

Chief's Message

7 October 2008

Dear Clansmen

Greetings and best wishes to you all!

I have a number of matters to report to all clansmen. I would be grateful if you could pass on this information to any you may know, who may not have received this message:

1 **The International Gathering of the Clans at Holyrood Park, Edinburgh; 25th and 26th July 2009**

As has already been extensively publicised and reported in my message of 18 January 2008, this event will involve a two-day Highland Games on Holyrood Park on the 25th and 26th July and will include a parade of clans up the Royal Mile to the Edinburgh Castle esplanade, where there will be a special commemorative pageant, utilising the infrastructure for the Edinburgh Tattoo. The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs are supporting these events and His Royal Highness Prince Charles Duke of Rothesay has agreed to be Patron. (for full details visit website www.thegathering2009.co.uk.)

Please note the following:

- (i) Due to my advanced years my son and fellow Trustee Jamie has agreed to be responsible for all the arrangements in Edinburgh on my behalf and in his capacity as Trustee of the Macnab Memorial Trust.
- (ii) From now on would you please direct all enquiries and communications concerning the Clan's participation in these events to Jamie in Edinburgh as follows:

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- (iii) For the time being clansmen who want to get in touch with me can do so at my home address: Leuchars Castle Farmhouse, Leuchars, Fife, KY16 OEY. Tel: 01334 838777 or by e-mail: [<the.macnab@mac.com>](mailto:the.macnab@mac.com)
- (iv) We have heard from approximately 20 American clansmen that they are planning to come over for the July events. We already know that there are several Macnabs in the UK, who intend to be present. Jamie

and I plan to contact all former members of the Clan Society for whom we still have addresses and are considering means of making Macnabs in the UK aware of the events. It would be helpful if any Macnab anywhere in the world, who is thinking of coming to Edinburgh in July could you please let us know.

- (v) Jamie and I are considering the feasibility of forming some form of "Macnab Gathering" Association, so that Clansmen can meet together from time to time. 2009 may present an opportunity to inaugurate this; more to follow!
- (vi) For those attending, we have confirmed the booking of a "Clan Macnab Tent" for the Game on 25th and 26th July with The Gathering 2009 Ltd, the company organising the Games. It will be 3x3metres and have a covered floor. A table and four chairs will be supplied and a flag pole and header board with the Clan name. Two free passes will be issued to allow access to the site outwith normal event hours, for the purpose of dressing and equipping the tent.

2 **The 'Clan Convention': Friday 24th July 2009**

Details of the event have yet to be finalised. It is expected to take place in the Scottish Parliament (opposite Holyrood Palace at the bottom of the Royal Mile). The agenda is being planned by the Executive of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. There is only accommodation for 300 people so numbers will be restricted. Selection of attendees will be the responsibility of Chiefs. Only when I know how many have been allocated to Clan Macnab and who will be available will I be able to put forward nominees to attend.

As further information becomes available it will be posted on the Macnab website:
<<http://www.macnabclanuk.org>>

We are looking forward to meeting you all in July 2009.

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