

CLAN MACMILLAN *International*

Newsletter

June 2011

MacMillans to gather in USA's Twin Cities in June next year

Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, to host biennial get together of CMSNA

Barry McMillen, President of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America, has announced the dates of next year's International Gathering of Clan MacMillan in his home state of Minnesota.

The clan are invited to gather in Minneapolis on Thursday 21st June for six days of education, entertainment, culture, and companionship, centred on the campus of Macalester College.



The skyline of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Minneapolis and St. Paul face each other across the Mississippi River in south eastern Minnesota. The entire metropolitan area has a population of approximately 3.5 million, the 13th largest in the country. "The Mall of America", the largest indoor shopping centre in the USA (which is owned by a Canadian company) is located in Bloomington, a suburb of the Twin Cities.

Minnesota, with over 10,000 lakes in the state, has more coastline than California, Florida and Hawaii combined; and Macalester calls itself "a top-ranked liberal arts college on a mission to change the world!"

For further details about the state, the cities, the college, and the gathering, keep an eye on: www.mcmillen-design.com/klan/pages/gathering.html

A McMillan in the eye of the storm - or under an ash cloud from Iceland

Amanda McMillan of BAA is the Managing Director of Glasgow International Airport

Chartered accountant Amanda McMillan was an executive of drinks giant Diageo plc - owners of many famous brands of Scotch whisky - before joining BAA as Head of Operations at their Business Support Centre in 2005. The next year she moved to Glasgow as the Customer Services Director at the Airport, of which she became MD in 2008.



Amanda, who's married to lawyer Fraser McMillan (senior partner in Glasgow firm Pinsent Masons) has had to cope in recent months with a winter snowfall that closed many of the UK's airports, unseasonal storms in mid-May, and a recurrence in recent days of Icelandic ash clouds - a phenomenon that last summer shut down most British airspace for days.

Chief on his way to Canada & USA

Chief George MacMillan and Graeme Mackenzie fly out of Glasgow on June 23rd for a trip to the Canadian Maritimes, Washington DC, and the Grandfather Mountain Games.

George and Graeme will be in Nova Scotia from 23 June to 1 July; in DC, 2 - 4 July; and in North Carolina, as guests of the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan, from 5 July until they fly home on 12 July.

Details of their itinerary can be found by clicking the link on the news page of the website: www.clanmacmillan.org/News.htm



Clan MacMillan International Centre,
 Finlaystone, Langbank, PA14 6TJ, Scotland.

Info on the Clan Centre & membership of Clan MacMillan International
 can be found on the clan's official website: www.clanmacmillan.org

The Clan Centre publishes The Clan MacMillan International Newsletter each June and
 The Clan MacMillan International Magazine each December. They are sent free to members
 of Clan MacMillan International, the worldwide body that supports the Clan Centre's work.

Inverness, 1st June 2011

The recession has hit clan societies like the rest of the economy, and a decline in the annual income of CMI has necessitated some changes at the Clan Centre, and in our annual publications.

In order to retain one substantial magazine a year, with at least a small element of the colour so appropriate to a tartan-wearing body, it has been decided to revert to a newsletter format for our June communication - of which this is the first example. This allows for news and features on both front and back pages, so

the loss of content from the smaller number of pages - which saves us a considerable amount both in printing and postage costs - is not as great as it would be if we retained the magazine cover, advertisement on the back page and contents page inside. As you'll see however we've still managed to fit in a couple of historical features, as well as the usual news from CTS and the clan around the world.

The intention is that our December publication will retain the magazine format with more pages and the element of colour. To ensure this however we need to try and raise our income as

well as cutting our costs. When it comes to the production of the magazine you can help by encouraging your family and other clan members to join CMI and/or CTS, or by sponsoring an issue of the magazine.

A number of generous clanspeople have donated up to £500 per issue in the past to this end, and we're more than happy to link such sponsorship with ads on the back page and on the website, where we do not normally have advertising. Maybe clan-related businesses in the areas of future international gatherings might be interested.

Graeme Mackenzie, Editor.

