



# ***The Chief's Inauguration***

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OFFICIAL COAT OF ARMS OF CBSI,  
THE MOTTO "COLLIGITE FRAGMENTA NE PEREANT"  
GATHER THE PIECES LEST THEY BE LOST

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# A message from the President



David Byrne.

CBSI President, Regional Director New England, Clan Historian and founder of 80's pop group "Talking Heads"

Whenever the CBSI sends out notices or social media posts about attending Highland games or festivals we always encourage our members to “wear your colors” *But what, exactly, does that mean?* Generally, it means we are asking you to represent the Clan Buchanan by wearing a Buchanan tartan kilt or other Buchanan tartan attire or accessories. Which raises the question: what colors are we exactly suggesting? What tartan best represents our clan?

There are at least thirty-five different “Buchanan” tartans that we have identified with the help of tartan historian Peter MacDonald. This does not include the dozens of color variations they might have. We are often asked “what is the official Buchanan Tartan?” 50 years ago the CBSI adopted the Buchanan Tartan in Modern Colors as its official tartan but that is not the same as an official tartan of the clan itself.

Many clans had a chief to help establish and regulate what should be considered a clan/family tartan by the Scottish Register of Tartans. As we know there were hundreds of years where we had no such guidance. With the naming of our new Chief in 2018, we now have the opportunity to exercise a greater say in what our clan tartans should be.

This is not a simple problem to solve. Dozens of Buchanan tartans have been created since 1800, the year of the first known tartan with our clan name attached to it. Weavers have great latitude in creating and naming new tartans without much in the way of oversight or regulation. And many have created new Buchanan tartans as recently as 2018.

At the October 2022 Clan Parliament, Mike Buchanan our Chief expressed a desire to start a process by which we could identify and gain some clarity over the many Buchanan Tartans. Toward that end he appointed a Tartan Advisory which includes Lucy Buchanan of Leny, Marie Gibson (Australia) and Stacy Harper (USA). A committee was then formed which includes these Tartan Advisors and added representatives from the CBSI. Several general members of the clan have joined with officers of the Society to give a broad perspective to the Committee’s work. Peter MacDonald from the Scottish Register of Tartans has been retained as a consultant to the group. The purpose is to define what tartans will be identified as a Buchanan “Clan” tartan and which will receive a different designation such as “Commemorative” or “Fashion”.

The Chief and the Committee have made it clear that the intent is not to limit clan members from wearing any of the many tartans being made with the name “Buchanan”. That choice is often a very personal one. But we will establish those tartans which will officially represent the ‘brand’ of the Clan Buchanan and therefore be present at events and clan tents around the world.

We are fortunate that there are many weavers and retailers eager to make and sell a variety of Buchanan tartans. But it is important that the Clan Buchanan establish which tartans will officially represent our Chief, our clan, and our Society as we continue into our second thousand years. The Committee should complete their work in early 2023 so look for its findings in the April edition of the Banner.

David Byrne with Michael Richardson at 2022 NYC Tartan Day Parade →



Join David in New York and represent Clan Buchanan at the **New York City Tartan Day Parade** Saturday, April 15, 2023  
[Details here...](#)




## Devoured

I just devoured the October edition and wanted to compliment the team on a job well done! Is there any way to order a print edition? Are there any future plans for a print subscription? My husband and I would love to have The Banner in print.

Also, I would love to see the Executive Officers and Regents list published in the Banner. I believe publishing it is important to archiving a piece of our history as a Clan.

Thank you so much,  
Jennifer Rogers

*Just a FYI: No, we're not going to do a printed version, but we are happy to make a high-resolution "print ready" version available, and you can get it printed at your local printer. The cost of printing and posting the Banner essentially sent the CBSI broke circa 2016...*

*And yes, it is a great idea to publish the Exec, and so we've included it on page 82.*

But, please [email us](#) and tell us if we're doing it right or wrong. This is your magazine...



GREETINGS FROM THE LADY BUCHANAN

# Reflections on the Inauguration

It is now a month since the Inauguration at Cambusmore took place. This has given both Mike and myself a chance to take everything in and reflect on the momentous events which have just taken place at our home.

It has to be said we are both humbled and in awe of the sheer effort so many people made to join us with these extended inauguration events.

The effort was outstanding with many coming from Australia, America, Canada, South America and even a couple from South Korea, just for the weekend! The energy and excitement so many people brought with them was infectious and kept both Mike and I going through this very busy time.

From the get go, guests just threw themselves into the spirit of the event.

A perfect example of this was from our Chief's Mage, Matt Buchanan. A few moments after stepping off from his plane from Australia, on the eve of the main day, he found himself expertly cooking a salmon caught at Cambusmore by Peter Yates as part of dinner for all the newly arriving guests staying at Cambusmore, after a cook I had booked for the event flaked. Who would have known he was an expert chef with years of experience.



*The Buchanans opening their door to clansmen, even Australians... who cook for them as recompense*



*The Lady Buchanan (AKA Paula) with John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan of that ilk, Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan (AKA Mike or The Buchanan)*

*The Buchanans celebrating with the Morrisons Academy Band*

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# Reflections on the Inauguration *continued*

Anyway his skills were much appreciated by everyone for days as it was the best salmon I have ever tasted! He really saved the day as I was so busy with other things and was standing for a while looking at the salmon looking at me, wondering how on earth to cook it.

Indeed everyone who came was so generous with their time and energy as they all threw themselves into supporting different aspects of the 4 days of events. This was particularly helpful due to the additional pressures of the whole event being filmed for posterity for a BBC documentary. Connor from Australia even revived his film skills from his earlier film school days and filmed something for a different national UK TV news channel!



Connor Buchanan; ↗ in-situ & ↘ with thanks



Everyone just mucked in and did what they could to support the event, and this was amazing. Through everyone's actions, we have seen a side of others which has been just awe inspiring. It felt like a real authentic large family gathering.

We were also overwhelmed by the gifts some people thoughtfully brought to us. So much generosity of time and effort had been made in their creation that Mike and I were humbled by this all. From a wee customised barrel of alcohol to specially created sguain dubhs, cufflings and kilt-pins and even a mulberry and oak tree, well they just made all the years of effort we had put into organising this event worthwhile.

But it wasn't just physical gifts but the gift of people's time and efforts. As such all the speakers were marvelous in their supporting of our event in giving us such wonderful talks and presentations. The Cambusmore estate forestry squad were also marvelous in helping Shona and Paul with the smooth running of the logistics of the event. The Trossachs pie man and his wife from Doune together with some local people who stepped in last minute to help with the catering for my guests. My house staff in supporting them and enabling an impromptu dinner at Cambusmore to take place.

Even the ten other clan chiefs, their families and the Lord Lyon played their own role in this. Their attendance alone was significant as they saw the importance of this event to the whole Clan structure. All the chiefs appeared really happy to have attended, with a few admitting they would have loved to have had something

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*Gifts for The Buchanan (top left > clockwise) photos by John & Connor Buchanan – from Ginger Solento (a native American throw blanket); Madam Hunter of Clan Hunter (photo: Michael Richardson); Chief with Australian contingent gift "Cracked Earth" an Australian Aboriginal painted bowl by Leah Brideson, Rum from Grant Buchanan (see [page 59](#)), Cristina Buchanan presenting crystals and Jim Buchanan giving a Buchanan pen (photo: Jim)*





*Clan Chiefs, Chieftains and Commanders, L to R: The Rt. Hon. James Charteris, Earl of Wemyss and March (Chief, Clan Charteris); James Macnab of Macnab (Chief, Clan Macnab); Sir John McEwen (Commander, Clan Ewen); Angus MacLaine of Lochbuie, Younger (Clan MacLaine of Lochbuie); The Buchanan; Dr Peter Carruthers of Holmains (Chief, Clan Carruthers); Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine (Chief, Clan MacLaren; Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs); Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw (Albany Herald Extraordinary); George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap (Chief, Clan MacMillan); Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston (Chief, Clan Hunter); His Grace James Graham, Duke of Montrose (Chief, Clan Graham); Malcolm Buchanan (Clairinch Seanchaidh).*

## Reflections on the Inauguration *continued*

similar to have marked the beginning of their times as chiefs. One chief even penned a poem about the event itself!

Actually Mike previously mentioned to me that he has always felt that this event was not particularly for his benefit but for everyone in our clan and those in others too. Mike was also really overwhelmed by the number of those who actually made the effort to join us at Cambusmore, as it was not without a

significant cost of time and money. In these post covid times, this could not have been easy. Just by virtue of being there through the weekend, clansfolk will have helped play their own unique part in creating a real foundation upon which a whole number of future events and initiatives could be built. Indeed it has already started in many cases with tartan committees and much conversation about the building on the results of the first parliament.

Well so many thanks are due to everyone who attended really and supported this event in some way. Can I thank everyone here and now. From **Paul and Shona** the event organisers, without which there would not have been an event at all, **Malcolm Buchanan** in his organisation of the ceremonies, **Matt** who added entertainment to it all, to **Lord Lyon** and **Sir Crispin Agnew** in their role in representing the Lyon Court.



*this event was not particularly for his (the chief's) benefit  
but for everyone in our clan*



*Malcolm Buchanan, Shona Gibson and Matt Buchanan:  
Officiant, Organiser and Obstruction*

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# Reflections on the Inauguration *continued*

Incidentally Sir Crispin told me after the ceremony that he thought it was a marvelous event and was really happy with the way it turned out. The Lord Lyon also seemed happy and exchanged happy supportive banter, while waiting for the procession to start, with Ben Flowers, my sisters son, who was helping Mike with his ceremonial cloak and was not sure what to do after being tasked with it moments beforehand.

**Morrisons school** were amazingly supportive and helped add the important element of music and banner bearing to it all. They were so professional and

enthusiastic about everything. **Buck** was impressive in his role in announcing the chiefs. Actually he and his brother were just amazing throughout.

**The Chief's pipers** also were real pro's and added such a key element to it all with their selection of tunes and also creation of new ones.

Thanks also to **Andrew Buchanan** and his family in holding the Cambusmore Chapel Service on Sunday morning. It literally moved me to tears at one part. In fact all those who helped with the ceremonies as well as those who created the items used

in them, like the clan jewels, played their own invaluable role.

Talking about clan jewels, a big thank you to **Andrea and Trevor** stepping in last minute as the coronet and chief's flag bearer, for their help at Buchanan Castle in the creation of the impromptu ceremony there. Thanks too for the use of this old Buchanan Castle golf course club house venue by the **Duke of Montrose and the Marquis of Graham**.

Also we have to thank all those appointed to the newly re-created Chief's Court, as they have played their part fabulously.

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## MINGLING CLASMEN



The Cambusmore Chapel service



The Chief posed for photos with anyone, including John Buchanan



Several Buchanans with Pedro and Cristina from Mexico



Jeff and Rebecca King congratulating the Chief



Monday service; Paula with Anne Buchanan

## A poem by George MacMillan, chief of Clan Macmillan

*Dear Paula and dear Michael – The Buchanan  
What pageantry you wrought within the tent  
With pipes and trumpets – everything but cannon  
To celebrate an epochal event!*

*The day was fair – the best of Scottish weathers:  
The midges hadn't risen from their bed.  
The chiefs processed, each one bedecked with feathers,  
A neat device to hide a hairless head.*

*They neared the tent, with pipers skirling wildly  
And banners waving. Suddenly on cue  
with tuneful urgency, to put it mildly,  
The pre-positioned band of trumpets blew.*

*To say the scene that followed was spectacular  
were hardly to do justice to th'event –  
Symbols galore and many a word oracular,  
To warm applause from all within the tent.*

*That could be feast enough; but more's to come -  
A splendid banquet in your stately home.*

I'm afraid this comes nowhere near doing justice to a delightful and impressive experience. I felt honoured to be invited and grateful for all the trouble you took to meet my personal needs, in spite of the immense amount of planning involved in devising and executing a magnificent event.

Yours ever,  
George



Rory Buchanan of Auchleshie assisting George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap to the lunch



# Reflections on the Inauguration *continued*

Actually it's now a month on, and now that our amazing event organisers Paul and Shona Gibson are about to leave and things are starting to settle down, it feels that things have changed completely. Numerous discussions with them and all our other guests have left Mike and I sensing a building excitement for what is next to come.

Matt Buchanan has cleverly documented it all on the websites for posterity, so as not to lose any aspect of what has just happened. He and others will be using this in the future as a foundation to forge

ahead in the quest to make our Buchanan clan more prominent in the International community. I am so excited to be part of this all and I very much look forward to seeing you all again in the hopefully not too distant future!

Thanks are due to **Ewan and Ken** who helped create the new tartan outfits for us as well as **Judy R Clark** for designing Mike and my outfits.

Indeed there are too many to name here who deserve our thanks but you all know who you are as do Mike and myself. We would like to thank you from the bottom of



our hearts for all the help you have freely given. **Without this, this whole event could not have taken place.**

## MINGLING CLANSMEN



*Mingling before the Inauguration procession*



*Event organisers: Paul, Malcolm and Shona in matching Buchanan Modern*



† Anne Buchanan and Margaret McAusland with Paula  
 † Karen Buchanan, Lucy Buchanan of Leny with Margaret McAusland



By Chris Buchanan

CBSI Director of  
Marketing and  
coffee addict



## YULETIDE REMINDER

# When Scotland cancelled Christmas

In early Scotland, Christmas was celebrated as a Roman Catholic Church **feast day** but its significance was no greater than many other feast day, in fact it was less celebrated than Easter.

Prior to the rise of the Church in Scotland, there had been a **Celtic pagan festival to mark the winter solstice**, but the details are largely unknown because the Picts left no records at all.

Then, the Vikings invaded and brought with them their pagan festive tradition called “**yule**”, the name that subsequently spread across Scotland marking the solstice.

In time, the Christian church made Christmas a more important feast, their Yuletide, and we know that Scots took to celebrating it with gusto – Scots being Scots!

Yule was kept as a festival lasting for days, bringing Vikings traditions such as burning the Yule log, kissing under the mistletoe and “The First-foot”, which are still followed today.

Of course, now Scots recognise 25 December with Christmas **but Christmas celebrations were banned in Scotland in 1560** and it was only quite recently that attitudes changed and our celebrations returned.

Amazingly, it is as late as 1958 that Christmas Day became a public holiday in Scotland. And Boxing Day didn't become a public holiday until 1974, so the whole Christmas Festival is very recent return.

### So what happened back in 1560?

Christmas was seen as a Catholic celebration, so after the Reformation in 1560, Christmas was promptly downgraded, and led by John Knox (founder of the Scottish Presbyterian Church), Christmas celebrations were gradually banned; replaced with new beliefs and draconian practices.

With more Calvinist traditions, the Church of Scotland associated Christmas with the extravagance of the Catholic Church – which they believed was contrary to their interpretation of the scripture – Christmas was suspended and with it a huge part of Scot's community life.

With this ban, punishment for breaking the law would be severe.

It certainly wasn't a popular move, and Scots were furious to be told they were unable to enjoy the fun of celebrating Christmas, hence the emphasis on Hogmanay.

This war on Christmas reached a climax in 1640 when the Scottish Parliament passed a law making it illegal to celebrate “Yule vacations”.

- The law was strictly enforced.
- People were hauled before the courts for celebrating Christmas Day.
- Bakers were even banned from making mince pies!

In short there was a total clampdown of Christmas.

Monarchs such as James VI and Charles II tried to get celebration of Christmas on the agenda, but the Church of Scotland was unmoved.

Scots being Scots, however, the festivities were transferred to January 1, “Ne-erday”, and the preceding evening, **Hogmanay**.

The Christmas traditions such as “first footing” were transferred to Hogmanay however because it was an entirely secular feast, the Church of Scotland could do nothing about it.

The Kirk (Scottish Church) tolerated Hogmanay – as long as it didn't lead to dancing!

While this ban was officially revoked in 1712, the Church continued to frown upon the festive celebration.

It is hard to believe that “putting up the Christmas tree” in your home was unknown in some parts of Scotland even as late as the 1940s. Christmas remained a working day for the vast majority of Scots well into the 20th century.

