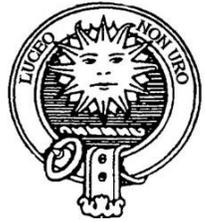
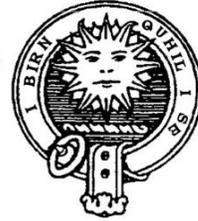


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Alexandria Christmas Walk – December 2022

Clan MacLeod Society USA group and We even have a fire truck!

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The Society Founded in 1954



WELCOME TO THE CLAN MACLEOD USA

We hope our newsletter provides useful information to prospective members and the latest news and photos for current members. The Clan MacLeod USA Newsletter is published twice a year, in concert with the semi-annual Clan MacLeod Magazine. Other international, regional, and local publications may also be generated.

The Clan MacLeod Society, USA was founded in 1954 to establish a foundation for charitable, historical and educational pursuits for Clan members living in the United States. Since then, it has grown to have members in all fifty states, which the Society has divided into thirteen administrative regions, each administered by a Regional Vice President.

The Society conducts its charitable functions through its Dunvegan Foundation. This body supports a broad range of scholarships, historical research, programs in the Scottish arts and language, and historic preservation of sites of significance to the Clan MacLeod. Both the Clan MacLeod Society as a whole and the Dunvegan Foundation are listed as 501(c)(3) organizations by the IRS. Our newsletter is published semi-annually and delivered to all members in good standing of CMS USA. We welcome contributions and comments, which should be directed to our Newsletter Editor, at the address below.

For more information on the Society's activities and a description of events, magazines, newsletters and membership benefits, please contact the Regional Vice President (RVP) for your area, or join us at the Clan MacLeod tent, which can be found at most highland games in the USA. Further information about the Clan MacLeod USA as well as our membership application can be found on our website, www.clanmacleodusa.org. We will be delighted to hear from you.

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CMS USA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, Summer 2023



We have many exciting things happening within the society. Games and festivals are up to full speed and people are visiting in great numbers.

The Parliament / Annual General Meeting is one of those happenings. Mark your calendars for July 22nd thru 29th Dunvegan, Isle of Skye, Scotland. Information on the AGM and Parliament are on the website.* If you can't or don't plan on attending the AGM, please fill out a proxy and get it to us as soon as possible.**

Plans for the Winter Meeting are in the works to take place at the Embassy Suites in Olde Town, Alexandria, Virginia. Preliminary negotiations with the facility are being made to have the same room rates as last year. Information on the winter business meeting and the Dunvegan Foundation meeting will be posted on our website as soon as we have a signed contract. Attending the winter meetings is an opportunity to see your council at work, visit our nation's capital, and participate in the Alexandria Annual Scottish Christmas Walk.

My time as your president is approaching its end. This summer, at Parliament, I will turn over the office to Franklin Wyatt III. Keep Franklin and his choice for Vice President

Robin Ingram in your prayers.

We have a great society populated by equally great people. I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continuing support of our Clan MacLeod Society, USA.

EDITORS' NOTES

*The website is at www.clanmacleodusa.org and then click on the "Events" tab at the top of the screen. There is also more information on page 19.

**The AGM Proxy is on page 20.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

This issue is a desire of your Officers to meet its obligation to you the members of the Clan MacLeod Society USA by providing you information as to what is going on in the Society. The largest impact for the Newsletter has to do with a nationwide paper and printer's ink shortage.

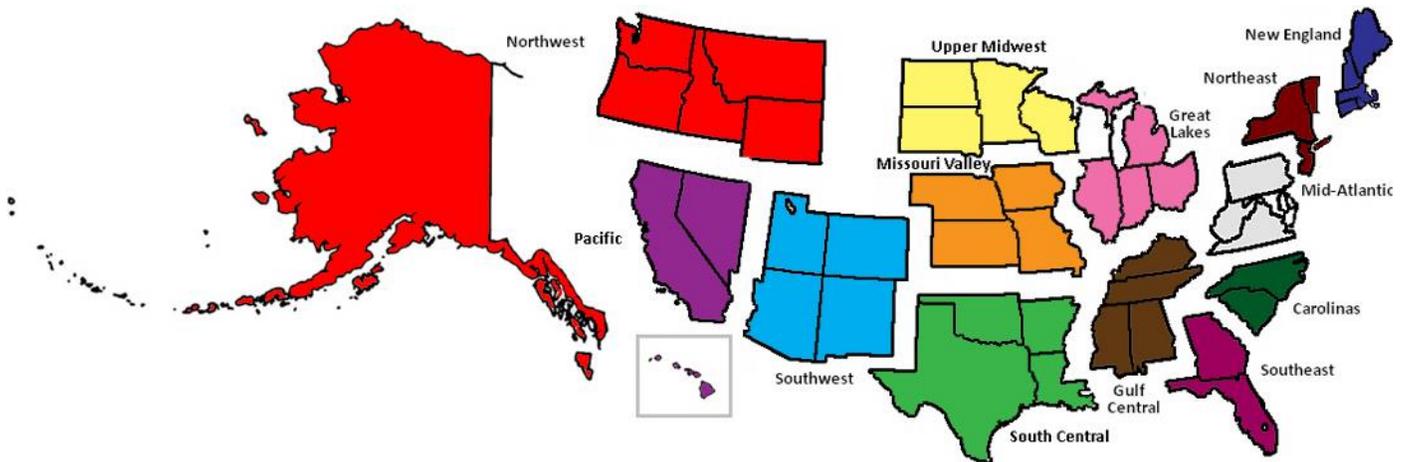
We hope to improve the communications with all the members of our Clan MacLeod Society USA by utilizing email addresses to support this publication. Everyone who shares an email with the Vice President for Membership be it a new membership or when you renew your yearly membership will benefit.

