

Tulach Ard

Clan MacKenzie Society in the United States

Summer 2020

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A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE

**This Tulach Ard is dedicated to
Great memories of AGM's past.**



**While some venues in August & September
are holding Athletic Competitions,
there are a few events that have "A Few" Clans.**



**Most events across the country
have been cancelled for the year of 2020.**

CMSUS - AGM 2020

This will be a virtual AGM for the first time in history!

Join us by ZOOM on

Saturday September 26, 2020

12 ET – 11 CNTL – 10 MTN – 9 PAC

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HOW YOU CAN GET STARTED AS A CLAN MacKENZIE TENT CONVENER

Are you considering becoming a Convener (aka Clan Tent Host)? Have you been a Clan Tent Cavalier with years of experience and great ideas to help our newest adventurers? These pages are for you!

There are a plethora of Highland Games and Festivals across this country of ours. Is this the year to consider becoming a Clan MacKenzie Convener? Becoming a Convener provides an integral role in promoting the preservation and study of Scottish culture, including: history, literature, military, athletics, music, food and spirits, and all other things Scottish, how they relate to Clan MacKenzie and the Highlands. To become a Convener for Clan MacKenzie, one must possess a desire to educate the public, and be educated on the history of the clan. If you notify our Clan MacKenzie Society President, Barbara MacKenzie, she will provide you with a copy of Clan Historian & Genealogist, Graeme Mackenzie's book "A Brief Introduction to Clan MacKenzie".

Now the real fun begins! Research upcoming Scottish Festivals and Games in your local area. It is the decision of the Convener which games you would like to participate in. Most Conveners attend the games and festivals that are near their locale. **Watch the Due Dates of those Registrations!** In many locations your tent location will be dependent on how quickly you get the payment made! Included on the

Registration Forms are the amenities that are available at the event: Tables, chairs, and tents may or may not be provided. Registration Forms are usually posted online in the Scottish Games website. There are almost always registration fees, which must be paid in advance.

According to the Society's By-Laws, Conveners will be reimbursed for actual expenses for tent space, tents, booths, chairs, and tables at any event where they act as representatives of The Clan MacKenzie Society in the United States Inc. The following amenities are not reimbursable: meals, gas, hotel rooms, and event "packages." For each event, a completed registration form is sent to the President and Treasurer of the Society. The fees can be paid directly by the Treasurer, or the Treasurer can reimburse you for fees you pay directly.

The traditional layout of a tent space is 100 square feet, or 10 feet by 10 feet. Some events allow multiple tent spaces for clans for additional fees. And, in some areas you might be allowed to erect a second tent behind the first for additional items like tables, chairs, and coolers. The rules in the south are different from the rules in the northeast, which are very different from the rules in the mountain/west. Big venues will have different rules than small venues, so pay attention to what is expected in your local area.

In following articles, we will share basic clan tent layouts, a packing check list, and **your submitted ideas!!**

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ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/> ❖ Meeting ID 862 0864 8211 ❖ Password 369040

Greetings ❖ Minutes ❖ Financial Report ❖ Officers & Regional Reports

❖ Guid Plans For The Future: WebSite Facebook Zoom "In-Person"!! ❖



New Clan MacKenzie Branded Banners

Clan Tent Hosts will have new Branded Clan MacKenzie Banners available for Use. The Society rolled out the first four new banners at their AGM in Estes Park in September 2019. The full plan is to have a set of 12 banners, each on a different topic. They are designed to be 36 x 48 Vertical. This will allow two per side on your tent walls. All tartans will be displayed.



ALREADY COMPLETED

- History of Scotland
- History of the Clan MacKenzie Society
- MacKenzie Septs And Various Spellings

- Castles Lead & Eilian Donan

YET TO COME

- Athletics
- Famous Battles
- Flora & Fauna
- Highlands
- Industry
- Music & Dance
- Scotch Whisky
- Writers

MAY SAW A CHANGE IN THE OFFICE OF CLAN SECRETARY

Clan Secretary Ginny Mauldin-Kinney, GA resigned her position as Clan Secretary to allow time for new family needs. Ginny and her husband Jim have been great supporters of the Clan MacKenzie for a number of years. During 2016 AGM they sponsored a memorable evening with Clan Historian Graeme Mackenzie and some specially brewed ale! Ginny was very supportive of efforts to move the Society forward in terms of communication and collaboration. Ginny always kept the members needs top most in her efforts.

At the recommendation of Ginny and others in the south, our new **Clan Secretary, Cynthia VanVliet, FL** was appointed by the Board to fill the balance of the term of Clan Secretary. Cynthia is following Ginny's footsteps and striving to get into a closer communication with our membership. Expect to hear from Cynthia in the very near future. Cynthia also brings her husband Steve into the activities of the Clan MacKenzie. Steve has been named Commissioner for the state of Florida.

How Can You Contribute to the next Banners

- Suggest Specific Subjects for each Banner
- Write Copy for the Subjects
- Submit Photos from your trips to Scotland
- Assist in the Layout of each new Banner
- Proof Readers are in Great Need!!!

