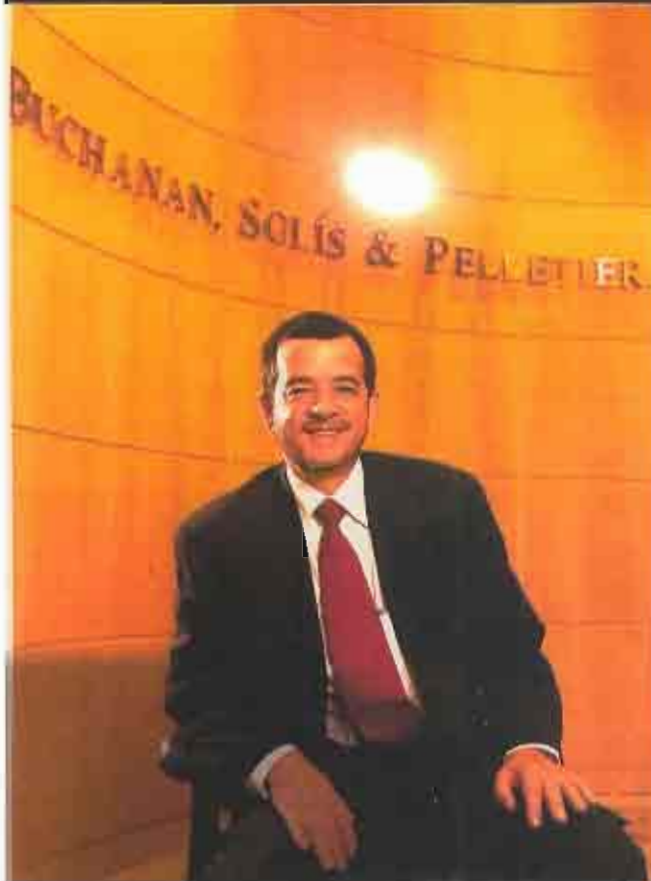


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Clan Buchanan Chief's Inauguration October 2020

The cry, "Clar Innis," will be made to call Buchanan clan folk from around the world to gather for the investiture of their clan head.

After the announcement of J. Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan being recognised as The Buchanan, Clan Chief a formal ceremony is being

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The Clan Buchanan Society, International names Regional Director for Mexico, Central and South America

Pedro (Peter) W. Buchanan of Mexico City was named a Regional Director of the CBSI at the Annual General Meeting held in New Hampshire. He will serve as the Society's first Director for Region 18 which includes Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Pedro is Managing Partner of Buchanan Abogados, a law office in Ciudad de Mexico specializing in International Law. Peter received his law degree from the Universidad Anahuac in Mexico and his Masters in Law from UCLA.

Pedro also distills 100% Pure Agave Mezcal under the brand PWB Mezcal. PWB is the first Mezcal authorized as "ULTRA-PREMIUM" by the Mezcal Quality Control Regulatory Council in Mexico.

Pedro's ancestry dates back several generations in Mexico and many centuries in Scotland to the Buchanans of Auchintoshan.

This was Pedro's first Clan Gathering and his first time to a North Highland Games. "As this was my first experience I found it a bit overwhelming, so, "I just let myself carry on with all the exciting activities that were taking place."

In accepting his appointment in New Hampshire Pedro commented "It has been a great pleasure to get acquainted with my ancestral family. I know this

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CBSI is all invited to the Buchanan Celtic Ceremony in October of 2020



Well, hardly had Mike and I returned from New Hampshire, we were off again! This time we were headed down under to the beautiful land of Australia.

After a day's travel we arrived at Sydney Airport. The next day we travelled along to Canberra in preparation for our following day at the Canberra Highland Games. The next day we had a really interesting time at the games. We met many new wonderful people, many of which joined us at dinner that evening. Even the weather conditions reminded us of Scotland, making us feel at home. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole event.

We also met Paul and Shona who are event organisers, amongst other things and started to help us arrange next years inauguration in Scotland. After this memorable day we were taken on a sightseeing trip of Canberra by Malcolm and Judy together with Steve and Carolyn. We saw many interesting places

off the beat and track that most visitors would never see.

Following this we travelled with Steve and Carolyn Buchanan back to the East Coast and we spent a few enjoyable days with them, travelling round the local sights and seeing areas and buildings where

many Buchanans, such as Carolyn's ancestors had lived and helped to create. We particularly enjoyed travelling to the famous Hunter Valley and visiting a few vineyards there. The whole area was truly breathtakingly beautiful.

Following this we headed on down to Sydney and stayed with Malcolm and Judy on

Darling Harbour. We then had an amazing walking tour round Sydney and a boat tour around the harbour. I had last been in Sydney over 30 years ago and (goodness) how it had changed. The first time I was there, the Opera House was one of the larger buildings on the harbour but now it was almost over-

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from the PRESIDENT

David Byrne, President, CBSI

The Executive Council has been working on a revised Constitution and By-laws for the Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc. The final revisions are completed and the new proposed by-laws will be sent out for a vote this January. A full copy of the revision is in this edition of the Buchanan Banner.

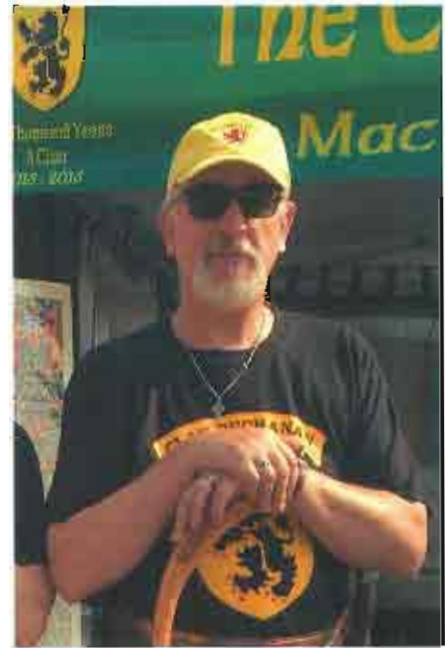
The main focus for the changes is to bring the by-laws into the 21st Century to better reflect how the Society is organized and run. The main areas that are being changed are noted in italics. Some are essential because of the many changes in technology and communi-

cation that have occurred in the past fifty years. It also acknowledges the expanded role of our international chapters which currently include Oceania (Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands), Canada, The United Kingdom and our newest Mexico, Central and South America. The new by-laws allow for greater participation of these groups now that communication among the Buchanan diaspora is so much easier.

Another big change needs to be made to reflect the fact that we now have a

Clan Chief as confirmed by the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland in 2018. When the CBSI was founded it became the de facto organization responsible for pulling our Clan members together. To that end the old by-laws used terminology for some of our officers normally reserved for appointment by a Chief. One example would be the term "Commissioner" which is normally reserved for the Chief's purposes. Therefore, the Society is proposing to change the title to Regional Director. The by-laws also include the Chief (or his designee) in the Executive Council.

The new by-laws also provide for a more defined election pro-



cess and time frame for the officers. The old election process did not clearly assign dates for the nominations or elections. It also did not establish a specific date that the elected officers take office. This resulted in confusion in the process and could mean as much as a six-month variation in the dates from election to election. The new by-laws correct those issues with a clearly defined time-line.

The original founders created a clan society out of nothing fifty years ago. The framework they created has served us well so the main structure of the Society will not change. What will change is how we function using modern means of communication, how we interact internationally with our members, a clearly defined election process, and how we interact with our first Chief in over 300 years.

Forms for voting on the proposed by-laws will be mailed out to all our current, paid members in January 2020. Please look for it in the mail and respond promptly.

David J. Byrne



THREE wee Scotches and a
lucky horse shoe —
A guid combination — that's clear
May they bring ye Guid health
An' Guid Fortune fortysse,
The last ye, for mony a year

So, what do you mean by Highland Dancing?

Kay McKinnon LaRue

“No, it’s NOT *Riverdance!*” If you’ve ever been involved in Highland Dancing, chances are you have said that to those not familiar with our Scottish art form of dancing.

For those of you who are curious as to what

you may have seen at our Highland Games, I hope this gives you a wee bit of useful information to make it more enjoyable to watch!

Riverdance, of course, is Irish but the Scots have their own form of dancing very different from what you see on PBS.

For one, the Scots actually use their arms when they dance and, at least in competition, there are very specific steps that must be precisely performed. Second, the costumes worn are as much a part of the dance as are the steps themselves.

Let’s start there.

When you watch dancers, they generally are wearing a kilt, hose, jacket or vest and the ever present soft leather “ghillies” (dance shoes).

Ghillie, by the way, is a Gaelic term for a servant. In the days of yore, when the lairds or noblemen discarded their shoes, they ripped out the tongue (making them less valuable) and gave them to their servants to use. This is why the shoes worn today for

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Clan Buchanan Society of America *before* there was a Clan Buchanan Society, International!

- ◆ Fred H. Buchanan – the first “Convener” of the Society – 1970-1974
- ◆ Byron C. Gibson - “temporary Convener” upon the passing of Fred (1974)
- ◆ Dr. Arren C. Buchanan, Jr. - President, 1974-1976
- ◆ Louis B. McCaslin, Jr. - President, 1976-1983
- ◆ Lt. Col. (ret) George S. G. “Buck” Buchanan, President, 1983-1985 & 1994
- ◆ Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., - President, 1985-1987
- ◆ Harold T. Townend, - President, 1987-1989
- ◆ John Watson, - President, 1989-1993

If you know of more presidents of CBSI or before, please contact your editor!

Serious Deadlines for *The Buchanan Banner*

January issue

December 10 deadline

April issue

March 10 deadline

July issue

June 10 deadline

October issue

September 10 deadline

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Highland Dancing, *continued from page 4*

dancing and pipe bands have no tongues!

The tartans used for the dancer's kilts are entirely of their own choosing. While they can wear a tartan from any Clan, Family or District they like, they will usually choose a sett that is large and has more white in the pattern. This is "flashier" and the kilt swing shows better in front of the judges.

There are at least a hundred different "dance tartans" available to choose from. This can be one of the most exciting and difficult choices a dancer makes! A kilt is normally custom made for the dancer and is very expensive. The good thing about a kilt is that it can be made to "grow" with the dancer (at least to a point) so you don't need to get a new one very often. It is important that the dancer chooses their tartan carefully as they could be wearing it for several years!

A black or matching colored velvet vest or jacket



is worn by girls and boys can wear a black or colored doublet such as a Prince Charles or Montrose.

The hose must be of the same tartan as the kilt, although, in the lower levels of dancing, (Primary, Beginner and Novice) a white sock may be worn, instead.

Boys will also wear a Glengarry or Balmoral Cap and a sporran.

They may not wear a Sgian Dubh (small sock knife) while dancing but they must wear underwear! No "going regimental" allowed!!

Another costume you may see on a female dancer is a white dress or Aboyne costume. These are worn for "National Dances" (more on those later). Again, it is the dancer's choice to wear either the white dress with a tartan plaid over her shoulder or the Aboyne costume consisting of a white blouse and velvet

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Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

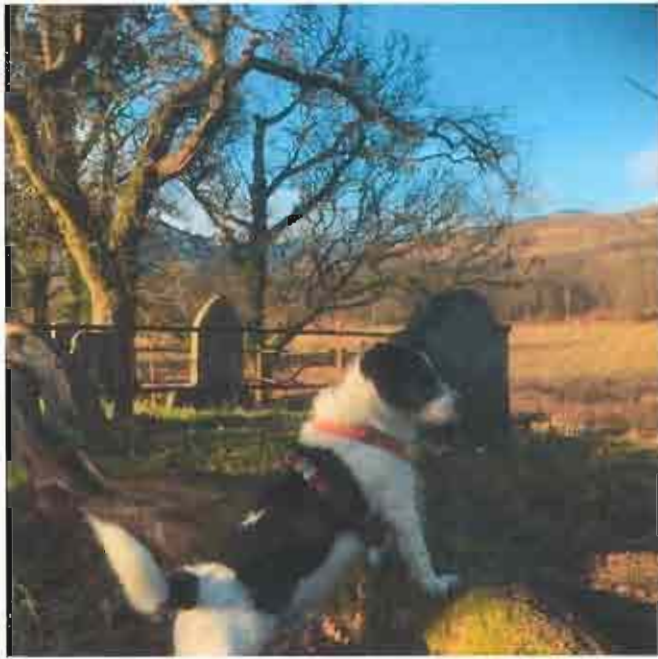
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Old Buchanan burials found in Callender, Scotland

Little Leny, Buchanan burial site, Callander, Scotland.

There is an enclosure with the earliest plaques being from the 1700s.