The information following the Regions Map includes details for 2023 scheduled events. The most up to date information about any events can be found at The MacLeod Society, USA website. That address is: <https://www.clanmacleodusa.org>. Then go to the Region pages.

It is hope this will be helpful to our kith and kin as you read this newsletter from your Clan MacLeod Society.

Hold Fast to the Light!

Franklin Wyatt III



***The contact details for Regional VPs or other correspondents appear above the news and events for each of the thirteen regions, beginning with the next page.
Please share your news and photos with your Region's VP.***

NOTE: You will notice that there are vacancies in a few regions. If you would like to get more information about the positions, contact Franklin Wyatt III, National VP. His contact information is on the Council list on Page 2.

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Tartan Day South: March 30- April 2, 2023
Loch Norman Highland Games: April 15–16, 2023
Gallabrae & Greenville Scottish Games:
May 27, 2023
Port City Highland Games: June 4, 2023
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games:
July 6-9, 2023
Crystal Coast Highland Games: October 21, 2023
Scotland County Highland Games: October 7, 2023
Charleston Highland Games: November 4, 2023

Welcome to the Carolinas Region of the
Clan MacLeod Society, USA!

Our region is rich in MacLeod history as seen by the numerous games and festivals during the year. Last summer Clan MacLeod had a very successful membership drive at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Unfortunately, in October the Scotland County Highland Games were cancelled due to weather. The cancellation meant that the Carolina's Region MacCrimmon Quaich was not awarded for 2022. However, we had a great time at the Charleston Highland Games in November.

This year we are planning to have new Clan MacLeod t-shirts for purchase at our tent as well as other fun activities and displays. Thanks to Robin McLeod Ingram, South Carolina Commissioner, and Franklin Wyatt for all their help and support this past year. Also, a big "thank you" to all of those who helped at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games- much appreciated!

Looking forward again to meet all of you at this year's games, and please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

"Hold fast, my friends!"

Lorna McLeod, RVP Carolina's Region



Ray McCabe Grade II Overall Winner 2022 GMHG

Left to right Franklin Wyatt III, Daniel Caudill (Ray McCabe winner 2022), Bill Caudill (proud father)



Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod for the Open
Piobaireachd Winner Ben McClamrock 2022
GMHG

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Alma Michigan Highland Festival: May 26-28, 2023
Chicago (Itasca Games): June 16 - 17, 2023
Springfield Illinois Highland Games: May 20, 2023
Ohio Highland Games: June 23-24, 2023
Livonia Highland Games, Livonia, Michigan:
August 4-5, 2023
Indianapolis Scottish Highland Game - **TBD**

We hope you and your families are doing well!!
We cannot wait until warmer weather arrives in our Great Lakes Region!! It's going to be a busy time for the Great Lakes Region. Games and events are back on schedule.

Don't forget that we will be hosting the North American Gathering in Livonia, Michigan in August of 2024. Details and information about this event will be forth coming in the Fall issue of the Newsletter.

We've had two Scottish events recently in the Chicago area. Jennifer and Judy MacLeod attended a book talk by author Coinneach MacLeod who was born and lives on the Isle of Lewis. He shared stories & recipes in his new book, Hebridean Baker. We understand he may be speaking at Parliament in July. Also, The Chicago Scots, (Illinois St. Andrews Society), co-sponsored a talk and discussion about activities in Edinburgh and Kilmarnock Scotland which were inspired by the 1924 Olympic gold medal winner Eric Liddell, subject of the 1981 film "Chariots of Fire." We are looking forward to seeing many of you this summer!!

John N. MacLeod,
RVP Great Lakes Region



John Norman MacLeod at the dedication of a Memorial to the fallen – Memorial weekend 2023
Aside – John played Taps for late visitors
Where's your Kilt laddie!

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Smoky Mountain Scottish Highland Games:
May 20-21, 2023 (Honored Clan / Honored Guest)
Middle Tennessee Highland Games:
September 9-10, 2023
Central Kentucky Highland Games:
September 16-17, 2023
Southeast Alabama Highland Games:
September 23, 2023
Dandridge Scottish Music Festival:
September 27, 2023
Rocket City Highland Games: October 7, 2023
Celtic Festival Mississippi: October 13-14, 2023
Mississippi Gulf Coast Scottish Highland Games &
Celtic Music Festival: November: 11-12, 2023

