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COSCA, was founded in 1976 by Dr. Herbert MacNeal and a handful of other dedicated volunteers for the purpose of supporting Scottish Clan organizations and preserving Scottish heritage.

COSCA is a registered IRS Section 501c3 charity.

COSCA's founding statement of charter and mission rings true today as our current Trustees, members and volunteers continue to work toward goals of:

- Strengthening the Scottish American community by bringing individuals together with their Scottish clans and families;
- Supporting our member Scottish organizations with training and resources to help them meet their own missions;
- Providing education and learning opportunities in Scottish fields;
- Building relationships with Scotland and the global Diaspora.

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COSCA, Inc. is essentially the national professional association for the clan societies and other Scottish heritage groups from across the USA.

Guests at the 4th COSCA Clan & Family Caucus at the 2014 Loch Norman Highland Games. Left to right: Lois Ann Garlitz, Chieftain, American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS); Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Bt., hereditary Chief of Clan Gregor and Convener, SCSC; Dr. Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms (who has MacGregor antecedents); Bruce MacGregor Whyte, Treasurer, ACGS; Lady Fiona MacGregor (nee' Armstrong), now Lord Lieutenant of Dumfriesshire; Teresa Walker and her husband, Randy Walker, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, ACGS.

Before the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Join COSCA for the 5th Clan & Family CAUCUS - 2016

Thursday July 7, 2016 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Lees-McRae College, Evans Auditorium in Banner Elk, North Carolina

Guests speakers will be Congressman Mike McIntyre (D-NC), Dr. Bruce Durie, COSCA's *Shennachie*, and *Shennachie*, for the Name and Family of Durie and Keith MacGregor, U.S. Rep. on the Council of the Clan Gregor Society, Scotland.

Reservations required. [More information on page 9.](#)

See page 5 for more about COSCA's Annual General Meeting 2016 Saturday, July 9th, 2-4 pm in the Chief's Tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Photo: L to R - David Pickens, Jamie MacNab, chief of the MacNabs, Scotty Gallamore, Francis, Lord Napier, Chief of Clan Napier, Clark Scott and John Bellassai at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games - AGM 2015.





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NEWS FEED

COSCA will place a **paving stone** in memory of **Dr. Herbert MacNeal** at MacRae Meadow on Grandfather Mountain in NC representing Clans no longer active.

The **Clan Gunn**, one of Scotland's oldest clans has a new Chief, recognized by Lyon Court. Clan Gunn has been without a Chief since the death of Morrison Gunn in 1785. He had no traceable heir. **Iain Alexander**

Gunn of Banniskirk, formerly recognized as Commander of the Clan Gunn, was formally installed as the new clan Chief at a ceremony in Edinburgh in April."

For information about the **NEW Clan Muirhead** of North America contact Tim Morehead. www.CMSNA.org

Clan Cameron's 2016 COSCA Membership was made as a donation in memory of **Robert E Clark**. Bob served twice as President of the Clan Cameron - Grandfather Mountain Branch and as Vice-President of Clan Cameron, Ohio.

COSCA maintains a current contact list of about 150 Scottish Clans and Family Associations in the US. Find this list on the www.COSCA.Scot website. If you are not on the list please contact Membership@COSCA.Scot for listing.

COSCA has a list of about 250 annual Highland Games and Scottish Festivals in the US. For an amazing list of contacts to **Highland Games** around the world check this website: www.kelticnations.com/events/

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Fellow COSCA Members –

As you read this, the Tartan Day holiday will have come and gone for 2016, and we will all be gearing up for the annual games season, which in some parts of the country is already well under way. Nevertheless, I want to leave you with a few parting thoughts on Tartan Day as we move forward and begin to turn our attention to other events. Elsewhere in this issue of *The Claymore*, you will read a very interesting piece on how the National Tartan Day holiday got started here in America; about the twin congressional resolutions (House and Senate) which authorize its celebration on April 6 of each year; and about how it is celebrated in different locales across the country. One of the great strengths of the Tartan Day holiday is that in every community coast to coast, Scottish-Americans celebrate it differently—in ways most meaningful to them at the local level.

Here in my home town of Washington, DC, we always observe Tartan Day with a reception on Capitol Hill, co-hosted with the Friends of Scotland Caucus in the U.S. Congress. At the Reception, the Scottish Coalition, USA each year recognizes the efforts of an outstanding Scottish-American by extending to her or him its Annual Tartan Day Award. This year's recipient was our own Bob McWilliam, a past president of COSCA and one of our current trustees. Elsewhere in this issue, you can read all about Bob's many achievements and contributions over the years on behalf of the Scottish-American Community which resulted in the Coalition deciding—unanimously—to give this year's award to him. It was a delight for me to participate in the ceremony that resulted in giving the Tartan Day award to our good friend and longtime colleague, Bob McWilliam. Congratulations, Bob! Well deserved.