**Christmas had become very much a class thing – the middle classes adopted the English Dickensian Christmas, while the workers kept their Hogmanay.**

### Reversion to the beloved celebration

It was only in 1958 that Scotland really started to shrug off its uncomfortable relationship with these traditions and Christmas became a public holiday.

What changed attitudes in Scotland was capitalism and the sheer commercialisation of Christmas, strongly driven by retailers.

The advent of brilliant pantomimes in theatres across the nation certainly helped make Yuletide special, and from the 1960s onwards, television played a huge role in “normalising” Christmas for Scots.

Scots today simply cannot believe all this because it became a holiday so quickly and so embedded in the consciousness.

People quickly forgot that Christmas was outlawed but more than that, they just cannot believe it was actually outlawed.

So, while you finish off your Christmas desserts or bite into another mince pie, just think that a few centuries ago, were you in Scotland, this celebration may have landed you in prison.

*So may I wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy Hogmanay.*



## NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

# CBSI Elected Officers for 2023



By Trevor Paradis

Chairman, CBSI Nominations Committee, 2022 and semi-professional dance instructor

According to our constitution, a committee and judge should be appointed to ensure impartiality. Trevor Paradis was selected not only for his credentials and his loyalty to Clan Buchanan, but because of his impeccable dance skills, as revealed at the inauguration.

Having received only a single nomination for each of the offices by the time nominations closed on October 1st, 2022, the following CBSI members have been nominated:

- 👤 **President:** David Byrne
- 👤 **Vice President:** Kevin “Buck” Buchanan
- 👤 **Deputy Vice President:** Matthew “M@” Buchanan
- 👤 **Treasurer:** Gina McQuatters
- 👤 **Secretary:** Erin Buchanan-Darnick

All nominated members have accepted the nominations and now run unopposed. Statements provided by the candidates are included.

All officers begin a full term on 1 July 2023.

## David Byrne – Candidate for President

I have been an active member of the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc. for several decades. My mother, Phyllis Byrne, was born in Glasgow, Scotland and is a member of the Clan through her family name of Watt. I currently have the honor of serving as President of CBSI for the past five years and as the Region 1 (New England) Commissioner and former Regent for Connecticut. I have been a convener at many highland games and festivals including the New Hampshire Highland Games, one of the largest games in North America.

I currently live in Prospect, Connecticut with my wife and I have two daughters who both live in the Boston area. I previously served on the Board of Education for Regional School District #16 for ten years and was Board President. I am a former Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for the city of Waterbury, Connecticut and served two terms on the Prospect Board of Recreation. I attend St. Anthony’s Church in Prospect where I am Master of Ceremonies. In 1998 I was honored by the Town of Prospect as Citizen of the Year.

I am a 1987 graduate of Leadership Greater Waterbury Connecticut and served for

eight years on the Board of Directors and as Vice Chairman of the Greater Waterbury Chamber of Commerce. I was a member of the “Community Vision for Waterbury” task force and the “Waterbury Partnership 2000” planning task force and received the 1999 Malcolm Baldrige Leadership Award from the Chamber.

I am a retired Paramedic and was certified for twenty-five years, responding to over 10,000 emergency calls. I am a past-president of the Connecticut Society of EMS Instructors Inc. and was appointed by former Governor O’Neil to serve on the State of Connecticut Trauma Network Task Force. I was also a representative to the Northwest Connecticut EMS Medical Advisory Committee and the Waterbury Hospital Health Center Trauma Committee.

I am an avid family historian and along with my brother, Richard, we have compiled a genealogy of our family with over 3,000 individual entries. I am a life-long student of American and Scottish history.

I inherited a bit of ‘blarney’ from my father and my favorite Clan activity is working as ‘front



man’ for the Clan tent and helping people re-discover their Scottish roots and traditions.

I have had the privilege to work with an excellent Executive Council and we can look back at many important accomplishments. We welcomed our first Clan Chief in 340 years and recently witnessed his inauguration. We have grown and solidified our membership surpassing pre-covid levels. Financially, the Society is stronger than it has ever been which has allowed us to provide increased support for our clan tent conveners and other projects. We revamped and improved our CBSI website, we launched a Buchanan Genealogy website and we completely revamped the Buchanan Banner in a new full color magazine layout. We have completely updated and adopted a new Constitution and By-laws and we have expanded our international presence by adding Regional Directors to the Executive Council from Scotland, Australia, Canada and Mexico.

David has been in this position for 4 years and this will be his final 2-year term.

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## Kevin “Buck” Buchanan – Candidate for Vice President

Kevin “Buck” Buchanan (Incumbent) – I am an Eagle Scout and a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I have been a Clan Buchanan Society International (CBSI) member since the 1980s; ultimately, in 2005, I began representing the Clan at events. My CBSI involvement started as a Convener, helping to host our tents at events in California. Eventually, I worked my way up to Regent and then Regional Director with my brother Michael “Buck” Buchanan, culminating in being elected as CBSI Vice President in 2017. I could not have done this without the support of my lovely wife, Danielle, and our daughter Brooke helping me at many events along the way.

I have brought to the Executive Council during my tenure, the experience gained from being an active member and leader at Clan events for 17 years. Additionally, I retired from a 32 ½ year law enforcement career in 2017, where I held leadership positions and was the president of a statewide professional association. These experiences have helped to guide me in my decision-making processes for CBSI.

During my time as Vice President, I’ve been hard at work drawing from my experiences, to

modernize the organization to better connect with our members, leaders, and potential members. I have led work to better support our regional leaders representing CBSI at events by providing signs and banners to our Conveners to improve our displays. As a result of these efforts, CBSI has become more international in nature than it was a few years ago. With the assistance of a Marketing Team (Chris & Matthew Buchanan in Australia), vast improvements to our website, better communications, and presentation of our Clan have resulted in new members joining from around the globe.

I participated on the Inauguration Committee, for the long-delayed, but masterfully presented inauguration of Chief of Clan Buchanan, John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan of that ilk. I presided as the Master of Ceremonies for the inauguration, as well as being asked to participate as a member of the Chief’s Parliament.

There remains work to be done if I’m elected to my final term. I would like your support in reelecting me to another term.

Kevin has been in this position for 4 years and this will be his final 2-year term



## Erin Buchanan-Darnick – Candidate for Secretary

**Latha brèagha a tha ann!**

I have been a member of the Clan Buchanan Society International (CBSI) since 2016, and I began representing the clan at events in 2017. I began as the Regent for Wisconsin, and eventually was asked to take over the position of Regional Director for the Great Lakes Region in 2020.

When COVID impacted how we interacted with each other and with the Executive Council meetings going virtual using Zoom, I was able to take a more active role as a Regional Director. This involvement led to me being asked by CBSI president David Byrne to take over for Shelagh Colledge as Recording Secretary.

I have been serving in this position for nearly a year and I write and manage the meeting minutes for our monthly meetings of the Executive Council.

In addition to my Regional Director responsibilities and involvement as clan secretary, I hosted the CBSI for the 2022 AGM at the Wisconsin Highland Games.

Looking ahead, I will be attending the 2023 AGM being held in San Antonio, Texas in March 2023 and will continue to promote the clan at highland games in my region.

I would be honored to continue as the Recording Secretary as our clan embarks on a new chapter on this historic journey.

**Clar Innis!**



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**Matt Buchanan – Candidate Deputy Vice President**

Matt is a 5th generation Australian, descended of Buchanans of Drummakill, Carbeth, Gartincaber and Blairlusk.

Together with his partner, he runs a boutique branding, marketing and digital strategy company; has 2 teenage children and too many pets. He is a compulsive recycler, occasional artist, recreational carpenter and competitive yachtsman.

Matt got into CBSI participation to address his personal lack of knowledge about one’s heritage and culture. His interests lie in mobilisation, globalisation and modernising the clan society, through websites, communication, strategy and humour.

Matt is currently a member of our Marketing Team and is responsible for the updated Buchanan Banner, assertive marketing initiatives and the expansion of our website to over 200 pages.

Matt current serves on the Chief’s Court as Mage and media advisor.

As at 22 November Matt has already been appointed, due to Jim Gibson’s immediate resignation...



**Gina McQuatters – Candidate for Treasurer**

I am Gina McQuatters, a wife, mother and grandmother. I retired in 2011 to care for my first grandson, Kade. I live with my husband of 45 years, Bill McQuatters. Together we are the Regional Directors for the State of Texas, and we have convened the Clan Buchanan Tent for 6-7 Scottish festivals a year for the past 12 years. Before retiring I was the principal’s secretary for our local high school for 12 years, and then, our local middle school for three years. My duties at the middle school included all bookkeeping duties for the school of 800 students and 120 staff members. I set up and managed the budgets, issued all purchase orders and paid bills.



**HONORED GRAND WARDEN**

**Jim Gibson**



David Byrne.

CBSI President, Regional Director New England, Clan Historian and Jazz hands troupe leader



**The Executive Council of the Clan Buchanan Society International has named James F. Gibson as the first Honored Grand Warden of the Clan Buchanan. This honorary title was created in 2022 to recognize members who have, over a period of years, performed outstanding service to the Society and the Clan.**

Jim recently retired from his position as Deputy Vice President of the Clan Buchanan Society International, a position he has held since 2018. Jim and his wife Joyce have been life members of the CBSI since the early 1990’s.

Jim served as acting Assistant Membership Secretary of the Society from 1996 thru 2003. He was elected Treasurer of the CBSI in 2005 and served in that capacity until 2017. He was elected as Deputy Vice President in 2018.

Jim has been a Buchanan Clan Tent convener at the Southeast Alabama Highland Games in Dothan AL for each of the seven years of their existence. He has also convened at the Stone Mountain Georgia Highland Games.

He is currently the Designated Convener for the State of Georgia for the Scottish District Families Association.

Jim has researched both lines of his family back as far as their emigration from Scotland in the late 1740s.

Jim is an Engineering graduate of Auburn University (Class of 1961). He retired from the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Advanced Design after 38+ years of service and then was a self-employed Aerospace Engineering Consultant. His primary area of expertise is military air cargo handling and airdrop systems.

His experiences involved both technical presentations and industry expertise to senior level contacts within the United States Air Force as well as other organizations such as AIRBUS Industries in Bremen, Germany.

He holds memberships on Technical Standards Committees of both the Aerospace Industries Association and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The Clan Buchanan Society International is grateful to Jim and his wife Joyce for their many years of service to the Clan Buchanan and the CBSI. We wish them well as they continue their retirement.



GET THERE:

# CBSI Annual General Meeting 2023 – San Antonio, Texas. USA



By Gina McQuatters  
CBSI Co-Regent for Texas,  
soon-to-be-Treasurer and  
cannelloni correspondent

The 2023 Annual General Meeting will take place in San Antonio, Texas and we are beyond excited to host this special event!

San Antonio is the second most populous city in Texas, and is known for its rich history and modern attractions. An ideal city to walk, San Antonio is home to some of the finest art museums, historical monuments, and delightful amusement parks. The river walk in Downtown San Antonio is beautiful and a complete charm.

Festivities will be Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2. The opening ceremony takes place on Friday evening at The Alamo! That's right the "Remember the Alamo" historic mission!

During the ceremony, the Scots that fought and died, (including our very own James Buchanan) are recognized and honored. Plus, you can tour The Alamo for free!

Friday night Clay Buchanan is hosting a get-together at his newly constructed mansion.

Saturday and Sunday, the San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival will be at the Helotes Festival Grounds just northwest of downtown San Antonio and within a few miles of the host hotel. The festival is on a beautiful shaded property and offers music, competitions and more.



On Saturday evening we will host a dinner at the host hotel, the Doubletree by Hilton San Antonio Northwest. (If you would like to attend the dinner please send \$60. per person to us through Paypal.)

We strongly suggest you plan on staying a few extra days in San Antonio as there is so much to do and see, including Sea World, Six Flags Fiesta Texas Amusement Park, The Historic Market Square, The Tower of the Americas and the River Walk where there are river boat cruises and a large variety of restaurants and shops.



*This is The Alamo, not Clay's house*



More information will follow and please go to the [Clan Buchanan web page](#) to make your hotel and dinner reservations!



Here is the link to make hotel reservations at the [Doubletree by Hilton](#) San Antonio Northwest.

To call for reservations, 210-690-0300 and be sure to mention Clan Buchanan



*Clay's house*



# The Piper of the Alamo



Bill McQuatters

CBSI Sergeant at Arms, Texas  
Regional Director, ex-firefighter  
and professional Quatter

There is a great story of how a Scottish piper stole the show during the siege of the Alamo. To Texans, the Alamo is the most revered icon in our rich history. It is the symbol of our struggle for independence from Mexico.

**However Scots also have a reason to remember the Alamo.**

The story goes that a real-life bagpiping Scot by the name of **John McGregor** (originally came from Aberfeldy in Perthshire); second sergeant of Captain William R. Careys' artillery company, nicknamed "The Invincibles", has captured the imagination of historians and piping enthusiasts. Research conducted by members of the Clan Gregor Society in both Scotland and the U.S. have performed research and discovered that John McGregor came to America some time around 1815.

The story goes that in an effort to keep morale up McGregor would perform musicals "duels" with a second generation Scot, David Crockett. Crockett reportedly played the fiddle and it is said that McGregor and Crockett would duel to see who could play the longest and loudest. Apparently McGregor always won. Isla St. Clair describes John McGregor in her song, "The Piper of the Alamo" as "Defiant and Tall".

To add to the legend, it is reported that their musical arrangements caused the Mexican troops to coin the now common phrase of

"gringo" after hearing the defenders singing along to rousing choruses of such tunes as "Green Grow The Rashes Oh!". There is even a story that some Mexican officers under the flag of truce approached the Alamo in an effort to have McGregor stop playing the pipes as they couldn't rest while hearing the loud music.

How much of the story is true? Apparently quite a lot of it is. While not as well know as Travis, Bowie or Crockett, McGregor is to be remembered and honored along with all the other defenders of the Alamo. McGregor was a valiant warrior, a very good piper, understood the significance of the pipes to armies, and died doing his duty. As to the other bits of the story, such as the flag of truce, who really knows? To quote a line from the movie The Man Who Shot Liberty Valence: "**when the story becomes legend, print the legend**".



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NEW YEARS EVE

# Hogmanay



By Chris Buchanan  
CBSI Director of Marketing,  
Coffee pro-adore and light-  
weight lifting champion

Only one nation can celebrate the New Year or Hogmanay with such revelry, aplomb and passion – the Scots!

Hogmanay is the Scots word for the last day of the old year and is synonymous with the celebration of the New Year in the Scottish manner.

It is normally followed by further celebration on the morning of New Year’s Day (1st January) or in some cases, 2nd January—a Scottish bank holiday.

The origins of Hogmanay are unclear, but it may be derived from French, Norse and Gaelic observances of the winter solstice.

It is believed that many of the traditional Hogmanay celebrations were originally brought to Scotland by the invading Vikings in the early 8th and 9th centuries.

These Norsemen, or men from an even more northerly latitude than Scotland, paid particular attention to the arrival of the Winter

Solstice or the shortest day, and fully intended to celebrate its passing with some serious partying.

There are many theories about the derivation of the word “Hogmanay”. The Scandinavian word for the feast preceding Yule was “**Hoggo-nott**” while the Flemish words (many have come into Scots) “**hoog min dag**” means “great love day”.

Hogmanay could also be traced back to the Anglo-Saxon, “**Haleg monath**”, Holy Month, or the Gaelic, “**oge maidne**”, new morning.

But the most likely source seems to be the French. “**Homme est né**” or “Man is born” while in France the last day of the year when gifts were exchanged was “**aguillaneuf**”, while in Normandy presents given at that time were “**hoguignetes**”.

In Shetland, where the Viking influence remains strongest, New Year is still called **Yules**, deriving from the Scandinavian word for the midwinter festival of Yule.

