



The Rowan Tree



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

President's Message

Dear Clan Members,

We have recently returned from the States, unfortunately to bitter cold. For health reasons, we were organizing to sell our place in Florida. This was the end of an era.

With instant worldwide communication available to all, and ever growing globalization, we are certainly living in interesting times. **What is the future of a Clan Society in the next 50 years?**

60 years ago, in 1957, we emigrated to North America. I had worked on Top Security projects in England and had job offers in the US and Canada. In October 1957, I was visiting MIT in Boston when the Russians launched their Sputnik satellites and ushered in the Space program. Then there was the civil rights movement, the Vietnam war, the formation of the European Community, the Kennedy Years. These were interesting times also.

What will the Clan Society be like in 50 years if it is to survive?

The fundamental ethos of the Clan is the family with a one-on-one relationship between the Clan member and the Chief. Each member has a genealogy, which in theory goes back to the founder of the Clan. This contrasts to the English feudal system with a hierarchy going down to a serf tied to the land.

At present, we have organized members by Branches in different countries with each Branch paying a small levy per member for Society membership and for a PDF file to distribute for its members: an electronic or print copy of the Clan magazine. Branches are financially independent, and can offer whatever services they desire, and decide what membership fee to charge. Branches can also encourage more social fellowship through a Branch newsletter. Members are not required to join any particular Branch.

With present technology, it is possible for all members of the Clan to have direct access to a digital Clan magazine and to have access to clan genealogy, clan history, etc. The cost to service 100 members or 5,000 members is about the same. Our Branch is structured to fit this model.

It is possible to have clan members throughout the world co-operating on some particular project; for example preserving the *Old Castle Lachlan*. Members interested in genealogy could form their own group with their own newsletter and communication channels.

I continue to have limited time and energy to devote to Branch or Society business. **We need new blood, but so far, we have had no volunteers.**

I wish you and yours a good summer in this now unpredictable climate,

Duncan MacLachlan – March 27, 2017

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

Membership Secretary (contact point for Branch Membership Secretaries)

Genealogy Coordinator. (Hopefully there will be a several Genealogy representatives replacing the Sennachie.)

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

5271 Giles Forrest – Woking, Surrey, UK

5272 Melody Lee – Maple Ridge, BC, Canada

5273 Kim Sargent – Bancroft, ON, Canada

5274 Bryan McLauchlin – Roanoke, Texas, USA

5275 Christine Sweet – Lacombe, Alberta, Canada

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



JAMES STEPHENS MacLACHLAN

June 7, 1927 – December 20, 2016

Passed away peacefully from cancer on Tuesday, December 20 2016, at Harmony Hills Care Community in Toronto in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Helen Barbara (nee MacKay) for over 61 years. Caring father of Catherine (Ken Smith), Stephen (Janet), Stanley (Viivi Rita Piil) and Linda (B.J. McKeever). Cherished grandfather (“Poppa”) of Christena (Jamie Manley), Ian (Anna), Duncan (Kathryn Exon Smith), Colin (Annette), Stuart, Sandy (Drew Marshall), Jillian (Arjun Lombardi-Singh), James (Liz), Sarah (Nick Hutcheson), Alec (Qwyn), Joseph, Mary Siobhan and Matti. Great-grandfather of Gwyneth, Nathan, Simon, Louisa and Arya. Inimitable Uncle Jimmie to numerous nieces and nephews and to many of their offspring.

Predeceased by his parents Alexander Hugh and Catherine Cullena (nee MacInnes) MacLachlan and siblings Alexander (Gladys), Peter, Malcolm (Betty), Annie (William Russell), and Sadie (Russell MacLachlan). Losing his father while an infant, he felt Peter in particular was as close to being a father as possible. Jimmie is survived by Peter’s wife Josie.

Born in West Bay Centre, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Jimmie grew up on a farm & loved the hard work & adventure there. At 15, he met Helen McKay across the bay at St George’s Channel. Soon Helen moved to Halifax for work and later Toronto, and Jimmie then left his much-loved Cape Breton to follow Helen.

Jimmie initially worked as a lineman and then a delivery truck driver for Eaton’s. Ultimately, he joined the Canadian National Railroad (CNR) as a Brakeman – steady employment that allowed Jimmie and Helen to marry in 1950. Jimmie had a 36-year career with the CNR, progressing to Conductor and finally Rules Instructor.

