

The
CLAN MACMILLAN
of
North America



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ARTICLE I: NAMES AND PURPOSES

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be The Clan MacMillan Society of North America.
- Section 2. The purposes of this organization shall be to foster clan sentiment, promote a closer bond of fellowship among clan members, preserve our great family heritage and our Scottish culture including language, music, poetry, and traditions, encourage the wearing of the MacMillan tartans, and dedicate the society and its membership to worthy causes.

ARTICLE II: STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

- Section 1. The Clan MacMillan Society of North America shall constitute the central overall clan organization on this continent, representing all clansmen in certain appropriate clan matters.
- Section 2. Clan groups already organized, on either territorial or kinship basis, may become official branches of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America upon application. Territorial branches may be defined as those based on a specific area or territory in North America. Kinship branches may be defined as those based on descent from a common North American ancestor or ancestors, and those of a family reunion nature.
- Section 3. The Clan MacMillan Society of North America shall encourage the formation of additional branches, and the affiliation of these new branches with the central body.
- Section 4. Since The Clan MacMillan Society of North America has been officially sponsored by The Clan MacMillan Society in Scotland, The North American Society shall be affiliated with the Society in Scotland subject to the formal approval of the latter.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. All persons descended from a "MacMillan"; that is, from a person entitled to bear the name "MacMillan" or any other accepted spelling of the name of the clan or its members or recognized septs, shall be eligible to apply for membership in The Clan MacMillan Society of North America. Recognized spellings of the names of the clan, clansmen, and recognized septs include without being limited to the following: MacMillan, Macmillan, McMillan, McMullen, McMillin, McMillen, Bell, MacBaxter and Baxter, Brown or Broun, Walker, MacNicator, Nucator, Blue, MacGhilleghuirm, MacElmeel, MacElmail, MacElmoyle, MacMoil, MacMamil.

- Section 2. Application for membership in The Clan MacMillan Society of North America shall be supported by evidence of descent from a "MacMillan" including spelling variants and septs, not beyond the great-grandparent generation. Evidence refers to genealogical listing of ancestors including places lived, dates, spouses, and where possible, other children in each generation. The evidence required will not include birth or marriage certificates or other public documents or copies thereof. The Executive Committee shall be the final judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership.
- Section 3. Membership to branches of the central body shall be determined and designated by the respective branch societies themselves.
- Section 4. Clansmen who are not members of any organized branch of the clan may affiliate directly with the central clan organization. Such members shall be designated as "direct" members in contrast to members of official branches who shall be designated as "affiliated" members.
- Section 5. Clansmen who are members of affiliated or non-affiliated kinship or territorial groups may apply for direct membership under the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.
- Section 6. A clansman or clanswoman living in an area having an affiliated branch group may apply for direct membership without necessarily joining the area group.
- Section 7. The spouse of a paid-up member of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America may become an active or participating member upon payment of an initial registration fee of \$1.00. In such case, a household will be entitled to only one set of mailings and literature. A single membership contribution thereafter shall include the membership of the spouse automatically.
- Section 8. Membership cards will be supplied to all direct members, and to all members of branch groups who have paid their established contributions or dues to the central clan organization. Affiliated branches will be furnished with Certificates of Affiliation.

ARTICLE IV: CONTRIBUTIONS

- Section 1. Founding memberships shall be instituted at the following levels of voluntary contribution for the period 1958-59 only.

(a) Founding Member (Patron)	\$100 and over
(b) Founding Member (Sponsor)	\$25 to \$99
(c) Founding Member (Contributing)	\$10 to \$24
(d) Founding Member (Regular)	\$5 to \$9
*(e) Founding Member (Special)	\$2

*In recognition of long years of family service, clansmen and clanswomen who are retired or over 70 years of age may become Founding Members - Special, upon payment of the contribution of \$2.00 to the Treasurer.

- Section 2. Membership contributions for ensuing years shall be determined by the Executive Committee, and shall be based upon the amount of revenue required to carry on clan business and promote clan purposes. (It is anticipated that membership contributions for ensuing years shall be at reduced rate and uniform for all members.)
- Section 3. Clansmen may present to The Clan MacMillan Society of North America gifts in the form of cash or negotiables of any size or amount. Such gifts shall be submitted to the treasurer of the central clan organization. Gifts of historical, cultural, or traditional value may be presented to The Clan MacMillan Society of North America subject to acceptance by the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. Membership contributions shall entitle the members to receive the regular issues of the Clan Magazine and such other publications as shall be authorized for distribution by the Executive Committee.
- Section 5. Organized branches of the clan may elect to collect affiliated membership contributions to be forwarded to the central body, The Clan MacMillan Society of North America. Those groups which elect to perform this function shall be entitled to deduct one dollar of each affiliated membership to cover expenses involved in this task.
- Section 6. The honor of Life Member for Meritorious Service may be conferred on a member of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America by action of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY

- Section 1. The executive officers of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America shall be: President, Vice-President, two Executive Secretaries (Canada and U.S.A.), and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The Bard and Historian of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America shall be the Bard and Historian of The Clan MacMillan Society in Scotland. The pipers and chaplains shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- Section 3. The President (in 1958 only), Vice-President, Executive Secretaries, and Treasurer of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America shall be placed in nomination by a Nominating Committee, and shall be elected by a ballot distributed by mail except that the first election of officers may be by ballot at the organizing meeting. Beginning in September, 1959, the annual ballots shall be distributed by the executive secretaries during the month of September. They shall be returned no later than the first day of November of each year. New officers shall assume their duties on the first day of January following their election except that the first slate of officers shall assume their duties immediately following election.
- Section 4. The President and Vice-President shall not both be residents of the same country. If the President is a Canadian resident, the Vice-President shall be a resident of the United States of America and vice-versa. The President and Vice-President shall be nominated and elected from Canada and United States on alternate years.

