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## After ten years work! Coming this month, **The Third Edition of *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia* by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire**

Every person interested in their own Scottish clan or interested in Scottish history needs a copy of The Third Edition of the *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia*. Authored by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire.

In this new and expanded version of the other two editions you'll find extended or updated academic essays - including a hitherto neglected subject: the lowland dimension.

The format is now alphabetical (not two sections); all entries have been revised and updated to early 2017.

For the very first time, every single name has a heraldic illustration by Romilly.

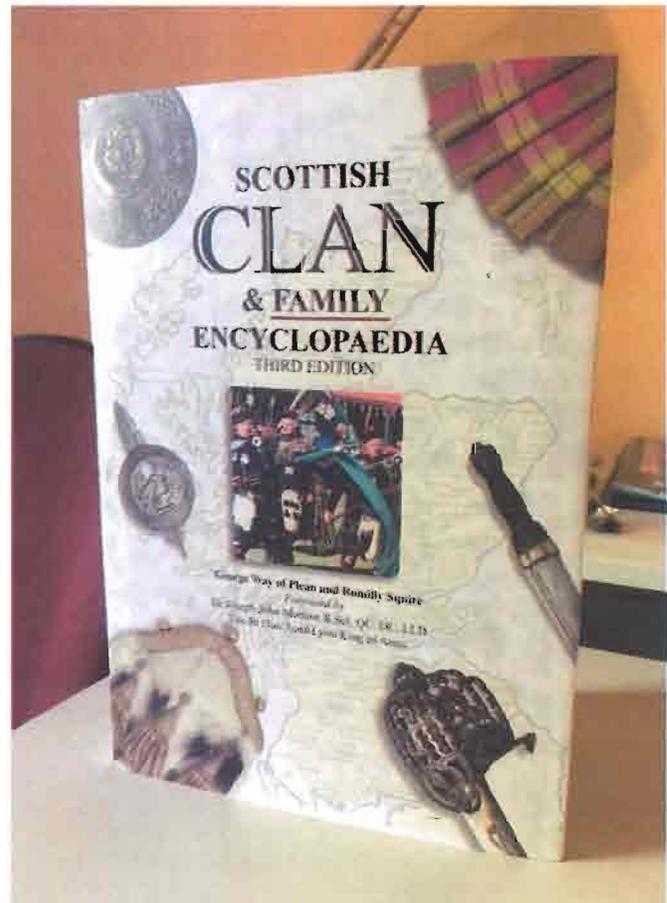
The book is very lavishly illustrated with photographs of the Lyon Court, clan chiefs, et al.

Revised and updated to reflect changes in clan society since its original publication in 1994, the *Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopaedia* is the definitive single-volume reference work on the Scottish Clans as well as the lowland dimension and Romilly Squire's heraldic illustrations.

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**Clan Macpherson and Clan Ewing at the  
Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo - pages 24 and 25**



*Letter from your editor...*

## How to help your Scottish organization become more vibrant, visible and successful



My entire life, I have made my living from having ideas and from figuring better, more efficient ways to do things.

So, amongst the “mind dust” that accumulates in my head, this time I’ll share with you some of the things that might, just might, make things better.

Things have surely changed over the past few years. More and more organizations have gone from paper copies of their publications to having them appear on the Internet - in full color - for their members.

What a lot of money this saves! What a lot of time this saves! What a great way to distribute news, events, information, history, recipes and whatever you wish to disseminate to your clansmen and clanswomen! A real bonus is that you get the full color photos and graphics for everyone!

Plus, you don’t have to worry about the rules from the USPS that concern what you are allowed to write about if you are a nonprofit organization - as are most of the Scottish organizations. (Sometime, ask me where I got my gray hair?)

In a perfect world, you also need a few printed copies of your publication to distribute to potential new members at games and to those who do not have accessibility to computers.

I have actually heard folks in the Scottish community say that, “We don’t want anyone but members to see our newsletter.” Huh?

Your newsletter is actually your most valuable piece of advertising. It shows exactly what your group does for fun and also the serious endeavors such as scholarships and projects in Scotland, etc.

I was once editor of a publication for one of the

very large clans. I was charged with saving as much money as possible in the production of this newsletter. So, since we were paying the printer to cut off inches of the expensive paper we bought (which would then get thrown away in the garbage) so it would fit the usual 8 1/2 x 11 size, I told the printer, don’t cut it off...I’ll make the publication larger and we’ll use every bit of the paper we buy!

That saved a LOT of money. Most folks didn’t even notice or did not care. A few were furious that they had to hold their hands about 6 inches farther apart to hold the paper.

There are programs/software where you enter your mailing list once and then just click to send. (I don’t have either.) However, don’t discount the fact that by having your publication sent this way, the information in the publication is to your members FAST.

