

The Tartan



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL CLAN MACDOUGALL MEMBERS

*Nollaig Cridheal
agus
Blidna Mhath Ur!
frae Scotland*

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!
from America*

*Joeux Noel Bonne Anne'e from Canada
also
from England, New Zealand,
Netherlands and South Australia*



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM OUR CHIEF

As from Dunollie Castle, OBAN, Argyll, Scotland
10.10.95

We send joyful Christmas Greetings to clan members and am especially happy that our son Robin has been able to enjoy the hospitality of clan members in both the States and Canada in July of this year.

The Highland Games at Antigonish and Grandfather Mountain were tremendous experiences for him. Thank you from Robin and all at Dunollie.

Yours Sincerely,

Morag MacDougall
of MacDougall

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I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Officers, Directors and myself personally to wish all the members of the Society and their families a super Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy and



Prosperous 1996. It is my belief that as a Clan Organization we have had a very good 1995 with a substantial increase in membership and the creation of several new programs. We also filled a vacant regional commissioner position and several new state representative positions have been filled. From an administrative standpoint, several housekeeping chores such as the establishing term limits for the Society and Foundation directors, and the creation of a Canadian bank account to facilitate the handing of Society funds. Since communication with the membership is extremely important to maintaining the good health of the Society we are going to strive to publish the Tartan on a quarterly basis. I am certain that our new Editor would gladly accept articles of interest to the Society.

As Nancy and I traveled this year going to various Scottish games, I can sincerely say that we met some of the greatest people ever among the Society membership and that we truly look forward to being with them again.

Again, I wish everyone a Great Holiday Season!

Jack Kane
President

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

John A. McDougall
Past President

SOUTHEAST

A very good Holiday Season to all of the members of Clan MacDougall from the Southeast Region. It has been a lovely year and a big thank you to all who have worked so hard for their fellow clan members. May Santa bring you your wishes and may God grant you His blessings throughout the New Year.

James McDougall
Regional Commissioner

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM DUNOLLIE

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you from all of us. How we enjoyed meeting some of you at Dunollie when you came to Scotland this year. We have much enjoyed reading all of the activities of the society in the USA and Canada.

Stephen and Jean
MacDougall Hadfield
Hope MacDougall

NEW ENGLAND

I, as well as all the Clan Society Officers in New England, extend our warmest and most sincere holiday greetings to all of our clansmen and dear friends in new England and across the United States and Canada. You are special people. We want to remind you that we welcome your referral of any MacDougall "friends" who might like to become part of the Clan Society.

Dick MacDougall
Regional Commissioner

HEARTLAND

Merry Christmas from the Heartland Region.

Mary MacDougall Wolf
Regional Commissioner

MID-ATLANTIC

Seasons Greetings from the Mid-Atlantic Region to the members of Clan MacDougall Society.

Daniel F. MacDougall
Regional Commissioner

Could This Be The Year Of The Scots?

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There are indications the blockbuster movies Rob Roy, filmed at Glen Nevis and Ft. William and Braveheart, also filmed at Glen Nevis, have stirred up interest in everything scottish from bridies and scones to single malt whiskies. Scottish publications report increased inquiries about Scottish heroes and history. Kilt makers have been busy and luxury liners, usually scheduled for the Caribbean, are turning toward Scotland instead. A dozen cruise ships arrived in Aberdeen during June and July alone. Some Scottish Games and Festivals report record breaking attendance. The Texas Games at Arlington reported 25,000 visitors this year — five times the number for last year!

Then there are all these anniversaries, the 250th anniversary of the Raising of Prince Charlie's Standard at Glenfinnan was observed on August 19th this year. In April of 1996 will be the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden and its tragic aftermath, resulting in the immigration of many Scots

to other shores. Among other things, a special exhibit, "The Sword and the Sorrows" will be on display at the site of the battle as a part of the commemoration.

A yearlong festival in 1996 will mark the



bicentennial of Robert Burns' death in 1796. The biggest-ever Burns supper is planned for January 25th when events in New York; Sidney, Australia; Auckland, New Zealand; Canada, London, and Glasgow will be linked by satellite television. Later in the year, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa will be the soloist in an open-air concert set against the cliff-top setting of Culzean Castle in Ayrshire, the area where Burns was born and lived.

The Ben Nevis Distillery at Ft. William

has been caught up in the spirit of this eventful year and has come up with a special whisky to mark the anniversary of the Jacobite rising. Called the "Glenfinnan 250", it is a specially-blended Scotch available to only a lucky few as only 500 bottles are being issued.

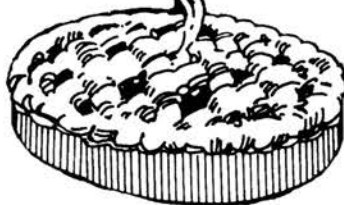
The 175 year old Ben Nevis Distillery has been used as an inside location for several films made recently.

More film-makers will undoubtedly be prowling the mountains and glens for new locations after the great success of the recent movies made in Scotland, Chasing the Deer, just released as a video, was filmed at Ft. George and Ruthven. It tells the story of a family caught up in the turmoil of the 1745 Jacobite rising and was named Best Film at the Manchester Film Festival. The Hollywood version of a scientist's search for Nessie is in the making at Loch Ness and Wester Ross; and Highlander Three, starring Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery will be released soon. 🍷

Sir Henry Grey's Christmas Pie!

Huge meat pies were made that are unbelievable as to size and content. The recipes of the chroniclers differ but all agree that it was 9 feet in circumference and weighed 165 pounds. It was served from a four-wheel cart built for the purpose and contained:

- 2 bushels of flour
- 20 pounds of butter
- 4 geese
- 2 rabbits
- 4 wild ducks
- 2 woodcocks
- 6 snipes
- 4 partridges
- 2 neat's tongue
- 2 curlews
- 6 pigeons
- 7 blackbirds

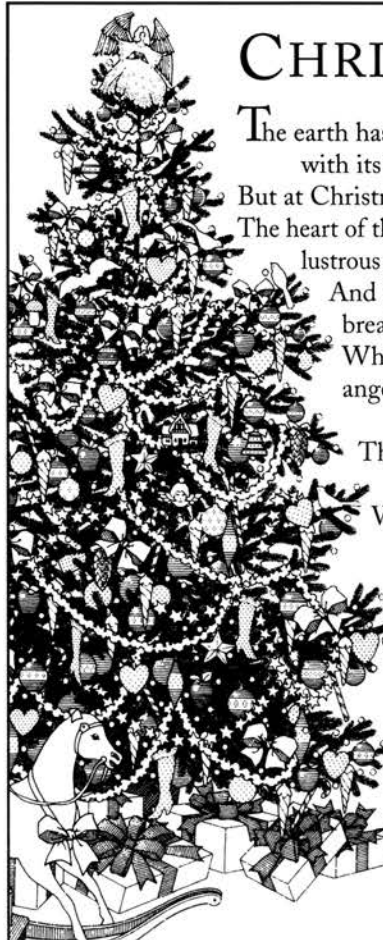


CHRISTMAS

The earth has grown old
with its burden of care
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns
lustrous and fair
And its soul full of music
breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the
angels is sung.

The feet of the humblest
may walk in the field
Where the feet of the
holiest have trod,
This, this is the marvel
to mortals revealed
When the silvery
trumpets of Christmas
have pealed,
That mankind are
children of God.

Phillips Brooks





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