



THE NEWSBEAT



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THANK YOU to all those folks who have renewed your membership for another year. We depend on your dues and donations to help us maintain a presence on the Internet through our website, as well as being able to convene at some of the larger Scottish games around the country. If you have not yet paid 2014 dues please consider doing so to help us keep the Macfie Clan Society of America viable and strong.

The Newsbeat is published three times a year, Spring-Summer and Fall/winter. 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 the year following. Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who faithfully renew their membership each year, your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain our web site and have 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 Scottish Clans Association Inc.

Macfie Merchandise for Sale

Kilt Pin-\$15.00

Badges \$12.00

Pro Rege T-shirts green-\$12.00

Black T-shirts-\$17.00

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

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Games Reports and some upcoming Games where you are likely to find a Macfie Clan Tent

September 20: The Ligonier Highland Games at Idlewild Park in Ligonier, Pennsylvania www.ligonierhighlandgames.org

October 18-19 Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mt. Park, Stone Mt. GA/ www.smhg.org

November 1&2 Tucson Celtic Festival, Tucson, AZ <http://www.tucsoncelticfestival.org/>

If YOU would like to convene Scottish Highland Games in your area, please contact Ginger at jgmcafee@charter.net for information.

Ceud Mile Failte (One hundred thousand welcomes)

To our newest Society members

Ellen Fay Macfie, Essex Junction, VT

Flowers of the Forest

We were saddened to recently learn of the passing of Society member Norman McFee, (75) of Springdale AR. He is survived by his wife, Lilly, 2 daughters, 2 step sons and their families.

We also heard that Society member, Suzanne Lynd of Avondale, AZ, passed away on January 31, 2014



NEW Macfie t-shirts; black with white lettering. The shirts are \$17.00 each with \$3.00 postage (in the US). If you would like to order one, send a check made out to Macfie Clan Society of AM, to Jim McAfee, 420 Ash Dr. Baxter, TN 38544



Games Reports and Society Happenings



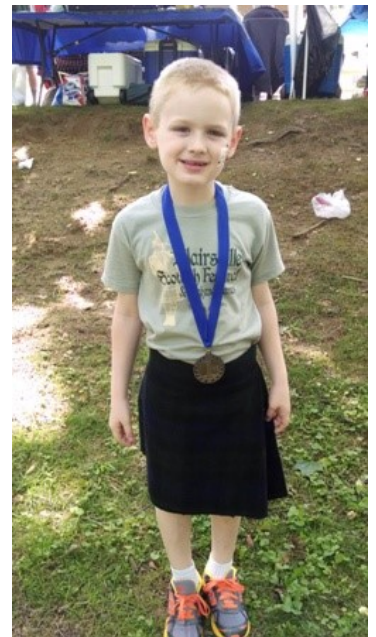
Terry Schoolcraft reports that the wind and rain seemed to keep many Scots at home during the West Virginia Games last May. But stalwart Scot that he is, Terry was there through all the festivities.



The Macfies were well represented at the Blairsville, GA games in June. The weather could not have been nicer that weekend, and the Macfies had a great showing in the armature athletics. 8 year old Jake McAfee, won the 12 and under class in the Kilt-ed Mile, Caleb McAfee, won the 12-18 age group and 4th over all. John McAfee, came in second in his age group and 3rd overall.

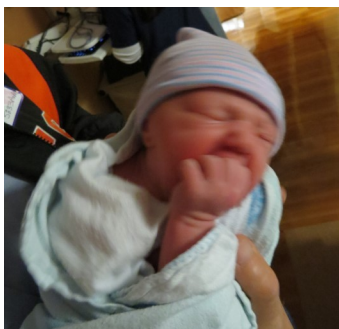


John and Jake McAfee



Jake McAfee

Two New Wee Macfies



We welcome Théoden William Price was born on May 30th at 12:27 AM at a healthy 7lbs 10oz. His proud parents are Joy & Jared Price, or Springfield, VA.

