



The Pippings

Clan MacLean Association in the United States Quarterly Newsletter

Sir Lachlan Hector Charles Maclean

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



Elizabeth the Lady Maclean (May 30, 1923-Oct 17, 2021)

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Gathering at Grandfather Mountain 2021

For the first time since the pandemic began, the clans gathered together at Grandfather Mountain and were greeted by a stunning rainbow over MacRea Meadows. Our hostess



Rainbow over MacRea Meadows, GFMHG, 2021

Torch Light Ceremony, Raising the Clans, GFMHG, 2021



for the weekend, Connie Maclean Sutton, organized a fantastic display and MacLeans from around the country joined us in several events including the Raising of the Clans, the

Parade of Tartans and the Annual General Meeting.

Though we are once again hunkering down, the brief respite was most welcome and the energy and excitement throughout the weekend was palpable. The games reported one of the largest attendances in recent history.

One topic discussed at the AGM and you are sure to hear more about, is an effort to engage more youth in clan activities and ensure the next generation of MacLeans will feel as strongly connected to our amazing history as we all do. This is no easy task and we welcome all ideas and suggestions to help us meet this challenge.

Tickets for GMHG 2022 are already on sale and we hope we will be able to gather again safely!



Family and Friends - CMAUS Annual General Meeting, July 2021



Clan MacLean at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 2021

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MacLean History & Heraldry – Part 1

By Jason Wamsley

During the 1970s and 80s Americans became fascinated with and many became proud displayers of “their” Coat of Arms. At the 2021 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games it became apparent that many people are still intrigued by this ancient means of identification. I answered several questions from people about Sir Lachlan Maclean’s Coat of Arms, and I’m sure others who assisted at the tent may have as well. The one question that I was asked most was “I’m a Maclean, so this is my family Coat of Arms?” The answer is No.

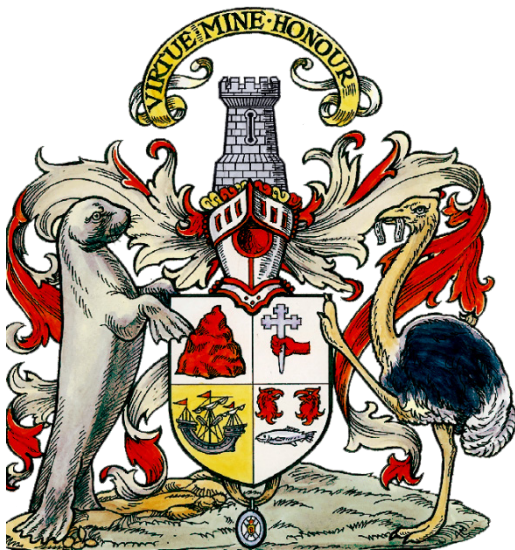
What they were referring to and what you see here (left), for educational purposes, is the Heraldic Achievement, Armorial Achievement, or simply Achievement (also referred to as Coat of Arms) and is the personal property of Sir Lachlan Hector Charles Maclean of Duart and Morven, 12th Baronet, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Deputy Lieutenant, and 28th Chief of Clan Maclean.

So how did Sir Lachlan get to call this beautiful crest his? The Achievement of our current Chief became his upon the

death of his father, Charles Maclean, Lord Chamberlain and the 27th Chief of Clan Maclean. The matriculation of the current Achievement was recorded in the Register of the Lord Lyon in 1904. Who is the Lord Lyon? In Scotland, the Court of The Lord Lyon is the heraldic authority. It exists to grant new Arms, the matriculation of Arms, and the keeper of the record of all Heraldic Arms since 1388. A 1672 Act of Scottish Parliament created the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings that is still in use today.

Let’s discuss some of the basics of Heraldry. In Scotland, the Arms (or Achievement) of an individual is personal property and is that person’s to use solely. No one else can claim it, in fact it is illegal to display or otherwise use an Achievement that is not yours. In most European countries the Coat of Arms can be issued to a single person or to a family. However, that does not include everyone with that surname. The idea that there is a Coat of Arms that everyone, worldwide, with a particular surname can use is an American idea and unfortunately incorrect.

(To be continued in our next issue)



This is the arms of the Chief of the Clan Maclean, House of Duart. These arms are the hereditary personal coat of arms of Sir Lachlan Hector Charles Maclean, Bt, CVO, DL of Morvern and Duart, 28th Chief of the Clan Maclean.

This wonderful article on the clan heraldry will be shared over the next few issues and published in its entirety in the CAMUS website. The author is a proud member of Clan MacLean.