Jimmie and Helen raised their family and made lifelong friendships in Toronto, while maintaining close connections to Cape Breton. Summer vacations were spent on a farm property they purchased in 1961, overlooking the Bras d’Or Lake, which over the years, became “down home” for their children and grandchildren. During retirement, they divided their time equally between their homes in Toronto and Cape Breton.

Helen passed away in 2012 and her loss proved to be very challenging for Jimmie. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and moved first to Donway Place, then Harmony Hills as his need for care increased. We are

grateful to the staff at each residence, especially Norma at Harmony Hills. Our very warmest thanks go to Jimmie's "angels" Julie & Amabelle, whose kind, cheery & tirelessly devoted attention brightened and comforted his final eight months.

Jimmie openly acknowledged his life had been blessed, fruitful and happy, but he was ready to take Helen's lead and follow her once again.

Cremation and a private family gathering have taken place in Toronto. Jimmie's ashes will be laid to rest beside Helen next year in the MacKay Cemetery in St. George's Channel, Cape Breton. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be considered to a charity of your choice, the St. Michael's Hospital Foundation (30 Bond St., Toronto, M5B 1W8) or the MacKay Cemetery Association (3632 West Bay Highway, R.R. 2, West Bay, Nova Scotia, B0E 3K0).

Editor's Note: James was a CLA Member many years ago, and his sons Stephen - #936, and Stanley - #892, are still members.

CHRISTOPHER FRANCIS MacLAUGHLIN

On August 5, 2016, after a long illness, Chris MacLaughlin passed on. He was the former Editor of our "Clan Lachlan" magazine from 1989 to 1998, taking over this position from Duncan MacLachlan, our Canadian President. I met Chris at one of the first Clan Gatherings held at Castle Lachlan in about 1994, and at the time, he acted as the 'Fear an Tighe' for the ceilidh held in the Chief's barn – also known as the Badminton Court! At that time, Chris lived in Baillies' Mills, which is near Belfast, Northern Ireland. Chris is survived by his brother Alasdair, sister Mary, dear friend Elizabeth, and all his family circle.

When Chris retired as Editor of "CL", our Chief, Euan Maclachlan of Maclachlan, presented Chris with an illuminated parchment written as follows:

Chris Francis MacLaughlin of Antrim, Ulster.

Euan Maclachlan of Maclachlan and the Chairman and Council of the Clan MacLachlan Society place on record their deep appreciation of the devoted service given by Chris MacLaughlin of Antrim (the son of Francis Alexander, the son of John of Antrim, the son of Alexander of Islay) in his capacity as Editor of Clan Lachlan for the past nine years. On his retirement from office, the Chief and the Society wish him every success and happiness in the sure knowledge of a job well done and appreciated by the membership.

He is still well remembered by other members from that time, though many of us are getting on in years.

The Funeral Service was held at Roselawn Crematorium, on Tuesday 9th. August, 2016.

Editor's Note: I am thankful to the Editor of the B&I Newsletter, *David McLaughlin*, for his article informing us of Chris' passing, and for some of the information in the above item as well.

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!



The last surviving former resident of St Kilda, Rachel Johnson, [died earlier this year at the age of 93](#).

The census was discovered among the papers of **Clan Maclachlan** by researchers from NRAS - the branch of the National Records of Scotland which holds historical papers held in private hands in Scotland.

It is not known exactly why the census was taken, or by whom, but NRAS experts said it was likely to have been part of a wider report on the Hebrides.



The remote islands were home to generations of people – Above are some men from St. Kilda

As the later document from 1822 included ages, it has been possible to track five residents of St Kilda who

appeared on both censuses. The 1764 census also includes the ancestors of the final five families to be evacuated from the island in 1930 - the MacQueens, Fergusons, Gillies, MacDonalds, and MacKinnons.

As well as the names of the 90 inhabitants, the document says that they each ate "36 wild fowls eggs and 18 fowls" (seabirds) a day - an overall daily consumption of 3,240 eggs and 1,620 birds. According to exports, birds and birds' eggs were the mainstay of the islanders' diet. As well as providing food, fulmar oil was used to light lamps, while seabirds' down was used for bedding, and their fat for healing salves.

The following picture, from about 1913, shows St. Kildan women dressed in their best clothes for visitors



Dr. Alison Rosie, Registrar of the National Register of Archives for Scotland, said: "This document sheds new light on the history of St. Kilda and the families who lived there, and gives us an insight into their lives more than 250 years ago."