We also welcome Timothy Elijah McAfee (TY) born August 17, he weighed 7lb 5oz, and was 19 3/4 inches long His parents are Mike and Heather McAfee, who are missionaries and live in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, West Africa. They are in the states at this time, and will be going back to Africa in January. Ty is pictured with his 5 year old brother, Ben. He also has another brother, Caleb and a sister, Karis to welcome him.



TRUETT CATHY DIES AT 93

Truett Cathy died at home surrounded by family members at 1:35 a.m on September 8, 2014 of natural causes at the age of 93. Cathy began the Chic-Fil-A chain in the Atlanta suburb of Hapeville, GA in 1946 with a restaurant called the Dwarf Grill, named because of its small size. It was there that he, along with his brother and business partner, Ben, created the chicken sandwich that later became the signature menu item for Chick-fil-A. The original restaurant, since renamed Dwarf House, is still in operation, and the company operates other Dwarf House locations in the metro Atlanta area.

Cathy was a member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, GA, and taught Sunday School there for more than 50 years. He said that the Bible is his guide-book for life. Due to his strong religious beliefs, all of the company's locations, whether company-owned or franchised, are closed on Sundays to allow its employees to attend church and spend time with their families. This policy began when Cathy was working six days a week, multiple shifts. He decided to close on Sundays. He fostered children for over 30 years, and took in nearly 200 foster children. He was known for helping young adults attend college by financing their education.

Truett spoke at our Society Annual Meeting in 1991, Former Commander **Sandy McPhie** and his wife **Helen** were in attendance at that meeting. **Scott McPhee** was Society President at that time, he and his wife, **Marvene** were also in attendance.



Update on Scottish Entertainer, Alex Beaton.

Alex is currently in the ICU in St. Louis. He went into the hospital on Thursday, September 4th for a relatively simple procedure on his vocal cords. Unfortunately there were some complications and he was moved into ICU. He is in very serious condition. We all miss his beautiful rich voice at the Scottish Games, especially at the Stone Mountain, GA games where he was the featured entertainer for years.

More News and Views

Macfie Clan Society of America, Annual Meeting: Our annual meeting will be held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games on October 18 at 3:00 in the afternoon, at one of the Clan Meeting Tents near our Clan Tent. Come by the Clan Tent for directions and location.

Tartan Day: Cliff McDuffie reports: " I wore my kilt to church today and had requested others to wear some tartan. Very few did but preacher called us up front and said a blessing for the tartans." **Cliff**, who is the former mayor of Zephyrhills, FL also participated in a ceremony by the current Mayor of Zephyrhills that proclaimed April 6 National Tartan Day in that city. Mayor Danny Burgess, also presented Cliff with a key to the city.



I found this article in the **Corncrake**, the Newsletter of the Island of Colonsay.
[WWW.http://corncrake.org.uk/](http://corncrake.org.uk/)

Island friends of the late Davie Sutherland set out to make this year's "poppy ceilidh" the best yet – and raised a record amount for the Earl Haig Fund. Highlight of the evening was the appearance of Rangers mad Angus MacPhee, who resides on Colonsay, proudly wearing a Celtic shirt with his flowing locks and beard dyed green. This selfless act of short lived support for the team Angus does not always wish well for was the culmination of weeks of gathering sponsorship money to make the humiliation worthwhile – and succeeded in raising an amazing £840 towards the total. Island poppy appeal treasurer Trevor Patrick said the sponsorship money and ceilidh proceeds totaled £2036

Trevor thanked everyone who had supported the appeal: "Everyone was extremely fond of Wee Davie and this has been a great way of demonstrating that and helping ex services personnel at the same time.

"We want to go on and get the total raised over Davie's record for an entire year of £3000. The Saturday night bonus ball sweepstake has been restarted in the hotel and I would urge everyone to support it."

THE STORY OF THE HONOURS OF SCOTLAND

Copied from *The Galley*, Journal of the Macfie Society of Scotland



The Scottish Crown Jewels are known as the Honours of Scotland. These comprise of the Sceptre of State presented to James IV in 1492 by Pope Alexander IV, the Sword of State presented by Pope Julius II in 1507 and the Crown which pre-dates 1540. (James V had the crown re-fashioned at a later date.)

