

Tulach Ard

Clan MacKenzie Society in the United States Inc

Summer 2015

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FRONT PICTURE

Castle Leod, Strathpeffer, Easter Ross, Scotland - Seat of Clan Mackenzie and Home of the Clan Chief (Cabarfeidh), Earl of Cromartie and his family.

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CMSUS - Guardian of Castle Leod



Thanks to the generous support of YOU - OUR MEMBERS, the Society will become a GUARDIAN of the CASTLE.

At the International Gathering to be held in Strathpeffer, Scotland during August of 2015, The Clan MacKenzie Society in the United States will add its name to the "SHIELD Of The GUARDIANS" of Castle Leod!

President, Howard Mackenzie-Wright recently said, "Becoming a Guardian of the Castle is an important statement of support for the Clan MacKenzie Society in the US to make. It is also a good way to contribute to the on-going restoration of the Castle. Thank You to our members who have made this happen."

This was accomplished by the US Society providing a 500 pound donation to the Clan MacKenzie Charitable Trust. To learn more about the Trust go to castlelead.org.uk . *(Story continued on page 4)*

President's Letter - Highlight on OHIO



President's Message

Last weekend brother Doug and I were at the Ohio Scottish Games. It rained, and many people thought that rain meant the games were cancelled. We all know better than that. The best thing was that the most important man in the state of Ohio was in attendance. And, the most important man in the state of Ohio was there so early that he beat Doug and I to the site, and we arrive really early! The most important man in the state of Ohio is not the Governor, although he is an important guy too. He is not the President of OSU, or the Mayor of Wellington, Ohio, or any of the members of the Ohio Legislature, or the Town Council. The most important man in the state of Ohio was not a visiting Clan Chief, or even the Games Chairman.

The most important man in the state of Ohio is Clan MacKenzie Society member Rob Clements.

"Huh?" you might ask. Who's he?

Let me tell you who he is. He's a volunteer.

"So?" you might ask.

Rob has shown up to help every game day for the last four years. He arrives very early, and he stays until it's time to pack up and go home. He lifts, and carries, and has observed where things belong. That's a big deal. As in past years, Rob brought a cooler full of ice, soft drinks, and water. That's a big deal too, because it's hot in Ohio in June.

What I really appreciate about Rob is that he comes to work, not simply say hello as he passes the tent on the way to enjoy the rest of the games. Rob doesn't see much of the games because he's serious about helping. Sure he takes a break to visit the vendors, or pick up some lunch, but his purpose is clear, he comes to help. Rob is a good guy, a very good guy, and I make sure to let him know how much I appreciate him. Because of his willingness to help, and his desire to contribute to the Society, I have appointed Rob as Clan MacKenzie Commissioner for the state of Ohio.

Now from my point of view, that makes him the most important man in the state of Ohio.

Rob understands that he will have to apply for the position again after the new President is elected, but he's willing to do that. Rob is willing to work and learn, and serve the Clan MacKenzie Society. I'll continue to support him with that in the future.

Volunteers are the most important people in the Clan MacKenzie Society. We need you, and your service is a great contribution. Thank You!

Howard Mackenzie-Wright, FSA Scot

Summer Festivals - Highlight on IDAHO

Laurie Mackenzie - Kerr, has been the Idaho Clan MacKenzie Commissioner for a number of years. She is active in sponsoring a tent at a number of the games and festivals held across the state of Idaho.

In June Laurie was present at the first Nampa Celtic Festival and Highland Games. This year was particularly exciting to see a new highland game added to the long list of events held in the state of Idaho. At last count there are now 10 festivals in Idaho. Laurie said that the

newspaper took photos of the "Old MacKenzie Banner" and planned to feature the photo in their coverage of the festival.

September will find Laurie at the Clan Tent during the Treasure Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games. This has been an annual event for Laurie for a number of years, and is considered the "big event" in Idaho. As with most tent sponsors, Laurie enrolls the help of family and friends. Below is a photo of Laurie with sister Pat and the "Old Banner" .