CMI Summary Accounts for year to 31 December 2010

| INCOME | £ | \$ | OUTGOINGS | £ | \$ |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Conclave | 2004.39 | 4332.00 | | | |
| CTS | | 3000.00 | | | |
| Subscriptions | 565.00 | 855.00 | Telephone | 259.25 | |
| Donations | 549.94 | 835.00 | Stamps/Printing | 884.00 | |
| Project MAOL | 200.00 | 267.00 | Secretarial | 1800.00 | |
| Publications | 450.00 | 100.00 | Graeme | 6999.96 | |
| Transfer from US | 6330.74 | | Utilities | 34.92 | |
| Miscellaneous | 181.61 | 40.50 | Miscellaneous | 155.61 | 30.00 |
| | | | Transfer US-UK | | 10070.00 |
| Totals | 10281.68 | 9429.50 | | 10133.74 | 10100.00 |
| Excess of Outgoings | | 670.50 | Excess of Income | 147.94 | |
| TOTALS | 10281.68 | 10100.00 | | 10281.68 | 10100.00 |
| Opening bank balance | 3212.36 | 7188.80 | | | |
| Excess of outgoings/ income | 147.94 | - 670.50 | | | |
| Closing bank balance | 3360.30 | 6518.30 | | | |
| <i>Average exchange rate for transfers</i> | | <i>\$1.59 to £1</i> | | | |

News from the Clan Around the World

Wedding Bells in Argentina

CMSNA President Barry McMillan, who is currently recovering from cancer in Argentina, has sent us the picture below of Tim & Margarita Bell and their son Tomas, and this explanation of its significance:

I discovered a shipping company last winter when I was going to move back home, pre-cancer, and the guy who owned the business was Tim Bell.



Now that name struck a bell (sorry I had to do that) and, to make a long story short, Tim is a fifth generation Scot here in Argentina, and mentioned that his son was getting married.

Having both sets of kilts, I asked if he was interested in borrowing them for the wedding. You could have heard the "Hell yes" for a couple of blocks.

Donation in memory of Nancy McMillan

The Trustees of Clan MacMillan International were very grateful to receive a donation of \$3,100 US for the Clan Centre from Jim McMillan of Lexington, VA, in memory of his wife Nancy who died on the 28th December 2010. Jim and Nancy were generous benefactors to both the Appalachian Branch and the Clan Centre. They welcomed George & Jane, and Graeme Mackenzie, to their lovely home in Banner Elk on the Chief's last visit to the Grandfather Mountain Games, and hosted the branch and their guests at their country club on that occasion.

We were also sorry to receive news of the passing of **Ralph Conn**, husband of Rowene McMillan, who died in California on 15 November 2010. Ralph loyally supported Rowene's enthusiasm for the clan, and was inducted into CTS with her in 1999. Sadly, Ralph's death followed quite closely on that of Rowene's mother, Ethel, who had died 19 April 2010, at the age of 95.

New Society President in New Zealand

Retiring President Avon McMillan made a life member

Jim McMillan of Paraparaumu was elected President of the New Zealand Society at their AGM on 27th February. Jim has been editing the society's excellent newsletter for some years now, and we appreciate receiving it in electronic as well as paper form, which allows for easy pasting of interesting stories into this organ for the benefit of the clan in the rest of the world.

The society's Patron, Margaret Pool, conferred life membership on the retiring President Avon McMillan, and paid tribute to his invaluable service to the clan:

Avon has served the clan well over a number of years both as President and committee member and is a loyal, reliable and helpful member of the clan. On many occasions he has packed up his station wagon and travelled the North Island to various Scottish games and functions to fly the MacMillan flag.

Avon also instigated the sending out of membership forms to all MacMillans of various spellings in the New Zealand telephone books, over a period of years, thus increasing the clan membership.

Over their summer the New Zealand Society has attended the Waipu Highland Games (1st January), the 147th Turakina Highland Games (29th January), and the Paeroa Highland Games (12th February).

On the 3rd July they plan to celebrate Tartan Day (1st July) with a Lower North Island get-together at Robert and Betty McMillan's residence, 208 Kukutauaki Road, R.D.5, Levin, from 11.30 am. The haggis ceremony will be followed by lunch; and since they will also be recognising the Repeal of the Dress Act, everyone is asked to wear a bit of tartan.