Descendants of Peter McLeod Reunion
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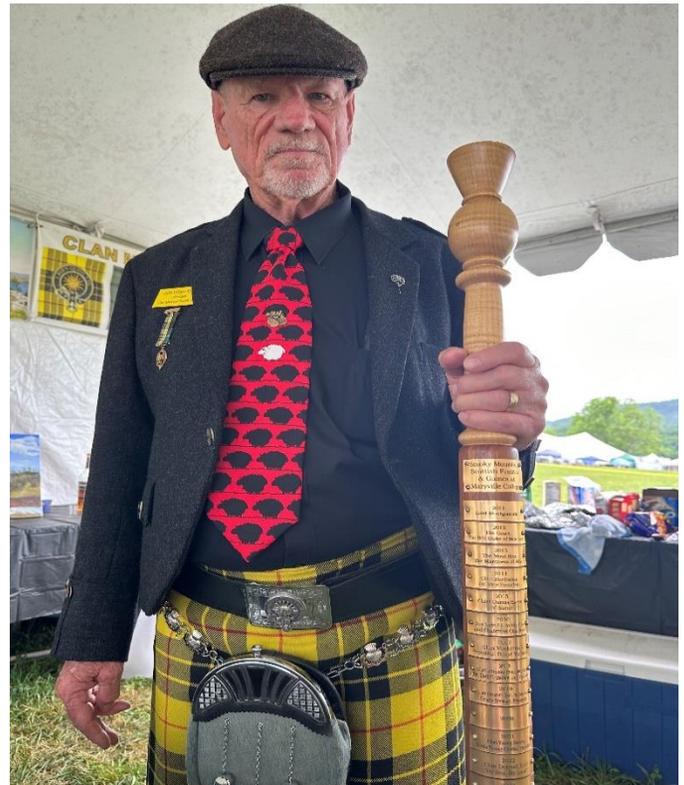
Our Smoky Mountain Highland Games took place May 20 & 21. We kicked off the Festival Friday night with the Calling of the Clans torch lighting ceremony. As honored clan all the McLeod's came on to the field for the ceremony. I dedicated the ceremony to our friends Fred and Sharon Strickland. They are lifetime members who now live in Maine. In route to the Smoky Mountain Games, they were involved in wreck in New York State. They were hospitalized and are facing long term care. Robin McLeod Ingram made a video of the ceremony and sent it to them. Honored Guest John W McLeod opened the games during the opening ceremony on Saturday and closed the games on Sunday afternoon. Jay McClure former RVP spent the weekend with us. Lorna McLeod RVP Carolina's and Robin McLeod Ingram North Carolina commissioner helped maintained the tent so things ran smoothly. Robert and Rebecca Bowen spent the weekend and helped with kids and tent. Shane McLeod helped as always.

Beautiful weather; Beautiful location; and Great friends made for a great event. Thanks to everyone for their help and support.

Jeff McLeod
Gulf Central Region



Great Friends and Members at the Clan MacLeod Tent



John W. McLeod – Guest of Honor of the Honored Clan MacLeod 2023 Smokey Mountain Highland Games

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Southern Maryland Highland Games:

April 29, 2023

Fair Hill: May 20, 2023

Virginia Scottish Games: September 2-3, 2023

Ligonier: September 16, 2023

Celtic Classic: September 22-24, 2023

Richmond Highland Games: November 4, 2023

Alexandria Council Meeting & Christmas Walk:
December 1-2, 2023

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St. Louis Scottish Games: May 6, 2023
Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival:
September 8-9, 2023
VFW Celtic Festival, Washington, MO:
September 9, 2023
Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities: **TBD**
Great Plains Renaissance and Scottish Festival,
Sedgwick County Park: April 15-16, 2023 &
September 30 – October 1, 2023
Ozark Mountain Highland Games: **TBD**

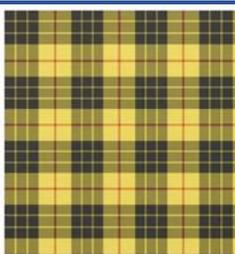
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Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival: July 15, 2023
Maine Highland Games: August 19, 2023
New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival
(Loon Mountain): September 15-17, 2023
Connecticut Scotland Highland Games:
October 8, 2023

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NYC Tartan Day Parade: April 15, 2023
Finger Lakes Celtic Games and Festival:
May 20, 2023
Fort Ticonderoga, Scots Day: June 17, 2023
Central New York Scottish Games and Festival:
August 12, 2023
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Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival & Highland
Games: August 25-26, 2023
Long Island Scottish Festival and Games:
August **TBD**, 2023
Capital District Scottish Games: September 2, 2023
Niagara Celtic Festival: September 16-17, 2023

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Tacoma Highland Games: June 24, 2023
Skagit Valley Highland Games: July 8-9, 2023
Portland Highland Games: July 15, 2023
Seattle Scottish Highland Games Expo:
July 22-23, 2023
Spokane Highland Games: August 5, 2023
Bitterroot Scottish Irish Festival:
August 19-20, 2023
Flathead Celtic Festival: September 8-9, 2023

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Las Vegas Highland Games: April 15-16, 2023
Scottish Fest Orange County: May 27-28, 2023
Monterey Scottish Games: **Cancelled**
San Diego Scottish Games (Vista):
June 24-25, 2023 – (We support a Dancing Award at this event)
Dixon Scottish Highland Games: July 29, 2023
Pleasanton Games: September 2-3, 2023
Fresno Highland Games: September 16, 2023
Seaside Scottish Games (Ventura):
October 14-15, 2023 -- (We support a Dancing Award at this event)

Games done; looking forward to next year: Las Vegas (April) and Costa Mesa (May). Sad news for the Monterey Games and the Sacramento Games: both organizing committees have disbanded at this time with no plans for this year. I will keep you all posted for next year or as things change. Their sites were lovely venues and they will be missed.