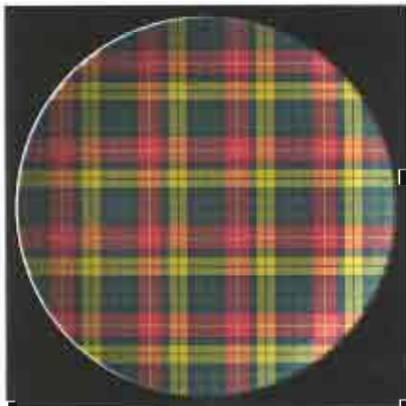
Many of the burials seem to date from the 1800s.

The finial above the enclosure reads, "The Buchanan Chapel 1214."

It is thought a chapel once stood at this place and some of it may be incorporated into the walls of the enclosure.

With thanks to Sheila Woodard Martinez.

Buchanan tartan dinnerware found!

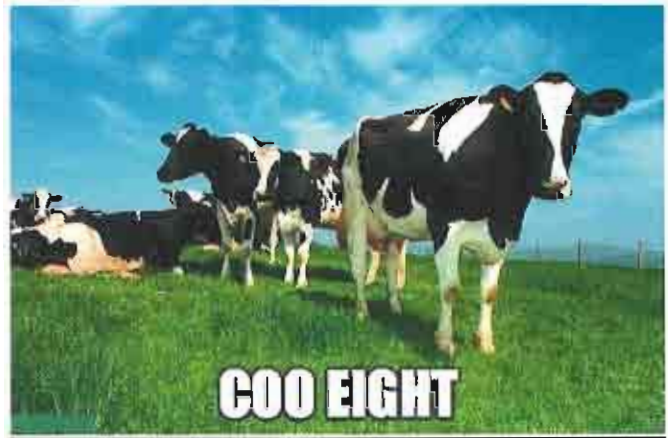


It's on a site called "Love the World."

It is very expensive. It is very beautiful.

You can find other china makers...just type in Buchanan Tartan dinnerware.

If there are ten cows in a field, which one is closest to Saudi Arabia?



Mexico & South American commissioner appointed, *continued from page 1*



Pedro "Peter" Buchanan's ancestral home in Scotland - Auchintoshan House.

is the beginning for great things to come. I look forward to assisting the Clan and CBSI in their future agenda and action plans, as well as reaching out and gathering all Buchanan's from Mexico in the Clan's radar."

CBSI President, David Byrne welcomed Pedro and his family to the Society. "We have known for a long time that we had Buchanan kin in Mexico, Central and South America. But it has not been easy to make a solid connection. The Society is very excited about having a Commissioner in Pedro who is so enthusiastic about keeping alive his Scottish roots and expanding the Clan's presence in that Region".

Pedro was accompanied in New Hampshire by his wife Christina. He has a son Pedro and a daughter Ana.

Surprise Engagement! Ana Paula Buchanan and Erik Brockmann in La Paz, Baja, California



A dinner party honoring Ana Paula Buchanan and Eric Brockmann's engagement, held at the home of her parents in La Paz, Baja, California. (Region 18 CBSI Mexico.)



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Lady Buchanan, continued from page 2

shadowed by the massive development which has since taken place. Sydney is truly an amazing place.

The main reason for going to Sydney was to attend the Edinburgh Tattoo in the ANC arena. Our clan was really privileged to be taking part in this amazing event. Mike and I were so happy to see so many Buchanans there. Everyone was also looking amazing and had made such an effort in this respect. Not that I was biased but we all looked our best and stood out from the other clans...of course this was no competition....ahem...

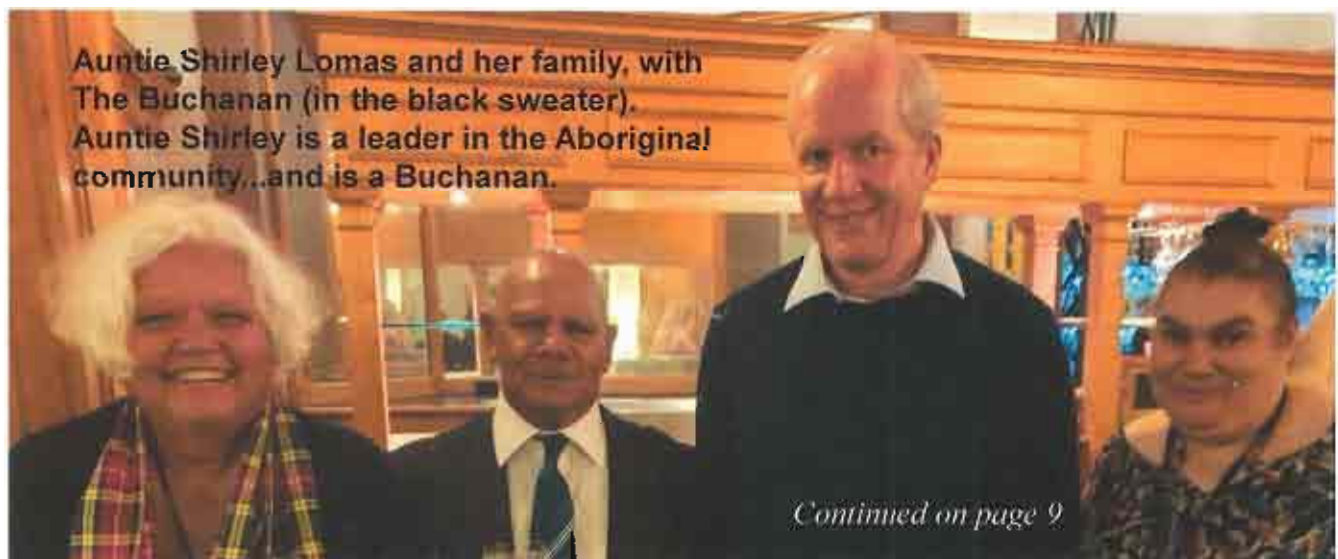
So, after a brief practice we entered the arena for the real thing with all our many flags flying high.

Mike also wore three magnificent eagle feathers kindly presented to him by Marie Gibson. Haha..he had the best feathers worn by a chief by far...although again it is not a competition!

The event went really well and we were so proud to be there amongst family and friends.

The next day we enjoyed a lovely lunch at a Buchanan gathering in Darling Harbour. It was sad to go as we so enjoyed our trip. We will certainly remember every moment of our trip to Australia.

Lastly, Mike and I would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who played their part in making our trip to Australia so enjoyable. In particular, thanks are due to Malcolm and Judy Buchanan, thank you for your leading role in all this. Also thanks to Steve and Carolyn Buchanan for your great hospitality. Thanks to Paul and Shona, Lachlan for your excellent flag bearing skills, Kim Tuovinen for great advise on archiological matters and Marie Gibson for her eagle eyed eagle feather spotting ability. We so enjoyed meeting you all.



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Clan Buchanan and Clan Henderson at the Sydney Tattoo



With thanks to Clan Henderson for the above photo

The Buchanan and The Lady Buchanan in Australia this last fall



Members of Clan Buchanan Australia with The Buchanan and The Lady Buchanan (on the right) having lunch at a vineyard in Hunter Valley.

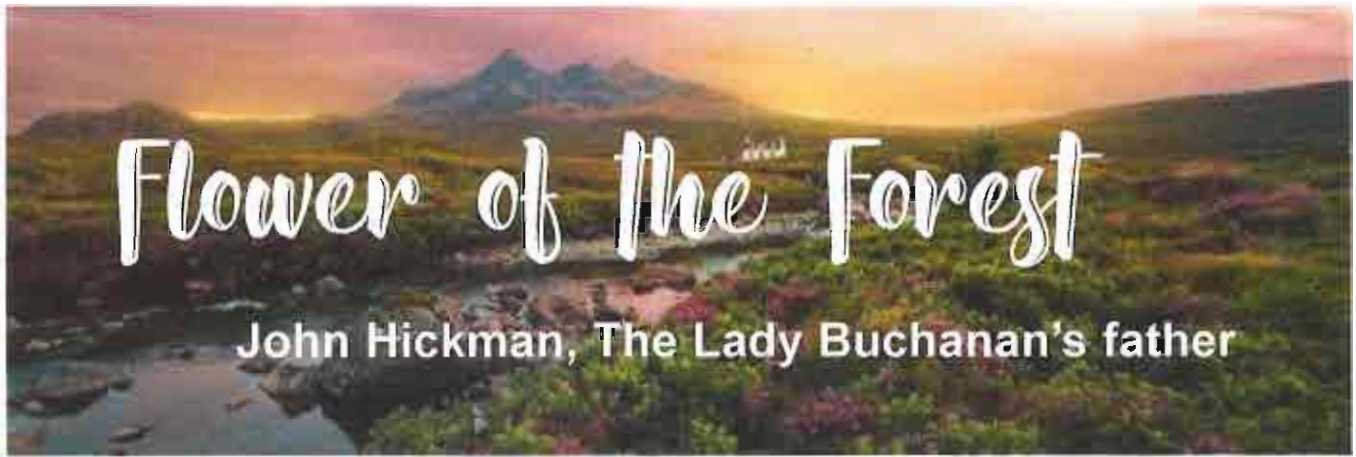




Malcolm Buchanan of Australia sent along some screen shots of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2019 in Sydney.

They show The Buchanan, the TV presenters, the Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency General David Hurley, AC DSC (Retd) and Brigadier David Allfrey, MBE, Chief Executive and Producer of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.





My father's parents met and married in Auckland, New Zealand. His father was in the merchant navy and his mother was a teacher. However, they returned to Edinburgh, Scotland, where my father was raised. He went to school at Edinburgh Academy. However he was orphaned during his childhood when his father died on a submarine in WWII and his mother died soon afterwards from a broken heart.

Fortunately, his mother's sister took responsibility for him and they both went to live in London. There he went to work in a UK bank. Soon after this he met my mother and they married. He rose through the ranks in the bank and soon became a bank manager. He was very successful and had a knack with dealing with people. Indeed his clients followed him as he went from branch to branch. So when he took early retirement from this he had the third most profitable branch in the UK.

At this time I remember travelling with him from the bank and I asked him what he will do now, as he was still young at 52. He

said he was going to spend the rest of his life giving his time and expertise back to the community. He was as good as his word as he spent the next 30 years working as a volunteer for a number of different charitable organisations. Possibly the most impressive was his 30 year role in supporting a local primary school with higher needs due to having a larger population of immigrants. After being made a school governor, he soon became chair of governors and the chair of its financial committee. Every week he gave at least one or two days of his time to this. Even the day before he died he was scheduled to be the chair of a financial meeting. In addition to be-



My father as a young man.



My dad and myself and my big sister at the beach.

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Bill and Gina McQuatters, Texas Commissioners and Tent Conveners

We have wrapped up the Spring Festival season in Texas with two wonderful events. As has been the norm for us this spring, both events had their soggy days as the rain came and caused a myriad of issues for all of us to overcome.

In April we convened the Clan Buchanan tent at the San Antonio Celtic Music Festival at the Helotes Fairgrounds just outside of San Antonio.

This was our first time to convene the tent here and we felt very welcome. Several friends and cousins came by to visit and we had a wonderful time.

The festival included awesome music, games, dance competitions, Scottish dogs, living history demonstrations, a kids' glen and storytelling.

The festival is held on Saturday and Sunday. But there are special events held on Friday at the famous San Antonio Riverwalk and the Alamo. There is a water parade in the afternoon, complete with a pipe and drum band along with several clansmen dressed in their kilts, floating down the river

announcing the schedule and location of the festival. This is definitely a unique beginning to these games.



Clan Morrison was the honored Clan at the San Antonio Games. The Chief of Clan Morrison attended the games and stopped by our tent for a visit.

Dr. J. Ru Morrison has held the mantle of Chief of Clan Morrison since 2010, and he was telling us that recently he appointed a member of Clan Buchanan as his “henchman”. Webster’s dictionary defines “henchman” as “a trusted follower: a right hand man”, or “a political follower whose support is chiefly for personal advantage”. The Morrison told us his henchman acts as a bodyguard and aide, much like a Sergeant at Arms.

One of our Clan members who competes in the games, Dr. Clay Buchanan, and his awesome family stopped by. His wife and daughters were bragging that Dr. Clay turned the caber for the first time during competition. As you can see their daughters were having a grand time at the event.

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Spring in Texas, *continued from the last page*

Another cousin spent a lot of time with us. She was extremely happy to see the Clan Buchanan tent as she recently discovered in her family history she was a Buchanan and she became very emotional as we discussed Buchanan history with her.

Other than a small issue with a tree and a spring storm, (our tent top collapsed soaking all of our tent contents, see picture) we had a really nice weekend and look forward to convening our tent each year at these games. We especially want to thank Piper Dan for helping us take everything down and spread the items out to begin drying.

Our final games of the spring are the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Decatur, Texas, the second weekend in May. These games were formerly held at the University of Texas in Arlington, but this is the second year in Decatur.

