



The Rowan Tree



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Hon. Patron, Euan Maclachlan of Maclachlan, Chief of Clan Lachlan

President's Message

Greetings Clan Members,

It has been a cold winter but spring is in the air.

Tom McLachlan, our Sennachie Emeritus, passed away recently. On behalf of all Canadian members I sent our deep condolences to Peter, Janet and the rest of Tom's family. Tom had formed a special relationship with Canada and visited every year for about 25 years.,

I am one of the few remaining members of the original group, who joined the Society when formed in 1979. The British Society was centered around Strathlachlan and seemed content to remain so. CMANA (Clan MacLachlan Association of North America) was established before the UK Society. Tom was the missionary, who carried the flag to different countries. Tom introduced me to Dame Marjorie (our former chief), who expressed a desire to have one worldwide Clan Society with branches in different regions and countries.

In Canada, we established a Maritimes Branch, a Central Canadian Branch, and a Pacific N.W. Branch. There was already a Western U.S.A. Branch, which had split recently from CMANA and wished to be part of the overall Society. Tom and I worked with Herb Jacobs, the President of CMANA, so that CMANA could become a Branch of the Society. On Tom's watch, the Society was transformed from a Society based in the British Isles, to a global Society with branches in many parts of the world.

At that time, an important objective for the members was tracing their genealogy back to roots in Scotland and Ireland. Tom tried to produce a family history for each member. This was one of the attractions of joining the Society.

Tom's records were a source of information to provide a family tree for members of the Clan. Now a great deal of this information is available on the internet, but Tom's records are valuable in giving personal background of people he had researched. Tom told me 20 years ago that he wished to live to 90. He made his goal, but in the last year or two, his ability to research was curtailed.

Anything written by Tom has been included in the Lachlan Library which is available through Membership in the Canadian Branch. His records in card form have been left to the Society. A lasting tribute to Tom would be to have this information digitized.

On a personal note it has taken me about 15 months to recover from my last cancer surgery. I hope that I am now on the mend and can devote more time to the Clan. I welcome Member 5215 Richard McLauchlan, and his wife Brenda, who are working together as our joint Membership Secretary. I hope we can tackle the problem of declining membership.

I wish all members and their families a rewarding Spring and Summer.

Duncan MacLachlan - #41

Editor's Note: I have repeated the list of 'Volunteers Required' below, in hopes that someone would wish to volunteer for one of these positions. Note that, with e-mail, these can be done from anywhere in the world.

Volunteers Required

Webmaster who would be responsible for maintenance, upgrading, etc.

Assistant to David MacLachlan - re matters of the Lachlan Trust of Canada

Librarians. (Hopefully there will be several - filing digital magazines, assisting with Family Histories etc., entering Members Data, etc.).

Clan MacLachlan on Facebook

You might want to look at the CMS Facebook page, which enables you to post information, ask questions, and view updates (as they occur).

<http://www.facebook.com/ClanMacLachlanSociety>

Ceud Mile Failte: 100,000 Welcomes to our New Members

Full Members

5284 Carolyn McGlothlin – Bellingham, WA, USA

5285 Joseph McLachlan – San Diego, California, USA

Note: Due to privacy concerns, stemming from new Federal legislation, we are no longer publishing full addresses of new members. However, should an individual member wish to contact another member, we can put both in touch with each other.

Flowers of the Forest

Tom McLachlan - #1 Clan Sennachie: 1926 to 2019



We are very sorry to announce that Tom McLachlan, family historian, and Clan Sennachie, passed away on January 4th, 2019, in England.

He was not only our Clan MacLachlan Sennachie, but also a personal friend, whom we had hosted at our home in Toronto on several occasions, and visited with him and his wife Evelyn in England as well. Tom travelled the world, personally visiting with as many MacLachlans as he could, researching and recording their stories on behalf of our clan.



L to R: Ken Godfrey, Wade MacLauchlan (now Premier of P.E.I.), Tom McLachlan - 1995

I will remember both Tom and Evelyn for some time, as they stayed with us here in Toronto on several occasions, and we visited them in England too. Tom and Evelyn sang in a local choir for many years as well. My wife, Judy, especially recalls the enthusiasm with which Tom engaged in Scottish Country Dancing – especially “Strip the Willow”, in which her feet actually left the floor! I was always impressed at Tom's physical endurance, as when he took me on one of his daily walks in England - and it turned out to be many miles, over a couple of hours, before we returned home!



