



THE PIPINGS

OF MACLEAN



NEWSLETTER OF THE MACLEANS, MACLAINES & RELATED FAMILIES

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**Clan Gillean Annual General Meeting
Salado, Texas Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games
November 7—9, 2008
Ya'll Come!**

GREETINGS from your President!

Just a reminder that the Annual General Meeting of Clan Gillean USA will be held during the 47th Annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games at Salado, Texas which will be held November 7th through 9th. Specifically the AGM will be held at our dinner on the evening of November 8th. All members are encouraged to attend!

At the AGM, we will hear from members of the Executive Committee as to what's going on in Clan Gillean USA and will conduct elections of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, we have one directorship to be voted on.

In the meantime, don't forget to take advantage of the opportunity to come out to all the Scottish games and gatherings taking place between now and the gathering at Salado. Come and renew friendships with fellow Macleans; come and meet new cousins! Check out our website for information on the dates and places.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Salado, I remain,

Yours aye,

Claude Hicks

President

A Message from our Veep...

Hello all clan members. I hope you and yours have enjoyed a great summer. My grandchildren are griping about going back to school, so it must be close to the fall season. Our last "Pipings" included a dues card for all regular members. Unfortunately, I goofed on some of them and did not include the amount owed by the member. As a result, I received quite a few calls. The annual dues are \$25.00 payable on July 1 and a member is considered delinquent if dues are not paid by October 1. This is the main source of income for the association. We need the dues for mailing, printing, and tent space rental at the games. In addition, we sponsor a dancer and a piper each year. We also contribute to the Maclean Heritage Trust.

The following are a few statistics that you might find interesting:

170 paid up life members

9 paid dues for 2009—THANK YOU

60 paid dues for 2008—Not delinquent until October 1, 2008

63 paid dues for 2007—But have not paid 2008 or 2009; \$50.00 will catch you up

351 members have not paid dues since 2006 or before. Please consider rejoining the clan. We want you back. Contact Vice—President Bob McLean to find out what it would take to make you current with your dues.

We have 21 new members since January 1, 2008

Thank you,

BOB

They're coming to America!

Paul McLean and Liz Gillespie along with Liz's daughter Shona will arrive in Atlanta, GA for the Stone Mountain Highland Games on October 18th and 19th. They will have a tent at the games to promote their travel agency, **McLean Scotland**, based in Perth, Scotland. Then, after the Stone Mountain Games, on October 25, come visit Paul at Cane Creek Park in Waxhaw during the Waxhaw Gathering of the Clans and Scottish Games.

Paul and Liz are authorized agents for the 2009 Gathering in Scotland, and would be pleased to help you with your arrangements for the celebrations next year. They also host an excellent tour that coincides with the international Maclean gathering (remember, the next international gathering is in June, 2012). By the way, their website is www.mcleanscoland.com.

Stop by; they'll be happy to see you!



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Gerald Larkey

Gerald Rae Larkey, 78, of Lakemont, Georgia died on September 25, 2008. A native of Oklahoma, he was the son of the late Reuben and Stella Larkey. Mr. Larkey served in the Navy and retired as a Captain from the Air Force. He was active in many organizations; a member of the Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge, Dunwoody Country Club, Orchard Golf Club, NRA, Lake Rabun Association and Commerce Presbyterian Church. His proudest affiliations were those that reflected his Scottish heritage—Scottish Tartan Society, Scottish Tartans Museum, and the St. Andrews Society. He served on the Board of Directors of the Stone Mountain Highland Games. He was most valued by Clan Gillean USA, where he served as past Director of Region 4.

Gerald is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley McDonald Larkey of Lakemont, GA, son Gerry Larkey and daughter-in-law Mary Beth of Barnesville, GA; daughter, Kathryn Ortega and son-in-law JD of Canton, GA; brother-in-law Lauren “Bubba” McDonald and sister-in-law Sunny McDonald of Clarkesville, GA; “adopted son” John Hillyer and his wife Kelly of Alpharetta, GA; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2008 at the McDonald and Son Funeral Home, 150 Sawnee Drive, Cumming, GA, with the Rev. Dr. Frank McCook officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Gerald Rae Larkey to the Lake Rabun Foundation, P.O. Box 490, Lakemont GA or the Stone Mountain Highland Games, P.O. Box 14023, Atlanta, GA 30324. Condolences may be expressed online at www.mcdonaldandson.com.

