

# The Non Oblitus

Special Edition



MacTamhais Mor

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Mor**

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## **1997 OFFICERS OF THE CLAN**

**Edward Stuart Dugald MacTavish  
MacTamhais Mor**



**Rita M. Thompson  
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Commissioner New England Region**

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Commissioner Southern Region**

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Lt. Aux South New England Region**

**Heather MacTavish  
Clan Treasurer U.S.A.**

**Jonathan R. Thompson  
Membership Secretary/Webmaster**

**A word from the editor of the  
special edition of the  
Non Oblitus....**

Fellow Clanspeople:

I was so excited when Dugald presented me with the opportunity to create a special issue of the Non Oblitus. Due to his busy schedule attending the games and the condition of his eyes, I was ever so glad to be the editor of the edition which commemorates the news of the Lord Lyon's acceptance of Dugald's petition and the registering of the first Chief of our Clan since 1785. Our Clan stands on the brink of the most important event in its history since Dugald began to revive the Clan five years ago. It truly has been an exciting year and it can get even better if we all join together to celebrate this momentous event. Sit back, read, and enjoy the most recent chapter in our most Ancient Highland Clan's history. MacTamhais Mor has regained his rightful place and the Clan MacTavish shall never go dormant again. Let's all thank Dugald for reviving our family so that we all may once again be a connected group of kin.

Now that our Chief is duly recognized and confirmed by the Lyon Court of Arms, King of Heraldry, it is fitting that we know the proper protocol in regards to our Chief and, in regards to referring to our lands and our history.

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**Information regarding the  
changing of the Membership  
calendar year....**

The due date for membership dues has been changed. After careful consideration and some research it has been decided by myself, the membership secretary, that the membership dues are now to be paid on October 1st of each year. The reasoning behind this change is this: January is a bad time for us all. The holiday season has just ended and our credit card bills loom on the horizon. No one wants to have to contribute any money to anything else at this time of year. Second, October is the end of the Highland Games and Festival season. By this time our great commissioners will have added ever more members of our family. I feel I will be more efficient, for myself, if I could process everything pertaining to the membership at this time. Third, it seemed to make the most sense because vacations will be over, holidays are near but not too near, and it is a time for change as the seasons work their magic in nature. As nature begins a new time so will the membership rolls of the Clan MacTavish. So membership dues are due this year on **October 1, 1997**.

As an added incentive the Clan is instituting a rewards policy for those members getting their dues in on time. Each Clansperson, who gets their dues in by the designated date.

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CLAN...

### Clansmen:

This is the first time I come to you as your Confirmed Registered Chief, and the first Confirmed Chief of the Clan in the past 201 years, On 23rd July 1997, the Lord Lyon, Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, King of Arms, signed a Warrant for the preparation of Letters Patent, Maintaining, Ratifying and Confirming Official by Recognizing the Petitioner, **EDWARD STEWART DUGALD MacTavish of Dunardry and Grants to the Petitioner and his Heirs, Chiefs of the Name and Arms of MacTavish.**

My petition was received by Lyon Court on the 10th of June, 1992, little did I realize that we were in for quite a shock. You see, I knew who I was, I knew that as of the 14th of February when my Father passed away, that I was the male Heir to the Chiefship and it would only be a matter of showing that, with my petition, which I did on the 10th of June, 1992. I found, much to my dismay and, frustration, there just seemed to be one hurdle after another, that kept appearing. It did take me a year before I realized that there was another Clan quite intent that the MacTavish should not be a Clan of its own and this resulted in the Lyon Court being very particular and precise with my "Proofs" of lineage. I of course did not realize at that time that Sir Malcolm was being very careful that I submitted "Proofs" that were undeniable.

This occurred time after time, and as I would find undeniable proof, another hurdle would appear, another "Proof" required, and frankly, during the latter part of 1994 and the first nine months of 1995, I was very close to giving up for it had drained my patience, my limited funds and my enthusiasm, but every once in awhile, a clan member would call or write and say something like "thanks for what you are doing for the Clan". This and this alone kept me realizing that I had a responsibility to keep going, and see it through.

In October 1995, after returning from the New Hampshire Games at Loon MT, I received a phone call from a clanswomen who was most displeased with me, her phone call ended with the "promise" that she would "get me"! Little did I realize just what extremes she would go to. This is a story in itself and because this is such a momentous and positive occasion, we will cover that whole story in the December issue of the Non Oblitus, for that being the end of the year, we will "clean" all the negativeness this "lady" and her "henchmen and henchwomen" (5 in all) attempted to discredit myself by attacking the Clan. I will expose their actions along with their pictures so that in the future, you can be forewarned should you have the pleasure of meeting any of them at a games or Scottish event.