Next time you have a meeting of your clan officers just talk about the things you could do if you saved, say \$7000 per year by using the Internet for distribution or whatever your newsletter printing and mailing budget is.

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# Turnbull Clan named Clan Category winners for the second year at Athena



*Tent co-host, Dale Hilding and the Mascot with the County Fair princesses*

## Dale and Mary Kay Hilding

On Saturday, on July the 8th, at Athena Oregon, USA, it was 110° f (43° c) in the shade. But our Clan booth was by far a very big hit.

We were visited by nearly 100 persons, including the three Umatilla County Fair princesses, who had their photo taken with Angus Turnbull, (*the guy in the armour*) and Dale Hilding, co-tent Host.

We signed up a new member for the Turnbull Clan Association and talked with

several others who thought that they might have Turnbull ancestry.

The Turnbull Clan took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Clan Category in the parade that morning. This is the second year in a row we have taken 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

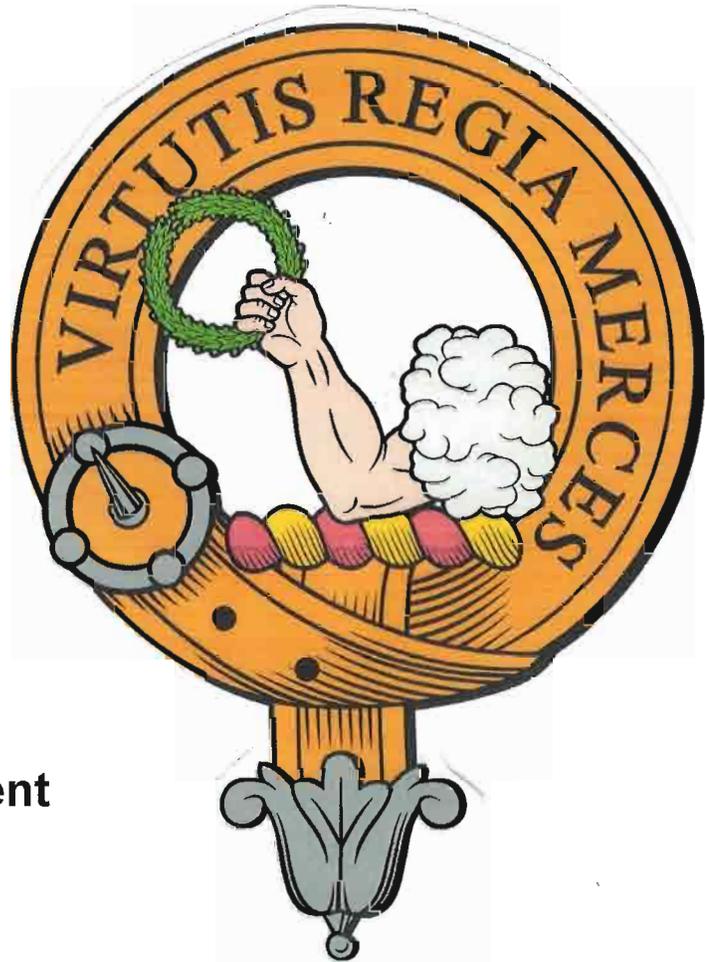
With thanks to *Bullseye*, a Turnbull Clan Association publication. If you wish to contact the Turnbull Clan Association, email <communications@turnbullclan.com>

**Free Speeches at Stone Mountain Highland Games!** Beth has been invited back to Stone Mountain on Friday, 20 October 2017. I am told that there will be a larger room this year - so plan to come! The speeches are at the host hotel, the Hilton Atlanta, NE 770-447-4747. Games & events, October 20 - 22, 2017.

# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

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# University of North Carolina offers first lectureship in Gaelic studies

The first ever university-level lectureship in Gaelic Studies in America has been launched.

The Scottish Gaelic Foundation of America is starting the lectureship at the University of North Carolina (UNC), with funding coming from Scottish Heritage USA.

Rev Dr Douglas Kelly, President of Scottish Heritage USA, said: "The Carolinas were home to the largest Gaelic-speaking communities outside of Scotland for generations and people of Highland ancestry still make up a large segment of the region's population.

"This is an ideal time to foster scholarship about the Gaelic legacy of the Carolinas and North America as a whole in the academy.

"This donation from SHUSA fulfills its commitment to serving the Scottish-American community by ensuring the recognition of this important cultural legacy."

He added: "I was keenly aware of my Scottish Highland heritage when I was a student at UNC and had always wanted to see Gaelic taught there. "Now, I may live to see that happen."

Dr Charles MacQuarrie, President of Urras Gàidhlig nan Stàitean Aonaichte/GaelicUSA, said: "We thank SHUSA for their commitment to enabling the study of Scottish Gaelic language and culture in the United States.

