On Nov. 6-8, we made our second trip to the Tucson, Arizona games at Rillito Park. The weather this year was quite pleasant with mostly sunny skies and temperatures in the low 80’s. Compared to last year where temperatures were well into the 90’s. Attendance overall was down from last year but we were pleased to have a number of MacFarlanes stop by to visit, sign our guest registry and join/renew memberships. Even though attendance was down, spirits of those who attended were not diminished. It was nice to see some familiar faces including Jerry and Ellen Saige of Las Cruces, New Mexico. They drove over and assisted

with our Clan tent. THANK YOU Ellen & Jerry! Ellen-You are an AMAZING Fund Raiser!! Ellen made water bottle holders from McFarlane Tartan ribbon and gave them away for donations to the refurbishment of our Battle Standard. Way to go Ellen!

Michael MacFarlane CMSI President, was in attendance with his vendor tent and stopped by several times to visit and offer assistance. Good to see you Michael.

Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th brought 18 MacFarlane/Sept's signing our guest registry. We were able to sign up five new members. We would like to welcome Shela McFarlin of Tucson, Arizona, Christina McFarland McCall and husband Jason, Sean and Matthew McFarland all from Maryland. In addition, we were able to renew 3 memberships, and we would like to welcome back Jo Beth Fjell, Ellen and Jerry Saige. Several guest registry signees indicated they would join our Society via the MacFarlane website as well.

Remember the games do not end with the fall and winter seasons. We are looking forward to the Phoenix, Arizona games at Steele Indian School Park on February 27th & 28th. Please mark it on your calendars and come join us!

Randy and Cheryl McFarland
Arizona Commissioners

Wales

Hello to everybody in Wales and that's to Peter MacFarlane all the way up in the North East at Connah's Quay to our latest new Member down in the South and that's Avril Uppington who lives near Bridgend and a warm welcome to Avril.

I'm slowly getting information from the Membership Directors with regards to all our Welsh Members and hopefully by the time our next report comes around I should be able to have an update on all of our members.

We don't have Highland Games here in Wales, but I really do think that they would enjoy having one perhaps something for the future, who knows, what we do have is our Caledonian Societies where we can don a bit of tartan and listen to the magic tune of the pipes, perhaps we should consider a Welsh Clan MacFarlane Society Annual Dinner, what would members think about that? Feedback would be appreciated to me please. What I am also considering for us is perhaps an Annual Trip for a weekend to one of the Highland Games, what are the member's thoughts on this?

Well that is enough from me for now,

Take care all,

Yours aye,

David William Millar
LOCH SLOIDH.

Tulsa, Oklahoma and McPherson, Kansas Games: By Steve & Marie Robb

On September 18, 2009, Marie and I attended the 30th Annual Scottish Highland Games in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This was the first time Marie and I had manned a Clan tent on our own, as well as the first time (as far as we can tell) Clan MacFarlane has had any representation at these games. We were graciously welcomed by the Patriarch of Clan Lindsay and had a great time visiting with our neighbors, Clan Graham and Mackintosh. Because it was our first solo attempt at tent sitting, we only had one table set up with items we had collected over the few years as Clan Members. With the help of Michael, we were able to have a shiny new banner to hang above the tent, displaying the MacFarlane Clan Society. We were fortunate to meet Joey Grishaber, who was representing the clan as a beginning athlete. He did the clan proud by finishing first in the “B” division and placing 2nd in the overall. Job well done, Joey. We really enjoyed visiting with all the MacFarlanes, who stopped by the visit, as well as all the others who were looking for their Scottish roots. The games were well represented with attendees and other clan participants. We are looking forward to next year and the opportunity to promote more of Clan MacFarlane Society.



McPherson, Kansas:

One week following the Highland Games in Tulsa, Marie and I traveled to McPherson, Kansas to attend the Scottish Festival and Highland Games. We were filling in for Rick Miller and his family, who were unable to attend this year. Rick has been doing a stellar job in running the MacFarlane tent and was sorely missed by the organizers and participants of the event. We had so many come up and ask about Rick and his family and they all hope to see him back next year. We do, also. If you have not had the opportunity to see his historical display or Scottish and MacFarlane artifacts, it is a must see. Again, there was a big turnout of attendees and participants at these games. We had a great time promoting the clan and visiting with other clans during our visit. We became friends with Laurie Hay and her husband, from Clan Hay, and had a great visit with Neil Taylor of Clan Cameron. I was talked into entering the knobbyest knee competition. I was relieved to hear I did not win, not to mention second runner up. I will give my knees a few more years of aging and maybe try again. We met with lots of MacFarlanes and Amy McFarlane, who is now a new member of the Clan MacFarlane Society. A big welcome to you Amy as a new member of the family.

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The Gathering 2009



Clan gathering made £600,000 loss, **BBC NEWS**

The international clan gathering held in Edinburgh as part of the Year of Homecoming made a £600,000 loss.

But Edinburgh City Council and the Scottish government have agreed to a bail out which could see the event repeated in the future.

The gathering attracted 47,000 people from at least 40 countries and is said to have generated more than £10m for the Scottish economy.

The loss was incurred by the company which staged the huge event. Almost half of the loss will be written off by the Scottish government, and the remainder taken on by the public/private partnership body set up to co-ordinate marketing activity in the city, Destination Edinburgh Marketing Alliance (DEMA), which hopes to run a more profitable Gathering in the future.

The Gathering formed the centrepiece of the Homecoming celebrations, which marked the 250th anniversary of the birth of national bard Robert Burns. It culminated with a clan parade along the Royal Mile and a pageant on the esplanade at Edinburgh Castle.

Organisers said demand for tickets had been “phenomenal”, despite the event not selling out.

The convention saw 100 of Scotland’s clan chiefs assembled together for the first time in recorded history.

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Commissioner Steve Robb at The McPherson Highland Games

Membership Directors' Report



David and Moyra Miller
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Hello to everybody around the globe and we hope that this report greets you all well as we are here from these ancient shores. Now, what have we to report for you in our first major report since taking over on the 26th July 2009, well quite a bit as it happens and here goes.

Our first address is to the many people who sent us congratulations on taking over the Clan MacFarlane Membership to which we are greatly touched by your warmth and support in taking over this mammoth task. We would also like to thank President Michael and Vice President Brian for their trust, co-operation, and encouragement with regards to this, the most important part of our beloved Society.

Initially there was a backlog to be dealt with, emails to be sorted and replied to, membership updates to get into the database and many other queries that had to be addressed, slowly but surely we started to sort all the above out and hopefully we are starting to get on top of the task or at least keeping the problems down, but we do welcome and appreciate all your queries and enjoy the task of ensuring that you get dealt with promptly and properly so that you as the member get the maximum use of our Website, but we can only deal with your membership problems if you come to us the Membership Directors of the Society. We would like to take this opportunity in thanking Kevin our Treasurer for the enormous help he has given us with regards to Membership Finance.