In addition to the congressional Reception—which incidentally is open to everyone to attend—each year we hold an educational symposium in conjunction with Tartan Day in DC. This year we took a look at the current state of politics in Scotland, post-Independence Referendum, and the likely impact on Scotland should the majority of U.K. voters decide in a nationwide referendum set for June to exit the European Union (the so-called *Brexit Referendum*). Many observers believe if it passes it could hasten a second independence referendum in Scotland, one which this time might well pass.

Joining us for that very interesting discussion was former First Minister of Scotland, the Rt. Hon. Henry McLeish, as well as two of COSCA's Advisory Trustees—Andrew Morrison, Viscount Dunrossil, and Dr. Bruce Durie. We plan to shortly post a link on our Website to a summary of this very timely discussion, which I believe will be of great interest to everyone in the Scottish-American community.

Lastly with regard to Tartan Day, I as COSCA President was invited by the American-Scottish Foundation to come up to New York and meet with a number of senior officials from *VisitScotland* ("VS"), who were in town for the annual Tartan Day Parade down Sixth Avenue. These included Malcolm Roughhead, their CEO, and Lynne Raeside, their Business Affairs Manager, both in from Scotland, as well as VS senior manager David Knight, down from Toronto. Also in town was Margaret Burgess,

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER *continued*

the Scottish Government's Housing Minister, leading the delegation. I attended a breakfast meeting hosted by VS for approximately 50 members of the NYC Tartan Day organizing committee, which featured a PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Roughead, who introduced *VsitScotland's* new advertising campaign, *The Spirit of Scotland*, and who previewed some very impressive video clips from the new campaign.

During his prepared remarks, Mr. Roughead said all the right things about the size of the Scottish-American market (in excess of 10 million people) and its importance for VS; about the importance to VS of relying on heritage bonds and ties as one important way (though not the only way) to promote tourism to Scotland; and about the wisdom of using ancestral tourism as a way to get Scottish-Americans travelling to Scotland to visit the old clan country to also do other things, and go other places, while there, in order to better acquaint them with the modern Nation of Scotland. Roughead also delivered greetings from Lord Thurso, VS's newly appointed Chairman, who is a both an hereditary peer and a Sinclair, but who was unable to make it to NYC because of prior commitments in Canada.

(John Sinclair, 3rd Viscount Thurso, who served as MP for Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross in the House of Commons from 2001 through 2015, recently returned to the House of Lords; he is also Chairman of the Savoy Group of hotels in Britain and had worked for many years in the hospitality industry. It is widely believed he will bring a more customer-friendly sales and marketing orientation to the VS outreach efforts going forward.)

Roughead told the assembled Scottish-American representatives, me included, that things were about to change at VS in terms of engaging the American market, details to be determined. He did say that VS intended to raise its profile at highland games and other Scottish-American gatherings this year and to be a more visible presence.

After the breakfast presentation, as COSCA President I managed to get a private meeting with Roughead, Raeside and Knight. I invited them to attend our upcoming Clan & Family Caucus on Thursday, July 7, at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC (see details elsewhere in this newsletter). And I encouraged them to stay for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG), as it has long been one of the largest highland games events in the Eastern USA and the location of COSCA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) again this year. The VS delegation took notes about my suggestions for other key games events across the USA that I thought it strategically important for them to attend—clearly they were overwhelmed with the sheer size of the American market and the large number of possible events they could attend. But given their limited travel budget, they made it clear that only a limited number of venues could be selected. I indicated that COSCA could advise and assist VS in this regard. I stressed COSCA's close working relationship with the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs (SCSC), our primary UK-based partner organization, and the fact that as COSCA President I sat on Scottish Tourism Minister Fergus Ewing's Clans Forum working group, alongside the Convener of the SCSC, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, who also serves as an Advisory Trustee to COSCA. And, of course, I reminded them that COSCA is essentially the national professional association for the clan societies and for many other Scottish-American membership organizations and that we could help them get the word out nationally with regard to their new [Spirit of Scotland](#) ad campaign.

I wrapped up my prepared remarks by noting that COSCA would like to have an established, formalized relationship with VS—one that was mutually beneficial—in return for which COSCA could help VS promote its tourism agenda. COSCA members can rest assured I will be pursuing this approach with VS in greater detail in the coming months.

Yours aye,

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Leading the 2015 GMHG Parade of Tartans - Dr. Ron McGowan, Jamie MacNab, Chief of the MacNabs, Francis, Lord Napier, Chief of Clan Napier & Sandy Jones, President GMHG.