Clan MacLean Announcements & Events

- **UPDATE: 2022 Games and Events** - We’re watching closely for 2022 Games announcements/cancellations.
- **JOIN US: April 9, 2022 – New York Tartan Day Parade** - Visit <http://nytartanweek.org> for information on all Tartan Week events. RSVP to Les McLean (les8445@aol.com) to receive more information and updates about the event.
- **UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS:**
 - March 31- April 2, 2022 – Tartan Day South, Cayce, SC (<http://tartandaysouth.com/>)
 - April 2, 2022 – Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, FL (<http://www.dunedinhighlandgames.com/>)
 - April 9-10, 2022 – Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC (<http://lochnorman.com/>)
 - April 23, 2022 – Southern MD Celtic Festival, Prince Frederick, MD (<https://www.cssm.org/events/festival/>)
- **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) Tickets on Sale:** Visit the website for more details: <https://gmhg.org/ticketing-and-registrations/>
- **Call for Conveners:** For more information on convening contact Mary Sue Wyatt at bummerms56@gmail.com

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CMAUS Presidential Pen

By Dr. Les McLean, CMAUS President

Was 2021 better than 2020? We hope and pray that we are coming out of the mess, then learn we are not. The latest variant is spreading faster than we can comprehend. Yesterday, for example, the USA had over 400,000 new cases in one day. I have heard enough news repeated, over and over, about the covid to last more than ten lifetimes - but, we can't afford to become numb or apathetic, this stuff is deadly serious, especially now for our children. Did we forget about the mandated smallpox, measles, mumps, chicken pox, and polio vaccinations? Enough is enough, no more politics, no more denial, get vaccinated.

Recently, The Presidents of the Clan Maclean Associations around the world held a series of zoom meetings to discuss current events and how to bring young MacLeans into our organizations. We discovered our concerns are mutually shared, but we will meet the challenges because the strength of our heritage is formidable.

The words, "thank God, I'm a Maclean," reflect the standing and history of our family. The Integrity and courage of our forefathers cannot be denied.

Flowers of the Forest: The Baroness Maclean

Earlier this year we said goodbye to Elizabeth the Lady Maclean, widow of the Baron Maclean (1916-1990), who died peacefully in her home on October 17th at the age of 98.

Elizabeth was born Joan Elizabeth Mann and in 1941 married 27th Clan Chief Sir Charles Maclean ("Chips"), later to be Lord Maclean and sometime Lord Chamberlin to Queen Elizabeth II.

Lady Maclean lived in a 'Grace and Favour'

It is incumbent upon us to continue that force. So how do we get our young ones, who are not joiners like us, to realize the importance and feel the excitement of being a part of our great heritage?

Despite the continuing string of variants, we look forward to several games starting back up, and it looks really good for this spring. This week, I received an email from fellow MacLeans in Scotland planning to join us in New York for the Tartan Day Parade in April (it would be nice to have you with us). Gary Maclean, Scotland's Premier Chef, will be the honored guest of the American Scottish Foundation in New York. Barring states shutting down again from another surge, it seems to be full steam ahead for 2022.

In fact, we have more games coming up than we have conveners. We need you. If you know of a games or festival in your area, contact our Lead Convener Mary Sue Wyatt to see if it is covered. We'll send you a complete conveners kit and reimburse the tent and admission fees. It's fun!

Until we gather again, be safe and warm. We are the poets, the warriors, the noble MacLeans. -Doc

apartment in Hampton Court Palace and her funeral was held at The Chapel Royal.

Our heartfelt condolences go to her children, 28th Clan Chief Sir Lachlan Maclean and Janet Barne and their families.

Donors to the Duart Castle restoration may send an email to support@duartappeal.org to record their donations in Memory of Elizabeth the Lady Maclean and the funds collected will be allocated to a specific part of the restoration.

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Next spring the scaffold will be removed to reveal the large West Elevation which faces the carpark and the entrance road to the castle.

The Duart Appeal

Phase 7 of the conservation & repair of Duart Castle has now been completed and the scaffolding removed from the N. We had a blow from Historic Environment Scotland when they rejected our application for funding for the final 3 Phases of repairs. They gave us no funding, so as we move into Phase 8 we have to work out what we can do with the funding that we've got. However, us MacLeans are a stubborn lot and I'm sure that we will manage to complete the work at Duart over the next few years. Thank you all so much for the support you've all given us and we hope to see you here at the Gathering in 2023.

How to Donate:

Visit duartappeal.org for details on donation and sponsorship levels. U.S. donors may make **tax-deductible donations** 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!

