



# The Argent Castle

The Newsletter of the Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society of North America, Inc.

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

Robin Neill Lochnell Malcolm, Clan Chief

## Summer 2017

### The Chief's Visit to Atlanta is Fast Approaching!

The **Stone Mountain Highland Games** at Stone Mountain Park in Atlanta will be held on October 20-22 this year. **Guest of Honor** will be Chief Robin Neill Lochnell Malcolm, 19th Laird of Poltalloch. Unfortunately, Robin's wife Trish will be unable to attend. Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society will be the **Honored Clan** for these Games. We will have two tents at Stone Mountain, one in the Clans and Societies area with the other Clan Societies and the other will be the Guest of Honor tent next to the Parade Field and the Reviewing Stand. **Chief Robin** will officially open the Stone Mountain Games as Guest of Honor at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, and will make a brief address to the audience. He will be piped to the Reviewing Stand at that time by Donald McCallum, son of our Society Founder Andrew Burton McCallum.

Plans are in the works for a great weekend as folks gather from around the country from as far away as Australia.

Our own Wayne Malcolm, Director of Clan Activities, is in the thick of things. There will be lots to see, do and sample at the venue site including wonderful pipe bands, dancing, music, food, vendors of all things Scottish, and exhibits featuring Scottish Fiddling, Scottish Harp playing, weaving and spinning, Sheepdog herding, Falconry, children's activities, and the "Highland Heavies" demonstrating their skills in athletic competitions. There will be lots to enjoy!

Here are a few details and reminders for those planning to attend the festivities:

1. All information regarding parking, ticket and accommodations can be found at (<http://www.smhg.org>) or 770-521-0228.
2. We will be holding our Clan Society **Annual General Meeting** at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21 at Clan Meeting Tent #3. Please be sure to take a minute and read over the agenda on Page 3 before the meeting. All members of our Clan Society in attendance at the Games are invited to this meeting.





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## Stone Mountain Games Details Continued

- We will be celebrating a **Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Banquet** on Saturday night October 21 at the charming southern Stone Mountain Inn (within walking distance of the Games) in honor of our Chief's visit. Social Hour for this Banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar. We have already had about 60 members sign up for this Banquet. If you would like to attend and have not yet signed up, please be sure to let Fred McCallum ([fred.mccallum.jr@gmail.com](mailto:fred.mccallum.jr@gmail.com)), Neil McCallum ([clanmaccallummalcolm@gmail.com](mailto:clanmaccallummalcolm@gmail.com)), or Don Malcolm ([donmalcolm@msn.com](mailto:donmalcolm@msn.com)) know **right away as the deadline is September 25**). The cost for this Banquet will be \$50 (including service and taxes) for each adult and half price for children up to 12 years of age.
- On Sunday, October 22 the **Parade of Tartans** will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Parade Field. Please wear a kilt or Scottish attire if you plan to march in the parade. Chief Robin will join our Society members for this parade and will make a brief address from the Reviewing Stand. At approximately 4:10 p.m. Chief Robin will officially close the Games.

Fred McCallum, Jr.  
President

## Do You Remember...

**Question:** What does the Celtic word *An Caorthaan* refer to?

**Answer:** The Rowan Tree or European Mountain Ash. It is also the Clan plant badge. It was supposed to have magical powers. According to tradition the tree would normally be planted at the door of the house for protection from evil spirits and give the occupants privacy, peace and refuge. Necklaces of rowan berries, with red thread were worn, for protection, by Highland women. Highland men, of the Clan, would wear a sprig on their bonnet or attached to their staff for protection as well as to be identified as part of the Clan.



**Question:** What terrier breed is attributed to Colonel Malcolm of Poltalloch in the late 1800's?

**Answer:** The West Highland White Terrier  
The story is that he was hunting with his pack of Cairn terriers when he thought he saw a rabbit running through the underbrush and shot it, only to find that he had shot his favorite Cairn. From that day forward, he determined only to breed white dogs because they were easy to see. Today these dogs are one of the most popular terrier breeds in the United States.



**Question:** What is the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and where is it located?

**Answer:** Duntrune Castle was originally built 1265 and is located high on a craggy knoll overlooking the Sound of Jura, on Loch Crinon, in the parish of Kilmartin.

**Question:** What is the most asked story regarding Duntrune?

**Answer:** The Ghost Piper  
Pipers were very important to all clans and had elite status. A MacDonald piper was sent to investigate to see if Duntrune was worth taking from the Campbells. He saw the MacDonald's coming and piped to warn them not to come. When the Campbells found out, they chopped his hands off as punishment. He bled to death and his body was later found under the floor during renovation of the castle. They removed his bones and buried him in an unmarked grave in the Kilmartin graveyard. Chief Robin states that during a three year renovation of the castle that the ghost made his displeasure known when things mysteriously fell off the walls and things were moved around. Robin said that the ghost piper has never really bothered him, but there were occasions when the dogs started barking at the window embrasure which used to be the entrance when the castle was fortified.