In 1651 Charles II was crowned King of Scotland at Scone (*pronounced Scoon*) Palace. Oliver Cromwell had taken over as Lord Protector of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland and had Charles I executed, plunging the country into a period of harsh dictatorship. He destroyed all the symbols of power including the English Crown Jewels and planned to do the same with the symbols of Royal Power in Scotland. Cromwell's army was advancing into Scotland and

the Scottish Crown Jewels had been taken from Edinburgh Castle to Dunnottar Castle in Stonehaven for safekeeping. Dunnottar (*the ruin is pictured*) was a large fortress high on cliffs reaching out to sea.

Cromwell was determined to destroy the Regalia of Scotland and Dunnottar Castle was besieged. The Garrison Commander, George Ogilvy of Barras, realised that the Crown Jewels needed to be moved before the capture of the castle. Dunnottar was besieged for eight months and only surrendered when cannon was brought in to break down the walls.

The important three items of crown, sceptre and sword were smuggled out of the castle by the commander's wife and the wife of the minister at Kinneff Church, James Grainger. There are two versions of the story. In one, Mrs Christian Grainger took bundles of flax from the castle with the crown concealed under her clothing and the sceptre disguised as a distaff. The other version has the jewels being lowered down the castle cliff to a fisher-wife (possibly a kinswoman of Elizabeth Ogilvy) who hid them amongst the seaweed she was collecting.

Mr and Mrs Grainger kept them hidden under the stone flagstones on the floor of the church and dug them up to dry them out every three months or so. The Honours stayed here for nine (some sources say eleven) years until the restoration brought Charles II to the throne in 1660. Then the crown, the sceptre and the sword were returned to Edinburgh Castle. The Honours of Scotland were again hidden after the Treaty of Union in 1707. They were packed into a strongbox, locked in a room with double doors and the key was lost for over a hundred years. It was presumed that the jewels were lost until they were unearthed by Walter Scott in 1818, but that is another story. This stone on the wall of the church with the Insignia of Scotland commemorates the Grainger's part in saving the Honours of Scotland.

The words on the stone are as follows:

BEHOLD THE SPOT WHERE GRAINGER'S ASHES LIE WHO FROM BESIEGED DUNNOTTER SAFE CONVEYED

THE INSIGNIA OF SCOTLAND'S ROYALTY AND IN THIS HALLOWED GROUND IN SECRET LAID WHERE NOW HE RESTS HIMSELF. HEAVEN SHALL BESTOW MEET RECOMPENSE ON SUCH DESERT AS HIS; HE, WHO HIS COUNTRY'S HONOUR SAVED BELOW NOW WEILDS A SCEPTRE IN THE REALMS OF BLISS

Only one room in Dunnottar Castle has been restored and the fireplace in this dining room commemorates the part played by the Ogilvys in the saving of the Honours. The words are as follows:

TO COMMEMORATE THE DEFENSE OF THE HONOURS OF SCOTLAND FROM SEPTEMBER 1651 TO MAY 1652

BY SIR OGILVY OF BARRAS GOVERNER OF DUNNOTTAR AND THE HELP GIVEN BY HIS WIFE ELIZABETH DOUGLAS AND HER KINSWOMAN ANNE LINDSAY.

The Ogilvys were imprisoned when the castle fell and Elizabeth Douglas/Ogilvy died in captivity from the harsh treatment. The secret of the whereabouts of the crown, sceptre and sword was never revealed. Even in 2014 hidden parts of the story are revealed to those who haven't heard it before in the local newspaper.