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Men dressed as Vikings taking part in a torchlight procession in Edinburgh as part of Hogmanay celebrations



Stonehaven Fireballs



# Hogmanay *continued*

Christmas was not celebrated as a festival and virtually banned in Scotland for around 400 years, from the end of the 17th century to the 1950s, so Hogmanay was the prime celebration.

The reason for this dates back to the years of Protestant Reformation, when the straight-laced Kirk proclaimed Christmas as a Popish or Catholic feast, and as such needed banning.

There are several traditions and superstitions that should be taken care of before midnight on the 31st December: these include cleaning the house and taking out the ashes from the fire, there is also the requirement to clear all your debts before “the bells” sound midnight.

The underlying message being to clear out the remains of the old year, have a clean break and welcome in a young, New Year on a happy note.

In recent years, additional attractions have been added to entertain the crowds as they wait for midnight, such as fire poi, a pipe band, street drumming and a firework display after the last fireball is cast into the sea.

Another example of a fire festival is the Burning of the Clavie in the town of Burghead in Moray.

In the east coast fishing communities and Dundee, first-footers once carried a decorated herring. And in Falkland in Fife, local men marched in torchlight procession to the top of the Lomond Hills as midnight approached.

Bakers in St Andrews baked special cakes for their Hogmanay celebration (known as “Cake Day”) and distributed them to local children.

Institutions also had their own traditions. For example, amongst the Scottish regiments, officers waited on the men at special dinners

while at the bells, the Old Year is piped out of the barrack gates.

The sentry then challenges the new escort outside the gates: “Who goes there?” The answer is “The New Year, all’s well.”

An old custom in the Highlands is to celebrate Hogmanay with the saining (Scots for ‘protecting, blessing’) of the household and livestock.

Early on New Year’s morning, householders drink and then sprinkle ‘magic water’ from ‘a dead and living ford’ around the house (a ‘dead and living ford’ refers to a river ford that is routinely crossed by both the living and the dead).

After the sprinkling of the water in every room, on the beds and all the inhabitants, the house is sealed up tight and branches of juniper are set on fire and carried throughout the house and byre.

The juniper smoke is allowed to thoroughly fumigate the buildings until it causes sneezing and coughing among the inhabitants.

Then doors and windows are flung open to let in the cold, fresh air of the new year.

The woman of the house then administers ‘a restorative’ from the whisky bottle, and the household sits down to its New Year breakfast.

Immediately after midnight it is traditional to sing Robert Burns’ “Auld Lang Syne”. Burns claimed it was based on an earlier fragment and certainly the tune was in print over 80 years before he published his version in 1788.



Robert Burns; the national poet of Scotland

## Auld Lang Syne

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
and never brought to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
and auld lang syne*

*For auld lang syne, my dear,  
for auld lang syne,*

*We’ll take a cup o’ kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne.*



*Auld = Past  
Lang = Long  
Syne = Time*

*Auld Lang Syne  
means “times  
long past”*

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Fireworks in  
Edinburgh





# Hogmanay *continued*

An integral part of the Hogmanay party, which is continued with equal enthusiasm today, is to welcome friends and strangers with warm hospitality and of course lots of enforced kissing for all.

“**First footing**” (or the “first foot” in the house after midnight) is still common across Scotland.

To ensure good luck for the house the first foot should be a dark-haired male, and he should bring with him symbolic pieces of coal, shortbread, salt, black bun and a wee dram of whisky.



*Bringing symbolic pieces of coal, shortbread, salt, black bun and a wee dram of whisky*

The dark-haired male scenario is believed to be a throwback to the Viking days, when a big blonde stranger arriving on your door step with a big axe meant big trouble - probably not a very happy New Year!

The firework displays and torchlight processions now enjoyed throughout many cities in Scotland are reminders of the ancient pagan parties from the ancient Viking days.

The traditional New Year ceremony would involve people dressing up in the hides of cattle and running around the village while being hit by sticks.

The festivities would also include the lighting of bonfires and tossing torches.

Animal hide is wrapped around sticks and ignited producing a smoke that was believed to be very effective in warding off evil spirits: this smoking stick was also known as a Hogmanay.

Many of these customs continue today, especially in the older communities of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

On the Isle of Lewes, in the Outer Hebrides, the young men and boys form themselves into opposing bands; the leader of each wears a sheep skin, while another member carries a sack.

These bands go from house to house reciting a Gaelic rhyme, where they are given bannocks (fruit buns) for their sack before moving on to the next house.

One of the most spectacular fire ceremonies takes place in Stonehaven, south of Aberdeen, where giant fireballs are swung around on long metal poles each requiring many men to carry them as they parade up and down the High Street. The origin is believed to be linked to the Winter Solstice with the swinging fireballs signifying the power of the sun, purifying the world by consuming evil spirits.

As the Old Town House bell sounds to ring in the new year, the balls are set alight and the swingers set off up the High Street from the Mercat Cross to the Cannon and back, swinging the burning balls around their heads as they go.

At the end of the ceremony, any fireballs that are still burning are cast into the harbour with large crowds flocking to see and enjoy the display.

## A guid New Year to ane an`a` and mony may ye see!

Thanks to Ben Johnson, Electric Scotland and Wikipedia

*First footing*





BE POLITE, THERE ARE CANADIANS PRESENT

# CBSI joins Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC)

Reflecting the CBSI's increasing presence in the Canada Region, the Executive Council approved the request of Regional Director Scott Buchanan to join CASSOC.

"It is important for the CBSI to continue to grow its activity and connections in Canada" said CBSI President David Byrne, "there are many more members of our clan in Canada that we need to reach and CASSOC is a good vehicle for us to accomplish that."

In addition to CASSOC, the CBSI maintains membership in the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) in the United States and in the Scottish Australian Heritage Council (SAHC).

## Information provided from CASSOC:

CASSOC is an organization for organizations.

We are the link between various Clans and Scottish Societies. We encourage the celebration of our Scottish Cultural Heritage and the promotion of this Scottish Culture in all its aspects. We seek to be the assembly of all groups who are pursuing Scottish interests.

CASSOC encourages research into our heritage, both cultural and linguistic. We embrace history, music, dance, poetry, song, legend, sports, military tradition, costume, custom, culinary art, tale telling and the family structure that has come down to us from Scotland — both Highland and Lowland. Recreationally, we support family outings centered around Scottish traditions and the Clan structure.

Our members have included:

- Clans and Family Associations and Societies
- Social Clubs
- Sports Associations
- Highland Games Committees
- Highland and Country Dance Associations
- Academic Groups
- Historical, Cultural and linguistic Organizations
- Scottish Regiments and their Associations

CASSOC encourages and supports member groups in their presentation of significant events in the history of Scotland or the Scottish people in Canada, and in the observances of traditional feast days and special occasions in our cultural history.

CASSOC is present at many Highland Games throughout the summer. Members are able to answer questions on Clan affiliations, genealogy, tartans, kilts, plaids, bagpipes and other aspects of Scottish culture and history.

In the past, CASSOC sponsored a Heritage Ball in the Autumn and a Biennial Kirkin' o' the Tartan — a ceremonial procession and presentation of the Tartans to the Kirk (Church) - in the Spring.

CASSOC was instrumental in creating Tartan Day (April 6) in Ontario. It is a day of great significance in Scottish history and now an annual date on which we, as Canadians of Scottish origin, can honour our contribution to the development of our country and province.

Learn more at [www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca)



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FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

Buchanan Castle Estates in Drymen hosted a 'Buchanan Clan' social golf tournament at Buchanan Castle Golf Course in the morning.



*L>R John Buchanan, Justin Loomis, Dana Marie Buchanan, Adrian Sheldon, Hamish Muir, David Bruce Buchanan, Ian, Cameron and Lachlan Buchanan*



*John, Hamish, Justin, David and Adrian, on the green. Curiously, no-one is mentioning their score....*





FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

# EVENT SET-UP

It was truly a clan feeling of support and collaboration as we all pitched in to put up marquees, set up chairs, decorate the venue, fill coffee machines and meet one-another...

Photos by Karen Buchanan, and John and Connor Buchanan



Packing goodie-bags



Shona with Coronet



Lachlan and Ian with priceless antiques



The Jewels of the Clan



Erecting marquees





# EVENT SET-UP *continued*

After setting up, the Bossy Australians briefed everyone of proceedings and procedures



*Cameron Buchanan, practicing as a Jewel Guard*

*Buck did surprisingly well with the Scottish names, Gaelic words and formal ceremony structure*

*Paul Gibson, making sure everybody is where they should be, when they should be...  
→ Including walking properly, in a line...*



*Chief's Pipers first play together, in the garage: Rod Buchanan (Scotland), Scott Buchanan (Canada) & Richard Harris (Australia)*



*Rehearsals and instructions*



*Connor Buchanan remembering which way to hold the camera*



*Jim Buchanan only had the leg brace on for sympathy*





SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

# THE INAUGURATION

Whilst clansmen and women gathered in the enormous marquee; officials, VIPs, flag bears, chiefs and chieftains gathered before Cambusmore, ahead of a coordinated and piped march to the inauguration ceremony...



*Bert Flower holding the Chief's cape...*



*Amassing Chief's, lords, flags and media, before the march to the inauguration marquee*

*Orla the Golden Eagle, wrangled by Kevin and Stewart Robertson*





† The Chief's pipers warming up their reeds on a fine Scottish morning seemed perfect



† (L to R) Clan Shenachie Malcolm fanboying with Lord Lyon Dr Joesph Morrow, the Chief and Albany Herald Sir Agnew

Organisers sensing completion of over three years of hard work

Ian Buchanan, sword bearing





*The official procession, from the house to the Marquee; led by the Chief's three pipers and standard bearer, followed by sword bearers, flag bearers, international representatives, other Clan Chief's, officials and the Family*





Representative; Ian Buchanan flag bearing The Buchanan Society



Flags and kilts; pomp and ceremony

# ENTER THE CHIEF



Kevin "Buck" Buchanan MC's his heart out



An Audience of Buchanans in formal attire is a colourful spectacle



No-one was expecting the trumpet fanfare, by the Callander Brass Band. Apparently we requested one and received eight!





The Chief is presented with each of the 'jewels'



Clan Shenachie Malcolm Buchanan presents the Chief's family lineage



And the stage is set : thunderous "Oh Yays" and exuberant proclamations





(L to R) Albany Herald Extraordinary, Sir Crispin Agnew, reading out letters patent for John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan of that Ilk: Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan; Malcolm Buchanan and Lord Lyon Dr Joeshp Morrow



The chief only delivered a short acceptance and speech



Front and centre: Shona Gibson (Armiger and Organiser), Rory Buchanan of Auchlieshie, Lucy Buchanan of Leny, Bruce Buchanan of Armprior Angus Buchanan of that Ilk Younger and the Lady Buchanan, Dr Paula Buchanan





# THE INAUGURATION *continued*



The Buchanans with Morrisons Academy Pipe Band, who supported the ceremony as flag bearers, and performed on the grounds after the ceremony. Photo by Stewart Attwood and Ian Georgeson of Stripe communications.

A detail of the Chief and Chieftains' hat badges...





Adam Innes the stone mason, George McAusland – Chief's Standard Bearer and CBSI Scotland Representative with Jim Buchanan of USA; and the Clan Seat



The Chief posing with Ian and Ally Buchanan and family



Presenting the Septs coronet – a headpiece reflecting the importance of international and sept name representation. Photo by Stripe – Stewart Attwood and Ian Georgeson



Malcolm Buchanan with Captain Paul Buchanan of no fixed address



The Chief posing with Karen Harris and Susan Sigler





*Mingling guests: The Rt. Hon. James Charteris chatting with Sir John McEwen and James Macnab of Macnab*



*The marquee was situated within "the walled garden" and an orchard of very tasty pears and apples*



*Orla the Eagle trying to see if those spaniels were still around for a snack*



*His Grace James Graham, Duke of Montrose (Chief, Clan Graham) with Malcolm Buchanan*



*Much mingling and photo opportunities*





# CHIEFS LUNCH



Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine (Chief, Clan MacLaren; Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs); who acknowledged that this event sets a very high bar for other chiefs



Lunch was held for VIPs in The Buchanan's dining room, surrounded by paintings from the 17th and 18th century. The Chief seated with Jamie Graham, Marquis of Graham





SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

# CEILIDH

That evening, the inauguration Marquee was transformed into a traditional Scottish dance hall, with everyone stumbling their way through Two-steps, Reels and Waltz's



Photos by Jim Buchanan



The children definitely stole the show, showing us how it should be done



The Lady and Chief of Buchanan leading a dance



Chaplain Dr Andrew Buchanan joined Richard Harris and Rod Buchanan





# CEILIDH *continued*



A wee Scotch whisky (in commemorative hip-flasks) to ward off the chills. Photo Marj Easterling



Ken Milligan and his band calling Ceilidh instructions



Buck was heavily promoting Pedros Mescal

Andrea Hertzler and Trevor Paradis showing a bit of form on the dancefloor





HOMILY GIVEN BY CLAN CHAPLAIN, THE REVEREND DR. ANDREW BUCHANAN  
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# CHAPEL SERVICE



**Rath De' Ort**  
(May the grace of God be with you.)

After this service at our clan parliament we'll hear about a vision for the future of The Clan Buchanan. And whatever that future is, it's a future firmly rooted in our past. And that's a very Hebrew way of doing things.

The Hebrew way of seeing the world, or looking at life, is opposite of how modern people see the

world. We think of ourselves as bravely facing the future. But the ancients understood that unless you were a prophet—you couldn't see the future. In the Hebrew world you understood that we don't see the future—we only see the past. So in their minds their backs were to the future, and their faces were to the past. In fact the Hebrew word for 'future' (ahirit) actually means "spine" or "back"—because your future isn't in front of you—it's behind you and the past is the only thing you can see.

25 years ago my wife and I were honeymooning in Scotland, and when we got to Loch Lomond I rented a rowboat and rowed her to Clairinch. In a rowboat, your back is to your destination and your face is toward where you've come from. And that is a sensible way to face life—because what do you know of the future? Nothing. Only God sees that. We don't have the ability to secure the results of anything we do. So what do we really know? Only where we've been.

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*Cambusmore Chapel  
All photos by John and  
Connor Buchanan*





# CHAPEL SERVICE *continued*



That's why the Hebrews honored older people... because the perspective was: The older you are, the more you've seen. And the more you've seen, the better positioned you are to lead people into the future, which no one can see.

So, when it comes to the clan and our future... it's quite amazing. We can't see the future—but we can see the past... over 1,000 years of clan history, and it's amazing, how much we've survived and endured.

*The Buchanan and Clan Pipers*

Our clan survived the Highland Clearances. We survived 340 years without a Chief... we survived a diaspora that took our people to North and South America—to Africa and Australia. Our clan past is full of overcoming—and that hints at a bright future. And as we think of the future, we're grateful that we now have a Chief to walk with us.

I have no Gaelic... but in the 1990s I lived for 12 months just down the road in Dunblane, where I

studied bagpipng. And it's impossible to live here for more than a few weeks without picking up some Gaelic vocabulary. Most of you know that "clan" is a Gaelic word, and it means 'children/family.' So, Michael, as we move into the future, this morning we'll ask for God's blessing on your role as chief for this global family, particularly as you serve as a focus of unity for it.

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# CHAPEL SERVICE *continued*

But because this is a chapel service, it is my job to remind us of another Chief who provides the ultimate unity.

In the 9th century, some Saxon monks translated the gospels into Old Saxon—that translation is known as The Heliand. And when you read The Heliand (which means Savior)—it talks about God in all the usual terms (Lord, Savior, Rescuer, Healer)... but the most frequent title for God in the Heliand translation is the “Great Chieftain.”

And that’s a wonderful title for God: The Great Chief. And just as our clan was scattered, so even the Great Chief’s family is scattered around the world—but it holds together because of Him. The Christian faith has unity because we have a Great Chief.