NEWS FEED

13/03/2016 00:01 Scotland Tourism

2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture & Design 2016 Scottish Clan Fund

Clan heritage events generate almost £400,000 for the Scottish economy.

Visitors to Scotland celebrating their ancestry have generated an estimated £390,000 of net additional spend for the tourism industry in 2015.

The Scottish Clan Event Fund, administered by EventScotland, provides clans and clan societies with grants to run and promote events such as gatherings, battle re-enactments and other associated heritage events.

The spend comes after the Scottish Government allocated £23,000 to the Scottish Clan Fund in 2015/16.

Tourism Minister Fergus Ewing welcomed the new figures – re-leased for Scottish Tourism Week 2016 – as he confirmed funding for the Scottish Clan Fund will be up to £70,000 in 2016/17.

Last year, more than 7000, people from 18 countries attended events supported by the Fund. There will be six supported events taking place across Scotland in 2016.

Mr Ewing said: "With up to 50 million people globally claiming Scottish ancestry, and many more with a strong connection to our country, the market for ancestral tourism in Scotland is considerable and creates opportunities for communities to benefit.

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American Political Leaders of Scottish Descent

By John King Bellasai*

[An edited version of this article appears in the current issue of Scots Heritage Magazine. The fuller, unedited version, below, appears here, with their permission.]

As you read this, we are still slogging through a very long political primary season in the run-up to the general election for President in November. Everyone knows the identity of the two frontrunners—Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democrat, and Donald Trump, the Republican. Despite vigorously contested primary fights in which they are both currently engaged, against strong opponents, Clinton and Trump are heavily favored to receive the nominations of their respective political parties and go on to face each other in the general election this fall.

Less well known is the fact that like over nine million other Americans, both Trump and Clinton have Scottish roots. In *The Donald's* case, the Scottish connection is very recent—through his Scots-born mother. In Hillary's case, her Scottish connection is a double one and slightly more removed—through a Scottish great-grandmother as well as through a Scottish fifth-great-grandfather. In this respect, Trump and Clinton typify two common patterns among Americans of Scottish descent—those with very recent immigrant antecedents and those whose Scottish roots in America go back many generations, to the days of steady Scottish immigration in the 19th century, or even earlier.

In her autobiography, *Living History*, Hillary Rodham Clinton describes her maternal grandmother as “one of nine children from a family of French-Canadian, Scottish and Native American ancestry.” Though of English and Welsh extraction on her father's side (the Rodham's hailed from Durham in the north of England), on her mother's side, Clinton's grandmother, Della Murray, was born in Detroit in 1902—the daughter of Daniel Murray, who emigrated to Detroit, on the U.S. side of the border, from neighboring Ontario, Canada, some time before 1900. Going back yet another two generations, one of Clinton's great-great-grandparents was Mary Anne Frances McDougall, born in Windsor, Ontario in 1823 and living in Detroit until her death in 1898. Mary Anne was herself the granddaughter of George McDougall, a Scottish immigrant to Canada in the mid-1700's.

Trump, the billionaire business mogul known to millions as the host of the TV reality show, *The Apprentice*, before his celebrity fame launched him into politics, is openly proud of his Scottish as well as German ancestry. As he proclaims on the website of his *Trump International Golf Links, Scotland*, located in Aberdeenshire, “My mother, Mary MacLeod, was from Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. She grew up in a simple croft until she landed in Manhattan at the age of 20 and her first language was Gaelic.” Scottish ancestry for American presidential candidates is commonplace, and 26 of the 44 Presidents of the United States have been of Scottish, or Scots-Irish (Ulster Scot), descent. In the last 40 years, unsuccessful presidential candidates of both our major political parties, as well as a number of independent candidates for president, have been of Scottish descent. These have included

Pat Buchanan, as well as Democrats John Kerry and Walter Mondale, and Independents H. Ross Perot and George Wallace.

Among the 25 U.S. Presidents of Scottish descent, most descended from Ulster Scots, or “Scots-Irish”, who had emigrated to America in the early to mid-18th century, from Tyrone or Antrim, in Ulster. This was the case for Andrew Jackson (in office 1829-37), James Knox Polk (1845-49), James Buchanan (1857-61), Andrew Johnson (1865-69), Ulysses S. Grant (1869-77), Chester Arthur (1881-85), Grover Cleveland (1885-89 and 1893-97), Benjamin Harrison (1889-93), William McKinley (1897-1901), William Howard Taft (1909-13), Warren G. Harding (1921-23), Harry Truman (1945-53), Lyndon Johnson (1963-69), Richard Nixon (1969-74), Jimmy Carter (1977-81), and Bill Clinton (1993-2001).