# Agenda for AGM

## AGENDA

2017 Annual General Meeting

Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society of North America, Inc.

Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 3 p.m.

Stone Mountain Highland Games, Georgia

1. Reading of the 2016 AGM Minutes
2. Reports and statements from Committees: Advisory, Scholarship, DNA Project, Website, Family History, Treasurer
3. Unfinished Business
4. Election of Officers (none expected this year)
5. New Business:
  - a) Modification of the Bylaws Article 3 Membership as follows:

### Article 3

#### Membership

Membership shall be open to all persons/**organizations** who have a genuine interest in clan MacCallum/Malcolm and who will seek to uphold Scottish tradition and heritage. Qualified individuals/**organizations** shall obtain membership upon payment of membership dues. Individuals, spouses and children under 18 living at the same residence shall **be covered under a single membership**. qualify for family memberships.

- b) Modification of the Policy and Procedures on Membership as follows:

~~Membership shall be open to all that bear the surname MacCallum or Malcolm or adherents and their descendants, regardless of spelling and persons having such surname on the female side and the descendants of such persons. Any family and their descendants who by traditional heritage owes allegiance to Clan MacCallum/Malcolm are also eligible for membership. Regular memberships are individuals, spouse and children under 18 living at the same residence.~~

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**Do You  
Facebook?**



Did you know that the Clan Society Facebook page can now be accessed by clicking the "f" link from the Navigation Banner (blue) that appears at the top of every page on the Clan Society website? Get connected!

## Shopping Opportunities



Don't forget to use the Amazon Smile link when you order anything from Amazon. By doing this you will be supporting your Society with every purchase...and there is no additional cost to you.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-3607078>



We have partnered with Land's End to provide our members with quality apparel with our Clan Crest on it. You can reach our Clan Store at 1-800-587-1541, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT or through their website at:

<http://business.landsend.com/store/ClanMacCallumMalcolm>



## Clan Events

### Arizona Highland Celtic Festival in Flagstaff ~ July 14-15

The 20th annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival in Flagstaff, Arizona, saw the event's largest number of clans ever, and Clan MacCallum-Malcolm was one of those thirty-four. This year, we also enjoyed the best weather we can remember: no high winds and no rain on either festival day! (It's Flagstaff, so it *did* rain, just not during the Festival.)

We sent out post cards to Flagstaff residents "of the name", and one of them, Jay McCallum, came along and joined the Society! Thanks, Jay! We had several other visitors to the tent, including one young woman who went away with a membership application to check with her mother whether they were already members. (We also had a lot of grasshoppers, but couldn't get any of them to sign our guest register.) Ashleen was interviewed for the local paper, the *Arizona Daily Sun*, and was quoted - misspelled, but quoted - in the article in Sunday's paper. This year, the Festival had "a contest for the area with the best presentation, information, and friendliness" - and Ashleen, there on her own, won!



(l-r) James, Keira & Jay McCallum

The next Games at which we hold the MacCallum-Malcolm tent is in Tucson's Rillito (pronounced rih-yeeto) Park, during the first full weekend in November (4th and 5th). If you're out our way for the winter, come on by!

Slàinte,  
Ashleen O'Gaea  
Convener

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### Minnesota Scottish Fair & Festival ~ July 16

There was an early sultriness in the air as we unloaded our Scottish trappings and commenced to set up our booths for the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Festival. We are a bit of an anomaly in this part of the northern woods, as this is predominantly Deutsch and Scandinavian country with names like Schultz and Swenson. So every year we have Scando's and Kraut's who come to our booth, and "wannabe" MacShultzs and MacSwensons – in search for some connections to non-existent Scottish relatives. "You just can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."



(l-r) Kathryn McCullum & Madilyne King

Anyway..., we were blessed to have Neil and Shirley McCallum join us again this year – Shirley's scones would win a blue ribbon at any State Fair. We were not an honored Clan, but Neil was given a very nice honorable mention as our Clan passed by the dignitary's pavilion. I might add here, that Neil's energy at the Clan tent, in 95 degree weather, is most admirable – it's nice to have a youngster with me. Our daughter, son-in-law and twin girl grandbabies were there, so again this year we were able to share the goings-on of the past year.

This year we signed up Kathryn McCullum and her daughter Madilyne King as new members. They seemed excited to join our Clan Society, and we were glad to welcome them into the MacCallum-Malcolm Clan Society. A good time was had by all regardless of the high humidity and mid 90's weather. Kind of funny how a small breeze can wisp up a Scotsman's wool skirt, and it makes him feel good to be a Scot.