"We agree with Rev Dr Kelly that UNC is the ideal place to house such a lectureship, and hope now to be successful in justifying and funding an endowed Chair of Scottish Gaelic at UNC."

Dr Mary Floyd-Wilson, the new head of the Department of English and Comparative Literature, said: "We are enthusiastic about bringing a scholar and teacher to the department who can expand our knowledge of Scottish Gaelic Studies and who inspires students to



pursue their own connections with this literary history.

"The funding of the Visiting Lectureship is a major step towards our ultimate goal of endowing a full Chair in Scottish Gaelic Studies.

"It will enable us to build confidence in our initiative with the broader community, bridging faculty and administration at the university level with the public.

"In recognition of the vital support given by Scottish Heritage USA, the Visiting Lectureship will have the official title, "the SHUSA Visiting Lectureship in Scottish Gaelic Studies at UNC."

Professor Robert Dunbar, Chair of Celtic at the University of Edinburgh, has greeted the move, saying: "We are greatly encouraged to see that students at North Carolina will be able to connect with an important and sadly neglected part of the heritage of the state and, indeed, of North America in general, and that desperately-needed research

on the very rich legacy of new world Gaels will be facilitated."

Professor Thomas Owen Clancy, Chair of Celtic at the University of Glasgow, added: "This is fantastic and unlooked for news, a real ray of hope.

"At a time when academic posts are shrinking in Celtic Studies generally on both sides of the Atlantic, this investment in Gaelic in UNC will make a real difference, and Chapel Hill is most certainly the right place to host this."

Dr. Natasha Sumner, Assistant Professor of Celtic Languages and Literatures at Harvard University, said: "Scottish Gaelic, a modern Celtic language closely related to Irish and Manx, has a nearly three century-long



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# Clover, South Carolina

Friday, November 10, 2017 - Whisky Tasting & Ceilidh/Kick-Off Party  
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**UNC Gaelic Studies**, *continued from page 7* — history on this continent.

“The field of North American Gaelic Studies has been strengthening since the late Harvard professor, Charles Dunn’s pioneering work with the Canadian Gaelic-speaking community in the twentieth century.

“However, Gaels’ cultural heritage continues to be understudied, particularly in the United States. That a Visiting Lectureship is to be established at the University of North Carolina—the state in which the first American Gaelic book was published in the eighteenth century—is welcome news indeed.”

The Lectureship position will be advertised this month and the candidate will be chosen in early 2018.

The lectureship will consist of five courses exploring literature, identity, and folklore using Gaelic texts (in English translation), explored from a Scottish Highland perspective.

The courses will incorporate material inclusive of history and culture, ancient and modern, and will relate to both Scotland and the North American diaspora.

Endowing a chair in Scottish Gaelic Studies at UNC will cost approximately \$2.5 million.

Grant Guthrie Davidson 3<sup>rd</sup> of Davidson Chief of the Name and Arms of Davidson, writes, “In recognition of his 4 decades of service to Clan Davidson, mostly in North America, but also in other parts of the world to some extent, I have appointed Dave Chagnon to be my High Commissioner for North America.

With this appointment comes the traditional right to the wearing of a single feather in his bonnet, signifying his place in the hierarchy of Clan Davidson around the world.

Dave joins Frank Davidson of Australia as just the second Clan Davidson High Commissioner within the Clan’s structure.

Congratulations, Dave, you’ve earned this signal honor!”

## Secret symbols of the Jacobites...

In the years before the '45, any signs of Jacobite allegiance were suppressed. Jacobites had to meet and plot in secret. Because of this, a number of secret Jacobite symbols emerged, which revealed to those “in the know” who was on their side.

These symbols included:

- The White Jacobite Rose – Used on its own it symbolized the exiled King James but it could be present with one bud symbolizing Prince Charles or two

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## Jacobite symbols, *continued from page 9*

symbolizing Prince Charles and his brother Henry.

- Oak leaf and acorns – The oak was an ancient Stuart badge and an emblem of the Stuart Restoration. Charles II hid in an oak in the grounds of Boscobel House during the English Civil War, and in 1660 he wore oak leaves as he returned from exile in France to assume the throne. In a withered or ‘stricken’ form frequently with the motto ‘revirescit’ (it revives, it grows green again, it shoots again) the oak is a symbol of restoration and regeneration. Medals struck in 1689 to celebrate the coronation of William and Mary show a dead oak or a stump together with a flourishing orange tree - an obvious reference to the ancestral title of the new ruler

- Sunflower – a symbol of loyalty as the head of a sunflower constantly follows the sun

- Butterfly – known for its spectacular hatching from a chrysalis may symbolize hope for the Stuarts’ grand return from exile.

- Bundles of sticks – representing strength in numbers.