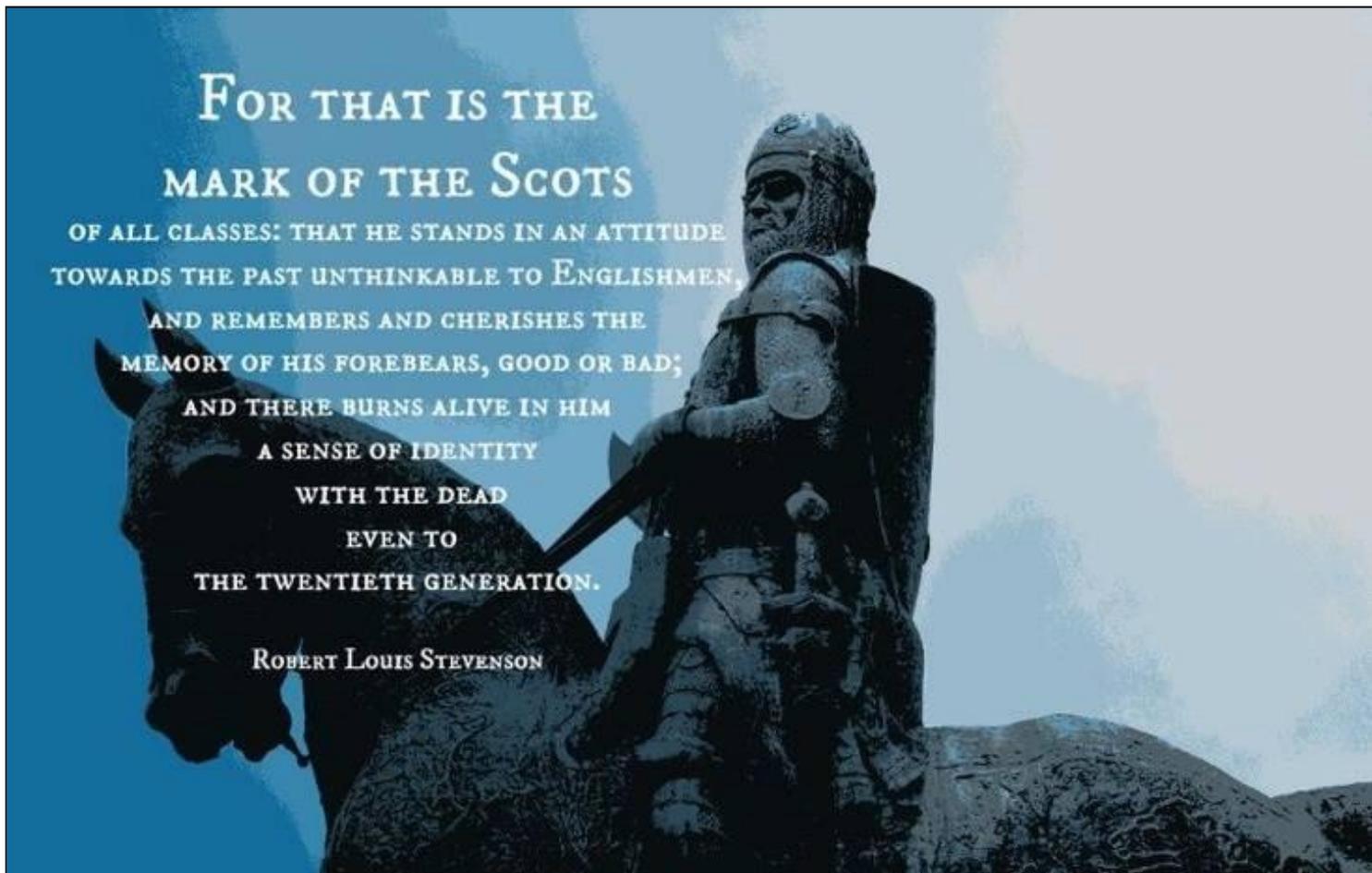
In other cases, however, the Scottish ancestry of American presidents derived directly from Scotland. Thomas Jefferson's mother, Jane Randolph, though born in London was reputedly descended from Thomas Randolph, a hero of the Scottish Wars of Independence, Earl of Moray and Chamberlain of Scotland under his uncle, King Robert the Bruce. (Jefferson alluded to the

Randolph family's proud claims of descent from Scottish kings in his writings, though at the same time he admitted not to know how much credence to put in them.) In any event, Jane Randolph was the source of her son Tom's famous flaming red hair. (Jefferson, primary author of the American Declaration of Independence, was the 3rd President of the United States, 1801-09.)

Our 5th President, James Monroe (1817-25), a protégé of Jefferson's, descended for certain from a Ross-shire-born great-great-grandfather, Andrew Monroe, who emigrated to Virginia in the mid-1600's. Jean Stobo, the maternal third-great grandmother of Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt, our 26th President (1901-09), came to America from Scotland with her parents in 1699.

