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President's Message

Dear Friends,

I would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope that 2005 is brings good news, happiness and joy to your families.

I would also like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. It really meant a lot to my family and me.

This newsletter is late due to many reasons, but I would like to apologize and say that it was my fault.

I look forward to see all of your in 2005 and another successful year.

Yours Aye,

Ron



Ventura Games...

The Seaside games, held in Ventura California were great fun for everyone. The weather was nice, and our own Amanda Mullins participated in the all clans race where she came in fourth place for her age group. Nice job Amanda! There are always clan games to watch, a large variety of vendors, and beautiful jewelry to buy. There is a little something for everyone. Hopefully we will see you there next time.

Celtic New Year...

The Celtic New Year was a huge success. Thank you to every one who made this a memorable annual tradition. Our celebration took place on November 6th with a variety of activities for everyone. Reviving our old traditions and passing on a small taste of Celtic traditions gave the event a little something for everyone. Andy was a great master of ceremonies sharing the history of the activities and events taking place. Our very own president Ronald Mullins was the judge for the witch trial. Jane our volunteer witch was found not guilty, but the paper one was not so lucky. Then we made our wishes into the fire. The musicians of the North County Scots Ceildh Band provided the music for the evening. Their music was wonderful, and set such great ambiance for the evenings activities.

The food was grand from the main course to the haggis, and finally down to the scrumptious carrot cake. John Davis piped in the haggis, and played beautifully as always and we would like to thank him and all the musicians for making the evening so memorable. Thanks again to all who attended and we hope to see you again next year.

The Costa Mesa Games have been moved...

Many of us sadly enough have complained about this game for quite some time. It was definitely not a clan friendly game, and we were never really made to feel welcome. So it has been moved to the Los Angeles County Fairplex. So please come we hope to see all of our clan members there in great force. We are very excited about the move, and hope this new venue will have something fun and exciting for everyone.



Up Coming Events...

Robbie Burns Dinner
Late Jan. 2005
Check for local event

Queen Mary Games
Feb. 19th & 20th 2005

Happy Birthday !!!

Birthdays

Happy days to you.

- Joan McMillan (Jan.)
- Eileen Pack (Jan.)
- Peter McMillan (Jan.)
- Jim Mullin (Jan.)
- Geoffrey Harris (Feb.)
- June Mullin (Feb)

- Patricia Bell (Mar.)
- Joel Pendarvis (Mar.)
- Heather McMillan (Mar.)
- Wendy McMillan (Mar.)
- Sean McMillin (Mar.)

Letter from the Editor...

To all my loyal readers, this will be my last newsletter as your editor and chief of the Tonsured Times. It has been my pleasure to bring a little bit of Scottish and clan history into your homes. I have enjoyed my experience immensely, and have appreciated the opportunity to be the editor of the clan newsletter. The new editor is Richard Steusloff who is also our wonderful web master. I would like to congratulate him on the appointment, and wish you all the best. See you at the games and God Bless.

Michelle



Ever wonder how to fly those flags or wear the badges. Here are the official guidelines published by the Court of Lord Lyon, which I have taken excerpts out of, so lets see if you know proper protocol.

NATIONAL FLAGS

1. THE UNION FLAG

Popularly called "The Union Jack", this is the correct flag for all citizens and corporate bodies of the United Kingdom to fly to demonstrate their loyalty and their nationality. It is often incorrectly flown upside down. The correct position is that the broader white diagonals should be uppermost in the hoist, ie next to the pole. Its correct proportions are 2:1 (see paragraph 5 below).

2. THE SALTIRE

The flag of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. Blue with a white or silver diagonal cross reaching to its edges, this is the correct flag for all Scots or Scottish corporate bodies to fly to demonstrate their loyalty and their Scottish nationality. Its proportions are not fixed, but 5:4 (see paragraph 5 below) is suitable. It is correct both to fly it with or instead of the Union Flag. If both are flown they must be on separate poles.

3. THE "RAMPANT LION"

This is NOT a national flag and its use by citizens and corporate bodies is entirely wrong. Gold, with a red rampant lion and royal tressure, it is the Scottish Royal banner, and its correct use is restricted to only a few Great Officers who officially represent The Sovereign, including the First Minister as Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland, Lord Lieutenants in their Lieutenancies, the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Lord Lyon King of Arms, and other lieutenants specially appointed. Its use by other, non-authorised persons is an offence under the Act of Parliament 1672 cap. 47 and 30 & 31 Vict. cap. 17.

SCOTTISH HERALDIC FLAGS

All heraldic flags in Scotland come under the legal jurisdiction of the Lord Lyon King of Arms. The Lord Lyon's regulations governing the display of heraldic flags in Scotland are summarised in this Leaflet. Doubts and questions of exact detail should be referred to the Court of the Lord Lyon, HM New Register House, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT, Telephone 0131-556 7255, Fax 0131-557 2148.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

4. SIZE

The size of a flag depends on the site where it is flown, from very small flags for table decorations to enormous flags for the top of a tower. The size should be suitable to make the design clearly visible. Sizes are only given in this Leaflet for special flags, where the sizes are fixed by regulation.

5. PROPORTIONS

The proportions of a flag, the relation of its width to its height, remain constant regardless of its size. Where relevant, these are given in this Leaflet in the form "2:1", ie a flag whose width is twice its height.

5. WEARING AND FORM OF CREST BADGES

(a) CHIEFS OF CLANS



Chiefs have the right to wear their Crests as badges :-

EITHER simpliciter, without the accompaniment of circlet, motto or feathers behind the badge.

OR as is more usual, surrounded with a plain circlet inscribed with his Motto or Slogan, NOT a strap-and-buckle which is for clansmen: and, if they choose, with THREE eagle's feathers in silver behind the circlet.

If the Chief is also a Peer of the Realm, he may correctly add his appropriate coronet of rank on top of the circlet, but this is a matter of his personal choice.

(b) CHIEFTAINS



i.e. Heads of large branches of a Clan and Officially Recognised as such by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. Chieftains may wear either their own personal Crest within a plain circlet inscribed with the Motto, as for a Chief, but with TWO small eagle's feathers instead of the Chief's three. If the Chieftain is also a Peer, he may add the appropriate coronet of rank on top of the circlet,

OR they may wear their Chief's Crest badge like any other clansman, as described for CLANSMEN in Section 5(d) below.

(c) ARMIGERS



i.e. Persons who have registered their own coat of Arms and Crest, or have inherited these according to the Laws of Arms in Scotland from ancestors who had recorded them in the Lyon Register.

An armiger may wear his own Crest as a badge :-

EITHER simpliciter, on its Wreath, Crest Coronet or Chapeau,

OR, as is more usual, within a plain circlet inscribed with his Motto.

An armiger is entitled to ONE silver eagle's feather behind the circlet, and if he is also a Peer he may add his appropriate coronet of rank on top of the circlet. An armiger may also choose to wear instead the Crest badge of his Chief if the armiger is a clansman, as for CLANSMEN in Section 5(d) below.

(d) CLANSMEN AND CLANSWOMEN



i.e. The Chief's relatives, including his own immediate family and even his eldest son, and ALL members of the extended family called the "Clan", whether bearing the Clan surname or that of one of its septs ; in sum, all those who profess allegiance to that Chief and wish to demonstrate their association with the Clan.

It is correct for these to wear their Chief's Crest encircled with a STRAP AND BUCKLE bearing their Chief's Motto or Slogan. The strap and buckle is the sign of the clansman, and he demonstrates his membership of his Chief's Clan by wearing his Chief's Crest within it.

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