AND A NEW ARRIVAL!

INTRODUCING...

CAYDEN DUNCAN MACLEAN

Those of you who regularly attend the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games probable noticed that Jim and Gracie MacLean and family of Fayetteville, NC were not there this year. Well, they had good reason! They were a little busy with their new arrival!

Jim wrote this message to fellow clansfolk:

Hello to all! Gracie and I missed you all at Grandfather Mountain. Unfortunately, Gracie was an extremely high-risk pregnancy. In fact, Cayden Duncan MacLean was born on August 29th, 11 weeks early. He was just over 3 pounds and 15 1/4 inches long. In spite of his early arrival, he is doing very well, growing stronger every day and flirting with the nurses in NICU. They say he will be home in 4 to 6 weeks.

Hopefully, we will see everyone at another game this year; if not, we will see you all next year.

*Slainte,
Jim MacLean*



Jim and Gracie, you can count on a lot of babysitters at Grandfather next year! Congratulations!

SONGS OF SCOTLAND

By Claude Hicks, FSA Scot
McLEAN'S WELCOME

James Hogg was a Scottish poet and writer of prose of some renown who lived from 1770 is known as the "Ettrick Shepherd," having been baptized at Ettrick in Selkirkshire. Hogg came from a long line of shepherds. He received almost no schooling, but after spending his early years as a shepherd, until 1835. Indeed, during his lifetime, he was better known in Scotland than was his hero, Robert Burns. He working for various masters, he was able to teach himself to read and write. As he watched the sheep, he devoted many hours to reading, and with the help of his employer, he was able to make the acquaintance of several literary figures of his time, most notably Sir Walter Scott and William Wordsworth, who helped him get his works published.

Hogg wrote the following song, *McLean's Welcome*, one of many songs he penned glamorizing the Jacobite cause. This song exhorts Bonnie Prince Charlie (Prince Charles Edward Stuart) to come over to Scotland to lead the rebellion to restore the House of Stuart to the throne. When the 1745 rebellion began, Sir Hector MacLean, Chief of the Clan, was in the process of raising support for the Prince. However, he was apprehended in Edinburgh and taken to the Tower of London where he was imprisoned until 1747, unable to lead the Clan. Nevertheless, possibly as many as 500 Macleans, steadfast in their support of the Stuart cause, fought for Prince Charles at Culloden under Charles Maclean of Drimnin who was killed during the battle. Hogg pictures the Bonnie Prince being welcomed by his friend and ardent supporter, McLean. I first heard this song, also known as "Come O'er the Stream, Charlie," on a CD recorded in 1987 by the Corries.

MACLEAN'S WELCOME (COME O'ER THE STREAM, CHARLIE)

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, dear Charlie, brave
 Charlie;

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, and dine with
 McLean;

And though you be weary, we'll make your heart
 cheery,

And welcome our Charlie, and his loyal train.

We'll bring down the track deer, we'll bring down the
 black steer,

The lamb from the bracken, and the doe from the
 glen,

The salt sea we'll harry, and bring to our Charlie
 The cream from the bothy and curd from the pen.

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, dear Charlie, brave
 Charlie;

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, and dine with
 McLean;

And you shall drink freely the dews of Glen-Sheerly,
 That stream in the starlight when kings do not ken,
 And deep to your meed of the wine that is red,

To drink to your sire, and his friend the McLean.

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, dear Charlie, brave
 Charlie;

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, and dine with
 McLean;

O'er heath-bells shall trace you the maids to embrace
 you,

And deck your blue bonnet with flowers of the brae;
 And loveliest Mari in all Glen McQuarry
 Shall lie in your bosom till break of the day.

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, dear Charlie, brave
 Charlie;

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, and dine with
 McLean;

If aught will invite you, or more will delight you,
 'Tis ready, a troop of our bold Highlandmen,
 All ranged on the heather, with bonnet and feather,
 Strong arms and broad claymores, three hundred
 and ten!

News From Tennessee...

Hey Gang,

It's been a busy September for Clan Gillean Tents convened in the TN area, five to be exact. Starting with Sycamore Shoals in Elizaberton, TN, West KY Highland Games at Murray, then Clan Jam-Fry, Memphis, TN & two games tomorrow, Dandridge Festival, Dandridge, TN and the Keltae CelticFest at David Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN.

We are looking forward to see you at Stone Mtn. in about three weeks.