The famous Woodrow Wilson, our 28th President (1913-21), was openly proud of his Scottish descent from his maternal grandparents, Thomas Woodrow and Marian Williamson, who had both emigrated to America from Scotland in the 1830's. Our longest serving President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1932-45), known to millions simply as “FDR”, had a Scots-born great-grandmother, Elizabeth (Murray) Robbins, the daughter of James Murray of Ewe, Dumfries-shire. (On the tombstones of several of Elizabeth Murray's relations who stayed behind in Scotland, all buried in the graveyard adjacent to the kirk at Selkirk, is proudly noted their family connection to FDR.) John Wilson, the great-grandfather of Ronald Reagan, our 40th President (1981-89), emigrated to America from Paisley in Scotland in 1832. George H.W. Bush, our 41st President (1989-93), and George W. Bush, his son, our 43rd President (2001-09), both descend from Catherine Walker (nee' MacLelland), who had emigrated to America from Scotland 100 years earlier.

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OF ALL CLASSES: THAT HE STANDS IN AN ATTITUDE
TOWARDS THE PAST UNTHINKABLE TO ENGLISHMEN,
AND REMEMBERS AND CHERISHES THE
MEMORY OF HIS FOREBEARS, GOOD OR BAD;
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ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

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Last but certainly not least, Barack Obama, our 44th (and current) President, is also of Scottish descent. Though of Kenyan ancestry on his father's side, his mother, Anne Dunham, was the product of many generations of antecedents in America going back to colonial times. Among her forebears was William McCurry, her fifth great-grandfather, a resident of Augusta County, VA in 1745--himself the son of John McCurry, born in 1725 (birthplace unknown) and almost certainly a Scottish immigrant to America during the first wave of heavy immigration, primarily to the southern colonies of Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia.

As is widely known, this first wave, mostly from the West of Scotland, occurred in the unsettled century of political upheaval that gripped Scotland in the years between the Battles of Dunbar and Worcester (1650 and 1651, respectively) and the Battle of Culloden in 1746—a century that saw many Scottish prisoners of war, captured in battle by the English, sent as indentured servants to America. At the same time, many more of their countrymen were emigrating by choice, all to find their fortunes in a new land.

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Plan to Attend The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Council of Scottish Clans & Associates (COSCA) 2:00 PM, Saturday, July 9, 2016 Chieftain's Tent, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

COSCA was founded in 1976 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) as a nonprofit charitable corporation.

Several Officer positions and At-Large Trustee positions will be up for election this year.

All Individual Members-in-Good Standing of COSCA, plus all dues-paying members of clan societies which are current members of COSCA, are invited to attend our AGM and vote on all matters properly before the membership.

President John King Bellasai will preside.

(See the list of current members of COSCA on page 8.)

How did the United States come to celebrate April 6th as National Tartan Day?

The Scottish Coalition, USA has been instrumental in setting up a national platform for the observance of Tartan Day in the USA. The Scottish Coalition comprises five national Scottish-American organizations:

- The American-Scottish Foundation
- Scottish Heritage, USA
- The Living Legacy of Scotland, Inc.
- The Association of Scottish Games and Festivals
- Scottish American Military Society

Who were the ones who drove this forward, so Scottish-Americans could celebrate their heritage each year?

In 1995, the Caledonian Foundation, a local Floridian group of Scottish-Americans, invited national Scottish-American organizations to meet and explore how they all could advance Scottish-American awareness nationwide. It was noted that Canada, with its robust Scottish population of both immigrants and now-natives, already was celebrating a "Tartan Day." So why not have similar in the U.S.?

The following year, six national organizations - the **American-Scottish Foundation, the Association of Scottish Games & Festivals, the Caledonian Foundation, the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Scottish Heritage USA, and the Tartan Educational and Cultural Association** - got things going.

Thousands of Scots-Americans found ways to observe "Tartan Day" in churches, on village greens, at Scottish festivals, at social gatherings, and in the home. Enthusiastic responses to ads taken out in three national heritage publications - **The Highlander, Scottish Life, and Family Tree** - endorsed the effort.

Scots in America had a common cause. Now it was time to make things official. On March 20, 1998, Senate Resolution 155 passed. Here is a portion:

....."Whereas April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modelled on that inspirational document

..... Whereas this resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times.

..... **Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate designates April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day".**



New York Tartan Day Parade, 1999. Cliff Robertson, Grand Marshal.

A year after the U.S. Senate endorsed Tartan Day, America had its first Tartan Day Parade held in New York. It was somewhat modest. Two pipe bands and a small but enthusiastic group of Scottish-Americans marched from the British Consulate in Midtown Manhattan to the headquarters of the United Nations. It was a start.