Lament for a Piping Hero

Bill Millin, who died 17 August 2010, had been a legend in the army since he piped the Lovat Scouts onto the beach at Normandy in 1944 - and he became a legend for us all following his portrayal, by the Queen Mother's piper, in the film "The Longest Day". Though the army had banned pipers from leading troops in battle following the carnage of the First World War, Lord Lovat (chief of Clan Fraser) - whose personal piper Bill was - told him: *Ab, but that's the English War Office. You and I are both Scottish and that doesn't apply*; so Millin became the only piper to play in France on D-Day. Later, after Millin had led Lovat's men across "Pegasus Bridge" under constant fire, it transpired the Germans wouldn't shoot at him because they thought he had gone off his head. Though he was offered a job on the Lovat Estate after the war, Millin chose to train as a mental nurse, and worked in hospitals in Glasgow and Devon until he retired in 1988. He piped at Lord Lovat's funeral in 1995, and later donated his pipes to the National War Museum in Edinburgh.

The Religion of the MacMillans

by Graeme Mackenzie

Some time ago an enquiry was made about the religious affiliations of MacMillans - particularly at the time of the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion - and after Chief George had circulated my response, Mike McMillen of the North Central States Branch suggested it might make the basis of an article both for his and for our newsletter.

The religious origin of the MacMillans is apparent from their very name: *MacMaolain* / *MacMhaolain*, "Son of the Bald Man" – with bald being taken to mean tonsured – or *MacGhillembaoil*, Son of the Bald/Tonsured Servant (of God).

The clan's namefather Gilchrist Maolan/Gillemaol appears in the oldest genealogy of the clan as the son of Cormac, and in the second oldest as the son of *Gille-easbuig Mor*, which can be translated as "The Great Bishop". He is recorded in 1132 as *Gilbrist mac Cormaic* witnessing a document in which his father Cormac appears as the Bishop of Dunkeld, a position he seems to have held from at least 1114/17. Cormac was also the ancestor of Clan MacKinnon, members of whom were the hereditary abbots of Iona for much of the Middle Ages, and the MacPhees, who were for some time the hereditary Priors of Oransay.

A number of the earliest recorded MacMillans were priests, or otherwise involved with the church. Rev. Duncan Macmolane was a witness at the collegiate church of Kilmun in Argyll in 1452; Huchone Makgillemuil was arbitrator of the church lands at Croy in Nairnshire in 1492; Rev. Donald Makmyllan was the Prior of Whithorn in Galloway in 1502; Rev. Fingoni Makmulane was appointed "super capellania" of Tobermory on the isle of Mull in 1540, and two years later he



The later medieval Dunkeld Cathedral

was "super rectoria" of "Beanweall in Ewist" (isle of Uist); and also in 1542, Rev. Johannis McMwlyne, a monk of Iona, was appointed chaplain of St. Aran on Iona.

These churchmen were all, like the vast majority of their countrymen at the time, Roman Catholics. Things changed later in the 16th century, however, with the Reformation promoted by John Knox, who is said to have given his first Protestant communion in the west of Scotland under the tree that bears his name at Finlaystone - which was then home to the Cunninghams' chief, the Earl of Glencairn. This provoked decades of religious conflict that involved many MacMillans.

The Galloway branch of the clan emerged from it as fervent "Covenanters", who supported the most Presbyterian form of church government in Scotland; indeed it was the struggles of the Rev. John McMillan of Balmaghie and his followers with the crown that led to the foundation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Though the established church had adopted a form of Presbyterianism, it did not accord sufficiently with the National Covenant for the "McMillanites". Many of them consequently left to settle in Ireland, where the religious regulation that could be imposed by the British crown was not so strong; and in the 18th century, many of their descendants chose to emigrate to America, where South Carolina in particular was a stronghold of McMillans belonging to the Reformed Presbyterian and other covenanting churches.

The Knappdale and Kintyre branches of the clan are also thought

to have been largely Presbyterian, though they are presumed to have followed the example of their neighbours, and often landlords, the Campbells, by adhering to the established Church of Scotland. Interestingly enough however Somerled MacMillan found a reference in an unspecified volume of the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club to Alexander MacMillan of Dunmore WS belonging to the Non-Juring Chapel in Carruber's Close in Edinburgh, which was an Episcopalian church.