- Section 5. The Governing Body shall consist of the Executive Committee, the Directors who represent organized territorial or kinship groups, regional vice-presidents, and chairmen of standing committees.
- Section 6. Each territorial or kinship group affiliated with the central clan organization and having 25 or more members shall be entitled to name a Director to serve as a representative on the Governing Body. Names of Directors shall be certified to an Executive Secretary of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America before the first day of November of each year. Directors shall assume their duties on the first day of January thereafter, except that the first Directors named shall assume their duties as soon as they have been certified to an Executive Secretary.
- Section 7. Regional vice-presidents shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve until the thirty-first day of December, 1959. On or before October 15, 1959, and on or before the same day of the month each year thereafter, the Executive Committee shall appoint regional vice-presidents, who shall assume their duties the next January first. Regional vice-presidents shall serve as representatives on the Governing Body. They shall be appointed to represent geographical areas in which large numbers of the "MacMillan" name reside, and where the potential for numerous direct memberships is favorable. It shall be the objective of the regional vice-presidents to encourage the formation of branch groups of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America.
- Section 8. The duties of the Executive Officers shall be those duties implied by the name of the office, or which normally devolve upon like officers of other organizations.

ARTICLE VI: FAMILY COUNCIL

- Section 1. The Family Council shall consist of nine members to be named from among the clansmen and clanswomen in Canada and the United States of America. They shall be nominated by the Executive Committee which shall designate one as Chief Counsellor. The names of the nominees shall be submitted to the recognized chief of the Clan MacMillan for approval and appointment as counsellors. The Family Council shall be nominated on or before the fifteenth day of October and shall take office the first day of January thereafter.
- Section 2. The first Family Council shall consist of three members to serve for one year, three members to serve for two years, and three members to serve for three years. Thereafter, the term of a Counsellor shall be three years, and he or she may be reappointed for an unlimited number of terms.
- Section 3. The Family Council shall act in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee and the Governing Body.

ARTICLE VII; COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Executive Officers, including President, Vice-President, two Executive Secretaries, and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact necessary business between Gatherings of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America, to appoint the Nominating Committee, and to nominate Family Counsellors, including the Chief Counsellor.
- Section 3. The Nominating Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- Section 4. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to prepare a slate of proposed officers for annual election. The Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of proposed officers to the two Executive Secretaries before September 1, 1959, and each year thereafter, except that the first slate of proposed officers shall be submitted at the organizing meeting of the Society. The Executive Secretaries shall prepare, distribute, and count the ballots.
- Section 5. The Publications Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- Section 6. The duties of the Publications Committee shall be to publish the Clan magazine, to prepare and distribute bulletins, pamphlets, booklets, recordings, and newsletters, and to handle public relations within and outside The Clan MacMillan Society of North America.
- Section 7. The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- Section 8. The duties of the Finance Committee shall be to set up an annual budget, to make recommendations relative to annual contributions and dues, and to advise on expenditure policies and procedures. The Treasurer, or his duly appointed representative, shall authorize the payment of bills. In accordance with the policy unanimously affirmed at the MacMillan Niagara Falls Conference, the Finance Committee will arrange for the reimbursement, as the Society's finances shall permit, of those sums expended by individual MacMillans' in the organization phase. Reimbursement shall be subject to Executive Committee approval as legitimate organizational expenses of the Society.
- Section 9. The Archives and Records Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, with such sub-committees as are necessary.
- Section 10. The Archives and Records Committee shall collect and preserve such artifacts, documents, and genealogical records as may be deemed necessary for attaining the purposes of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America.
- Section 11. Such other Standing Committees shall be created by the Executive Committee as may be required to promote the purposes of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America.

Section 12. The President shall have power to appoint special committees to report to the Executive Committee or to the Governing Body on special projects or problems. Such special committees shall serve until their function is accomplished, but not longer than the end of the calendar year, unless reappointed by the new President when he assumes his duties.

ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order Revised shall govern the meetings of The Clan Society except where they are inconsistent with the Constitution.

Section 2. All paid-up members of The Clan Society, as evidenced by the records of the Treasurer, shall have the right to vote.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each year at the call of the President. The Executive Committee shall determine the time, place, and frequency of the meetings of the Governing Body.

Section 2. When a special event or celebration seems to warrant it, the Governing Body may arrange a Clan Gathering. An Executive Committee meeting held at such a Gathering may constitute the annual meeting of this committee.

Section 3. The location of Executive Committee meetings shall be at the discretion of the President, and shall be predicated on the basis of equity for probable attenders, in terms of distance and costs of attending such meetings.

Section 4. The President and any three additional members of the Executive Committee may call a special meeting of said committee for purposes in harmony with the aims and purposes of The Clan Society.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. A proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of The Clan MacMillan Society of North America shall first be submitted to the Executive Committee. If it is approved by the Executive Committee, it shall then be submitted by mail to all paid-up members of The Clan Society. A two-thirds vote of ballots of paid-up members returned within twenty days shall be required to ratify proposed amendments.

ARTICLE XI: RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1. No member shall obligate The Clan MacMillan Society of North America in any way with any institution, agency, or individual in matters of money, guarantees, endorsement, solicitation or the like, without the permission of the President in writing to do so.

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