Our biggest headache is where Members fill in their application forms. I'm not saying your writing is bad, but sometimes it's worse than that, and email addresses, well that is also sometimes a required taste. We must get these details right as we either cannot contact you by email or phone you or whatever, so we appeal to all Commissioners, or whoever is helping the potential members fill in these forms to do it correctly and please fill in as much detail as possible. Can we also appeal to all members who have not given us their email address to do so please, it is the easiest and fastest way of doing correspondence with you all and it costs nothing, all other means have an expense to the Society with it, which we always try to avoid where and when we can.

With a bit of luck the new membership package will be up and running by the time you read this and as we go through the membership you should receive it in due course, but remember, "Patience is a virtue".

We would also like to give a bit of praise to a very special Lady whom we've never met (yet) but is so delicious we could eat her, we correspond regularly and she keeps us informed with everything that is happening on her patch, and that is the Global Commissioner for Australasia, our dear Glenda, and a big hello to Max as well. If only everybody was like Glenda what a marvelous world we would live in.

I must also mention my better half, Moyra as well as keeping me right, watered and fed. She does a lot of the hard work. Moyra has been going through the old emails of 2008 and 2009 and getting lapsed members to re-join again and with good success as well, so more power to her elbow as we say in Scotland.

So as not to go on too much what I would also like to start doing is having your points of view with regards to Membership, the good, the bad, and the ugly, we want to read them all and hopefully where things need improving this can be done, so give us some feedback please.

Last but not least, we hope in the short term that we have been doing the membership that we have treated members fairly, promptly and in an enthusiastic manner, we've enjoyed wholeheartedly the correspondence with you and long may that continue.

Our next write-up will contain Surnames of the Clan MacFarlane Sept's; which we don't have as members, we cannot become a complete Clan without at least one name of every Sept; being a member, so there will be more to follow on that.

Yours aye,

David and Moyra
LOCH SLOIDH.



Elections Notice

Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc.

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The Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. Nominating Committee requests that all members, who are in good standing, and wish to be nominated for the upcoming election of officers for the January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013 term, please submit your nomination information to the Chairman, or one of the members of the nominating committee, on or before January 30, 2010.

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The preferred method of contact for submitting your nomination information is E-mail. Please feel free to call or E-mail me if you have any questions.

Le gach deagh dhurachd,

*Nadine Miller, Tosgair
Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc.*



The New Holly Tree on Island I Vow

Island I Vow in Loch Lomond, which houses the ruin of a 17th, Century Clan Macfarlane Stronghold built by Chief Andrew MacFarlane of that ilk, hero of the Battle of Langside, has a new inhabitant, a holly tree planted by CMSI members. CMSI President Michael MacFarlane, arranged to have a tree Holly Tree Planted on Island I Vow during the 2009 Clan MacFarlane Scotland Gathering in Memory of member Mary Neal Mcfarlane, Ian Macfarlane, and all CMSI Members who have recently passed.

A 500-year-old holly tree had been cut down on the Island by a group of vandals who were using the island to throw rave parties before the Clan MacFarlane Heritage Trust successfully made claim of ownership to the Island in 2006. The president commented, "I chose the holly tree to symbolize that the membership of Clan MacFarlane is stepping up to protect our heritage in Scotland." Mary Neal was one of the founding members of the Clan MacFarlane Society when it was re established in 1973 at Grandfather Mountain and faithfully attended every Annual gathering since 1973. Ian Macfarlane of Dunfermline, Fife and father of VP Brian Macfarlane, discovered the Clan's ancient battle standard in the vaults of the National Museum of Scotland. The battle standard was thought to have been lost. Ian also served as a trustee of the Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust. The President also said, "Members like Mary Neal and Ian Macfarlane are the life blood of our society and we are forever grateful for all of their support they gave to their clan and our projects."



Pictured: CMSI Members Don Jackson and Brad Smith plant the Holly Tree on Island I Vow during the Clan MacFarlane Scotland gathering.

Clans, Chiefs, Lands, and Nobles

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I - Introduction:

In the last few decades of the 20th Century, many people became fascinated by the search for the origins of their family. For instance, my mother was inspired in the late sixties and early seventies to the search by reading Alex Hailey's magnificent novel, *Roots*. Others in that time were given similar inspiration by the TV miniseries drawn from it. Those with Scottish background have taken their inspiration and starting point from the many novels written by the late Nigel Tranter, or more recently by the 1995 movies, *Braveheart* and *Rob Roy*. Countless books and websites have been printed or set up to help the novice find missing ancestors and or living descendants of common ancestors. This article is not looking at these things.

Instead, I'd like to address some of the terms which one hears used in conjunction with the Scottish clans and families. In addition, I'll try to explain the differences similarities between the Celtic and Anglo-Norman systems and hierarchies, particularly regarding the concepts of "nobility". External politics will be left out of this discussion except when they had a profound influence on the clan system. I'll include also a rough guide to the pronunciation of Gaelic words in square brackets after each. I'll indicate strong syllables by capital letters, and the Scots and Gaelic "ch" (as in *sliochd*) with "H".

II - The Period of the Clans

The rise of the Clans as socio-political entities is actually easy to date. It began just after the death of Somerled MacGillebrigte (SOerlee maHk GILeh BRIKteh). As "Lord of the Isles", and sometimes called "the King of Argyll", he ruled the west coast of Scotland from Islay and Kintyre in the south, to Mull and Knoydart in the north, and a lot of the territory inland within the reach of his ships in the sea-lochs. In 1164, he was at war with King David I for the third time. On the night before the battle, he was slain in his tent, and the army from the Highlands and Isles melted away. His territories were divided among his three sons, Ranald, Dugall and Angus, and from them come the MacDonalds, MacDougalls, and the MacRuairis.

The end of the Clans is also easy to date, but the terminal condition from which the Clans suffered lasted nearly 200 years. From the time James the VI and I left for London in 1603 to April 16, 1746, on the bloody field of Culloden, the power of the clans was in steady decline. Earls and chiefs ruled their people from Edinburgh or London. Their need for more and more money caused them to pay more attention to their income, which meant that they started chang-

2010 AGM ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Clan MacFarlane Society would like to announce the 2010 Annual Gathering Meeting (AGM) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The dates for this spectacular will be June 25-27, 2010. Our host hotel will be The Executive Inn in Coquitlam, which is approximately 5 miles from the games venue. Tentative plans include a meet and greet reception on Friday evening the 25th, the games Ceilidh on the 26th, and our AGM on Sunday morning the 27th. As plans are finalized, look for details in future *Lanterns* and in the MacFarlane.org website and e-mails. Please mark it on your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there!