The Lochaber branch of the clan would almost certainly have been Episcopalian in the 17th and early 18th century, as that was the faith followed by the Camerons of Lochiel, to whom the Macmillans of Murlagan and Glenpean were closely attached; and indeed by many other Jacobite clans in the Highlands.

In 1951, when Somerled MacMillan wrote *The MacMillans and their Septs*, he wasn't aware that the Lochaber Macmillans had been out with Lochiel in the Jacobite rebellion of 1745, which led him to include this rather unlikely story in his first stab at the clan history:

"The MacMillans of Lochaber held strong Protestant views and for that reason they refused to follow Lochiel at the '45. There is a Loch Arkaig tradition that when the Prince asked Lochiel to approach John MacMillan of Murlagan about rallying his clan in support of the Stuart cause, he is said to have agreed conditionally, providing that the Prince entered the old church at Fort William and publicly renounced the Roman Catholic faith. Needless to say, the Prince would not agree to such terms ...".



The John Knox Tree at Finlaystone

Somerled continued to assert this tradition in *Bygone Lochaber*, where he reproduces the following verse that “someone was inspired to compose”:

*Clann 'ic 'illemaoil bho thaobh Loch Airceig,
Nach robh maol, no mi-thapaidh;
Chuireadh iad an crim air Prionns' Tealach
Mur bhithheadh am Pàp' bu mbiann leis.*

“The MacMillans from Loch Arkaiside, Who were not easily deceived or backward; They would have crowned Prince Charlie If he had not desired the Pope.”

Such a story however flies in the face of the facts – which Somerled well knew by 1971 – since the MacMillans did come out in support of Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745, and formed a whole company of Lochiel’s regiment commanded by John of Murlagan’s son Captain Ewen MacMillan. Furthermore such anti-Catholic feelings contradict the *laissez-faire* attitude that seems to have predominated in 18th century Lochaber, where Catholic and Protestant branches of clans lived side-by-side without undue religious conflict; a tradition continued in Quebec and eastern Ontario, to where a considerable number of Roman Catholic MacMillans emigrated alongside their Protestant cousins.

In Lochaber, Catholic Macmillans were to be found in Glengarry, Morar, and Moidart; and further afield, on the island of South Uist – in all of which places they were tenants of lairds belonging to Roman Catholic branches of Clan Donald (a kindred that very clearly demonstrates how religious differences were usually subordinate in Highland clans to politics and the



Left: The ancient chapel at Kilmory, Knap, which now houses the famous MacMillan Crosses. It's said to have been associated with St. Cormac's Chapel at nearby Keills.

personal rivalry of competing chiefs). Roman Catholic Macmillans were also to be found on the island of Barra, and further north on the mainland in Strathglass, where they were tenants of the chief of Clan Chisholm.

The chance survival of a Roman Catholic register from that church’s mission in Strathglass includes some of the earliest records of Catholic Macmillans in the Highlands: *Marydale, Our Lady and St Bean’s* starts in 1793, while surviving registers elsewhere in the Gaidhealtachd generally only start in the early to mid-19th century.

The Roman Catholic Parish Registers are now available online at www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk.

The Chisholm also held lands in neighbouring Glenurquhart, but most of the MacMillans who settled there seem to have been Protestants like the main proprietors in The Glen, the Grants. Indeed, many Glenurquhart MacMillans were strong Presbyterians and in the early years of the 19th century were among “The Men” who inspired the movement leading to “The Disruption” of the 1840s, and the establishment of the Free Church of

Scotland, in which many MacMillans were to become prominent (unfortunately the registers of the Free Churches are yet to be made available online).

The religious dimension to Clan MacMillan may have accounted for the fact that both of the earliest historians of the clan were Ministers: Rev. Dr. Hugh Macmillan, *The Clan Macmillan* (London, 1901), and Rev. Somerled MacMillan, *The MacMillans and their Septs* (Glasgow, 1952); and that tradition has been kept up by Rev. Chris McMullen, *The MacMillan Endeavour* (Bruceston Mills, WV, 1990).

One of the delights of attending a large Clan MacMillan gathering is to find Ministers and Priests of many denominations attending and participating together in the services organised by the Community of the Tonsured Servant (founded by the late Rev. Canon Malcolm MacMillan) or by our Chief, George MacMillan, who was once a Professor of Religious Studies (at the University of Toronto) and who remains a long-serving Elder of his local kirk in Scotland.