Today we heard two verses about God’s family. First from Psalm 133: Behold how good it is when brothers (and sisters) live together in unity. Second from Galatians 3: So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith... for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

So, to close... Michael, we pray for you today—that as you have your back to the future, and your face to the past—you will appropriately be a focus of unity for our clan as we move into our future... and at the same time, leave the ultimate burden of unity to God, the great Chieftain.

*Grace and peace to each of you.*

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Reverend Dr. Andrew Buchanan





# CHAPEL SERVICE *continued*

## Prayer for the Buchanan Parliament

Almighty God, with perfect order you govern the world and with perfect love you hold the life of your children—we ask you to direct and prosper the Buchanan Clan and our parliament gathering.

Fill the hearts of this family with gifts of grace and peace, and may brotherly and sisterly love prevail. We ask for favor and blessing on friendships new and old, and for safe travels as we return in the coming days to our homes.

Amen.

## Prayer for The Buchanan

We thank you God for this day, and we thank you particularly for uniting the Clan Buchanan under our Chief Michael.

Now we ask for your blessing on: Michael and Paula, Angus, Bruce, Lucy, and Rory as they undertake the responsibilities of clan leadership. Fill them with your Holy Spirit and give them joy in every task that you set before them.

Finally, we pray for your blessing upon this land of Cambusmore, that it may continue to be a home and respite for this family, for future families who dwell here, and for members of the clan who visit.

Amen.



One of the highlights of the service was a march through Cambusmore Estate; led by pipers. A majestic location



Malcolm Buchanan with Bruce, Rory and Lucy Buchanan





SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

# CLAN PARLIAMENT



Delegates of the Chief's Court were piped in by the Chief's Pipers – Scott Buchanan, Richard Harris and Rod Buchanan; with support from CBSI Representative Kevin Buchanan and flag bearer George McAusland (CBSI Scotland Regional Director). There was a prayer from Rev. Dr. Andrew Buchanan and Clan Jewels on display.



Dr Shona Gibson welcomed everyone to the first Clan Parliament in over 340 years, and MC'd procedures



The Parliamentary panel: Paul Gibson (Armiger, organiser and Chamberlain), Shona Gibson (Armiger, organiser and MC), Malcolm Buchanan (Shenachie/ Convenor), The Buchanan, The Lady Buchanan, Lucy Buchanan of Leny (Chieftain), Bruce Buchanan of Arnprior (Chieftain) and Rory Buchanan of Auchelshie (Chieftain)



Robust debate on all parts; in this instance Ian Buchanan of the Buchanan Society, and Chief: The Buchanan



Minutes of the Parliament are available at [www.buchananchief.org.uk/klan-parliament-inaugural](http://www.buchananchief.org.uk/klan-parliament-inaugural)





# CLAN PARLIAMENT *continued*



*The Parliament was an open forum for everybody in the Clan, but there were constant interruptions from Matt Buchanan of Australia*



## **With a Chief we will assemble as clan folk with voices**

**Shona Gibson, Master of Ceremonies**

The Clan Parliament was the first assembly in 340 years. It was an international gathering, on Buchanan land, called with the purpose to hear the voices of the clan folk and establish a framework to move the clan forward. The agenda included items such as engaging the youth, establishing a Buchanan pipe band, foundation values and building relationships.

It was evident that relevance, honour, and social interactions are important tenets not only heard in the discussion but seen more clearly in the firsts; the first official task for our chief, the first time an international delegation formed the assembly, the first time children of the diaspora had a voice, the first time a female took the role as MC, and quite possibly the first parliament where the discussion wasn't about defending land, cattle, honour and the justification of heritage.

*Bruce Buchanan enthusiastically presents Pedro's Mescal; a percentage of profits to go to The Buchanans' projects*

*Great contributions and debate; John Gibson proposing the benefits of Gaelic poetry*

*Pipers presented a motion to Actively promote piping within Clan Buchanan. Photo by Jim Buchanan*

*Lucy, Bruce and Rory took an active dialogue for youth issues within the Clan*





# CLAN PARLIAMENT *continued*



By Malcolm Buchanan  
FSA Scot

CBSI Regional Director Oceania,  
Clairinch Seanchaidh, Clan Herald  
and clan poker team leader

## The Clan Parliament – the Clan speaks to the future

It is the usual practice by many clans to hold a Parliament every four/five years to discuss directions and outcomes that the clan wishes to undertake and to report on what has been achieved. At these events, clan folk also enjoy the company and clanship, meeting with old and new ‘cousins’ in the worldwide family.

In my role as President of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council since 2012, I have been able to discuss directions with many clan society leaders. This helped me to develop the agenda topics that a reinvigorated clan needed to address early on. An initial statement of the topics was provided in the [July 2022 Buchanan Banner](#) article “Onward, Clar Innis!” (page 21).

Note, however, topic 3 about archaeology was not completed at the Parliament due to technical difficulties. Consequently, our directions for Archaeology, etc. will be presented at an online meeting so that Kim Tuovinen, our Director of Archaeology, can introduce the directions and answer any questions and we can confirm this strategy. The presentation is available on the CBSI website at [www.theclanbuchanan.com/inauguration](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/inauguration)

There were many excellent points raised by participants about our clan’s directions, which showed real commitment to establishing sound foundations for our clan’s strategies. All recommendations were adopted.

Other priorities will be presented over the coming years by the Chief’s Council to address those issues, such as cultural directions for language, poetry, song and dance.

### The following agenda topics were considered by the Parliament:

- 1 Information about the role of the various elements of the Clan, the Chief’s Council, Armigers, and relationship with the CBSI worldwide, The Buchanan Society and the neighbouring clans
- 2 Our Clan’s Relevance, Values, Knowledge of the historical significance of the Clan and Vision for the Future
- 3 Telling our story through archaeology and history research, including creating an Artefact Register, developing a proposal for a Clan Heritage Centre/ Museum (but, see the note below)
- 4 Engaging the clan’s youth to ensure our future
- 5 Marketing the Clan
- 6 Promotion of business relationships through Chief’s patronage
- 7 Establish Scottish Clan Charity/Trust/Foundation
- 8 Establish Roles and Responsibilities of Chief’s Pipers and promote Piping for Clan Buchanan.





# CLAN PARLIAMENT *continued*

## The Chief's Council (Court) – advising and supporting the Chief and the Clan Parliament

Traditionally, the Chief was supported by the Clan's senior members, including the Chieftains and Armigers of the clan. They held various roles and could include running the household, collecting taxes/tithes, rallying/leading the clan for war or skirmishes with the neighbours, rustling cattle, advising on what needed to be done, carrying out ceremonial duties and representing the Chief personally at events. Not all of these are appropriate in the modern clan (I leave it to you to consider which ones fall into this category).

### What does the Chief's Council do?

The modern Clan Council assists the Chief with the Clan's directions, and works hand-in-glove with the Clan Parliament (especially in between them) - an opportunity to involve all clan folk in the Clan's directions, and the Clan's Societies (Clan Buchanan Society International, The Buchanan Society) that deliver the strategies on the ground.

\* An Armiger is a person who has been formally granted a Coat of Arms by Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland or by the College of Arms, England. Research is being undertaken to establish the Armigers and their current representatives

\*\* This must be from Scotland as this position would manage the Clan's Scottish trust fund/foundation when established

\*\*\* These are specialist roles, likely to be in Scotland where the work is needed initially

### The purpose of the Chief's Council is to:

- Manage the Clan Parliament and strategic directions for the Clan
- Manage emerging strategic directions and operational needs in between Clan Parliaments
- Review and report on implementing the Clan's strategies
- Manage the ceremonial aspects of the Chief's role, including heraldry and genealogy
- Manage Charitable Funds raised for undertaking Clan projects.

Membership of the Council comprises people who are active in delivering the Clan's strategic directions. The inaugural Council required people who could act immediately on the agenda being considered by the Clan Parliament. The Chief can consider additional special advisers on strategies that are considered important enough to need specific leadership.

### The inaugural Council comprises →

ROLE	ROLE IN GAELIC	OFFICE HOLDER	
President of the Council	Toiseach	The Buchanan	
Manager of the Household		The Lady Buchanan, Paula	
Chamberlain	Seumarlan	Paul Gibson (Aus)	
The Clan's Chieftains	Armaid	All Clan Armigers* or their representative	
Armiger Convener	Armaid Neach-gairm	Dr Shona Gibson (Aus)	
President of the CBSI	Ceann-suidhe	David Byrne (USA) or his representative	
Preses of The Buchanan Society		Stuart P. J. Buchanan (Sco) or his representative	
Treasurer	Ionmhasair	Yet to be appointed **	
Youth representative(s)		Angus Buchanan of that Ilk, Younger (Sco) Bruce Buchanan of Arnprior (Sco) Lucy Buchanan of Leny (Sco) Rory Buchanan of Auchleshie (Sco)	
Chaplain		Rev. Dr Andrew Buchanan (USA)	
Chief's Genealogist	Sloinntear an Àird	Gordon McGregor (Sco)	
Clan Genealogist	Sloinntear	Chris Conlon (USA)	
Archivist / Librarian	Tasglannaiche / Leabhar-lannaiche	Yet to be appointed ***	
Archaeologist	Àrsaidhear	Kim Tuovinen (Aus)	
Scribe/Secretary	Sgrìobhaiche	Yet to be appointed	
Mage / Messenger / Media Adviser	Magaidh / Cleasaiche / Comhairleach na Meadhanan	Matthew Buchanan (Aus)	
Tartans Adviser(s)	Comhairleach Breacanach	Lucy Buchanan of Leny, Marie Gibson (Aus), Tracy Harper (USA)	
International adviser	Neach-comhairle	Kevin "Buck" Buchanan (USA)	
Chief's Ceremonial Roles	Clan Herald and "Bearer of Old Lore"	Clairinch Seanchaidh	Malcolm Buchanan (Aus)
	Chief's Standard Bearer	Neach-giùlain Àbhaisteach	George McAusland (Sco)
	Chief's Sword Bearer/Armourer	Neach-giùlain Chlaidheimh	Rory Buchanan of Auchleshie (Sco)
	Chief's Pipers	Plobairean an Cannonaich	Scott Buchanan (North America) Richard Harris (Aus) Rod Buchanan (Sco)
Chief's personal representatives in regions, ie. High Commissioner / Commissioner	Àrd-choimiseanair	The Chief makes these appointments as his personal representatives for a major region (or country) / area	





SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

# 3 FEATHERS BLACK TIE DINNER



*Photo by John and  
Connor Buchanan*

A formal dinner catered by “Wild and Smokey” with a comprehensive spread of indulgent, mouth-watering selection of meats, fish, salads, and sides.

The Chief took the opportunity to address the gathering and say a few words: he expressed thanks to those who attended and to the organisers of the event and announced his selection of office bearers for his Clan Council.





# 3 FEATHERS BLACK TIE DINNER *continued*



↑ ↓ Reaffirming friendships and fashion

↑ Tammy, Karen, Anne, Andrea, Dana and Margaret



Morrison's Academy providing another sample of Highland entertainment



↑ Jim, Adrian, Trevor, Andrew, Scott, Matt, Ken and George



Andrea Hertzler with Lucy Buchanan



Many a yarn... Mike in discussion with Jeff King and Shane Watson



The Buchanan thanking Ginger Sotelo for her gift



Lachlan Buchanan presents a gift from the Australian contingent





MONDAY 10 OCTOBER

# LUNCH

At Buchanan Golf Course: the site of Clan Buchanan Auld House – the Ancient Seat of Clan Buchanan

*Margaret Noel, Jane Jellison, Dr Shona Gibson, Cameron and Lachlan Buchanan with Paul Gibson tucking in*



*Buchanan Auld House: Seat of Clan Buchanan from 1231 to 1682*



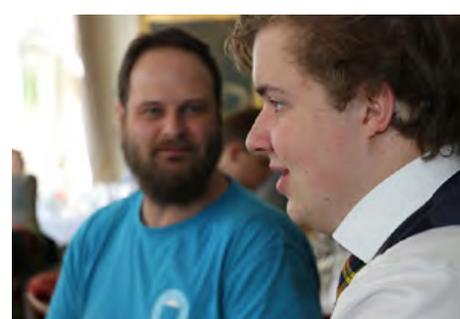
*Chief's Pipers, Rod Buchanan and Richard Harris*



*Anne and Ken Buchanan*



*Julia, Jamie Graham, The Buchanan, Paula and Guy discussing matters with Malcolm*



*Rory Buchanan of Auchleshie with Grant Buchanan*



*Many thanks to our host, Jamie Graham Marquis of Graham*





MONDAY 10 OCTOBER

# CLOSING CEREMONY



*A reminder that the Coronet is indeed for clansmen; not a crown for the chief*



*Yet another opportunity for Malcolm to don a wacky hat. Shona and Paul Gibson, The Lady Buchanan and The Buchanan with Rory Buchanan. Trevor Paradis and Andrea Hertzler holding flags and Coronets*



*Jamie Graham of Clan Graham provided a great tour of several remnants of the Buchanan Auld House*



*The Chief, Stephanie and Jag Gibson Trevor Paradis with his handbag in the background*





FROM WILD HAGGIS HUNTING TO WELLY TOSSING

# A Chieftain's experience at the Inauguration



By Lucy Buchanan, the Chieftain of Leny

University student, Clan Court Tartan  
Adviser and hostage negotiator

Photos by stripe - Stewart Attwood  
and Ian Georgeson

The preparation for the inauguration has been in the works for not only months, but years. From multiple postponements due to the Covid-19 lockdowns and travel restrictions, a date was finalised for October 2022.

Buchanans came in from far and wide with most travelling all the way across from the U.S. and Australia! As the daughter of The Buchanan and the Lady Buchanan, from where I stood, I was able to view 'behind the curtains' into the organisation of the event. As you can imagine, this was no simple feat. For a weekend's worth of Inauguration events hundreds of hours have been put in by CBSI organisers and by my parents. I feel compelled to give my mother, the Lady Buchanan an incredibly honourable mention. She has been working non-stop on organising the creation of the clan jewels, the clan seat, dining arrangements, event scheduling, you name it!

In the run-up I was also offered a chance to do something quite special, designing the ceremonial tartan for the 2022 Buchanan Inauguration. This was nothing like any design project I had ever done before, but I certainly tried to make the most of it. Following my love of pink and a desire to put out a more vibrant and colourful tartan, I managed to create the first officially registered tartan with pink in it. The main idea behind the 'Buchanan Inauguration' was for it to be a play on the well-known 'Buchanan modern' tartan. I decided to change the palate without too much of a change to the original colours; the green became turquoise, the dark blue to indigo, the yellow to peach, and of course, the red to pink.



*The Buchanan Inauguration tartan, as designed by Lucy*



*The Buchanans and Lucy cheering with Morrisons Academy*





# A Chieftain's experience at the Inauguration *continued*

Following the tartan coming to fruition I felt incredibly honoured to see the queues lining up at Scotland Shop to order pieces in the Buchanan Inauguration tartan and being awarded the clan's 'tartan advisor' role. Not only that, but Peter Macdonald, a tartan expert historian even complimented my tartan, which to me, was the highest honour of all! Who knew pink and turquoise would go down so well?

To be involved in some aspects of the ceremony's organisation has been both rewarding and fun. Getting up for 5.30 starts to hide around little pom pom creatures for a 'wild haggis hunt' I put on is certainly not something that you can do for just any event! Nor, I think, is 'tossing' around welly boots or using a garden digging fork to hurl around sand sacks.

For the Scottish dancing night, my brothers and I were involved in some of the pre-dance demonstrations but by the end of the night there were dancers of all ages on the marquee dance floor including a pair of enthusiastic and impressive young girls (who must have only been between the ages of 5-8) spinning around at surprising speed. There were also cases of high-heels (literally) flying around the room.

I think we all let out a sigh of relief after the weekend went by smoothly besides from a bit of drizzle, which is to be expected from the Scottish climate. Yet, the weekend still held a few surprises up its sleeve. While rushing around carrying my box of supplies for my 'Nessie' games activities and charity sale, I managed to trip and spill the contents on the ground. Luckily, this did not include my homemade tablet but, unfortunately it did include hundreds of tiny stick-on eyes (meant for the pom pom 'haggis' creatures) which all were scattered on a gravel path... However, my story of woe did not end there as fellow clansmen-and-women rushed to join me in the effort of clearing up the spill, all too willing to get their hands and knees dirty alongside me, painstakingly retrieving each of the tiny and slippery eyes! All lifesavers (you know who you are) who I could not be more thankful for.