So – You've never done this kind of thing before. What a great and fun way to learn something new and contribute to the MacKenzie Society. We had a lot of interesting conversations over the design of the first four banners. Come and join in the fun! With the virus closing so many of our venues, this is a great way to still stay in the game.

Website Upgrade

A much needed upgrade to our clanmackenzie.com website is in the works. Expect a newer more modern look, and most importantly, we will be able to do much of the page design ourselves using drag and drop processes to create, and continually update our own website. Send us your pictures & videos!

Tulach Ard

In an effort to cut costs, we hope to implement the email TulachArd following the next two issues. We will still print and mail to anyone who wishes to receive a paper copy.

Digital CMS-US Inc

As you saw from the front page – Clan MacKenzie is going digital for our 2020 AGM. Please join us as people from around the country can all join in on an AGM without the cost of travel! Do you have a Special Interest area within "all things Scots"? Let's ZOOM It!

Sessions for Special Interest areas can easily be set up with folks from across the country. The only limitation – is your imagination!



President, Barbara MacKenzie, WY

Of GENERAL INTEREST

From THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
July 29, 2020

Land For Sale in Scotland Private Landowner Seeking Immediate Liquidity

A rare opportunity for those looking to diversify their investment portfolio to purchase freehold land in a picturesque and pastoral area of Scottish Highlands from a private landowner seeking immediate liquidity.

Plots of 0.18 acres – 14.52 available starting from as low as \$6,070 (\$.82 per square foot). Sporting rights included. Tax exempt purchase for buyers. No annual taxation. No stamp duty tax.

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NEW COMMISSIONER from SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA at the QUEEN MARY ScotsFestival February 15-16, 2020

The Clan Row held a new participant this year – The Clan MacKenzie Society in the United States Inc had our booth in the Clan Tent line-up! Sue Porter, CA, new Commissioner for Southern California, and LIFE Member Colin Mackenzie, CA are pictured as they waited in line for the Parade of Tartans.

For the Second year the North American Professional Male Championship was held at the Queen Mary ScotsFestival. In addition to traditional favorites: putting shot, hammer throw, caber toss, and throwing the weight, a new event Stones of Strength Series was added to the competition. The Women had their day to compete on Sunday the 16th of February when the North American Lightweight Women's Championship was held. The top lightweight women in the US were seen in competition in all nine Scottish heavy events to crown the 2020 Champion.

**Clan MacKenzie Society
in the US
Guardian of Castle Leod**

	fye 2018	fye 2017	fye 2016	fye 2015	fye 2014	fye 2013
Statement of Revenues & Expenditures						
Revenues						
General Fund Revenue	2,352.00	6,999.00	3,736.00	4,352.00	4,410.00	6,290.00
Restricted Fund Revenue						
Castle Leod Restoration	2,250.00	965.00	1,270.00	805.00	555.00	330.00
Scholarship Fund	0.00	110.00	30.00	25.00	295.00	255.00
Life Member Dues	200.00	1,700.00	1,400.00	1,750.00	2,925.00	2,400.00
Travel Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,905.00
Total Restricted Fund Revenue	2,450.00	2,775.00	2,700.00	2,580.00	3,775.00	5,890.00
Total Revenues	4,802.00	9,774.00	6,436.00	6,932.00	8,185.00	12,180.00
Expenditures						
General Fund Expenditures						
Highland Games Support	1,090.00	1,348.00	1,621.00	1,563.00	1,644.00	1,977.00
Member Support Newsletter	1,349.00	1,332.00	1,602.00	3,085.00	2,613.00	3,648.00
Member Support New ReNewal	438.00	558.00	1,811.00	2,596.00	903.00	2,019.00
Promotion Expense	579.00	555.00	876.00	936.00	72.00	376.00
General Operating Expenses	631.00	953.00	229.00	98.00	154.00	551.00
Investment Fees	271.00					
AGM Expenses		613.00	513.00			
Officers Travel	500.00	1,000.00		-50.00	255.00	346.00
Total General Fund Expenditures	4,858.00	6,359.00	6,652.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Restricted Fund Expenditures						
Castle Leod Fund		2,000.00				
Scholarship Fund				811.00		
Travel Fund						100.00
Total Restricted Fund Expenditures	0.00	2,000.00	0.00			3,150.00
Total General & Restricted				811.00	0.00	3,250.00
Expenditures	4,858.00	8,359.00	6,652.00	9,539.00	6,141.00	12,667.00
Net Revenue over Expenditures	-56.00	1,415.00	-216.00	-2,607.00	2,044.00	-487.00
Balance Sheet						
Assets						
Bank Accounts	3,010.00	3,459.00	2,915.00	5,306.00	9,603.00	10,282.00
Life Member Accounts	38,382.00	38,120.00	39,412.00	36,634.00	34,925.00	31,157.00
Total Assets	41,392.00	41,579.00	42,327.00	41,940.00	44,528.00	41,439.00
Liabilities & Equity						
General Fund Equity						
General Fund Equity	-1,202.00	1,435.00	2,958.00	5,271.00	9,628.00	10,314.00
Restricted Fund Equity						
Castle Leod Restoration	3,364.00	1,114.00	2,149.00	879.00	885.00	330.00
Scholarship Fund	540.00	540.00	430.00	400.00	375.00	80.00
Life Member Dues	38,445.00	38,245.00	36,545.00	35,145.00	33,395.00	30,470.00
Travel Fund	245.00	245.00	245.00	245.00	245.00	245.00
Total Restricted Fund Equity	42,594.00	40,144.00	39,369.00	36,669.00	34,900.00	31,125.00
Total General & Restricted Equity	41,392.00	41,579.00	42,327.00	41,940.00	44,528.00	41,439.00

Donors to Castle Leod Restoration

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Memorial Donations will be recognized in the next Tulach Ard.

