



# The Tonsured Times

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## Queen Mary Scottish Festival

**February 16th, 17th & 18th, 2007**

### Pricing

#### Adults:

**One Day Pass - \$19.00**

• **Two Day Pass - \$25.00**

#### Senior/Military:

• **One Day Pass - \$17.00**

• **Two Day Pass - \$23.00**

#### Child (age 5-11):

• **One Day Pass - \$13.00**

• **Two Day Pass - \$17.00**

Admission includes Self-Guided Shipwalk Tour, "Ghosts & Legends" interactive special-effects show (subject to availability) and "Treasures from the Queen Mary Archive" exhibit.

Parking is an additional charge.

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Dancing, drumming, entertainers (Alex Beaton, Men of Worth, Lalla Rookh), dart tournament, whiskey tasting, Los Angeles Scots Pipe Band, and other exciting entertainment. Go to the website for all the details at:

<http://www.queenmary.com/index.php?page=scottishfestival>

**The Clan will be there!!**

### Special points of interest:

- Scottish Festival, Queen Mary, Long Beach, Ca.,
- How do you wish to receive the Clan MacMillan newsletter?

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## Letter from the Clan President

A note from Papa Smurf:

Greetings Clansmen and Clanswomen. I trust all have survived the holidays and are ready to take on the New Year with true Scottish stubborn determination and new found vigor. And vigor with stubborn determination will be in big demand to keep this branch vital and healthy.

There seems to be a growing trend that all volunteer organizations, service clubs, church groups, even social clubs are having...declining memberships. Its not just in California but nationwide, and we are not able to dodge the bullet either. Our membership renewal rate is down by 50% this year. We have picked up a few new members who found us on our website.

I know there are a lot of you who have meant to renew but haven't quite gotten around to it. We see this every year but for some reason it is worse this year. If you fit into the above category, won't you download the membership form from our site so we will have current information and send in your \$20? Of if you're like me, and are not a computer person, just make out a check to Clan MacMillan. Tell us who you are, your address and phone#, what your interests are and drop it in the mail (address is elsewhere in this newsletter).

Wow! I thought Papa Smurf was supposed to be a happy fun person so let's end this 'doom and gloom' for now.

On the happier side, the sale of shirts via our website has been pretty good and has kept the treasury in fairly good shape.

We purchased a new 12 x 12 tent for convener, David Eddy, to use in the central and northern part of the state and two 12 x 12 tents to replace the very hard to put up one we have used the last several years.

I, for one, can hardly wait for 2008 when the International Gathering of Clan MacMillan will be held in Pasadena. The chance to visit with Chief George MacMillan, and see friends met in Scotland, and to meet MacMillans from all over the world is exciting.

I'm still motivated to form some kind of memorial scholarship in the name of our beloved Jane MacMillan, the late wife and partner of our chief.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Queen Mary Festival, February 17-18. I always start getting excited as the QM approaches as it signals the beginning of the season. So let the games begin.

With love, hope and determination,

### Mini-Gathering

A mini-gathering of Clan MacMillan International in association with the Glenurquhart MacMillans is planned for July 19-23 in Inverness, Scotland. This will coincide with the Inverness Highland Games, and international tattoo, concerts and other events. If you'd like more information you can log on the website: <http://www.clanmacmillan.org>. If few of our members have already expressed an interest in going.

### AMONG OUR OWN

Megan Patricia McMillan, younger daughter of "Mac" & Linda McMillan graduated Summa Cum Laude in Linguistics from California State University, Northridge on June 1, 2006. She is presently studying for her Masters degree in Speech Pathology at San Diego State University. In her spare time, she is coaching ASYO girls under 8 soccer in La Mesa.

## AMONG OUR OWN

We continue to wish better health for Joan McMillin who has not had a good year. While recuperating from her stroke, she has suffered a dislocated shoulder and a broken knee. But we were very happy to see her at the Celtic Festival in Irvine Nov 18. She had one of those nifty scooters to help her get around.