It actually seemed as if the organizers were a bit “disorganized” this year and we

had a few hiccups, but as always, we had a great time visiting with many friends, old and new. Another spring storm created a moat in front of our tent on Saturday morning, but true to form, we adjusted and opened the back of our tent to allow access to any visitors. This also gave us a great view of the Highland games and we enjoyed watching all the competitions. Unfortunately the caber toss was canceled due to the mud from the rain Saturday morning. Organizers were afraid the caber would not turn and simply stick in the mud and fall back onto the competitors. But, what can we say, it’s Spring in Texas!!! This festival also included great music by some of our favorite bands, a children’s area called Nessie’s Nook, shortbread contest, and bonniest knees contest.

As always we are ever honored to be part of this great organization and feel blessed to convene the Clan Buchanan tent. Over the years we have come to know so many totally awesome people, those who organize and work the events and, especially, our cousins who come out despite the weather and spend time with us. We certainly don’t claim to be experts on Scottish history, but getting to visit with people who are so excited to find out they have “people” and a family history is an incredible feeling.



Greetings.

from Malcolm Buchanan,
Convenor, CBSI (Oceania)

I am writing to thank you very much for your contribution to the success of Clan Buchanan participation in the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and especially to the various activities involving the Chief's and The Lady Buchanan's visit to Australia.

I wish to thank a number of people, in particular, who helped make the clan events a success. Steve and Carolyn Buchanan who helped to look after Mike and Paula; Steve for carrying the Chief's personal Banner and for making the Chief's Standard and Banner flag poles. Judy Buchanan, especially, for helping with arrangements for Canberra and the Chief's visit. Richard Harris, who was appointed as the Chief's Piper for Oceania and presented with the Chief's Piper's Banner (we heard at the Canberra dinner a part of a new piece for the Chief that he is composing).

Our piper for the REMT, Vivienne Arnett-Dunlop, flying the Chief's Piper's Banner. Marie Gibson for the gift of the Chief's eagle feathers presented at the Friday Tattoo performance. Rodney Buchanan for helping at the Canberra tent. Helen McMaster for her Sunday hospitality.

Thank you to everyone who marched as the clan and those who had the honour of carrying the Chief's Standard (Lachlan Buchanan and family), the clan's banners and flags. I must say that the Clan made a

great impact at the Friday Tattoo performance with the Chief present, the number of clan folk 'marching' and the colour and impact of the Chief's Standard, Banners and flags flying high. We had quite a presence with the Governor-General as the Salute taker on the night.

Chief's Inauguration and Clan Future Directions

Also, I wish to thank serendipity for bringing together people who have particular skills and interests for the future directions of the clan. Shona and Paul Gibson about planning the Chief's Inauguration (17 Oct) events over 16 to 19 October 2020. Kim Tuovinen for directions about the clan's archaeological history and how we might work on it (Clan Parliament topic).

Watch this space for updates on that major event in Scotland next year. If you wish to stay in touch with the inauguration arrangements, please register your interest at the CBSI website

<https://www.theclanbuchanan.com/inauguration>

Well, after all that, I am one very proud member of the Clan Buchanan, meeting with Mike and Paula and, especially because of you, our clan folk that joined us to celebrate our heritage and culture during the past couple of weeks.

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2019 pictures/video

Anyone who has pictures/video of the REMT

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Proposal for Clan Buchanan Chief's Piper for Oceania

The Buchanan,

Greetings from Oceania region. I am writing to you with a proposal from the CBSI(O) for your consideration to appoint a Chief's Piper for the Oceania region.

Mr Richard Harris is proposed as the Chief's Piper for Oceania. He has a strong background in piping, the music culture of Scotland, managing Pipe Bands, a large pipe band network, and has participated in events throughout Australia and overseas, including the REMT Edinburgh. He is a member of the clan (his grandmother's ancestor has the Buchanan connection). I have attached his piping biography for your information. I have attached a picture of Richard at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo from 2017 when he played in the Australian Federal Police Pipes and Drums and an earlier picture of Richard piping in Buchanan kilt.



I commend this nomination for your consideration and decision.

Clar Innis!

Malcolm Buchanan, Commissioner

Clan Buchanan Society International (Oceania)

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Photo to the left: The Buchanan, on the right, handing over the piping banner to Richard Harris at the Canberra Scottish Games.

Greetings, *continued from page 14*

event on Friday night showing the clan and pipe band please email me your highest quality pics. I have given some pictures to Mike and Paula and am looking for different pictures of this event. I have posted general pictures from events on the Clan Buchanan Oceania Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/ClanBuchanan/photos/> and will email pictures of individuals that are not shown there.

Future directions for Australia

I look forward to talking with you more about developing the clan society in Australia. There is quite a bit to do.

Clar Innis!

Yours Aye, Malcolm Buchanan

Convenor, Clan Buchanan Society International (Oceania)



Mr. Harris' Piper Warrent, sent to him by The Buchanan

An Oidchche No Nollaig - the translation of

Twas the Night Before Christmas

Dr. Michael McIntyre and

Dr. Emily (Darraj) Jern



We are happy to present *An Oidchche No Nollaig*. The creation of the Scottish Gaelic translation of *Twas the Night Before Christmas* was visualized in the fall of 2018.

There were two reasons why this work was created. First, we greatly admire and love the Scottish Gaelic language. Second, we have a great admiration for this American literary classic, which has been shared with families and children since 1823. The intent of this translation is to share this wonderful classic with those who speak Scottish Gaelic and with those who are learning Scottish Gaelic.

For 196 years, this literary classic has been read during the Christmas season to children and grownups alike. *The Night Before Christmas* was written by Clement Moore in 1822 and was originally shared only with his family. A family friend later copied the poem and submitted it to the *Troy Sentinel* (New York) in 1823, and it was published as unauthored later that year. The authorship of the poem went unknown for 14 years. These are just some of the interesting facts about this American classic. The love of this beautiful and merry poem led us to creating the Scottish translation. As with any translation, we had to work through the trials of translation.

Translation is not simply a matter of plugging

the words of one language into something like Google translate and seeing what comes out the other end. Language is more than simply a binary code — language X says ‘a’ and language Y says ‘b’ — but contains ways of phrasing, different ideas, order of thoughts, and sometimes the presence or lack of concepts that are or may not be present in another language.



A commonly heard expression in response to a request to translate from one language to another — “How do you say this in X?” — is, “You can’t really say that in X.” Either because the words themselves don’t exist in one or another of the languages in question, or the ideas don’t. To an extent that we often aren’t aware of, language depends on metaphor. In fact, language itself is metaphoric, that is, symbolic, but then add into the mix a metaphor on metaphor, and it becomes even more abstracted.

A couple of examples: Unless someone comes from a baseball playing culture, to “hit one out of the ballpark” doesn’t make any sense, even if you understand the words, just like “sticky wicket” is incomprehensible to non-cricket playing cultures, even if English is a native language (such as that in the United

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Translating The Night Before Christmas, continued from page 16

States). Another example, there is no way to say *déjà vu* in English, or at least not succinctly – which is why we borrow the French word. There’s a joke about putting the common English phrase into a computer program – “out of sight, out of mind” — translating it into another language that doesn’t have that concept and then translating it back into English which then translates as “blind, crazy.”

With all this in mind, there are a number of different approaches a translator can take. One is quite exactly literal, which more often than not leaves the impression that of Yoda talk ... because unless the languages are closely related, even if the words are there in the exact order that they are in the original, the translation doesn’t make sense or sounds tortured, at best.

The other is a faithful, semi-literal translation – adhering to the meaning of the words, trying to find equivalents or close equivalents to the original in the target language, but adjusting for differences in syntax, that is, sentence structure and manner of phrasing.

The other approach to translation is impressionistic, attempting to capture the “spirit” of the original, while allowing deviance from the exact “meaning” of the original in order to capture the deeper meaning and intent of the original. With that preface, what we attempted to do with this translation was to adhere as closely as possible to the original, while making shifts as necessitated by language, meaning, and additionally the poetic requirements of the verse.

In this translation, we wanted to stay close to the meaning of the original although we found that sometimes had to “translate” for concept rather than direct meaning. For example, in Gaelic, the common expression for “St. Nick” or “Santa Claus” is *Bodach na Nollaig*

– literally, “The old man of Christmas,” which doesn’t translate back into English, but is Gaelic and conveys the deeper meaning, if you will, of the English.

In the English version of the poem, there is a reference to the children being “nestled” in their beds, a phrasing that doesn’t really exist in Gaelic, so we hit upon *suainte suain*, which is a phrase meaning something like being swaddled deep in sleep, which actually might be closer to the intended meaning of the English than the English, itself.

Neither do the names of Santa’s reindeer really exist in Gaelic. So, while we wouldn’t say we made them up ... well, we confess: we made them up, although we did adapt them from existing Gaelic words. One of the more difficult “inventions” was that of “Vixen,” which is not even a commonly used English word anymore – at least not in its original sense, which is that of a female fox. However, there is a word for “fox” in Gaelic, and so it’s from that word that we derived the reindeer name and taking the liberty of adjusting for the female diminutive, we



came up with *Sionnag*, or “little fox.”

Other adjustments had to be made for rhythm, especially poetic rhythm. We did want to maintain a semblance of the original in the translation, but one must keep in mind where one language zigs, another often zags. In order to be true to the original, we had to alter the original, in a sense.

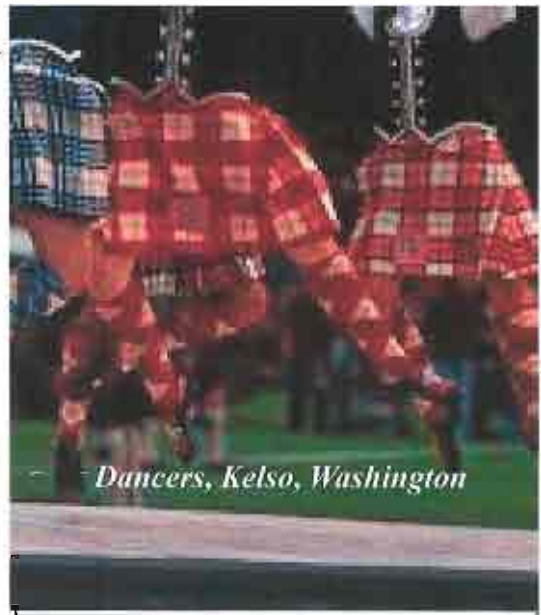
Another consideration was rhyme. The same words don’t rhyme in one language as in another, so in some cases, we had to shift for a corresponding alternative word or, again, adjust the order of ideas in the sentence to achieve that affect.

One feature of Gaelic that assisted us in achiev

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Buchanan's are here!



← L to R: Musket Bale -- Lori Gibson, Michael Estus at the Kelso Highland Games, Kelso, Washington, last September.

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ing the “poetic” effect in both these cases was the flexibility of Gaelic. At least in comparison to Gaelic, English tends to be someone rigid in the order of words in a sentence. Without going into details, which would probably start to sound like a tedious grammar lesson, we’ll just say in Gaelic there are a number of ways a sentence can be arranged – that is, the order of words, phrases, ideas – which allowed some flexibility in the laying out of the lines of the poem.

All that being said, the Gaelic learner should not expect to find an exact correspondence between the words of the English original and the Gaelic version, meaning although the general and overall meaning of the Gaelic does correspond with the original, one can’t depend, for instance, on the third word from the end of a line exactly corresponding with the parallel version.

In the end, we hope the effect gives pleasure to the casual Gaelic reader and instruction in some possibilities of the Gaelic language to the learner. If you are new to the Scottish Gaelic language or a seasoned speaker, we hope you enjoy the translation.

In the event you would like to acquire this wonderful Scottish translation, you can obtain it from



Amazon either in printed copy or from Amazon Kindle at https://www.amazon.com/Oidhche-Nollaig-translation-Scottish-Christmas/dp/B07Y4MRR41/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=scottish+gaelic+night+before+christmas&qid=1573180082&sr=8-1.

Happy
Birthday

**92nd Birthday of twins
Jorge and Aurora Buchanan
from Mexico**



The family of Pedro Buchanan, CBSI's Regional Director for Mexico, Central and South America! The birthday folks are his aunt and uncle!