Upcoming: June 24-25 Vista (San Diego Scottish Society). Labor Day weekend: Pleasanton; later Fresno Games and finally in October Ventura Games, also known as the Seaside Games as the location is near the ocean! Surfers are there in the wee hours even in October.

It continues to be my pleasure to see you at any event and please reach out with questions! We are working toward an email newsletter in order to conserve, so please make sure your email address is current. Don't want to lose anyone!

Tammie Vawter,
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North Texas Irish Festival; Dallas, TX:
March 3-5, 2023
Sherman Celtic Festival: March 25-26, 2023
San Antonio Highland Games: April 1-2, 2023
Tyler Scottish Festival and Highland Games:
May 26-29, 2023
Scottish Tartan Festival; Minden, LA:
April 22, 2023
Arkansas Scottish Festival: October 27-29, 2023
Oklahoma Iron Thistle Games: October 20-21, 2023
Houston Highland Games: October 14, 2023
Scottish Gathering & Highland Games, Salado, TX:
November 10-12, 2023
Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games: **TBD**



South Central has had and will have a busy season with games in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana. The Salado Games was attended by

retired RVP's William & Marita Holloway, commissioners Deb McLeod-McQueen, Ron McLeod, and National Secretary Robin McLeod Ingram.



Robin and visitors to the Clan MacLeod Tent

Robin McLeod Ingram
Acting RVP South Central Region

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Central Florida Highland Games:

January 14-15, 2023

Robert Burns Supper (Jacksonville, FL):

January 21, 2023

Northeast Florida Highland Games

(Clay County, FL): February 25, 2023

Panama City Beach Scottish Festival:

March 4, 2023

Savannah Highland Games: May 6, 2023

Blairsville Highland Games: June 10-11, 2023

Stone Mountain Highland Games:

October 21-22, 2023

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Colorado

Elizabeth Celtic Festival: July 14-16, 2023

Long's Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival:

September 8-10, 2023

New Mexico

Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival: May 6-7, 2023

Aztec Scottish Festival: October 7-8, 2023

Utah

Utah Scottish Highland Festival: June 16-19, 2023

Scots on the Rocks, Moab - October 20-22, 2023

Arizona

Northern AZ Celtic Heritage Highland Games

(Flagstaff, AZ): July 15-16, 2023

Prescott Area Highland Games:

September 23-24, 2022

Tucson Highland Games: October 28-29, 2023

2023 started out strong in the region when we found out that The Isle of Skye Pipe Band would be traveling from Portree to Phoenix for a week of fun, tours, and of course to play and enjoy the Phoenix Games. Clan MacLeod SW Region hosted the band and the Alma College Highland Dance Troupe from Michigan at the world-famous Phoenix Zoo where they got to entertain the zoo visitors as they entered the main gates then a southwest BBQ and a chance to relax and tour the zoo as our guests. After they left the zoo, they hiked to a local spot called Hole in the Rock and one of the lads took his pipes up and serenaded the desert landscape from atop the hill. So cool!

The Games were held at beautiful Gilbert Regional Park and a record attendance was set again this year. The Clan MacLeod tent got lots of visitors and new members signed up. We were joined by our New Mexico Commissioner Lisa Haynes and several

local Phoenix area members stopped by the tent to help. National Secretary Robin MacLeod-Ingram was there for the weekend and her help was invaluable. The fun started with a Friday Night Tattoo that featured our friends in the Isle of Skye Pipe Band honoring a local WWII casualty who died in a plane crash on Skye, with a beautiful rendition of The Skye Boat Song on the pipes and sung by two of the band's young ladies.

Our Colorado Commissioners Mike and Dawn MacLeod reported a fun march in the Denver St. Patrick's Day parade. That's always a great time and this year was no exception.

Our New Mexico Commissioner Lisa Haynes, in addition to her invaluable help in Phoenix, was unable to make Albuquerque but will be at Aztec for the games.

Our new Utah Commissioner Spencer Lewis will be at the Salt Lake City games and Kris McFadden will be in Payson UT the weekend of July 7-8.

Dale and Julie are looking forward to going to Parliament in July. Hope to see everyone there.

Hold Fast! Slainte mhath!

Dale Lewis

RVP Southwest Region



A gathering of MacLeods in the Southwest Region

Upper Midwest Region

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Milwaukee Highland Games: June 3, 2023

Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games
(St. Paul, MN): July 15, 2023

Wisconsin Highland Games: September 1-3, 2023

Northeast South Dakota Celtic Faire and Highland Games: **TBD**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our region's newest members Sean McCrimmon from Stoughton, Wisconsin and Lotus Hubbard from Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

Our regional highland games were finally back in 2022 after a two-year hiatus. The Milwaukee Highland games changed their location from Hart Park in Waukesha to Croatian Park in Franklin. My wife Jackie and I hosted the clan tent there with help from Commissioners Fiona MacLeod and Phil Diderrich, Rick McClure, and Paul McLeod. The new venue is fantastic, large, and park-like with many trees. Turn-out was a bit low, due to threat of rain and the new location. However, a few MacLeods managed to find us.

