

Tulach Ard

Clan MacKenzie Society in the United States Inc

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**DEADLINE for the next
*Tulach Ard***

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Call For Nominations Due by April 15, 2015

Clan MacKenize Society is in an Election Year

- March** *Tulach Ard* publishes a request for nominations
- April 1** President selects Nominating Committee
- April 15** Final date to submit nominations
- April 15** Nominating Committee present Slate of Nominees to the Secretary
- May 1** Nominees submit 10 line statement to the *Tulach Ard*
- July 15** Secretary mails Election Ballot to all members in good standing
- August 15** Post mark date for return of Election Ballot

Society Executive Officers:

President
President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer

Regional Vice Presidents:

Eastern
Heartland
Northeast
Pacific/West
Rocky Mountain
Southern
Southwest



President's Letter

As you know, our Clan Mackenzie World Gathering is coming up in August, and again, I want to encourage all who can to attend. It is going to be a truly remarkable event. If you are extending your vacation beyond the dates of the Gathering, you can make many of your plans using familiar websites for accommodations, ferry tickets, etc. You're going to have a great time!

Now, on to business. While I really want to focus my thinking on the great vacation we are going to have in Scotland, I have to think about the election we need to have in September of this year. Like every other organization I can think of, the Clan MacKenzie Society in the United States needs officers to do the work of the organization. We need to elect a President, a President-Elect, Regional Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and finally Commissioners. The position of President requires that the nominee have served as a Commissioner for two years. All of these offices expire on December thirty-first of this year. This year we will be electing a President who will serve a 3 year term. In addition, we will be electing a President Elect who will serve 3 years in that position, as well as 3 years in the President's position.

Of the aforementioned officers, Commissioners are the only appointed officers in the Society, and according to our by-laws, Commissioners are nominated by the Regional Vice Presidents, and appointed by the President. Their term of office runs for the length of the President's term of office, and they may be appointed for more than one three year term. All other offices are elected positions. This election really is very important.

In the last issue of the newsletter I asked for nominations, or self-nominations, and received none. After a couple of weeks, some of our current officers expressed interest in their present position, or maybe another. While this was good, I was hoping that we might have interested a few new people in stepping into leadership positions.

The whole idea of a clan is relationship, relationship to name, place of origin, family, food, music, sport, all of the things we celebrate. Further, I am proud that I have been able to serve the Clan MacKenzie Society for fifteen years, and not one day of that has been burdensome. Now, I wonder, who else is ready to step-up, and get involved?

Howard Mackenzie-Wright, FSA Scot



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2014

BALANCE SHEET - September 30, 2014

ASSETS	
General Fund Bank Accounts	9,603
Restricted Life Member Accounts	33,420
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>43,023</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
General Fund Equity	8,098
RESTRICTED FUND EQUITY	
Castle Leod Fund	885
Scholarship Fund	375
Life Member Fund	33,420
Travel Fund	245
TOTAL RESTRICTED EQUITY	34,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>43,023</u>

CASTLE LEOD FUND DONORS

Magdalene McElhone (VA)
 Sandra Ide (MI)
 Jerry McKenzie (OH)
 Leslie McDowell (MS)
 Charles & Virginia McKenzie (OH)
 James Alexander III (WA)
 Richard McKenzie Dobbins (SC)
 Kathleen Pettengill (CO)
 David Clunies (SC)
 Judith White (FL)
 Deborah McKenzie-Brown (IN)
 Alice Fairhurst (CA)
 Douglas Mackenzie-Wright (MI)
 Alexander Mackenzie (FL)
 Linda McKenzie (WA)
 Margie McKinzie (NC)
 Ian Mackenzie (NY)
 Claire MacKenzie Tomasiewicz (CT)
 Gail Osgood Garfield (NH)
 Elizabeth McKenzie Ariss (NC)

**STATEMENT of
 REVENUE over EXPENDITURES
 October 2013 - September 2014**

REVENUE	
General Fund Dues & Donations	4,410
RESTRICTED FUND REVENUE	
Castle Leod Fund	555
Scholarship Fund	295
Life Member Fund	2,925
TOTAL RESTRICTED REVENUE	3,775
TOTAL REVENUE	8,185
EXPENDITURES	
GENERAL FUND EXPENITURES	
Highland Game Support	1,644
Member Support Newsletter	2,613
Membership Support	903
General Meeting & Promotion	982
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	6,142
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUND EXPENDITURES	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,142
NET REVEUNE OVER EXPENDITURES	2,044

Barbara MacKenzie, Treasurer

Norman MacKenzie (CA)
 Robert McKenzie (NC)
 Howard Mackenzie-Wright (MI)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

Jerry McKenzie (OH)
 Judith White (FL)

CONTRIBUTING MEMBER (\$100-\$199)

Deborah McKenzie-Brown (IN)