Randy McFarland
Director of Gatherings

ing uses to which their lands were put, raising cattle wherever possible, rather than small crops. Their children, instead of being fostered by members of their Clan, were educated abroad, in the Lowlands, England, even in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, and Italy. This weakened, and by the rebellion of 1745 - 1746, broke the long-standing tie between the great chiefs and their followers.

After Culloden, the Disarming Acts, the harrying of the north by English troops, the Education Act (banning Gaelic in schools) and, finally, the coming of the sheep in the second half of the 18th Century, all played their part in the demise of the clan system.

III - Clans and Septs in General:

Let's begin with the term, clan. Most people understand that the word comes from Gaelic "clann" [pronounced like the English "clown"], meaning "child, offspring, descendant"; people who share a blood-line to a common ancestor. Although this is literally correct, it doesn't take into account the sociopolitical aspect included in the term. In that aspect, it also includes all the people in a region held by a specific family-group. The term for "clan" in Gaelic is usually "cinneadh" [KINyugh].

The general population of the region holds its lands from, and owes duty (either financial or personal) to the ruling family-group. They may not share any blood-connection, and do not share, necessarily, the name. The Clan MacLeod, for instance, has the MacCrimmon family (the chief's hereditary pipers) within it. They are a separate blood-line from the clan, but considered part of it. Many of the names commonly called "sept-names" associated with clans in modern books actually fall into this category. Probably a lot of the "occupational names" like Fowler, Weaver, Smith, fall in here too.

So, what is a sept? First, it's an English word which denotes "sub-group". In Gaelic, the most commonly used word is "fine" [FEĒneh], meaning "clan; surname; kindred". It is this last term, kindred, which holds the key. A sept must share the bloodline, and usually shares the surname by descent from a "cadet" (any younger son) of the main family-group. Of course, there are also septs descending from a daughter. As you'd expect, this type of sept, while having the blood-line, will not have the surname of the ruling family-group. By standard definition, the members of a fine are all the recognized descendants, male or female, from a common great-grandfather.

The "fine" of the ruling family-group is called the "dearbh-fhine" [JARAV-EĒneh], or "derbfine" in Scottish heraldic terminology. Literally, the phrase means "true/proven kindred". Clan chiefs are drawn mainly, but not always, from among the "dearbh-fhine". A duine-uasail [DOOnyeh-OOasel], "man of gentility/worth", is the head of a fine within the clan or the head of a land-holding family without the blood-connection in the clan. We'll return to these points later when we discuss the place of Clan Societies.

The chiefs, then, were usually taken from the Dearbh-fhine, but the succession was not automatically the eldest son of the previous chief. The concept of primogeniture, the right of the "first-born" (male) to inherit position regardless of ability, comes from Roman and Norman law and custom. Among the Celts, the position was approved by the chieftains of both the dearbh-fhine and the fine.

As the home territory, "tuath" [TOO-uh] became too small to support the population, a branch of the dearbh-fhine under either a younger brother or younger son of the chief, could move into another region with any supporters willing to leave with him. As more and more "tuathan" [TOO-uh-hun] were settled, they would form a "Mòrthuath" [MORE-hoo-uh], a great home territory. In time, this group, generally called a "sliochd" [SLEEyuHk], "seed" or "descendants", could become separate from the original clan, and eventually a clan in its own right. It is said that the MacAllan and Allans of Sterling and Perthshire are a sliochd led into these parts by an as yet unidentified Allen MacFarlane in the 15th Century.

Occasionally, one sees the word dùthchas [DOO-Hus] used instead of Mòrthuath. However, Dùthchas means "homeland" in the sense of "birthplace", and therefore should be used in the sense of dùthchas an cloinne [DOO-Hus ahn KLOY-nye], "birthplace of the clan". Properly this would be the original location from which the clan spread.

IV - General Clan Structure Through the Centuries:

The extended family structure of the Gaels looked rather like an archery target. The bulls-eye was the chief and his immediate family. The first ring would contain the dearbh-fhine. The next ring would contain the daoine-uaisle [DEWNYe-OOeshleh], (plural form) of the both the fine and the territory. If the duine-uasail's territory contained any villages or even a town, he would have been called a fear-baile [FEHR-BAH-leh], "a man of towns". In Scots, the term "tacks-man" is the general equivalent. A "professional", such as the clan's smith, shenachie (story-teller/genealogist), who held lands from any of the daoine-uaisle, but who was not a member of any fine, came next. The example of the MacCrimmons, mentioned above, works here also. Finally, there were the landless folk who looked after the clan's cattle, sowed and gathered the crops, or performed the other tasks needed by the community.

Among the fine and dearbh-fhine, inheritance would be decided according to relatively strict order, but unlike systems outside the Celtic culture, a person's sex did not bar inheritance. Under Celtic laws also, any child recognized by both parents had rights in the inheritance. The candidates for chief would be selected from among the dearbh-fhine primarily, but if there were no one suitable, the "pool" would be increased by moving back a generation to all those descended from the great-great grandfather. Once suitable candidates were found, all the daoine-uaisle had the right to vote (by pledging support) for the "best" candidate. Obviously, this could lead to internecine struggles which could lead, in turn, to the destruction of one candidate or the other. A "losing" group was not always destroyed, though. There are several cases where such groups left the clan's territories and set up their homes elsewhere, becoming in effect a sliochd.

In the far west and north, the Viking influx in the 9th and 10th Centuries started changing the structure of the society in those areas into one of more "patrilineal" succession. By this I mean that women were barred from holding power, however Old Norse Law did not, as some have written, bar them from inheritance. They could own real and chattel property, but their husbands had to administer it. Dower goods and bride gifts remained the bride's. If there was a divorce, for whatever reason, all the ex-wife's property had to be returned to her. Generally speaking, legitimacy was conferred by the husband, but there are stories told in the sagas of children being accepted for a share of inheritance on the word of the mother also.

When Malcolm III Canmore returned to Scotland from exile in 1057, he brought three things with him which would have profound effect on all aspects of life in his kingdom. Most obviously, he brought the armies loaned to him by King Edward the Confessor of England and Earl Sigurd of Northumbria. He brought seventeen years of education and training acquired whilst living among the English. Last, he brought the language of the English for use in Court.

He began centralizing political power according to the more structured English form. His second wife, Margaret, was a devout Roman Catholic, and brought that form of ecclesiastical structure into the Lowlands. After their deaths, their sons, descendants, and successors continued gathering control by following the even more centralized, more rigidly controlled Norman system of government and spread the Catholic religious form by founding scores of abbeys through out the country.