Our next event, the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, was transformed into the Minnesota Scottish Street Fair in a new location in St. Paul. It was a scaled down, mostly indoor event with a clan row, a few bands, and no piping, dancing, or athletic competition. It rained most of the day, turnout was low,

and **no** MacLeods visited us. The organizers told us that the full-blown games and outdoor fair will return in July 2023 somewhere in the Minneapolis region. Check their web or Facebook pages for updates. Minnesota MacLeods – we expect to see you there!

Our final event was the Wisconsin Highland Games in September. The weather was great and turnout was high. Commissioners Fiona MacLeod and Phil

Diderrich, Mike and Kristy Sizemore, Rick McClure, and Paul McLeod helped us out with the tent. We had a number of prospective members visit as well as current members Corey and Liz McClure and Ralph McClure and families. The MacCrimmon Quaich (Grade I amateur piobaireachd) was awarded to piper Joseph Fischer. Joe is a talented individual in that he was also the lead drummer for the Milwaukee Scottish Pipe Band in the pipe band competitions.

We did not get out to the Northeast South Dakota Celtic Faire and Game in September. We would welcome a report or pictures from any of our Dakotas members who attended and/or a volunteer(s) to represent us there in future years.



**MacLeods at the Wisconsin Games – 2022
Eugene McLeod and friends**

Eugene McLeod
RVP Upper Midwest Region



**Clan MacLeod Society USA --- Annual General Meeting
Monday July 24, 2023 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Norman Mangus Room
Dunvegan Community Centre
Dunvegan, Isle of Skye, Scotland**

Parliament 2023 Programme

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9am			Ceilidh dance workshop	Ceilidh dance workshop	Raasay programme, all day	Ceilidh dance workshop	Ceilidh dance workshop
10am		Morning worship at Duirinish Church	Morning tea, hosted by CMS USA	Morning tea, hosted by CMS Canada		Morning tea, hosted by the Pacific CMSS	Morning tea, hosted by Europe CMSS
11am			Parliament open meeting	Parliament open meeting		Parliament open meeting	Parliament open meeting
12pm	Registration opens	Welcome lunch	Lunch available, hosted by community groups			Lunch available, hosted by community groups	
1pm							
2pm		Opening of Parliament	Coach excursion			Coach excursion	
3pm							Climb Macleod's Tables
4pm		Mervyl and Stanley Mcleod Trust Memorial Lecture	Coach excursion				
5pm			Piping and singing groups	Piping and singing groups		Piping and singing groups	Piping and singing groups
6pm			Evening snacks available	Evening snacks available	Evening snacks available	Evening snacks available	Evening snacks available
7pm	Wine and cheese reception, hosted by CMS England	Evening reception with guests from local community, hosted by CMS Scotland	Ceilidh and dance	Silent auction, whisky tasting	Quiz night	Bratwurst and beer on the pier, group photo, fireworks	Clan ball
8pm							
9pm							
10pm							
11pm							

Note: CMS Canada Tea is on Monday

Note: CMS USA Tea is on Tuesday

Note: CMS USA AGM on Monday July 24 – 9 to 11 AM -- Norman Magnus Room

PARLIAMENT NOTES FOR CMS USA MEMBERS

PARLIAMENT 2023 PROGRAMME. There are two major parts to Parliament 2023, the pre-Parliament trip to Mull and Iona, and Parliament week in Dunvegan:

- **The pre-Parliament trip to Mull and Iona.** This begins on the morning of Wednesday 19th July when we take the ferry over to Mull (www.isle-of-mull.net) from Oban. On Thursday we continue to Iona, and end when we return by ferry back to Oban. These are beautiful islands, deeply steeped in art, music, and history. Iona was a centre of the early 20th century Celtic arts revival led by artists such as Euphemia and Alexander Ritchie. You may know that the first seven Chiefs of the Clan MacLeod are all buried at the Iona Abbey. The cost for this excursion is GBP£362 per person, and includes Wednesday and Thursday night accommodation, coach and ferry transportation, entry to all exhibits, an evening meal for us all together - with entertainment (on Wednesday), a packed lunch on Thursday, and gratuities. We are planning for about 30 MacLeods on this trip; the cost may be slightly adjusted based on the number who attend. Register now while the exchange rate between the USA dollar and the British pound is favourable!
- **Parliament week in Dunvegan.** We return to the stomping ground of Dunvegan for another week of tartan, family, victuals, dancing, learning, piping, laughing, and the making of old and new friends. Elsewhere in this CMS USA newsletter there are more details about the Dunvegan programme. We will also visit the Isle of Raasay on Wednesday 26th July for a day that will feature tours of Raasay House and the restored gardens, a visit to the Raasay Distillery, all-day hospitality at the Raasay Community Hall, self-guided visits to local artists and the Raasay Heritage Centre, hill walking if you have a mind to do it, and excursions by minibus to more remote sites such as Brochel Castle and Calum's Road. You may also book recreational activities on your own at the Raasay Outdoor Centre. The highpoint of the day will be the traditional MacLeod tug-of-war heats that take place on the lawn in front of Raasay House.
- **The North Room Group.** At every Parliament, young MacLeods between the ages of 18 and 30 are invited to join together in fun and service, and to make lifelong friendships within the Clan. In recent years, this has meant that the NRG was housed separately from the rest of the Parliamentarians and independently completed a service project, usually on the Dunvegan Estate. This year, the NRG will not be following a pre-defined programme. Early in the week, they will have the opportunity to meet and decide how they would like to spend the week. It is up to them to decide how closely integrated they wish to be with the rest of Parliament. There will be no accommodation or food allowance provided, but we will support any logistical requests they have for transportation, tools, or activity space.

