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This is your newsletter. We welcome interesting stories and pictures. No limits to your creativity! It's about sharing everything MacAulay.

## Happy Holidays . . .



A very Merry Christmas from Mr. and Mrs. Claus to you and your family!

Submitted by  
Treasurer Sean  
McAuley

## A PICTISH STONE WITH MACAULAY TIES!

In December the Scotsman newspaper published a list titled 'Five of Scotland's most fascinating archaeological finds of 2019.' Number 4 on their list was a 1,200-year-old intricately carved Pictish 'cross-slab' Stone which had been re-discovered and excavated from a churchyard in Dingwall in the Scottish Highlands. What makes this rare discovery of particular interest to the readers of the Clan MacAulay Newsletter is the fact that since 1796 this Dark Age Pictish stone has marked the last resting place of Hugh and Alexander MacAulay.

These men and their lives are unknown to us today but their names are destined to live on as the North of Scotland Archaeological Society NOSAS and the Pictish Arts Society have jointly launched a campaign to raise £20,000 so the stone can be expertly repaired and conserved before being placed on permanent display at Dingwall Museum. A new stone has already been erected at their grave site with the inscription exactly as it appears on the original with the same font and appearance.



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**Submitted by  
Treasurer  
Sean  
McAuley**

*We encourage  
all MacAulays to  
donate as much  
or as little as you  
are comfortable*

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## PICTISH STONE CONT'D . . .

Our Clan Society was approached in November by David McGovern Vice-President of the Pictish Arts Society asking if we would be willing to contribute to the conservation fund. Following a meeting of the executive it was agreed that a donation of £1000 would be made to the fund and it was further agreed that Clan members and followers of our social media platforms would also be invited to make a private donation via the NOSAS crowd funding page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/nosas>

The names of Hugh and Alexander MacAulay, which can clearly be seen carved into the surface, will be preserved alongside the mythical beasts, Pictish symbols, an animal headed warrior with sword and shield and large ornate Christian cross.



The stone, which was broken in antiquity, would once have stood over 7 ft tall and is described as being of national importance.

The stone is expected to go on display in late summer or early autumn of 2020, so if you're planning to visit Scotland for the 2021 Clan Gathering in Stornoway Dingwall Museum would make a pleasant addition to your trip.

# Football hero Gareth McAuley retires



Born 1979 in Larne, Northern Ireland Gareth McAuley or “Big G” as he became affectionately known, due to his 6’ 3” height, started his highly successful career in local Irish youth football. His talent was soon spotted and he signed for Irish senior side Crusaders

before moving on to Coleraine, where he helped the team win the Irish Cup.

Catching the eye of managers across the water led Gareth to English side Lincoln City. His first international cap came in the gala friendly against Germany, celebrating the Irish FA’s 125th Anniversary in 2005. Spells at Championship sides Leicester and Ipswich followed before the big time move to Premiership side West Bromwich Albion, where he was voted Player of the Year in 2013.

McAuley’s finest moment in a Northern Ireland shirt came when he scored the first goal in a 2-0 win over Ukraine at the Euro 2016 Finals in France. His back post header helped N. Ireland qualify for the knock-out stages for the very first time. To end his playing career Gareth fulfilled a boyhood dream of representing Glasgow Rangers in his final season 2018/19. He was to collect 80 International caps scoring 9 goals for his country - a legend of Northern Irish football!

Although now retired from the playing side of things Gareth hopes to continue his association with football in a coaching capacity, leading to perhaps a future management role.

*Article and photo submitted by Laurence McAuley*

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## MACAULAY MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!

What better way to let the MacAulay in your life know you love them than by buying them a Clan MacAulay Membership. You'll receive a lovely certificate and they'll receive all the latest news from Clan MacAulay.

Even better, you could win a prize! We're having a contest and you could win your registration to the 2021 Clan MacAulay International Gathering in Stornoway! Here are the rules ... and here's the [Clan MacAulay Membership Form](#)!

- For every new Adult Membership (£10), the person entering them (the "referring person") will get one entry in the pool.
- For every new Family Membership (£20), the referring person will get two entries in the pool.
- For every Lifetime Membership (£200), the referring person will get 10 entries in the pool.
- A drawing will be held and the winner of the drawing will receive a free registration for our Gathering in 2021.

The contest starts immediately and goes until January 1, 2021.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... STORNOWAY 2021

It was announced at the 2019 MacAulay International Gathering in Aviemore that the 2021 Gathering will be held in Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis, 12th to 14th August 2021. The MacAulays have a large presence in the Western Isles and the Caladh Inn in Stornoway will be the MacAulays home base for three days as we gather our people together and explore historical points of interest on Lewis. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Watch this [video](#) to experience the beauty of Lewis and Harris.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...