Patty MacKenzie Dock & Laurie MacKenzie Kerr

Laurie especially enjoys sharing her Scottish Heritage with those folks who are just starting to explore their own heritage. "People have so many questions when they first begin to attend the festivals. It's very fun to help them learn about the different activities at the festivals, and about our Scottish heritage."

The Clan MacKenzie Society in the US, Inc.

Honor Roll Members of the Guardian of the Castle

0000 Anonymous Donations	1771 Pettengill, Kathleen F
0015 Tomasiewicz, Claire MacKenzie	1806 Babyak, Cheri S
0028 Fairhurst, Alice M	1813 McKenzie, Robert A
0040 MacKenzie, Norman A	2114 Mackenzie-Wright, Douglas
0117 Mackenzie, Ian G	2163 McElhone, Magdalene J
0122 McKenzie, Scott R	2200 White, Peter & Judith
0167 Hiltz, Constance M	2224 McKenzie, Linda
0187 McKinzie, Margie	2241 Mackenzie, Alexander
0206 Clunies, David A	2262 McKenzie, John M
0226 MacKenzie, Donald R	2336 Ariss, Elizabeth McKenzie
0262 Dobbins, Richard	2389 McKenzie, Charles & Virginia
0368 McKenzie, Jerry L	2493 Rogers, Margaret
0397 Moore, Carolyn M	2554 McKenzie, William Ted
0410 Alexander, James M III	2556 Hill, Tammi
0450 Sane, James	2709 Wright, Ian Mackenzie
0469 McDowell, Leslie L	2719 Garfield, Gail Osgood
0495 Mackenzie-Wright, Howard	2909 McKenzie-Brown, Deborah
1704 Ide, Sandra L	2924 McKenzie, Marc Douglas

Excerpts from the ByLaws Article V - Officers

"A Board of Directors consisting of the President, Vice President (US), Treasurer, Secretary, and Regional Vice Presidents shall manage the affairs of the Society. Each officer shall be elected by the voting membership. Each member of the board will exercise one (1) vote."

"The term of office for officers shall be three (3) years. The President and VP (US) cannot serve two consecutive terms. All other officers may serve consecutive terms without limit upon approval of the Board. The Directors may combine offices as necessary."

The following statements are published as received from the candidates. *The Editors*

President: Alexander "Sandy" MacKenzie, WA

Greetings fellow clansmen and
clanswomen,

My name is Alexander "Sandy" MacKenzie,
Pacific West Region Vice President of the
Clan MacKenzie Society of the US and I am
running for the position of President of the
Society.

My wife Victoria and I are both Life
Members and have been deeply involved in
promoting and sharing the rich history of
Scotland, our clan and our Society since our
joining the Society 12 years ago as
Conveners, Commissioners and National
Officers.

If elected, I would wish to enhance the
membership experience by exploring
exciting programs that have benefited
members in our area and making
membership more than just getting a
newsletter. Special focus would be given to
our youth, the future of our Society. In case
you haven't noticed, our membership is
dwindling each year faster than we are
recruiting new members.

A Vietnam veteran I retired from the sea
after 23 years having commanded the
largest ship ever to fly the American flag.



As National Director of the Navy League of
the US my legacy was teaching successful
programs in Recruiting and Retention in a
Volunteer Organization, Leadership in a
Volunteer Org., and maintaining a vibrant
Sea Cadet program for our youth.

I am currently President and CEO of
Highland Light Productions LLC and a multi
award winning Writer, Producer, and
Director of major motion pictures and
television. I am also a member of the Clan
MacKenzie Society of Scotland and the UK.
I would be honored to serve as your
President and I ask for your vote.

President Elect & Treasurer: Barbara MacKenzie, WY

We have much work to do as a Society!

We must recognize and actively support our members and volunteers! With the new year, we will again be looking for an active Communication Committee to take on our Web Site, Newsletter, and Social Media. We need to greatly improve our web site and allow for electronic voting and donations, including dues payment.

