

Clan MacAulay International

BRINGING OUR PEOPLE TOGETHER

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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.

A VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of the favourite moments from our virtual Christmas party was life member Don Mackenzie's beautiful gift of *MacAmhlaigh Gu Brath*! The lyrics are captured below.

*This song now belongs to Clan MacAulay,
in memory of Catriona and in recognition of all the kindness shown
to both of us over the years, by the wonderful MacAulay family.*

~ Don Mackenzie, Lifetime Member

Words and Lyrics by Donald Mackenzie

MacAmhlaigh gu bràth

From the land of Ardincaple to Antrim's lovely shore
From the machair of South Uist, and the wild Atlantic's roar
From the prairie fields of Canada to Australia's blinding heat
There are many miles between us, but tonight, at last, we meet.

Chorus

*MacAmhlaigh gu bràth, dulce Periculum
There's sweetness in the danger of battles lost and won
MacAmhlaigh gu bràth, forever and always
May the loving arms of kinship embrace you all your days*

We come down through history, we walk the sands of time
Our ancient tales and mystery are handed down the line
Strong were we in battle, fearless in the fight
Now we light the flame of friendship and keep it burning bright

Chorus ... MacAmhlaigh gu bràth ...

So, out across the wide world to wherever you call home
We hold you close in our hearts, you'll never walk alone
For should the weight get heavy and you stumble on life's road
There's a brother and a sister, here to share the load.

Chorus ... MacAmhlaigh gu bràth ...

A Virtual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12, 2020 we celebrated the Christmas season with our fellow MacAulay members from 3 continents and at least 7 countries. It was great to see so many join us in what we anticipate will become an annual event!

Program

Luke Wilson [We Wish You a Merry Christmas"]

Rare Vintage, featuring Barry Macaulay [Blue Christmas, Winter Wonderland]

Bob Macaulay ["Yes, Virginia. There is a Santa Claus."]

Don Mackenzie sharing his gift to the Clan [MacAmhlaidh gu Brath!]

Hector MacAulay shares Scottish Christmas traditions

Barry Macaulay visits Leyde Cemetery with the backdrop of the pipes

Christiane MacAulay Readhead [reads a special poem written by her father]

Don Mackenzie and Marianne Kelly [Biodh an deoch]

Bill O'Reilly [Jest 'Fore Christmas]

The MacAulay Pipe Band [Our Home]

Aileen Killan [The Gift of the Magi]

Rare Vintage, featuring Barry Macaulay [Fairytale of New York, and Slade's Merry Xmas Everybody]

Bud MacAulay Lush ["The Night Before Christmas"]

Don Mackenzie and Marianne Kelly [Hé Gràdh, Hò Gràdh]

Joan McAulay ["How the Grinch Stole Christmas"]

The finale ... Betty Ribble

Submitted by
Doug
Dougherty, Clan
Standard
Bearer and
Social Media
Coordinator

BRIDGING THE DISTANCE WITH TECHNOLOGY

Clan MacAulay is an international organization with its membership spread around the world; and we hold Clan Gathering every two years. Of late, with the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic, people have been feeling isolated, as much of the time we are isolated.

Technology has been part of our past, having virtual Annual General Meetings in off-Gathering years via platforms like GoToMeetings. However, as many of us are meeting for work via tools like Microsoft Teams, Zoom or Google Meets (and some of us even resorted to Zoom Christmas with isolated members of our families), the executive thought we could employ similar tools to help bring our people together in this time of isolation.

We have had a few events already this year. We had a well attended and successful fireside chat with our Heritage Chair, Lucas McCaw, talking about DNA and Genealogy on November 21st.

Next, based on the suggestion of our Clan Marketing Coordinator, Bob Macauley, we began a new webseries on the Clan MacAulay Association YouTube channel called Clan MacAulay Cooks; we have eleven episodes so far:

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 1](#): Brown Sugar Shortbread Cookies

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 2](#): Chocolate Chip Cookies

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 3](#): Traditional Irish Soda Bread

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 4](#): Easy Almond Rocca

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 5](#): Nanaimo Bars

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 6](#): Darline McAulay's Ginger Snaps

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 7](#): Dark Chocolate Whisky Truffles

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 8](#): Irish Bread Pudding

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 9](#): Mulled Wine

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 10](#): Whisky Caramel Sauce

Clan MacAulay Cooks [Episode 11](#): Traditional Christmas Pudding

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BRIDGING THE DISTANCE WITH TECHNOLOGY

If you have a favourite recipe and would like to share it with the Clan, shoot a video of you making it and the recipe (although please do not have music playing in the background as YouTube flags those as copyright infringements) and [email me](#), or use WhatsApp or Dropbox to pass it along. I will put it in the format we have been using and post it to our YouTube channel. It's a lot of fun, and it helps bring people together.