Tom McLachlan, Sandy MacLachlan, Judy Gauthier, Evelyn McLachlan in Oshawa – 1998



Kingston, Ontario Clan Gathering – 1998 (Tom is sitting in the front row, head turned to his right)



Clan MacLachlan BBQ at home of Sandy MacLachlan (Tom in back row) – 1998



Tom, Bob Gilchrist, Tom's brother – 2012 USA visit



Tom McLachlan with Chief Euan - 2014

Tom & Nan Beams (Editor of "*Clan Lachlan*")

Peter & his father Tom at the 2014 Dinner

Tom was chairman of the Omnibus Society in the 1980s, and was best known as general manager of Grey-Green, one of London's premier coach operators. Tom worked for Grey-Green for 36 years and was very highly regarded by everyone who knew him; he became very much an 'elder statesman' of the industry as a whole. He was a true gentleman who commanded real respect. Even after Tom retired, he was still very much interested in buses, and the bus industry, in all parts of the world. So much did his fascination carry over, that on several occasions while visiting in Canada and the USA, Tom would take lengthy bus trips (even when he could fly to his destination much more quickly), so he could enjoy continuing to be a part of this industry, as well as enjoying the scenery as the miles rolled by!

The last time we saw Tom was at Castle Lachlan in 2014, and he still was in fine form. We had a good conversation with him, and his son Peter at that time (see the photo on the next page). His passing means that we are all getting older - we just hope that more wisdom accompanies the years as we do so!



Judy, Ken, Tom, & Tom's son Peter – our final conversation with Tom at Castle Lachlan - 2014

Submitted by Ken Godfrey - #802

CLA Membership Renewals

Please check out the website at www.clanlachlan.ca. Remember your access codes are User ID (either macxxxx or LACHxxxx) and password is your postal/zip code!

You can renew easily via the secure on-line payment. CA-21 at \$25.00 for twelve months brings annual Lachlan Library Membership with the Clan Lachlan magazine and "The Rowan Tree" newsletter, Canadian Branch membership &, world-wide Clan Society membership; or CA19 at \$100.00 for five years! For web payment use www.clanlachlan.ca/paypal.php and select CA21.0 or CA19.0 and your currency. Cheques are payable to Clan Lachlan Association of Canada, and may be sent to Jim MacLachlan, 1639 Bateau Lane, RR3, Gananoque. ON, Canada, K7G 2V5 (20jrmac@gmail.com)

For those members with access to the Lachlan Library, you will have received a copy of the new electronic newsletter. We hope you enjoyed it. We are dependent on members to keep us supplied with new content.

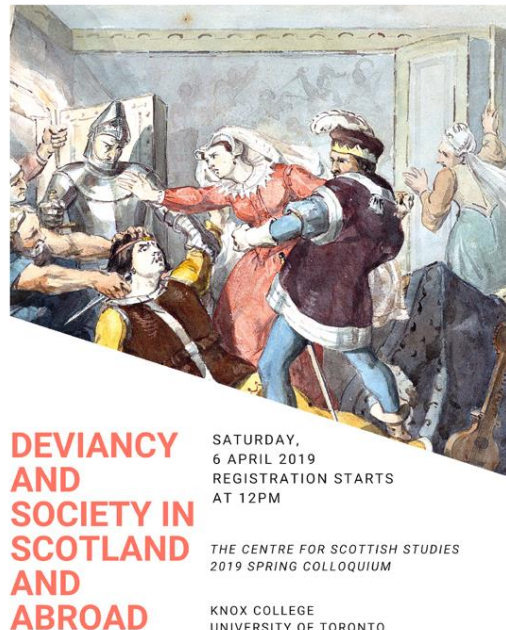
Editor's Note: As we are now working with our new Membership Secretaries (jointly held by Richard and Brenda McLauchlan) at the present time, in an attempt to update our records, please check your own records, and keep your renewals up to date by payment through our website. If you are receiving this as a complimentary issue, and have not been a member for some time, we would welcome your return membership payment at our website.