Clan MacKenzie International Gathering

August 3 - 9, 2015

At A Glance

Monday 3 August - Registration, Cabarfeidh meets with the High Council then travels to the village to meet the Clan

Tuesday 4 August - Registration, MacKenzie Parliament, Workshops & Seminars, Tour to Inverness

Wednesday 5 August - Tour to Culloden, Tour to Ardersier Fort George & Museum of The Queens Own Highlanders, Tour & Supper at Dalmore Distillery

Thursday 6 August - Tour to West Coast: Plockton, Isle of Skye & Clan Donald Centre & Museum of the Isles, Tour to Eilean Donan, possible Fashion Show "Clan Mackenzie Collection"

Friday 7 August - Walk to Loch Kinellan, Lunch & Seminar at Battle Park, Clans march to Strathpeffer Square for re-enactment of the "The MacDonald Encounter" followed by joint clan march to Castle Leod for Reconciliation Ceilidh & BBQ

Saturday 8 August - Strathpeffer Highland Games at the Castle & Grand Clan Banquet

Sunday 9 August - Kirking O'The Tartan, AGM CMSSUK, photos, farewell Closing Ceremony & Quenching of the Gathering Flame



Please make your bookings As Soon As Possible - Booking and Payment Forms are included in this newsletter - This information was received on March 16th and is the latest that we have as of press time.



Getting to the Gathering in Strathpeffer

The following airports served by international airlines have domestic flights to Inverness Airport (websites of the relevant domestic airlines are given in the brackets): **London Gatwick** (www.easyjet.com); **Manchester** (www.flybe.com); **Dublin** (www.flybe.com); **Amsterdam** (www.flybe.com).

Both Edinburgh and Glasgow airports are served by international flights, but there are no connecting flights to Inverness. Good shuttle buses connect Edinburgh and Glasgow airports with their bus stations from whence long distance buses run regularly to Inverness (www.citylink.co.uk).

The airport buses also stop outside the railway stations in Edinburgh and Glasgow from whence there are regular trains to Inverness (www.scotrail.co.uk). There is one train per day that runs from London Kings Cross station direct to Inverness (www.virgintrainseastcoast.com).

Frequent buses connect Inverness Airport and Inverness Bus Station (Stagecoach No. 11), from whence buses run regularly to Dingwall & Strathpeffer (Stagecoach No. 27: www.stagecoachbus.com).

Trains run from Inverness to Dingwall which is about 5 miles from Strathpeffer. Buses connect the two (see above) - and run on to Contin - and taxis are available in Dingwall (County Taxis 0800-0076450, and C&E Taxis 01349-862412).

Accommodation in the Strathpeffer area

This is just a list – no recommendations intended.

HOTELS

Highland Hotel, Strathpeffer: www.bayhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/bay-highland-hotel-strathpeffer.

Weekly package offered to those attending the Gathering – but believed to be fully booked up as of 1 March 2015

Ben Wyvis Hotel, Strathpeffer: www.crerarhotels.com/ben-wyvis-hotel. Large hotel in centre of village.

Strathpeffer Hotel, Strathpeffer: <http://strathpefferhotel.co.uk>. In centre of village.

Richmond Hotel, Strathpeffer: www.richmondhighlandhotel.co.uk. In centre of village.

Mackay's Hotel, Strathpeffer: www.mackaysstrathpeffer.com. In centre of village.

Tulloch Castle Hotel, Dingwall: www.bespokehotels.com/tullochcastlehotel. Old seat of Davidson chiefs.

National Hotel, Dingwall: www.nathotel.com. In centre of Dingwall, about 5 miles from Strathpeffer.

Coul House Hotel, Contin: www.coulhousehotel.com. Old Mackenzie home about 3 miles away.

Lovat Arms Hotel, Beaulieu: www.lovatarms.com. About 10 miles from Strathpeffer in lovely little town.

Priory Hotel, Beaulieu: www.priory-hotel.com. By the priory in which a Mackenzie chief is buried.

GUEST HOUSES AND B&Bs

Garden House Guest House, Strathpeffer: www.gardenhouseguesthouse.co.uk. In centre of village.

Linnmhor Guest House, Strathpeffer: www.linnmhor-house.co.uk. In centre of village.

Craigvar B&B, Strathpeffer: www.craigvar.com. In centre of village.

Birch Lodge B&B, Strathpeffer: www.birchlodge.co.uk.

Heatherlie B&B: www.heatherlie.co.uk.

Inver Lodge, Strathpeffer: No website, but email: derbyshire@inverlg.fsnet.co.uk. Phone: 01997-421392.

Wyvis View B&B, Ardival, Strathpeffer, IV14 9DJ. No website. Phone: 01997-421053.

An Darach B&B, Contin: www.continbedandbreakfast.com.

Achilty House B&B: www.achiltyhouse.co.uk. About 7 miles from Strathpeffer – the other side of Contin.

