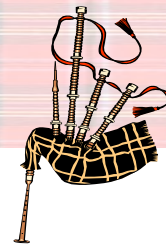




The Pippings OF MACLEAN



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Share The Path of the Past for Future Macleans To Follow

By Margaret McLean of Clan Gillean USA

The Rev. Father Patrick Maclean takes the helm with the position of president of Clan Gillean USA after more than 30 years of devotion to growing and building interest in the lives and history of the Macleans that span centuries and the globe.

Aware that a clan can be just a generation away from extinction, Fr. Patrick believes sharing the many exciting stories and legends of the Macleans may ignite an interest in young people today, that can last a lifetime.

A Shakespearean Scholar, Fr. Patrick invites the next generation to acknowledge their fierce warrior roots, whose loyalties are noted, not always on the winning side. In addition to the heroes, there were gamblers and scoundrels.

At the heart of the clan's future is knowing that your past includes strong leaders, writers, builders, farmers, financiers, artists, interesting characters. Maclean strength

will be in growing numbers in membership and matching talents with opportunities for participation.

A native Floridian now living in Huntersville, NC, with wife Laura and incorrigible corgi, Rugby, Fr. Patrick reminisces about his aunt, Virginia McClain Hunter, who was an avid genealogist. She weaved wonderful family stories that kept him at her side at large family gatherings. His thirst for Maclean history was never quenched.

In 1977 Patrick attended his first Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina. To date he has only missed one. It was

not long before he got his first kilt in Duart Red.

In 1981 he convened the clan tent at Stone Mountain, and by 1982, he took on his

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Sir Fitzroy Maclean, 26th Chief, began restoration on Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull.



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Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Bt., 28th Chief.

Clan Gillean USA Annual General Meeting

Make plans now to attend Clan Gillean USA annual General Meeting to be held in conjunction with Ligonier Highland Games at Ligonier, PA, Sept. 20-22, and meet Clan Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean. Details on Page 3, President's Message.

**Reverend Father Patrick Ray Andrew Maclean,
OSSP, SCTJ, OAZ, KST**

Year	Service
2013	Clan Gillean USA President Chaplain
2012	Clan Gillean USA President Elect Chaplain United Episcopal Church of North America Chancellor Monastic Order of St. Stephen the Protomartyr Chancellor of the Order Canon Regular
2011	Clan Gillean USA Vice President Chaplain
2010	Clan Gillean USA Vice President Chaplain Loch Norman Highland Games Chaplain
2009	Clan Gillean USA Chaplain St. Theotonius, A Portuguese Order Knight of the Royal Confraternity Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, NC Precentor
2008	Clan Gillean USA Chaplain
2007	Clan Gillean USA Chaplain
2006	Clan Gillean USA Chaplain Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Huntersville, NC Vicar
2005	Imperial Ethiopian Order of St. Mary of Zion By warrant of the Crown Prince of Ethopia Knight officer
2000	Knights Templar —(non Masonic) Senior Chaplain & Chaplain for Priory of the Holy Isle.
1997	Clan Gillean USA Vice President
1996	Clan Gillean USA Vice President
1995	Clan Gillean USA Vice President
1994	Clan Gillean USA Vice President North Carolina Convener

Year	Service
1993	Clan Gillean USA Vice President USA Overseas Rep. behalf of Clan Maclean Assoc. of Scotland at this point organization officially a branch of Clan Maclean International North Carolina Convener
1992	Clan Gillean USA USA Overseas Representative on behalf of Clan Maclean Association of Scotland North Carolina Convener
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1990	Clan Gillean USA USA Overseas Representative on behalf of Clan Maclean Association of Scotland North Carolina Convener
1989	Clan Gillean USA USA Overseas Representative on behalf of Clan Maclean Association of Scotland Colorado Convener
1988	Clan Gillean USA USA Overseas Representative on behalf of Clan Maclean Association of Scotland Colorado Convener
1987	Clan Gillean USA Vice President USA Overseas Representative on behalf of Clan Maclean Association of Scotland Colorado Convener
1986	Clan Gillean USA Vice President USA Overseas Representative on behalf of Clan Maclean Association of Scotland
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1984	Clan Gillean USA Vice President USA Overseas Representative on behalf of Clan Maclean Association of Scotland

Year	Service
1983	Clan Gillean USA Vice President USA Overseas Representative on behalf of Clan Maclean Association of Scotland Assistant Genealogist
1982	Clan Gillean USA Assistant Genealogist
1981	Clan Gillean USA Convener at Stone Mountain Games, Georgia

Share the path of the past

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first official job for the clan as Assistant Genealogist.