The Society needs each member to take a role in whatever fashion you deem possible. In the past that has meant helping out at the games and festivals. It still means that. But we must also embrace the use of social media. As examples: *Any member can help out with posting photos and activities. *Send the *Tulach Ard* the listing of all your local activities for a national calendar listing linked on the web page. *There are endless possibilities.

1999 - Member

2007 - Chair of Audit Committee at the end of Gene McKenzie's term as Treasurer

2009 - WY Commissioner Appointed by President Don McKenzie

2011 - Treasurer by Election of the Board at the request of President Gene McKenzie

2012 - Treasurer by Election of the Membership

2013 - Regional VP - Rocky Mountain Region by Appointment of President Howard Mackenzie-Wright



Barbara MacKenzie with the historic Seaforth Highlander kilt worn in WWI

In my everyday working life, I am an Accountant with the State of Wyoming DOT in charge of our Revenue Section. I own a small tree farm. I have been trained in volunteer leadership by a major National Health Agency & by a Fortune 500 company. My community service includes leadership positions with Not-For-Profit organizations including: professional, church, philanthropic, lineage, and cultural heritage groups. Currently, I serve as the President of the Scottish Society of SE WY.

Let Us All Improve Our Society Together!
Blessings, Barbara

Secretary: Victoria Mackenzie, WA

Greetings fellow Clan MacKenzie members

I am re-running for the position of National Secretary for the Clan MacKenzie of the USA, a post I have held since 2010.

I have been a Life Member of the clan since 2004, and I am also a member of the Clan MacKenzie Society of the UK and Scotland.

Since becoming secretary, I have been able to attend most AGM's which is vital for the position of secretary. In addition, my husband and I are Commissioners and clan tent conveners. We attend about six Highland games and Celtic events throughout SW Washington and Oregon each year, representing the clan. We are also involved in several Burns suppers from Portland to the Southern Oregon coast and host an annual St. Andrews open house in our home.

As you can see, I am actively involved in the support of the Clan MacKenzie and with your support, would like to continue in that position.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria J. MacKenzie

Calling All MacKenzie VOLUNTEERS Communications Committee

Your Society is in need of a few good folks who are interested in helping promote the society. The following positions are available and additional input is *always* Welcome!

Communications Committee:

Tulach Ard Editor or Editorial Group
FaceBook Coordinator
Web Site Coordinator

Our Extended Wish List of Volunteer Opportunities Includes:

Getting all member email addresses entered into the CMSUS.TULACHARD email address book, so Newsletters can be emailed to those who prefer electronic delivery. That will save us the cost of postage and you'll get the newsletter while the contents are still News not History!!

Who has experience with casting ballots electronically?

Would you like to write an article about your own Scottish Dinner or other Event?

Updating the Society Calendar so ALL events around the country are published.

Please Contact:

President, Howard or Treasurer, Barbara

Summer Herb Sauce Recipes

Chervil Sauce

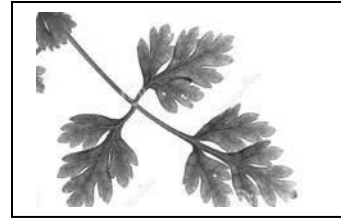
Prepare Fresh chervil by chopping the leaves.

In a saucepan heat 1/2 cup dry white wine and 1/2 cup water. Bring to a boil and simmer until the liquid is reduced by half. Stir in 1 cup of double cream.

Away from the heat, add 1/4 cup of butter. Finally add the chervil.

The sauce should be the consistency to coat the back of the spoon.

Serve with salmon, asparagus or broccoli. This is especially good if you use the water in which the fish or vegetables have been cooked.



Fresh Mint Sauce

Clip a handful or two of mint leaves from your balcony or garden plantings. This may also be found at Farmers Markets and your local favorite grocery stores.

Peppermint and Spearmint are favorites, but any mint will work causing some subtle differences in the flavor. Chop leaves to a very fine size.

In a cruet or ordinary bowl mix granulated sugar & cider vinegar to taste. (Some like it sweet & some like it tart!)