Fairburn Activity Centre B&B: www.fairburnactivitycentre.co.uk. In the grounds of old Mackenzie home.

B&Bs in Dingwall are not listed here but many may be found using one of these websites:

www.visitscotland.com/

www.welcometoscotland.com/

www.scotland-info.co.uk/

For general info about Strathpeffer see www.strathpeffer.org.

For the latest news about the Gathering please go to www.clanmackenziesociety.co.uk



Package Costs

Two options - either for the whole week (Mon 3 to Sun 9 Aug.) or just the weekend (Fri 7 - Sun 9 Aug.)

Option 1: Whole week package at £265 (children aged 10 or under, £200) includes the following, in addition to a contribution to the general costs of the gathering:

Mon. 3 Aug: Evening Entertainment in Strathpeffer Village Square.

Tue. 4 Aug: Ticket for entrance to Parliament at The Pavilion; lunch at The Pavilion; afternoon workshops & seminars in Community Centre; early evening buses to Inverness (and back later); entrance to Highland Archive & Registration Centre; ticket to the Civic Reception and Buffet Supper hosted at the Town House by the Provost of the City & Royal Burgh of Inverness .

Wed. 5 Aug: Buses for visits to Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre, and Fort George & The Highlanders' Museum (but not entrance to these attractions, which will be paid for on the day).

Thu. 6 Aug: Buses for trip to Isle of Skye and Kintail (but not entrance to Clan Donald Centre and Eilean Donan Castle, which will be paid for on the day).

Fri. 7 Aug: Morning shuttle bus to Kinellan for those unable to walk there; soup & sandwich lunch at the Community Centre; tickets for afternoon seminar; "The MacDonald Encounter" in Strathpeffer Village square; shuttle buses to and from "The Reconciliation Ceilidh" (for those that can't march to the castle); BBQ & buffet supper with entertainment in the marquee.

Sat. 8 Aug: Shuttle buses to and from castle for Highland Games (entrance to games to be paid on the day), and again in the evening for Grand Clan Banquet; ticket for dinner and entertainment.

Sun. 9 Aug: Lunch at The Pavilion; shuttle buses to and from castle for afternoon and evening events; ticket for Farewell Supper with entertainment, and Closing Ceremony.

Option 2: Weekend package at £225 (children 10 or under, £170) includes the following, in addition to a contribution to the general costs of the gathering:

Fri. 7 Aug: Morning shuttle bus to Kinellan for those unable to walk there; soup & sandwich lunch at the Community Centre; tickets for afternoon seminar; "The MacDonald Encounter" in Strathpeffer Village square; shuttle buses to and from "The Reconciliation Ceilidh" (for those that can't march to the castle); BBQ & buffet supper with entertainment in the marquee.

Sat. 8 Aug: Shuttle buses to and from castle for Highland Games (entrance to games to be paid on the day), and again in the evening for Grand Clan Banquet; ticket for dinner and entertainment.

Sun. 9 Aug: Lunch at The Pavilion; shuttle buses to and from castle for afternoon and evening events; ticket for Farewell Supper with entertainment, and Closing Ceremony.

Please note that the above packages do not include the cost of the Whisky Tasting evening (with supper) at Dalmore Distillery on Wednesday 5th August. Numbers for this event are strictly limited to the first 100 people to book it - at £25 (which includes a seat on the bus there and back) - nor do they include the possible fashion show on the evening of Thursday 6th August, which if it happens, will be a PAYG event in aid of charity.

Please make your bookings ASAP using the attached separate Booking and Payment Forms.



GATHERING
NUMBER:
This box for
Office Use Only

Booking Form - Side 1

PLEASE COMPLETE USING CAPITAL LETTERS

Name of person booking & paying:.....

Postal Address:.....

Telephone number:.....

Email address:.....

Please complete the table below (leaving first column blank), filling in full names of all participants you are booking for, ticking whichever package each require - and Dalmore evening for those wishing to attend it (Dalmore evening restricted to first 100 package holders to book it - a refund will be available when no places left). Those interested in individual events rather than a package should tick the blue box below the table and see list of such events overleaf.

OFFICE USE ONLY	Name of each person being booked, including yourself (add age in brackets of any children)	Whole Week Package £265	Weekend only Package £220	Dalmore evening £25	Total due for each in £
Total Amount Due in payment for all the persons and their packages indicated above in £:					

Discounted child packages available only for those aged 10 or under.

If your party numbers more than six, please use a separate form for the additional people - once again filling in your contact details in the top section of the second form, but noting in the second section (the actual booking table) that your own booking appears on the first form.

To pay for the packages & events you are booking on this form, please complete and return separate Payment Form. Package bookings and payments should be made in full ASAP, and in all cases by 30 April 2015 at the latest.

Booking for individual events not fully taken up by package holders will begin after 30 April 2015 on a first-come first-served basis. To register your interest in these events please tick the box to the right here and indicate the numbers to go on the Waiting List against the relevant events on the list overleaf. Please enter details of any special needs or diets for members of your party in the space overleaf.