Also, continue to keep Connie McMillan of Bakersfield in your prayers as she is still not well. It was good to see her husband and member, Shannon at the Seaside Games.

Other members under the weather are Charlie Cooke who has had one cataract surgery and is readying for another, plus he has had severe neck pain from disc problems.

We are happy to report that Jerry Pilkington became a great grandfather for the first time on Nov 18. Granddaughter, Tracy, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl in Missouri. The Pilkingtons traveled back there to meet her over the holidays.

It was reported that Linda Harlow's stepsister passed away on Nov. 18 after a long bout with cancer. Sympathy goes to the family!

Member, Mike McMillin of Illinois, reported that his older sister, Sharon, passed away in January from complications from surgery and cancer. We extend our very sincere condolences to Mike and his family!

By the time this newsletter reaches you several clan members and friends will have filled a table at the North County Scots Rabbie Burns on Feb. 3. This has always been a fun event with an excellent dinner and we are looking forward to hearing Katie Harlow-Nohe play the bagpipe in what we believe is her first public appearance. Way to go Katie!!

A reminder that the Queen Mary Festival is coming up very soon. Feb 17-18. We will have a double space there as usual. Info on the website and elsewhere in this newsletter. Hope to see you all there.

Karen Elspeth McMillan, older daughter of "Mac" and Linda McMillan and Daniel Robert Lamb of Erie, Pa, were married on May 6, 2006 in Virginia Beach, Va. The bride and groom are both serving in the US Navy. Karen is presently stationed at Eglin AFB in Florida, training as an Explosive Ordinance Disposal Technician. Danny is a Medic stationed at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. They will make their home wherever the Navy sends them.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Jan:** Susan Mullins, Albina Walker, Joan McMillin, Eileen Pack, Peter McMillan, Ron Mullins, Jim Mullin, Alta Thorpe, John Sanders

**Feb:** Geoffrey Harris, June Mullin, Karla Sanders

**Mar:** Jerry Pilkington, Patricia Bell, Joel Pendarvis, Heather Bergerson, Wendy

How would you like to get the Clan MacMillan Newsletter? Snail mail as it is now? Email? Or both? Or just view it on the website?

In you opt for snail mail, then no change will be necessary. If you should choose email only, it would save the clan a few pennies in postage. From the website you can view it, download it and view/print later. A handful of members have made the choice to receive the newsletter via email only. There have also been increases in the cost of printing supplies as well as the printing itself. Leave email or feedback if you wish to change.

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## Highland Games/Events for 2007

Queen Mary Scottish Festival, Long Beach, Ca., 17-18 Feb 2007  
Calaveras County Faire, Angels Camp, Ca (Near Stockton), 10-11 Mar 2007  
Kern County Scottish Games, Bakersfield, Ca., 31 Mar 2007  
Fremont Tartan Day, Fremont, Ca., 21 Apr 2007  
Sacramento Valley Scottish Games, Woodland, Ca., 28-29 Apr 2007  
Livermore Scottish Games, Livermore, Ca., 19-20 May 2007  
USS Highland Games, Fairplex, Pomona, Ca., 26-27 May 2007

### **NEW WEBSITE COMING**

Have you tried to find Scottish ringtones but ending up getting nowhere? A new website is coming later this year that is just for the purpose of Scottish Ringtones for your cell phone. In 'BETA' version right now: [www.scottishringtones.com](http://www.scottishringtones.com)

The editor of this newsletter, webmaster of [www.macmillanclan.org](http://www.macmillanclan.org), Clan MacMillan (Pacific Branch) are not affiliated with this ringtone website.

Yes, their website indicates they will have bagpipe ringtones.

### **Scottish Humour**

A Scotsman is working at a sewerage. It's a warm day so he slips it over and hangs it over a handrail where it slips off and falls into a huge vat of poo. He is just about to dive in when his mate says "It's nae guid tae do that, the jacket's ruined". He replies, "Aye, ah ken, but ma sandwiches are in the pocket".