- Medusa head – the name Medusa in Greek translates as ‘protector’ or ‘guardian’

- Thistle – representing the Stuarts’ claim to the Scottish throne. The thistle surmounted by a crown was an ancient badge of Scotland.

As well as symbols, certain phrases were also often used on Jacobite items. “Fiat”, meaning “let it be” or “let it come to pass” and Redeat, Redi, or Revirescit, suggesting hope that the prince will return.

Due to the treasonous nature of Jacobite affiliation symbols were an important way of conveying Jacobite loyalties in a covert way. Jacobites would often drink a toast to the king ‘over the water’ in glasses encoded with these secret symbols.

Often a glass of wine would be held above a bowl or glass of water as a toast to the health of the king was offered; thus, literally toasting the king over the water.

Some of the earliest Jacobite glasses are the so-called ‘Amen glasses’. These are engraved with a crown, representing the Stuart kingship, and one or more verses of the Jacobite Royal Anthem – sung to the tune of ‘God Save the Queen’ – all of which conclude with the word Amen (Let it be thus). The anthem probably dates back to the time of James II, its reference to the ‘true-born Prince of Wales’ being a refutation of the rumors sur-

rounding the legitimacy of James III’s birth.

- \* A Jacobite Amen Glass - Less than 40 Amen glasses are known to have survived. The majority of Amen glasses are engraved with the first two verses of the Jacobite anthem, and a smaller number with the first three or four verses. Analysis of the handwriting on genuine Amen glasses suggests

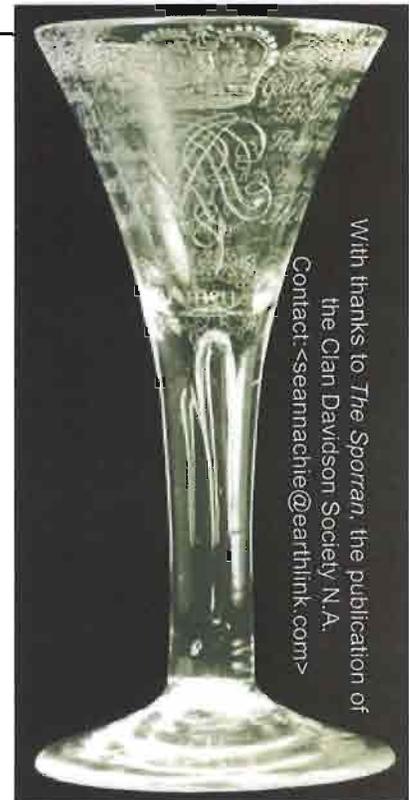
that they are all the work of a single hand, and were all executed between 1743 and 1749.

The artist concerned has been suggested as Scottish line-engraver Sir Robert Strange. Strange trained as an engraver in Edinburgh, joined the Jacobite army in 1745, married ardent Jacobite Isabella Lumisden in 1747 and moved to France in 1748. He returned to England in 1750 and pursued a highly successful career as an artist.