These political and religious changes forced the Celtic social structure to change shape also. The chief's position went from the centre of a circle, to the top of a pear-shape under the descendants of Malcolm Canmore. Lands had to be held directly from the king, granted by charter, and flowed through his representative downward. If a sliochd wanted to move into new territory, the leader had to obtain the king's permission (and charter). By and large, the kings used this system as a relatively bloodless method to "pacify" any troublesome Celtic families. The kings would dispossess the British or Gaelic chiefs, and give the lands to Anglo-Saxon warriors or, latterly, Norman knights who owed service directly to them, or "suggest" marrying Anglo-Saxon or Normans into the dearbh-fhine family. This could be how Alwyn Arkillson (if Walter Macfarlane's Notes on Genealogy is correct) became the Earl of Lennox in the late 11th Century, but I'll deal with that in a separate article.

V - Of Kings and Kingship:

During the Celtic period, the landscape would have been dotted by these many family-groups and their *sliochdan* [SLEEyuHkun] (plural form of *sliochd*). Over time, the groups would coalesce into larger and larger political groups with each of the chiefs electing an over-chief, called a *rìgh* [REE] in Gaelic or *Mormaer* in Pictish. The Gaelic term translates literally as "king", but most sources suggest that *mormaer* is more like the Norse "jarl" or Saxon "earl". In time, these kings or earls would elect an *àrd-rìgh* [ARST-REE] (high king). The election of the high king had to be ratified by all the kings and regional chiefs.

The most important aspect of Celtic rulers was that they ruled people, not territory. This concept continued well into the "Norman" period, as the Kings continued to refer to themselves as "King of Scots", not "King of Scotland". This concept remained in force into the reign of James VI (of Scots) and I (of England)

For centuries, the town of Scone in the Kingdom of the Picts was the official location for the selection, oath-swearing and coronation of the High Kings of the Picts, and Dunadd, in Argyll, the "capital" of the Scots. After Kenneth MacAlpin became the first King of both the Picts and Scots in the middle of the 9th Century, Scone became the sole "coronation" place for the High Kings. The last High King to be elected in this way was Malcolm III.

After his death in 1093, his sons and successors included more and more oaths of fealty (in the Norman feudal sense) in their coronation ceremonies until such oaths and charters from the King granting lands to his loyal lords and barons (a Norman term) were more important than the election of the high-king by free equals. One can ignore the Celtic "backlash" of Donald Ban's reign (1093 - 1097) because it spawned a more severe Normanizing reaction when Malcolm's sons Edgar, Alexander I, and David I came to the throne of the Scots in succession. By the end of David I's reign in 1153, the Celtic form of landholding and chiefship was limited to the Gaelic regions. That said, many of the former regional kings and chiefs, whether Gaelic, Gaelic-Norse, or Pict, took out the added "insurance" of securing charters from the local Earls (who were "approved" by the King), or the King, himself for their territories.

This meant that, by the end of the 13th Century, the old Celtic tradition of the *sliochd* had to be kept within the *Mormaer*/Earl's territory or near-by lands to which no charters had been granted. Within a hundred years, Clan Campbell expanded its holdings that way, for instance, waving Charters instead of Claymores to push the MacGregors out of Glen Orchy in 1390. It also means that the "Clan system" appears to have been just as "feudal" as the Anglo-Scottish and Norman systems of the Lowlands and the Norse-Celtic extended-family system of the Highlands and Islands. The "lords" or "Chiefs" gave power and lands to their family and supporters in the north and west, just as the Kings did in the east and south. The only difference was that Salic Law of Saxons and Normans forbade female inheritance.

VI - Bonds of Manrent

This term has been used in a lot of books without really explaining what they are, or how they came about. Under Feudal law, every man must have a master to whom he owes his duty, whether monetary, material or martial. So displaced men (the "broken men" in clan-lore) owed this to their "landlords" in return for having land rented or leased to them. The actual document was called a Bond of Manrent; and was a contract that guaranteed the man's service in return for the Chief's protection. These bonds could form the basis for septs, as could a "bond of alliance" between socio-politically equal families or different Clans in the same territory.

VII - Of Barons and Barons:

Scottish Heraldry recognizes two meanings for the Norman term, Baron, which creates a certain amount of confusion. The first, and most commonly understood, is more correctly called

a Peer of the Realm. The Peers of the Realm are the great feudal landholders and the lowest ranking members of the nobility. One should note that one can be a "lord" and "peer" without being a Peer of the Realm. According to the Burke's Peerage and Gentry website, there are 64 of these Feudal Barons (and over 160 chiefs) in Scotland (as of November 1, 2009), none of them MacFarlanes of any spelling.

The second use of the word occurs in Charters. It refers to a grant of land from a superior to an inferior (definitely in the Norman style), such as the grant of the "lands above Arrochar de Luss" from Malduin, the third Earl of Lennox to his brother, Gilchrist, whose descendants became the Chiefs of MacFarlane. This type of barony is a much smaller holding, consisting of one or more parishes.

From the 1960's and through to the 90's, there was a great trade in selling titles to "baronies" in Scotland by people who realized that there was money to be made from people overseas. They advertised that "Own a piece of your Ancestral Lands" or "Buy Your Own Barony" at a sliding scale of amounts depending on what the vendors thought they could get and the size of the barony. Not a few people discovered that they had been (to put it as kindly as possible) hoodwinked by these sharpers. Titles such as Baron, and "Baronies" cannot be sold; they can only be inherited through a proven bloodline, or granted by the Queen or her representatives. The Court of the Lord Lyon is the judicial body governing or adjudicating these claims in Scotland.

VIII - The Clans: A New Beginning:

The resurrection of the Clans began with the late 18th Century and 19th Century Romantics, particularly Robbie Burns' poetry, and of course, Sir Walter Scott's poetry and novels. Scott and his friends invited King George IV to come north to Scotland in 1822. George was the first king to set foot in Scotland in more than 170 years; the last had been Charles II, in the summer of 1650.

For three weeks, Scott and his friends created their version of ancient Scotland in Edinburgh and the Lowlands around it with miles of tartan being woven in every mill in Scotland and England, and sewn into kilts, skirts, dresses, shawls, curtains and anything else one could make from cloth. Clan Chiefs dusted off their pedigrees, bought their Highland garb, rehearsed their pipers and "bards" and trotted out their newly popular heritage for a Regal "show and tell". King George's Highland gear cost a truly princely £1,354 18s - over £100,000 or \$140,000USD in today's funds! Plays, pageantry and "highland dancing" gave the world the view of Scotland that has coloured our perceptions of our heritage ever since. Royal visits by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert starting in 1842 continued and solidified the trend of seeing Scotland as a tourism destination.

