

## Where Does Your Membership Fee Go?

Currently all of the labor that is necessary to get The Clan Claus Society up and running has been donated. Any cash spent has been my own.

Beyond the normal start up cost, your membership fees cover such things as:

- Domain Name Registration and Renewal with Lock In
- Membership Certificates and ID Cards
- Postage
- Printing
- Paper Supplies
- Laminating
- Advertising
- Financial Management

The Clan Claus Society has special needs beyond the items listed above. Some of these are:

- Tartan Registration Fee's
- Clan Crest Badge Mold [ One time art & mold set up to be Paid Up Front]
- Clan Belt Buckle Mold [One time art & mold set up to be Paid Up Front]
- Clan Crest Kilt Pin Mold [One time art & mold set up to be Paid Up Front]

As most Santa's use brass or gold plated belt buckles and buttons we have decided not to go with the traditional pewter Clan Crest Badges. The Clan Claus Society's Badges will be made of zinc then gold plated. By being gold plated this alone will make us stand out from the crowd at any Highland Games or other Scottish Events. Once you add our tartan, white hair and beards it would be hard not to notice us. The Crest Badges could also be worn on your Santa hats or Santa suits.

Clan Crest Badges, Clan Belt buckles and Clan Kilt Pins will be sold separately and will not be part of the membership package. Pricing is to be determined, but will be \$25 plus shipping for the Clan Crest Badge and kilt Pin. The Clan Crest Badge, Belt Buckle and Kilt pins have minimum orders of 100 each, which must be met.

At this time we are in the process of purchasing the Clan Crest Badge. As our membership grows and funds are available, we will offer the Belt Buckles and Kilt Pins. We felt that for now Clan members could get away with using nonspecific belt buckles and kilt pins.

We have commissioned Don McKee to create The Clan Claus Society Crest Badge. In 1999, McKee was commissioned to produce the first piece of official British State Insignia ever made outside the UK, a Collar of Office for Scotland's Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

The Clan Claus Society will have sole ownership rights to our Clan specific items. What that means is that Mr. McKee can not sell to anyone other than us any Clan Claus items. However Mr. McKee retains the copyrights of the same items. What that means is that we can not take the items that he has created for us to another foundry at this time. Once again when our membership grows and the funds are available we will purchase the copyrights to all of the Clan specific items.

Tartan Yardage : you will be able to purchase yardage if you are handy with a sewing needle. Yardage is not part of your membership package. [There are minimum yardages quantities we need to meet when ordering a special custom weave from the mill.] We are currently getting quotes from US based kilt makers.

As you can see The Clan Claus Society has many unique needs.

Now I know your first question ~ can you belong to The Clan Claus Society without purchasing a kilt or other Clan specific items? The answer is YES ; above all else The Clan Claus Society is a Christmas family. Anyone who keeps the spirit of Christmas in their heart is already an honorary member of the Clan whether they officially join the Clan or not.

There will be additional Clan items for sale such as T-shirts, Polo Shirts, Clan Stickers, Coffee Cups, Can Coolers, Pens, Flags and banners when the funds are available to do so.

Please fell free to contact me. Suggestions are always welcome.