



THE NEWSBEAT



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The Newsbeat is published Quarterly, January, April, July and October. If you have any news, pictures, stories, poems, Games reports, or genealogy queries, please send them to Ginger (at the address to the left, preferably e-mail) for inclusion in the next issue. We love to hear from you and the membership wants to know what is happening with other members.

Dues Schedules

Dues are due each June.

Family \$25.00

Individual \$15.00

Individual (over 65) \$7.00

Associate \$10.00

One time:

Sponsorship \$500.00

Life Membership (over 65) \$200.00

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Annual dues will be due again on June 1, (unless you have joined within the past 6 months or so, in that case your dues will become due until June of 2010). Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who renew their membership, your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain a presence at many of the larger games in the county and be a presence to meet and get to know other Macfies around the country. We encourage you to attend as many Scottish Games as possible, and if you would like to convene, the society will pay half of the games fee. We will also provide a banner, and some items for the table, just contact Ginger at jgmcafee@charter.net

**The Macfie Society of
America is a Member of
The Council of
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Macfie Merchandise for Sale

Kilt Pin-\$15.00

25th anniversary pins-\$15.00

Badges \$12.00

Pro Rege T-shirts green-\$12.00

Buff Macfie Warrior T-Shirts \$16.00
(Only a few Warrior T-shirts left)

Minimal postage will be added to each order. Send order and payment to:

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Upcoming Games and Events

Arizona Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Gathering

Held on February 27th and 28th at Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ

For more information check out

<http://www.arizonascots.com/>

Amy Fee says that if you are getting tired of the cold weather, come on to Phoenix for these games, she promises warm weather.

TheZephyrhills FL Scottish Games

will be March 6 & 7, 1010, at Zephyr Park. You can get more information at

<http://www.zephyrhillscelticfestival.com/>.

17th Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games

will be held April 16-18, 2010 in Huntersville, NC. Check out

<http://www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net/index.htm>, for more information.

Glasgow, KY Scottish Games, June 3-6,

at Barren River State Park, Glasgow, KY;

<http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com/>.

The Blairsville, GA Scottish Games

will be held June 12-13, 2010. For more information go to <http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org/>.

Grandfather Mountain Scottish Festival,

July 8-10, 2010 at MacRae Meadows,
Linville, NC; <http://www.gmhg.org/>

Long's Peak Scottish - Irish Festiva, September 9-12, 2010;

http://www.scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html.

Scottish Games and Highland Gathering in Charleston

September 18, 2010 at Boone Hall Plantation Mt. Pleasant SC

Stone Mountain GA, Scottish Festival,

October 16-17, 2010, Stone Mountain Ga.
<http://www.smhg.org/>

For a Complete list of Scottish Highland Games go to
<http://www.asgf.org/4.html>.

Society News and Tidbits

Get well wishes go out to **Jim and Linda Gilcrest**. Linda had back surgery on November 30th and is recovering well from it. Jim had surgery for prostate cancer on November 18th and is making a good recovery.

Congratulations to Cliff McDuffie who has just been installed as Junior Warden Masonic lodge, Zephyr 198.



Congratulations to Mike and Heather McAfee, on the birth of their son, Benjamin Josiah, born October 5th in Abidjan Cote d' Ivoire, where they are full time missionaries. Benjamin is the grandson of Jim and Ginger McAfee, Baxter, TN, and brother to Caleb and Karis.



Congratulations to Britt and Jennifer McAfee of Blairsville, GA on the birth of their daughter, Jemma Alexandra McAfee, born Nov. 9, 2009.

Grandparents are Jim and Linda McAfee of Blairsville, Ga.

From Edward Guffey: I want to tell you that my brother Virgil Retired from the military he served 42 years and 5 months. He served in Korea twice. Germany twice and Vietnam once. he was with the 101st airborne. I think it bothers him that all of his friends he ran around with before he entered the army have all married and moved away. Our mother and sister have passed away. Home isn't the same now. we drive down the street where we lived all of the neighbors have died. I took him by the home place where we lived when he left. His face lit up when he saw it was the same house he said that is the driveway the recruiting sergeant came and picked me up that morning. He stared at the old home place he couldn't believe no one lived there anymore. we stopped at a little restaurant for breakfast. A man came in that he remembered when he drove the deliver truck for the grocery store. he asked him to sit down with us. they talked about the times they would sit and talk and he would ride with Virgil when he delivered groceries in the old 57 Chevy panel truck. he told Virgil that the store where he worked had been torn down.

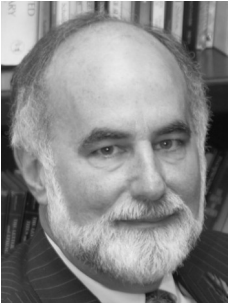
I guess it is a strange feeling when you live most of your life in different parts of the world and make new friends when you are transferred from one place to another. Then when you come home to be with your childhood friends that you know they are not there now, Ed Guffey

Get well wishes also go out to **Joyce McDuffie** who is suffering from a pinched sciatic nerve but last nerve block has given her some relief.

Keith Craig McPhie 1949 ~ 2010 Keith Craig McPhie, 60, died January 6, 2010 of cancer at his home. Born September 1, 1949 to Evan Keith and Karma Newman McPhie in Tooele, Utah. Married Judy Thorpe later divorced then married Cheryl Olson later divorced now married to Natalie Jardine on June 12, 2008 in Ogden, Utah. Keith served two tours of duty to Vietnam as navy ship swimmer. He was an active member of the LDS Church and an Eagle Scout. He was honored for 15 years of service on the Utah Co. Sherriff Posey Search & Rescue. Keith competed with the Western States Riding Club for the last 15 years, he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing and was a gifted story teller, but his greatest joy was his family. Survived by wife, Natalie, children Travis (Sherri) McPhie and Kinsey (John) Lytle; step children Michael Turcotte, Jennifer (Brandon) Searle, Jeremy Turcotte and Amy Turcotte; five grandchildren; mother Karma McPhie; two sisters Karma McPhie-Timmons and Kym (Ron) Chaplin. Preceded in death by father and brother-in-law Ron Timmons.