### GREAT CANADIAN (AND NEW YORK) KILT SKATES

Ottawa, [January 18, 2020](#)

Winnipeg, [January 19, 2020](#)

Montreal, [January 25, 2020](#)

New York City, [February 1, 2020](#)

Lethbridge, [February 1, 2020](#)

Saskatoon, [February 8, 2020](#)

Calgary, [February 9, 2020](#)

Niagara-on-the-Lake, TBA ([January 5, 2019](#))

Toronto, TBA ([January 27, 2019](#))

Glengarry, TBA ([February 23, 2019](#))

## The Chief's CORNER

May the spirit of the holidays be with each of you as we experience the magic of the festive season.



As you can see, Mr. and Mrs. Claus (or Kringle if you prefer) are hard at work being adorable on the front page of your MacAulay Matters newsletter. Those of you with a keen eye may recognize them from their participation at many Clan MacAulay events. Yes, that's the Honourary Chieftain and High Commissioner of the Canadas Dr. W.G. (Bud) Lush and the First Lady of the Canadas Tena in their alternate superhero personas.

It has been an exciting year with, of course, the brilliantly organised Aviemore Gathering (huge kudos to Organiser Bill O'Reilly). It was beyond wonderful to connect with friends and to build new friendships and relationships. I'm already looking forward to 2021 to once again gather, this time in Stornoway.

We've also welcome three new Commissioners and an Ambassador! Australia is now represented! Geoff Derrick has kindly agreed to take on this role as well as being a Committee Member on the executive team. Likewise, Colin McCawley is doing double duty as Committee Member and representing the northwest US for the State of Washington. And Tennessee is now very well represented by Pat Curley. I'm looking forward to meeting him in person as his enthusiasm is definitely contagious! Sometimes it takes a while to come up with a title ... but your executive team decided that the term Ambassador best described the role that Marty McCauley has undertaken. While he and Peggy travel North America they will be available to assist Commissioners or fill in where no Commissioner has yet to be named. Thank you to each of you for taking on these roles.

Part of my commitment when elected as Chief was to continue the forward momentum of our Clan. Your executive team have been working diligently on your behalf since the Annual General Meeting in September.

Your Treasurer Sean McAuley was fortunate to learn about a special Pictish stone with a MacAulay connection (read about it on pages 2 and 3) and your executive were delighted to be able to contribute to this amazing restoration. We look forward to being able to view it in the near future.

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## THE CHIEF'S CORNER, CONT'D

Committee Member Colin has also taken on the role of liaising with a group that is hoping to have lands near the Ardincaple Tower (near Helensburgh, Scotland) designated for woodland walking trails. We look forward to a day when we can stroll on these trails.

Committee Members Bob Macauley and Susan Caldwell, along with Standard Bearer Doug Doughty have taken on the commitment to better define the role of our Commissioners. They will be reporting back to the executive team at our January meeting. We look forward to their report!

Congratulations to Standard Bearer Doug Doughty on his election as Director at Large for the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) in Toronto on November 24, 2019

2020 will be a momentous year as it marks the 700th anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath. Clan MacAulay will be participate in the Arbroath Peoples Procession on Sunday, April 5th to celebrate the historic words most commonly repeated by Scots and their ancestors

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### Declaration of Arbroath

*"As long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours, that we are fighting, but for freedom - for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself".*

In closing, from our home to yours, Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ùr!



# Kirkin ceremony at St. Andrews Chapel Christchurch NZ 24th November 2019

Submitted by New Zealand Commissioner Ruth Cooper



# Hororata Highland Games November 2019

Submitted by New Zealand Commissioner Ruth Cooper



The MacAulay tent! Wonderfully represented by NZ Commissioner Ruth Cooper and her husband Bruce. Love the bunting!!

This game is an old Viking game using wooden blocks as castles and knights where you have to throw the piece of wood to knock them over was a great hit with the children and was set out just in front of the Clans Square. Very simple.



Clan Donald was well represented at the Games.

The aim of Clan MacAulay International is the promotion of the spirit of kinship, harmony and unity within the Clan, fostering interest in Scotland ... the land, our origins, our history in a multicultural world. The clan aims to promote Clan MacAulay and its place in Scottish history both in Scotland and overseas. Our Clan is based on Democracy and Meritocracy not Aristocracy and Patronage.

## CLAN MACAULAY EXECUTIVE

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