PARLIAMENT REGISTRATION IS OPEN. This may be old news to those of you who spend time on social media, but Parliament registration is open on the www.clanmacleod.org website. There you can sign up for Parliament week in Dunvegan. Questions about the Dunvegan programme or the North Room Group should be sent to parliament@clanmacleod.org. If you are interested in the Mull and Iona pre-Parliament trip the website also has a way to get in touch with the trip leader, Kevin Tolmie. (Kevin is a professional tour guide, Vice-President of CMS Scotland, our Clan MacLeod Magazine Editor, and the person who led the Harris and Lewis pre-Parliament trip in 2018.)

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATION POINT IN THE DUNVEGAN VILLAGE HALL. Throughout the week, there will be a table set up in Dunvegan Hall to answer any questions that come up. This will include extra copies of leaflets, a lost and found, and MacLeod merchandise for sale. This includes goods from ACMS or National or Regional Societies. Please note that there is no location for the sale of personal goods at Parliament. Tammie Vawter, CMS USA RVP for the Pacific Region is also the Merchandise Manager for ACMS. She is arranging for some USA items to be available. Contact her (mrs_califmacleod@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or suggestions.

PARLIAMENT ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE IMPROVED BY CMS USA PARTICIPATION.

If you have questions about any of the activities below, please contact Dorna.

- **CMS USA AGM.** There will be a CMS USA Annual General Meeting on Monday morning 24th July from 09.00AM to 11.00AM in the Norman Magnus Room of the Dunvegan Community Hall.
- **Dunvegan Foundation AGM.** If time allows, the AGM for the Dunvegan Foundation will follow the CMS USA AGM, although both meetings need to be over by 11.00AM. If the Dunvegan Foundation needs more time or would refer a smaller venue, that meeting information will be available in Dunvegan Hall and announced at the CMS USA AGM.
- **CMS USA National Tea on Tuesday.** There will be “National Teas” each morning when we are in Dunvegan (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). CMS USA will host our morning tea in Dunvegan Hall on Tuesday 25th July. This is an opportunity to share a bit of our breakfast cuisine and hospitality with MacLeods from other nations. If you can bring something to share, help serve, decorate with the stars and stripes, or just attend and socialise, please join us. (Parliament will provide coffee and tea, cups and utensils, and some basic nibbles. If you would like to be part of this event contact Robin Ingram rmcleod Ingram@hotmail.com.)
- **Silent Auction.** The Parliament Silent Auction will be held in the Dunvegan Hall Sports Hall (the big room) on Tuesday evening, alongside the Whisky Tasting event. The money raised at the Silent Auction becomes the seed money for the next Parliament, in 2026. The Whisky Tasting is of course juxtaposed next to the Silent Auction in order to aid in the bidding process. If you have items to donate, they can be left at the Hall’s Information Point at any time prior to the Auction.
- **A la carte Parliament activities.** There will be a few ticketed activities at Parliament, for which you must book and pay for yourself (one person at a time). On Wednesday, there will be a one-hour distillery tour on Raasay, and on Thursday there will be a guided water tour of Loch Dunvegan by Skye-based www.gotostkilda.co.uk. It will be possible to book these on the www.clanmacleod.org website after 1st May when the prices are finalised (we think each one will be GBP£15 per person.) Any tickets not sold by the time of Parliament Registration will be for sale at the Information Point.
- **Flowers of the forest.** On Sunday 23th July, Parliamentarians will attend the morning service at the Duirinish Parish Church in Dunvegan. We are invited to share the names of MacLeods who have passed away since the last Parliament, and which will be read aloud in remembrance during the service. If you have a name that you would like to have read aloud, please contact Dorna. The person so remembered does not have to be a card-carrying Clan MacLeod member, but a person of significance to us. (The names of pets are not appropriate.)
- **No St. Kilda trip is planned.** There is no trip to St. Kilda planned this year, but if you want to make arrangement for your own trip contact enquiries@www.gotostkilda.co.uk. This is truly a bucket-list worthy adventure.
- **Volunteering.** If you would like to generally help out with Parliament in any way, there are many opportunities to volunteer. Contact Rory McLeod at parliament@clanmacleod.org if you are interested.
- **Travel.** Typically, when a MacLeod plans to go to Parliament, s/he first arranges accommodation, then airfare, and almost as an afterthought will finally register. Please register as soon as you can! Accommodation can be found on the internet. And travel is likely to be more of a challenge than at Parliaments in the past.
 - COVID (and other) requirements for entering the UK can be found at www.gov.uk/uk-border-control; COVID requirements for returning to the USA can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html.
 - Good values in AIRFARES are hard to come by, even if you purchase your airfare early. Be prepared to spend time looking around. I have found two good value sources online, but they