" Slainte ",

Clarence and Bobbye Greek

Macleans Treated to Dinner at Grandfather Mountain

Participants at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games offer a gracious Thank You to Cindy and Gary McClain and Larry and Diane Sweat for hosting all Macleans to a lavish dinner buffet. After the Saturday events closed, we gathered at the NC Forest Rangers Training Facility in Linville Falls for feast and fellowship. The setting was peaceful and relaxing; the fellowship was enjoyable as always, and the food was unbelievably good!

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a special gift to our chaplain, Father Patrick Maclean. For details, see the article on the next page!

Clan MacLean's Call

**If ye like a wee dram a scotch,
We probably made it for you.**
**If ye like good music,
We probably played it for you.**
**If you've fought in battle,
We've fought proudly beside you.**
**If you thought you were Right,
We proved you were Wrong.**
**If you've raised a farm,
We've probably stolen your Cows.**
**If you've raised a daughter,
We've probably stolen her Heart.**
**And, If you're gonna' have a gathering
on this mountain,
Come Hell or High Water,
You can be damn sure...
Clan MacLaine/MacLean will be HERE!!!**

**-Robert H. Lane
Calling of the Clans Torchlight Ceremony
2008 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**



See you at the
AGM!

Salado, Texas

November 8,
2008

A Surprise for Father Patrick Maclean

Several years ago Father Patrick Maclean asked Mama Pat McLean to consider making him a Priest's Cope. (A cope is a long liturgical cape worn in religious services). Since he would like to have it for an upcoming occasion, he sent Mama Pat a letter and pictures describing what he would want. Mama Pat asked me, her oldest daughter, to look at the instructions and see what I thought. I immediately had heart palpitations. This would not be easy. I thought long and hard, and did long hours of research on the internet as to how a proper cope would be constructed. It scared me to death.

A few days later, I was in the fabric store and found the perfect fabric. A wonderful brocade, not too feminine, on SALE. On a weak moment I bought it along with some wonderful trims. It had to be properly decorated. I then discussed it with Momma Pat, Betsy, and Johnnie McLean. We decided it would be a terrific idea to surprise Patrick at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. (By this time he had given up the dream of having us make it for him.)

At a fantastic dinner hosted by Cindy and Gary McClain, our Vice President, Bob McLean arose, gave a wonderful welcome and thank you speech for our terrific meal provided for us and the special fellowship found in our Clan Maclean. He then spoke of how our Father Patrick had given many years of service to our clan and not received the proper recognition he so deserved. We then presented Patrick with a gift wrapped box. He had no idea what was inside and opened it very carefully. The first words from him was "Oh Dear Holy Mother of God".

To my great relief he loved it. It fit him perfectly. I have never seen anyone so speechless in my life. He must have been in a daze for nearly an hour.

When he could speak, he so sincerely thanked me and my conspirators for honoring his dream. Patrick has taken his new cope and had it blessed by his Archbishop. (The Archbishop liked it too).

I am so honored and proud to have made this for him. There may never be another one, but I know this has been an opportunity for my work to live on in our clan and family. Patrick, may God bless you and your parishioners whenever you wear your cope.

Connie McLean Sutton
Raleigh, NC



Our astonished Chaplain reacts to his surprise

CGUSA Calendar

Williamsburg Scottish Festival October 3-5
 Rockahock Campgrounds, Lenexa, VA
www.wsfonline.org

Stone Mountain Highland Games October 17-19
 Stone Mountain Park, Atlanta, GA
www.smhg.org

Waxhaw Gathering of the Clans & Scottish Games
 Cane Creek Park, Waxhaw, NC October 25
www.wshg.org

Foothills Highland Games November 1
 Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC
www.scotsfoothillshg.org

Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games
Clan Gillean USA Annual General Meeting
 Central Area Texas Museum, Salado, TX November 7-9
[www.ctam-salado.org/Gathering'Gathering.htm](http://www.ctam-salado.org/Gathering%27Gathering.htm)

Alexandria, VA Christmas Walk December 4-6
 Old Town, Alexandria, VA
www.scottishchristmaswalk.com

We're on the web...Check us out!

www.maclean.org

www.clangilleanus.org

Late breaking news...

Grandfather Mountain, NC has been sold to the state of North Carolina, becoming North Carolina's 34th state park. All activities previously held at Grandfather, including the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will continue to be held on the mountain...



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