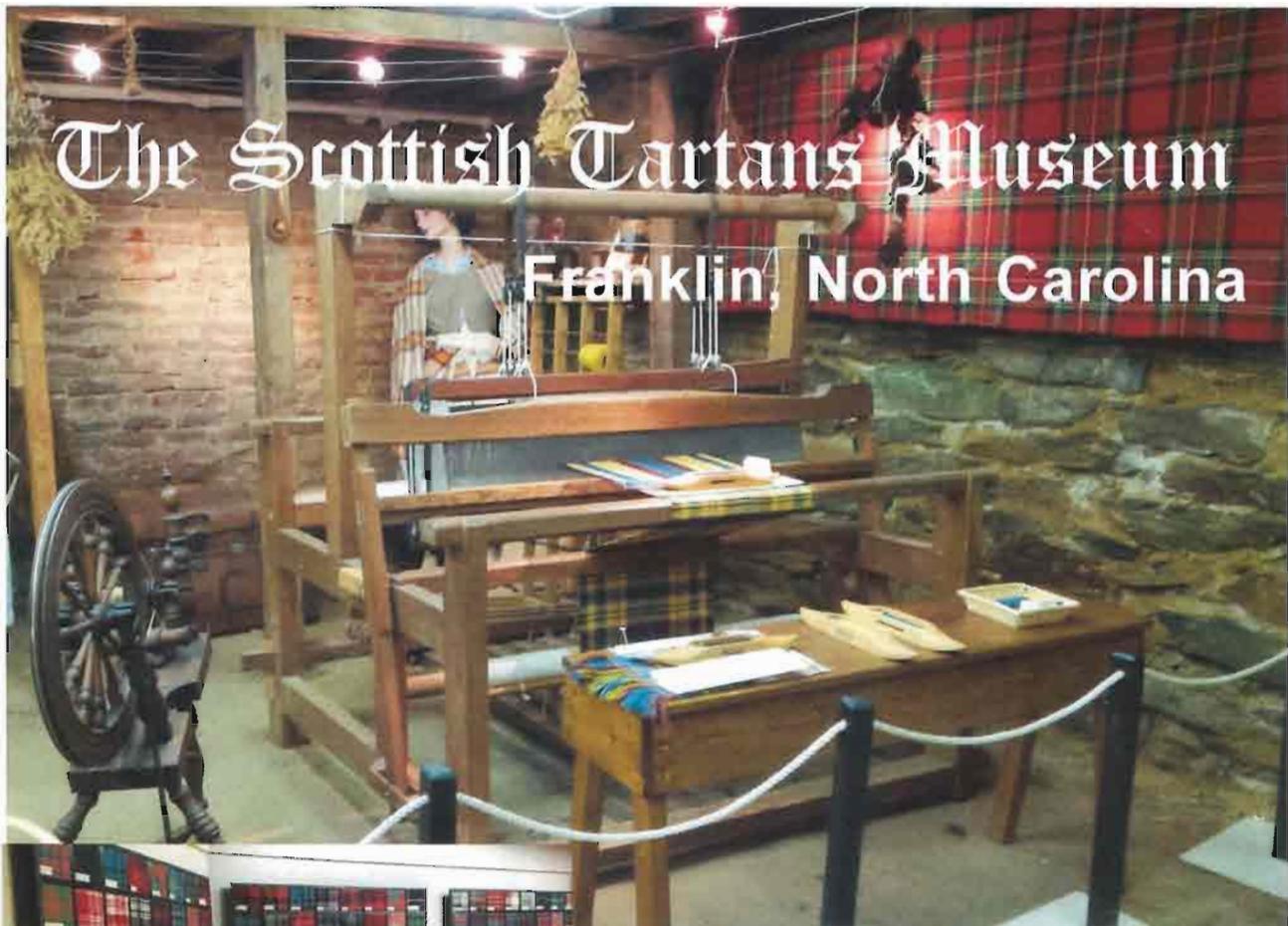
One final hidden Jacobite message which is just a little bit different. Some believe that the popular Christmas carol *O Come All Ye Faithful* is actually a Jacobite call to arms. The Latin version of the carol, *Adeste Fideles*, celebrated not the birth of Jesus but the birth of Prince Charles Edward Stuart.

It was written by John Francis Wade an English Jacobite who fled the country after the failed 1745 Rebellion. *Fideles* is Faithful Catholic Jacobites. *Bethlehem* is a common Jacobite cipher for England and *Regem Angelorum* is a well-known pun on Angelorum (angels) and Anglorum (English). So ‘Come and Behold Him, Born the King of Angels’ really means, ‘Come and Behold Him, Born the King of the English’ – Bonnie Prince Charlie.

The English translation was not made until 1841 by which time the Jacobite connotations had been lost.



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**Encyclopaedia**, continued from page 1 ———

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**The Authors:**

**Sheriff George Way of Plean  
and Romilly Squire**

*Sheriff George Way of Plean*

- ◆ The Much Hon. Baron of Plean in the County of Stirlingshire
- ◆ Born Edinburgh 1956
- ◆ Educated at the Universities of Edinburgh and Oxford (Pembroke College);
- ◆ Practiced law since 1978 until elevated to the Bench in 2009.
- ◆ Secretary of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs from 1984 to 2003;
- ◆ Procurator Fiscal to the Court of the Lord Lyon 2003 – 2009;
- ◆ Falkland Pursuivant – 2016 to date;
- ◆ Member of the Most Venerable Order of St John – Priory of Scotland;
- ◆ Companion of the Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of Malta;
- ◆ Knight of many European Orders of Chivalry including Italy



*Sheriff George Way of Plean leading the procession of the Officers of Arms outside Holyrood Palace after the State Opening of the Scottish Parliament.*

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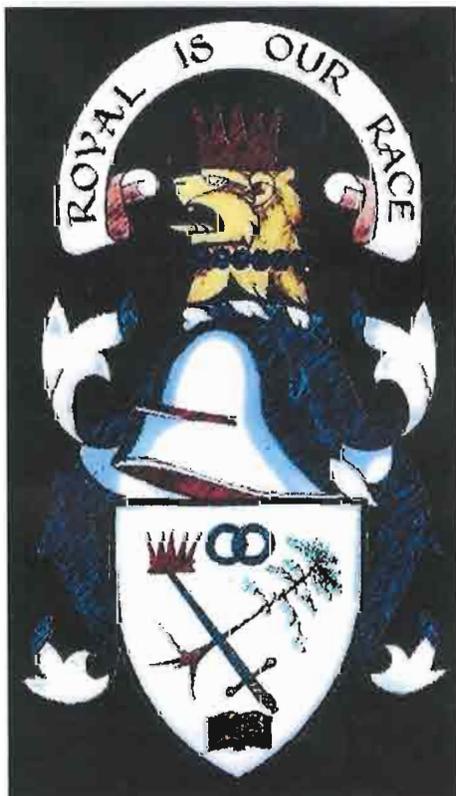
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◆ Heraldic Artist, Designer and Consultant.