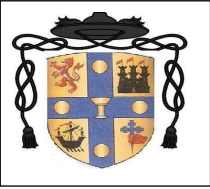
Once on the directorial staff of the noted Colorado Shakespeare Festival, with a Master's Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Fr. Patrick can help one imagine the intrigue of castles, heraldry and the beautiful Highlands belonging to one's own Scottish ancestry. Instrumental in developing recognition for the USA branch with Clan Maclean International, Fr. Patrick would like for the young people to learn and enjoy their heritage.

A descendent from the Macleans of Ardgour, our longest serving Board member had the opportunity to meet our current Chief's father, Lord Maclean, eleventh Baronet and 27th Chief, in 1981 at St. James's Palace in London.

Lord Maclean was Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. An extremely busy, senior official in charge of the Royal Household, some of his responsibilities included communication with Her Majesty and the House of Lords as well as ceremonial duties, which included a Royal Wedding at that time.

Remembering the late Chief as warm, welcoming and witty, Fr. Patrick to this day recalls the sincerity in Lord Maclean's voice when he said, "This is your Castle, too!"

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Armorial Bearings

President's Message

The Rev. Father Patrick Maclean, OSSP



Rev. Fr. Patrick Maclean, OSSP, and his wife Laura, Director of Music Ministry at St. Mark Catholic Church, were part of the gracious committee that coordinated the effort to bring our 28th Chief, Sir Lachlan and Lady Rosemary to the Rural Hills Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games in 2011.

Hello to all Clansmen and Clanswomen,

A new year is upon us, with new beginnings and exciting prospects!

I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to Bob McLean for his years of service to the association, first as Vice President and then as President. He spent untold hours representing us at games and gatherings, traveling across this country and overseas to spread the news about our Clan. Bob, his truck and trailer all put in lots of miles! He set a great example for all of us to follow. We are not putting him out to pasture, however. He will still serve on the Executive Committee as Past President. Bob's talents have also been acknowledged by the Clan with his appointment as Vice President of Clan MacLean International.

The Annual General Meeting of Clan Gillean USA will be held in conjunction with the Ligonier Highland Games in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, on the weekend of September 20 - 22. Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Bt., 28th Chief, will be the Guest of Honour. The Clan is taking a leadership role in the planning and dedication of the new Memorial at Fort Dewart, the earthwork redoubt built by Sir Allan Maclean during the French and Indian War. The Chief will take an active part in the dedication, which will take place during the games weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the Chief and your fellow clanspeople.

Yours aye,

Fr. Patrick Maclean

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It is that same sense of family inclusion that Fr. Patrick wants to extend to new members and the young Macleans.

Working on his doctorate in theology, Fr. Patrick's passion for Maclean Heritage and History continues to increase. Under the guidance of Fr. Patrick, the future of Clan Gillean USA is in good hands. Offering daily prayers for the Macleans worldwide, Fr. Patrick with the dedicated support of his wife, Laura, will continue to make his mark on Maclean history.



Duart Castle is a fortress and a vision of strength as the ferry makes its approach to the Isle of Mull.

The Quest For a Major Award

By —Betsy R. McLean of North Carolina

I have been a member of Clan Gillen USA for 14 years, and for 13 of those years I have been either Deputy Convener or Convener for the state of North Carolina. Those who have spent oodles of time with me (let's say about 5 seconds) know that I am mildly competitive. I reiterate, MILDLY, just as a category 5 hurricane is mildly breezy. It may surprise the average person that there can actually be competition between conveners. While we conveners enjoy the fellowship that most volunteers share, most of us plan our tent displays, our attire, and even our hospitality in the hopes of winning that holy grail of the American Highland Games:

The Best Tent Award. I must admit that my first Best Tent Award was thrilling. It confirmed that our efforts were not unnoticed, and quite honestly, it confirmed what those of us at the Maclean tent already knew...we are the BEST!!!

The North Carolina contingency has won quite a few Best Tent Awards. We have so many that when we display them at various Highland Games, we have to have a table dedicated to the awards. (We quietly call the awards table the "damn we're good" table.) There is one game, however, where The Best Tent Award (which, in deference to that godawful lamp in the classic movie "A Christmas Story", shall now be called **THE MAJOR AWARD**) has eluded us. Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) is without a doubt the most prestigious Highland Game in the USA. GMHG actually has two **MAJOR AWARDS** for clans. We decided years ago that we would probably never win The Clan of Excellence Award. For this award, clans are judged during the Parade of Tartans. The criteria dictates that everyone is kilted and marching in formation (and I have observed wearing matching tartan and offering up your firstborn on bended knee). We Macleans proudly choose to be all inclusive. If a Maclean walks up wearing jeans and wants to march with the Macleans, we will pin a piece of tartan on him (or her), and ask if he'd like to carry a banner! So, there is only one other award we could possibly win. However, over the years, we have modestly judged ourselves and proclaimed that we have had the best tent, but when it was time to receive **THE MAJOR AWARD**, it somehow would end up in another tent. After 13 years of crushed hopes and dreams, I had decided that the Macleans would never receive this **MAJOR AWARD**.