The next event was the Clan Virtual Christmas Party which was held December 12th and was a resounding success. If you weren't there, a fun time was had by all; don't worry, it was recorded and can be seen [here](#). We had Clan members share Christmas stories, traditions and wishes. Again, this was recorded and placed on our YouTube channel.

Upcoming events include a virtual Robbie Burns afternoon/evening on Saturday, 23 January 2021 (see times below) and other fireside chats with members of the executive and members with intriguing talents!

We are also open to suggestions, if you have an idea for a fireside chat topic or a recipe to share on Clan MacAulay Cooks, please [email me](#) and we will get together to make it happen.

All virtual events (up to the spring time change) are held at:

- 12 pm PST
- 1 pm MST
- 2 pm CST
- 3 pm EST
- 4 pm AST (4:30 NL)
- 8 pm GMT
- 9 pm CET
- Australia (+1 day) 7 am Canberra ACT, 8 am Kingston, 6 am Adelaide, 4 am Perth
- New Zealand (+1 day) 9 am

Colin MacAulay

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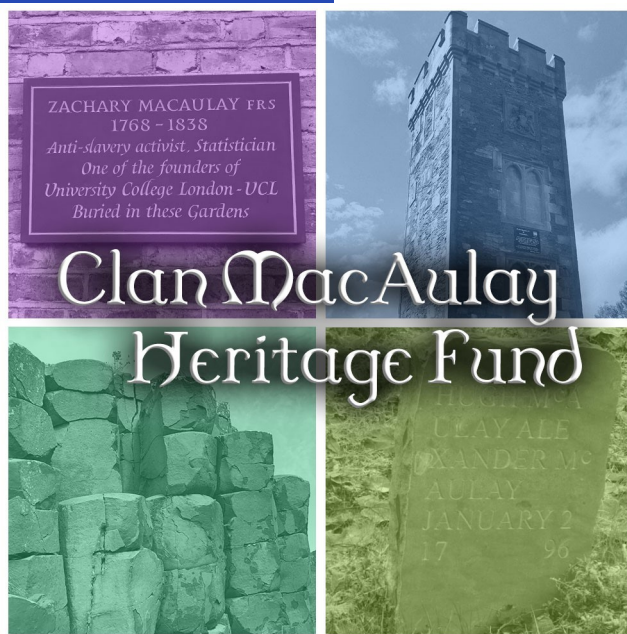
MEET ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Welcome to Colin, a resident of Scotland, who pursued Biblical studies at William Booth College, London and studied at National College Leicester - Diploma in Youth and Community Work. He has held a variety of youth and community work posts in England and Northern Ireland. Colin also served Associate National Secretary, YMCA Scotland, developing links with the International YMCA family.



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He was a Minister of religion at churches in Scotland for some 30 years prior to retirement. At present Colin is a senior chaplain to the Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. The Order raises funds for people who suffer from leprosy as well as for those who are in financial difficulty.



Following our successful foray into heritage conservation with our contribution to the Pictish Stone conservation, Clan MacAulay has set up a Clan Heritage Fund solely for the purpose of making donations to support projects that touch upon the heritage and history of Clan MacAulay in its current form, consisting as it does of branches from the Scottish mainland, the Western Isles and Ireland.

As we are not a 'grant making body' we are not providing an application process to receive funds from the Clan. Allocation of funds will be made via the committee who will discuss the merit of the project. The discussion may cover the following points as part of the evaluation criteria:

- Does the project directly contain historic reference to or impact the name MacAulay, or a derivative?
- Does it involve an object, site, or building that is listed on or appears to be eligible for listing on a historic register?
- Will the project enhance public understanding of significant

MacAulay historical events, or provide new insight or new perspectives on well documented events?

- Does the project involve an underrepresented or poorly understood / documented historical theme or context?
- Does the project indicate a willingness to acknowledge the contribution and support of Clan MacAulay in its publicity, press releases and social media where appropriate?

Successful projects will be notified by The Chief.

Clan supporters are encouraged to accompany their donation with a covering [email](#) to Clan Treasurer Sean and this will be appropriately acknowledged.

Submitted
by member
Paul
MacAuley

HARK! FROM THE TOMBS!

A special thank you to Paul for submitting this absolutely delightful tale!

Paul is descended from John McAulay, his great-great-great-grandfather, born 1765 and his wife Mary, both of Kilchoman, Isle of Islay, Scotland. His line follows an interesting path through John and Mary's son Duncan (b.1791, Kilchman), his son Angus (b.1825, Edinburgh), his son Bruce (b.1881, Chester, Pennsylvania) and his son, Paul's father, Thomas (b.1916, Edgemere, Maryland).

His great-grandfather Angus was often in the local newspaper, *The Chester (Pennsylvania) Times* as he was active in many local organizations. Following is a three-part story from *The Chester Times* that I hope you will find as intriguing as I did!