Scotland's Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop said: "Many people are fascinated by the history of St. Kilda, and this census gives us a new insight into the history of the island and its people, which will now be available to researchers, thanks to the work of National Records of Scotland.

"Discoveries like these add great depth to our culture and heritage, helping us to understand more about our nation's story."

Earlier this year, [lost songs from the evacuated archipelago](#) were discovered and brought to life on a new album featuring renowned composers, including Sir James MacMillan.

Submitted by Judy Gauthier - #802

News from/about our Members

Island of Hoy Half Marathon

The Hoy Half marathon is not for the faint hearted. It starts on a gentle slope in the middle of nowhere and then the hills get bigger and longer. When you sign up to do the run, the blurb warns you that runners should not expect to set or equal their personal best as the route is 'challenging but scenic'.

On 12 June 2016, my wife, Rosemary and I ventured forth to meet this challenge. At the start, there was a strong 'in your face' wind from the East. After 2 miles, you rounded a hill and the wind blew you along from the West, even though you were still basically heading east. At 4 1/2 miles, you turned south and the wind was still very strong and in your face all the way to the finish line. Top runners 'lost' 7-10 minutes on their times. I managed 2 hours 23minutes 14 seconds, and came first in the senior men section and was awarded the Zimmer frame award - a great honour. Rosemary completed the course but won't disclose the time. However, it was a personal best. Here is a photo of us [shown below] with our medals. As always Hoy is a fantastic, but challenging, run.

Anyone care to join me next year [i.e. in 2017] ?



Submitted by David McLaughlin – B&I Newsletter Editor

Per Sept. 8, 2016 E-Mail from Kaye Gilchrist – Chair of CMS

Dear Duncan,

I wanted to thank you for having the latest edition of *The Rowan Tree* sent to us. I am always so impressed with how much goes on around the world with our MacLachlan clan especially when one considers that everyone behind the scenes is a volunteer.

As usual, I am always sorry to read "The Flowers of the Forest" and on behalf of the Council, I extend condolences to family and friends of **Ian MacLachlan**. It was so very kind of his family to request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be given to the "Old Castle Project."

I did want to make sure that you received the information sent by Trustee Rick Gilchrist concerning the "Old Castle Project". I am sure that all of us are appreciative of the work that has gone on in Phase 1.0 and Phase 2.0 of the Project especially the stabilization of the southwest corner and the south and west walls that were in danger of falling over. We are thankful to all those around the world that have already donated to the first two phases along with the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland. We are now entering Phase 3.0 which will include:

further repairs to the walls and vaulted rooms, further landscaping, northwest and northeast corner solidification, and improvements to staircases, platforms and the gallery. I am hopeful that clan members will continue to support this most worthwhile project and see it to its conclusion. In the future, when any of us decide to visit the "old castle" we can be proud that we helped make it happen. What a wonderful legacy to our children and grandchildren and to perpetuity.

Prayers for your good health.

Yours Aye,

Kaye Gilchrist

CMS Chair

News from Australia

Thanks for passing on the news about Chris MacLaughlin. Chris had developed Alzheimer's disease, and was declining quite rapidly when I last knew. I was briefly in touch with his brother but hadn't learned that he had died.

Chris was a larger-than-life character and I enjoyed a short stay with him and his wife Connie in Belfast, in 1999. Connie died a number of years ago.

Chris generously drove me around Ulster, especially to Co. Tyrone, from where my great-grandfather left for Scotland and then Australia (1852). We paid a visit to the remarkable hill fort, Grianan of Aileach, in the heights of Donegal, which may have been controlled by MacLaughlins at one stage.

We fitted quite a bit into those few days.

One surprising thing occurred when Chris asked me if there was anything I particularly wanted to see. A friend of ours in Australia decided to return home 'to die' in Belfast and we exchanged many letters with her while she lived there. When I told Chris I would like to see her home and gave him her name, he immediately recognised it! Lila had been the matron of the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Belfast when Chris' father was working there (as an eye specialist) and they knew each other well. Chris not only showed me the home, but took me to the cemetery where Lila's ashes have been interred in her parents' grave. What a small world!!

One little piece of local news: **Usain Bolt** is visiting us currently and is heading a 'Nitro Athletics' carnival in Melbourne, beginning today [i.e. February 4, 2017]. We are thrilled to bits because our granddaughter, Elizabeth Hedding, has been selected in the Australian squad for the international competition. She will be competing in the Long Jump. Lizzie hasn't stopped beaming since she found out about the selection a week or so ago. Neither have we!