The Buchanan Banner
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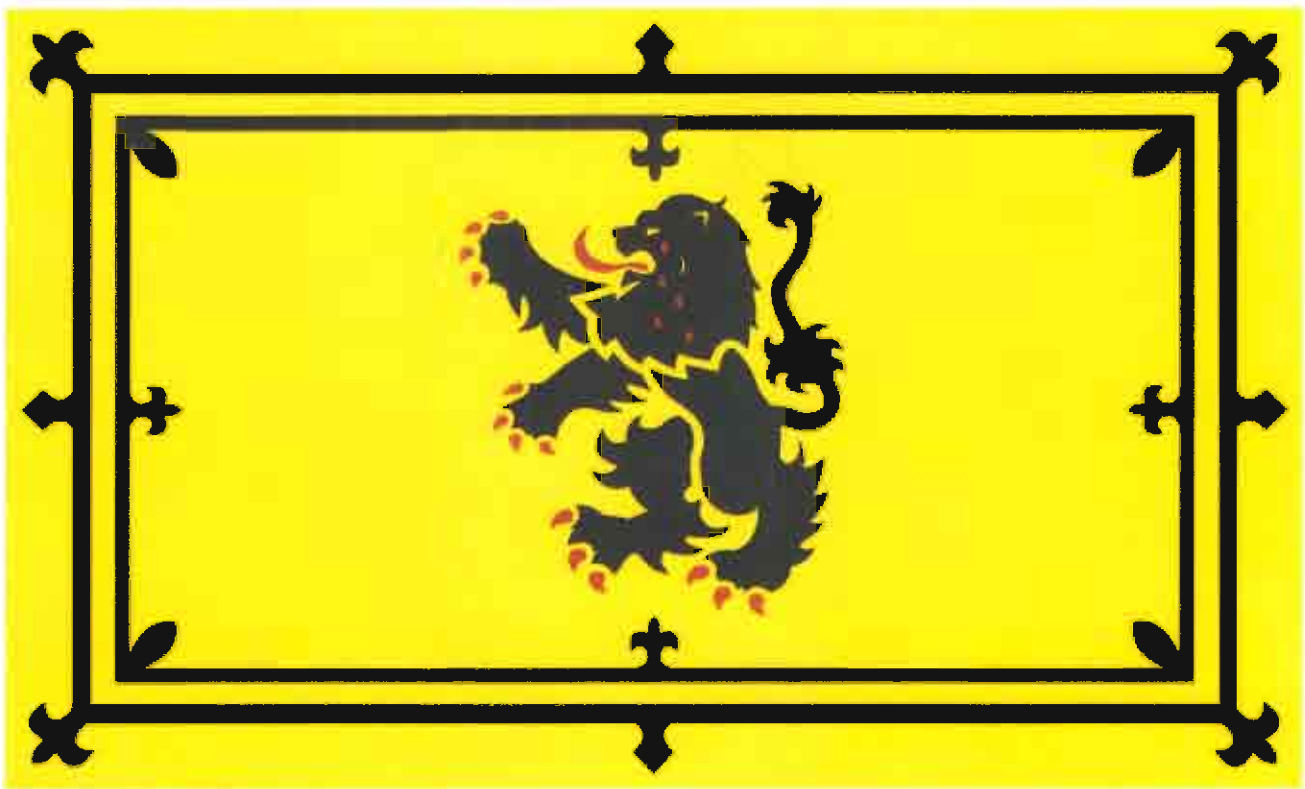
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Black Lion Flags



BLACK LION FLAGS are now available from the CBSI.

Our quartermaster has received a new shipment of our Black Lion Flags. The price including shipping and handling is \$85.00 in the USA.

These are custom made flags printed on 3.2 oz jet flag material - imprinting on one side with the imprint clearly visible on the reverse - size is 3 ft X 5 ft. The flag is yellow with the Black Rampant Lion and red highlights and

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Payment is accepted through a secure system. Invoices will be emailed to you and payment with a major credit/debit card is made directly by you. We do not receive your card # - all major cards are accepted. Inquire about our check acceptance policy.

To inquire or order flag, you might wish to contact Danny McMurphy <quartermaster@theclanbuchanan.com>.

Use of Clan Buchanan Flags at Events

Our Chief, Michael Buchanan, has made available to the Clan Buchanan Society International two of his flags for use at events in North America.

One is his pinsel – a triangular flag about three feet long with the clan crest and war cry. The second is his standard which is twelve feet long and has upon it the arms of the chief and three crests.

These flags are available to our conveners and commissioners to be flown or carried at clan sponsored events which can include highland games, Scottish festivals, parades or similar.

The following criteria are to be followed for the pinsel:

1. To fly the pinsel you must be a convener in good standing with the Society.
2. The intended event must be listed in the CBSI member planet portal event calendar.
3. All CBSI required reports must be submitted following the event.
4. The pinsel may be flown and/or carried using a suitable pole.
5. Flying or carrying the pinsel at an event designates that the individual convener is a representative of the Chief and, therefore should comport themselves in a manner reflective of that honor.
6. An application to display the pinsel may be approved by the Keeper of the Banners.

The following criteria are to be followed for the standard:

1. A regional Commissioner or member of the Executive Council must be present at the event and

is designated as the Chief's representative.

2. The event must be a minimum of two days in length.

3. The intended event must be convened by a member of the Society in good standing and must be listed in the CBSI member planet event calendar.

4. All CBSI required reports must be submitted following the event.

5. The standard may be flown from a flag pole at least 20 ft in length and secured in a safe and stable manner. It should be taken down if winds increase to a point where it is not safe to be flown or there is risk of damage to the flag.

6. The standard may be carried ONLY when the Chief is present.

7. The standard may be displayed inside in a manner proper to the honor.

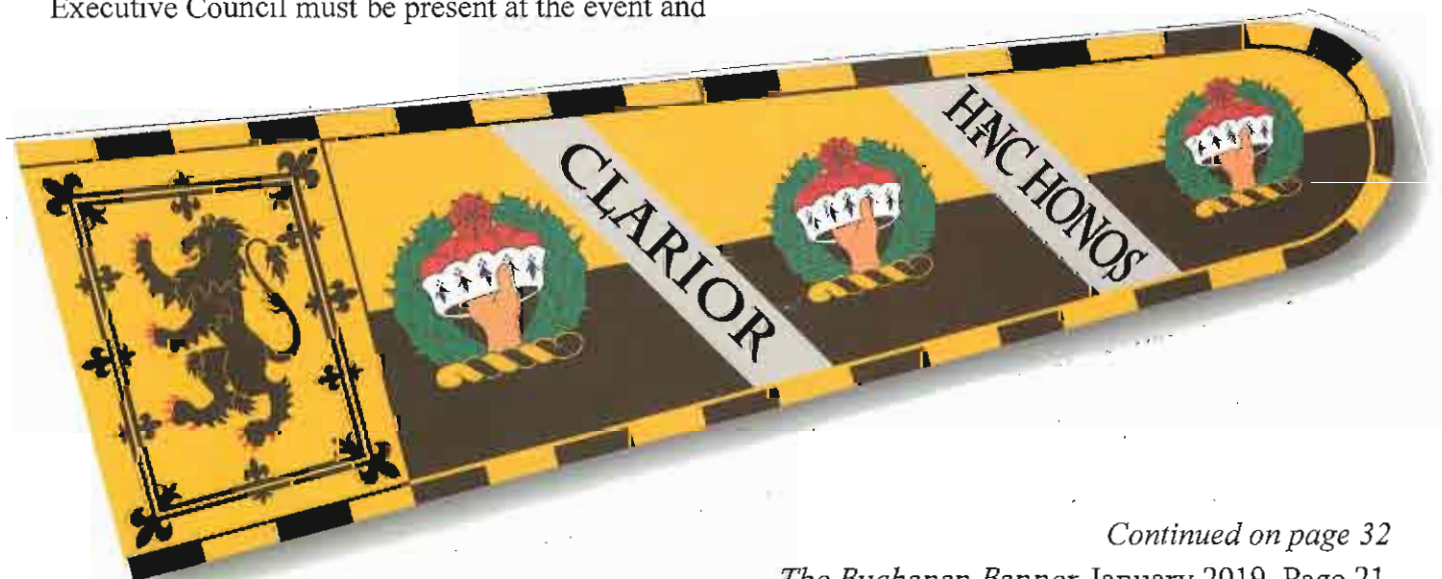
8. Flying the standard at an event designates that location as a headquarters of the Chief and the Clan. Therefore the clan tent or pavilion must appropriately reflect that honor.

9. An application to display the banner must be approved by the Executive Council.

General requirements:

1. The two flags are stored by the Keeper of the Banners designated by the Chief and the CBSI. For the CBSI that is Colonel Kelly Carter, U.S. Army, Retired. Kelly is the CBSI Commissioner for Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

2. Any request to fly either of the flags must be



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Highland Dancing, *continued from page 5*

“petal” vest and a tartan skirt with a matching tartan plaid over the shoulder.

Boys can still wear the kilt or they can choose to wear tartan “trews”, instead.

There are a few other costumes worn for specific dances such as the Sailor’s Hornpipe and the Irish Jig.

The hornpipe costume is a sailor’s pants and top complete with the big square collar in back with stripes and an authentic Regulation British Navy cap.

The Jig costume is a red and/or green dress with a white apron and instead of the familiar ghillies, hard soled Jig shoes with “jingles” in the heels are worn.

Dancers are required to have their hair pulled away from the face, and if long enough, it is pulled into a bun on top of their head with no ribbons or adornments allowed.

We just like them to show off their beautiful Scottish faces and smiles rather than their hair!!

Highland dances, except for reels, were traditionally done by men. In fact, it is still a very big part of present day Highland regiments.

In the US Army, you see lots of pushups and jumping jacks for conditioning. In the Highland service, everyone is expected to learn dancing as a part of their conditioning and any Highland dancer today will tell you it is quite a workout! Some of these dances actually came out of the days of warfare, such as the familiar Highland Fling, the Sword Dance and Barracks Johnnie.

Women did not begin dancing the men’s Highland dances until about a hundred years ago. Today the ratio is about 95% girls to 5% boys.

The National dances were originally women’s dances and were balletic and graceful rather than the more athletic Highland dances. This was due to the influence of the French court on their Scottish friends. Most of the National dances originated in the Hebrides off the west coast of Scotland.

There are many different steps to each of the dances. Generally, each dance has some required steps and some steps of the dancers (or teachers) choice.

You may be watching a competition and see different steps being done at the same time by the 3 dancers that are being judged! This is simply a preference and is perfectly acceptable to do. I certainly commend those judges for being able to watch all those different steps at the same time and keep track of what is done correctly and what is not!

The only time there are 100% required steps is during the annual USIR National Competition .

As I had stated earlier, unlike the Irish dances, we Scots use our arms. Many times you will see one or both

arms held over the head with the thumb and middle fingers pressed together and the other three fingers held straight up. This represents the head and antlers of the Highland stag. This is only done during Highland dances, not during a National dance.

Watch for the bow before and after every Highland dance.

All subjects of the King were required to bow before their monarch so each dancer bows to show respect as expected. However, you may note that while bowing, they keep their head and eyes up.

Every good Scot knows who the monarch is

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but that doesn't mean that they necessarily trust him! They're certainly going to keep their eyes on him!!

The judges are going to look for several things. Proper position of the leg, foot, arms and head, pointed toes, strength and height in the leaps, good or proper posture, and every dancer's nemesis – the dreaded “turnout”. They must also be on the ball of their foot almost the entire time – don't put those heels down! (can you say shin splints??).

The dancers do not get extra points for doing more difficult steps. A judge would much rather see something danced simple and beautiful than difficult and poorly.

How their costume fits and shows is just as important. The kilt should be aligned and swing properly, not be too long or too short, no droopy hose, well fitted jackets or vests and no flopping shoe-laces!

Now it's time to explain a little about each dance.....

The Highland Fling

Probably the most recognizable of all Scottish dances is the “Fling”. This is a solo dance from as early as 1824, though many of the steps are from a much earlier time. The Fling is the only dance that is danced “on the spot”, with no forward, backward or sideways travel. A good dancer stays in one spot throughout the dance – very difficult to do! Some say this was a victory dance, by a Highland warrior, done on his round “targe” or shield. The fingers of the dancers held over the head and the quick movements of the feet mimic the Red Stag running and leaping through the Highlands.

The Sword Dance (Ghille Callum)

This is one of the most exciting dances to watch and probably the oldest dance, originating in the 12th

century.

Legend has it that Malcom Canmore (King of the Scots) defeated one of MacBeth's generals in battle and in celebration, laid his sword over that of his opponent and triumphantly danced over the crossed swords.

Later this dance was often danced before a battle and if the warrior could complete the dance without touching the sword, it was seen as a good omen.

In today's competitions, if the dancer displaces or even touches the sword while dancing, he or she is disqualified. You might notice that the dancers themselves are turning clockwise but they are moving counter clock-wise around the swords. This is thought to be a subtle way of wishing ill-luck on the other competitors as folklore says that to do something “wrong ways around” was a sort of curse!

Initially, the dancers dance in one complete circle around the outside of the swords. This is called “addressing the swords”. Once around, the dancers then move “into the swords” and

new steps are performed with the last set of steps done in double time.

It can be pretty intimidating for them to be dancing so close to the swords, especially those large hilts!