Clan News and Tidbits



Max G. Mahaffee of Charleston, SC is the president-elect of the Scottish Society of Charleston, Inc. and will be installed as president on January 16, 2010 at the annual Robert Burns Dinner of that organization, which is in its 40th year.

Max hopes that there will be lots of MacFies at the Scottish Games and Highland Gathering in Charleston (actually Mt. Pleasant--just across the Cooper River Bridge), SC on the third Saturday in September, which this year is on September 18th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Again, this event will be at Boone Hall Plantation, a beautiful place, as can be seen here: <http://boonehallplantation.com/>

For all you Facebook fans and folks, as of 12/28/09 there is a Facebook group called the Scottish Society of Charleston, Inc. which is about "all things Scottish" more than the local (Charleston, SC) Scottish Society, so all are free to join this group online.

Bill Morris wrote: I am still looking for any additional descendency lists to add to the genealogy books. I have closed out one with 36 entry sections and begun a second, which has only about 8 entries. I have duplicated the genealogy book that Fritz McDuffie did and have a copy of that which I bring to the games. I have had a couple email inquires re genealogy which I was able to provide some info on. There is a new genealogy page up on the Macfie international website with some good links listed. If you have not yet sent Bill your descendency chart you can contact him by e-mail at wilmorris@glasgow-ky.com

CIAD MILE FAILTE (100,000 Welcomes) to our newest members:

Pat McAfee, Irving, TX

Ellen McAfee, Long Beach, CA

Helen Lawless, Fairfax, VA

Macfies Online



Early Scottish torture techniques, No.17:
"Burning the Campbell at Both Ends."

Glen Cathey has recently put up The Official Clan Macfie Face book page and it is ready for you to join and participate. You can see some Youtube of the Clan Parliament at Nethybridge.

This is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680>

Be sure to check out the Macfie Society of America web site: www.clanmacfieofamerica.com We are now able to read and archive the Newsbeat.

(I Can Hear) Colonsay Calling Me Home

Lyrics By: R. Douglass Mahaffey

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To the shores of the green, rich Kiloran Bay
I sailed with a quick, mighty wind
I heard the pipes calling from old Loch Fada
Ring down to Carnen Eoin

I can hear Colonsay calling me home
To the land that my fore-fathers made
The cries of Macfie and MacDonald are calling
me
Back to my homeland to stay

From the rolling hills I heard a man piping
I hurried to listen to him
He danced as he rang out an old happy ballad
I clapped and I dance there with him

I can hear Colonsay calling me home
To the land that my fore-fathers made
The cries of Macfie and MacDonald are calling
me
Back to my homeland to stay

He lowered his pipes so he could proclaim,
"My name is Malcolm, how do?"
I told him my name and he reached out for me
To shake 'til my hand was blue

I can hear Colonsay calling me home
To the land that my fore-fathers made
The cries of Macfie and MacDonald are calling
me

Back to my homeland to stay
"My friend, I'm happy that you came to see me
For visitors 'round here are so few
They left me and scattered from here long ago
But I see they gave my name to you."

"You see, years ago I was captured and tied
down.

To a landmark now called "Standing Stone"
They aimed their muskets and fired when told
to
And there I died all alone"

I chuckled and told him, "But sir, you're before
me

So how could your story be true?"
It was then that he vanished from me into thin
air

As a song faded out in the blue

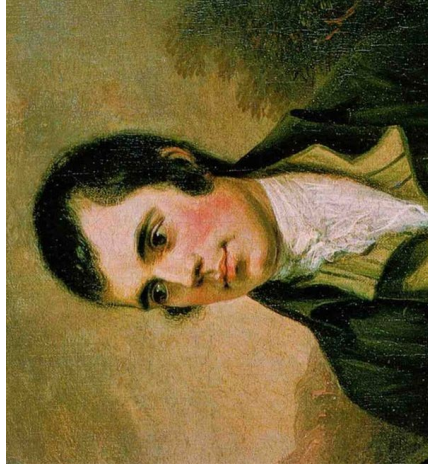
I can hear Colonsay calling me home
To the land that my fore-fathers made
The cries of Macfie and MacDonald are calling
me
Back to my homeland to stay

I gathered my coat and from there I departed
Singing my new happy tune
But promised myself that I'll never forget him
And now I shall share it with you

For I can hear Colonsay calling me home
To the land that my fore-fathers made
The cries of Macfie and MacDonald are calling
me
Back to my homeland to stay

Yes I can hear Colonsay calling me home
To the land that my fore-fathers made
For I heard the cries of Macfie and MacDonald
And now I am home to stay

Greetings on Robert Burns Day
January 25, 2010



Robert Burns (25 January 1759 - 21 July 1796) (also known as **Rabbie Burns**, **Scotland's favorite son**, the **Ploughman Poet**, the **Bard of Ayrshire** and in Scotland as simply **The Bard** was a Scottish poet and a lyricist. He is widely regarded as the [national poet of Scotland](#), and is celebrated world-wide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the [Scots language](#), although much of his writing is also in English and a "light" Scots dialect, accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. He also wrote in standard English, and in these pieces, his political or civil commentary is often at its most blunt.

Please let us know if you celebrated Burns night in a special way.

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