I do admit that I did say that I was the Chief of the Clan, but, was awaiting my Matriculation from the Lyon Court. I knew I was the senior male heir and I knew, that justice would prevail. Never did I try to mislead anyone. As I said, "I knew who I was and I knew I was the Chief of this fine Clan, this has all been borne out with the Lord Lyon's recent confirmation. Now, at last, we can go forward and work together to insure that this proud and Ancient Scottish Highland Clan "THE MacTamhais", takes its rightful place and NEVER is allowed to become dormant, ever again. This is something that WE can do and, MUST do.

As your Chief, I will do everything in my power to re-establish this, the most Scottish, of Highlands Clans, who's proud history has been ignored and changed to serve some other's purpose. I will expose these facts, **This I VOW, to you, and say to them.**

After a five year struggle, We have just won the right to appear on the Playing field

NOW, The Fight For Our Past History & Our Future is at Hand  
Gentlemen, "The MacTavish" is Here.

Chief Dugald MacTavish of MacTavish and Dunardry

**MacTamhais Mor**

1997

### Honorary Clansmen

Thanks to you, for your support, your faith in my quest, your trust of my purpose & my word, your moral support, your advise, your understanding and, your love, I thank you and my, no, your Clan thanks you. The best way for me to show you just how much I appreciate your support, is to "fight" even more fiercely for the above statement, **The Gauntlet is thrown.**

*Warrant for Letters Patent*

*from*

*Lord Lyon King of Arms*

*in the application of*

EDWARD STEWART DUGALD MACTAVISH OF DUNARDRY,  
Chief of the Clan MacTavish

*of date 10 June 1992*

Edinburgh, 23 July 1997: The Lord Lyon King of Arms, having considered the foregoing Petition with the productions and proof adduced for aught yet seen (*prima*) OFFICIALLY RECOGNISES the Petitioner in the name EDWARD STEWART DUGALD MACTAVISH OF DUNARDRY, and (*secundo*) GRANTS WARRANT to the Lyon Clerk to prepare Letters Patent MAINTAINING, RATIFYING and CONFIRMING unto the Petitioner and his heirs, Chiefs of the Name and Arms of MacTavish, the following Ensigns Armorial, *vide* *litteris*: Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Gyronny of eight Sable and Or; 2nd and 3rd, Argent, a buck's head cabossed Gules armed Or on a chief engrailed Azure a cross crosslet fitché between two mullets of the Third. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Sable doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Livery is set for Crest a bear's head erased Or langued Proper, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON OBLITUS".

*Malcolm Innes of Edingburgh  
Lyon*

The Lord Lyon King of Arms  
Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingburgh, *et cetera*



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EDINBURGH, EH1 1YT  
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E. S. D. MacTavish of Dunardry,  
2100 Russell Road, #329,  
Ottawa,  
Ontario, K1G 3W7,  
Canada.

23rd July, 1997.

Dear Dunardry,

I write to inform you that I have today signed a Warrant authorising the Lyon Clerk to prepare Letters Patent Maintaining, Ratifying and Confirming to you the Armorial Bearings that were last recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in name of Lachlan MacTavish of Dunardry on 17th April 1793. I enclose a photostatic copy of this Warrant.

The Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records will write to you in due course with a draft text of the Confirmation document so that you may peruse its terms and agree them. The Lyon Clerk is at present on vacation for three weeks so it may be some time before she is in a position to write to you regarding the draft text of the document of Confirmation.

Yours sincerely,

*Malcolm Innes of Edingburgh  
Lyon*

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As you are all aware, Dugald has always frowned on the words Sir, Chief, etc., and was quite happy to be very informal and be called Dugald, and I'm sure he would remain with that attitude. What I would like to point out is not so much about, we the Clansmen speaking to him, but, when we speak to others about our Chief and when we speak to our Chief when other non-Clansmen are present.

I think we are all aware of Dugald's idea of trying to keep some of the old customs alive. One good example is the wearing of the white cockade behind the Clan crest, showing allegiance to the Highland Clans who stood for "Charlie." Dugald was responsible for this trend, and I have noticed it growing at the games I attend. More and more Highland Clans are now wearing a white cockade behind their Clan crests and many of them drop by our clan tent, purchasing white cockades for their use.

Keeping in line with some of the old customs that Dugald feels strongly about, is the "proper" salutation when addressing a Chief of a Clan that held Grants for their ancestral lands. The title that Dugald carries, i.e.:

"MacTavish of MacTavish and Dunardry"

signifies that the Clan MacTavish was granted lands named DUNARDRY, as early as 1355, as opposed to so many Chiefs who never held

land charters and an example of their titles are,

"MacFarlane of the Ilk"

The correct custom is to call our Chief, "Dunardry." I know Dugald prefers this for he feels it is less intimidating than calling him Chief and he wants all Clan members to know he is approachable at any time, with an "open door policy."