Return this Booking Form, along with your Payment Form, to our Treasurer & Membership Secretary:
Jacqueline McKenzie, 12 Clarkson Court, Brierton Lane, Hartlepool, TS25 5HP, England.
 Telephone: +44 (0)7914-588025. Email: treasurer@clanmackenziesociety.co.uk.

Booking Form - Side 2: Registration for Individual Events.

It should be possible to attend individual gathering events - subject to sufficient places being available - though most will need to be booked in advance. Allocation of places for individual events will only begin after the deadline for booking packages (30 April 2015), and where numbers are restricted places will then be allocated to the first who have registered on the Waiting Lists using the form below.

Even where there is no Waiting List (i.e. the event will be open to all who wish to attend) it would help enormously if you indicated your intention to attend, and the likely number in your party, by filling in the last column below - which must be done for all events for which it says YES there is a Waiting List.

An Admin Charge of £10 per day - levied for each day that you attend a payable individual event (apart from the banquet on Saturday) - will be added to the cost(s) of the individual events that you attend.

Don't forget to fill in your contact details overleaf so we can send you the booking and payment forms for individual events after the 30th April.

DAY & TIME	EVENT	COST PER PERSON	WAITING LIST	NUMBER TO REG.
Tue 4th - 10.00am	Parliament in The Pavilion (collection for coffee)	Free	NO	
Tue 4th - 12.30pm	Buffet Lunch in The Pavilion	£14.00	YES	
Tue 4th - 2.00pm	Workshops in the Community Centre - titles TBA	TBA	NO	
Tue 4th - 4.30pm	Bus to/from Inverness for evening activities	£5	YES	
Tue 4th - 5.30pm	Tour of Highland Archive Centre in Inverness	Free	NO	
Tue 4th - 7.00pm	Civic Reception at Inverness Town House	Free	YES	
Wed 5th - Daytime	Bus to Culloden and Fort George	£8	YES	
Wed 5th - 10.00am	Tour of Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre	£5 - PAYG	NO	
Wed 5th - 2.00pm	Tour of Fort George & Highlanders Museum	£10 - PAYG	NO	
Wed 5th - 7.00pm	Whisky Tasting & Supper at Dalmore - with bus	£25	YES	
Thu 6th - Daytime	Tour to Plockton, Clan Donald Centre, Eilean Donan (entrance to Clan Donald & Eilean Donan - PAYG)	£15 for Bus	YES	
Fri 7th - Daytime	Battle of Pairc walk, seminar, & MacDonald Encounter	Free	NO	
Fri 7th - 1.00pm	Soup & Sandwiches Lunch at Community Centre	£8	NO	
Fri 7th - 7.30pm	The Reconciliation BBQ & Ceilidh in the Marquee	£28	NO	
Sat 8th - 7.00pm	Grand Clan Banquet in the Marquee	£48	YES	
Sun 9th - 1.00pm	Lunch at The Pavilion (following AGM of CMSSUK)	£14	YES	
Sun 9th - 4.00pm	Afternoon Tea in the Marquee	£9	YES	
Sun 9th - 7.00pm	Farewell Supper and Entertainment in the Marquee	£28	YES	

N.B. Some of the above prices for individual events are subject to revision before 30 April. Final prices for all will be given on the individual event booking forms sent out after 30 April.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND DIETS: Please enter details of special needs or diets required for any members of your party here:



GATHERING
NUMBER:
This box for
Office Use Only

Payment Form

PLEASE COMPLETE USING CAPITAL LETTERS

Name of person booking & paying:.....

Postal Address:.....

Telephone number:.....

Email address:.....

Please complete the table below, leaving first column blank.

OFFICE USE ONLY	Name of each individual you have booked for and are paying for now (including yourself)	Amount in £ due for each individual

Total Amount in £ Sterling being paid for by the method indicated below:

Payment may be made by electronic transfer/wire direct to the CMS Gathering Account (see details below), by Credit/Debit Card, or by Cheque/Bank Draft in £ Sterling. Please tick box for your chosen method, and if using Credit/Debit Card by post, please complete the form below [*Required details].

DIRECT TRANSFER to Clan MacKenzie Society of Scotland & UK Gathering Account.
BIC Code: **RBOS GB 2L**. IBAN No: **GB37 RBOS 8323 1010 4732 52**.

If paying by direct transfer, please inform the Treasurer by email - as well as posting this form to her.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD: *Card Type:..... *Card No:.....

*Name of card holder as it appears on card and billing address:.....

Issue No:..... Start Date: *Expiry Date:..... *Three digit security code:.....

Credit/Debit Card details to be provided by phone to the Treasurer on +44 (0)7914-588025.