◆ Born Glasgow. Attended The High School of Glasgow and graduated from Glasgow School of Art and Jordanhill College.

◆ Secretary of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs (2003 - 2012)



*On the left: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and on the right, Romilly Squire. On the table is the new Coronet of the Lord Lyon.*

◆ Linner to the Priory of Scotland of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (1988-1996). Appointed an Officer of the Order (1991).

◆ Erstwhile Herald Painter in the Court of the Lord Lyon, Edinburgh, and the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland, Dublin.

◆ Knight of many distinguished Orders including Grand Officer of the Star of Ethiopia; St. Michael on the Wing (Portugal); Order of St. Anne (Imperial Russia); St. Stanislav (Poland) Eagle of Georgia et al.

◆ Served on the Committee of the Heraldry Society of Scotland since 1989. From 1990 until 1993 was Editor of the Society's journals, *The Double Tressure* and *Tak Tent*, and from 2002 until 2008 was Chairman of the Society. Elected Fellow in 2011.

◆ Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (1983)

◆ Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (1987)

◆ Member of the Society of Heraldic Arts (1999)

◆ Board Member and Fellow of the Society of Scottish Armigers

◆ Lectured extensively both in the UK and in North America.

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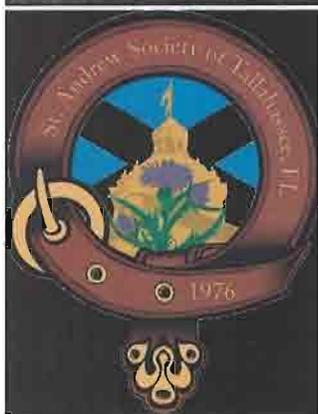


*The Duke of Argyll presents the ducal pinsel to Clan Campbell Vice-President, Cynthia Coffey-Campbell, who will fly the pinsel when she represents him at events in the United States.*



*Lady Cawdor graciously posed for a group picture in front of Cawdor Castle.*

## Clan Campbell went to Scotland!



## The St. Andrew society of Tallahassee, (FL) invites you...

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Katie will be speaking to us about the FSU Special Collections & Archives which has over one hundred editions of Burns' poetry in their John MacKay Shaw Childhood Poetry and Scottish Collections, as well as many more volumes on the history, culture, and literature of Scotland. Meeting to be held at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church.

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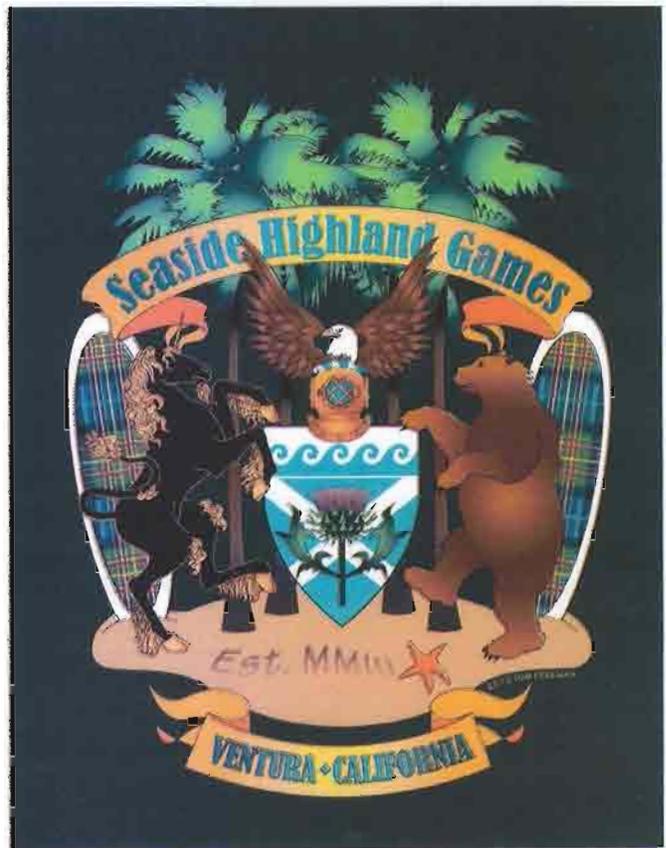
# October 13, 14 & 15 dates for the 2017 Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, CA

When a collection of Clansmen met in 2002 at the Loch Prado Games to discuss the possibility of a Festival on the northern side of the great Los Angeles metroplex, they had no idea the search would reach into the next county. But, reach it did, and the great Ventura County Fairgrounds (then called Seaside Park) was discovered to be an ideal location for a mighty gathering of the Highland lifestyle. Little indication was shown by the locals of a solid base to begin but by the time the first Festival was mounted in 2003, the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the US Naval base at nearby Point Mugu were ALL on board as well as thousands of local Celts/Scots/Irish and wannabees of every ethnicity!