Invitation to View Contents of Electric Scotland Website

I have a huge amount of Scottish content on my web site, and you are most welcome to view and enjoy its offerings. There are tons of humour, stories, recipes, children's stories, general articles, and much more.

Alastair McIntyre FSA Scot
Electric Scotland
<http://www.electricscotland.com>
<http://www.electriccanadian.com>

Scottish Studies Foundation Spring Colloquium – April 6, 2019



This year's **Scottish Studies Spring Colloquium** will be held on **Saturday, April 6, 2019**, at Knox College at the University of Toronto. This year's theme is **"Deviancy and Society in Scotland and Abroad"** and speakers include Dr. Linda Mahood, University of Guelph; Dr. Cynthia Neville, Dalhousie University; Chelsea Hartlen, University of Guelph; Dr. Katherine Ashley, Acadia University; Amy Beingessner, University of Guelph; The Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald, Vice-Principal and Director of Graduate Studies, Knox College, University of Toronto; Joon Won Kim, Knox College, University of Toronto; Ciaran Jones, University of Edinburgh. Details can be seen here:

<http://www.scottishstudies.com/520-spring-colloquium-2019.htm>

Registration fee is \$25 for Scottish Studies Foundation members, \$30 for the general public and \$10 for students.

You can register via the Scottish Studies Foundation by [mail](#) or [online](#).

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Old Scottish Words – of that Ilk

Sc. 1935 [Scots Mag. \(March\)](#) 405:

Lairds were designated by their Christian names and the title of their lands, which last name usually became the family surname, but since Scots Law required that every landowner be designated by his fief, when surnames became usual, cadets added the name of their estates to the family surname derived from the chief's estate, while the chief himself simply repeated the fief name which had also become his patronymic, and thus the title *dominus ejusdem*, or “of that ilk,” came to indicate the head of a family. . . . He who was “Maclachlan” at home became “Maclachlan of that ilk” on formal occasions and in public assemblies, and this practice was recognised in Crown charters as early as 1529. The words “of that ilk” are in practice restricted to the chief and his heir, wives and daughters being designated as “Mrs. Maclachlan of Maclachlan” or “Miss Maclachlan of Maclachlan .”

If you wish to learn more about the meaning of old Scots words, here is the link to the DSL – Dictionary of the Scots Language: <http://www.dsl.ac.uk/> where you can look up any words via their “search” feature.

Georgetown Highland Games – June 8, 2109

Dear Clans,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to participate with your Clan at the Georgetown Highland Games, which are to be held on **Saturday June 08th, 2019 at 8:30am at the Georgetown Fairgrounds** located in Georgetown, Ontario. We will be celebrating our 44th year and I am excited to welcome returning Clans, along with some new faces. I will be responsible for all communications related to participating with your Clan this year.

All participating Clans should be set up by 8:30 a.m. the day of the games (Saturday) with your cars parked in the designated car park areas (directions will be provided by Marshalls on the day). No motor vehicle traffic will be allowed in the area after this time. ***No cars are allowed to be parked behind the tents. Clan tents need to remain intact until 4:30 pm. No cars will be allowed to come into the clan alley until that time.***

“Clan Alley” and the march preceding the opening ceremonies is an important and colourful feature to the Georgetown Highland Games. There is a parade that will take place inside the park in time for the official opening at 12:30pm. This is not a very long walk and we would like to ask each of you to participate and represent your Clan. We will be lining up for the parade behind the Cheer garden at 11:30. I will be onsite to direct you all for the event.

A space (15' x 15') will be provided at no cost (without Hydro). Two general admission passes and one parking pass will be provided free of charge to each Clan. Passes will be mailed to you upon receipt of this completed application by email. The lots will be allocated on a "first-come" basis. Please signify your intentions to attend and any additional requirements on the application (disabled parking for example).

I have attached the Clan invitation and registration form. If you could please respond by **May 14th, 2019** via an e-mail to card.lamb@gmail.com confirming your interest to attend. If there are any corrections to your contact information please let me know, and I will correct our records. I really look forward to meet each and every one of you in June.

