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Our Valour

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Welcome to Clan Logan

This is the first newsletter of the newly revived Clan Logan Society. With this inaugural issue, and future issues we hope to bring to you the meaning of the word Clan, and an understanding of what it means to be a member of the Clan Logan. Future ongoing articles will include, basic introduction to heraldry, proper wearing of Scottish attire, and the origins of Clan Logan.

It is hoped that topics raised in future issues will come from you, the clansman. If you have an interesting genealogy story, would like to relate a topic of interest, or have suggestions for something you would like to see in *Our Valour*, please submit your article to the Society website c/o Frank Logan.

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Society Presidents Address



Dear Members

The New Year is upon us and we have some great plans for 2006. We will try to attend as many Scottish Festivals as possible and hope to meet a lot of you

there. We will also try to get out a newsletter every quarter.

Congratulations to Frank Logan of Canada who is now the Chief Organizer and Vice President of the Clan Logan Society. He has done an excellent job for us and we need to give him our continued support.

I would like to double our membership in the coming year, and you can help, by telling friends and family about the Society. We will be going to a new online format in 2006 and will keep you informed with updates throughout the year.

I hope you all have a prosperous and Happy New Year!!!

Sincerely,
Vernon Logan
President - Clan Logan Society

Heraldry and The Clans

When it comes to Heraldry and it's use within Scottish Clans, the topic is never simple. The proliferation of the famous "get your family shield" booths at most Scottish games and festivals, as well as their modern equivalent on the internet, can be confusing to even the most studied of individuals.

The basic rule is this; no one may usurp the arms of another man. The shields sold by these individuals are nothing more than the earliest recorded arms carried by an individual with the same last name as you, and they will most likely have no connection to your family. It is technically a crime to display these arms, or to claim them as your own.

There is however one very unique heraldic symbol which someone of Scottish decent may display. That is of course the clansman's badge. The rules for displaying this are also not as simple as one may have been led to believe. The rules of the Lord Lyon's office (the authority on Scottish heraldry) are very simple but often over looked.

The badge represents the crest of the Chief; or in layman's terms, his

arms. The badge is only to be worn as a cap or bonnet badge, as an identifier to which clan you own allegiance. As such to is only to be represented in silver, or any other white metal. When shown as a drawing it shall be represented as a black and white line drawing only as demonstrated on the front of this newsletter. To mark your property with the symbol of your Chief is to signify that it is his property. This rule however is ignored by the many merchants who sell all manner of goods with the clansman's badge inscribed, painted, or emblazoned on it.

I hope that this has stirred your interest in the topic of Scottish Heraldry, and this article series will continue in future issues.

MacLennan Who?

What Clan do you belong to? Many Logan's have become members of Clan MacLennan, but have they joined the wrong clan?

The sole authority on all matters concerning Scottish clans, the Lord Lyon, considers Logan to be a Clan in it's own right, yet one without a Chief. In correspondence undertaken by the Clan Logan Society with the current Lord Lyon, Robin Blair, LVO, WS, we find that the last known Chief of Clan Logan was George Logan of that Ilk, in 1673 when his Arms were recorded into the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland. The Lord Lyon also states that with the appointment of a new Chief to the MacLennan's in 2002, the name of Logan was not incorporated into the Clan of MacLennan. So why are so many Logan's joining the MacLennan's? With our official designation being a Clan without a Chief, why would people question the existence of a Clan Logan Society?

The answer to this question is as simple as it is complicated. Firstly Clan MacLennan claims Logan as a Sept (sept will be covered more in future heraldry articles). This means that Logan is a lower branch of Clan MacLennan, and as such would show allegiance to the Chief of their clan. This sounds simple enough, but how

did they determine that Logan was a lower branch to their Clan?

This story of our origins will be continued in future issues of *Our Valour*.

The First Clan Logan Society

The first Clan Logan Society was formed in 1913 in Glasgow, by the efforts of Thomas Logan, Esq., J.P., of Lastrick House, Shawlands who's efforts made him the first elected President. Thomas Logan, Esq., Provost of Patrick, was elected as Hon. Secretary, and William Logan as Bard of the Society. He and Piper Logan composed several Clan songs and marches.

Only two Clan gatherings took place, both were in Glasgow. The first was during 1913, a dinner, and the second was a dance during 1914. The Great War, in which many clansmen lost their lives, put an end to the Clan gatherings. It was hoped that an energetic member of the Clan would some day revive these gatherings, and restart the Clan Logan Society. With the efforts of the current Society President Vernon Logan, these requirements have finally been realized.

Scottish Attire

Scottish attire is a subject of much debate. At all times it is important to remember that when dressing in Scottish attire it is a type of dress and not a costume. This is not dissimilar than wearing any formal attire such as a tuxedo. You would not wear bowling shoes with a tuxedo, so why would you wear Scottish dress with any less formality?

For those wishing to wear the kilt I can think of no better guide than "So you're going to wear the Kilt" by D.C. Stewart. This book covers all the basics, and then some. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that you are not stepping out of a Brave Heart movie. This movie is perhaps the most

inaccurate representation of Scottish dress known. This topic will be covered in more depth in the next issue.

Vice-Presidents Address



This is only the first of many newsletters in the new Clan Logan Society. It is hoped by the President and myself that this newsletter can be expanded upon to become a true newsletter for the Clan.

With stories and tales by members about their ancestors and the Clan, it is hoped that this newsletter can encompass all with tales of bravery, and of beginnings both in the new world, and within Scotland itself.

Remember that this newsletter, and Clan belongs to you, and that it can only reflect your views and stories if you choose to submit them.

Sincerely,
Frank Logan
Vice President - Clan Logan Society