And that has been the way it has evolved for these past fifteen years. Everyone comes and everyone has an amazingly good time.

The Clan Societies were the first and strongest supporters and continue as such. Some eighty Clans and Organizations fill our quarter mile Clan Row, all eager to answer questions and help solve research issues that Games guests bring to the field. And they will search until they find the answer. The saying goes that if we can't find your family in the books we have, we'll get a bigger book!

Of course, one's attention will be drawn to a thousand other attractions along the way—from dancers of all types, bagpipers and drums-solo and in the many bands-to a total of four music stages offering a full range of great Scots and Irish tunes, the amazing Highland Heavies, the Scottish athletes throwing impossibly huge weights. Further, the beautiful Border Collies following their instincts to herd the animals before them, the "Heelan' Coos" (Highland shaggy long-horned cattle) which will vie for your attention. Then back to the wonderful vendors of fine Celtic wares in the mighty Vendor Halls. The food court is nearby to satisfy with authentic Scottish food and drink so you can do it all over again!



Special events include Friday night's Single Malt Scotch Tasting and the amazing "A Scottish Evening" dinner/entertainment/Scottish Fashion Show. Then Saturday evening will feature a special "Chief's Dinner" to honor the two authentic Clan Chiefs in attendance with brilliant entertainment by the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band who will be with us all weekend! Look for them to perform on the field in the Opening Ceremonies and Grand Parade at NOON on Saturday, as well as periodically throughout the grounds. A VERY full slate of events. FOUR of the 80 Clans will be holding AGM (Annual General Meeting) sessions with times and locations posted so Clansfolk can join in these sessions. More whisky and genealogy classes and a how-to time with special Guest Andrew W R Morrison, the Viscount Dunrossil, President of the Scottish Society of Armigers—the arbiter of ALL coats-of-arms. How special is that? What are we missing? Not much and if you look, you'll probably find it somewhere on these Fairgrounds.

The Seaside Highland Games will be October 13, 14 & 15, 2017 in Ventura, California. See the website [www.seaside-games.com](http://www.seaside-games.com) or call John & Nellie @ 818-886-4958. Plan to see us in October!

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Dear Friends

On the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 we will hold the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Scottish Tartans Authority at the Smith Art Gallery and Museum in Stirling.

I am very aware that while the profile of The Scottish Tartans Authority continues to grow across Scotland's culture, heritage, tourism and business sectors, this may not be apparent to some long-standing members. We are determined to communicate more in the year ahead and I do hope that members will be pleased with our detailed Annual Report that will be available online in the next few weeks – it tells a tale of high activity and new partnerships, all in pursuit of our charitable purposes with the aim of promoting, protecting and preserving our most cherished and iconic national fabric.

Highlights over the past year have included:

- **National Tartan Centre** - progress continues in partnership with Stirling Council and we expect to hear the outcome of their City Deal Bid towards the end of the year.

- **Braemar Royal Highland Society** - the STA is now represented on the project team that will deliver a Highland Games Centre in 2018.

- **Tartan Marque** - the STA continues to act as a point of co-ordination for a group of members with an interest in creating a marque for "Tartan Woven in Scotland". Engaging with a full range of industry members and partners (those for and those against such a marque) is vitally important as, in concept form, a marque means

different things to different audiences.

- **The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo** - the STA provided a great deal of support to the organisers, ensuring that this year's "Splash of Tartan" theme was both colourful and accurate.

- **Research, Media & Enquiries** - activity in this area has exploded in the last 12 months. A number of artifacts of historical significance have been located across both public and private collections and some high level detail is included within our forthcoming Annual Report.

- **Fundraising** - a targeted campaign was launched in 2016 with approaches made to 300 or so Trusts and Foundations across the UK. The initial trawl has drawn in funds amounting to £30,000 with hopeful feedback for future approaches.

I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our AGM in September and I'd be delighted to hear from anyone interested in providing feedback or contributing ideas about how we might develop and grow our charity, including fundraising, in the future. Please don't hesitate to contact me at [chairman@tartansauthority.com](mailto:chairman@tartansauthority.com) or Grant MacKenzie, our Director, at [admin@tartansauthority.com](mailto:admin@tartansauthority.com).