22 July 1882

Hark! From the Tombs!

In the neighborhood of Seventh street bridge last evening a TIMES reporter found a crowd of people, evidently in a state of great excitement. An examination into the case proved the existence of a veritable ghost. It is not strange that a town like Chester, so rich in wealth of historical interest, should have a ghost, so the reporter investigated. Near a copse just beyond the bridge could be heard the most unearthly sounds and an occasional scream, as of some one in intense agony, then a faint, falling mona, and silence flows. The reporter, with two other gentlemen, went forward to examine, and after a careful search, found absolutely nothing, yet on their return to the anxious crowd, the unearthly screams began again with even more force. Be the cause what it may, Chester has now a first-class mystery to solve. Where is the city ghost sharp?

24 July 1882

Voices from the Tombs

Yesterday afternoon and evening a large number of the curious of both sexes visited the neighborhood of the Seventh street bridge to look at the location of the unearthly proceedings of the night previous.

A TIMES reporter yesterday entered into a compact with Mr. Job Wheaton, the constable, to "lay" the ghost if possible, or at least to arrive at some probable cause for the extraordinary phenomena. The reporter and the constable armed themselves to the teeth and sallied forth in battle array at 10:30 last evening. Arriving at the bridge, the quiet look of all things human caused the constable to halt, and feeling overcome by the solemnity of the hour and the occasion, he suggested to the reporter that he examine his ammunition, which was found in a satisfactory condition; they both crossed the bridge. Here the distant sounds which have given rise to the mystery were heard afar off, and both men instinctively drew their pistols and prepared for the worst. Mr. Wheaton drew an audible supplication for courage, and both men advanced in line of battle "guide center". The

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reporter directed his flank down through the copse and underbrush, while the constable pointed for the timber with a whispered "God speed you" and off thy went. The following is the score:

After three stealthy steps the constable fell over a tree stump and stuck his head in the mud. When he arose he failed to smile, and the wicked reporter laughed, for which he was reproved. The sounds now becoming plainer and apparently drawing near, the reporter cocked his pistol and turning to see or hear if the constable was alright, the trigger caught in the underbrush and discharged the pistol, kicking the reporter in the stomach and laying him out, while the constable, thinking a thirteen-inch Mortar had struck him, made for the bank in a 2.10 gait, where the reporter found him in an attitude of supplication, and busy cleaning the mud off his head with a piece of bark.

Constable—"What in the dickens was it?"

Rep.—"Give it up."

Con.—"Let's lay down and die."

Rep.—"Go it."

Con.—"No; let's go home."

Rep.—"It's a whack."

And so they returned without coming to an definitive conclusion. When the placid and dove-like Job shall have made himself clear of the Seventh-street real estate he holds, both men will try it again. In the meantime Mr. Wheaton will hope for success.

25 July 1882

The Ghost Unveiled.

The ghost, whose presence we published in our columns a few days ago, has at last been dissolved "into air, into thin air". The heartrending sounds and awe-inspiring yells which paralyzed and shocked the auditory nerves of the citizens and made them believe that the day of judgement was near, have at last been explained. Mr. McAuley, residing on Norris street, was practicing on an unusually elegant bagpipe. The bagpipe is an instrument torturing and obnoxious to the eardrums of any man who is not born in Scotland, and in consideration of the excellent qualities of the Scotch nation it is a standing wonder that such an antiquated nuisance still has its adherents. However, this was not a ghost—it was a bagpipe.

I hope you enjoyed this tale of the pipes. As Paul said "Maybe Angus wasn't an accomplished player of the bagpipes, because they can be beautiful. But like the jokes goes 'A gentleman is someone who can play the bagpipes—but *chooses* not to.'" And the bagpipes are apparently still in the possession of a somewhat distance cousin of Paul's on the East Coast of the US. Perhaps one day we'll hear their distinct melody!

Submitted by
Ruth Cooper,
Commissioner
for New
Zealand



HORORATA HIGHLAND GAMES NZ 2020

What a thrill to be 14 clans accompanied by 5 pipe bands at the 10th Hororata Highland Games on a Saturday in Canterbury NZ. We are so lucky to be able to do this and the crowds poured in to enjoy it all. Something for everyone from highland dancing and piping and drumming to Tug O' War for young and old, heavy arena, Pie eating competition, Scottish farmyard with rare breeds, archery, spinning, medieval combat demo. and a magnificent Vintage car Parade and more.

The Chieftain was Mr John de Vries who is a graphic designer and has been behind the development of the Hororata games since 2011 after the earthquake.

The greatest thrill for me was to get 2 new McAulays interested in the International Clan. One had the Mackenzie Coffee Company caravan near the 14 Clans and he had just found his real father was a Macaulay. The other, with a lovely red beard, had a wonderful story to tell about his ancestor Sarah Dougherty nee McAuley. He said there was a story written about her by Hugo Manson in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography first published in 1990.