On the Sunday, Daisy, the Buchanan family dog, decided to wait until the opportune moment to come and greet us i.e., during the Parliament at the marquee, but she was quite popular with some of the youngsters.

Yet I feel the most surprising aspect of the weekend was the camaraderie of the Buchanans, a clan I am honoured to be a part of.



*Daisy Buchanan holding Court at the Parliament.  
Photo by John and Connor Buchanan*



*Lucy with the Clan Coronet*



*Clan Camaraderie; Lucy with Karen Buchanan of USA and Margaret McAusland of Scotland.  
Photo from Jim Buchanan*





SHONA GIBSON

# A Scottish landscape

Standing on Scottish land helped me form a greater appreciation of a phrase I read in one of the letters, **John Gibson**, my 3 times great grandfather wrote in 1879 from his property in outback Australia to family in Scotland. He wrote:

*“Everything here is being done for the first time.*

In outback Australia where the red dusty land stretches in all directions (as seen in the images of Ayres Rock/Uluru) uninterrupted by man-made influences.

John wrote about chipping into the dirt that has been crusted since time began and planting fences in preparation for his venture to raise sheep. He, his wife and seven children lived in a camp visited by kangaroos and slept under a canvas tent for two years while they prepared the land for sheep. A life so different to the one lived in Scotland.

My realisation while I was in Scotland, his ‘homeland’, was that the infrastructure he reflected on was put down by the Romans, Picts, Celts ... The miles of stonewalls that I marvelled at, and likewise the castles perched on the edge of cliffs or the sides of mountains,

had been in place for hundreds, if not thousands of years. None of the features were new. He and his family had had no input in their construction.

From that **ah ha** moment, it meant that I looked at these structures on the Scottish landscape with a different reference. I appreciated that they had been put there by human endeavour. People who had bad days, aching muscles, hunger pains and grumbled at having to work in the rain, had moved rocks and laid them into a structure that has lasted through time.

That’s one of the things I appreciated from my Scotland experience.



By Shona Gibson.

Inauguration organizer, Armiger, CBSI co-regent for NSW & ACT, Australia and placebo analyst



*The Buchanans, with “the bossy Australians” at a preparatory briefing*



*The “back” of Cambusmore where Shona “did” an Inauguration “for the first time”*





ALLYSON BLACK

# Wonderful memories and new friendships

I live in Stirlingshire (Scotland) but as a non-driver Callander has always been a special day out or holiday destination. My whole family have always loved visiting the town, beautiful scenery, with lovely shops and good nightlife, it's a great destination.

I was so excited to attend the Inauguration weekend. It will always be one of the highlights of my life, so many wonderful memories were made and new friendships formed.

I am very grateful to the Clan Chief and his family, alongside Shona and Paul Gibson for the amount of hard work and planning that enabled the event to take place. From digging out a road and car park to feeding 300 guests. It was a huge challenge and it was all managed with grace and humility.

The Clan Parliament was a highlight for me where being a member of the Clan has enabled me to be proud of our heritage and culture. As a Councillor and candidate for the Scottish Parliament that had some times been difficult to feel in recent years. Everyone agreed at the Clan Parliament that young people needed to be encouraged to join a clan and a good way to do this is through music. It was great to hear the piper's contribution and I am looking forward to seeing how this develops in future years.

I had never met the Clan chief and knew little of him before attending that weekend. It was a concern that I was attending an event where we would be officially appointing a new leader and I didn't know the man's character. I needn't have worried. We are so blessed to have a such a clever, humble, kind man as our chief. The townspeople all spoke highly of him, as did the estate workers, who were fully involved in all the celebrations over the weekend. You can tell a lot about a person by how his employees are treated and it was great to see them enjoying themselves at the Ceilidh and formal dinner.

I spent most of the weekend with John De La Cruz and his wife Vivien who were brilliant company. John is a great historian and it was lovely to see him carry the Union Jack in the procession.

My family name is McCausland and my family lived in County Tyrone from the late 1600s until dad married my mum in 1957. There is a potential link that my Sixth generation Grandfather married a Frances Buchanan, I hope that link is true. All the County Tyrone McCauslands originally came from the Loch Lomond area. Merze Marvin wrote a book in 1911 after extensive research, "The McCauslands of Donaghie and allied Families" My family are Formass McCauslands mentioned in the book.



John and Vivian De La Cruz and Allyson Black at the dinner on Sunday night



Margaret and George McCausland with Rod Buchanan at the Sunday service

Marj Easterling, Becky Green, Peggy Easterling from Virginia. Clay and Julie Buchanan from Texas. Allyson Black with Chris Green in the front.





PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN: AN ORGANISERS PERSPECTIVE

# Will the inauguration ever happen?



By Paul Gibson

Clan Armiger, Court Chamberlain,  
CBSI NSW & ACT Co-Regent and  
[Parkour](#) competitor

**This was the question on the lips of a lot of people after the event planning was suspended due to the outbreak of the Covid – 19 virus in early 2020.**

Planning had progressed in late 2019 with our site visit taking place in February 2020 just before the borders closed. 2020 was the year that affected a lot of international events, so the inauguration became a statistic like the others.

2021 was a year of optimism in the events' sphere, but alas, it was again curtailed

by Covid restrictions. International travel, gatherings and events were banned or made impossible to manage.

After months and months of preliminary planning, we launched the event in February 2022. The ticketing platform was established in the UK, costings and budgets confirmed and we were on a roll. We strived towards our goal of facilitating the 4 day event in Scotland in early October. All indicators were proving to be positive and with that in mind, we pushed on.

The planning for the 6 main events over 4 days had its challenges, one of which was undertaking the task remotely from Australia. The unfamiliarity with the local environment, the lack of knowledge of local suppliers, understanding the availability of equipment that was needed, the location and source of that equipment, the disparity in terminology

and trying to communicate with a range of suppliers in different time zones from the other side of the globe, was a test. Combined with the constant threat of restrictions being imposed due to Covid, it had a degree of difficulty.

Our preliminary site visit in February 2020, enabled Shona and I to get to see the lay of the land, and undertake the investigations and research as to how the event was to pan out. We spent valuable time with the Mike and Paula Buchanan, discussing a range of topics and proposals, such as; options for the ceremony, the proposed events and venues and the activities and logistics to make them happen. The visit in February was vital, as we were able to talk to suppliers, caterers, hire companies, venue providers and others. We were able to establish a sound working relationship and to convey an understanding of our needs. This one week in Scotland had us prepared with enough knowledge to move forward. It also provided a wonderful opportunity to get to know Mike, Paula and the family as we continued to plan for the event.

## PS: the event did happen...

The week before the event, Shona and I arrived in Callander to wrap up the final planning, and to cross check with our suppliers etc., to ensure that all was in order. There was still a lot to do, as we were catering for some of the events ourselves and needed food, drinks, table decorations, gifts for clan folk, props and other items. It was necessary for us to bring items with us from Australia and with the assistance of Matthew Buchanan, he was able to arrange some of the last minute items and printed material to be delivered to the estate during the lead up week.

On Friday the 7th of October, we were almost there. The Golf day had started at the Buchanan Castle Golf Club, with Lachlan Buchanan as the event coordinator for the day. While that activity was underway, the final preparations in the marquee were taking place. The PA system was being installed and tested, chairs, tables, stage, Buchanan Seat, flag supports, catering equipment, lighting checks, matting, banners, bunting,

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*Organising an event from another country?  
Get familiar with zoom conference calls*



*From an event management perspective, the inauguration weekend was a great success. The commitment, enthusiasm and participation of the guests, both locally and from across the globe was outstanding, with positive responses received both during and after the event.*





# Will the inauguration ever happen? *continued*



*Rehearsal briefing: wrangling 300 guests, over 30 Chiefs, Chieftains and Lords; 20 flag bearers; 3 pipers; 8 trumpeters; and 2 birds of prey... no problems*

outside equipment, additional tents and small marquees all being worked on by a string of helpers including clan folk and estate staff. Our rehearsal in the afternoon was important as it was the time where we could iron out the timing, the pronunciation of names and titles of the VIPs and sort out the finer logistics. With Malcolm Buchanan researching, preparing and conducting the inauguration ceremony, and with time constraints by Lord Lyon, it was vital that this element run smoothly. Kevin “Buck” Buchanan and his brother Michael, were the Masters of Ceremonies (M.C.’s), and

being American, some practice was needed with the pronunciation of the names and titles of the guests; although challenging, Buck did very well. The inauguration was rehearsed, with some great outcomes achieved and issues resolved. We were set to go for Saturday morning.

### The big day

Saturday the 8th of October. The Inauguration of the Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan. **We made it.** The sun was shining, unbelievable but true, clan folk and guests

were arriving, the generator was on, power and lights functioning and we were on our way. As Shona and I formed up the procession that was to take the VIPs down the hill from Cambusmore manor into the walled garden marquee, we both became quite emotional. This event that had taken nearly 3 years to plan, was actually happening.

As with most events, there are always little things that can cause minor levels of uneasiness. Just as we were about to start, we were missing the flag bearers, who were still on their way; the Chief’s bonnet went missing, but was finally located; a bit of confusion between the banners and flags of chiefs; the clan folk delayed in arriving into the marquee due to a sudden influx, but it was still coming together.

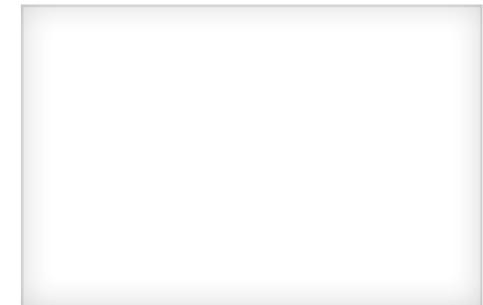
We finally stepped off, a few minutes late, with the procession being led by the 3 Chief’s pipers. As the pipers made their way from the Manor house, their arrival at the marquee, was heralded by 8 trumpeters from the Callander Brass Band. Upon entry into the marquee, each of the guests were announced by the M.C. and shown to their seats. Flags, banners and clan jewels added to the spectacle and created a warm and vibrant atmosphere to the occasion. The last guests to arrive were the Lord Lyon - Dr Joseph Morrow and Sir Crispin Agnew - Albany Herald Extraordinary, followed by the Clan Chief, John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan and the 2 falcons, Stewart and Kevin Robertson, carrying on their arms, a mature golden eagle and a peregrine

falcon. An awesome display.

The inauguration ceremony was then conducted by the Clan Buchanan Clairinch Shenachie, Malcolm Buchanan where the jewels were presented and the ceremony formalized with the warrant being read out by Sir Crispin Agnew and then presented to the Chief by the Lord Lyon. What a wonderful ceremony to witness and to be a part of.

After a light lunch, presentations were made by 3 guest speakers, Professor Alison Lumsden discussing the connection between Sir Walter Scott and Cambusmore, Peter McDonald who spoke on tartans and Peter Yates, talking about his experiences living and growing up at Cambusmore as a child.

The ceilidh was next on the agenda, starting at 8 pm, with Ken Milligan and his band providing his expert calling and instructions to participants and on the moves required. The dance floor rocked and thumped to the Gay Gordons, the Dashing White Sergeant and other popular dances. A few drams were seen



*Photograph of Paul dancing at the Ceilidh*

*As for the Scottish weather, being generally predictable, rain was taken into account. True to form, the lead up to the event was wet, however as we neared the weekend, the sun came out as if it was pre-planned and programmed.*





# Will the inauguration ever happen? *continued*

to be had throughout the night as the party continued towards midnight. The dancing gradually became a bit less coordinated as the evening progressed, possibly due to the wee drams of whisky being passed around, but the ceilidh was a true celebration of the chief's inauguration. The guests could not get enough of the dancing and were keen to party on, but all good things must come to an end.



## Sunday sequence

Sunday morning was not so bright for some but not too bad for others as we prepared for the Chapel service in the ruins of the family chapel and graveyard located on the estate. As the mist was rolling through at 9.00 am, a small contingent of clan folk, lead by the 3 Chief's pipers heralding the procession, made their way, across the bridge, over the babbling brook, along a well-worn track through the forest towards the chapel. I was waiting at the chapel for their arrival and with yet another emotional moment, hearing the pipers coming from afar, meandering through the forest, followed by the Chief, his family and clan folk, making this very special pilgrimage to the ancestral graves of their forefathers in the

dead calm of the morning, was an experience not to forget. The Rev Dr. Andrew Buchanan delivered a very special service before the contingent retired back through the forest to the walled garden in readiness for the Clan Parliament.

The Clan Parliament is a formal occasion where the clanfolk have the opportunity to discuss the direction for the clan. The parliament is external to any formal association, as it is a gathering of anyone that has a connection to the name of Buchanan or the associated sept names. I had the privilege of participating as scribe.

Business was conducted with the tabling of a number of motions with healthy discussions being had on the various subjects. A light lunch followed with guest speakers lined up for the afternoon; included Matt Buchanan, who delivered an engaging talk on the ways to promote and market the clan and encourage memberships; and Mike and Paula Buchanan, who were very entertaining, as the clansfolk enquired into the Chief and Lady Paula's history and life in general.

The 3 Feathers Dinner was to be the last of the formal events to be held in the marquee which commenced at 6.00 pm. The format for the evening was that of a formal dinner, with entertainment provided by Morrison's Academy. The meal was catered by a company called "Wild and Smokey" and as you can imagine it consisted of a range of meats, smoked and basted over grills contained within what could only be described

as a portable steam engine. The flavours were mouth-watering with a range of meats, fish, salads, and sides provided to accommodate a range of dietary requirements. Truly a Wild and Smokey experience.

As the night grew on, the Chief - Mike Buchanan took the opportunity to address the gathering and to say a few words. During this time he expressed thanks to those who attended and to the organisers of the event and also announced his selection of office bearers for his Clan Council. With nearly 200 people in attendance, it was a very special evening and a wonderful conclusion to the formalities of the inauguration.

## Monday madness

Monday morning was not much fun as the hire equipment needed returning and the logistics of the clean-up were under way.

Our last event for the weekend celebrations was a lunch to be held at the Buchanan Castle Golf Club in Drymen, which is the site of the Buchanan Auld House. Buchanan Auld House is the original Clan seat of the Clan located in the shadow of the ruins of Buchanan Castle. The site for our lunch was chosen to enable the descendants of the Buchanan clan to connect with their past and to salute their forefathers with a toast of whisky, recognizing that the diaspora that left their lands for a better future in years gone by, had returned and had not forgotten their roots or the connection to lands in Scotland.

A most memorable occasion.

Our time in Scotland was nearing an end and with the final wrap up concluding, life at Cambusmore going back to normal and our itinerary seeing us returning to Australia, we could only think of the significance of the occasion, the connections and friendships that had been made over 4 days and the way in which this event had brought a family together through a common denominator – The Buchanan.

We have made everlasting friendships with people from across the globe, formed relationships with a range of people in all walks of life and all *evolving from one question by Paula* to Shona and I, over a coffee in Canberra, Australia back in 2019, *"Could you run the event for us?"*

Thanks to all those involved who assisted us and to those who came along and joined in. What a great experience "Clar Innis!"





**MAKING THE CLAN WHOLE**

# Clan Jewels

One of the consequences of the absence of a Buchanan Chief (since 1682) is that sadly we have large gaps in our Buchanan Clan's ceremonial past and insignia heritage. The lack of clear succession left by the last chief, resulted in both the physical loss of all the ancient Buchanan family charters and any accompanying insignia.



† The Buchanan Seal Ring symbolises a commitment to the clan and the authority to lead it. It is made from a red agate stone that reflects the ruby ring given by Bonnie Prince Charlie to Buchanan of Arnprior in recognition of his work in supporting the Jacobite cause.