CHEQUE / BANK DRAFT IN £ Sterling made out to Clan Mackenzie Society of Scotland & the UK

Whichever way you pay, please send this Payment Form and your Booking Form to the Treasurer:
Jacqueline McKenzie, 12 Clarkson Court, Brierton Lane, Hartlepool, TS25 5HP, England.
Email: treasurer@clanmackenziesociety.co.uk

BY-LAWS OF
The CLAN MacKENZIE SOCIETY IN THE UNITED STATES, Inc

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1.1 **NAME** The name of this organization shall be The Clan MacKenzie Society In the United States (Hereafter called the Society).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SECTION 2.1 **PURPOSE** The Society is organized as a Corporation and is intended to promote the preservation and study of Scottish culture, including music, art, history, folklore, dance, literature, athletics, and all other things distinctively Scottish and in particular as they relate to clan Mackenzie, among interested persons in The Americas and to cooperate with like minded persons, groups, and organizations both here and abroad.

SECTION 2.2 **OPERATION** The Society shall operate exclusively for charitable, historical and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 170(c) (2) (B), 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

SECTION 2.3 **RESTRICTIONS** The Society is a non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian organization and its operation must comply with all requirements of the IRS Code referred to in Section 2.2.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 **MEMBERS** All persons regardless of age, sex, national origin, or religious belief; who express and profess a genuine interest in the purposes and objectives of the Society; who have a genuine love of the Scottish Heritage and Tradition with respect to the Clan Mackenzie; and who will work to uphold, promote, and encourage perpetuation of Scottish Tradition and Heritage, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 3.2 **ACTIVE MEMBERS** Applicants for membership shall become members in good standing, with full voting rights and the right to hold office as required by the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, immediately upon payment of current dues. Associate members are spouses who are members by virtue of their being married to a dues paying member. Associate members do not have the right to vote. Associate members may become voting members by becoming a dues paying member in good standing.

Section 3.3 **ANNUAL DUES** Individual dues, including Lifetime dues, shall be set by the Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board) and are due annually on or before September 30. Dues cover the period October through September. The Secretary shall maintain a data base of all members. A certificate of membership will be issued to each new dues paying member joining the Society.

Section 3.4 **ANNUAL DUES RENEWALS** Dues Notices will be sent to all members no later than August 31st, of each year. A follow up notice will be sent no later than October 15th to prior active members who have not responded to the initial notice. In addition, at the discretion of the President, inactive members may be solicited to rejoin the Society. Any new person joining during the summer festival season beginning in March will be due for renewal the September of the following year.

Section 3.5. **LIFE MEMBERSHIPS** Any member may become a life member by paying the following dues.

<u>REQUIREMENT</u>	<u>DUES</u>
Current age 21 to 30:	\$500
Current age 31 to 50:	\$400
Current age 51 to 70	\$300
Current age greater than 70	\$200

The Treasurer shall place all life membership dues in an interest earning savings account to be transferred to an investment of either insured CD's or triple A rated bonds with the earnings to be paid annually to the operating fund.

Members who wish to make additional annual contributions, may be recognized in the Tulach Ard as "Contributing Members" (\$100 - \$199 contribution) or as "Sustaining Member" (\$200 and up contribution).

Section 3.6 **INACTIVE MEMBERS** Membership shall become delinquent if payment of dues is not received by the Treasurer by December 31st and the member shall be placed in inactive status losing their voting rights and status as a member in good standing until such time as dues are paid in full.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 4.1 **ANNUAL MEETING** There will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all active members of the Society. The location for the AGM will rotate among the various geographical regions of the country. The Vice President for a region will select the site within that region for the AGM, subject to approval by the President. The site shall be selected by the Regional Vice President and approved by the Board at least 10 months prior to the date scheduled for the AGM.

Section 4.2 **OTHER MEETINGS** The Executive Council (hereafter called the Council) may meet at any time when there is a quorum of its members present. The Council may also meet through electronic means (chat rooms, Email, etc.)

Section 4.3 **QUORUMS** At any meeting of the Society at which a vote of the members is required, those members present constitute a quorum. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, or Executive Council a quorum is defined as Members of Board of Directors, Executive Council Members, or Active Members present.

Section 4.4 **ELECTRONIC VOTING** A record of any vote by electronic means (email, chat room, or phone) must show: the names of all Members of the Board of Directors, Members of the Executive Council and members that voted; along with the date; the issue voted upon; and the way the member voted. The results of any vote must be published in the Tulach Ard. General voting through proxy is prohibited.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 5.1 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** 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.

5.1.A. **TERMS OF OFFICE** 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. Any vacancy arising among the Officers

between elections, with the exception of the President and Vice President (US), will be filled for the amount of the remaining term of the officer, by a vote of the Executive Council. If the Vice President (US) should step down or vacate the office for any reason a special election will be held for a new VP (US). The position will remain vacant until a new Vice President (US) is chosen. The special election will be conducted within 90 days of the vacancy. All elected officers and Past Presidents are Commissioners for purposes of this Society. All appointed Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the President. Commissioners may be nominated by a Regional Vice President at any time and may, at his discretion, be appointed by the President for a term not exceeding the President's term of office. Any Commissioner may resign or the President may terminate his/her appointment at any time by written notice.

