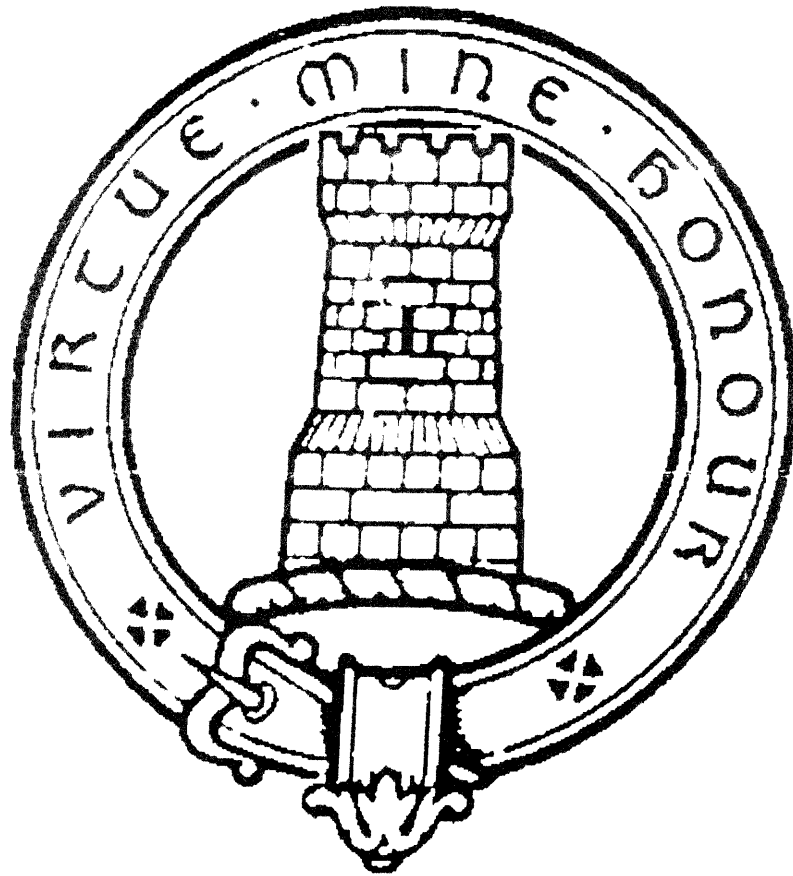


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**N**ow I leave only because my professional life is about to become very hectic. I have been offered an appointment that will double the size of my staff and cause me to inherit the legal guardianship of over 1200 children in state custody. As an administrator for the Department of Children's Services in the state of Tennessee, I have worked diligently toward just such an opportunity for over twenty-five years. It will take an inordinant amount of my time, and Clan Gillean USA and Clan MacLean International deserve better. I know Clarence will serve both organizations well. **Claude Hicks**, a Federal Judge from South Georgia will be an able assistant to Clarence as our new Vice President.

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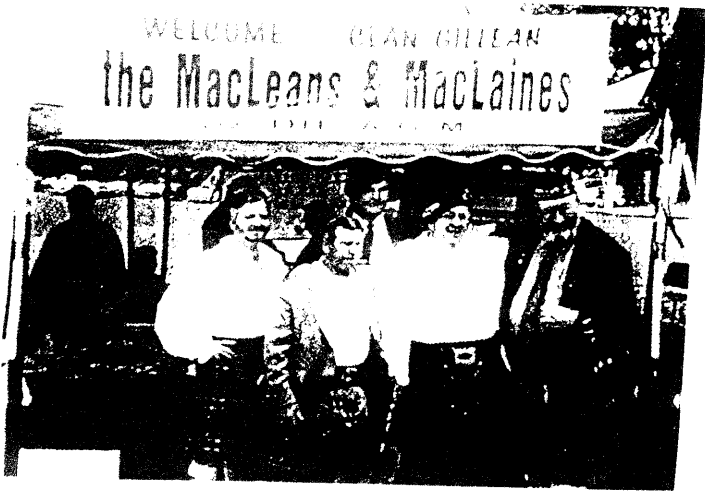
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## no. american summit

**"Glasgow--North American Summit a great success for all clan branches!"**

On the eve of the special "International" gathering for this year's **Glasgow Highland Games**, leaders from several branches of **Cian Maclean International** in the Western Hemisphere came together to share ideas and plans and to work together for the good of all clan members across the continent. Enjoy learning more in this **pipings** and the next (summer) issue about this meeting as well as the well-attended 2001 AGM, also held during the games!



(L>R: Scott McLean, Duncan MacLean, Kirk Lane, Clarence Greek, Rev. Robert MacLean)

What a thrill for clansfolk attending the **Glasgow Games** to meet leaders from the various **North American Clan MacLean** organizations. And what an entertaining and sharing group they all were! (Watch the summer issue for an interesting story from a master clan "seanachie" or "story teller" -- California's Duncan MacLean!) The future looks bright for more cooperation between all MaLeans on the continent and for growth in number and activity for all the clan including the septs. Be sure to be involved in helping to energize your state and region--attend games and celtic festivals, host or help with a **Clan MacLean** tent and bring a friend... especially a **MacLean / MacLaine!**

# faillte!!!

Welcome Kinsmen!!!