Another twist to the Murlagan Mystery

Regular readers of the International Newsletters and Magazines will recall that a mystery still lies at the heart of the history of Clann 'ic 'illemaoil Abrach (the Lochaber Macmillans) in the first half of the 18th century.

The Murlagan and Glenpean families can be traced with some certainty from the mid-1500s to the late 1600s, and from 1746 to the great emigration of 1802. It’s so far proved impossible however to connect with any certainty the John mac Ewen MacGhillemaoil who was recognised as chief in 1684 (and who had appeared in the 1660s in Murlagan with his son Ewen as a “Cameron”) to the cousins Archie Murlagan and Allan Glenpean who led the 1802 emigration.

The key figure is “Old John”, who gave up Murlagan in 1746, and whose claim to be “Head of the tribe of McMillans or McIllywouls” in 1761 appears to be contradicted by a 1755 report that Ewen of Glenpean was “Head of the Tribe McMillan”.

This problem disappears if Ewen of Glenpean can be equated with the Capt. Ewen McGilvaile of Murlagan who led the Macmillans in 1746; i.e. Old John’s son. Though Somerled MacMillan accepted the dubious tale he was told by the current Murlagan family that Capt. Ewen was killed at Culloden, and therefore suggested another origin for the Glenpean family, the tradition he reported was that Ewen of Glenpean’s father was indeed called John.

Somerled said Old John was the son of the *Archibald mac Ewen vic Ian* who was living at Murlagan in 1717 with his brother Duncan. A newly found record of 1718 refers to “Archibald Cameron, Tacksman of Murlagan”, and thus appears to confirm that this man was indeed the then chief of the Lochaber clan.

Later in the same document however the Tacksman of Murlagan is given as *Ewn Cameron* - suggesting that Archibald must have died around this time - and this Ewen may well have been an elder son of Archibald who died without issue, leaving his brother John to succeed as chief. Research into these newly discovered records continues, and we’ll return to them in due course.

The Wood Islands Clan MacMillan Family

by Frank MacMillan

Continued from CMI Magazine No. 15.

Frank MacMillan gave this account of his ancestors' life on Prince Edward Island after their arrival from Colonsay on the ship Spencer in 1806, at the 8th annual gathering of the Clan MacMillan Society of Prince Edward Island in 1998.

Daily hardships for the colonists were enormous. In the Wood Islands area previous forest fires had destroyed any large trees in the forests. Wigwams had to be built to serve as homes until such time as it was possible to build log cabins. Being used to wide open spaces did not prepare them for the terrors of the woods with its bears and other wild animals. Because of low lands they were plagued by mosquitoes and black flies. Days were long and work was very hard for both sexes. However, records report that for the most part the colonists were comparatively healthy and strong. They had to make their own entertainment with occasional ceilidhs with their nearby relatives and friends.

There was little in the way of medicine. A few Indian remedies and herbal treatments were all they had. The only doctor in the whole area was Dr. Angus MacAulay in Belfast.

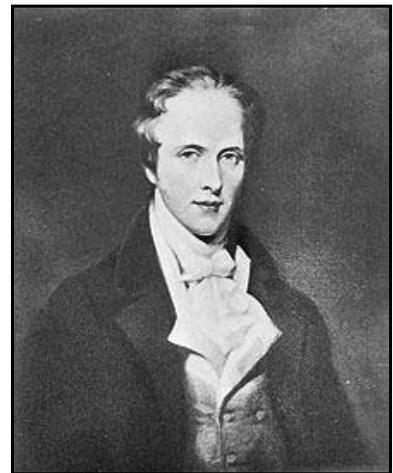


Later, in 1810, Mrs. Allen MacMillan, a midwife, served as a practical nurse. Unfortunately she met an untimely death ... after delivering a baby in Little Sands the sled that was taking her home broke through the ice and plunged her into the freezing water on an extremely cold day. She was rescued and taken to the nearest house a distance of some two miles, but perished shortly as the result of cold and shock. Women, apart from household chores and taking care of the children, were responsible for hand weaving material for all the family's clothes.

Malcolm Hector's son Sandy decided to travel to Little Sands where he later became a mail courier for the federal government. He carried the mail from Wood Islands across the Northumberland Strait to Pictou, Nova Scotia. Ninety-nine times he crossed the strait in a small ice boat. Once he carried the mail all the way to Halifax, a distance of one hundred miles, in three days.