5.1.B. EMOLUMENT No part of the funds of the Society shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its officers, commissioners, or other private persons, except that the Treasurer shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose of the Society as set forth in Article 2 and in accordance with the duly adopted annual budget, Articles of Incorporation, and These By-Laws.

Section 5.2 **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

5.2.A. PRESIDENT The President shall be the chief administrative officer of the Society, carrying out the programs of the Board of Directors in support of its objectives and purposes. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, the Board, and the Council. The President shall appoint all Commissioners and Committees, shall sign all contracts and other official documents authorized by the Board and shall lead the Society in cooperating with other Scottish organizations around the world. The President shall not independently commit the Society to specific programs, projects or expenditures without the approval of the Board.

5.2.B. VICE PRESIDENT (US) The Vice President (US) is the President-Elect. The Vice President (US) shall assist and direct the Secretary and Treasurer in performing their duties, shall provide leadership assistance and direction for the Regional Vice Presidents, shall assist the President as directed and shall discharge the duties of the office of the President in the absence of the President. If the President, for any reason, is unable to fulfill his/her term of office the Vice President (US) will become the President and fill the remaining term.

5.2.C. SECRETARY The Secretary will maintain the membership records and database of the Society as specified in Article 3, the correspondence records of the Society, minutes of all meetings of the Society, of the Executive Council, and of the Board of Directors and shall submit the same to the Tulach Ard. The Secretary shall conduct all general correspondence of the Society as directed by the President or Vice President. The Secretary shall submit a membership report at the AGM, when requested by the Board, and at the end of the fiscal year. The reports shall accurately show the numbers of each type of membership as of the end of the reporting period. At the expiration of the term of office the outgoing Secretary shall deliver all Society books and records to the incoming Secretary.

5.2.D. TREASURER The Treasurer shall collect and have custody of the funds of the Society. The Treasurer shall sign all authorized checks for disbursement of funds, and shall maintain itemized records of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall, with reasonable dispatch, deposit all receipts collected in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors and shall set up special accounts as necessary to facilitate the management of all special funds. The Treasurer shall make a financial report, complying with the principals of accounting for tax exempt organizations, at the end of each fiscal year, to the membership of the Society by publication in the Tulach Ard. The Treasurer shall make additional financial reports at the AGM and as requested by the President. At the expiration of the Treasurers term of office or upon forfeit of the office, the

outgoing Treasurer shall deliver to the incoming Treasurer, a financial statement complying with the above requirements, all money and securities, accounting records, and any and all other records of financial transactions and correspondence. An audit, performed by an audit committee appointed by the Board of Directors must be completed within 30 days of any change of the Society Treasurer.

5.2.E. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS Regional Vice Presidents shall serve the states in their region, see Exhibit "A" attached to these bylaws and made a part thereof. 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.

5.2.F. COMMISSIONERS AND CONVENERS Commissioners are the primary representatives of the Society. Commissioners and Conveners are expected to act as tent hosts at Scottish Game and Festivals, to represent the Society at various Scottish Community Activities and to act as a representative of the Society in their community. Conveners will have no voting right. Commissioners and Conveners are to provide a report, with photographs, of each event participated in to their Regional Vice President.

5.2.G. REIMBURSEMENTS Officers and Commissioners may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in fulfilling their Society duties. Such reimbursement, not to exceed \$20.00 per event, shall be limited to items such as postage, supplies, telephone, and printing. The President may be reimbursed for expenses in attending one Highland Game of his/her choice per year up to an annual amount of \$500. The President may also be reimbursed for an amount up to \$500 to attend the International Gathering held in Strathpeffer, Scotland. In addition, each Commissioner, Convener or Officer shall be reimbursed for actual expenses for tent space, tents, booths, chairs and tables at any event where they act as representatives of the Society

5.2.H. COMMITTEES

(1) The President shall appoint a nomination and election committee consisting of a chair and two other individuals. The committee will assume all the duties of holding the election including but not limited to preparing ballots, letters and receiving ballots for presentation to the counting committee.

(2) The President shall appoint a counting committee consisting of three Commissioners to count the ballots and to certify the results of the election.

(3) The President shall appoint an audit committee to perform an in depth audit whenever the position of Treasurer changes hands and at other times deemed necessary and prudent for the efficient running of the Society.

(4) Other committees may be appointed as deemed necessary and appropriate by the President in order to efficiently conduct the business of the society.

(5) The Chairpersons and members of all committees serve at the pleasure of the President.

