



The Pipings

Clan MacLean Association in the United States Quarterly Newsletter

Sir Lachlan Hector Charles MacLean

CVO, 28th Chief and 12th Baronet of Duart and Morvern

MacLean's Preside Over 2019 New York Tartan Day Parade

By Anne Redding, Editor, *The Pipings*

MacLeans from up and down the East Coast gathered for the annual New York Tartan Day Parade on April 6, which was led by Grand Marshall Sir Billy Connolly in full MacLean Tartan dress.

Clan MacLean Association in the U.S. (CMAUS) President Dr. Les McLean and his wife Diane, gathered members of the association for a clan dinner Friday night, followed by the traditional Kirkin' O' The Tartan Saturday morning hosted by the Saint Andrews Society of NY.

The Kirkin' and pre-parade brunch was attended by many notable clans and two members of the Scottish Parliament, Graeme Dey and Linda Fabiani, who delivered thoughtful remarks during the brunch.

The parade marched 10 blocks up 6th Ave to the sound of pipes and drums and the cheering crowd. The streets were lined with hundreds of waving Scottish flags.

As the MacLean Clan approached the firetruck on which the Grand Marshall sits marking the end of the parade route, Sir Billy Connolly tugged his shoulder plaid acknowledging his association to the clan.

Following the parade, some clan members gathered again to celebrate with new friends at the post-parade after party held in Times Square featuring free beer, a whisky tasting, and several fantastic bands including Whisky Kiss & Elite Pro Dance, Drums and Roses, and Elephant Sessions.



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Sir Billy Connolly, Grand Marshall, New York Tartan Day Parade. (Story on Page 2)



CAMUS President Les McLean with wife, Diana, and Scotland National Chef, Gary Maclean at 2019 after party.



Members of Clan MacLean, New York Tartan Day Parade, April 6, 2019. Photo courtesy of Alison List.

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The Story of Sir Billy Connolly's Kilt

By Phyllis Stephen, Editor, The Edinburgh Reporter

Howie Nicholsby owns 21st Century Kilts in Edinburgh's Thistle Street. This year he had a very special commission – to make an outfit for Sir Billy Connolly to wear as Grand Marshal of the New York City Tartan Day Parade.

This is an event which Howie knows all about. The screensaver on his computer, visible to all who come into his shop, shows him, his wife Charlie and their two young boys leading the parade down Sixth Avenue in 2014.

Connolly's kilt outfit with matching tartan waistcoat and jacket stunned the crowd lining Sixth Avenue on Saturday. He was dressed top to tail in Weathered Maclean of Duart, his family tartan. There was an air of traditionality with a shoulder plaid which Howie's mum and dad made.

Howie's own kilts are very distinctive with pockets rather than a sporran, often with pockets lined in the same fabric as the

inside of the matching jacket. The attention to detail is intense, but as a shoulder plaid is not really his style he was happy to hand that part of the outfit over to his parents. Howie claims it is always possible to have any styles mixed together.

And the kilt entrepreneur was delighted with the way the outfit turned out. He proclaimed: "If there was ever to be a King of Scotland, this is what I hope he would wear. It's regal, fun, elegant and proud. When you are wearing a full tartan outfit (and yes I suppose it is a bit similar to the one I made for Alan Cumming who led the parade a few years ago – it is very timeless.

"To have Billy Connolly as Grand Marshal this year is an absolute dream."

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<https://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/2019/04/the-story-of-billy-connollys-kilt-created-in-edinburgh/>



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Sir Billy Connolly and Lady Pamela, leading the 2019 New York Tartan Day Parade. Kilt created by Howie Nicholsby, 21st Century Kilts.

Spring Announcements & Events

- **WELCOME:** Rev'd Abbot Patrick Maclean, former CMIA president, as our new Region 1 Director!
- **UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS:**
 - May 18-19 – Smoky Mountain Games, Mayville, TN (<http://smokymountaingames.org>)
 - May 18 – Fair Hill Scottish Games, Elkton, MD (<http://fairhillscottishgames.org/>)
 - May 25-26 – Alma Highland Festival, Alma, MI (<http://www.almahighlandfestival.com/>)
 - May 25 – Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC (<https://gallabrae.com/>)
 - May 31-June 2 – Glasgow Games, Glasgow, KY (<https://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com/>)
 - June 14-16 – Pikes Peak Celtic Fest, Colorado Springs, CO (<https://pikespeakcelticfestival.com/>)
 - July 11-14 – Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC (<http://www.gmhg.org>)
- **JOIN US: Grandfather Mountain Clan MacLean Dinner Saturday July 13 at The Daniel Boone Inn RSVP to Les McLean (les8445@aol.com)**
- **JOIN US: 2019 CMAUS Annual Gather Meeting to be held at the Richmond Highland Games in October 2019 – exact dates TBD (<http://vacelticfestival.com>)**