Elizabeth “Lizzie” Hedding and Usain Bolt – Fastest Man in the World

Barbara and I went to the first of the ‘Nitro’ Athletics meetings last night and (apart from the amazing noise and hype) thoroughly enjoyed the show. It is structured as a teams’ competition between the Bolt team (including Mustafa Powell and Usain Bolt) and teams from Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Japan and China. Each event carries points for places, with bonuses thrown in for special heights, distances, or accuracy (javelin target). There will be three meets and the Bolt team lead after the first night, slightly ahead of the Aussies.

Powell and Bolt ran the first two legs of a 4x100 relay and no one could get within a mile of them. The two women who ran legs 3 and 4 could have crawled to the finish line! I tried to take a photo of the baton change between Powell and Bolt; in the photo, you can make out Powell roughly, but Bolt is a blur!

Grand-daughter Lizzie had a wonderful evening, signing autographs, and being involved in many ‘selfies’ as well as meeting athletic stars from around the world.

Doug McLaughlin – President of Victoria Australia Branch

McLachlan Gathering September 9, 2016

First Cousins (and their spouses), the Great, Great Grandchildren of Angus McLachlan 1822-1881 & Catherine McVicar 1832-1916 who immigrated to Canada from the area of Lochgilphead, Argyleshire in 1856



Left to Right back row standing: Lydia Galbraith, Tom & June McLachlan
Left to Right back row sitting: Jim McLachlan, Wayne & Norma McLachlan, Bonnie (McLachlan) McIloyal, Mary Ann Brackenridge, Elaine Leni, Stephen McLachlan, Norm Brackenridge in back.
Front Left to right sitting on step: Jean & Neil Armstrong, Bob Leni, Alan Galbraith.

It was wonderful to have some of the youngest generation and their parents with us.



Photos taken at Alan & Lydia Galbraith's home at Hillsborough Beach near Forest, on Lake Huron. Our aim is to have a family reunion every other year.

Submitted by Jean and Neil Armstrong - #1431

St. Andrew's Ball – Toronto – November 19, 2016

The Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto was the site of the 2016 Ball held by the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto, in conjunction with the 48th Highlanders Regiment of Toronto. Established in 1836 to assist immigrants from Scotland, the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto remains a vital part of the city's cultural and charitable community. So, this year, they were celebrating the 180th Anniversary of their founding.

CLA members attending this event were Ken Godfrey, and his wife Judy Gauthier, along with friends John and Beth Court. Of course, besides the dinner itself, the main attraction is the opportunity to participate in the Scottish Country Dancing, with music provided by the pipes and drums of the 48th Highlanders Band. Several practices were held in the weeks preceding the ball, so that those of us a bit rusty on the dances, could refresh their memories.

For Ken, it was a bit of a *deja-vu* experience, as he had worn his kilt to the Royal York Hotel for another ball (that one a graduation ball) over 50 years earlier!



48th. Highlanders Band playing for the Dancing



Judy with Two Members of the 48th.



Ken Godfrey, Judy Gauthier, Beth and John Court



Grand March of all the couples into the Ballroom – with Judy and Ken on the right

The Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix, Arizona



4725 Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, Az 85050 – www.mim.org.

HISTORY OF THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) was founded by Robert J. Ulrich, former CEO and chairman emeritus of Target Corporation. An avid collector of African art and a world museum enthusiast, Ulrich and his friend Marc Felix originated the idea for MIM after a visit to the Musical Instruments Museum in Brussels, Belgium. Their unique vision was to create a museum and collection that afford equal representation to the musical instruments and music of every country in the world. Using state-of-the-art audiovisual technology to show musical instruments being played in their original cultural context and delivering the sound of these instruments through high-quality headphones, MIM provides a one-of-a-kind experience to museum guests.

THE COLLECTIONS: MIM's collection includes nearly 16,000 musical instruments and associated objects, approximately 6,500 of which are displayed at a time and includes instruments from around two hundred countries and territories in the world. Some larger countries have multiple displays with subsections for different types of ethnic, folk, and tribal music. The instruments have both historic and artistic merit and MIM's goal is to acquire instruments that have been used for folk and tribal occasions wherever possible.