IX - Clan Associations and Societies:

With all of this interest arising in the latter part of the 19th Century, it was only natural that Clan Associations and Societies should develop as a way of preserving the history, language, culture (music and dance) of a specific region, area or group. At first, the societies did little more than have dinners and whist drives to provide bursaries for their members. Changes began in the early 20th Century in Britain and after World War II in the Americas and Antipodes. Most societies were being "run" in some way by their lineal chiefs who would use his supporters' aid to save and preserve historically important sites or documents.

In Scottish Law, a Society or Association is considered a "Corporate clansman", with the chief usually but not always its head, and a Chairman or Moderator handling the day-to-day items of the Society's business. A Society which has been granted arms is accorded the status of "Corporate duine-uasail". In both cases, the Society represents only that part of the Clan who are members of the Society, while the chief is chief of all.

There is a clear and important distinction in Scottish law between the members of the "Clan" - "family", and member of a "Clan Society". Some Clan Societies, like the Clan Cameron Society of Scotland for instance, actually used to demand documentary proof of descent before membership is granted. This membership was then approved by Lochiel, the

Chief, and a numbered certificate, signed by Lochiel, would be sent to the new member.

There are many clans which have no Chief, or the Chiefly line has died out or been lost over the centuries. For these clans, these Societies or Associations are the only focal point of their clan's heritage, and its projects the only way their heritage might be preserved. Like the Societies and Associations under Chiefs, the Societies represent only that part of the Clan who are members of the Society.

XI - The Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc.

The Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. is one of the very few Societies which has proven its roots in Scotland, developed an international membership, and has a Grant of Arms from the Court of the Lord Lyon. These distinctions have made our Society the only "corporate duine-uasail" recognized by both the Lyon Court and the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. The Standing Council also recognizes the President of the Society as a "Chieftain" or "Captain" in terms of clan hierarchy. This would mean that an invitation to the Council could only be accepted by the President, or his appointed representative, who would need to be a member of the Trust, or Executive.

There are other more "heraldic" or issues of protocol which will be addressed in another document. That said, I do want to make the following statement. The Society's Coat of Arms can only be used by the Executive and the Commissioners in the course of their duties at Highland Games or correspondence pertaining to the Society's work. Any other use, by a group or individual, constitutes fraud, and would be subject to the appropriate laws and penalties.

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AFTERWORD

In the process of checking and revising this article this week, I learned that James MacFarlane's *History of the Clan MacFarlane* is now available as a free download from the Internet Archive American Libraries section. I also learned that Joseph Irving's three volume *Book of Dunbartonshire* is available from Google Books.

Genealogy and DNA Project

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Many of you are now aware that our Genealogist, Elizabeth Macfarlane, has fallen ill and cannot continue with her Clan MacFarlane Society work. This created a vacancy that I was asked to temporarily fill until a proper committee is formed and managed by a new society Genealogist. The projects we need assistance with, as well as what requirements the positions entail, are posted below:

Genealogist. Manage the genealogy committee, and report on findings and queries for each Lantern.

The committee will have three members committed to work in the following capacities:

Clan Database Administrator. This individual will manage the clan database and respond to queries directed to the society via the Lantern and the genealogist email address. They will also perform data entry by adding and linking new family trees into the database. They will relay any queries and new discoveries to the Genealogist for Lantern publication.

DNA Moderator. This position requires someone who is familiar with the format and operation of the www.familytreedna.com website that we use to host the Clan MacFarlane DNA study. This individual will use the site to organize test kit results and address any new findings to the Genealogist for Lantern publication.

Web Forum Moderator. This position requires a person familiar with online forums as well as the dedication required to moderate forums. This individual will log into the following forums regularly to reply to queries and inform the Genealogist of findings: macfarlane.org, ancestry.com, and genweb.org.

We are looking for society members who are passionate and skilled in the subject matter and are willing to collaborate with others in order to achieve society goals.

Please send your credentials and qualifications for these four positions to the President at president@macfarlane.org.

Stories of our Ancestors



This photo below of the little boy is of CMSI Member, Andrew Pribor's Maternal Grandfather, Robert Y. Robb, Father to Diane Robb, Andrew's mother. This photo was taken in 1911 when Robert was 9 or 10 years old.



Brian Macfarlane Family



A Note from Brian Macfarlane, VP regarding his family photos on the right.

Hello friends

Hopefully, you will find this bit I've written on my family history interesting.

My family group picture from the front cover, was taken at my grandfather, (or Di as we called him and as my grandchildren call me) Matthew Macfarlane's wedding to my grandmother Robertina Whyte in 1920. Because of that, I became more and more interested in history and my ancestry and this eventually led me to the Clan MacFarlane Society. I have never regretted that.

One of the figures in this picture (third from the left rear) is my great Uncle Sandy (Alexander Bell Macfarlane) next is my grandfather to his right. Remarkably, for 1920 Uncle Sandy's picture was superimposed into the group picture, a very poignant act as he had been killed in action two years earlier in 1918. His story had always fascinated me, since as an 8 year old my late father Ian had pointed out his name on the local war memorial in Dunfermline. I had started doing some genealogy on my family and traced my Gt grandfather - also Matthew Macfarlane, (the older pictured gentleman) - back through the Isle of Arran to my Gt Gt Grandfather Peter an Irish born ploughman and my Gt Gt Grandfather John a pig merchant in Ireland. This is a work in progress of course. At the same time, I had tried to find Uncle Sandy's grave in Europe. The family story had indicated he had been killed in Belgium, at Ypres. As is often with family stories it was way off beam.

Driving to visit my sister Dawn in Holland in 2001, Sheena and I had stopped off in Belgium to look for him, without any success. However, when I arrived in Holland my brother-in-law Baldur, showed me the Commonwealth war graves commission website on his computer and within minutes, he had found his entry. It showed he had been killed on 26th March 1918 in France and that he was commemorated at the Pozieres memorial near Theipval, on the Somme. If anything showed me the power of the internet, it was this. The next day we drove to France and became the first family members to visit his gravesite in 83 years. It was a deeply moving experience for us all. My only regret is I was never able to take my father there before his death last year.

Meanwhile though my father back home had discovered Uncle Sandy's name had been omitted from the Roll of Honour Memorial at Edinburgh Castle. This is in honour of Scottish soldiers who have given their lives for their country. The reason we think was that as Uncle Sandy had ran away from home to join the Army he had enlisted in the Durham Light Infantry and therefore had presumably been considered English. Our local British Legion had known but not nationally. After we provided his birth certificate, his name was finally added to the Roll of Honour after 84 years. Something I know my father and I were honoured to do in his memory and which reminds me of that great quote from a great Scottish writer:-

"The mark of a Scot of all classes [is that] he ... remembers and cherishes the memory of his forebears, good or bad; and there burns alive in him a sense of identity with the dead even to the twentieth generation." Robert Louis Stevenson

From the picture - which is a cherished family memento - it's astonishing and indeed rather sad that from those 12 Macfarlanes from 1920 there is only one of the name Macfarlane after my generation, my cousin's son Gordon. My grandfather, not long after the picture was taken lost his first two sons Matthew and James both before their second birthdays. My Auntie Rena, father Ian and Uncle Gordon surviving. Other than that however it's been girls, girls and more girls in every line, much as we love them all.