Lord Selkirk believed in the right of cultural minorities to preserve their own way of life and opposed the British government's efforts to restrict emigration as a way of improving living standards. However, in Prince Edward Island the British policy of colonization was one of governing councils, public service and jurisdiction.

The Selkirk settlers had their own local councils and ways and Lord Selkirk petitioned against Governor DeBarre in order to retain his colonists' autonomy. Lord Selkirk founded his colonies based on the compassion and sympathy he held for the displaced highlanders. His greatest success was on Prince Edward Island.



Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk, who was responsible for settling Scots Highlanders on PEI in the early 1800s

After numerous attempts to establish colonies in Upper Canada and along the Red River he was forced to return to Scotland suffering from consumption. He used up most of his inheritance attempting to help the unfortunate highlanders. Lord Selkirk died in Pau, in southern France. It is said that at his death Lord Selkirk's estate was in debt of 160,000 pounds, which is equal to approximately \$3,000,000 Canadian dollars today.

Of the three settlements, Prince Edward Island, Baldoon, and Red River, only Prince Edward Island was a success. A letter to Lord Selkirk from Prince Edward Island stated, "These poor people whom your lordship brought hither have universally bettered their condition, and are now by far the most independent settlement on this Island. They are contented and happy." It was in statements like this that his dreams were designed to end. But, of his three settlements and his three dreams, only the first was ending as it should.



More News from the Clan Around the World

Pacific Branch Ambassador hoping to activate Clan MacMillan in Oregon

Trustee of Clan MacMillan International, Connall Bell, and his wife Patricia, are moving from Pasadena, California, to Ashland, Oregon. They've been appointed Temporary Conveners for Oregon by the Pacific Branch of Clan MacMillan - for whom Connall already acts as Ambassador - and the hope is that if there is sufficient interest in the state, this may lead in due course to the establishment of a separate clan society in Oregon.

The following officers were elected at the Pacific Branch's Annual General Meeting, which was held at the *Olde Ship British Pub* in Santa Ana on the 14th of May: President, Michelle Mullins; Vice-President, Ralph "Mac" McMillan; Treasurer, Jerry Pilkington; Secretary, Judy Young. Conveners were appointed for the following games which the branch will be attending: Costa Mesa, Ventura, Queen Mary, San Diego, Pleasanton, Bakersfield.

"Year of the Clans" at the Glengarry Games in Maxville, Ontario

The Glengarry & Ottawa Valley Branch of Clan MacMillan are preparing to take part in the "Year of the Clans" at this year's Highland Games in Maxville on 29-30 July.

In addition to enhanced facilities for the clans at the games, there are various special events planned, including a tug of war between the Clans of North Glengarry & Clans of South Glengarry, and a presentation by Clan MacMillan's old friend David Anderson on the history of the clans in Glengarry, and their impact on Canadian History. See: www.glengarryhighlandgames.com



Australian Society's Activities

The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia had a tent as usual at the Ringwood Highland Games on April 10th. This account comes from the recently received edition of their own Newsletter, edited by Vice-President Mick McMillan:

The Clan was again represented at the "New Look" Ringwood Highland Games. The clan tents were arranged in the form of a hollow square, so there wasn't any 'End of Line' loneliness. The day started out like it did last year, fine at home but showers forecast, except that this time we'd had 20mm of rain overnight. We set up the tent with the expectation of showers, but thankfully they were few and far between. The positioning of the tents wasn't as good as in the past as we didn't have a direct view of the proceedings on the oval and therefore felt a little isolated.

It seemed that the numbers attending the Games were well down again this year and maybe the forecast could have been responsible. But again it was good to catch up with those that did attend. We did have some pipers play a number of pieces in the middle of the "Village Square" which was a nice touch.

Tartan day is being celebrated on July 3 in Melbourne, with a Kirkin' at 11am at the Scots Church on Collins Street organised by the Scottish Clans & Association Council, and a Festival from 2pm at Federation Square put on by the Scots of Victoria Co-ordinating Group.

The Clan MacMillan Society's AGM will take place on Sunday 16th October at Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Road, South Yarra, Victoria, from 12 mid-day.