‡ The Buchanan Seat is a stone chair carved by James Innes and son, Edinburgh, with the Buchanan Coat of Arms carved into the back. Stone carvings have been used for inauguration events for many centuries.

It weighs 370kg (815 pounds) and will be used for all future inaugurations. It will stay at Cambusmore in the 1st floor tower room.

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# Clan Jewels *continued*



◀ Family naval sword is likely to have been owned by Captain Morshead Buchanan-Baillie-Hamilton circa 1894. And the 5 ball spadron infantry officers sword is likely to have been owned by Major Alexander Buchanan, 5th of Arnprior circa 1780 - 1790.

◀ The Buchanans had the The Inaugural Lion Sword, Bear Dirk and Sgian Dubh made from Silver by Roddy Young of Inverness with blades created by Greg Marr from Glittering Edge, Edinburgh. Red eyes are red agate stone sourced from Cambusmore.

✓ The Buchanan Sept Coronet represents the global aspect of the modern Buchanan Clan. The 4 strawberry leaves features an opal (from Australia) a red Tourmaline stone (from North America) a blue Labradite stone (from Finland) and a green Jadite stone to represent a global network, that is important and needs to be acknowledged and celebrated.

◀ The Buchanan Seal will be used to make wax seals for important clan documents, for example, the Chief's Court appointments – like a traditional form of signature.

➔ The Bear Cromach... The Cromach (shepherd's stick) has been increasingly used as a symbol of clan chiefship.

The back cover features The Silver Jacobite Rose... This is a replica of a brooch that was created in the 19th Century to revere and commemorate the martyrs and other key people involved in the 1745 uprising.

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# Clan Jewels *continued*

- The Inaugural White Rod. The White Rod or Wand is thought to be a symbol of justice and leadership. It was used in the inauguration ceremony and the clan parliament.
- ↓ The Little Sword of Leny is a recreation of a claybeg, circa 971, which formed a Charter of Clan Leny; which attests to our Pictish and ancient roots.



All details of the Clan Jewels can be found at [www.theclanbuchanan.com/jewels](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/jewels)

ANDREA HERTZLER

# Defending the Lady Paula

We take our roles seriously in the Clan...



Andrea Hertzler (fiancé to Trevor Paradis – CBSI Regent for Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland) made this Targe for the Chief, and gifted it to him on his birthday in 2022.

A perfect companion to the Lion Sword, one of the Jewels of the Clan made for the inauguration.





CEREMONY ORGANISER, MALCOLM BUCHANAN

# Shenachie Shenanigans

In 2009 Buchanan clanfolk from around the world attended the 2009 Homecoming in Edinburgh. Those who wore the Buchanan kilt really stood out at the event and we met in the middle of the Holyrood Palace field. The absence of a Chief was acutely felt by the group and we hoped that the clan would work toward re-establishing this role. Consequently, many of us became more active in the clan.

Little did we know that Hugh Peskett, Genealogist extraordinaire, was working with Mike and Paula to petition Lord Lyon to be recognised as the Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan. In 2018, after 340 years we had a Chief recognised by Lord Lyon. So, an Inauguration ceremony was needed.

An Inauguration of a new Chief is a very important occasion for a Clan and the Chief's family. Indeed, it is a relatively rare event. It brings the Clan together and reaffirms our culture, heritage and identity. So, ceremony and symbolism is important.

Creating and performing the Inauguration ceremony has been one of the greatest honours of my life. The many delightful discussions that I had with Paula, The Lady Buchanan, about the history and approach led to a ceremony that was respectful of Scottish cultural practices born of centuries, integrating the Clan jewels that Paula was having made, as well as making it spectacular for the clan. Shona and Paul Gibson managed the complex logistics.

On the day, the large audience was seated and the procession commenced. The procession, which stretched several hundred metres, closely followed tradition. The three Chief's Pipers led the procession, followed by the Chief's Banner Bearer, the Sword

Bearers, the Clan Chaplain, the representatives of the Clan Buchanan Society International and The Buchanan Society, the main country representatives and flags where the clan is established, the Chiefs (including the Convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs), Chieftains and Commander for Clans McEwen, MacLaine of Lochbuie, Carruthers, Hunter, Maclaren, MacNab, MacMillan, Colquhoun, Charteris, and Graham with their heraldic banners carried by members of the Morrison's Academy, Clan Armigers, the Clan's Chieftains, The Lady Buchanan, the Clairinch Seanchaidh, Albany Herald Extraordinary, Lord Lyon King of Arms, The Buchanan, and finally the Birds of Prey and their handlers. The trumpets sounded a fanfare as The Buchanan entered the marquee and we commenced the formalities.

The Inauguration ceremony itself had several parts:

- Presentation of the Letters Patent (the legal grant to the title of Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan) issued by Dr Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms, on behalf of the Queen, and Sir Crispin Agnew, Albany Herald Extraordinary
- Recognition of the Chief's family lineage (presented by the Clairinch Seanchaidh)
- Presentation of the Clan's jewels to the Chief as symbols of the roles and responsibilities
- Taking the "Clan Oath" by the Buchanan clan folk
- Proclaiming loudly the Clan's War Cry "Clar Innis" so that the neighbouring Clans would know that we were there.





# Shenachie Shenanigans *continued*



## What was the special costume that you wore in the inauguration ceremony?

The Chief appointed me as the “Clairinch Seanchaidh” or Shenachie (a traditional storyteller who could recite the ancient clan lore and tales of wisdom; the Google of ancient times). This was a great honour in recognition of my work on the Inauguration and brought history and heraldry together for such an occasion. This meant that the Inauguration ceremony could be conducted in the traditional fashion.

A fashionably traditional costume was required to be worn. Much research went into the creation of what is known as a “Tabard”. Traditionally it is worn by Heralds and Pursuivants (assistants to Heralds) on official occasions. Lord Lyon and Sir Crispin wore their traditional tabards for the Inauguration ceremony, being the Scottish Royal Coat of Arms (as seen at the Queen’s funeral). The Pursuivant of a Clan Chief wears the tabard representing the shield of the Chief’s Coat of Arms.



So, the colourful tabard I wore was designed on a gold background with a black rampant lion within a black double tressure flory counter-flory.

I am indebted to very skilled friends who designed (Chris and Janette Lindsay) and made the tabard (Helen Godden, one of Australia’s best quilters, and her mother, Patricia).

*The Chief and Malcolm standing at what is believed to be the location of the ancient “caput” or seat of the head of the clan at the Buchanan Auld House, Drymen*

The bonnet that I wore bore the badge of the Clairinch Seanchaidh, which reflected the ancient grant of the Clan’s island of Clairinch and the role as a Clan storyteller/ herald/ adviser. The badge uses one of the Chief’s symbols, a Peregrine Falcon (from the supporters in the Chief’s Coat of Arms), rising with wings raised while holding a white rod in the left claw as a messenger of the Chief.



*The big reveal of the tabard by the Lindsays and Goddens*



*Clairinch Seanchaidh*

## The Chief Heckler

*I was not prepared* for any heckling during the ceremony and it came from an unexpected source. During the ceremony, I announced that I was going to give a *shortened* version of the Chief’s genealogy as it spanned centuries into the Chiefly line. However, a voice from the front suggested that I should give the full version and, not wanting to disappoint, I did. I learned later that the heckler was a Clan Chief, **the Duke of Montrose**.



*James Graham, Duke of Montrose (Chief, Clan Graham) with Malcolm after the ceremony*





The Buchanans after the inauguration, in front of Cambusmore Estate House. Photo by m@

## OUR NEWLY INSTALLED CHIEF, A Genealogy perspective



By Chris Conlon

CBSI Genealogist, sorceress and professional forensic clairvoyant

I have been reflecting on the effort that was needed for our newly inaugurated Chief to come into his position. As genealogists we bring a dedication to and love of history, we must also maintain an almost slavish commitment to discovering facts and only facts, sifting through interesting but possibly irrelevant information. Genealogy research is almost like being a private eye searching for clues that fit the scene – not making extraneous items fit into our view of the scene. We must be objective and open to new information, not clinging to our family stories.

I was not involved in any of the work that was undertaken to bring the Chief's claim to the Lord Lyon, I was aware that my predecessor, Patty Hopkinson, was involved in some manner but she never let on to what degree. In re-reading The Lady Buchanan's tribute to Hugh Peskett in the April 2020 Banner article here, I thought about what it means to dedicate more than 15 years of one's life solely to this type of research, although he actually worked over 60 years of his life to this end. Mr. Peskett was driven by his grandmother's injunction to "find the rightful chief of Buchanan", since the chiefly line had died out by the late 1600's. For the Lord Lyon to have accepted the claim and named our Chief, Hugh Peskett achieved the apogee of his research career. The validation of his research has culminated in Clan Buchanan's inauguration of our Chief.

The Buchanan himself, had a large part to play in this effort as well. If he had no interest in taking on the herculean task of overseeing and managing the Clan and its worldwide affairs, this would never have happened. He had to have that interest and drive to want to be placed in this position. A quiet and unfettered life would be turned upside down with the advent of becoming the Chief. The wider responsibility for bringing the

Clan's work of promotion and modernization is not insignificant. Recreating the ceremony and regalia for the inauguration demonstrates the commitment and resolve to bringing the Clan to the wider world audience and into modern times.

It can be extremely difficult to locate old records, then to decipher antiquated handwriting and make sense of the verbiage in modern understanding. Archaic language forms must be interpreted in order to understand what we are looking at. Birth, marriage and death records contain easily understood information, however property records, wills and other covenants can be confusing at best without a proper knowledge of the terms and standards of the time they were written.

Genealogy is an occupation in which many different disciplines work together to create a whole. Undertaking genealogy research can often provide us with nothing more than a series of names and dates, when we really would like to connect to the living, breathing people we are searching for. It seems that in our modern, hurried world where so many of us are in constant motion and widely separated from what makes us family, we begin researching our family history in an effort to connect or reconnect to the people and places that have formed us, even if only subconsciously.

DNA testing and interpretation has played a large part in clearing up the origins of Clan Buchanan. We now know, unequivocally and scientifically, that Clan Buchanan did not have its beginnings in Ireland. The information that has been propounded as Clan Buchanan's earliest history has now been proven to be an origin myth. We need more people to test and add their data to the research project at Family Tree DNA and we need more people who are knowledgeable and able to understand and interpret the data that DNA can provide for us. Every person who tests and adds their data to this project helps Clan Buchanan understand a little more about our history.

In this modern world being the Chief of a Clan is a very different proposition than it was historically. No longer does The Buchanan need to provide for the creature comforts of a local group of people. This is now a global endeavour, with the Clan scattered far and wide across the world. Bringing these diverse people together to carry on the heritage and customs that are part of our past is a huge undertaking.





# Genealogy perspective *continued*

We have the ability to meet virtually and speak in real time, dramatically speeding up the process of initiating efforts to promote the Clan and help all members feel a part of our heritage. We celebrate our interrelatedness to our forebears and the customs, dress and speech of those people. The Buchanan is the personification of our Clan, the visual image of the Clan, not merely a figurehead but a living breathing person that is the representation of our reasons for attending highland games and learning about our heritage. In so many ways, we all want to belong to something that is larger than we are.

The Scots way of life, dress and speech was abolished with the loss at Culloden. Many of our forebears were exported to the colonies to serve out indentured service as a punishment for believing in their own birthright. So many of those indentured servants helped to build new countries and are influencing those countries even now. Our modern Clan Society seeks to re-establish those parts of our heredity. The highland games that encourage and promote our inheritance as Scots and Clan members bring knowledge, fun and excitement to the visitors who attend. We share our passion for our history with not only our own but also with the wider world. The contribution of Scots in the world is enormous and it is part of the effort at the Clan tents at a highland game to help educate visitors to the tent. Our conveners are our ambassadors to the guests at any highland games. With the inauguration there has

been an upsurge in interest and contact from outside the Clan Society. We have gained new members and more people are submitting their genealogies.

The work of integrating the existing member submitted genealogies into a more useful format and uploading them to the genealogy website is winding down, nearly 2 years after establishing a website dedicated to this purpose. This portion of managing the information of the Society has been strictly a data entry project with no real research. Going forward I would like to work towards the goal of connecting the various septs / affiliated surnames into their proper positions in relation to the main Buchanan line, but this is an enormous undertaking. By providing access to these files through the [genealogy website](#), our members have the advantage of being able to research through files that have been hidden away in file cabinets and banker boxes for decades. There might be information in these records that won't be found elsewhere, that hasn't been digitized as yet or even lost to time. Much of the Society's holdings are for American families. We would like to see submissions from the other divisions of the Society, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, etc. This would provide a better picture of Clan Buchanan and how we dispersed around the world, in relation to our Scots roots. I would welcome any suggestions for genealogical projects that the membership would like to see.



*BTW, for those of you who attended the inauguration and the events surrounding it, I am seriously envious!*



*The Buchanans after the Inauguration, in front of Cambusmore Estate House. Photo by Stripe - Stewart Attwood and Ian Georgeson*





By Matt Buchanan, CBSI Art Director, Web Master, Deputy Vice President, Clan Mage and imaginary friend

INAUGURAL PROCEDURE

# The Clan Oath

When I got involved with the clan, and expanding the website, I started working with Lady Buchanan (Paula) on clan-ly details. She was generous with her time, so it made it easy to be generous with my time.

She asked for ideas for Mottos, to be engraved on something she called 'Clan Jewels'; and I recounted all the family Mottos I had compiled for our clan history. But, she didn't want a backward looking statement, and she didn't want to plagiarise another family's premise.

In my career, as a designer and marketer, I work with many businesses that need to report on their positive practices, and use the UN Charter of Sustainability Development as a reporting framework; so I refined 17 goals into 6 mottos that might offer some relevance and practical usefulness.

- 1 Generosity, curiosity, care and wellbeing
- 2 Sharing education and knowledge
- 3 Equality in life, liberty, race, class and orientation
- 4 Clean, safe air. Fresh waters and sanitation. Sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems
- 5 Clean, environmentally sustainable and affordable energy
- 6 Economic, creative and industrial innovation

Whilst offering contemporary relevance and progressive helpfulness, I do concede they were beyond the edict of Clan and potentially controversial. I'm not sure if Paula even used any of these messages on her jewels, but it started me thinking "what does it mean to be a Buchanan"? Malcolm Buchanan, whilst researching and writing the inauguration ceremonies, considered these as "Values", and something that would be affirmed at a clan gathering.

Malcolm was keen to introduce these at the Clan Parliament, which was amazing. But still, statements are divisive. Especially for Americans when we mention Human Rights (ooo). So, after some soul searching and many opinions, I returned to our own motto "Clarior Hinc Honos" - Brighter hence the honour... brightness and honour... honour

That, to me, is a great differentiator. An antiquated concept A forgotten character An aspiration

But a great virtue. The next step up. Relevance in these beguiling days. Valuable...

And so, as the story goes, the night before the inauguration ceremony, Malcolm was finessing his speech with the Chief; we were mulling ancient traditions and resurrected customs whilst considering contemporary appeal... and he mentioned reciting values. "Audience participation" with the clan. We started with those 6... and human rights.. and Scottishness; and we discussed this idea of "honour" being the motif...

It just made sense.

Our motto. But made relevant.

And this is what we agreed upon:

**We will strive to honour the traditions of our Scottish culture and heritage**

**We will act with honour and integrity in all matters**

**We will uphold our Clan Motto "Clarior Hinc Honos" (Brighter Hence the Honour).**

And this is what was said.

Not religious nor political. Not difficult nor trivial. Aspirational and cultural.

The point of clan... is: family; protection; being neighbourly; tradition; being bright and seen; is **honour**.



The Inaugural White Rod





**WILLIAM WATSON**

# A wonderful time!



*William and Lynne Watson*

Well, I don't really have any interesting stories or anecdotes other than to say that my wife, Lynne, and I had a wonderful time at the Inauguration of The Buchanan, along with all of the related events over the weekend. The Buchanan and Lady Buchanan were wonderful hosts and we enjoyed meeting both, as well as their children, Angus Buchanan of that ilk, Younger; Bruce Buchanan of Arnprior; Lucy Buchanan of Leny and Rory Buchanan of Auchleshie.