To summarise on the pictured four adults in the back row left to right. Tom lost an arm and leg yet still played snooker and football with ready smile, Sandy as I've said lost his life too young a man, Matthew my Di joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1915 moving on to the Machine Gun corps in 1917 and was wounded three times, carrying an enemy bullet and an open sore on his leg for the rest of his life. His best man Gt Uncle Johnny next to him, joined the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry (mounted cavalry) and survived the war unscathed only to be blown up and seriously injured in the Valleyfield Colliery mining disaster in 1939 where 39 of his colleagues were killed. I knew Uncle Johnny as a child and can remember his badly pockmarked and blackened face, they bred them tough in those days and no mistake. Of the rest left to right are David, Gt Grandmother Elizabeth, Lizzie, Peter, Maggie, Gt Grandfather Matthew, Archie and Andre, all are sadly now deceased but I can still remember one of my fathers favourite toasts during New Years day celebrations. "Here's tae us wha's like, us damn few and they're a' deid!" he would chant and I well knew, he meant it.

"Cuimhnich air na daoine o'n d' thaining thu"

"Remember the men from whom you are descended"

Brian

2009 CMSI AGM Minutes



Santa Cruz, California USA
October 3, 2009

Members in attendance:

Society President Michael MacFarlane, FSA Scot, California, USA, and Vice President Brian Macfarlane, Fife Scotland, were the CMSI Executive Board Members present; Directors and Commissioners: Preston McFarland, Webmaster, Utah, USA, Dorothy Lennox Selcage, Global North American Commissioner, Canada, Steve and Marie Robb, Commissioners, Kansas, USA; Randy and Cheryl McFarland, Commissioners, Arizona USA; Matthew and Dena Miller Commissioners, California, USA. Members present Don and Laurie Jackson, Jason and Christine Knox, Cmel Weaver, Mike and Abra Jackson, Fred Macondray, Andrew McFarlin, Cindy and Kevin Knox, Jim Hoerricks, Gordon Selcage and Brad Smith.

Call to Order: President Michael MacFarlane about 12:30 PM.

Update: Heritage Center

Establishment of a Heritage Center has not yet been successful. Michael MacFarlane and Brian Macfarlane had negotiated a price for the Ben Lomond Restaurant and craft centre (formerly the Black Sheep). The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) agreed to finance 65% of the appraised value, the sellers wanted more than the appraised value. Further funds were raised via email fundraising appeals by the society, but the sellers sold to another bidder for less than our bid. The property will be renovated into flats. The cemetery that holds many MacFarlane graves cannot be touched. The cemetery must be maintained by the local council, according to Scots Law, reported Brian.

McGregor's Landing was the next property checked out. At Michael's suggestion, I Googled it and found a description of the property as follows:

McGregors Landing is unlike any other location in Scotland. The complex consists of 20 bunkrooms and 4 double en-suite bedrooms. Unlike a typical bunkhouse, guests can choose from a range of dining options including the main restaurant, coffee shop and bar, which is open late. The bunk rooms are devoted to the backpacker, those on a hiking holiday, climbers, and travelers on the West Highland Way. Each room offers tea and coffee making facilities and quality linen and towels. Families and couples may prefer the spacious en-suite bedrooms at the opposite side of the complex. Our rooms, food, and facilities offer outstanding value, quality and service. Our friendly team will go that extra mile to ensure your visit is memorable. Situated at the head of Loch Lomond, The Landing is an ideal base for exploring The National Park, and the Highlands.

McGregor's Landing looks out on Island I Vow at the extreme tip of Loch Lomond. It is a new building in an old style and has what Michael said was "the 3 Cs - café, crafts, and car park." Which are vital to any successful attraction in Scotland. It is owned by a small hotel chain based in Glasgow and though it is boarded up, they don't have to sell it now. The owners weren't interested in moving forward with a sale because it would be subject to appraisal due to the Royal Bank of Scotland's requirements for financing. Michael hopes to

continue to raise capital and revisit negotiations again in the future.

Randy McFarland asked what other options were there for a Heritage Center. The President said another option would be to purchase land and build. Vice President Brian Macfarlane said that was almost impossible to do in the area, as it is a protected National Park with very strict building regulations for new development. As was seen by the failed attempt at Tarbet, which we had supported.

Marie Robb asked if it was feasible to buy property. Brian went on to say various properties have been investigated, but we need to have a feasible building fit for purpose with business and income raising possibilities. We don't have enough money to do anything right now without banking support. Michael encouraged us to not lose heart, to keep going in this direction.

Randy said he had become acquainted with Mary Haggarty of the Arrochar Heritage Society. The Society is making banners representing each of the local clans to be hung in their new ferry building on Loch Lomond.

Randy asked about the possibility of discussing with them the rental or use of one room in the building as a foundation for our Heritage Center, making it a profit center to raise money toward our own Heritage center. The board says (or said) this is not a good option, because we cannot use trust money for this purpose. The funds raised for the Heritage Trust are earmarked to purchase land/property and cannot be used to rent. Michael and Brian have also had difficult dealings with local groups in the past and feel they would want the trust to fund their project which would squander our funds and leave us in a position where we would have funded someone else's centre that we have no ownership of. (of which we have no ownership.) The board wants us to be an independent institution that will be here way beyond any of our own lifetimes, even if we don't see a Heritage Center right away we should still strive toward this goal.

The President said that Randy had his permission to ask the Arrochar Heritage Society if we could have their help to raise funding for our own Heritage Center.

Update: Battle Standard

Vice President Brian Macfarlane reported that we finally have in writing that the museum will begin work on the restoration project in 2011 after a new extension to the museum is completed. The Clan MacFarlane Heritage Trust has the funding needed to pay for the restoration, but the museum told us to keep it for now as in their words the money is as well in our account as theirs. The museum will require information about our Heritage Center in which we plan to display the Battle Standard, to make sure that we meet the museums requirements for its safe, archival conditions.

Update: Budget

The President circulated a current copy from Treasurer Kevin McFarlane of the society's accounts for review by the membership and stated that more complete financials would be available to the membership in the next Lantern.