Seann Truibhas

Gaelic for “old trousers”, this dance commemorates the Scots love of their kilt. After the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the British banned many parts of highland life including the wearing of the kilt but the law was lifted some 30 years later. The beginning part of this dance shows the dancer trying to shake

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off the despised trousers (trews). Midway through the dance, the dancer claps, the music goes to double time and the joy and freedom of wearing the kilt once again is celebrated.

Strathspey and Reel of Tulloch

The various reels are among the oldest and most popular of the Highland dances. They are the only ones where the dancers actually dance with each other, although they are still judged individually. It always requires 4 people to do these dances.

The Reel of Tulloch is believed to have its origins in the Aberdeenshire village of Tulloch. On a wintry Sunday, as the congregation waited for the minister to arrive, the villagers were trying to keep warm and began dancing and clapping in the aisles, swinging each other with linked arms. You will notice that the dancers keep in a straight line – as if in the narrow aisles of a church.

The Highland Reel

The Highland Reel is closely related to the reels brought to this country by Scottish immigrants in the Appalachians and later developed into the familiar Virginia Reel, square dancing and clogging.

Barracks Johnnie

The full name of this dance is “Wilt Thou Go to the Barracks, Johnnie?” and is said to be a recruiting dance from the 17th and 18th centuries.

A recruiting detail from a Highland regiment would set up in town on market day and try to get men to enlist.

Remember, Highland dancing was very much admired as masculine pursuit. Today there are many performances of Highland Dancing done by the Scottish regiments traveling around the world. If one

comes to your town, you owe it to yourself to buy a ticket and enjoy the show!

Highland Laddie

This is a Hebridean step dance dating from the 1700s. It is danced to a tune also called *The Highland Laddie* and is a song of the Jacobite rebellion.

The laddie is referring to either Charles Stewart or his grandson, Bonnie Prince Charlie.

The above dances are collectively called Highland dances and are always danced in the kilt.

The following dances, while obviously danced in the Highlands as well as other parts of Scotland, are known as National dances and a different costume is worn.

The Scottish Lilt

The Lilt is a step dance, usually one of the first National dances a beginner learns. It is thought to have been composed in Perthshire about 1746 and handed down from teacher to teacher through the years. It is also thought to have been developed for women so they could have a dance of their own, as they weren't allowed to do men's dances.

Flora MacDonald's Fancy

Also one of the first dances to be taught to beginners, this was created to honor Flora MacDonald who helped Bonnie Prince Charles escape to Skye dressed as her maid. The Prince fled to France and Flora was imprisoned in the Tower of London for this but eventually released.

Blue Bonnets

Another Hebridean step dance seems to be especially suited to women. The name comes from Sir Walter Scott's poem, “All the Blue Bonnets Have

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May your troubles be less,
your blessings be more,
and nothing but happiness
COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR!
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Gone Over the Border". The bonnets referred to here are the woolen tams commonly worn by many Scottish men, usually dyed blue.

It is a bit of a flirting dance! The dance moves forward and back as if teasing the men and the body and arms are turned so that it appears the ladies are peeking through her arms!

Village Maid

Another solo step dance from Aberdeenshire dating from about 1816. While all of the other dances require the dancer to be on the ball of their foot throughout, this is the only one that does not. A nice break, indeed! It is a very simple, graceful dance emphasizing leg position and, like Blue Bonnets, asks the dancer to be a bit of a flirt!

These next two dances are usually referred to as "character dances". They have their own costumes as described earlier and are some of the most favorite to watch and for the dancer to do.

Irish Jig

Said to be a Scottish tongue-in-cheek version of the Irish jig. There are two versions of the story, the first being that of an angry housewife whose clean laundry has been knocked down into the dirt by children playing under the clothesline. The other is of a wife waiting for her husband to come home from work with his pay packet, but he has stopped off at the local pub for a few pints.

In either case, the dance portrays a lot of emotion with plenty of fist pumping and foot stomping!

The heels of the hard soled shoes worn in the dance have jingles in them to help emphasize her opinion.

Boys will do this dance dressed similar to a Lep-

rechaun and carrying a Shillelagh. They are not, of course, portraying an angry housewife so their steps are very different.

Sailor's Hornpipe

This dance has its origins in the centuries old dances done in the British Navy to the playing of a hornpipe, similar to a pennywhistle. They were simple instruments, popular with sailors because they were small and easy to carry in a pocket.

There are many, many steps for the dancer to choose from so you may see a wide variety in any given competition.

They generally depict life on board a ship such as hauling up an anchor, hoisting cargo, looking out to sea, or walking on a rolling deck. Some even show a drunken sailor or one hanging from the yardarms!

You may note that the dancers keep their hands flat and palms held away from the body – this is meant to show them trying to keep their uniform clean. There is one point, however, that the dancer slaps the thigh to show them wiping tar and pitch off of their hands.

There are more dances that are occasionally done but these are the most common you might see in a competition. There are also times

when a choreography competition is included. This gives the dancers a chance to be creative and do something entirely different – different music, different steps, different costumes – as long as the music and steps are decidedly Celtic in look and feel. They can also do duets or group numbers.

Hopefully, you have found this to be helpful and will make watching a dance competition or performance more enjoyable. Every dancer loves to hear applause and they enjoy answering questions so, if you get the chance, ask away!!!



Culloden?

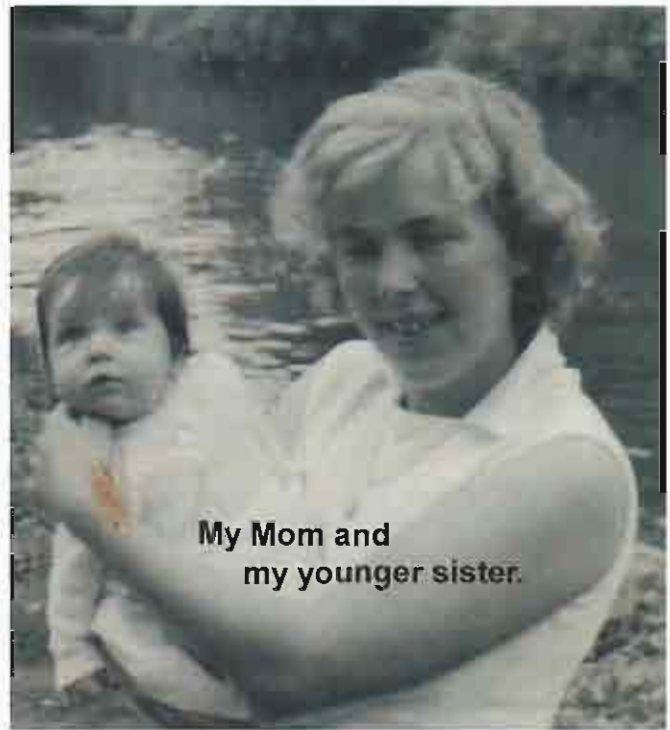
Why was Clan Buchanan not among the many clans who perished in battle at Culloden? Buchanan lands sat very close to lands occupied by Clan Campbell. Historically, the Campbells were on the side of the English. Looking at just a small glimpse of a clan map, you can see the lands of Clan Campbell far exceeded that of the Buchanans.



Since Clan Buchanan was relatively small, they opted to stay out of the Battle of Culloden because of their proximity to Clan Campbell. They would have easily been taken over by the Campbells had they attempted to join forces with the Jacobites. Now, all this means is that Clan Buchanan as a whole entity didn't get involved in the Jacobite uprisings. There were many individuals who were Buchanans that did support the Jacobites and many who supported the Government. Of those who saw battle at Culloden, they either died on the battlefield or were imprisoned after the battle.



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ing the treasurer of several local voluntary organisations, he also was a long time trustee of a local charity which supported the conservation of historic buildings. He was a truly good man and I am honoured for him to have been my father.

He loved spending time in Scotland with us and his dog, Bertie. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

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organised for October next year in Scotland. The organising committee has been formed from an international delegation to manage the event, with information to be available shortly through a designated Clan Buchanan facebook page.

We appreciate that not everyone is a facebook user, but it was decided that this was the best and most accessible platform to get information out there internationally.

Three days of events: the inauguration, lectures, tours, a dance, clan parliament, clan dinner and lots of inter-clan socialising.

Inauguration of The Buchanan set for next October with much fanfare and hoopla and historical events - fun, too!

The Lady Buchanan

Things are now hotting up with respect to the Inauguration of Mike as the first Chief of the Clan Buchanan in over 350 years!

Clan members from around the world are getting together to create a once in a lifetime event at Cambusmore near Callander, Scotland on 17th - 19th October 2020.

Not only is this the first ever such event for our clan in so many years, it is possibly the first event which will honour and recreate the event in a manner reminiscent of the early Celtic inaugurations which took place hundreds and probably well over a thousand years ago.

But, it is not just the Inauguration which is important, as it will also be the first International Clan Gathering for the Buchanan Clan in modern times.

With modern estimates of the Buchanan being over 5 million people strong, our clan has grown to a size unrecognisable to what it was in former times.

The fact that the people organising this event, Shona and Paul Gibson, are based in Australia, show that our Buchanan family is now, also, a truly international one.

Now we have a chief, no longer is it an armigerous clan, it now is a formally and legally recognised full Scottish Highland Clan.

But the firsts keep coming as there is still yet another first, the first parliament for the Buchanan clan in centuries.

This Parliament will give all Buchanan's present a chance to help set the priorities and the direction of the clan for the foreseeable future. So, for a very historic Clan, there are so many major 'firsts' to celebrate!

When Mike and I travelled to America and Australia, we were taken aback by the number of fellow Buchanan's who were interested in coming to

Cambusmore, not just to see Scotland and the ancient lands and home of the Current Chief of the Buchanan Clan but to take part in this really historic event. The fact it will probably also be the biggest gathering of the Buchanan clan in recent centuries triggered yet more interest. Indeed,

fellow Buchanans were so enthused by the support for this event that now a committee of Buchanans from round the world is being set up.

It is to be headed by the amazing and talented event organisers, Shona and Paul Gibson from Australia. Together with Malcolm Buchanan, David Byrne and George McAuslan from CBSI and many more, plans are well underway for these exciting



Cambusmore Estate, near Callander, Scotland, where many of the Inauguration events will take place,

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The Inauguration of the Buchanan Chief, *continued from page 27*

events which will take place over the course of three days.

Everyone who comes will be playing their own part in the history of our clan. Not only will they see our ancient Scottish customs and Clan traditions being re-born, they will actually be an important part of them.

They can take part in the processions of pipers going to the ancient clan burial site at Cambusmore.

This will be followed by a service to the ancestors at Mike's family's Chapel at Cambusmore.

Then, there will be another piped procession along the river bank and over a wee bridge into the Walled Gardens at Cambusmore.

In these lovely historic gardens next to Cambusmore itself will be the recreation of the ancient ceremony for the Celtic Inauguration of a Clan Chief of a true Highland Clan.

This will involve everyone present and in the presence of the Lord Lyon, Joseph Morrow, and the Clan Court of the Buchanan Chief, the full ceremony will take place.

This will involve historic and especially created clan regalia which include a historic sword, a white rod, a stone, a carved chair, eagle feathers, a silver seal in an embroidered purse and other powerful symbolic Celtic Clan items.

Following lunch, there will be a number of different speakers who will be talking about Buchanan related subjects. For instance the origins of the Buchanan tartan, important unique Jacobite artifacts and works of famous Scottish artists and authors with links to the Buchanans of Cambusmore.

These include many items from Sir Walter Scott, David Hume the famous Scottish Philosopher and James Boswell the historic author of the Grand Tour of Europe.

There will also be talks on local ancient history and burial sites on Cambusmore estate and also a walk to visit these sites.

There will also hopefully be guided tours of Cambusmore showing the old stone cellar and the Georgian Dining room with its ancestral portraits.

In the evening there will be a Highland Ball / Dance where there will be traditional reels and hopefully a new Reel created for this event itself using 200 year old music titled 'The Miss Buchanan of Cambusmore'.

This will be followed the next day by the Clan Parliament and then trips to Clar Innes and the



The view from Lady Buchanan's kitchen window this frosty morning.

Buchanan lands of the Old Buchanan chiefs, which include many less known about ancient Buchanan lands still in the ownership of the Current Chief.

So for any one interested in the Buchanan Clan and its history and future, this is the event for you. Go to: <https://www.theclanbuchanan.com/>

After people click on the above link they then need to click onto the next link on that page called "Inauguration." Then they need to fill in their details on that page.

As it is likely to be oversubscribed, it is strongly recommended to register your interest on the CBSI website as soon as you can. Once we firm up the arrangements, we will get in touch with everyone who has registered first to provide them with more details and tickets and prices for these events.