Aye,



Jonathan R. Thompson

Editor of the Non Oblitus Special Edition



Dunardry and myself at the Oberlin Ohio Scottish Games

## WHA'S LIKE US?

Damn Few and they're A"Deid?

The average Englishman in the home he calls his castle, slips into national costume---a shabby raincoat---patented by Chemist Charles MacIntosh from Glasgow, Scotland. En route to his office he strides along the English lane, surfaced by John Macadam of Ayr, Scotland. He drives an English car fitted with tires invented by John Boyd Dunlop, Veterinary Surgeon of Dreghorn, Scotland. At the office he receives the mail bearing adhesive stamps invented by John Chalmers, Bookseller and Printer of Dundee, Scotland. During the day he uses the telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell, born in Edinburgh, Scotland. At home in the evening his daughter pedals her bicycle invented by Kirkpatrick MacMillan, Blacksmith of Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He watches the news on TV an invention of John Logie Baird of Helensburgh, Scotland and hears an item about the U.S. Navy founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkbean, Scotland. Nowhere can an Englishman turn to escape the ingenuity of the Scots. He has by now been reminded too much of Scotland and in desperation he picks up the Bible, only to find that the first man mentioned in the good book of a Scot---King James VII--- who authorized its translation. He could take to drink but the Scots make the best in the world. He could take a rifle and end it all but the breech-loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson of Pitfours, Scotland. If he escapes death, he could find himself on an operating table injected with Penicillin, discovered by Sir Alexander Fleming of Durvel, Scotland and given Chloroform, an anaesthetic discovered by Sir James Young Simpson, Obstetrician and Gynecologist of Bathgate, Scotland. Out of the anaesthetic he would find no comfort in learning that he was as safe as the Bank of England founded by William Paterson of Dumfries, Scotland. Perhaps his only remaining hope would be to get a transfusion of good Scottish blood which would entitle him to ask ---

"WHA'S LIKE US?"



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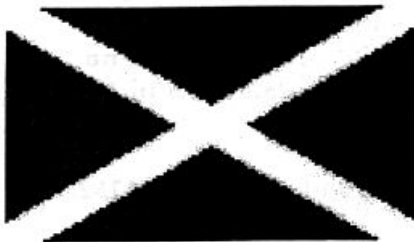
This year it is October 1, 1997. These Clanspeople will receive 10% off all Clan merchandise, except kiltwear, as our thank you for being conscientious. Those having their dues in before the end of October of 1997 will also receive 10% off on Clan items, except kiltwear, to thank you for your quick response.

If all of us get our dues in on time it will allow the Clan to plan more effective use of the Clan's funds and therefore you will once again get even more benefits in return. We thank you for all your support and we are sorry for any inconvenience.

Thanks again,



Jonathan R. Thompson  
Clan Membership Secretary



Our Chief's Address back on Dunardry Soil:

**Chief Dugald MacTavish  
The Caravan "Dunardry"  
Barnakill Farm  
Cairnbaan  
By Lochgilphead PA31 8SQ  
Scotland**

### **A word from the Webmaster....**

Fellow Clanspeople we are on the brink of two exciting events. First, of course, is the matriculation of our Chief. The second is the changes that will be happening with the website. Not only are we in the midst of a redesign which will make our page more interactive and aesthetically pleasing, but we are also going to receive our own domain name. You will soon be notified of the change once the website is up, but in the near future we will no longer be using the <http://home.istar.ca/~dunardry> address. In the near future we will be utilizing the <http://www.mactavish.org> address. Now other Clans and family members will know where we are simply by the name contained within our website address. The site will contain the basic information we already have on our present site along with some revisions to the Clan's goals and a fuller account of the direction of our future. We are being assisted in this by the DIScribe web hosting company. They are being very generous and our Clan owes them a debt of gratitude for the help they are giving us at this exciting time.

Hope you all enjoy the new site once it is finished.