Committees for Director Support

Preston McFarland presented a motion for the following proposal:- "Committees would be

formed to support the Directors of Membership, Genealogy, Publications, Gatherings, and the Webmaster. These committees would support the Directors in their duties and would consist of 3 people who came from internationally diverse areas. The Directors would select their committee members, with the President having veto power over selections. Committees must have four live meetings a year (conference call, Skype, etc.) Each committee must submit a quarterly report for The Lantern. There would be a special forum/section on the member website for committees to conduct their business/communicate. A member may only serve on one committee at a time. The description of the committee openings must be published in the winter Lantern. The spring issue would report the names of the members who filled those positions." This was given immediate approval by the board members present (the society president and VP) and immediately also seconded by the VP, and it was then passed by the members present:

Dorothy Selcage said that guidelines for Commissioners were needed.

The President will check out which Commissioners were current with their dues and which were not. If they were inactive members, he would clear them out and fill in with new appointees. He will advertise vacancies in The Lantern.

The Society wants to know which games and events we are represented at (at which we are represented) and where we need to be that we are not. Commissioners must be submitting receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement so we can keep track of what they are doing. Dorothy and Michael are to contact the Commissioners re submitting receipts and articles.

Randy McFarland was appointed Director of Gatherings to replace Al Landeck who is in ill health. Randy's duties as Director of Gatherings will entail the planning of our Societies Annual Meetings and World gatherings. Randy will work closely with local commissioners where events will be held and the executive board to make sure all of our meetings are a huge success and a great time is had by all.

Problem with communication and information

Marie Robb asked at several points during the meeting, "Where's the information?" The President said the Lantern had been held back because he was always waiting for important information, such as approval by the RBS for funding, and one week became one month, etc. The Lantern costs about \$1.00 each plus postage, and is our best fundraising tool. He said membership stands at about 1,000.

The President said another problem with The Lantern was that board members, directors, and members did not submit articles to him. Lack of content for the publication was a big issue. Matthew Miller suggested commissioners submit games reviews. Michael said commissioners were supposed to be writing up their games, submitting photos, introducing new members who join at their games, etc. Randy McFarland said he had not been given that instruction when he became a commissioner a year ago. Randy asked about a clan tent "bible"... Michael said it was too old to be useful. Randy asked about having a new one developed. Dorothy Lennox Selcage, Michael, and Glenda Mason will investigate this.

The President suggested The Lantern go from being issued Quarterly (four times yearly) to Semi-Annually (two times yearly), but as a higher quality, larger publication with color and other improvements. Since members present protested that it was, for some members, the

only form of communication. Michael agreed to table the idea of making any changes until the next AGM. However, Members must begin to make submissions to make four times yearly feasible.

Members had complained that the website wasn't current. Preston McFarland said that posting new content wasn't a problem but he needed content to post. He talked about putting a section for articles and forums on the website. Laurie McFarland Jackson suggested a section for members to submit stories about famous MacFarlanes. A section for photos and images (old and new), a section for legends and tales would be another popular section, again with submissions by members.

Michael would like to develop extensive archives on the website. He wants to see the Books of Dunbartonshire in a .pdf file on the website.

The President asked Preston why several projects for the website had not been completed over a 2 year period such as Article Submission form for the Lantern, content like the books of Dunbartonshire, and our number one issue of members not being able to access the site.

Preston responded that it wasn't a priority for him to upload the books of Dunbartonshire and all the other things had not been done because he had not received the material from President Michael or others.

The President commented to Preston that these outstanding website issues must be resolved between the two of them within the next 60 days. Failing that, he will employ a website company to take over the website management. Michael said he needed to learn how to access info on the current website programs.

The President reported that the Publications Director had a problem with uploading old lanterns. A new version of Adobe, licensed for 3 users, will be purchased by Michael for Rick Kilby to use which will make the job of scanning and uploading old Lanterns go much easier. Laurie Jackson suggested Rick might ask for his committee to help him scan past issues into downloadable format as it is a huge job.

Laurie Jackson told the President there was a problem with communication with him. For example, if someone volunteers for something, Michael assumes they will call him. The new volunteer assumes Michael will call them, since he is in charge and has all the information.

He said he was "an ideas man that thrives on enthusiasm" and commented that after years of having volunteers stepping forward and then not delivering, that he does expect them to follow up with him after initial discussion to prove they are serious. He agreed he could improve communication and promised to try to be a better communicator.

VP Brian Macfarlane said that as Michael was a busy businessman in addition to a heavy schedule with activities within the Scottish Community, with sometimes hundreds of emails per day, and who travels all over the world on a regular basis, it would help if we don't get answers from Michael right away, that people can also contact the Vice President and he will discuss important issues with the President as they speak nearly every day. Spreading the load should help.

Membership

Michael passed around a new format for membership renewal notices that will have a membership card attached. He is currently working with our new Membership Directors and mailing house to see that membership cards will be issued before the end of 2009. He said that he has built his business around database management, email, and publications. He wants to separate the membership list from the website and have the society use File Maker Pro, a customizable database to track, keep vital information, and do customized mailings to help better manage communications.

The President announced that he was pleased to appoint Dave and Moyra Millar from Wales as our Joint Membership Directors. They are doing well in learning the system, and are responding to the estimated 350 backlogged inquiries. The board has every confidence that they will excel in this office and be able to dedicate the time and effort this post needs and deserves. Michael said he wants "anyone who signs up today, to get a letter from us next week."

Genealogy

Society Genealogist, Elizabeth Macfarlane is ill and cannot continue to carry the burden of the clan genealogy and information. The Society purchased a laptop for the office of genealogy on which Elizabeth has kept the clan's information. This laptop will be given to Elizabeth's replacement. At the last AGM, Michael announced that groups such as Family Tree, Ancestry.com, etc. issued rights to the Society to be the official moderator for all MacFarlane forums.

Others have created MacFarlane genealogy sites outside of the society and are becoming the go-to people, when the Society should be. The Society is recognized as a Cadet House by the Lord Lyon with our grant of Society Arms. Therefore, the President wants to establish a committee to serve in five areas, which are as follows: DNA Project, Entering Members' Pedigrees, Web Moderator for genealogy forums at Ancestry.com, FamilyTree.com, Gen Web and Macfarlane.org, Answering Inquiries from members, and Genealogy Research.

Scholarships

Marie Robb asked if scholarship money could be paid directly to the recipient. The President said it had to be given directly to the school to comply with our 501c3 regulation regarding our Annual Scholarship. Laurie Jackson said winners could show their school schedule, or registration paperwork to prove attendance at a school.

Thank you

VP Brian Macfarlane expressed his thanks to Dorothy and Gordon Selcage and all who participated in the Scotland Tour 2009 for helping out to make a great Homecoming gathering in Scotland. Saying how sorry he was that he had missed the events but that by all accounts everyone had had a great time with the parade up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle the highlight. The last time Edinburgh saw such a colorful event was the entry of Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonny Prince Charlie) and his Jacobite army in 1745. He gave a short passionate speech which drew applause from those present saying how important our International status was and that we are winning credibility in Scotland. Even though we are "from different countries the important thing is we're all MacFarlanes, unity is the essence of the meaning of a Clan."