This year, the hope was renewed just like every other year. The anticipation of the GMHG is unlike all other games I have attended. Anticipation can be dampened, however, literally. The weather at Grandfather is like Scotland. When the weather is beautiful, everything is perfect with comfortably warm sunny days and clear, cool, starlit nights. When it rains, the rain permeates every pore in your body. President Bob McLean, Cindy Walker, and Cindy's nephews Kaleb Tate and Daniel and Nicolas Nelums arrived with Bob's Clan Maclean trailer at about the same time Connie McLean Sutton (my sister), Pat McLean (my mother) and I got there. As we were unloading, Kathie and Bob Forsman arrived with Bob's vast display of weapons. This year it was raining so hard on the first day of the games that we had already grown webs between our toes and were working on mutated gills by the time we had unloaded our display at our two tents. We wrapped the goods in tarps, battened down the hatches, and decided that this time, we just couldn't tolerate the rain any longer! This would be one Calling of the Clans we'd have to miss. The monsoon had already dissolved my hopes of **THE MAJOR AWARD** as we left the field and headed for warmth and dry clothing.

On Friday, the rains persisted. The gills grew. Connie and I agreed. We wouldn't win **THE MAJOR AWARD** anyway, so why ruin our "stuff"? It was cold. It was wet. It was muddy. There will be another year for **THE MAJOR AWARD**. We never even set up the tent. We all left the field and then met at the Golden Corral in Boone for dinner.

On Saturday, it rained! We set up the tent display anyway since this was the day of our annual general meeting and we knew the attendance would be the best on this day. Connie and I worked together and set up our tent like a Maclean museum. Bob Forsman's weapons filled the hospitality tent. We all put the idea of **THE MAJOR AWARD** in the back of our collective minds and went about the day as the rain came and went. The Macleans had a GREAT day despite the rain! At the end of the day, we left the field, dried off the best we could, and had dinner at the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone.

On Sunday, the rain held off for the Parade of Tartans. We had an extremely respectable showing with about 30

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L-R Tom McLean, Connie McLean, Bob McLean, Patricia McLean, Betsy McLean and the Rev. Patrick Maclean of North Carolina at the 2012 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina.

Dougie Maclean Touches All Generations With his Words and Music

By Margaret McLean of Clan Gillean USA



At the Closing Ceremonies, of the 2012 Gathering.

Songwriter and musician Dougie Maclean performed his award-winning hit, "Caledonia", lovingly referred to as "Scotland's alternative anthem," during the Grand Clan Ceilidh at the 2012 Gathering at Duart Castle. For those who made this historical journey from different parts of the world, Caledonia had such impact with almost a siren's quality that beckons you to the ancestral Highland Home on the Isle of Mull.

Recognized with a reception at Buckingham Palace, Dougie's musical acclaim include the melody The Gael (used in The Last of the Mohicans) as well as a list of awards and accolades that span a career of more than 30 years. Based near Dun-

keld, near his native Perthshire, Scotland, Dougie is an accomplished guitarist and fiddle player. His abilities allow him to be comfortable playing with a 12 piece classical string ensemble, traditional Celtic Bands and rock bands.

As the Macleans turn to the next generation, another song, performed that evening at the Ceilidh, should gain recognition and respect to the efforts of so many parents, who wonder whether their words and actions are making an impression on their children.

More palatable to our children in the legendary stories of our ancestors, life's lessons that are not always apparent until time and age brings the wisdom of true values.

Talking With My Father

(Lyrics not in entirety)

*I'm talking with my father
He's talking with his son
And I don't need to look any further
For the one I have become...*

*In this place where life's heart
thunders
In this place where time holds still
In this place of harmony and wonder
And values not of gold fulfill*

*I'm walking with my father
Across these gentle Perthshire hills
It's timeless mysteries that we gather
To make the memories that we fill*

*He says don't fix what is not broken
No need to find what's not been lost
It's a heavy gate we have to open
And endless field we have to cross...*

(Complete song on the Album:
From the Ends of the Earth.)