Very best wishes

John

**John F McLeish**

**Chairman - The Scottish Tartans Authority**

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Chief Steven  
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spellings.*

## We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: [clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com](mailto:clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com)



## About The Pinsel

Tom Freeman,  
Heraldic Artist

The Pinsel is the flag denoting a person to whom a Clan Chief has delegated authority for a particular occasion, such as a Clan Gathering when the Chief is absent, in a word, the flag of the Chief's representative.

It is triangular in shape, 60 centimetres high at the hoist and 135 centimetres in width tapering to a point, with a background of the main livery colour of the Chief's arms.

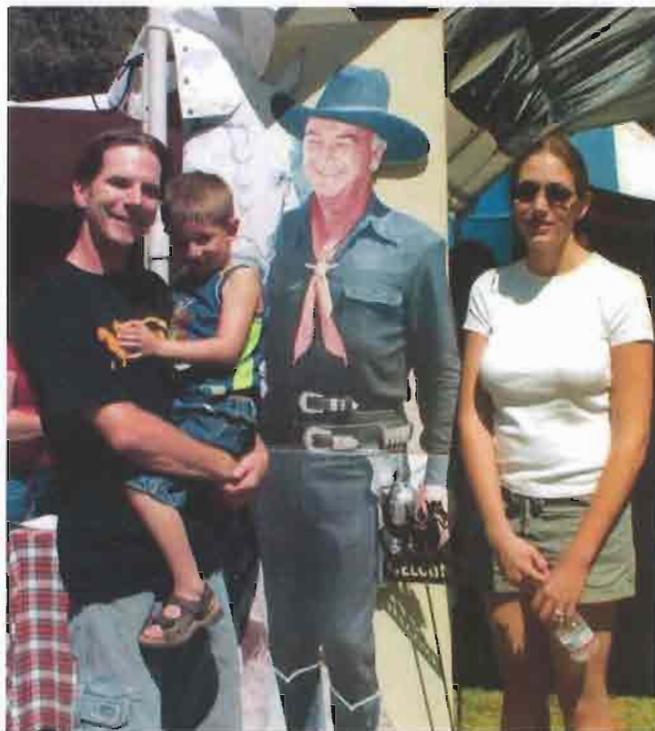
On it is shown the Chief's crest, within a strap of the second livery colour and buckle (gold for full Chiefs), bearing the motto, and outside the strap and buckle a gold circlet (outlined in green if the background is not a contrasting colour to gold) inscribed with the Chief's title.

On top of this circlet is set the owner's coronet of rank or his baronial cap.

In the fly is shown the owner's plant badge and a scroll inscribed with his slogan or motto.

This flag is allotted only to Chiefs or very special Chieftain-Barons for practical use, and only upon the specific authority of the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Properly, the banner bearer walks behind the person with the pinsels authority. The pinsel is always carried behind, so that the banner bearer may follow the honoured person wherever he/she wishes to go.



## Remember

### “Hopalong” Cassidy?

Here's William "Hopalong Cassidy" Boyd's Great Grandson holding Hoppy's Great Great Grandson, visiting the House of Boyd tent in Pleasanton, California, several years ago.

With thanks to the Clan Boyd Society. Lauren Boyd McLachlan posted in House of Boyd aka Clan Boyd. (FaceBook)

## New Diet Program

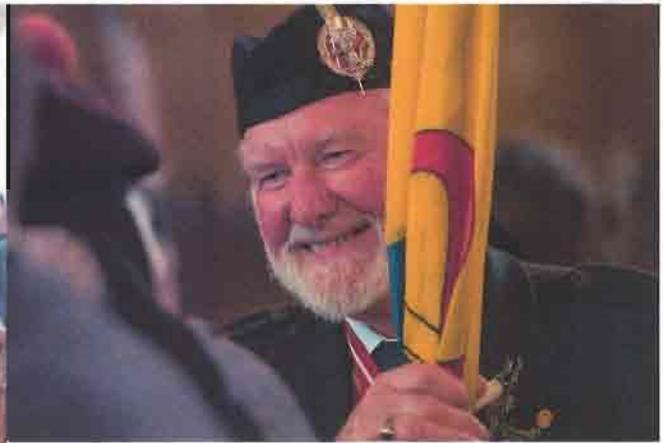




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# Elliot Clan Society, USA

## Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliotts of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

# [www.elliotclan.com](http://www.elliotclan.com)

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

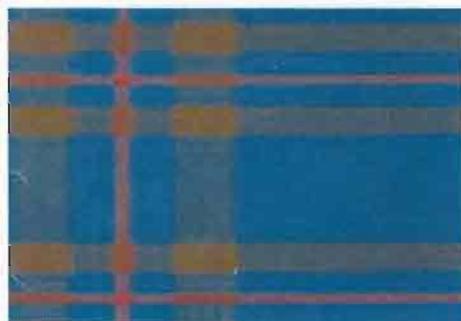
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If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!