I. CLAN GENEALOGIST The President may appoint a member to serve as the Clan Genealogist.

J. CLAN PHOTOGRAPHER The president may appoint a Clan Photographer whose purpose will be to capture

for posterity activities and events of the Society.

K. NEWSLETTER EDITOR The President will appoint an Editor of the Tulach Ard. The Editor may select a newsletter committee to assist with the preparation of the newsletter when deemed necessary.

L. WEBMASTER The President will appoint a Webmaster for the society website. The Webmaster may select a webpage committee to assist with the management of the website when deemed necessary.

M. OTHER POSITIONS The President may appoint members to positions such as the Society Harpist, Fiddler, Piper, etc as he/she sees fit.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 6.1 ELECTIONS In March of each election year, the Tulach Ard will publish a request that all individuals desiring to be considered for nomination to an office and all members desiring to propose an individual submit the name and a brief statement supporting the prospective nomination to the President on or before 15 April. If a member proposes another member for office the proposed member's consent must be secured. Any member proposed for elective office must have been a member of the Society for at least four (4) years and a Commissioner for at least two (2) years. For the office of President if the individual does not possess the name Mackenzie, or one of its recognized Septs, that individual may be asked to state to the nomination committee their relationship.

- A. The President, by 1 April, will appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members including him/herself, selected from the Society's Commissioners and act as chairperson of the committee. No member of the nominating Committee may be a candidate for election.
- B. The Nominating Committee will prepare the slate of nominees and submit it to the Secretary by 15 April.
- C. The Secretary will submit the list to the editor of the Tulach Ard and notify each nominee immediately. The nominee will have until 1 May to submit to the editor of the Tulach Ard a one paragraph statement, 10 lines or less, supporting their election.
- D. The Secretary will prepare and send a ballot, and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary to every member in good standing by July 15th.
- E. All return envelopes containing the ballot must be postmarked no later than 15 August to be counted.
- F. Write-ins are allowed.
- G. Neither the Secretary nor anyone assisting in the election shall disclose a member's vote. The member receiving the most votes will be elected
- H. If a tie results in any office, the Executive Board, excepting the President, shall vote to determine the winner. If a tie should still result the President shall determine the winner.
- I. The Secretary shall inform all candidates of the results immediately by mail or email (when available) and publish the results in the Tulach Ard.

ARTICLE VII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 7.1 **FISCAL YEAR** The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of October and end on the last day in September. All annual reports of the Society shall be prepared on a fiscal year basis without regard to the term of office of any Individual.

Section 7.2 **BUDGET** The Budget is essential to the successful operation of the Society. The Budget for the upcoming fiscal year must include all anticipated income and expenses of the Society. The approved budget constitutes authorization for the Treasurer to make disbursements from Society funds. Budgets for all Offices, Committees and Regional Vice Presidents must be submitted to the Treasurer no later than August 31 of each calendar year. With input from their Commissioners, the Regional Vice President shall develop a Budget for their region, and submit it to the Treasurer no later than August, 31 of each calendar year. In addition each Society Officer must prepare and submit to the Treasurer, a Budget for their Office for the upcoming year not later than August 31. The Budget for the Regional Vice Presidents and Officers must include all necessary and scheduled expenses for their Region or Office. At a minimum the Regional Budget and the Officers Budget will provide for the reimbursement of Commissioner and Officer expenses as specified in the bylaws, for games and festivals and for the operation of the Offices of the Society Officers. Any expense not included in the approved Budget must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to reimbursement.

Section 7.3 **FINANCES** The Treasurer, with input from the Board of Directors, Regional Vice Presidents and officers will prepare an annual budget in September of each year as outlined in Section 7.2. That budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors no later than the first day of October. The Treasurer shall disburse funds in strict accordance of these by-laws and the approved budget. All requests for reimbursement of expenditures not included in the approved budget must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to payment by the Treasurer.

Section 7.4 **SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS** Inasmuch as the goals and objectives of the Society include the fostering and support of Scottish Heritage and Traditions, each Officer and Commissioner is encouraged to seek and identify worthy recipients of monetary support for such purposes. These purposes would include but not be limited to: Scottish dance, Scottish music, Scottish singing, Gaelic language, highland games, and athletics. Preference should be given to those individuals and purposes with a connection to Clan MacKenzie. Commissioners shall forward their recommendations to their Regional Vice-President. The Regional Vice President will then forward them to the Treasurer with their recommendation and comments. The Treasurer will compile all requests, annotate each request with suggested amounts, and forward the compiled list to the Board of Directors for their consideration as to amount and number of scholarships to be awarded. The Board of Directors will review the applications and return their decision to the Treasurer for payment. A simple majority vote of the Board of Directors is all that is required. Payment of scholarships and awards shall first be made from designated funds. Once the designated funds are exhausted, any unpaid balance shall be made from the general fund.