Jon McCollum  
Aye, ZACHRY MOR!!!

# Clan Events Continued

## Grandfather Mountain Highland Games ~ July 6-9



Patsy McCallum & J.R. "Dick" McCallum

The 62nd annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games began, as always, with the Torchlight Ceremony on Thursday night July 6 after dark. Each clan society sends one person to represent the society, carry a torch out onto the field, and say a few brief words to the crowd about who we are. Fred McCallum represented our Society in this ceremony, ending his remarks with "The MacCallums and Malcolms are here!!"



Allison & Marie Witte

This year the Scottish weather gods smiled on the Games, providing us with warm weather and sunshine almost the whole time (except for a brief light shower late Saturday afternoon that did not cause any problems). Temperatures were warm for the High Country, reaching the low 80's each day. Crowds over the weekend were big, fueled by the beautiful weather and the convergence of the July 4th holiday and the GMHG in the same week!



Banner: Ava McCollum, Allison Witte, Maddox McCollum  
2nd row: Patsy McCallum, Fred McCallum, Marie Witte  
3rd row: Brown McCallum, Marybeth McCallum

Members attending were Brown and Righton McCallum, James and Andrea McCallum, J. R. "Dick" McCallum and his son James, Garnett McCallum, Donald and Marybeth McCallum, Lela McCallum-Lewis, Douglas Watkins, Marlin McCollum with his daughter Ava and son Maddox, and Marie Witte (our Greenville, South Carolina Convener) with her daughter Allison. A total of 20 families signed the register.

The Kirkin' of the Tartans was held on Sunday morning at the end of the Worship Service with one representative from each Clan Society acting as the Banner Carrier for that society's tartan in the ceremony that comes at the end of the service. Kirking, from the Scots word *kirk*, which means church, means "blessing". Fred McCallum, President, represented our society for the Kirkin'.

The Parade of Tartans was held after the Kirkin' ceremony, and we had a large contingent of Clan Society members march with us in the parade! Everyone had a good time; it was a great weekend!

Fred and Patsy McCallum, Conveners

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## Greenville Scottish Games ~ May 27



(1-r) Kenneth MacCallum, Brown & Garnett McCallum

The Greenville, South Carolina games were once again held on the campus of Furman University on Memorial Day Weekend. The games embraced the traditional Scottish events and also had a tribute to the American and British military. Paratroopers arrived on the field in colorful parachutes, and flags from the field were presented to the Military contingent from Scotland. There were many vendors with Scottish wares and traditional Scottish food. The MacCallum tent was manned by Garnett McCallum, Brown and Righton McCallum, and Kenneth and Janet MacCallum. Kenneth represented us with his piping on the field during the massed pipe bands. We had a good group of MacCallum-Malcolm Clan Society members sign in at the tent. It was a successful day with beautiful weather.



Garnett McCallum, Convener



## Clan Events Continued



### Welcome New Clan Member from California

Although our newest convener from California, Caitlin Carlin, was unable to make the Costa Mesa Games as planned due to complications with her pregnancy, she was able to deliver a new clan member - **Malcolm James Carlin** who arrived early on June 1st! Mom, Dad Mark and baby are doing well. Malcolm is also the great-grandson of Neil McCallum who was featured in the Spring 2017 *Argent Castle* celebrating his 90th birthday.

Congratulations to all. He is a beautiful baby boy. Welcome to the MacCallum-Malcolm Clan Society of North America little one.

Shirley Carrier, Editor

### Georgia Happenings ~ A Wedding, Savannah & Blairsville Highland Games

Well it has been an eventful spring for the MacCallum-Malcolm Clan Society in Georgia! It all started off on April 15, a beautiful spring day, when Wanda Guy officially became Wanda Curran and was brought into the Clan Society when she and I married! The



event was held at a small castle near Hinesville Georgia with lots of family and friends in attendance including Wayne Malcolm and Tammy Busbin from the Stone Mountain Games and Neill and Fae McDonald from the Savannah Games. (1-r) Neill McDonald, Wayne Malcolm, Colin Curran, Wanda Curran, David Curran, furbaby DJ Curran (wearing his own Prince Charlie with MacCallum modern kilt), Howard Curran, Brian Blackstock & Colin Curran

With Celtic music and good friends around Howard performed the Blood Vows bringing Wanda into the Clan. However, no blood was shed in this ceremony!