To all New Members a 'HEARTY WELCOME'! and an encouragement to all current members for renewal and involvement! As you read on I think you'll be inspired by accounts of the fun and fellowship occurring in the MacLean tent at Scottish events all over --

## ceud mìle faillte!!!

("a hundred thousand welcomes")

## agm 2001 . . .

The jovial group of cousins pictured below were just a few of the double tent full who gathered in Glasgow for the vital Annual General Meeting. The past year's events were reviewed (executive committee membership, budget, newsletter, clan participation throughout the US) and information was shared about upcoming events and plans for future CGUSA activities.



(L>R: James McLean Norman, Dean McClain, Duncan MacLean, Claude Hicks, Bobbye Greek, Elizabeth MacLean, Clarence Greek, Scott McLean, Susan McClain, Lindsey Lane, Kirk Lane)

# MacLeans "spring" into 2001's clan events!

**Midwest City, OK:** on 24-25 MAR 01 we convened a Clan Gillean Tent at the **United Clans of Oklahoma Scottish Heritage Festival**. Arriving in cold, rainy and windy weather, we were happy to help consume the hot cider, tea, chocolate and coffee in the hospitality "pavilion" before the roaring fire that was kept going all weekend--long as Saturday's high only reached 39 degrees!

Clan Henderson convened beside us and we enjoyed visiting with the clan president, **Rex Maddox**. Despite the weather we had nearly two pages of visitors to sign in. Among these were **Sandy** and **Matthew McLean**, graduate music students at UOK who marched with their two beautiful Corgis in the Parade of Tartans. We also appreciated the visits and help of **Frank McLean**, **Shannon McLean McCurley**, **Ligea McCracken Adsit** and **Ted Rankin**. It was also a great pleasure to see **Charles "Corky" Murray** (a member of the Tennessee Highland Games board of Murfreesboro) as he accepted the presidency of Clan Murray -- also the "Honored Clan" of this game.

Beautiful Express Clydesdales were a featured attraction as well as six very good Pipe and Drum bands. Sunday dawned cold again, resulting in the highlight of the day when Clarence's kilted bare legs stuck to the very cold metal chair at the Kirkin. Service!

-- Clarence and Bobbye Greek

**Sumter, SC** the pioneer village of the Sumter Co. Museum was the site of a new Scottish festival, the **Sumter Scottish Fair** (23-25 MAR 01). Robert and I set up chairs in the shade of a huge magnolia tree with dogwoods and azaleas in full bloom all around. It was also a true feast of Celtic music with pipe bands, **Neal Anderson & Friends**, and a Saturday evening concert by Scotland's premier fiddler, **Alasdair Fraser** in the historical Sumter Opera House. There was even the interesting deep fog-horn sound of an Australian "dijeridoo" -- something between a horn and a growl...and it was hard to convince folks that it was music instead of torture!

Sunday was the big Barbecue with plenty of other southern specialties: "real" fried chicken, fat back, candied yams, potato salad, and banana pudding. The Kirkin of the Tartans followed at the renowned old Salem Park River Presbyterian Church built by Scots-Irish settlers around 1729--a picture postcard setting of historic beauty with century-old trees loaded with hanging Spanish moss. Clan leaders carried the banners into the balconies

hanging them over both sides of the church--an inspiring occasion. Robert and I truly enjoyed our adventures as charter participants in the 3-day Sumter Scottish Fair.

-- Getrude McClain Dodson

*Editor's note: many of us may want to join the Dodson's in 2002 in what sounds like a first-class fest!*

**Culloden, GA** the change to a slightly later date for the 5th **Culloden Highland Games** (28-29 APR 01) proved to be a wise move for the weather was perfect. Saturday afternoon was even a bit too warm! Forty clans were represented with the MacLeans tent located at the end of a row--easily seen in two directions. All MacLean banners were used to good advantage.

The sponsor/patron reception on Friday night gave this reporter and spouse a chance to meet **Herman and Louise Ibach**, long time athletic judges. Deserving special mention, the Deputy Convener of GA, **Tom Gillon** and the GA State Convener, **Ephraim McLean**, were both on hand to work in the clan tent. **Gerald Larkey**, Region 4 Director was unable to attend, but was represented by his son, **Gerald III**, called Trip. Among the 25 who signed the guest register and are members of Clan MacLean were **Claude Hicks**, **Marsha** and **John Nuttall**, **Wren** and **Bev Harris**, **Ralph McLean** and **Rod Barken**, a McLean from FL, who is a member of the California / Nevada Branch.