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**AGM 2019 Clan MacKenzie Society
in the United States, Inc
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2019**

President, Barbara MacKenzie, WY Called the Meeting to Order. A welcome and Introductions was made to all present. The following states were represented: CO, GA, MT, NM, WY, Scotland

Minutes from the 2018 were approved on a motion by Peter McKenna, NM & Larry McKenzie, MT. Treasurers Report was presented by Past Treasurer Barbara for the fye September 30, 2018. The full financials for the years 2013-2018 are to be presented in the TulachArd. Larry McKenzie, MT & Heather Burson, CO served on the Audit Committee and reported that all was well with the supporting documentation & reporting for the 6 year period of Barbara's service as Treasurer. The current account balances are \$7826 in checking and \$35,554 in the investment account.

Special Guests Graeme Mackenzie & Carol were present with us throughout the weekend.

Graeme offered a Greeting from Clan Chief Cabarfeidh. He shared plans for the upcoming International Gathering in August 2020 which will include participation in the games in Inverness and a trip to the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides.

Various challenges discussed included: * How to delineate between the Life Members and the Annual Renewal Members. * How to manage the lifetime memberships, including the age at which an individual may become a life member. * How information is transferred from one leadership team to the next team. * One way that the Society will support it's Convenors is to provide a copy of Graeme's book "A Brief Introduction to Clan MacKenzie". Suggestions were made for tokens to include in the Renewal notice/thanks letters.

On a motion by Heather Burson, CO and Ginny Mauldin-Kinney, GA the meeting was adjourned.



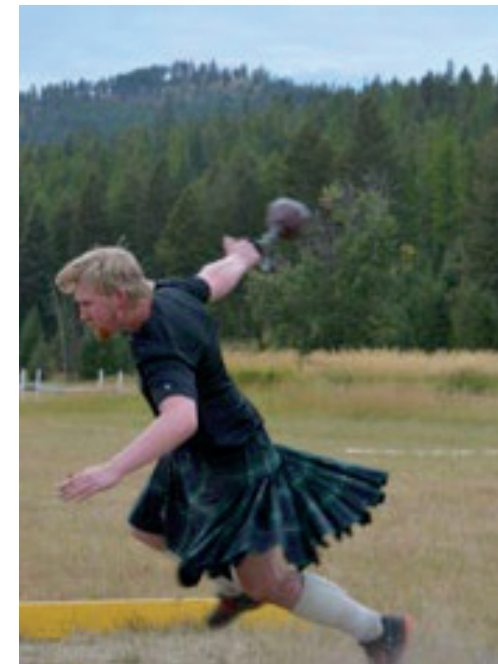
FLORIDA – SARASOTA February 6, 2021

On January 28, 1988 the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas, Inc was incorporated in the State of Florida. In 2019 Cynthia VanVliet took on the role of Registered Agent for the Society with the State of Florida Secretary of States Office. This winter Cynthia and husband Steve attended the Sarasota Highland Games held on January 29, 2020 in the midst of "very heavy rain in the morning and the rest of the day was cold and cloudy by Florida standards". They are off to a great year placing FIRST in the Best Clan Tent Competition!! And, in 2021 Clan MacKenzie will be the honored Clan and at the head of the Parade of Tartans! Great Job Steve & Cynthia!!



Ken Burton, Clan Tent Host relaxing and enjoying the athletic competition at Libby.

MONTANA – Libby July 17-18, 2020



Matthew McKenzie, MT

The Kootenai Highland Gathering & Celtic Games began on Friday with the Primitive Games. Competitions include: Axe Throwing, Spear Toss, Bow & Arrow, Stone Throw, and Haggis Hurl! On Saturday the serious athletic competition began. And, it was a serious competition. Kootenai normally sees 50 athletes from Montana and the close surrounding area. This year, with so many venues closed, athletes came from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. Depending on who you listen to – the competitor or the anxious Mom and Sister – between 85 and 105 athletes arrived to compete at Kootenai, including past world record winners! The venue is Beautiful!!

2006 AGM at Stone Mountain, GA



Howard MacKenzie-Wright, Secretary with Blair Mackenzie, President



Alasdair, Colin Ruaridh Viscount Tarbat



2013 AGM at Boone Hall Plantation, Mt Pleasant SC



Rich Kenny, CA presenting Cabarfeidh with his standard.



2013
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