Kind regards,

Marcie Lamb

The Application can also be found on our website www.georgetownhighlandgames.com

Celtic Festival of Quebec: September, 6/7/8, 2019



In the name of **Festival celtique de Québec**, the **Québec Clan MacLeod Society** wish to invite your clan to the XIVth edition of our festival to gather together in the heart of Old Québec to discover and celebrate your "Celtitude" – a heritage the people of Quebec share, along with neighbouring regions. And even if we are not always aware of it, the Celtic phenomenon exists everywhere in Quebec City and in the province; the majority of Quebecers descended from European people share a Celtic connection, whether Breton, Cornish, Scottish, Welsh, Irish or Manx Gaelic. In this way, the presence of Celtic communities has shaped Quebec's heritage.

The **Quebec City Celtic Festival** gives the Breton, Irish, and Scottish communities in particular an opportunity to highlight (through dance, music, and traditions) a rich common history and to share it, in a spirit of openness, with their fellow citizens.

Please mark your agenda for 2019 September 6, 7 and 8 and come on the grounds of the Domaine Maizeret at the vicinity of Old Quebec district, the one of the jewels of UNESCO World Heritage.

Thanks in advance for any reply,

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www.facebook.com/mcleodofsaguenay/

Note: For more information on **Canadian Highland Games**, visit the following website:
<http://www.cassoc.ca/frameset.htm>, and click on the “Events” tab on the left side.

Report on Trip to Scotland and Elsewhere

I am glad to report that three Gilchrists: Grandfather Gordon, son Stevenson and grandson Dakota, made a fine visit to Scotland this past October and were, as is always the case, warmly and generously received by the Loch Fyne Maclauchlans, Donald and Margaret, and the present London Gilchrists. I had promised my grandchildren that I would see to it that they would get to visit the lands of their ancestors and Dakota's visit concluded that promise. Now, to him, names have faces to them and he thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

While there, we visited much of the Argyle country as well as Edinburgh, Stirling and other more central parts. Of course, we did the Scottish woolens thing at Inveraray where we outfitted ourselves and our folk at home with lovely, warm Scottish sweaters. While there, we toured Inveraray Castle, Loch Lomond country and even walked the standing ruins of Tantallon Castle in Berwick. What a magnificent country and what a proud history.

By the way, son Steve has been working on his ancestral com-pilings and now has over six thousand connections to my ancestors and those of my wife (Craig family). (Boy! Is my Christmas Card list going to be expensive.)

All in all, we had a great visit; were made most welcome by the family, and even were piped away by Donald when we left. (Speaking of Donald; he and my cousin James Gilchrist, an architect, have done and are doing splendid work on the semi-restoration and preservation of the ruins of Castle Lachlan.)

We took the opportunity to skip over to Belgium to visit some war graves and Vimy Ridge. What a magnificent edifice that is and what wonderful care and attention it and the graves receive from our War Graves Commission. I was able to visit the artillery monument where I paid my respects to fallen gunners.

On a return to England we toured the south coastal area where we visited HMS Victory of Nelson fame, the Royal Armoured Corps Museum, Portsmouth, Plymouth, and much of the sassenach countryside. Beautiful!

All good wishes and kindest personal regards,

Submitted by Gordon Gilchrist - #1492

Scottish Humour



Submitted by Judy Gauthier - #802

Editor's Message

Please tell me what you do and don't like about the items in "The Rowan Tree", so that we may try to improve its content. Remember, this is your newsletter, and it can only be as good as your input to it, so I welcome your submissions; especially those from new members, and those from outside of Ontario. It is only in this way, that we can expand the geographic appeal of the newsletter.

Ken Godfrey - #802

Remember: If you have moved recently, have you notified CLA of your new address, so you will receive all of your newsletters - i.e. *The Rowan Tree*, and your magazine - i.e. *Clan Lachlan*? Also, if you have recently changed your e-mail address, send any/all of your changes to James MacLachlan, our Treasurer, with a copy to Ken Godfrey, please, whose names and addresses appear below. Also, remember to keep your Membership Dues current as well. Thank you.

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