THE SECRET OF KINNEFF OLD MANSE

Every Tuesday the Press and Journal paper carries a supplement called 'YOUR HOME'. This is essentially an advertisement for houses that are for sale. On the 8th of April 2014 there was a wonderful story attached to the Old Manse at Kinneff. (*pictured*) Kinneff is between Montrose and Stonehaven. The manse is a 17th century B-listed house and was for sale for offers over

£625,000. Apart from it being a wonderful family house in a wonderful setting it has been part of a well

kept secret for many years. The minister and his wife in 1651 initially kept the Crown Jewels in their bedroom before their later hiding place in the old Kirk. The house is still for sale. It has been extended over the years and is now a beautiful and grand six bedroom family home. Many of the original features still remain including thick stone walls in the kitchen and the bedroom in which the Honours of Scotland were hidden. At the side of the house the present owners unearthed a lovely archway and pathway that would have led to the church. They also discovered a well which is now part of a large and spacious garden surrounded by views of countryside and coast. Today the Scottish Crown Jewels, the Honours of Scotland, are well guarded and a wonderful attraction on display in Edinburgh Castle.

The Scottish Parliament Reconvenes

(Copied from the Clan Macfie News #69—
33rd Edition)

There is a tension in the air in Scotland. I mentioned in the previous Clan News many sporting events, with world-wide interest that will take place this year in Scotland. However, the tension is not due to these international class events. It is because of the civic and political event of the century, which is to take place on the 18th of September.

On that day, the people of Scotland will vote to decide if they wish to remain part of the United Kingdom or, once again, be an independent country.

In 1603, James the Sixth of Scotland became James the First of the United Kingdom, though the Parliaments of the two countries, England and Scotland, did not combine until 1707. Now Scotland is on the threshold of what could be a shattering decision.

Since 1999, Scotland has had a form of self-government. The establishment had become aware of the growing discontent in Scotland with the existing form of government. It was, therefore, decided to give Scotland a limited form of self-government, which was also granted to Wales. Part of this historic decision was to return the Stone of Destiny to Scotland. (I will tell you about that some other time.)

The following was written by Ian Bell on

Opening of the new Scottish Parliament:

“History is memory. This moment was history reclaimed, a right restated, a truth reclaimed. The nation of Scotland, with all its thraven suspicions, numberless confusions, apathy, clumsy rivalries and disparate hopes, had remembered. We began again on a May morning in Edinburgh, high on the Mound, with thirty-five white roses, a clenched fist, 129 members sworn in with a measure of honest dissent

a Labour Party honouring John Smith’s promise, and a strange kind of ease. This, said the ritual, is what we do, ours by right and this is how we do it.”

Dr Winifred Ewing, who had served as a Scottish National Party member in the Houses of Parliament in London and had also represented Scotland in the European Parliament as senior member of the new Scottish Parliament, opened the first session using these words:

“The Scottish Parliament, adjourned on

the 25th day of March in the year 1707, is hereby reconvened.”

International Clan Gathering October 18-26 in New Zealand

The Clan activities will all be held on the North Island at Auckland, Wellington and Masterton,. For more information contact Glen McPhee +64 9 238 8254 (New Zealand Clan President); email: tracka1@xtra.co.nz.



Casual Kilts in the Macfie tartan are now available in Poly Viscose material (65%/35%) which is an 11-12 oz, machine washable fabric for about \$99.00. [http://](http://www.usakilts.com/casual-kilt.html)

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THE HOME CALL
by Edith G Clark

**(From The Galley, the newsletter of the Macfie Clan Society
of Scotland)**

Can't you hear the islands calling, Calum Dhu, Calum Dhu?
Calling me - and calling you, Oh Calum Dhu
 Can't you hear the seabirds' cry
 And the lark that sings on high

Can't you hear the west wind's sigh, Oh Calum Dhu.
I am pining in the city. Calum Dhu, Calum Dhu
Here, there's neither peace nor pity, Calum Dhu
 And I long to see yon shore
 That I once knew of yore
But I'll go back there no more, Oh Calum Dhu.

For our dreams can ne'er come true, Calum Dhu, Calum Dhu
I am leaving life and leaving you, Oh Calum Dhu
 But though I'm grieved at leaving thee
 Shed no bitter tears for me
What we planned can never be, my Callum Dhu.

But when all is passed and oe'r, Callum Dhu, Calum Dhu
Take me back to yonder shore, Oh Calum Dhu
 Let me rest beside yon hill
 Where as bairns, we played at will
And my heart will love you still, my Calum Dhu

*The poem is about Colonsay and was found hand-written in an old
jotter*



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