The Buchanan and I very much look forward to welcoming you all to Cambusmore on October 17th-19th 2020.

Salado Scottish Festival & Highland Games



Bill and Gina McQuatters

The second weekend in November marks the end of the Scottish Festivals for the year here in Texas.

It always ends with one of our favorite events, the Salado Scottish Festival and Highland Games, held in the Central Texas town of Salado. The weekend is sponsored by the Central Texas Area Scottish Museum.

Friday night begins with the Calling of the Clans in the town park on the banks of Salado Creek. A parade of torch bearing clans proceeds from the museum, through the woods, to the park, where the festival director reads a stirring history of the Scottish families who settled this area.

The clans are then called and respond with a rousing call (Clar Innis! Clar Innis!)

The evening ends with a buffet dinner at the museum complete with musical entertainment.

Of course, some of us then proceed across the street to Barrow Brewing for more music, craft brews and fun assisted by the band, *Murder the Stout*.

The weekend weather could not have been better, and Saturday was exceptionally busy with folks coming out to enjoy the day and the events.

Around midday, we hold an official Opening Ceremony and all the clans parade down Main Street where locals and visitors alike enjoy several pipe bands and enjoy seeing their clan's colors. This parade ends at the Civic Center with a second Calling



of the Clans and the official opening of the festival.

Saturday night, several Buchanan cousins got together at Johnny's Steak House and had a great time tearing into a char-grilled steak and spent time visiting.

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One of the vendors working this festival was Carol from Clan Crests. If you were able to attend the New Hampshire Games this past September, her work was on display. She made the crest shown here. I believe she had a successful weekend.

You can guess what I ordered for our tent.



Sunday was equally nice. Though the crowd was smaller than Saturday, we still had an excellent turnout.

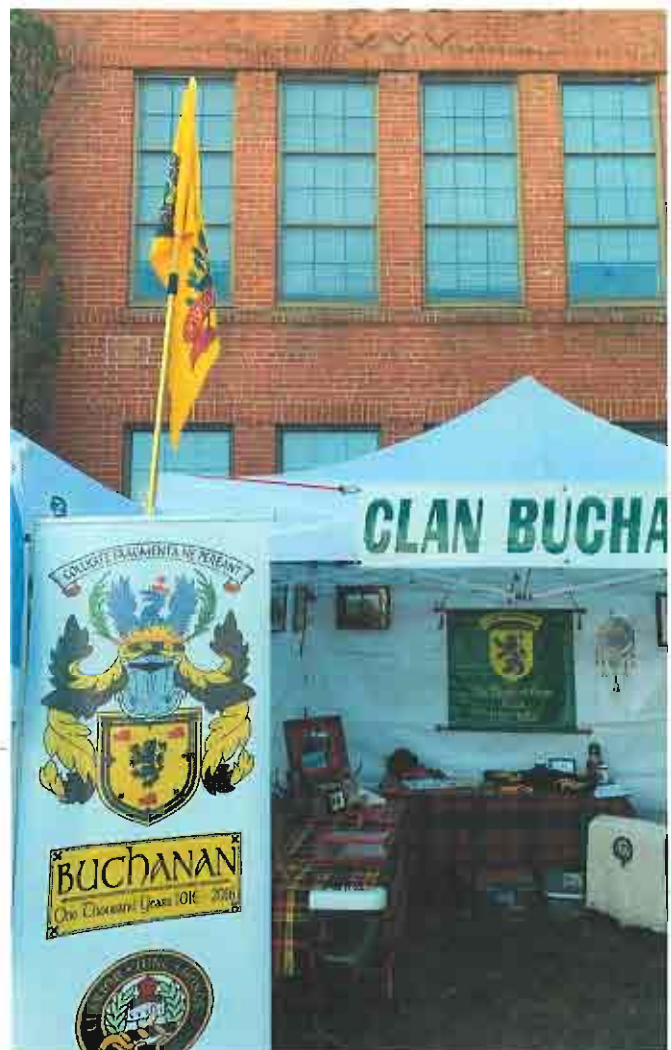
We welcomed several Buchanan cousins to our tent this year and enjoyed visiting with everyone.

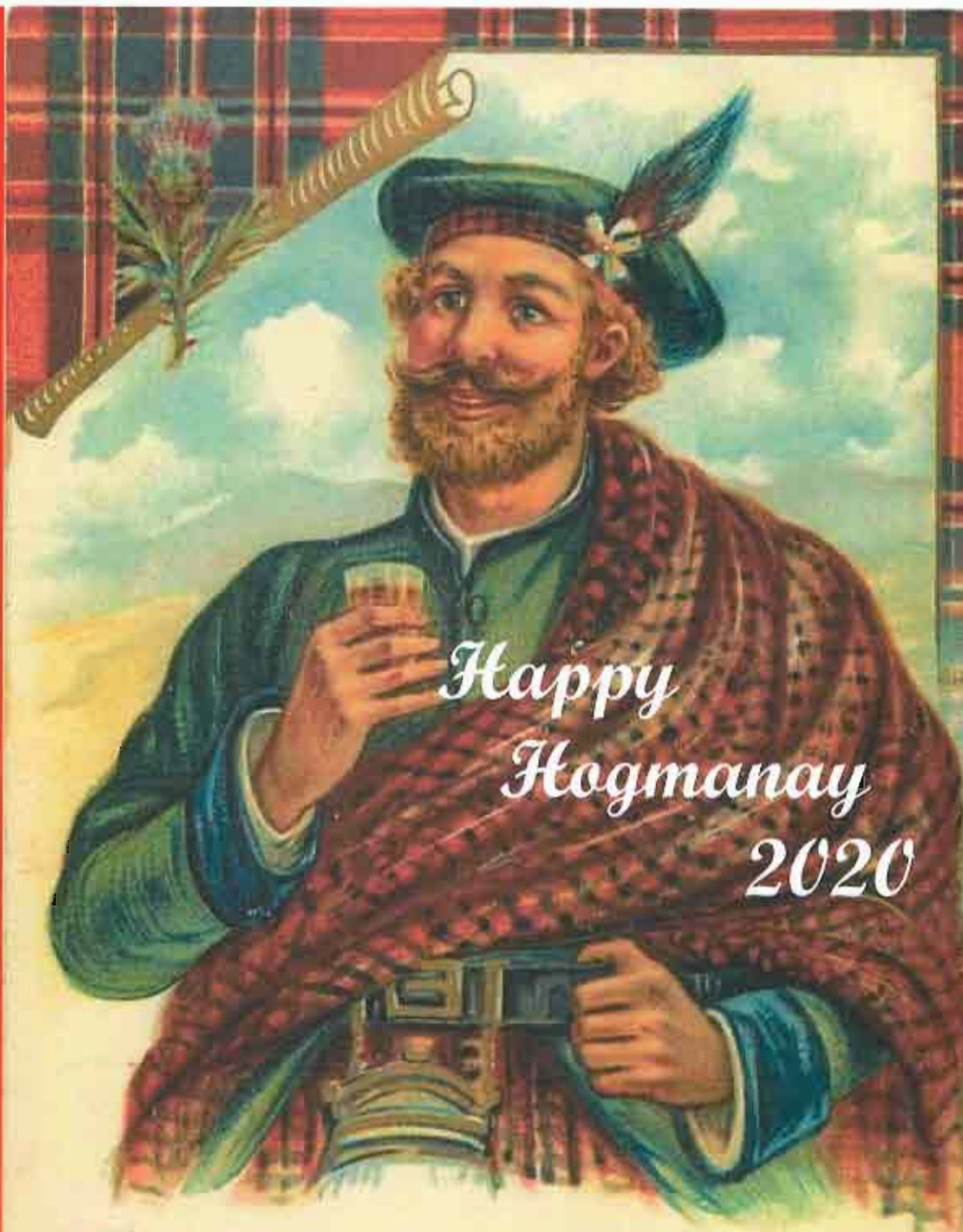
I would be remiss if I failed to extend a special "thank you" to Marissa and Nicole for all the help in setting up, manning and packing up the tent over the weekend.

My wife, Gina, was unable to attend due to a family emergency and Marissa and Nicole jumped right in and helped me throughout the weekend doing double duty staffing the Dallas Scottish Society

tent and our CBSI tent.

A great time was had by all. We have said it before, this is one of our favorite festivals and it is just a fun and friendly festival that precedes the busy holiday season. We strongly encourage everyone to attend and visit us in this great little town.





*Happy
Hogmanay
2020*

Here's health to the bright eyes at hame,
Here's health to the bright eyes awa';
Here's to the beauties of every clime,
And may we be smiled on by a'.

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6. The flag must be returned to Kelly Carter in the same manner as above and shipped within two days of the end of the event. Tracking information is to be forwarded to her at that time.

7. It is essential that the person receiving the flag take full responsibility for the safe keeping and proper display of the flag at all times. They are also responsible for returning the flag.

Requests for the flag should be made to Kelly Carter at KELLY.CARTER.HOME@gmail.com

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Preventing arthritis and gout with (You'll never guess!) whisky?

From the *Tulach Ard*, the publication of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas, comes word of how to prevent arthritis and gout!

Researchers at Shizuoka University in Japan have reported that malt whisky should prevent the onset of arthritis and gout. Apparently when it is maturing in oak sherry barrels, it produces a chemical which is known to have these health benefits. Taken in sensible quantities of no more than a tot a day, they believe that it will inhibit the compounds responsible for these illnesses. With other research showing the beneficial effects of malt whisky on heart disease and cancer, no wonder the Gaels called it the "water of life."



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Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc. CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC. hereinafter referred to as the *Society which shall include the members of all recognized Regions and Districts as established by the Executive Council under the by-laws.*

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to foster and promote understanding and good fellowship among descendants of *Scots everywhere*; to study, preserve, and promote the culture, customs, and traditions of the people of Scotland and the Isles especially with regard to the Clan Buchanan: to foster and promote the Society by initiating goals and objectives consistent with our heritage and the desires of the membership.

SECTION 1: The Society shall seek to promote this purpose by recruiting new members at various *'Highland' games and Scottish festivals* and *wherever people of Scottish descent gather*, and through announcements in Scottish publications, newsletters, and *digital media.*

SECTION 2: The Society shall further seek to promote its purpose by making contributions to organizations deemed worthy by the ruling body of the Society, so long as such organizations shall qualify under Section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 3: The Society shall further seek to promote its purpose by the establishment of scholarships and awards in keeping with its purpose.

ARTICLE III- ADDRESS

SECTION 1: The principle address of the Society shall be in the State of Delaware

SECTION 2: The permanent business address of the Society shall be Clan Buchanan Society

International, Inc., *c/o the current Secretary.* Such address may be changed by the Executive Council as it finds necessary and shall be filed with the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE IV - RULING BODY

The Society shall be managed by an Executive Council which shall consist of all *elected officers and council members at large and those other persons* as set forth in the Bylaws of the Society, hereinafter referred to as the Council

ARTICLE V - INDEMNIFICATION

To the full extent permitted by law, each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, wherever brought, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the society or that he a she is or was serving at the specific request of the Executive Council of the Society as a director, officer, employee or agent of another society, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, shall be indemnified by the Society against expenses, including attorney's fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, provided, however, that the indemnification with respect to a person who is or was serving as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another society, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or agent of another enterprise shall apply only to the extent such person is not indemnified by such other society, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and, provided further, that said person: (a) Acted in good faith, (b) Received no improper or illegal personal benefit, and (c) Reasonably believed that his or her actions and conduct were in the best interest of the Society, or that said person's actions and conduct were not opposed to the best interests of the Society.

The indemnification provided by this section shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, agent, or trustee and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person and shall apply whether or not the claim against such person arises

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out of matters occurring before the adoption of this section.

ARTICLE VI - ADMISSIONS

The terms of admission, rights and duties of members, officers, and Council; manner of filling vacancies, time and place of meetings and all matters relating to the governing of the society shall be regulated by the Bylaws and lawfully adopted resolutions.

ARTICLE VII ARMORIAL BEARINGS

Section 1: Public Register of Scotland

The following Blazon and Motto have been registered to the Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc. in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland:

Or a lion rampant Sable, armed and langued Gules between three boar's heads erased Gules all with a double tressure flory counterflory Sable. Above the shield is placed a helmet befitting an Incorporated Society with mantling Sable doubled Or, on a wreath of the liveries is set for crest a phoenix rising Azure, flames Proper, on his head a cap of honour Gules turned up Ermine, tufted on top by a rose Gules all within two laurel branches disposed orlways Proper. In an escroll above the crest is set the motto - COLLIGITE FRAGMENTA NE PEREANT. Registered in Lyon Register 65th page, 81st. volume, 6th day of July 2002, 51st. year of the reign of Elizabeth II

Section 2: Motto.