# Our Chiefly Line

The Patriarch Tausi Corr Name not Known Duncan McThamais	Son of Giollesbuig O'Duibne Born early 1100's One generation A Baron of Argyll was believed to be of Dunardry 1st
Name Not Known Ean (Gorum) MacTawy Duncan MacTavish Ean MacTavish	One generation Name recorded in 1456 Name recorded in 1490 and 1498 Witness to a charter to the 2nd Earl of Argyll in 1510. Probably killed at Flodden with the Earl in 1513
Dougall MacTavish Patrick MacTavish Ian MacTavish	Died October 20, 1547 Recorded in 1563 and again in 1609 Recorded in 1611, probably succeeded as a minor
Archibald MacTavish Eoin (Iain) MacTavish	Recorded in 1634 First one who's wife is named. Married Marion Campbell Aug. 7, 1651
Donald MacTavish	Recorded in 1643 and 1648. Married Bessie Campbell in 1657
Dugald MacTavish	Hung at Carnassary Castle in 1685 as officer of the Garrison
Alexander MacTavish	Executed in 1685. Like his brother Dugald, Alexander rose with the 9th Earl
Donald MacTavish	(Cousin to Dugald and Alexander) Was recorded in 1691. Married twice: 1st Ann Campbell, 2nd Christain Campbell in 1689
Archibald MacTavish	Held charter from 10th Earl in 1700. Marries Jean Campbell 1691
Dugald MacTavish	Held charter from 3rd Duke Argyll in 1752. Married Isobel MacLochlan
Lachlan MacTavish	Held charter from 4th Duke 1781 sold Dunardry 31, December 1785. Married Mary Loch
Dugald MacTavish	1782-1855 Sheriff of Campbeltown-Kilchrist Castle. Married Lilitia Lochart 28, April 1810
William MacTavish	1816-1870 Governor of Assinaboia & Rupertsland. Married Sarah Mc Dermot 1862
James William MacTavish	1860-1900 Doctor. Married Agnes Maud Cayley 1889
Andrew Dugald MacTavish	1866-1943 Banker. Married Margret Maria McTavish 1889
John William MacTavish (MM) Andrew Dugald MacTavish (MM)	1889-1954 Merchant (Never Married) 1891-1970 R.N.W.M.P., C.P.R. Investigator. Married Greeba Olivia De Lalanne 1920
Dugald MacTavish	26th Chief Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son of Dunardry

## New Members and Patron Club Members

# Ceud Mille Fáilte

<b>Walter MacTavish</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>Donald Almy</b>	<b>ME</b>
<b>Nancy Carman</b>	<b>Ont</b>	<b>Susan Brown</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Marilyn D'amour</b>	<b>Ont</b>	<b>Peter Arnold</b>	<b>ME</b>
<b>Kathleen Gurnett</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>Chad Thompson</b>	<b>IN</b>
<b>Edward Dietz</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>Brett MacTavish</b>	<b>MA</b>
<b>Michael Blakesmith</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>Michael Thompson</b>	<b>VA</b>
<b>Robert MacTavish</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>Gary K. Thompson</b>	<b>WA</b>
<b>Lisa Landry</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>Phyliss Roseberry</b>	<b>PA</b>
<b>Larry Thompson Jr.</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>Betty Thomas</b>	<b>PA</b>
<b>Leila Davenport</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Dennis Thomson</b>	<b>PA</b>
<b>Jeanne Luiz</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>John E. Thompson</b>	<b>PA</b>
<b>Thomas Thompson</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Sara Dunbar</b>	<b>LA</b>
<b>Henry Thompson</b>	<b>ME</b>	<b>William A. Thomson</b>	<b>LA</b>
<b>Ed Thompson</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Timothy Thompson</b>	<b>NH</b>
<b>Renate Mills</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>Dennis W. Cash</b>	<b>NH</b>
<b>Rebecca Gurner</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Catherine E. King</b>	<b>MA</b>
<b>Jeffrey Henkel</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>Kelle R. Coleman</b>	<b>NH</b>
<b>David Thompson</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Edna T. Coleman</b>	<b>NH</b>
<b>Tom Thompson</b>	<b>NH</b>	<b>Glenda Merrill</b>	<b>NH</b>
<b>Douglas Thompson</b>	<b>NH</b>	<b>Roger E. Fowler</b>	<b>NH</b>
<b>Donald Thompson</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>Dorothy Melnon</b>	<b>MA</b>
<b>Peter Thomson</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>Michael Thomson</b>	<b>NH</b>
<b>Mary J. Smith</b>	<b>ME</b>	<b>Toni Harrison</b>	<b>RI</b>
<b>Daniel Lafratta</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>Barbara Kohlstrom</b>	<b>MA</b>
<b>Donald W. Bretz</b>	<b>WV</b>	<b>David A. Thompson</b>	<b>NH</b>
<b>Major John Briggs (Ret'd)</b>	<b>Ont</b>	<b>Donald Parker</b>	<b>MA</b>

\* Patrons Club Members of the Dunardry Heritage Clan Centre



The Armorial Bearings of Dugal MacTavish of Dunardry  
26 th Chief