Though most commonly associated with Scotland, the bagpipe is found throughout Europe where it spread and flourished between 1100 and 1700. The instrument probably originated centuries earlier in the Mediterranean basin, and only reached Scotland when brought by wandering minstrels in the early 1500's. Once there, the virtuosic piobaireachd style (pipe playing or pipe music) emerged as a uniquely Scottish high-art form, possibly derived from Gaelic song and harp music. Bagpipes vary regionally, but some types – like the Spanish gaita (to left of TV in above photo) – are common throughout Europe and retain their medieval forms. Despite the many differences in bagpipes, however, the basic components are the same: a reed pipe chanter that plays the melody, one or more drone pipes, and a mouth or bellows-blown bag to provide a continuous supply of air.



Piper's uniform 21st C. Modeled after the piper uniform of the Black Watch, 3rd Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland. The tartan pattern is of the Royal Stewart Clan. Highland bagpipe, Glasgow, mid to late 20th C. R.C. Hardie & Co. maker.



Dudy (bagpipe) Aubri, Zlin Region, C1985 Pavel Cip, Maker -- Bohemian and Slovak bagpipes have stylized goat heads on the melody pipe. Both Czech and Polish dudy use bellows to supply the air.



From Italy: Zampogna a chiave (bagpipe) 19th C
Fruitwood bladder, leather, typically played as a duo



Dudas (Bagpipe) from Riga 2009
Eduards Klints, Maker

Submitted by Neil & Jean Armstrong - #1431

Genealogical News and Tips

Cheryl has done more researching in the last few months for several new members (including yours truly – i.e. your Rowan Tree Editor!). She hasn't kept track of exactly how many folks she's been helping, but her guess would be 5 or 6. This research has included many hours of searching, analysis, organizing of data and contact with members to discuss findings. A number of the contact emails have been more detailed, with only one involving two or three email messages.

When helping a new member, Cheryl found this **Nova Scotia** website with **Crown Land Index Sheet Maps**. If you check out the page you will see that the province is sectioned into squares with a number inside. If you click on a particular Index number, a map of that area displays. If you enlarge the map you will see that it is like a plat map with land owner's names and the towns, villages, rivers, bays, etc. noted. The maps can be quite useful in Nova Scotia research. She has not found a surname index for the maps, so you have to search the map for the person you are looking for.

<https://novascotia.ca/natr/land/grantmap.asp>

Submitted by Cheryl Munkholm - #1715

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games – August 11 to 13, 2017

For more information on these, the largest Highland Games and Festival in Canada, see the following website:

<https://fergusscottishfestival.com/>

Scottish Diaspora Tapestry World Tour

The travelling roadshow of this remarkable work came to Toronto, Ontario, Canada from September 19 to October 1, 2016, and my wife Judy and I were lucky enough to be able to see it. It was displayed at the historic St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Scarborough – the original dating back to 1818.

The tapestry was a concept brought to life, by having groups submit panels from 34 countries across the world, and came from such diverse locations as Australia, New Zealand, China, India, USA, Canada, etc. In all, over 300 panels were submitted to the project, and Jenny Bruce (Conductor of the Tour) is travelling with the tapestry, and making presentation as part of its showing.



One of the Several Display Racks of Panels of the Diaspora Tapestry

Initially communities were identified in 25 countries to which Scots had emigrated. Groups of volunteers were approached to hand-stitch panels that documented their Scottish connections. By the end of the project panels were stitched by communities in 34 countries: Argentina, Australia, Antarctica, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Ethiopia, England, France, Germany, India, Italy, Ireland, Jamaica, Lithuania, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine/Israel, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, Tristan da Cunha, the United States of America and Zimbabwe. There was also a reverse diaspora, created to recognise the Italian and Asian communities who have settled in Scotland. Although people with a range of skills took part, it was estimated that it took at least 200 hours to stitch each panel.

In the tapestry a range of historical events are represented, many showing Scotland from the perspective of explorers and emigrants. 35 panels were given to Canadian volunteers, with Prince Edward Island having five of these. Four panels were stitched in [Victoria, British Columbia](#).

The project was supported by £120,000 from Prestoungrange Arts Festival, £80,000 from [Creative Scotland](#), £44,000 from Homecoming 2014, £25,000 from [Bòrd na Gàidhlig](#) and £102,000 from the [Scottish Government](#). The great majority of this project's £1 million costs including the global tour has, however, been met by committed volunteers and in kind donations.

Work on the panels began in 2012. A version of the tapestry was exhibited across Scotland in 2014 for the Homecoming. The tapestry was displayed in locations around Western Europe the following year. November 2015 was the first time that all 305 panels were shown together. In 2016 the tapestry toured across Australia and Canada, and will return to London and Edinburgh in 2017.