The Motto of the Clan Buchanan Society International shall be: Colligite Fragmenta Ne Pereant – "Gather the pieces lest they perish"

Section 3: Use of Coat of Arms.

a. The Council shall designate the specific use of the Arms of the Society.

(1) Use of The Arms may be granted to members in good standing by the Council to be used on correspondence, literature, banners, tent displays, and buttons to identify official Society representation only.

(2) A member who questions the appropriate use of the Arms shall contact a member of the Council.

(3) A member shall not assist a nonmember in acquiring or using the Society's Arms.

b. Misuse of the Coat of Arms of the Clan Buchanan Society International shall result in appropriate action by the Council.

ARTICLE VIII- POWERS

SECTION 1: The Society shall issue no capital stock but may issue non-interest bearing bonds to its members, in such denominations and for such periods as the Council shall determine. Bonds may be redeemed at maturity.

SECTION 2: The Society shall be capable in Law, under Section 501 United States Internal Revenue Code, to receive, hold, lease, sell and otherwise dispose of all manner of monies and property e.g., real, personal or mixed, that may be acquired or come to it in any manner.

ARTICLE IX- AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of the Society may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the general membership who cast ballots.

SECTION 1 Proposed amendment(s) to the Bylaws of this Society shall be provided in writing or by electronic communications to the general membership, who shall return their ballots to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee within 30 days of the mailing date.

SECTION 2 Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Bylaws Committee, through the Executive Council.

SECTION 3 Amendment to the Bylaws of this Society may be proposed to the General Membership through the Executive Council by a petition signed by not less than one (1) percent of the members in good standing.

ARTICLE X - EXISTENCE & DISSOLUTION

The Society shall exist until dissolved as hereinafter set forth. In the event of dissolution, all assets and property of the Society shall be distributed to organizations at the selection of the Council so long as such organizations shall qualify under Section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code. This article may not be amended.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - PROCEDURE

This Society (whenever applicable) shall conduct its business in accordance with parliamentary procedure as set forth in a current edition of Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise provided for by the Bylaws or lawfully adopted resolutions of this Society. All references to a masculine gender shall apply equally to the feminine gender.

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP

Regular membership in the Society is limited to *persons* who are direct lineal descendants of a Scot bearing the surname "Buchanan", or who can trace his/her descent from a Scot bearing the surname of a Sept or affiliated family which is recognized by the Society *or to a person who has been accepted into the Clan by the Clan Chief.*

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

(A) **INDIVIDUAL:** Members shall be subject to payment of dues; shall have one vote; shall have the right to hold elective and/or appointive office; and shall have the privilege of attending all functions of the Society. Individual members must be at least eighteen years of age.

(B) **FAMILY:** (*one primary member and spouse, and children under eighteen years of age*): Members shall be subject to payment of dues (except children under eighteen years of age); *the primary member and spouse* shall each have one vote; shall have the right to hold elective and appointive offices (except the minor children); and shall have the privilege of attending all functions of the Society.

(C) **SPONSOR:** *A four year membership.*

(1) Individual Sponsors shall have the same rights and privileges as an Individual member and shall pay dues at an amount determined by the Executive Council to cover a period of four years.

(2) Family Sponsors shall have the same rights and privileges as the Family members and shall pay dues at an amount determined by the Executive Council to cover a period of four years.

(D) **LIFE:**

(1) Individual Life members shall have the same rights and privileges as the individual member but shall pay dues only once at a rate to be determined

by the Executive Council.

(2) Family Life members shall have the same rights and privileges as Family members (Family Life membership includes member and spouse) but shall pay dues only once at a rate to be determined by the Executive Council.

(3) *The Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan as recognized by the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland shall be considered the titular and hereditary head of the Clan and shall hold an honorary lifetime family membership in the Society.*

(E) **HONORED LIFE:** The Executive Council may recommend to the membership from time to time members who have, over a period of years, performed outstanding service to the Society. Upon such recommendation and with the approval of the membership at the annual meeting, such persons will be awarded Honored Life membership in the Society. The payment of annual dues shall cease upon being elected to the position of Honored Life Member.

SECTION 2: AFFILIATE MEMBER

(A) Membership in the Society may be granted, with the approval of the Executive Council, to any person over eighteen years of age who expresses a strong interest in the Clan Buchanan, and who does not qualify for full membership under this Article. Affiliate members shall pay the same dues as full members and shall have the same voting rights as full members.

- (1) Affiliate members may not serve as elected officers of the Society.
- (2) Affiliate members of the Society may hold appointed offices in the clan.
- (3) Individuals under the age of eighteen may be allowed to join the Society if they have the permission and written consent of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

The consent form shall read:

I, name of the parent or legal guardian, am the parent legal guardian (check appropriate box) of name of the under age applicant, and hereby give my consent to him her (check appropriate box) to join the Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc. as an affiliate member.

SECTION 3: UNQUALIFIED SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

(A) In the event of the death of; divorce from or annulment of the marriage of a qualified member

and the surviving unqualified spouse, the unqualified spouse may continue his or her membership in the Society. However, if the families' membership was not a "Life Membership" the non-qualified spouse may not apply for Life Membership.

(B) If the unqualified spouse remarries and the new spouse does not qualify for membership in their own right. The new spouse and children of that marriage may be recognized as members only so long as the member spouse is alive and a member in good standing.

SECTION 4: HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

The Executive Council may from time to time grant an Honorary Membership to an individual who has done outstanding work in the promotion and preservation of our common Scottish heritage in accordance with the purpose of the Society. Upon a 3/5ths majority vote of the Council, such individuals shall become honorary members in this Society. Honorary membership is a nonvoting, non-dues-paying, non-office-holding position.

SECTION 5: MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS

Each member of this Society shall be provided with a membership card and each membership category shall be provided a copy of the Bylaws of the Society by *electronic means i.e..pdf format or similar. Other membership materials shall be made available by electronic means as determined by the Executive Council.*

SECTION 6: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Termination of membership in this Society may occur for the following reasons:

- (A) Resignation (automatic)
- (B) Non-payment of dues (automatic)
- (C) Violation of trust
- (D) Any unlawful act that could prove detrimental to the Society.

SECTION 7: REMOVAL

(A) Any member may have his or her membership terminated by the Executive Council when, in its judgment, it would serve the best interest of the Society.

(B) The member involved shall be given an opportunity to be present and be heard at the meeting at which his or her removal considered.

(C) If no defense is presented, or if an extension of time for the hearing is not requested in writing, the complaint will be considered to be accepted as true by the charged.

(D) Upon acceptance plea of guilty, overt or implied, the defendant shall comply with the directives set forth by the Council. When the conditions set by the Council are met, the Council will close the case and seal the records permanently. Such records will be kept by the Secretary.

(E) An appeal of the Council's decision may be made at the next Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 8: MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW

Membership applications and renewals are reviewed and approved by the Membership Secretary. If the Membership Secretary feels that an application should not be approved it shall be forwarded to the Executive Council for a final review. Acceptance of the applicant will require a majority vote of the members of the Executive Council present at a meeting properly notified according to the by-laws. If the application is rejected, the applicant will be notified by letter stating the reason for denial of membership. If additional information is provided by the applicant it may receive reconsideration.

SECTION 9: PROPERTY INTEREST

In the event of termination of membership for any reason, said member's interest in the property of the Society shall cease.

SECTION 10: MEMBERSHIP REJECTION

The Executive Council may refuse membership to any applicant when, in its judgment, the best interests of the Society would be served by such an action.

ARTICLE III - DUES

Section I: General Dues

The dues payable by the general membership of the Society shall be set by the Executive Council no later than October 1 of each year for the succeeding year. The new dues shall become effective on January 1 of the succeeding year. If

no action is taken the dues payable will continue as currently set.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of the Society

The elected officers of the Society shall be:

- (A) President -Ceann Suidhe
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- (C) Deputy Vice President-An dàrna iar-cheann-suidhe
- (D) Secretary-Rùnaire
- (E) Treasurer - Ionmhasair

Officers may hold only one elected office at a time.

Section 2: Executive Council

(A) All elected officers and the immediate past president of the Society shall be voting members of the Executive Council. The immediate past president of the society shall serve as a member of the Executive Council for one term (2 years) *so long as they maintain a current membership.*

(B)Members at Large: The chief elected officer of each International Region shall be an at-large voting member of the Council.

(C)The Chief of the Clan or their designee will be a non-voting member of the Executive Council.

(D)The Membership Secretary shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Council.

Section 3: Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the office of president by resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice President shall accede to the office of President.

(A) In the event of a vacancy in the offices of President and Vice President at the same time, the order of succession of the office of President shall be the order of listing as set forth in Section 1 of this Article.

(B) In the event of a vacancy in any other office, for any reason, the President shall appoint a qualified society member to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term thereof.

Section 4: Term Lengths

All elected officers shall serve a term of two years and may be re-elected to the same office for two additional terms. The maximum number of years an officer may serve in the same office without a break of at least one two-year term is six years. *If the officer was appointed to fill an uncompleted term their six years will begin with their first general election.* The term for each elected officers will begin on July 1 of each odd numbered year and end on June 30 of the next odd numbered year after a successful election.

The Executive Council positions of Treasurer and Secretary are exempt from the three consecutive term rule. Individuals may serve in those offices as long as they are re-elected and they are willing to continue to serve.

This section does not prohibit any elected officer from being elected to a different office after their term is completed.

Section 5: Officer Removal

An elected officer may be removed from office pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 6 of these Bylaws and/or for failure to fulfill the duties of said office and/or behavior that is detrimental to the welfare of the Society. The procedure for the removal of an elected officer shall be as follows.

Any member of the Society may submit to the President a complaint or charge(s) against any elected officer, such complaint must be in the form of a petition and must be signed by at least one percent of the members in good standing of the Society. The President, upon receiving a valid petition against any officer, shall notify said officer of the complaint by registered mail, return receipt requested, and provide him with a copy of same within a period of ten days of receipt of the complaint

(A) In the event that the officer being charged is the President, the petition shall be sent to the Vice President.

(B) The charged officer shall have fifteen days (15) to submit to the President (or Vice President) in writing, a defense against any and all charges. If no defense is present, the complaint will be considered to be true.

(C) Upon receipt of a plea of guilty, overt or implied, the defendant shall comply with the

directions set forth by the Council. When the conditions set by the Council are met, the Council will close the case and permanently seal the records. Such records will be kept by the Secretary.

(D) If the hearing proceeds, the President or Vice President, upon receipt of the charged officer's written defense, shall, within a period of five (5) days, submit a copy of the "petition of complaint" and the charged officer's defense to the President or Vice President for publication to the membership of the Society.

(E) The President or Vice President with the publication of the complaint and the defense shall instruct the membership to vote in one of three ways:

- (1)** Guilty, removal from office
- (2)** Guilty, censure (not removal from office).
- (3)** Not Guilty

(F) The votes of the membership shall be sent to the Society Chaplain, or, in his absence, such other official as may be appointed for tabulation. All votes are to be mailed or sent by electronic means within ten days of publication. The Chaplain shall report his findings on the vote to the Council within five (5) days of the final tabulation. The category which receives the largest number of votes shall be considered the Will of the Society and the Executive Council shall act accordingly.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall:

- (A)** Preside at all meetings of the Society and Executive Council.
- (B)** Appoint and remove all heads of committees, appointed officers.
- (C)** Represent or appoint an officer or qualified members to represent the Society at public functions.
- (D)** Be an ex-officio member of all committees, with the power to vote on any question before a committee.
- (E)** Fulfill all the requirements placed upon him by the Bylaws of the Society.

Section 2: The Vice President shall:

- (A)** Perform the duties of the President in his absence, or if the President is incapacitated.
- (B)** Serve the unexpired term of the President, should that office be vacated for any reason whatsoever.
- (C)** Assist the President in his duties.
- (D)** Fulfill all requirements and duties placed upon him/her by the Bylaws of the Society.

Section 3: The Deputy Vice President shall:

- (A)** Perform the duties of the President and Vice President in their absence.
- (B)** Assist the President and the Vice President in the performance of their duties.
- (C)** Perform such functions as may be assigned by the President and Executive Council.
- (D)** Fulfill all the requirements and duties placed upon him/her by the Bylaws of the Society.

Section 4: The Secretary Shall:

- (A)** Maintain the Corporate Charter, Seal and all official records of the Society.
- (B)** Perform the duties of the President and Vice President in their absence.
- (C)** Receive and forward all correspondence to the appropriate Society officer for action.
- (D)** Take the minutes at all Annual General and Special meetings of the Society. Transcribe and distribute all minutes to the members of the Executive Council, including a copy to the BANNER editor for publication.
- (E)** Act as Recording Secretary at Executive Council meetings. Transcribe and distribute the minutes of such meetings to the Executive Council in a timely manner.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall:

- (A)** Receive all monies. Maintain records of receipts, disbursements, investments and other accounting records as appropriated under generally accepted accounting procedures.