Add Mint leaves to liquid and let seep overnight in the refrigerator and serve with meat.

Serving Suggestions: Mint Sauce with Lamb is a favorite choice, but any meat will enjoy the lovely mint flavoring.

Submitted by Dorothy Richardson, WY



Clan MacKenzie



MEMBER APPLICATION & INFORMATION FORM

- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP** Application for **NEW ANNUAL MEMBER** \$25 _____
 RENEW ANNUAL MEMBER \$25 _____ MEMBER # _____
 Application for **LIFE MEMBER** (see below) \$ _____

✓ **ADDITIONAL DONATIONS**

\$ _____ CASTLE LEOD RESTORATION
\$ _____ SCHOLARSHIP FUND
\$ _____ MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM
in the Name(s) of:

\$ _____ OTHER USE AS NEEDED - OR
DESIGNATED FOR _____

LIFE MEMBER RATES – CURRENT AGE	
21 TO 30	= \$500
31 TO 50	= \$400
51 TO 70	= \$300
OVER 70	= \$200

TODAY'S DATE _____

✓ **MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTH DATE _____

- ✓ **PLEASE SUBMIT TO:** Clan MacKenzie Society US

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MEMBER APPLICATION & INFORMATION FORM

MEMBER COMMITMENT TO THE SOCIETY

✓ LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT

YES! My level of involvement is being a Member and reading the **Tulach Ard** when it arrives
_____ Serve in my Community – Parish/County – State – Region – Nationally

✓ DINNERS – GAMES – FESTIVALS – TEAS

_____ Attend our local Scottish Event & lend moral support to other members
Location _____ Date _____
Name of Event(s) _____
_____ Assist with a table or tent at our local Scottish Event
_____ Sponsor a table or tent at our local Scottish Event

✓ NEWSLETTER **Tulach Ard** - Social Media Posts - WEB SITE www.clanmackenzie.com

✓ ALL Emails to the following: cmsus.tulachard@gmail.com

_____ Share or research a story of interest to other Society members
_____ Assist writing a story (yours or someone else's) of interest to other Society members
_____ Assist the Editor of the **Tulach Ard** with ideas, writing, layout, publication, or mailing
_____ Assist the Web-Master with ideas, writing, or design
_____ Please update your Email address: _____

✓ MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS – My Favorite ways to receive communication are as follow:

_____ US Mail _____ E-Mail _____ Phone Call _____ Text Message
_____ Social Media – which services to you use? _____

_____ Use the Web Site _____ No Internet _____ Didn't know CMS had a web site

Would you use a secured link from the CMS web site to do any of the following:

_____ pay my annual dues _____ make a donation _____ cast my CMS election ballot

✓ PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS: _____

Excerpts from the ByLaws Article V - Officers

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS Regional Vice Presidents shall serve the states in their region. The primary duties of a Regional Vice President shall be to coordinate the Society activities in their region, obtain new commissioners and conveners in areas not being served, prepare and submit a Budget for their Region and to assist the Commissioners in the region in any way possible to fulfill their duties. Additional duties shall include developing new ways to promote the Society in their Region, to assure that the Society is well represented at Scottish related events throughout their Region, to report activities within their region at the AGM and to review reports of events from Commissions and forward the reports to the *Tulach Ard* for inclusion.

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Regional Vice President - Eastern: Jonathan MacKenzie Gordon, VA

Greetings Clan MacKenzie Society! It has been a great year as the Eastern Region Vice President and I am very excited to represent Clan MacKenzie again for another year. This past year we were able to attend various Games and Festivals in the Eastern Region and were able to meet many amazing people who had an interest our Clan. The plan this year to is to expand beyond the Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC area and have at least one CMS tent in as many Eastern Region states as possible, starting with Pennsylvania. Finally, I will continue to work with regional members and CMS Leadership to identify additional opportunities beyond just the standard events to identify new opportunities to recruit new members. Thank you again for your consideration and your continued support.