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New CMIA President Mark Myers



*Mark E. Myers,
New President,
Clan MacLean
International
(CMIA).*

On February 3rd, 2019, Mark E. Myers was elected President

of the Clan Maclean International Association (CMIA) by his peers of world-wide association presidents. He replaced Reverend Abbot Patrick Maclean of Colorado who recently resigned his term.

The Chief, Sir Lachlan is the honorary President of the International Clan, and is “delighted” that Mark has accepted the role of CMIA President and had this to say in a recent letter to Mark, “The Clan Associations only work because of the time and effort that people like you put into them. I am very pleased that you are able to take it on and if there is anything I can do to help, please just ask.” Mark’s term as President will last until the next International gathering on Mull in 2022.

Read the full story:

<https://maclean.us.org/news/maclean-news/60-mark-myers-to-be-new-cmia-president>

Honoring the Fallen on Culloden Moor

By Kenneth MacLean, Baron of Denboig

On the 273rd anniversary of the Battle of Culloden, Peter MacLean Docherty, who is of the Boreray branch of the Ardgour family, laid the Clan MacLean wreath in memory of our clansmen and those who fought and died on 16 April 1746.

The Battle of Culloden, where Jacobite supporters, seeking to restore the Stuart monarchy to the British throne, gathered to fight the Duke of Cumberland’s government troops, was the last pitched battle on British soil and, in less than an hour, around 1,600 men were slain – 1,500 of them Jacobites.

According to various sources, there were 290 in the regiment which combined the MacLachlans and MacLeans under Chief Lachlan MacLachlan, Aid de Camp to the Bonnie Prince (Charles Stuart), with Charles MacLean of Drimnin second-in-command. The MacLachlan/MacLean Regiment was center line and saw the most brutal hand to hand combat and suffered heavy losses.



Peter MacLean Docherty, lays wreath on behalf of Clan MacLean, April 16, 2019.

The exact number of MacLeans that made up the regiment is unknown but estimates are from 180-250 clansmen.

Clan MacLean was comprised of many from Drimnin, Ardgour and Torloisk. MacLean of Duart had a force of 500 men on the move but it is not sure how many, if any, were able to join the battle. We do know that 38 MacLeans returned from the battle and Charles MacLean of Drimnin and his two sons died on the battlefield.

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Flowers of the Forest: Thomas Gregory McLean

Jan 8, 1958 – Mar 5, 2019 (Age 61)
Morganton, North Carolina

Tom McLean was Lifetime Member for many years and worked the Games at Grandfather Mountain every year forever.

He is survived by his wife Ruth. His Obituary is published at www.legacy.com/obituaries.

The Duart Appeal

In June of 2012, Sir Lachlan, Bt, CVO, DL, 28th Chief, addressed the Clan Congress on Mull, explaining that for the last century, the Chief's family had personally funded the upkeep and repairs that Duart Castle required, but the family could no longer afford the repairs on its own. Sir Lachlan appealed to the Clan Maclean for help with the repairs of the ancient home; the Clan Maclean's response was unanimous in its support for preserving Duart for future generations, and an appeal for assistance was launched.

How to Donate:

Visit www.duartappeal.org for details on donation and sponsorship levels. U.S. donors may make **tax-deductible donations** in USD online using PayPal via the website or by check made payable to **Clan Maclean Association – California** (mail to: 748 South Meadows Parkway, Suite A9, P. M. Box 144, Reno, NV 89521), which is a non-profit Section 501 (c)(3) corporation supporting Scottish cultural outreach. On the check Memo line note "CMAUS Member - Duart Appeal".



Chief Sir Lachlan MacLean, Clan MacLean

Another for Hector!

Do you know a family member interested in joining the Clan? Invite them to visit:

<https://maclean.us.org/membership/application>

Need to renew your membership? Visit:

<https://maclean.us.org/membership/renew>

Thank you for your continued membership and commitment to keeping our Clan active!

