

## TARTANS

There are at least 20 MacLeod tartans registered with the Scottish Tartans World Register – 3 most common are:



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## SEPTS

Clan MacLeod includes MacLeods and many Septs (being smaller family groups who have been associated with, or under the protection of, Clan MacLeod), and those with MacLeod or Sept ancestry.

MacLeod Septs (& all spellings) include:

### MacLeod of Harris and Dunvegan

Beaton	MacCuaig
Bethune	MacRaid
Harold	MacWilliam
MacCaig	Norman
MacClure	Tormod
MacCrimmon	Williamson

### MacLeods of Lewis & Raasay

Callam / Callum	Malcolmson
Caskie (MacCaskie)	Nicol (MacNicol)
Lewis (MacLewis)	Nicholson
MacAllum	Norie
MacAulay	Norris
MacAskill	Tolmie
MacCabe	

## BRIEF HISTORY

- ◆ Leod, progenitor of the Clan, lived in the early 1200s . He was son of Olaf, King of Man & The North Isles, and descended from Norse kings.
- ◆ Mac means “son of”. Leod means “the ugly” (he could have been handsome!).
- ◆ Leod’s two sons, Tormod & Torquil, founded the Clan’s two main branches: MacLeods of MacLeod & of Lewis.
- ◆ Historically, the MacLeod lands were on the Western Isles of Skye, Lewis, Harris & Raasay and on NW coast of Scotland.
- ◆ Today, the Clan is centred on the Isle of Skye at Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Britain.
- ◆ The Clan is led (since February, 2007) by Chief Hugh MacLeod of MacLeod, the 30<sup>th</sup> Chief, as well as Chiefs of the junior branches of the Clan MacLeod, brothers:
  - Donald MacLeod, Chief of the Lewes
  - John MacLeod, 18<sup>th</sup> Chief of Raasay
- ◆ Many MacLeods emigrated to the world, from the mid-1700s to the late 1800s, due to political and economic hardship in Scotland, work and land opportunities elsewhere and military service.
- ◆ Clan MacLeod Societies have existed in Scotland since 1891; Glengarry, Ontario, Canada since 1936; & many others, often being formed as a result of Dame Flora’s (28<sup>th</sup> Chief) world travels in the 1950s.
- ◆ There are 9 National Societies: Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa & United States of America.

## DUNVEGAN CASTLE

Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye - the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Britain



(photograph: Neil R. McLeod, Canada)

## HISTORIC MacLEOD LANDS

MacLeod lands on Skye, Lewis, Harris & Raasay and on the NW coast of Scotland



(map: web site, Clan MacLeod Society of Scotland)

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

World: [www.clanmacleod.org/](http://www.clanmacleod.org/)  
Canada: (link at above site)

## CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETIES in CANADA



- ◆ Do the pipes stir your soul?
- ◆ Are you, or an ancestor, a MacLeod (or from a MacLeod Sept)?
- ◆ Do you love Scottish culture, music & dancing?
- ◆ Are you proud to wear a kilt or tartan? Would you like to?
- ◆ Are you researching your family tree?
- ◆ Do you want your children to know their cultural roots?

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**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN WITH  
YOUR LOCAL and WORLD-  
WIDE CLAN MacLEOD FAMILY**

## WHO CAN JOIN CLAN MacLEOD

- ◆ Any MacLeod / MacLeod descendant
- ◆ Anyone from a MacLeod Sept / Sept family
- ◆ Anyone who “supports” the MacLeods

## MacLEOD TABLES



Where Alasdair Crotach, 8<sup>th</sup> Chief, hosted King James V to banquet, in 1537  
(photograph: Ian C. MacLeod, Canada, 1998)

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Most local societies charge a very modest annual membership fee. Members get:

- ✓ 2 Clan MacLeod Magazines per year.
- ✓ 2 Leod Voice newsletters each year.
- ✓ To participate at Parliaments & NAGs.
- ✓ All of the local, national & international benefits, through 1 local membership.
- ✓ To join in local social / cultural events.
- ✓ Knowledge & resources on MacLeod & Scottish history & genealogy.
- ✓ Fun, camaraderie and friendship.

## CLAN PUBLICATIONS

### INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ **Clan MacLeod Magazine:**  
Published twice yearly (since 1935)  
62 glossy colour pages (13 x 21 cm)

### CANADA

- ◆ **Leod Voice:**  
Published twice yearly (since 1984)  
About 36 pages (b&w) (13 x 21 cm)

### LOCAL

- ◆ Several societies have own newsletters

## THE CULLINS



Black Cullin & Sligachan Burn, Isle of Skye  
(photograph by Ian Evans, www.mountain-images.co.uk)

## STRUCTURE OF CLAN

### INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ Associated Clan MacLeod Societies, (ACMS) is an “umbrella” organization
- ◆ Managed by 4 Elected Officers & Presidents of the 9 National Societies

### CANADA

- ◆ Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada (CMSC) is umbrella for 11 local societies across Canada (+ 1 on-line)
- ◆ CMSC is managed by 9 elected and 5 appointed Canadian officers

### LOCAL

- ◆ 11 independent local societies (1 on-line)

## CLAN ACTIVITIES

### INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ Every 4 years, a world gathering, or “Parliament”, is held at Dunvegan, Isle of Skye (2006, 2010, ...).
- ◆ Parallel with Parliament, there is a young adult (ages 19 to 25) program to build lifetime personal networks around the world, while working on restoration sites.
- ◆ Other ACMS projects include historical & genealogical research & publication, restoration of MacLeod sites and backing a MacLeod DNA project.
- ◆ The world-wide Clan MacLeod Magazine is published twice each year

### CANADA

- ◆ Every 4 years, a North American Gathering (NAG) is held, alternating between Canada & USA (Chicago in 2004, Ottawa in 2008, ...).
- ◆ The National newsletter, the Leod Voice, is published twice each year
- ◆ Genealogy data is collected and shared.

### LOCAL - may include:

- ◆ Events such as ceilidhs (singing, dancing, story telling, etc), picnics, pot lucks, Robbie Burns Day (Jan 25) celebrations and curling bonspiels;
- ◆ Production of local newsletters; and
- ◆ Participation in Scottish events & displays at Highland Games.

## WHO WE ARE

“Throughout the centuries MacLeods have been known for their devotion to their chief, the tenacity with which they have maintained the ancient Dunvegan castle, their appreciation of music and Gaelic lore, their outstanding record in the professions, and their loyalty to one another.” ([www.clanmacleod.org](http://www.clanmacleod.org))

## MOTTOS & CRESTS



- ◆ **MacLeod of MacLeod:** “Hold Fast”
- ◆ **MacLeod of Lewis:** “I shine, I do not burn” (re burning beacons in Lewis & Assynt, to guide ships through the Minch)
- ◆ **MacLeod of Raasay:** same motto & crest as MacLeod of Lewis, but in Latin: “Luceo Non Uro”

## HOW DO I JOIN CLAN MacLEOD?

- ◆ Fill in and return your local society’s membership form
- ◆ See contact information for your local society on back of this brochure

Contact a MacLeod via the web site:  
[www.clanmacleod.org](http://www.clanmacleod.org)