As many search to claim a drop of Scottish blood by birth, through marriage or best of friendships, kindred spirits can share the hauntingly beautiful tunes and lyrics by Dougie Maclean during his USA Concert May 13-18 (Schedule and states page 6).



Dougie Maclean has fun video taping the march to the Castle Gates.

The Quest For a Major Award—Cont. 4

broken her hip and shoulder, and with the uneven mountain terrain, Connie and I had been taking turns assisting Mom with her journeys. When she mentioned her walk this time, I took the opportunity to go with her. We took our time. We walked at bit. We visited with friends. We took our time. We stood and talked with clansman Tom McLean, who works with security at GMHG. We took our time. Then we finally decided to stroll back to the tent.

When we arrived, there was a crowd in front of the tent. We came in from the back of the tent, and we couldn't see anything for all the people. Then I realized that the Macleans' backs were turned to us. Someone was taking photographs. There was Patrick and Laura Maclean with Bob McLean. Connie was there. I said something to Connie - I really don't remember what I said... Connie turned around... she was holding **THE MAJOR AWARD!!!** Clan Maclean had **won THE MAJOR AWARD!!!**

And DANG IT! I was at the port-a-john!!! And I didn't even get in the official photo!!!

But now our "damn we're good table" is a whole lot prettier!

This story is being reprinted due to a digital copy layout error, which, unfortunately was not caught and missed the "point", told at the end of the story. The Pippings, an effort of volunteers, is the newsletter of Clan Gillean USA. Our goal is to inform as well as share news from our ancestral home in Scotland, our Chief, the Macleans and their Septs across the United States. We offer our sincerest apologies to Betsy R. McLean, writer and contributor, with hopes that we will see many more stories of that caliber and wit in the future. Co-Editor: Margaret H. McLean



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In Memory of "Mama Pat"



Patricia Mills McLean, 80, of Raleigh, N.C.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs. Patricia Mills McLean. She was truly a matriarch of Clan Gillean U.S.A. Her bright smile and twinkling eyes have greeted new and old members of the clan at countless Highland games, festivals and other events for many years. "Mama Pat" was a cook, a seamstress, a confidant and a loyal friend to all of her fellow clansmen and clanswomen. She served as Deputy Convener of North Carolina and amassed many awards from the 2008 Audrey Peebles McLean Award as Clanswoman of the Year to the most recent recognition, which she displayed with pride on the "Damn Ain't We Good" table at the clan tent (see page 3). Mama Pat is survived by her daughters, Connie McLean Sutton (Frank), Betsy R. McLean

and brother W.B. "Butch" Mills (Eva), nieces, nephews and extended family. Funeral services were held in Raleigh, NC on Thursday January 3, 2013, at Mitchell Funeral Home. CGUSA President the Rev. Patrick Maclean, OSSP, officiated at the service and was assisted by the Rev. David McLean. Most of those present wore kilts or other tartan items and Pat's casket was draped in MacLean and Gordon tartans. Music was provided by Laura Maclean who sang and played the keyboard, and Pat's nephews Randy and Jeff McLean who sang and played guitars. Mama Pat was laid to rest in the family plot on top of a hill in Raleigh Memorial Park. The moving graveside service closed with the sounds of a lone piper playing "Flowers of the Forest", which echoed across the silent grounds. It was a fitting send-off for a truly great lady. Following the service, family and friends assembled at Connie and Frank Sutton's home for a memorable gathering filled with remembrances of Mama Pat. (See website for more details).

Calendar of Events 2012

Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games & Festival	Jacksonville, FL	Jan Maclean, Jacksonville, FL	Feb 23, 2013
Arizona Scottish Gathering	Mesa, AZ		March 23 - 24, 2013

May 2013



Sunday 12th - ASHEVILLE, NC Dianna Wortham Theatre. Tickets - Tel: 828-257-4500 Online: www.dwtheatre.com
Tuesday 14th - SCHENECTADY, NY 8th Step @ Proctors/GE Theatre. Tickets - Tel: 518-434-1703
 Online: www.eighthstep.org
Thursday 16th - BOOTHBAY HARBOUR, ME Opera House at Boothbay Harbor. Tickets - Tel: 207-633-5159
 Online: www.boothbayoperahouse.com
Friday 17th - CUMBERLAND, RI Blackstone River Theatre. Tickets - Tel: 401-725-9272 Online: www.riverfolk.org
Saturday 18th - NORTHAMPTON, MA Iron Horse Music Hall. Tickets - 413-586-8686 Online: www.iheg.com