**Neal Anderson**, **Hadrian's Wall**, and **Eric Duncan** provided entertainment to an enthusiastic crowd for the Saturday night ceilidh. Three of our members attended the Kirkin Service at the nearby Methodist Church on Sunday.

-- Clarence and Bobbye Greek

**Carrollton, KY** General Butler State Park hosted the 2001 **Kentucky Scottish Weekend** (13-14 MAY 01) for the 19th year. Although thunderstorms struck the area Friday evening, Saturday morning greeted us with gorgeous weather which lasted through Sunday.

Our well-traveled V.P., Clarence Greek, and his esteemed wife, Bobbye, were able to join my wife, **Susan**, and me for the weekend's meeting and greeting of kin and fellow tartan lovers. With Clarence and Bobbye around, there are no dull (or quiet) moments. Saturday was the busier day, as we expected, with Sunday being Mother's Day. The Scotland map kept us all hustling with clan and tartan seekers, and our visitor's log recorded 18 members and prospects nearly equally divided between Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, reflecting the tri-state nature of this game. Sunday afternoon we were delighted to be joined



Tulsa, OK: on 16-17 SEP 00 Chandler Park in Tulsa was turned into the Highlands of Scotland for the 21st **Oklahoma Scottish Games, Gathering and Celtic Festival**. You could hear the skirl of bagpipes for miles and the clans were gathered for two days of fun, entertainment, athletics and food with folks you see but once a year. The weather was a little hot, but it didn't seem to bother many people as they stayed until the cannon was shot, ending the games til next year.

-- Glen Dale McClain

## flowers of the forest . . .

Thomas W. McLean, lawyer, city attorney, county DA, passed away on December 18, 2000. He practiced law for 36 years in the Nekoosa, WI, area. He was a veteran of the Navy, serving in WWII and was a 55-year member of the American Legion, twice serving as post commander. An excellent coronet player, he served veterans' families by playing taps at graveside services--on Memorial Day in 1982 he actually played taps at 11 different services.

Survivors include 3 sons (Tom, Pat, Rob) and 2 daughters (Susan, Lori), as well as 4 grandchildren and a special friend in the last 11 years, Charlotte Link. He was married to Mabelyn Fahrner in 1942 and then Marlene Bachli in 1971. He was known as a friend by everyone he met.

*(our thanks to James E. Strasser for this information)*

Mrs. Virginia McLean, former first lady of Clan Gillean, wife of former Clan president, **Mr. Max McLean**

*Brighton Gardens  
3821 Wilson Blvd., Unit 239  
Arlington, VA 22203*

Passed away on January 22, 2001. "Many of us who knew Mrs. McLean in her later years remember her peaceful, quiet manner and disposition. She was always assuring us that she was a "southern lady" by birth. At many Scottish Games, I visited with "Miss Virginia" in the MacLean tent for the entire day. We all enjoyed her so much, and her gentle spirit will be greatly missed."

*(our thanks to Gertrude McClain Dodson for this note)*

**gillean gatherings**— latest list of upcoming games & where Clan Gillean members will be this year (*please let me know of others!!*)

### **Northeast**

Jul 7 - **St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island**  
Tartan Day Picnic (401) 781-7909  
Haffenreffer Museum Grounds - Bristol, R. I.

Aug 18 - **Maine Highland Games** - Brunswick, ME  
Thomas Point Beach (207) 364-3063  
Monty@EXPLOREMAINE.COM

Aug 25 - **Quechee Scottish Festival** - Quechee, VT  
Quechee Polo Field (802) 496-2213

Sep 14-18 - **New Hampshire Highland Games**  
Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH  
www.nhscot.org (800) 227-4191

Oct 7 - **Scotland's Highland Festival**  
Edward Waldo Homestead  
Scotland, CT (860) 684-6584

### **South**

Jul 12-15 **Grandfather Mountain Games-Linville, NC**  
*(largest gathering of MacLeans & MacLaines in America)*

Sep 14-15 Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant, NC  
**Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering**  
Sep 15 - **Clanjamfray Evergreen Presb. Church-Mem., TN**  
Sep 29 - **Alabama Highland Games** - Montgomery, AL

Oct 6 - **Tennessee Highland Games-Murfreesboro, TN**  
Oct 13 - **Cumberland Gap Highl. Games-Harrogate, TN**  
Oct 14 - Keowee-Toxaway State Park, Sunset, SC

### **19th So. Carolina McClain Reunion**

Descendants of Captain John McClain

Oct 20 - **Stone Mountain Highland Games-Atlanta, GA**  
Nov 17 - **Highl. Games of Louisiana** - Baton Rouge, LA

### **Midwest**

Jul 20 - **Columbus Scot Festival** - Columbus, Indiana

### **West**

Sep 8 - **Long's Peak Scottish Games** - Estes Park, CO  
Nov 10 - **Salado Gathering of Clans** - Salado, TX





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