aren't logistically convenient for the entire USA and therefore require connecting flights. USA cities that are close to the border may be able to take advantage of Canadian airline WestJet (www.westjet.com/en-us), and a new North-America-to-Europe, long-haul airline FlyNorse (www.flynorse.com) has some great fares but not a lot of departure points from the USA yet. Aerligus and Iceland Air can get you to Glasgow without going through London or mainland Europe.

- **The Parliamentarian's Handbook.** This clever little booklet has been a helpful aid to MacLeods in the past, especially those who are travelling overseas for the first time. The 2023 revision will be available at www.clanmacleod.org after 1st May. If you would like to see an older copy before then, please contact Dorna.
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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



Stan W. Davis D.V.M., Ph.D., passed away at home on Monday August 8, 2022. He was a long-time member of Clan McLeod. He enjoyed owning and seeing his fellow sheepdog friends at many of the games. He enjoyed the many activities at the games and loved a good piper. He was a practicing veterinarian both clinical and in research for the past 40 years. It was a lifelong passion. He was a family man, a beekeeper, cartoonist and could play almost any piano piece. He loved to read and was eager to learn new things. He was a kind man who wouldn't take a compliment and always thought there were better people out there, better than him. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Kathryn Wyatt Davis (sister to Franklin Wyatt) and his daughter Victoria.

MACLEOD SOCIETY, USA'S MIGRATION DATABASE

The Clan MacLeod Society, USA's Migration Database is only accessible by current members. The database can be found on our website – www.clanmacleodusa.org. Click the "Genealogy" link in the menu at the top of the page. You will find a button that will bring you to the database page. The password changes with each issue of the newsletter.

Contact: Ann E. McLeod; e-mail aemcleod@live.com for the password.

Sasha Macleod, Youth Coordinator for The Clan MacLeod Society USA

News & Updates

- ❖ The next Clan MacLeod Parliament:
 - July 22-29, 2023. It will be in Dunvegan, Scotland, at the castle.
 - ◆ The North Room Group (NRG), for those of college age (or a little older), will meet during this gathering. More dates are listed elsewhere in this newsletter
 - Interested in joining the NRG? Check out ClanMacleod.org/youth-section
Come see how you can impact the direction of Clan MacLeod.
Your contributions are valued and encouraged. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to me via email!
- ❖ Youth Membership:
 - Youth memberships are available for those 18 and under.
 - ◆ The cost is \$10 a year, and the dues can be paid online, via mail, or at any Clan Macleod booth/tent.

Story - The Loch Ness Monster, also known as Nessie **(this is a repeat)**

The Loch Ness Monster is an unknown sea creature that lives in Loch Ness in Inverness, Scotland. She is said to be a large, long-necked creature with at least one hump on her back and a long tail. We have lovingly named her Nessie. She is often said to be green or brown. This creature has been sighted in the loch since 565 A.D., over 1500 years ago! In 565 AD, St. Columba, an Irish monk, was staying nearby and witnessed Nessie and wrote down what he saw. It has been seen in the loch ever since and documented often, all the way to modern times.

Several different groups have tried to do scientific explorations to find if the creature is real, but while no one has ever found proof, the sightings still occur often. To this day, if you visit Scotland, you can visit the Loch Ness Center and Exhibition to see all about those who have searched, been documented, what they are doing to still explore the loch, and of course, get a few goodies and toys of Nessie as well.

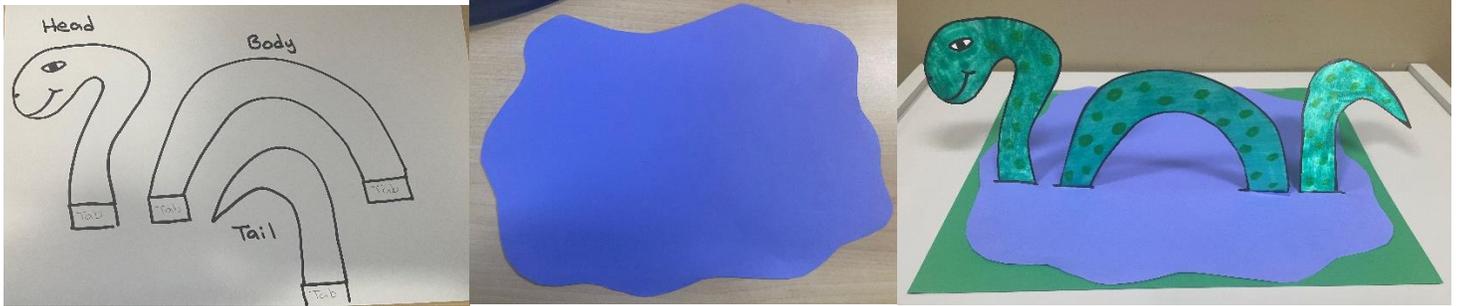
Even without absolute proof of her existence, many still believe, and people search for her daily. If you get permission from a parent, you can even go to www.lochness.co.uk/livecam/ and watch the waters yourself to see if you can spot Nessie as she swims through the loch.