Sarah McAuley the daughter of William McAuley a farmer and his wife Elizabeth Atkin was born in Londonderry Ireland in 1817. She sailed to Canada with her family at age 7 and grew up near St John. She upset her Presbyterian parents by marrying in 1837 Captain Daniel Dougherty, a catholic from New Orleans and sailed with him to the South Pacific aboard a whaling ship in 1838 to Sydney. He Commenced a whaling voyage leaving her pregnant and a friend took her to The Bay of Islands NZ. After the birth of her daughter she found her own way back to Canada to be joined by her husband 1839. In 1840 she sailed with him to London , England and in 1842 they sailed to Wellington NZ where he established a whaling station at Cutters Bay. It was a lonely life and she had to tend to injuries suffered by the men and provide hospitality. By 1849 they moved to Wellington where Daniel was appointed pilot. Sarah had 7 children and after Daniel died in 1857 she established a boarding house until she died in 1898. A daughter, Ellen, was one of the first state registered nurses in the world.

Sarah had great physical and mental strength, self- taught. enduring hardship, risk and isolation. She made all her clothes was known for her gardens wherever she lived.

The greatest part of the Highland Games is chatting to people and helping them find their Clan.

McLean Weaving Company about which I have written previously with their Hattersley looms for handwoven textiles were also part of the Clans this year.



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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 2022 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 2022.

The contest runs until January 1, 2022.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... STORNOWAY 2022

As our next MacAulay International Gathering has been postponed to 2022, start planning now to visit Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis in 11 to 13 August 2022. 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.

The Chief's CORNER



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One of the most rewarding aspects of being your Chief is the interaction with members and your executive team and to see how our membership has expanded in 2020!

Although 2021 is upon us, the reality is that for some time we won't be able to meet as we wish. Although Bill O'Reilly, our Organiser and currently my chief optimist, did point out that as at January 1 we will once again be able to say that the Gathering is next year!!

But until we can meet in Stornoway in August 2022 and enjoy much merriment and embracing each other with abandon, it is our goal to remain connected with each of you. As Doug mentioned in his article *Bridging the Distance with Technology*, we are committed to remaining accessible to you, our members.

And although I've enjoyed the filming of *Clan MacAulay Cooks*, I have to admit that I'm looking forward to *you* sharing *your* favourite recipes. But until then, in the new year, I'll get back to what is more of my wheelhouse, which is cooking, not baking! I'm planning to share some of my favourite quick and easy appetizer and meal recipes.

Hard to believe that it was barely 11 months ago that Doug and I joined Bud & Tena and John & Beth at an amazing Robbie Burns' night in Ajax, Ontario. So, I'm very excited about our upcoming virtual Robbie Burns' morning/afternoon/evening event (depending on your time zone!) with our very own Bud MacAulay Lush, Honourary Chieftain and High Commissioner of the Canadas, leading us in the Ode to the Haggis. I'll be reaching out to you, our members, to complete the remainder of the program, but be assured it will be a lively and entertaining event.

2021 will also give you the opportunity to attend (virtually) various Fireside Chats we have planned. Whether it's Bill discussing the 2022 Gathering, Sean discussing the Clan Heritage Fund or just an informal chat with me answering your questions, we hope you will join us and stay connected with the Clan.

Although we may be separated by distance, the one bright spot of COVID-19 has been the inspiring ideas of people like Committee Member Bob, now our Marketing Coordinator, who suggested we start connecting virtually. As we are literally scattered around the world, staying connected in new ways will become, without doubt, our new normal.

May 2021 be filled with much joy and love!

Slàinte Mhath!

Joan McAulay
Chief

An update ...

One of the 'Five of Scotland's most fascinating archaeological finds of 2019' was a 1,200-year-old intricately carved Pictish 'cross-slab' Stone which was excavated from a churchyard in Dingwall in the Scottish Highlands. What makes this rare discovery of particular interest is the fact that since 1796 this Dark Age Pictish stone has marked the last resting place of Hugh and Alexander MacAulay. The Pictish Arts Society asked if Clan MacAulay would be willing to contribute to the conservation fund. We donated £1000, which led to the Clan Heritage Fund. As you can see, the Pictish Stone has been restored.

The Conon Pictish stone as viewed through the window of Dingwall Museum on Christmas night.



Meet Makali the Lion



With a name like Makali (close enough!) we thought you would enjoy meeting her. Makali, which means “daring”, lives at the Toronto Zoo. Daring seems appropriate for a Clan with the motto *Danger is Sweet*.

In September 2020 this beautiful lady gave birth to a litter of four cubs.

A special thank you to Kelly McAuley-Bolton for introducing us to Makali after her visit to the Toronto Zoo this year.

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.

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