The involvement and enthusiasm of all the family was seen and felt by everyone there. The entire weekend was perfectly planned and executed. A special thank you as well to Dr. Shona and Paul Gibson for all of their hard work and expertise. In addition to the inauguration event, we particularly enjoyed both Saturday night's Ceilidh and the "Three Feathers Dinner" on Sunday night.

And Sunday's Clan Parliament, the first in over 350 years, left us with the impression that our

clan is in good hands, with caring leadership which will enable it to become more active and relevant for all of us. Cambusmore was a perfect and welcoming setting for the clan gathering and celebration, and Callander is a lovely town to visit. We stayed for the entire four day weekend, also giving us a bit of time to explore some of the lochs and trails of the surrounding highlands, with additional nights in Edinburgh on both the front and back ends.



*At the 3 Feathers Dinner*

*The Watsons with Linda and Bob Buchanan and Pedro Buchanan*



**JIM BUCHANAN**

# Thank you!

Our experience in Scotland was the memory of a lifetime. Both Karen and I want to congratulate The Buchanan and Lady Paula Buchanan and thank them, along with the planning team, for a wonderful time while celebrating at the inauguration of Michael as Chief.

James and Karen Buchanan  
Santa Clara, California, USA



*This is not a blurry photo of the Ceilidh: this is exactly how it was*





MARJ EASTERLING

# Those Buchanans

My mama is a Buchanan from the mountains of SWVA. She had 8 sisters and 3 brothers, meaning that I grew up with an exceptionally large extended family (we still meet cousins we never knew we had). Our various upbringings are never so prevalent as when our massive group has family reunions. As diverse as we all are, we've mostly learned to go out of our way to keep the "family is family" attitude of love - focusing on the similarities and not the differences, of which there are PLENTY.

Learning more of our Buchanan history, and of how the Scots ended up in Appalachia, we have become involved in highland games, Celtic festivals and exploring our heritage. My first cousin, Chris, has become quite the expert on our Buchanan family history and has taken our Buchanan tent to a level of boujee that is unprecedented! After all, who doesn't love a good story of family feuds, exploring ships, lost fortunes and crumbling castles?

My mom traveled to Scotland with her sisters many years ago. She told me how they hired a driver to take them out to the Buchanan castle ruins. They got out, walked to the front of the ruins and had the driver snap their photo. They got back in the car and drove back to Glasgow. I recall being completely flabbergasted that they didn't walk around the back or shimmy under the fence somewhere. She was appalled at such a criminal thought.

And then there is me. I dragged my sons across the ocean for New Year's in Scotland in 2011. It was bitter cold. I drove us out to the Buchanan castle ruins and parked in the snow covered grass. We moseyed around the back looking for a way to poke through the fence. Vegetation was at a minimum in the dead of winter, so it didn't take my eldest, Julien, 16 at the time, long to find the perfect spot to "break in". Once he was over, I tossed my youngest, Dorien, 8, over the fence and crawled between the barbed wire after them.



From top, clockwise: Mama Peggy, Becky Green, The Lady Buchanan, Marj Easterling and Chris Green





# Those Buchanans *continued*

That afternoon we spent exploring those ruins was magical for my sons. It is one of the best memories we have together, especially knowing that we have a family connection in some remote way. I took a million photos and made a photobook for both of them when we got home. Dorien went to school and told his teacher we broke into a castle. She reprimanded him for telling stories. When he took his book to school for show and tell, she apologized.

I never expected to go back to Scotland. Imagine my complete delight to read that the Buchanan clan had found a Chief and there would be an inauguration! I was elated! What a perfect excuse to return! I asked Chris if he knew - he did. **He just couldn't imagine that we would really be able to go. I couldn't imagine that we wouldn't.** I booked our tickets.

Now in Scotland, I sincerely believe there is an inversely proportional relationship between how cold and damp is the weather and how warm and friendly are the people. This was never so evident as it was during the inauguration events.

Attending the actual ceremony was overwhelming. Seeing so many other clans represented with such respect and pageantry was a testament to the solemnity of the

occasion. There were weapons, a "CHAIR" and a "CORONET" or was it a circlet? So official! I felt very much out of place with these people.

The inauguration was reverent, beautiful, and so thoughtfully done. **I teared up at the historical implication of it all. I felt silly until I saw several others of my clan openly weeping!** Any imposter syndrome I was experiencing subsided almost immediately. We were welcomed with open arms by everyone from the Chief to the servers. I realized we really were with family. It struck me how my mom's side of the family, so large and diverse, was the perfect microcosm for the Buchanan clan, which is the largest clan in the world! We were all experiencing the same emotions, the same feeling of "smallness" in this one amazing moment in the grand history of our clan.

There were cousins from all over the world present - Australia, Canada, Mexico, England and the US (and wherever Paul is parked at the moment, I guess.) We gathered from all socioeconomic walks of life. Those of us not from Scotland huddled together with frozen toes, finally enlightened by the Scottish love of wool. I saw the value in a Buchanan tartan lap blanket when previously for the life of me I could not fathom the reason behind it. The colder we got, the warmer the bond between us!



*there is an inversely proportional relationship between how cold and damp is the weather and how warm and friendly are the people*



**We had a parliament meeting**, which was fascinating. Every interaction with my cousins, The Buchanan and Lady Buchanan, their children and even their pups impressed upon me the importance of our family history, our place in the world and our responsibility. It's intriguing to me that most of us in attendance had aligning values regardless of our upbringing. Is it because only those of us who realized the importance of our history showed up? Or do all of us with Buchanan heritage have this built in somewhere? Could that be the Claior Hinc Honos motto at work subliminally?

**And then, there was the Ceilidh...** Once we got the serious stuff out of the way, the party started and we all got to know each other! This evening, too, huddled on the sidelines of the tent, shivering with damp and chill, I began to appreciate the importance of whisky

in Scottish culture. I don't think one would ever thaw out if it weren't for delicious smoky whisky! I loved the freedom that Celtic dancing brought out in everyone.

Again, everyone was so laid back, friendly, and enjoying themselves. It was the best fun ever!

The conclusion of our weekend was **the formal Three Feathers Dinner**. The food was scrumptious, the music was wonderful and I was completely and utterly depressed that I was leaving all of these precious souls. Lady Buchanan is one of the most gracious, brilliant women I've ever met (and so is her sister, Clare). The Buchanan, our esteemed Chief, has a surprisingly witty sense of humor. Watching them dance together was heart warming. They are such a shining example to us all.





Master criminal Peggy Easterling  
amongst the ruins of Buchanan Castle

## Those Buchanans *continued*

The connections we made that weekend will last a lifetime. I loved meeting the most excellent pipers, Scott from Canada, the fabulous Shona from Australia, and the verbose, though eloquent, Matt, of course, and Pedro from Mexico with the tequila! The hilarious Allyson from the UK, who kept us entertained throughout dinner, along with Clay and Julie. There were so many US cousins - Kelly, my delightful friend, Ginger, my west coast sister, my lovely Glenna, whom we snatched and threw in our car on the very first day, Trevor and the magnificent Andrea.

And how many Buck Buchanans are there, anyway? And does anyone know where Paul's boat is? I met all of these curious strangers, knowing we were kin, and at the end of it all, we left as family, knowing that we are part of

something larger in the world. I am grateful that I was included!

Before we left, we made time to go back to see the Buchanan castle ruins. I led my mom around the thick overgrowth to a little side path under the vines. Someone had tied a Buchanan ribbon on a large cutaway in the fence, hidden deep inside the trees. My mom, Chris and I went exploring, like little kids playing knights. It was extraordinary watching my beautiful mama completely enchanted by of the ruins. I posted a photo of her in our group. That post inspired three others of our clan to "break in" to the castle and go on a great adventure! My work here was done. It was time to leave my beloved Scotland. (I'll protect the guilty by keeping them anonymous.)



Becky and Chris Green, The Chief, Marj Easterling and Peggy Easterling





A GIFT

# Scotland might have its whisky, but the colonies have their rum!

I've always loved the old crafts. Fresh out of school, I used to spend every other weekend with a local blacksmith, learning the basic skills. When I moved town to Bundaberg (Queensland, Australia) in 2004 for university, I became fast friends with woodworker and wet cooper, Jason Schmeider. Years later, my wife and I joined a local medieval reenactment group. Although the swords, bows and armour were cool, it was always the investigation and recreation of the old crafts that drew me in the most; metallurgy, rope making, woodworking, carding/spinning fibres, stone masonry etc.

In 2019, I accompanied a colleague to an Australian speaking tour about Scottish

heraldry by **Dr Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms**. Many Buchanans had only just heard about the decision to appoint our chief, but during Lord Lyon's presentation, he talked briefly about the process, the hundreds of historical documents that had been presented, and the months he had taken to deliberate. I knew then and there that if an inauguration were to be organised, and if I had the means to attend it, and my wife was on board (she was!), I would absolutely be there.

Over two years later, I was ecstatic to learn through the CBSI Facebook Group that an Inauguration was indeed going ahead! I loved following along and hearing about new details

By Grant Buchanan

CBSI Warden,  
Web developer  
and deadly animal  
wrangler



Some of the contents of an explanatory booklet

Grant presenting the gift to the Chief



as they came out. In the March 2022 YouTube "Clan chief Webinar" interview, Lady Buchanan spoke about the recreation of the Clan Jewels. **My heart sang to hear her say "We're doing this because we just love the history."**

With an event of this magnitude, with so much attention paid to the historical aspects and craftsmanship, it required tribute. It had to be handcrafted, and it had to represent Queensland where our branch of the family (originally from Kilmahog) migrated to in 1862. That's when I commissioned a 4L cask with my old friend Jason, and drew on my graphic

design background to digitally recreate the coat of arms for the cask head. To complete the gift, what better representation of Queensland than Bundaberg Rum. "Bundy Red", my personal favourite, is filtered through Red Gum (Eucalyptus) wood chips to produce a smoother variant of the traditional Bundaberg Rum.

It was my pleasure to present the cask to The Buchanan and family at the inauguration ceremony. May it be enjoyed over many happy occasions.

***Siàinte Mhath!***



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SCOTLANDSHOP SUPPORTING CLAN BUCHANAN

# An 'outsiders' perspective



By Emily Redman

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We love nothing more than celebrating Scottish Clans & all of their incredible tartan here at ScotlandShop so an opportunity to work with Clan Buchanan to recognise such a special moment in the clan's history in the lead up to the inauguration of The Buchanan has been an incredible journey.

We first spoke with Clan Buchanan Society International in the lead up to New York City Tartan Week 2019, knowing President & New England Commissioner, David J Byrne would be attending. David very kindly invited me to join the clan at their pre-parade lunch, however with this being our first Tartan Week experience we were slightly caught off guard by just how busy our Tartan Pop-Up became the morning of the parade so sadly I couldn't take David up on his kind invitation. Still on a high from marching down 6th Avenue with our mascot, Tam the Tartan Tailor in his Buchanan Repro suit, we managed to bump into David who instantly felt like a long-lost friend, teasing me for standing him up!

David graciously accepted my apology and kept in touch following the Parade, letting me know that for the first time ever the Clan Buchanan would be joining the Clan

Colquhoun at the Luss Highland Games on 7 July, 2019 and as he said "While clan tents are common in the USA they are not so common in Scotland so this will be a surprise for many." It was within the same email that we also learnt about plans for the inauguration, originally planned for July 2020.

On David's recommendation, when it came to July, I travelled in the blazing Scottish sunshine to the beautiful town of Luss on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. During the day I met the lovely George & Margaret McAusland who introduced me to members of the clan who had travelled to be with them for their first Luss outing. Following the intense Clan Battle, I also managed to speak with Lady Buchanan & Angus. The full interview is within this [Blog](#)

I thoroughly enjoyed my day with the Clan in Luss and excitedly began discussing ways we could help to support the upcoming inauguration.



Emily refuses to confirm whether Clay and Julie Buchanan of Texas were the highest spending customers at the Inauguration





# An 'outsiders' perspective *continued*

Skip forward to October 2020, the world's in lockdown and plans for the Chief's inauguration on hold, more than ever we all needed a bit of celebration, so it felt only right to honour Buchanan as our Clan of the Month. Throughout the month we explored the Clan's history, uncovered the famous faces of the clan, created polls & quizzes, gathered stories from members worldwide and interviewed George McAusland to find out more about his connection to the clan and gained some interior styling inspiration from "The Buchanan Interior".



Throughout 2021 & early 2022 we kept in touch with George & Lady Buchanan and as the world began to re-open and new plans for the inauguration were made, we decided upon a few special products for the event.

## October 2022

Tamara and I set off from ScotlandShop HQ on Friday afternoon, in our Tartan Van filled with items in the many variations of the Buchanan Clan tartans.

This was Tamara's first event with the tartan team and she was very excited when we turned in to Cambusmore Estate and met with Clan members, who'd travelled far and wide, working hard to get everything all set for the big day.

We headed round to the orchard to begin setting up the tartan tent, presented with a stunning rainbow as we did. Our only issue was trying to fit the tent in between all the amazing fruit trees! After a wee bit of shooing we made it fit and as the sun began to shine, we headed into Callander for the evening. We stayed at Callander Hostel & would highly recommend this for any future travels. A very entertaining breakfast in the hostel saw us explaining to tourists just why so many people in the town had been wearing Clan Buchanan T-Shirts, what the role of a Clan Chief involved and many questions on how they could discover their own clan and perhaps one day become chief themselves. After sharing The Buchanan's story I think they soon realised just how important an occasion we were headed to.

When we arrived, people were raring to go for the day and a lovely lady from Australia was delighted to see us as she desperately hoped to add a Buchanan sash to her outfit ahead of the ceremony. We finished setting up as the ceremony was underway but did take a quick break to witness the procession from the Estate House down to the Marquee.

The Chief's family looked fantastic in the new Inauguration tartan and Tamara was quite taken aback by the falcon! Although we didn't see the ceremony, we could hear all of the speeches and felt very honoured to be there celebrating alongside friends this meant so much to.

As the ceremony concluded we went from quietly adjusting the final touches within the tent; to seeing one of the largest lines to come and visit us we've ever had at an event! We met so many lovely people including long-time ScotlandShop supporters Clay & Julie, made new friends with Dana & Sophie and caught up with George, Margaret, The Buchanan Family and even got to meet Matt who invited me to write this article.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to visit our tartan tent during the day and we look forward to seeing you all again soon whether that be at a future gathering, highland games or in-store, we'd love for you to visit us in Edinburgh (10 Queensferry Street) or in Albany, NY USA (678 Loudon Road, Latham)!

We are always here to help so feel free to get in touch via phone, email & live chat at any time and if you'd like to book some dedicated time with a member of the team, we offer measuring appointments both in store & virtually via video call.

[Buchanan wares at the ScotlandShop](#)



Emily, Tamara and The Buchanan





# Raptors

Supplied and wrangled by [Loch Lomond Bird of Prey Centre](#), they were very well behaved and did not even try an attack on The Buchanans Spaniels. It is of note that our Chief's, Chieftains' and Armigers' feathers were provided by the golden eagle to the right. The Buchanan themed hood on the smaller falcon was gifted to the Buchanan after the ceremony.