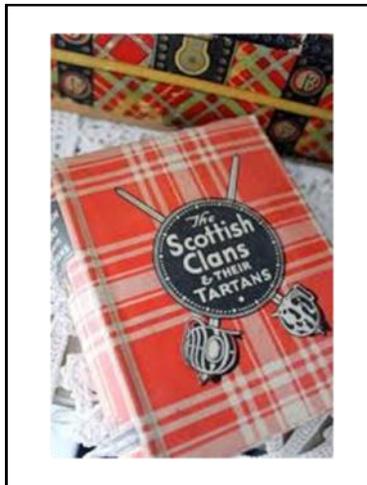
With the Senate resolution in place, the Scottish-American community now approached the U.S. House of Representatives. Success again.

On March 9, 2005, the House echoed its brethren in the Senate, noting all the achievements by Americans of Scottish descent but also noting that one out of every 10 Nobel prize winners could claim Scottish roots. All that was left, was the White House.

President George W. Bush did the right thing, as he noted that "Scotland and the United States have long shared ties of family and friendship." On April 4, 2008, he formally denoted a national Tartan Day, each April 6 from here to eternity.

Events now take place throughout the United States from New York to San Francisco to Pittsburgh, events large and small. And today the small parade up a sidewalk in Manhattan is the largest such celebration of Scottish heritage in the United States.

The New York Tartan Day Parade now takes place through the center of Manhattan marching up Sixth Avenue, tens of thousands come to watch and cheer on thousands of marchers, clans, pipers and Scottish Americans as they celebrate their heritage and the Tartan



The National Tartan Day Award

The 2016 National Tartan Day Award has been designed by Keith Lipert Gallery for The Scottish Coalition USA to reflect the historic story of Tartan Day, held annually on April 6th. With wording from the Senate Resolution that established the holiday, and historic images of Arbroath Cathedral, Robert the Bruce, the Capitol and the Scottish Parliament, the award represents the story of Tartan Day's evolution.

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On Thursday, April 14th, 2016, the Scottish Coalition, USA presented its National Tartan Day Award to Robert McWilliam as part of Washington, DC's annual celebration of Scottish American heritage. Mr. McWilliam is a past president and current trustee of COSCA. The Reception, co-hosted by the local National Capital Tartan Day Committee, Inc. and the Friends of Scotland Caucus in the U.S. Congress, took place on Capitol Hill.

Robert McWilliam has devoted more than 40 years to supporting and promoting Scottish-American culture, in addition to his military, legal, business and philanthropic careers. "I am delighted at the unanimous selection of Robert McWilliam for the 2016 Scottish Coalition, USA Award," announced Alan L. Bain, President of the TSC, USA and Chairman of the American-Scottish Foundation, a founding member of the coalition. "Bob never stops!" added Bain. "He has been tireless in his support of so many Scottish-American causes, and I have worked with him on various boards where his energy and dedication has been boundless."

McWilliam, a long-time resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, enlisted in the Army after high school, and saw active duty in 1948 and 1949. He served in the reserves for many years, and was promoted to colonel in 1978. As he completed his active duty in the Army, McWilliam took his bar exams. From 1957, he practiced law before joining a family-owned start-up company in the automotive and metal casting industries. During his 40 years with the company, he traveled extensively, speaking with engineering societies and presenting research papers at international meetings. At the time of his retirement, the company was providing materials and equipment to industries all over the world.

Scottish American Activities McWilliam has been involved with the Scottish-American community since the 1970s. He is currently:

- President Emeritus, current Trustee, and one of the founding members of The Scottish Coalition USA;
- President Emeritus and current Trustee of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA);
- Past President and current Trustee of the Milwaukee St. Andrews Society and recipient of the Society's Founder's Award;
- Past President and current Trustee of the Caledonian Foundation USA;

- member of the Board of Directors of Scottish Heritage USA
- and Emeritus Director of the Clan Donald Foundation.

McWilliam was granted a personal coat of Scottish arms by Scotland's Lord Lyon, King of Arms. The grant is unique in that it was not based on ancestry, but "for service to Scotland and Scottish Culture.

He is the originator of the Wisconsin State Tartan, passed by both houses of Wisconsin State Tartan originated by Robert McWilliam, signed into law in April, 2009. the state legislature and signed into law by Governor James Doyle on April 7, 2008.

In July of 2009, he was invited by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs to speak in the Debating Chambers of the Scottish Parliament on the occasion of the 2009 International Clan Gathering in Edinburgh.

