

Statements by Candidates for Offices in the Clan MacKenzie Society of the Americas

I am serving the 3rd year of my 3 year term as Vice President of the Northeast Region of Clan MacKenzie in the Americas and I am enjoying it tremendously. I hope you will vote for me because I have so much more to do. We have added many things to our MacKenzie tent display and have so much more that will be added this year and in years to come. I also have spoken to many of you, the Northeastern members, about starting perhaps a facebook account for the northeast so that members can share pictures, stories and news. In addition, I would like to have a Northeastern picnic for the same purpose. I will also increase the broadcast emails that I send to include much more information for you in the future.

Claire Tobyne, Vice President of the Northeast Region, Clan MacKenzie in the Americas.

It is my distinct honor to be asked to run for the office of Secretary of the Clan MacKenzie Society and I am thrilled at the opportunity to be able to assist my fellow Society members in any way I am able. My first objective would be to continue the excellent tradition of service Howard Wright has established in his time as Society Secretary. My next objective as secretary would be to research new and innovative ways to raise the profile of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Scottish-American Community and implement new methods for members to reach to other members across the country and communicate with each other through a variety of avenues.

Sincerely, **Jonathon Gordon**

All of us who are candidates for office in the Clan MacKenzie Society are dedicated to preserving the traditions which we all value so highly, and wish to be of service to the Society that honors those traditions. Over the last many years it has been my privilege to serve the Society first as a commissioner, then two terms of office as the Society's Secretary, and during the second term of office to hold the positions of Secretary and Vice President for the Heartland Region.

It is my desire to continue to be of service to the Society by running for the office of Vice President/President Elect.

On the more personal side, I am a retired teacher, having taught for thirty-five years. I hold a Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and an Education Specialist Degree. I have two grown sons, and three grandchildren, and am very active in my church, where I have been blessed with the opportunity to teach and mentor several teens and young adults.

Howard Mackenzie-Wright, FSA Scot

As a proud member and having served for several years now as a Vice President, I would like to continue serving at this post for the Clan MacKenzie. Please endorse me with

your vote and I hope to see many at the San Francisco Games at Pleasanton in Aug. I'll have my granddaughter with us, she'll be 17 months in Aug. Great fun and a lot of work! Remember it's warm that time of year but I have secured a cool shady tent spot, so come sit a spell and visit!

Yours Aye, **John McKenzie**.

My great grandmother was Ann MacKenzie Fraser who was born at Fassaig in Torridon, Ross & Cromartie, Scotland. My grandmother brought her 6 children (including my Mom) to this country after her husband died in 1921.

I joined the Clan MacKenzie Society in 1997 and have had a clan tent at several Games each summer for the past 8 years. I attended the International Clan Gatherings in Scotland in 2000 and 2005, and on my last trip I was finally able to visit Fassaig and see the house where my great grandmother had been born. It was an awesome experience.

Debbie MacKenzie and I recently spent over a year editing the Clan cookbook which we hope will help us to give a substantial gift to the Castle restoration Fund. It was a fun project and it's been very gratifying to see how well the cookbooks are selling at the Festivals.

Cheers, **Mimi Cook**

Colonel **Wayne J. Morgan**, recently retired from the Army and the Civil Service, holds a MBA and BA (History), is an Army War College graduate ('92), and has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and numerous other lesser medals. He also is a Master Paratrooper, Pathfinder, Expert Infantryman, and was awarded the Combat Infantryman badge as an Infantry company commander in the Vietnam War. Most of his career was dedicated to Army Special Forces, where he served at all levels of special. His last years of service were spent as the Chief of Staff and/or Command Executive Officer for the Major General commanding the desert warfighting signal command in Atlanta, GA.

He has been married to the former Lindy Anne Brown for almost 31 years. They have two sons, Scott and Sean, who are both West Pointers and serving officers in the Special Forces and US Infantry. They are blessed with two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Recently, Wayne petitioned the Cabarfeidh for formal recognition of his family of Morgans as a Sept of the Clan MacKenzie. Cabarfeidh formally granted this distinction and Wayne now heads the most recent of Clan MacKenzie septs. He also has been recently recognized by the Lord Lyon/Lyon Court and has been granted Scottish "arms."

Wayne has proudly worn a MacKenzie tartan kilt from an 11 years old to to-date, and is greatly honored to serve the Clan and our Cabarfeidh.