So let us know. What do you think? Do you believe Nessie is real? Or has everyone seen something else that they thought was Nessie?

Craft: Nessie!

Supplies:

- 3 Pieces of construction paper (1 white, 1 blue, and 1 green)
- 1 pair of scissors (please ask an adult for help)
- 1 Black Marker
- Crayons/Markers/Paint
- Glue or tape



1. Using the white piece of construction paper, we will draw her head, body, and tail onto it, as shown in the first photo, using a black marker. Once that is completed, flip the paper over. Trace the black lines you can see through the paper from the other side. You now have the figures on both sides of the paper. Make sure the tabs at the bottom are there! They will be VERY important soon.
2. Now, color her in on both sides using your crayon, marker, or paint. Remember, use your imagination and make her look however you think she should because no one knows for sure! The drawing you see is how I picture her.
3. Cut her out, again making sure the tabs are left on the bottom of each portion as shown in the above photo.
4. Take your blue paper and cut around the edges to make it look more like the edge of the water, something like the second photo above
5. Next, take your Nessie cut-outs and place them where you will want them on the blue paper. Then using your black marker, put black lines at the bottom of where the tabs are, like in the photo above. Then cut just along those black lines.
6. Now place the tabs through the lines you just cut, fold them over, and tape them to the back side of the blue paper.
7. Lastly, take your blue paper with Nessie on top and the tabs on the bottom and tape or glue it to the center of the green piece of paper. See the third photo above for an idea of what the project will look like
8. DONE! Now you have your own Nessie swimming through Loch Ness!



UPCOMING EVENTS

World Gathering – MacLeod Clan Parliament 2023
Dunvegan, Isle of Skye, Scotland - July 22 – 29, 2023

Register By July 3, 2023

North Room Group - July 15 – 22, 2023

<https://www.clanmacleodusa.org>

The Dunvegan Foundation
Of the Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc.

A fully tax-deductible way of saying, “I am a proud MacLeod.”

Make a gift in memory of a family member for whom being a MacLeod was always special. An excellent way to say thanks for the great heritage of Scotland.

Our Mission,

To preserve, protect and promote the unique heritage of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, as reflected through the history and migration of Clan MacLeod, by pooling our resources as a tax-exempt organization, to enable the support of activities that further these goals.

The Dunvegan Foundation welcomes contributions in any amount, and planned giving arrangements are also welcome. Donations can be designated for specific projects, the endowment fund, or unrestricted.

Please send your contribution to:

The Dunvegan Foundation

P.O. Box 687

Southern Pines, NC 28388

**AGM, Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc.
Annual General Meeting Monday July 24th 2023: Dunvegan, Scotland**

Slate of Names and Associated Positions for Council Election:

Please note that the three chiefs are "Officers of the Society": Chief Hugh MacLeod of MacLeod, Chief Troquil Donald of the Lewes and Chief John MacLeod for Raasay.

*Note an elected individual has one council vote but may hold multiple positions. Council consists of a total of 30 individuals as defined by the By Laws. * Individuals are normally elected from the current AGM to the next AGM (≈1 year).

President W. Franklin Wyatt III Sanford, NC	National VP Robin MacLeod Ingram York, SC	National Treasurer Kris McFadden Orem, UT	National Secretary Vacant	VP Membership Anne L. MacLeod West Valley City, UT	RVP Northeast Vacant
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Past President* John W. McLeod Madison, FL	Internet Editor Ian Good O'Fallon, MO	RVP Southwest Dale Lewis Scottsdale, AZ	RVP Pacific Tammie Vawter Fresno, CA		

Ratification - Council's Appointees as Dunvegan Foundation Trustees:

Class of 2024	Larry Sears, San Antonio, TX; Charlene Boyes, Columbia, MO; John Norman MacLeod, Naperville, IL
Class of 2025	Judy MacLeod, Naperville, IL; Robert Lewis jr, Damascus, MD; Sarah Piepgrass, Canton, MA
Class of 2026	Bonnie Thompson, Cumberland, RI; Weeden Nichols, Las Cruces, NM; John MacLeod Tutterow, Tampa, FL
Class of 2027	Richard A. MacLeod, Dowagiac, MI; John B. MacLeod, Silver Spring, MD; Don McLeod, Southern Pines, NC.

The simple proxy prepared below may be hand-delivered to the AGM by the named proxy, mailed to the address given or sent via e-mail as follows:

VP Membership – Anne L. MacLeod

**Clan MacLeod Society USA
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I the undersigned hereby appoint John W. McLeod or Anne L. MacLeod (circle preference)

"OR" Print name of alternative person: _____

As my proxy, with full powers of substitution as relates to all matters brought before the Annual General Meeting of the Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc. to be held Monday July 24 2023 in Dunvegan, Scotland and any adjournment thereof:

Print Member's Name

Members Signature / Date

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Hope To See You At Parliament!