He was a member of Clan Donald USA's 1993 crew of 13 that rowed and sailed the Aileach

- an open decked, 40 foot replica of a Scottish Berlinn (a short Viking long boat)

- from Armadale, Skye; down the west coast of Scotland; through the Inner Hebrides, portaging the Aileach across the Kintyre Isthmus to commemorate Magnus Bare Legs, the King of Norway's 1098 portage; and then up the river Clyde to the center of the city of Glasgow, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Forfeiture of the Lordship of the Isles.

Other philanthropic work In addition to his work with the Scottish-American community, McWilliam has been active with the Boy Scouts of America for a number of years, receiving awards for distinguished service and currently serving as a member of the Advisory Board for the Milwaukee County Council.

He has also been very involved with the Knights Templar. In 2003, His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, Don Francisco de Borbon y Escasany, Duke of Seville bestowed upon him the dignity of Knight of Grace in the Military and Hospital Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.

In 2013, The Sovereign Military Order of the Knights of the Temple of Jerusalem (The Templars) conferred upon him the dignity of their Knight's Grand Cross for his 20 plus years of service, including a term as Prior of their St. John the Baptist Priory.

Family life

McWilliam and his wife Mary have been married for over 40 years. They enjoy spending time with their seven children and 10 grandchildren, and engaging in sailboat racing, camping, canoeing and downhill skiing.



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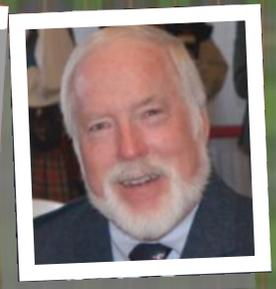
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2015 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Parade of Tartans

**Enjoy COSCA's 5th Clan & Family Caucus Program
on Thursday July 7, 2016 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
Continental Breakfast provided**

Congressman Mike McIntyre (D-NC) will share his experiences while he was co-chairing the bipartisan **Friends of Scotland Caucus** in the U.S. Congress and why it remains an important vehicle for Scottish-American outreach to the current Scottish Government.

Dr. Bruce Durie, COSCA's *Shennachie*, and *Shennachie* for the Name and Family of Durie, will share plans for a *Shennachie Network* and a *Council of Clan Shenachies*.

John Cochran, COSCA Secretary and Clan Cochran Commissioner, assisted by COSCA At-Large Trustee **John Cherry**, will lead a panel discussion on COSCA's Small Clans & Lowland Families Initiative, which he chairs.

Keith MacGregor, U.S. Representative on the Council of the Clan Gregor Society, Scotland, will join us to share his decades-long research, supported by geneticists at *FamilyTreeDNA*, Houston, TX, to document the DNA connections of many West Highland clans.

Join us and share your thoughts about the role of the clan societies in keeping connections between Diaspora Scots and our kin in Scotland.

Registration is required. Please RSVP.

**A nominal admission fee will be charged to defray setup costs.
An optional hot lunch will be offered for an additional charge.**

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Before the
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Pre-pay and enjoy lunch
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**Don't forget the AGM on Saturday
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2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture & Design 2016 Scottish Clan Fund continued from page 3.

“Starting for the year of Homecoming in 2014, and continuing last year, I am pleased to see the fund has already had such a strong positive impact, capturing visitors’ imagination, and helping to inspire and promote fun, colourful and inspiring events across the country.

“Not only will the Fund help support activities during this year’s celebrations, but will help to provide a legacy of Clan activity through to our planned Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology in 2017.”

Notes to editors: The next Scottish Clan Fund round will open shortly. The expression of interest period will be April – May with a deadline for applications August.

For more information:

<http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/scottish-clan-event-fund/>

Contact information: SGCommunications@scot.gov.uk

2017 The Year of History Heritage & Archaeology

The theme will celebrate Scotland’s unique history and heritage with a programme of activity aimed at supporting and driving the nation’s tourism and events sector. The year will celebrate both our intangible and tangible heritage – our buildings, visitor attractions, archaeological sites; as well as our diverse stories, traditions and culture – with a focus on engagement and participation.

It is anticipated that the year will bring with it a lot of opportunities for Clans to engage with and embrace these themes and we are particularly keen to hear about how planned events and activities will align with and celebrate the Year.

“Building on the success of the clan event fund in 2014, The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs continues to support this important initiative which will enhance Clan activities in local communities and encourage more people to celebrate their clan and family heritage across Scotland.” - Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, March 2015

The note of interest period for Clans interested in applying for funding for events in 2017 or 2018 is 8 April – 20 May 2016. The deadline for funding applications is 26 August 2016. Please note that applications will not be accepted after this date.



The 2nd Highland Military Tattoo at Fort George Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September, 2016 Matinee on Saturday 10th

Describing the event as a “dazzling spectacle”, Tattoo Director, Major General Seymour Monro, explained: “We have put on a fantastic show in the last two years and this one is set to be equally impressive. It is hard to imagine a more stunning location for the event than Fort George.