Scottish Country Dancing Panel – The Ceilidh



Scottish Settlers on The Ship Hector to Nova Scotia in 1773



CASSOC Spring Ceilidh

in honour of Tartan Day

Saturday April 8, 2017

**Buffet Dinner with Haggis
Highland Dancers, Live Band, Ceilidh Dancing**

Tickets: \$45 per person, tax included



Presented by the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada

Boaden Banquet Halls

505 Queensway East, Mississauga, L5A 4B4
north of the QEW, west of Cawthra; plenty of parking

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Cash Bar

Reservations and pre-payment required by March 21!

Contact: Kimberley Henwood at treasurer@cassoc.ca or 647-472-2044

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Save the Date!

Scottish North American Leadership Conference

SCOTTISH NORTH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



The Scottish North American Leadership Conference is coming to Canada in 2017 to celebrate the rich heritage and history of the Scots who shaped the fabric of our great nation. We will be pulling together the Scots diaspora from both Canada and the US to look at What the Relevance of Scottish History and Heritage is to the Future Generations.



University of Guelph

Fergus Highland Games

10-12 August 2017



Make Ontario YOUR destination for celebrating Canada's 150th birthday, a country shaped by Scots, built by Scots and governed by Scots.

<http://www.scottishleadershipconference.org/>

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SNAL Conference

Hello Fellow Scots,

The registration for the 2017 conference is now open. This is a premiere opportunity for us to gather as a diaspora, to share our common history and heritage and to plan ways to engage our youth so that our traditions and spirit can be carried forward to future generations.

Our Keynote speaker will be Chris Maskell, who is the Head of Scottish Affairs in Canada. The program is posted on the website as are the bios and photos of the confirmed speakers.

PLEASE SHARE THE CONFERENCE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION WITH EVERYONE ON YOUR MAILING LIST AND IN YOUR SCOTTISH COMMUNITY.

The website is available at: <http://snal2017.ca/>

And registration at: <http://snal2017.ca/registration/>

A Little McLaughlin Genealogy

Elmer McLaughlin (1924-1975) lived on Lot 24, Concession 10, of North Easthope Township, Perth County in Ontario. He was the son of Ellis and Mary McLaughlin, and he enlisted in the Canadian Army in August of 1943, and served with the third Battalion of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Highlanders. Most of his 3 years overseas were in the Apeldoorn area of the Netherlands. He was part of the mop-up operations in and around the canals, and served as an officer's bat man.

Editor's Note: "Batman" duties, per Wikipedia, are defined as

- acting as a "runner" to convey orders from the officer to subordinates
- maintaining the officer's uniform and personal equipment as a valet
- driving the officer's vehicle, sometimes under combat conditions
- acting as the officer's bodyguard in combat
- digging the officer's foxhole in combat, giving the officer time to direct his unit
- other miscellaneous tasks the officer does not have time or inclination to do.

The action of serving as a batman was referred to as "batting". In earlier times, in armies where officers typically came from the upper class, it was not unusual for a former batman to follow the officer into later civilian life as a domestic servant.

Scottish Studies Foundation – Spring Colloquium, Saturday, April 8, 2017

The Spring Colloquium will take place at the University of Toronto's Knox College on Saturday, April 8. The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and at the colloquium we will explore issues pertaining to that significant historical event.

For more information, please contact:

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MacLachlans in the News

John Edward McLaughlin (born June 15, 1942) is the former [Deputy Director of Central Intelligence](#) and former Acting [Director of Central Intelligence](#). His CIA career lasted more than 30 years starting in 1972 with a focus on European, Russian, and [Eurasian](#) issues in the Directorate of Intelligence. From 1984 to 1985, he served a rotational tour at the State Department in the Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs, where he was responsible for following European relations with the Middle East, Central America, and Africa. He served as Deputy Director and Director of the Office of European Analysis from 1985 to 1989; Director of Slavic and Eurasian Analysis from 1989 to 1995; Deputy Director for Intelligence, Vice Chairman for Estimates of the National Intelligence Council, and Acting Chairman of the National Intelligence Council from 1995 to 1997; and Deputy Director for Intelligence from 1997 to 2000 - heading up the Agency's analytical corps. Mr. McLaughlin's name has come back into the news recently, regarding the confirmation process of several nominees in the new American administration.

For more information on John E. McLaughlin, please see the following website source:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_E._McLaughlin

Submitted by Ken Godfrey - #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 appears below. Also, remember to keep your Membership Dues current as well. Thank you.

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