

Jon McCollum

President 2001-2003, Convener, Order of The Rowan Tree Recipient

Jon became active in Clan activities in the mid 90's – in the way of visiting various games, and initiating a Clan booth at the Minnesota Scottish Festival & Games. At that time he became active in the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans representing our Clan, and co-chairing the planning of the collective clan's ceilidhs with the Douglas Clan.

In 2001 he was elected President of the Clan MacCallum/Malcolm Society of North America. At that time, he informed our clan's members that he had two major charters that he wanted to address: Creating a Clan structure throughout the U.S., and doing everything possible to promote our youth to be active in the Clan. The first charter went well, and for the most part he achieved much of his goal



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- calling people – visiting people and many games to recruit regional conveners. The second charter was a little more hit and miss, but he did heighten the awareness of our regional conveners to remain vigilant in promoting young people to become active in the Clan.

In 2003 Jon promoted the idea of having our first AGM away from the east coast, and to hold it in Estes Park, Colorado. It became a wonderful AGM, as we had close to thirty people who attended – many who we had never met before, and some who became active Clan members. Oscar & Lois Ann McCollum were honored at the open air ceilidh – riding around the arena in an ornate horse drawn carriage.

During his tenure he was able to recruit our first Scottish Liaison Advisors; Dennis McCallum, and Donald Ian MacCallum. They have continued to serve us well. Also..., around the same time, he contacted the President of the Australia/New Zealand Clan MacCallum/Malcolm Society, Darvill Malcolm, who subsequently came and talked at one of our AGM's at Grandfather Mountain.

Before his tenure was up, he established The Order of Merit (now named the Order of the Rowan Tree). This Order was established based on both Clan and civic involvement by MacCallum/Malcolm Clan members. Jon has remained active as one of the Clan Advisors, and at one time a Clan President Search Committee Chair – making contacts to potential Presidential Clan members for involvement as an officer.