Getting off to a dramatic start with an RAF Typhoon flypast and culminating in a spectacular fireworks display, the Tattoo showcases local, military and international acts including top pipe bands, Highland dancers, fiddlers and choirs. Military history will be brought to life with re-enactments of the Battle of the Somme and the naval Battle of Jutland to mark their centenaries. And the naval theme will continue with a performance by the Band of the Royal Marines Scotland. Enjoy some of the best in local food and drink before the show starts.

More information is available at www.highlandmilitarytattoo.com.

Lord Strathmore in the uniform of Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, with Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother - Courtesy of Strathmore Estates.

The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne

Of all the ancient titles in pre-Norman Scotland, none is more renowned than the Thaneage of Glamis illustrated by its most notorious holder, Macbeth. It is from this colourful past that Mikie, 18th Earl of Strathmore held the courtesy title of Lord Glamis as a Captain in the Scots Guards.

Lord Glamis was born at Windsor on 7th June 1957 and brought up in East Lothian. He was the eldest son of the Lyon family and its chief from 1987, until his untimely death on 27th February 2016 from cancer. The late Sir Iain Moncreiffe, himself a Scots Guards Officer, and one of Scotland's greatest genealogists, believed the family to be of Celtic origin. But it is also possible that the name is French, from de Leon. In 1372 King Robert II of Scotland granted to Sir John Lyon, known as the White Lion, due to his fair complexion, the Thaneage of Glamis. This Sir John married the King's daughter, Princess Joanna and was granted the barony of Kinghorne. The family descend directly from the White Lion and Princess Joanna to the present day. Latterly the Lyons married into the Bowes family from County Durham, which accounts for bows and lions depicted on the arms of the family.

Descended as he was from feuding Thanes, Privy Councillors, Courtiers, Royal Guard Commanders, Military officers, and Jacobites, it was perhaps no accident that Glamis should follow his own father, the Earl of Strathmore, into the Scots Guards. Joining the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland in 1980, he took command of No. 3 platoon in Right Flank Company. A number of IRA hunger strikers had died in the Maze prison, and most of Belfast was on tenterhooks. The slightest incident was liable to escalate quickly into violence and mass petrol bombing. It was into this situation that Glamis was catapulted.

The Internal Security situation in Northern Ireland, was very different to that of Hong Kong, where the Scots Guards deployed in December 1981. The first battalion level deployment to the border with Communist China occurred within six months of our arrival. The purpose was to apprehend illegal immigrants fleeing China in order to get a better life for themselves in Hong Kong. Not an edifying task.

Glamis worked in the Battalion Headquarters as Operations Officer working directly for Colonel Ross, who was the Commanding Officer, based in the HQ of the Border Police Force at Fanling. It was Colonel Ross' desire that a close and active relationship be established with them. No one was more suited to implementing this than Glamis. He made friends with everyone from the commander downwards and even went so far, as a young captain, to invite the Commissioner of Police, Sir Roy Henry, a Scotsman himself, to dinner. Curiously, Sir Roy had worked with the Scots Guards in Borneo some 20 years previously, and with them, during the Malayan Emergency in the 1950s.

On leaving the Scots Guards, he joined stockbrokers Strauss Turnbull, and held a position in the House of Lords as deputy



chief whip in John Major's Government, having become the Earl of Strathmore, on the death of his father. He did not stay long in politics, being more at home with his young family at Glamis Castle. He was absolutely in his element here, in the heart of Angus amongst all the history, at the foot of the Angus Glens within Strathmore itself. He relished developing the estate and promoting the castle.

Perhaps his most gutsy move was to purchase David Irons and Sons, an ironmongers in Forfar. This was entirely in keeping with his character, as he was eager to promote local rural businesses. It was here that he met Karen Baxter and they married in 2012.

The Earl fulfilled many of the traditional roles associated with being chief of a great Scottish family. A family and ancestry that has been intimately involved in all the great dramas of Scottish and British history for over 600 years. Guards Officer, businessman, landowner, gardener, mechanic, politician, courtier, Deputy Lieutenant, President of the Boys Brigade, Captain of the Yeoman Guard, and great-nephew of the Queen Mother. But most of all it was his human qualities that always shone. Enthusiastic about everything, generous to a fault and, friend to many.

He is survived by his mother Mary, the Dowager Countess, his wife Karen, four sons, the eldest of whom, Simon, becomes the 19th Earl of Strathmore, and two stepdaughters. The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and the international clan community extend their deepest sympathy to them all.



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Would you be willing to Volunteer to staff an information table for COSCA? Yes! (-: No)-:

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