Dorothy said that 200-300 people had visited the Clan Tent at the Gathering in Edinburgh



ORDER of the CLAYMORE

Each of us involved in the Clan MacFarlane Society is here because we wish to share in and preserve our proud legacy inherited from those that have gone before.

If we want to see our heritage preserved so FUTURE GENERATIONS will benefit from it, much help is required. Some people are able to donate their time, others donate financially. Some do both! CMSI's Order of the Claymore is the means to donate financially.

All money donated goes directly to the Clan MacFarlane Heritage trust to fund the acquisition of a Bldg. which will be home of the Clan MacFarlane Museum of Highland Life in Scotland. This Museum and Heritage centre will be a focal point for all MacFarlanes and septs worldwide and will aid the preservation of Scottish/Gaelic Culture, Artifacts, Genealogy and Archaeological studies.

This will be YOUR centre and this is your chance to help.

Donations of all sizes are welcome. We are offering some beautiful commemorative gifts with donations which are listed below to thank you for your support.

DEFENDER of the ARMS

\$10,000 Donation

Recognition at the Centre with a personalized name plaque.

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver MacFarlane Crest Badge

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver CMSI Order of the Claymore Kilt Pin

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

HIGHLAND WARRIOR

\$5,000 Donation

Recognition at the Centre with a smaller personalized name plaque.

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver MacFarlane Crest Badge

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver CMSI Order of the Claymore Kilt Pin

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

ARCHER

\$1,000 Donation

Recognition at the Centre on the Roll of Honor (Archer)

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver CMSI Order of the Claymore Kilt Pin

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

STANDARD BEARER

\$500 Donation

Recognition at the Centre on the Roll of Honor (Standard Bearer)

Hand Crafted Sterling Silver CMSI Order of the Claymore Kilt Pin

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

SWORD BEARER

\$250 Donation

Recognition at the Centre on the Roll of Honor (Sword Bearer)

Embroidered Polo Shirt with Order of the Claymore logo

Those making donations less than \$250 will receive recognition at the Centre on the Roll of Honor.



Order of the Claymore Roll of Honour

CMSI Would like to thank all those who support the Heritage Centre Project

Defenders of the Arms

Paul Funkhouser, IL USA in loving memory of Mary Virginia Funkhouser \$20,000
Zane Albion Thompson, Roque Bluffs, ME USA \$10,525.77
Elizabeth Macfarlane, Lloyd Harbor, NY USA \$10,000
Vernon and Eleanor McFarland, Shreveport, LA USA \$10,000

Highland Warriors

Ian and Dottie Macfarlane, Atlanta, GA USA \$7,500
Kent Macfarlane, Vancouver, BC Canada \$6,500
The Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, KT, Glasgow Scotland UK \$7,760.00
David A. Robb, Pleasant Ridge, MI USA \$6,000
Lanning Macfarland, Jr., Chicago, IL USA \$5,000
John McFarlane, Victoria, Australia \$5000

Donald and Mary Neal McFarland, Warwick, NY USA \$1,000
Nancy A. Beck, North Windham, CT USA \$1,000
Al and Bobbie Landeck, Prescott, AZ USA \$1,200
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On September 4, 2006 I began scanning the Lantern Archive due to the generous trust Mary Rogalski placed in me with her mothers personal copies of the Lantern. Her mother is the former Geneva Montgomery who served CMSI as Editor for over 20 years. On December 20, 2009, I completed the last scan and uploaded it to the web site. This brought a chapter of my life to close and perhaps that of many others who put this newsletter together. Due to the combined efforts of Mary, Elizabeth Macfarlane, Reg Bonny of Australia, Richard & Marilyn McFarlane of Sauk City, WI, Nancy Reeser, CMSI, the Odom Library, and myself... we have all but Lantern #4.

The issues in the collection average about 25 pages per each, about 2550 pages total. It took about 45 to 60 minutes to produce each issue (-96 hours total). This included unpacking the issue from a box, opening it flat, storing it in plastic sleeves, removing the issue later to pull out the rusty staples, storing the issue again, then a number of things.....If there were more than one copy, I would slice the spare copy along the spine so I could use the auto feeder on my scanner. After the scan completed, I stored the 'working copy'. I then used Adobe Acrobat to assemble the Lantern and saved it in a compressed format to save space.

I did not have a copy of about 30 Lantern's so I took them to a local photocopying shop and copied all pages except the covers and then had the shop slice the pages along the spine. This allowed me to scan all the pages on my scanners auto feeder and then manually scan the covers. I used Adobe Acrobat to assemble the pages for publishing.

Adobe was only a recent acquisition, which allowed me to compress and re-save about 72 of the Lantern's I scanned previously. When this was done I uploaded all of them to the website and deleted the old copies. The compressed Lanterns use far less space which translates to quicker download time. I also used a feature to optically recognize text (OCR), so each issue can be searched for words individually, or as one giant Adobe PDF file.

This all was a learning experience and I would have done a few things differently to save time, if I had to do this all over again.

The Odom Library will receive spare copies of the Lanterns that I have on file as well as a DVD with the entire Lantern collection, so that our society history can be preserved for future generations. (I hope someone steps forward with Lantern #4 beforehand...).

A simple 'Thank You' is not enough for your assistance in this project, but it's all I have to offer.

On behalf of CMSI I extend my thanks to Mary Rogalski, Geneva, and the others for the Lantern Archive.

Regards,

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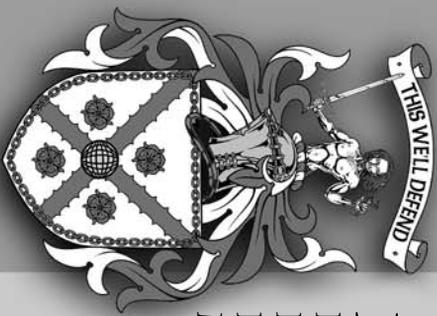


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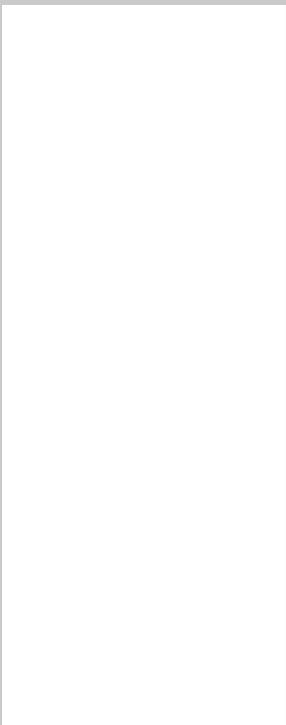
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