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CLAN MACKAY BANNER



December 2018



A Note from our President

As the year is coming to an end and the holiday season is once again upon us, our clan will be holding officer elections for our president and treasurer. We will be taking nominations for both offices from now until January 10th . We will hold our elections starting on January the 12th thru January 15th and voting for those using paper ballots will need to have their votes postmarked no later than January the 15th . Members must be of good standing on January 1st to be eligible.

Now a word about the Treasurer's office. I have received a note from Charles Epperson asking not to run for re-election and it is with hesitation that I accept his request. Charles answered our call to become treasurer and has stayed beyond his original time period because of our insistence. But now is a good time for him to step down, although leaving us with big shoes to fill. Charles took over at a time when Clan Mackay needed him the most, so Charles thank you so very much.

Now about the president's office. I want to thank you for allowing me to be your president the last two years. I have enjoyed meeting so many members from here in Georgia to New York, North Carolina, Colorado and California. I have gotten several

coordinator and assistants. Hopefully we can share our genealogy program with Clan Mackay Societies around the globe making a great resource for our members to track down their heritage.

I would like to serve again as president for another term.

Plans are moving forward for our AGM in Edinburgh in 2020. We have a special Facebook Group for those who are interested where we are posting information and plans as we move closer to completing our plans. If you are interested contact me thru Facebook and I can add you to the group.

I hope that all of you will have a very safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Aye, John Grogan



Near Tongue -- Photo taken by John Grogan

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

[John Grogan](#), GA

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

[Doug McCoy](#), GA

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

[Dr. Donald McGee](#), FL

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

North East: [Madelynne Cable](#), CT

South East: John Allen, FL

Mid-West: [Ann McDonough](#), OH

Rocky Mountain: [Jamey White](#), CO

Central: [John Wells](#), TX

Western: [Jaime Chambers](#), CA

Mid-Atlantic: [David B. McKay](#), VA

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Membership Chair: [Sandy Wheeler](#), CO/
[Jon Flint](#), TX

SECRETARY

[Andrea Cable](#), CT

Web Master: [John Grogan](#), GA

Seanachaidh & Genealogist:

Chaplain: [Mark W. Polson](#), OK

2019 Clan Mackay AGM- Host Needed

The 2019 AGM will be held in the Mid-West Region (IL, IN, KY, OH, MI, MN, WI) .

We are looking for a Commissioner/host from the mid-west to host the AGM. If you are interested contact [myself](#) or [John Grogan](#).

Elections in January 2019

The Clan Mackay Society of the USA will hold elections in January for President and Treasurer. Nominations are being accepted for both positions between now and January 10.

John Grogan will run again for President. Chuck Epperson will be stepping down as Treasurer. We thank Chuck for his excellent service to our clan. He has been a great help and encouragement over his years of service.

Elections will take place from January 12 to January 15. Email ballots will be sent to you on January 10. For those who do not receive email- your ballots will accompany this newsletter and must be postmarked by January 15.



Wishing all members of Clan Mackay a wonderful holiday season and a Happy Hogmanay!

Looking for information

I am told that in a past Banner edition there was a story of a Viking named Morgan. He was captured by a our Clan and (as he was a good fighter) was given a choice: take a Clan woman as his wife and join us or be killed...

Does anyone have a copy of this story? Can you give the history? Verify it is true, a prank, or false news? An esteemed member of our clan (a Morgan, could you guess?) would like to know more about this!

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Lois Wallace Dec 10, 2018



What is the Tattoo? It is first and foremost a fantastic performance held in the dramatic setting of the Esplanade in front of Edinburgh Castle. The word “tattoo” derives from a 17th-century term from the Dutch, doe den tap toe (turn off the tap) each night the drum corps would play as a signal for the pub owners to turn off the beer taps so the soldiers would go to their billets. It has morphed

The first official Edinburgh Military Tattoo performance was held in 1950. In 2010 HM Queen Elizabeth II awarded the Royal title in honor of its sixty years of being. With a run that long they must be doing something right.

The performance is nonstop for an hour and a half and consists of the best of: Pipe bands, Scottish dancers, choirs, military bands and drum corps, musical entertainment from around the world. A showcase of exceptional talent putting on Scottish-themed entertainment. Seeing it in person is an exceptional experience that touches the soul of any with Scottish blood. Many plan their trip to Scotland to be able to see this unique event. Bob and I have attended three performances through the years and can tell you each time it was an exhilarating experience.

The Tattoo takes place on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle once a year for 3 weeks in August. It is typically the first three weeks of August. Are you planning to attend the 2020 AGM in Scotland? (Remember to contact John Grogan to join that Facebook group). If you are considering to add this to your AGM trip in 2020 you should begin planning now, as most performances are a sell-out!

Mackays... Living and Long Past

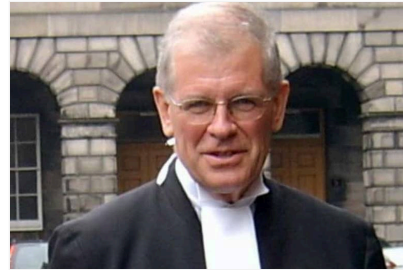
I am looking for input from everyone regarding names to put into this section. Please help me out here! Do some research, even feel free to write the article, or send me a scan of an article, or get me the info somehow! I want *you* to be a part of this process! Now let me introduce...

Donald Sage Mackay, Lord Mackay of Drumadoon Born: 30 January, 1946 Died: 21 August 2018

When Donald Mackay was appointed Lord Advocate in 1995 he became known as Lord Mackay of Drumadoon. As a young boy on holiday he would help at Drumadoon Farm where the farmer's daughter was a real character. While a young solicitor Donald promised her that if he ever became a judge, the name Drumadoon would appear. There was nothing to suggest a life in law when Donald Mackay was born as first child to Peggy and Donald, respectively teacher and minister who were both from Glasgow. After the family moved to Edinburgh Donald went to George Watson's College where he favored science and math and started a lifelong passion for rugby. He went on to gain an LI.B and two further Masters degrees, the second from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. On his return to Scotland, he was a legal apprentice at Davidson and Syme, and then worked at Allan MacDougall Solicitors where he became a partner.

Bar in 1976, and became QC in 1987. In 1979, he married Lesley Waugh. He spent several years as Advocate Depute, prosecuting in High Court criminal trials. He appeared for Orkney Islands Council in the 1991 Child Abuse Inquiry. He also sat on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for over five years before being named Solicitor General in 1995, then Lord Advocate a few months later, serving in that position until 1997.

Lord Mackay's colleague said: "My first encounter with Donald was also my first ever week in practice. From then on I was struck by the importance to him of 'doing right' by those he represented and judged. He encouraged and supported my involvement in a wide range of international judicial activities. Many others benefited from Donald's interest in improving and maintaining standards in the wider legal profession." Another said: "He threw himself heart and soul into cases and got on extremely well with clients. They could see Donald was on their side. It's why he built such a big civil and criminal practice." Lord Mackay often invited pupils of his former High School to visit his courts so they could learn more about criminal justice. Lord Mackay is survived by Lesley, their children Caroline, Diana and Simon, and by five grandchildren whom he loved. He was a fine older brother to Fiona, Alison and Alan. He will be fondly remembered by them all and by his many, many friends inside and outside the law.





GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS!

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