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The next big event was the 41st Savannah Scottish Highland Games on May 6. This year it was moved back to the historic Bethesda Academy as the damage from Hurricane Matthew was still evident on Bynuh's Field. Although the Games location was smaller, there was no lack of clans and vendors as well as the athletic and dance competitions. Our Clan Society was lucky to have the area directly as you entered the games area and was visited often. Wayne Malcolm stopped by again and we had one

special group of lads that comes to visit every year and we were again graced with our family counter parts. This needs to be explained. In our family, William Curran married Mary MacCallum. In these visitors it was the opposite! He was the MacCallum and she the Curran!



(1-r) Jake Benjamin & Able New

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After recovering from this hectic two week period, the clan made an appearance at the Blairsville Highland Games at Meeks Park in Blairsville, Georgia from June 10-12.



This was the first time for our clan to be here and we were treated royally. Our clan neighbors ensured we felt at home. There is now a plan for a friendly

competition at next year's games to have the Campbell and Douglas clan fight over a replica of Castle Duntrune which will be placed on the wee island in the slowly moving stream that runs behind all of the clans. Oh the stream! That made the area even more enjoyable!



Now it's time to head to the Stone Mountain Games October 20 - 22, 2017!

Slàinte!  
David Curran, Convener

## Clan Events September - December 2017



Date	Event	Location	Convener	E-mail
September 15-16	Quad Cities Celtic Festival and Highland Games	Davenport, IA	Walter McCallum	walterisin@hotmail.com
September 15-17	New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival	Lincoln, NH	Rick Mattice	rpmattice@hotmail.com
October 8	Scotland Connecticut Highland Games	Scotland, CT	Rick Mattice	rpmattice@hotmail.com
October 20-22	<b>Stone Mountain Highland Games &amp; AGM</b>	<b>Stone Mountain, GA</b>	<b>Don Malcolm</b>	<b>donmalcolm@msn.com</b>
November 3-5	Tucson Celtic Festival & Highland Games	Tucson, AZ	Ashleen O'Gaea	AZMacMal@comcast.net
December 2	Christmas Scottish Walk	Alexandria, VA	Ern Malcolm	emalcolmjr@msn.com

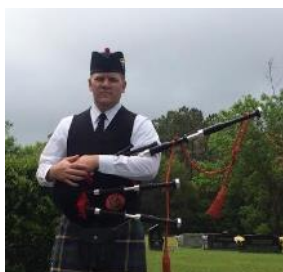
### Thank You Note from 2017 Piping Scholarship Winners



Dear Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society & Clan Gunn,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend NAAPD in North Carolina. I enjoyed my classes and learned a lot of new music. It was fun to work with the top instructors. I made new friends who also share my love of piping. It was a great experience and again I thank you for the financial support from all of you in the MacCallum-Malcolm Clan Society and my Clan Gunn. Looking forward to seeing you all in Orlando!

Laci Setzer



Dear Members of the Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society of North America,

For a fourth year in a row I have been blessed by our clan's generosity with a scholarship to the NAAPD. I had not initially intended on attending this year but after seeing videos posted on the academy's website I just knew I had to go this year. I think we all understand that it can be easy to lose some motivation in things we love when you have other responsibilities and life getting in the way of practicing. I had hoped that the academy would help to reinvigorate my spirit and put that motivation back in my life. I can tell you that the academy and the outstanding instructors there did just that for me. From the moment I got there I began to get my spirit back and even managed to impress the instructors with my skills! The instructors helped me to recognize my mistakes, ways to fix them and gave me ways to sharpen my movements. We worked on techniques and embellishments in some classes and new tunes in others. We went over some awesome new tunes like Caber Feidh and Cameron MacFadyen (which I recommend you check out). I plan on continuing to learn those new tunes and work them into my repertoire.

This year's weather was really nice. It was in the 60's at night and the 80's during the day with no significant rain. Coming from Florida this was a much needed break! The food was awesome and the service received from the employees at the conference center was perfect as always. The classes were smaller this year due to the fact that it was the last week of the academy. I believe this worked in my favor as the instructors had more one-on-one time and everything as a whole was much calmer and quieter with fewer students.

As always, the Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society of North America has provided an invaluable service to society by helping students grow their bagpipe skills and further expand their knowledge and understanding of Scottish history. Again, thank you for the opportunity to attend the NAAPD and know that the knowledge provided there will be used daily as I strive to be a better piper!

Sincerely,  
Christopher M. Jones



Don't forget that **Gift Memberships** or **Renewals** make perfect birthday presents for that special relative on your list. Questions? Contact Neil McCallum.

**Membership Renewal, New Member, Gift Membership Application & Scholarship Donation**

Membership is open to anyone who has a genuine interest in the MacCallum-Malcolm Clan Society and who seeks to uphold Scottish tradition and heritage. Tax deductible annual dues are \$25 (U.S.). **Please check your expiration date on the mailing label or if you receive your *Argent Castle* via email, please check the email subject line for your expiration status. Take care of it today!**

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