(B) Present a quarterly report to the membership through the Buchanan Banner.

(C) Fulfill all the requirements and duties placed upon him by the Bylaws of the Society.

(D) If requested by the Council, prepare and present a draft annual budget for the Society.

(E) File the appropriate tax returns for the Society.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council derives its authority from the Society membership and acts on behalf of the membership in handling the business affairs of the Society.

Section 1: Contracts

All contracts or other binding agreements must be authorized and approved in advance by the Executive Council.

Section 2: Geographical Regions

The Executive Council shall have the authority to determine and define the Society's *geographical regions and districts*.

ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations and elections for office shall be conducted in the manner herein set forth:

Section 1: Elections

The Society shall hold biennial elections in odd number years.

Section 2: Electorate

The general membership shall elect the officers of the Society.

Section 3: Nominating Committee

Article VII – Nominations and elections

Section 3: Nominating Committee

A nominating committee of at least three members and not more than five members, made up of one member of the Council and two to four members

representing more than one Region of the Society shall be appointed by the President from the membership. The Nominating Committee will solicit and make nominations for each of the offices. The committee members will assure that each nominee meets the required qualifications.

Section 4: Nominations

Nominations from the membership at large must be in writing and received by the Nominations Committee Chairman on or before *October 1st in the year proceeding each election year*. Qualifications and permission of the candidates must accompany the nominations. All nominations will be marked "Attention: Nominations Committee".

Section 5: Nomination Process

The Nominations Committee Chairman shall, upon receipt of all nominations, verify the validity of each nomination and circulate copies of all nominations to members of the Nominating Committee. Any recommendations from the Nominating Committee members must be submitted to the Committee Chairman prior to the October 1st deadline. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall forward to the Executive Council copies of all letters of nomination and the recommendations of the Nominating Committee no later than November 1st in the year preceding the election. The Executive Council shall upon receipt of the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, prepare a ballot which lists all the candidates for each office. The ballots along with voting instructions will be sent to all eligible voting members by electronic or other means as determined by the Executive Council. All completed ballots must be returned to the Judge of Elections (Section 6) by electronic means, as determined by the Executive Council, or postmarked no later than February 1st of the odd numbered year. Individual members may vote once. Family members may submit two votes.

Section 6: Judge of Elections

The President shall appoint a Judge of Elections who is not a member of the Society to receive and count the ballots. The Judge shall open and count the ballots and review the results of electronic balloting (if in place) in the presence of two members of the Society, no earlier than February 15 and no later than February 20 of the odd numbered year. The results shall be sent to the President and Secretary of the

Society no later than March 1 and reported to the Executive Council as soon as practicable.

Section 7: Election Challenges

Unless challenged, the findings of the Judge shall be considered the “will of the Society” and those elected shall be installed in their respective offices in the proper order of business.

(A) Any challenge to the findings of the Judge of Elections shall be brought before the membership at the *next General Meeting of the Society*. Such challenge may be brought only by a defeated candidate and only for the office in question.

(B) The process for adjudication of challenges shall be as follows: The challenger and a member of the Executive Council appointed by the President, and the Secretary shall open the sealed envelope containing the election ballots, examine the ballots and re-tabulate the results. The Secretary shall then announce the findings to the membership. The findings of the challenge board shall be final. Should the challenger be the Secretary, the Vice President shall perform the duties ascribed to the Secretary.

Section 8: Ballot Disposal

When the final tabulation has been announced to the membership and any challenge been properly resolved, the Secretary shall destroy the ballots.

Section 9: Nominee Qualifications

Qualifications of nominees for office shall consist of the following:

(A) A participating active member in good standing in the Society for at least one year. A participating and active member shall be defined as one who is actively involved in Society affairs, e.g., service on committees, service as a Regional Director, Regent, Convener, or one who has made other significant contributions to the Clan.

(B) The nominee must be capable of fulfilling the requirements, duties and obligations of the office for which he has been nominated.

(C) No person shall have his/her name placed in nomination without his prior written consent

Section 10: Assuming office – *all officers of the Executive Council duly elected according to the by-laws shall assume office on July 1 of each odd numbered year and serve a term of two years.*

ARTICLE VIII APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section 1: Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of the Society may be the following:

- (A) *Regional Directors*
- (B) *Membership Secretary*
- (B) *Chaplain*
- (C) *Editor of Society’s Newsletter, THE BUCHANAN BANNER.*
- (D) *Genealogist(s)*
- (E) *Legal Counsel*
- (F) *Historian-Archivist*
- (G) *Quartermaster*
- (H) *Recording Secretary*
- (I) *Parliamentarian*
- (J) *Information Technology Director*

Such other officials may be required from time to time for the efficient administration of the Society, or as deemed necessary by the President. Appointments are made by the President.

Section 2: Reporting

All appointed officers shall report directly to the President, unless otherwise directed by the President

Section 3: Duties

The duties of all appointed officers shall be determined by the President with the approval of the Executive Council.

Section 3: Membership Secretary – The President shall appoint a Membership Secretary who shall:

- (A) *Maintain a membership list to include appropriate information requested on the application and in such a manner as to be readily accessible by the Executive Council and in a form approved by the Council.*
- (B) *Send materials to prospective members, as requested.*
- (C) *Prepare and present an annual membership report to the Executive Council.*
- (D) *Perform those duties required by the Bylaws and/or the President of the Society.*
- (E) *Establish procedures for securing*

membership renewals.

(F) *Maintain the privacy of the Society's membership list. Release of the membership list must be approved by the President.*

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1: Committees

There shall be such committees as from time to time shall be determined by the Executive Council, which may include the following:

- (A) Bylaws
- (B) Financial
- (C) Nominations and Elections
- (D) Technology and Social Media
- (E) Editorial-Publishing
- (F) Historical-Archival
- (G) Genealogy
- (H) *Conveners and Festivals*

Or other such committees as deemed necessary.

Section 2: Chairmanship

The President shall appoint the Chairman of each Committee.

Section 3: Duties

The duties of each committee not established in the Bylaws shall be determined by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

Section 1: *General Meeting and Gathering*

The Society shall hold a General Meeting and Gathering of the Clan every odd numbered year. The site and time of the meeting will be set by the Executive Council with a majority vote of the members participating in a noticed meeting. Newly elected officers will be installed at this meeting. A gathering of the clan may be held during even numbered years at the discretion of the Executive Council.

Section 2: Special Meetings

The President may call a special meeting of the Society to transact matters of importance upon a *ninety days* written notice of such meeting to all members in good standing in the Society.

(A) Any special meeting called by the President shall conduct only such business as stated in a Notice of Agenda to accompany the notice of a special meeting.

(B) A special meeting of the Society may be called by any member of the Society so long as petition for such meeting is presented to the President and signed by not less than 1 percent of the members of the Society in good standing. The President shall name the time and place of such meeting following the procedure as set forth in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 3: Executive Council Meetings

An Executive Council meeting may be held *at the discretion of the President of the Society at any time.*

(A) The Executive Council may hold a meeting during a General Meeting and Gathering of the Clan. Any Society members present at the Gathering will be permitted to attend.

(B) The President may call an Executive Council meeting at any time with a minimum of a 10-day notice to all members of the Executive Council. In extreme cases, where an immediate vote is needed, the President will poll the Executive Council and ratify any action taken during the next official Executive Council meeting.

(C) In the event that a member of the Executive Council is unable to physically attend the an Executive Council Meeting held during a General Meeting and Gathering he/she may appoint a member in good standing, as his/her proxy to attend the meeting in his/her stead and have voting privileges.

(D) *Electronic means – Executive Council meetings or votes may be held by electronic means (i.e. Email, telephone, or video conferencing) in so long as all members have equal access to the electronic means selected by the President. The Society shall assume all costs associated with meetings conducted in this manner.*

**ARTICLE XI
QUORUMS AND VOTING**

Section 1: Membership Meeting Quorum

For the purposes of holding any *General Meeting* or special meeting of the membership a quorum shall consist of the number of qualified members in good standing that are present and voting.

Section 2: Executive Council Quorum

For the purpose of holding any meeting of the Executive Council, a quorum shall require that majority of the voting members of the Executive Council be present *or participating*.

Section 3: Majority

A simple majority of those members in good standing present at any meeting where there is a quorum present shall be required to pass or defeat any motion before the membership, unless otherwise provided for herein.

**ARTICLE XII
FINANCIAL AND LEGAL
RESPONSIBILITIES**

Section 1: Funds Deposit

All funds of the Society shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Society in such bank or banks or other depositories as the Executive Council may select.

Section 2: Signatories

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Society and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Executive Council.

Section 3: Tax Status

It is the intention of the Society to operate in such a manner as to qualify for and retain a 501(c)(3) status.

**ARTICLE XIII
INDEMNIFICATION**

To the full extent permitted by law, each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party

to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, wherever brought, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Society or that he or she is or was serving at the specific request of the Executive Council of the Society as a director, officer, employee or agent of another society, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, shall be indemnified by the Society against expenses, including attorney’s fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding; provided, however, that the indemnification with respect to a person who is or was serving as a director, officer, employee or agent of another society, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or agent of another enterprise shall apply only to the extent such person is not indemnified by such other society, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise; and provided further, that said person:

- (A) Acted in good faith.
- (B) Received no improper or illegal personal benefit.
- (C) Reasonably believed that his or her actions and conduct were in the best interest of the Society; or that said person’s actions and conduct were not opposed to the best interests of the Society.

The indemnification provided by this section shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, agent, or trustee and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person arises out of matters occurring before the adoption of this section.

**ARTICLE XIV
RECOGNITION OF GROUPS AND
INDIVIDUALS**

The President may recommend and the Executive Council shall have the power to appoint individuals or groups to an official status within the Society; such appointments shall be in the nature of Official Piper, Official Dancer, Official Pipe Band, etc.

ARTICLE XV

REGIONS AND DISTRICTS

Section 1 – Regions and Districts.

A. The Society shall be divided into Regions comprised of one or more states, nations or portions thereof, as determined by the Executive Council upon recommendation of the President of the Society. A Regional Director (or Co-Director) for each Region, who must be a member in good standing, will be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Council. The duties of a Regional Director shall be established in writing by the Executive Council.

B. Each Region of the Society may be further divided into two or more districts as determined by the Executive Council upon recommendation of the President of the Society. Districts may be comprised of a state(s), territory or other geographic entity or portion(s) thereof. A Regent for each district shall be appointed by the President of the Society upon the recommendation of the Regional Director. In the absence of a sitting Director, a Regent may be recommended by any member of the Executive Council to the President. The duties of a Regent shall be established in writing by the Executive Council.

(C) International Regions – are those regions in a nation other than the United States which are organized under the laws of that nation or formed under the by-laws of the Society. Qualified members of an international region shall have all the rights of membership in the Society as contained in the By-Laws. International regions shall function in the same manner as all other Regions and follow the by-laws of the Society (except as prohibited by their laws) with the following exceptions: the chief elected officer of the Region shall be recognized as the Regional Director. The chief elected officer shall be a fully vested at-large member of the Executive Council. Dues collected by the Society from the members of an international

region shall be apportioned back to that region in a manner to be determined by the Executive Council.

Section 2 – Revocation of Status

The status of any Region, or district may be revoked, amended or geographically redefined by the Executive Council upon the recommendation of the President of the Society or upon the receipt of a petition signed by at least 10 members of the Society in good standing. Any change in status must be adopted by at least a 3/5ths majority vote of the Executive Council cast by those members of the Council present and voting at a meeting duly noticed in accordance with the bylaws.

Section 3– The Society shall maintain the legal and administrative headquarters of the Society in the United States of America and shall serve as the legal and fiduciary headquarters for the Society as governed by U.S. law.

ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of this Society may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the general membership who cast ballots.

(A) Proposed amendment(s) to the By-Laws of this Society shall be provided in writing or by electronic means to the general membership, who shall return their ballots to the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee within 30 days of the mailing date.

(B) Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed by the By-Laws Committee through the Executive Council.

(C) Amendments to the By-Laws of this Society may be proposed to the general membership through the Executive Council by a petition signed by not less than 10 percent of the members in good standing in the Society.

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Everyone, Everywhere
Planet Earth, The Solar System



Baaaaa Code

Sadly, The Lady Buchanan lost her father this past November. See page 11 for her article about his life. Jack Hickman (her father) is seen below just behind the newlyweds at the wedding of The Buchanan and The Lady Buchanan.

There are more family photos of The Lady Buchanan in the pages of this issue of *The Buchanan Banner*.



You may also see Mr. Hickman in the black and white photo below when he was a student at the Edinburgh Academy. He is also to the right of the bride in the wedding photo below...next to The Lady Buchanan is her late mother and next to her is her father.