Branch President wins prestigious Scots award

Jack MacMillan, President of the North Central States branch of Clan MacMillan, has received the 2010 Rod MacRae Award. This is given annually by the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans (MCSC) to the person or persons felt to exemplify the highest level of dedication to the Scottish Community (in all the state of Minnesota) by their service and volunteer efforts. Jack is pictured above - on the right - with Jonathon Palmer, President of MCSC.

Sir Graham Macmillan 1920 - 2011



Sir Graham Macmillan on the occasion of his investiture as a Companion of the Tonsured Servant in the chapel at Kilmory Knap in 2009

Few who encountered Sir Graham at clan gatherings will have realised how important he had once been as a leading official of the Conservative Party from the 1960s to the 1980s. The present Foreign Secretary, William Hague, once confided that Macmillan "taught me all I know", and Lord Deedes identified one of his particular skills, saying he was "a practised hand at giving women in a committee room a squeeze warm enough to make their eyes sparkle, without disturbing their husbands". It was the sparkle in Graham's eye that most will have noticed at clan events which he always enlivened with his wit and good humour. He was the third

generation of his family to be involved in the Clan, and his grandfather had been a founder member of the original Clan MacMillan Society (see Sir Graham's memories of the society in the CMI Magazine No. 7). He'll be sorely missed, especially by his children, Alistair, Janie, Catriona, and Donald, to whom we extend condolences.

Clan MacMillan's 'Community of the Tonsured Servant' (CTS)

CTS was founded in 1995: Supporting the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC) at Finlaystone, Scotland, and providing educational materials and events for Clan MacMillan and Sept members around the world.

The 23rd CTS Investiture Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday 7 July 2011 in **Banner Elk Presbyterian Church**, Banner Elk, NC, USA, in conjunction with the Appalachian Branch Gathering of Clan MacMillan at Grandfather Mountain, 7 to 10 July. A CTS Investiture Service was held in this beautiful historic Chapel on 10 July 1998. There are to date 2 new candidates wanting to join CTS. They are Carol and David Morris from Seymour, TN, USA. I will be unable to be at the Investiture Service because our youngest son James is being married to his French fiancée near Bordeaux on 9 July. Chief George, CTS, Robert Jones, CTS, President of the Appalachian Branch and Rev. David J. MacMillan, CTS, Scribe of CTS, will officiate at the service. David is a son of our late Founder of CTS, Rev. Canon A. Malcolm MacMillan.

Sir Graham Macmillan, CTS, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, England, died on St Patrick's Day, Thursday, 17 March 2011, at the age of 90. Sir Graham is survived by his four children: Brig Alistair H. M. Macmillan, CTS, of Howwood, Scotland; Janie Howell, CTS, of London, England; Donald Macmillan of Batley, England; and Catriona Macmillan of Tamarama, Australia. On 28 July 2009, Sir Graham was Invested Honoris Causa as a member of CTS at the Investiture Service in historic Kilmory Chapel, Knapdale, Argyllshire, Scotland.

New web pages about CTS have been created by Graeme Mackenzie in collaboration with myself. There will be a launch of these new web pages during the CTS Investiture Service on 7 July 2011. Chief George and Graeme will be making a trip (details elsewhere in this magazine) to Canada and the USA during which they will be publicizing the Clan Centre, and the role of CTS in supporting it, in the hope of recruiting new members for both CMI and CTS. CTS is granting Graeme \$250.00 to help with his expenses on this trip. The CTS webpages can be accessed at www.clanmacmillan.org/CTS.htm

Barry W. McMillen, CTS, is the new president of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) as of 1 January 2011. Plans are coming together for a CMSNA Gathering at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota 21 to 26 June, 2012. An Investiture Service will take place in a Chapel on Macalester Campus on Sunday, 24 June.

Grants by CTS to CMIC: CTS has granted \$1,000USD to CMIC to date in 2011. The total CTS grant to CMIC is \$36,643USD since 1996 averaging \$2,290USD per year over the last 16 years.

A REMINDER ABOUT FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

CTS raises funds for the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC). There are many ways you can contribute.

* CTS memberships: Encourage others to join, or you might consider an annual donation to CTS.

* CTS Tribute Funds: The two CTS funds below remain open for your contributions.

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