Highest Regards, Jonathan MacKenzie Gordon

Regional Vice President - North Eastern:
Claire Tobyne, NH



Claire Tobyne, New Hampshire

Elections are coming up again in November, this will be my 3rd term. In the past, I have set up for at least 3 games and attended a few more games each year and have enjoyed ALL Clan MacKenzie members that have come to the tent. I have added new commissioners and are very proud of the work they have done. In addition, the commissioners that have been with me from the beginning continue to amaze and please me with the work they have done all along. I am very pleased to have such wonderful people representing Clan MacKenzie. My husband, Mark and I have organized a Kirkin of the Tartan 2 years in a row as representatives of Clan MacKenzie and they were both very successful. I have many plans to improve the appearance of the Clan MacKenzie tent as well as plans to attend as many additional events as a representative of Clan MacKenzie. I would like to continue as Vice President of the Northeast for Clan MacKenzie so that I may accomplish all that I have planned.

SCOTSMAN sets new Guinness World Record playing the bagpipes for over 24 hours.

Rikki Evans, 29, police controller, from Aberdeen, was relieved to catch his breath after he played a 1,200 tunes on the woodwind instrument. Guinness allowed him to take five minute breaks every hour, in total he played for 24 hours 10 minutes and 42 seconds. Rikki repeated a medley of 208 songs six times and raised money for a number of charities in the process.



Submitted by Roy Poole, CO

Regional Vice President - Rocky Mountain: Larry McKenzie MT

In August 2014 I was honored to serve as Chieftan of the Bitterroot Scottish Irish Games and local host of the 2014 Clan MacKenzie AGM. That AGM saw over 40 MacKenzie's in attendance and brought in 8 new members.

That event was a great example of what we should be doing at all the games and festivals. The games and festivals should be about sharing our enthusiasm for our culture and heritage with all the visitors to our clan tents. We should be encouraging them to be excited about their own heritage, and if they don't know about their heritage, to encourage them in their search. We need to find a way to be present at all of the venues within reach. We should be passionate about our Scottish Highland history and we should be sharing our passion with everyone we can reach.

As your Rocky Mountain VP, I will work with the Commissions to encourage them to attend their state games & grow the society. As a Regional VP it will be my responsibility to stay in touch with all our volunteers and keep their enthusiasm and commitment to the Society high. The Clan MacKenzie should be a fun organization with everyone wanting to take an active part in promoting our heritage. We have such a great heritage and the positive impact that the Scots have had on history should be promoted.



Larry McKenzie, Choteau, MT

Regional Vice President - Southern:
James Mounce, SC

I would like to formally announce that I am running for Southeast VP of the Clan MacKenzie Society of the USA. As an incumbent, I know what to do and look forward to doing it. This year my family and I will travel to at least four states and attend half a dozen games in the Southeast. Having been a member since 1993, I continue to attend and support the games and meeting Clan MacKenzie members is always a great time. I have been fortunate enough to attend Scottish Games on both coasts and have a running total of 8 states and nearly 20 different games. I have also served on Scottish Games boards in two different states, been a clan tent cavalier for 22 years, travelled to Scotland, taught Scotland seminars to elementary schools kids and competed in the Heavy Games. With all this going on, why run for VP? Because I love it! and there is no substitution for passion. Bottom line: We also have a tremendous group of MacKenzies in the SE with lots of help at many of the larger games. I would like to continue to serve the Society in any capacity, grow the next generation of volunteers, continue to attend games, write articles for the *Tulach Ard* and would be proud to represent the Clan MacKenzie Society of the Americas as a VP here in the SE USA. If you like what you've read then vote for me!

Thank You, James Mounce

Bean Counter's Corner



2016 Membership Dues are now payable

Annual ReNewal Members

Your dues remain at \$25 per year. The Dues year runs from October 1 through September 30 of the following year.

Life Members

Following is the fee structure for Life Member Dues.

Age 21 - 30	\$500
Age 31 - 50	\$400
Age 51 - 70	\$300
Age 71 and over	\$200

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Member Information Forms are available on the web-site. ClanMacKenzie.com

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