*Hooded Peregrine Falcon*  
Photo by M@

*Golden Eagle, Orla.*  
Photo by Lynelle Connolly

Photo by stripe – Stewart Attwood and Ian Georgeson





# A MAP OF Cambusmore & Callander

Map by Google Earth, observations by M@ (that we may have referenced herein)



23 - 25 SEPTEMBER, 2022

# Celtic Festival Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



By Michael Richardson

CBSI Regional Director North Atlantic and marbles talent scout

Special thanks to Ken & Ann Buchanan for hosting a Buchanan Tent and letting me tag along all weekend, especially in the parade with some of my friends of Buchanan too



Christine Kiem with Michael Richardson

Michael Richardson with John Claggett and Kent Baird



Lilly Cicak, Christine Kiem, Michael Richardson, John Claggett, Reiko Sato, Kent Baird, Ginger Constantine, Lucas Cook, Brian cicak and Tyler Cicak



WASHINGTON, MISSOURI  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

# VFW Celtic Festival



By Danny McMurphy

CBSI Southern and Northern  
plains Regional Director, Missouri  
Convenor, Quartermaster and  
Rock collector

This was the 2nd annual VFW Celtic Festival with 10 Clans in attendance. The event was very well attended and we had a 'new' convener there, Tiffany Andrews, to assist in setting up on Friday and manning the booth all day on Saturday. She and her family were a welcome asset! Tiffany will be the convener for this event in 2023 while Danny heads back to the SW Missouri Celtic Festival in Buffalo, MO, an older event that is held on the same weekend.

There were Highland Games pitting the Scottish against the Irish, displays of Highland Cattle, plenty of vendors, and highland games set up for youth to introduce them to the Scottish Sports! A few sheep dogs were also there but rounding up geese instead of sheep. The event did lack a Clan parade but hopefully there is one next year. The 'calling of the clans' was replaced by an introduction of the Clans on stage at the opening of the event following a remembrance ceremony for the 9/11 Victims.



Danny in front of the Clan Booth with all of the new CBSI displays.



Our Clan Booth with Tiffany Andrews and her husband Brian and children Emma and Peter. My daughter Molly McMurphy is on the far right.



5 NOVEMBER, 2022 - TUCSON ARIZONA

# Tucson Highland Games



By Nathan Cluff

Buchanan by way of his grandmother

"I would love to share some photos representing clan Buchanan at the Tucson Highland Games this year.

I don't have my stats to share but these games I broke 3 of my personal best records"

Nathan



NOVEMBER 12-13 2022, SALADO, TEXAS

# Scottish Festival and Highland Games



Bill and Gina McQuatters

CBSI Sergeant at Arms,  
Texas Regional Director,  
ex-firefighter and "straight shooter"

**This is one of our favorite events, as Salado is such a great small town.**

Friday was set-up day and the rains came and came all day making the grounds a muddy mess. Vehicles were getting stuck and having to be pushed or pulled to an area of better traction. The rain did finally let up late afternoon, but then the wind shifted to the north and, for us, it got quite cold. Usually we have a very nice opening ceremony where we gather at the museum, light our torches and walk to the banks of Salado creek.

Due to the rain and all the standing water and muddy conditions, plans were changed and we walked across the street from the museum to Barrow Brewing and held the Calling of the Clans under their large tent. Gina and I were very late getting to the Calling. By the time we survived the mud-fest, got cleaned up and changed into dry clothes the event had already started. Thankfully, Mike Gage, our new Northeast Texas Regent was there to announce Clan Buchanan was there. More on Mike later.

Saturday dawned clear, cold and very windy. Any other time the spot we were given for our tent would have been ideal. We were under a large live oak tree, right on the main walkway, with a great view of the athletic fields.

Unfortunately this weekend we were facing north, in the shade, and the wind was blowing straight into the tent. As Texans who have been used to 70—80 degree days for the past few weeks, temperatures in the 40's with 20+ MPH winds made for a rather uncomfortable day. We spent much of the day standing out in the sun talking to visitors instead of in the tent.

However, crowds were not deterred by the low temps and high wind and remaining mud. We had the pleasure of talking to many cousins as well as having a great view of the athletic field. Sunday was a much calmer day, and the crowds were much thinner. But all-in-all the Salado Scottish Festival was a major success. Lots of vendors, clans, and entertainment for everyone.



## ← Introducing Mike Gage

Mike has been named as the Northeast Texas Regent. He lives in Fort Worth, TX and has been actively assisting us at many of our events, dividing his time between helping his friend Rob Stevenson at the Clan McTavish tent and ours. He will be a huge asset for us as Gina and I simply can't make every event in North Texas.

Mike will be with us at our next event, the North Texas Irish Festival in early March. Please welcome Mike as we put him to work.



SCOTLAND TOURISM UPDATE

# St. Giles' Cathedral - Edinburgh



Jack Gibson  
CBSI Warden  
from Hideaway,  
Texas USA

When in Scotland, be sure to see St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh. It is midway between Edinburgh Castle and Holyroodhouse Palace on the Royal Mile. The Cathedral had its beginnings in 1124; its Gothic architecture sometime after it was burned by the English army in 1385.

Today, it is the Church of Scotland's primary worship center.

St. Giles today is patron saint of the poor, the chronically ill and wildlife. Little is known about his early years except that he traveled widely as an associate of St. Francis of Assisi. The primary legend about Giles in Scotland is that he initially lived in an isolated cave in a thick forest. One day a "King's" hunter happened by while pursuing a deer. As the hunter shot an arrow at the deer, Giles thrust out his left arm to protect it...and took the arrow in his hand. A Cathedral stained glass window depicts that scene vividly with a likeness of the unharmed deer standing beside Giles who has the arrow stuck in his hand.

There are many, many more beautiful stained glass windows, small chapels, crypts, architectural features and woodwork details in the Cathedral's interior.



St. Giles stained glass window in the Cathedral



My wife Carol in the Cathedral crowd foreground





# Jock's Jokes

If everyone bought a white car, what would we have?

– *A white carnation*

Why do we dress baby boys in blue and baby girls in pink?

– *Because babies can't dress themselves.*

What is the tallest flower in the World?

– *A giraffodil*

What wears nine gloves, eighteen shoes and a mask? – *A baseball team*

What did Noah say as he was loading the animals? – *Now I herd everything*

What was Pavarotti before he was a tenor?

– *a niner*

How do you make an egg laugh?

– *Tell it a yolk*

Why don't cats shave?

– *Because they prefer Whiskas*

Why is the letter T important to a stick insect?

– *Because without it, it would be a sick insect*

Why did the chicken cross the road, roll in the mud and cross the road again?

– *Because it was a dirty double crosser*

What do you call the ghost of a chicken?

– *A poultrygeist*

Why did the Dinosaur cross the road?

– *Because there were no chickens*

Please send us your jokes for following editions of The Banner – [banner@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:banner@theclanbuchanan.com)

# Buchanan brainteasers

**What do you know about the Stone of Scone?**

**Q:** The Stone of Scone is also known as what in Scotland and by another name in England – what were these other names?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** Where did The Stone come from in 841AD?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** What was the special purpose The Stone was used for in Scotland?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** Who stole the Stone of Scone in 1296?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** How did The Stone return to Scotland?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** What happened to The Stone when it was removed from its resting place in England?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** How did the Stone rescuers elude police detection?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** What did the English authorities do when they realised The Stone had been rescued/taken?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** The Stone was returned to England in 1952, but then in 1996 who announced its return to Scotland?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q:** Where can you now see The Stone of Scone?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

Find the answers at [www.theclanbuchanan.com/scottish-dislocation](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/scottish-dislocation)

And, as always, any amendments or suggestions for the CBSI website, please email [marketing@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:marketing@theclanbuchanan.com)



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

# “Days” in this quarter

We know you're busy, so we have compiled a list of just a few “Days” in the January to March period of 2023; because we know you'll know someone that is invested in one of the events. The majority are US, unless otherwise identified

**January 2023**

- Jan. 1 National Hangover Day  
National Bloody Mary Day  
Happy Mew Year for Cats
- Jan. 2 National Cream Puff Day  
World Introvert Day
- Jan. 3 Festival of Sleep Day  
J.R.R Tolkein Day
- Jan. 4 National Can Do Day  
National Spaghetti Day
- Jan. 5 National Whipped Cream Day  
Harbin Ice Festival - China
- Jan. 6 National Take Down the Christmas Tree Day
- Jan. 7 National Pass Gas Day
- Jan. 8 National Pizza Week  
Golden Globe Awards
- Jan. 9 National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- Jan. 10 National Obesity Awareness Week  
International Thank-You Day
- Jan. 11 National Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friends Day
- Jan. 12 Stick to Your Resolution Day
- Jan. 13 Orthodox New Year  
National Rubber Ducky Day
- Jan. 14 Feast of the Ass Day

- Jan. 15 Day of Sanctity and Protection of Human Life
- Jan. 16 Prohibition Remembrance Day
- Jan. 17 Ditch New Years Resolutions Day  
Popeye Day
- Jan. 18 Winnie the Pooh Day  
National Peking Duck Day
- Jan. 19 National Popcorn Day
- Jan. 20 National Cheese Lovers Day  
National Penguin Day
- Jan. 21 World Kiwanis Week
- Jan. 22 Chinese New Year
- Jan. 23 National Pie Day  
National Pedro Day
- Jan. 24 National Peanut Butter Day
- Jan. 25 Robbie Burns Day  
Burns Night
- Jan. 26 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Jan. 27 Thomas Crapper Day
- Jan. 28 National Kazoo Day  
Rattlesnake Roundup Day
- Jan. 29 National Corn Chip Day
- Jan. 30 Yodel For Your Neighbours Day
- Jan. 31 Hell is Freezing Over Day  
Eat Brussel Sprouts Day

**February 2023**

- Feb. 1 National Baked Alaska Day
- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day  
National Ukulele Day
- Feb. 3 National Missing Persons Day  
The Day the Music Died
- Feb. 4 Six Nations Rugby
- Feb. 5 Did you Fart ? Day  
Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 6 Pay a Compliment Day
- Feb. 7 National Wear Red Day  
National Fettuccine Alfredo Day
- Feb. 8 National Kite Flying Day  
Take Your Child to the Library
- Feb. 9 Read in the Bathtub Day
- Feb. 10 National Umbrella Day  
National Clean Out Your Computer Day
- Feb. 11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- Feb. 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 13 World Radio Day  
National Tortellini Day
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day
- Feb. 15 National Flag of Canada Day
- Feb. 16 Do a Grouch a Favour Day

- Feb. 17 Presidents Day
- Feb. 18 National Drink Wine Day
- Feb. 19 National Choc Mint Day
- Feb. 20 National Muffin day
- Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day
- Feb. 22 World Thinking Day  
National Margarita Day
- Feb. 23 National Banana Bread Day  
International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
- Feb. 24 National Tortilla Chip Day
- Feb. 25 National Clam Chowder Day
- Feb. 26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day  
National Pistachio Day
- Feb. 27 International Polar Bear Day  
No Brainer Day
- Feb. 28 National Chocolate Souffle Day



# “Days” in this quarter *continued*

## March 2023

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| Mar. 1 National Pig Day  | Mar. 17 Submarine Day  |
| Mar. 2 Dr Seuss's Birthday                                     | Mar. 18 National Biodiesel Day   |
| Mar. 3 World Wildlife Day                                      | Mar. 19 Mothers Day - UK   |
| Mar. 4 Holy Experiment Day                                     | Mar. 20 Extra-terrestrial Abductions Day   |
| Mar. 5 Multiple Personality Day<br>National Corndog Day        | Mar. 21 International Day of Forests   |
| Mar. 6 Dentists Day<br>National Oreo Cookie Day                | Mar. 22 National Goof Off Day  |
| Mar. 7 National Cereal Day<br>National Crown Roast of Pork Day | Mar. 23 National Puppy Day   |
| Mar. 8 Be Nasty Day  | May. 24 National Chocolate Covered Rains Day   |
| Mar. 9 Barbies Birthday<br>National Meatball Day               | Mar. 25 International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade |
| Mar. 10 Tibetan Uprising Day                                   | Mar. 26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day   |
| Mar. 11 Johnny Appleseed Day                                   | Mar. 27 Spanish Paella Day   |
| Mar. 12 Aztec New Year   | Mar. 28 Respect Your Cat Day   |
| Mar. 13 Open Your Umbrella Indoors Day                         | Mar. 29 Smoke and Mirrors Day  |
| Mar. 14 Steak and BJ Day                                       | Mar. 30 Take a Walk in the Park Day  |
| Mar. 15 Everything You Think is Wrong Day                      | Mar. 31 National Clam on the Half Shell Day  |
| Mar. 16 National Panda Day                                     |  |

**This is an absolutely minuscule list!!**

 **PUBLISHER'S NOTE**

# Thanks

It has been a real effort to pull together this Inauguration celebration edition, but it would not have been possible without the beautiful photographs; most of which were shot by **John and Conner Buchanan** of Australia.

I had over 1,800 photos, collected and collated; from John, facebook, supplied by Stripe Communications (Stewart Attwood and Ian Georgeson) and the Chief's family.

I'm proud of it and I believe that it's going to become a real keepsake and asset for the clan. But, as always, there isn't a Clan without you!

**M@, Clan Mage**



↑ Judy, Connor, Annette, John and Malcolm Buchanan at the Monday Lunch. ↓ Connor with Camera



*And not to forget the almost comical presence of the BBC film crew (whom were unable to share footage or photos yet), but look out for the documentary...*



NEWS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

# New Regent for Victoria and Tasmania, Australia, Oceania



By Malcolm Buchanan  
FSA Scot

CBSI Regional Director  
Oceania, Clan Herald and  
resident Mad Hatter



↑ Connor, Annette and John  
Buchanan, Cambusmore,  
Scotland. Picture by  
Malcolm Buchanan

➔ John Buchanan with  
The Buchanan at the  
Inauguration. Picture  
by Connor Buchanan

After several years of great service to the Clan Buchanan community and having an inaugural role on the CBSIO (Oceania) executive, **Cheryl and Garry Gilbert have retired** as Co-Regents of Victoria/Tasmania. We wish them well and look forward to catching up at a Buchanan gathering. **Tapadh Leat** / Thank you.

I am delighted to advise that the new Regent for the Victoria/Tasmania area of Australia is **John Buchanan of Rowville, Victoria**. John is a keen member of CBSI(O) and recently attended the Chief's Inauguration in Scotland with his family. Those that attended the Inauguration will know John, Annette and Connor. They helped during the events, in particular John and Connor who photographed and filmed the occasion for the clan.

Over many years in his professional life John has been able to consistently deliver on expectations under his leadership. He has developed many team members who have gone on to higher roles, developed and implemented systems that still form the basis of programs used by former employees today. He has spent time in a voluntary role sitting

on a Technical Advisory Committee to the Commonwealth Accreditation Authority in his area of **expertise in Food Quality and Safety**. A loving family man who enjoys his sport, a good gathering of friends and family over even better food and a few drams!

With the recent Inauguration of the Chief at Cambusmore, John noted, "It was so wonderful to have had the opportunity to not only attend such a historic event, but to actually be part of it and to make a contribution with my family. It made me quite proud of our heritage!"

John is quite excited to be taking on this new role and, "along with my wife, Annette, and son Connor, I am looking forward to meeting clan folk at upcoming Gatherings to share in our wonderful heritage and culture!"



# The executive officers list

Many thanks to Jennifer Rogers for reminding us that including the Executive Officers list is as much about legacy and accountability as it is about contact



ORDER	TITLE	TITLE, BUT IN GAELIC	OFFICER	LOCATION
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	<a href="#">Deputy Vice President</a>	An Darna Iar-Cheann-Suidhe	Matt Buchanan	South Australia, Australia
	<a href="#">Secretary</a>	Runaire	Erin Buchanan-Darnick	Wisconsin, USA
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	Asia		PLEASE APPLY !!!	
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Alphabetical regional order

Note, appointed officials do not hold voting rights

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Great Lakes	<a href="#">Erin Buchanan-Darnick</a>
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South Central	Michael Rusk
Texas	<a href="#">Bill and Gina McQuatters</a>
Intermountain	<a href="#">Matthew Buchanan</a>
Southwest	Ryan Buchanan
Pacific	Ginger Sotelo
Northwest	PLEASE APPLY !!!

These details are also online [theclanbuchanan.com/cbsi-officers](https://theclanbuchanan.com/cbsi-officers)  
And the list is now “responsive” (i.e., it’s viewable on a phone).

These positions are obviously different to the Chief’s Council, which can be found [here](#)





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