Section 7.5 **INDEMNIFICATIONS** No officer or member of the Society shall be personally responsible for the legal or financial obligations of the Society and shall be indemnified by the Society against any cost arising from civil suit or proceeding to which the officer or member may be a party by reason or actions taken on behalf of the Society as long as those actions were in good faith and did not involve willful misconduct.

ARTICLE VIII - NEWSLETTER

Section 8.1 **PUBLICATIONS** A quarterly newsletter, the Tulach Ard, is to be sent to each active member on 1 September, 1 December, 1 March, and 1 June each year.

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Section 8.2 **EDITORS REIMBURSEMENT** The editor of the Tulach Ard may be reimbursed in full for expenses incurred in fulfilling his/her Society duties. Such reimbursement shall be limited to items such as postage, supplies, telephone, and printing. A Tulach Ard account in the amount of \$2,000.00 will be established by the editor. This account shall be replenished periodically upon the Editor's request and submission of receipts to the Treasurer.

Section 8.3 **NEWSLETTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE** The President may appoint a newsletter advisory committee to provide guidance, advice, and assistance to the editor. This committee shall consist of two commissioners. The term of office of this committee shall coincide with the terms of commissioner.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO THESE BY LAWS

Section 9.1 **AMENDMENTS** All but Section 10.1 of these Bylaws may be amended. Any proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation or to the Bylaws shall be sent to the Secretary for promulgation to the Board of Directors for their vote.

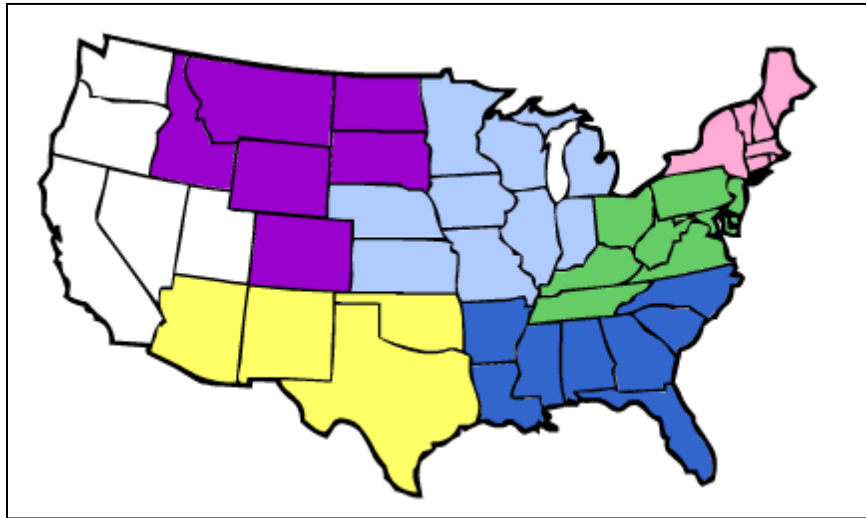
Section 9.2 **ADOPTIONS** Approval of all such changes shall require a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors. This vote may be conducted in writing or electronically.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

Section 10.1 **DISSOLUTION PROCESS** Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation then remaining exclusively for the purpose and objectives of the corporation, in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for education or charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Sections 501(3)(c) and 170(c)(2) of the internal Revenue Code of the United States or corresponding sections of any prior or future law as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court located in the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, having jurisdiction over such matters, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

Section 10.2 **DISSOLUTION VOTE** Dissolution of this corporation must be approved by a majority vote of at least 90 percent (90%) of the active members.

Exhibit A - Map of Regions



EASTERN REGION

- Delaware
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee
- Virginia
- West Virginia

HEARTLAND REGION

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Wisconsin

NORTHEAST REGION

- Connecticut
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Rhode Island
- Vermont

PACIFIC WEST REGION

- Alaska
- California
- Hawaii
- Oregon
- Nevada
- Utah
- Washington

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

- Colorado
- Idaho
- Montana
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Wyoming

SOUTHERN REGION

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina

SOUTHWEST REGION

- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Texas



SOCIETY DEMOGRAPHICS

	States	Area	Population
Eastern	9	255,400	52,051,582
Heartland	9	629,085	53,903,726
Northeast	8	135,266	42,614,861
Pacific/West			
Continental States	5	528,840	53,274,006
Alaska & Hawaii	2	676,316	2,070,532
Rocky Mountain	6	580,329	9,636,590
Southern	8	417,431	57,846,133
Southwest	4	574,076	37,348,108
TOTALS	51	3,796,742	308,745,538

Some Interesting Points to Consider

California is the most populated state with 37,253,956
 Wyoming is the least populated state with 563,626
 Alaska is the largest geographically at 665,384 square miles
 The District of Columbia has 68 square miles
 The smallest State of Rhode Island has 1,544
 Geographically the Northeast Region is the smallest and
 would fit nicely inside the State of Montana at 147,040
 square miles.



**** Demographics from the 2010 Census**

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