



TCFA Cuairt Litir (TCFA Newsletter)

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NEXT MEETING...

The next TCFA meeting will be held at 9am on September 14, 2019 at St. Pius X Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo.



FIRST WORLD CELTIC CONCERT Nov. 1, 2019

We are holding our first World Celtic Concert on Friday, Nov. 1st. This will kick off our Masters World Championship Highland games weekend at the 33rd Tucson Celtic festival. Our headliner band will be The Tossers who are flying in from Chicago for the concert. Backing them up will be The Young Dubliners from California along with Celtica and Tucson's own Eldritch Dragons.

This marks a new chapter in our Celtic Festival. Instead of our typical Friday night activities, this will be a dedicated concert evening. Some food vendors will be opened but the festival field will be closed except for the Main Stage and the food court. Gates will open at 5:30 PM. Tickets are available for \$25 in advance at <http://bit.ly/TCFA19-Concert>, or \$30 at the door.

Another first this year is our marketing partnership with the Arizona Lotus Corporation. Lotus, which operates 6 radio stations in the southern Arizona region, including KFMA 102.1 FM, KLPX 96.1 FM, Mix FM at 94.9, ESPN Tucson at 104.9 FM, and two Spanish language radio stations: La Caliente at 92.1 and 95.7 FM, as well as KTKT 94.3 FM. Lotus is a marketing partner for us and will be advertising our concert and

festival on all stations between now and November. Marketing will include DJ comments and reminders, interviews with some TCFA members as well as giveaway contest for tickets, and listings on their web sites and entertainment calendars.

This is a major change for us this year and we encourage you to promote the concert, aggressively. Revenues from this concert will help underwrite the Celtic Festival and the Masters World Championship games on Saturday and Sunday.

Another change is that the gates will open at 8:00 o'clock on Saturday morning in order to start the games for the 159 Invitational world class athletes from Japan, Australia, Austria, Germany, Great Britain, Canada, the United States and other countries. It will definitely be an action-packed weekend. On Saturday evening a delegation from the country hosting the 2020 games will be featured on our stage as we exchange flags with them. Be sure to stick around to see where the games will be in 2020!

We will also need a *lot more volunteers* this year, both on Friday night as well as Saturday and Sunday. Please put the word out for people to go to our website and sign up as a volunteer. They will get a free day of admission for every 4 hours of volunteer time.

CELTIC HISTORY AND CULTURE

Part 6: More Contradiction

The following information is available on the web under Celtic artifacts,

There is a theory that the Celts are descended from one of the ten lost tribes of Israel, the tribe of Dan.

Proponents of this theory in historical essays and elsewhere point to various parallels between Irish and ancient Hebrew culture. For example, they note that the harp, the symbol of Ireland, also plays a role in Jewish history, as the musical instrument of King David.

Some maintain that the tribe of Dan, known for its seafaring, conducted sea voyages to Ireland and colonized it as early as the period of the Judges in the 7th century BC under the name Tuatha Dé Danann.

Scholar Janet Moser writes: "There are certain facts that suggest that the Celts might have derived from a Jewish tradition from the East. The Celtic body of ecclesiastical and civil knowledge was Druidism. Their system can be traced to about 1800 B.C..."

In 'The Psalter of Cashel' an ancient text written by Saint Cormac it states that: 'The Tuatha de Danaan' ruled in Ireland for about two centuries and were highly skilled in architecture and other arts from their long residence in Greece.'

The Tuatha de Danaan were the descendants of Danaus, the son of Belus, who went with his fifty daughters to Argos, the home of his ancestor Io. In Irish legends the Tuatha de Danaan, who were considered to "be demi-gods, ... were said to have possessed a ... Grail-like vessel. These teachers of wisdom were the founders of the Druidic priesthood."

Were they connected back to the tribes of Israel? As part of the kingdom of Israel, the territory of Dan was conquered by the Assyrians, and the Dan were exiled; the

manner of their exile led to their further history being lost.

Soon after the Celtic tribe appeared in Europe leading to speculation that the Celts were the tribe of Dan.

According to the Hebrew Bible, following the completion of the conquest of Canaan by the Israelite tribes after about 1200 BC, Joshua allocated the land among the twelve tribes. Dan was allocated the most northerly region, to the north of the Galilee, and west of the Jordan, stretching north as far as Laish, Dan's main city (which became known as Dan). (Joshua 19:40-48).

In the Biblical census of the Book of Numbers, the tribe of Dan is portrayed as the second largest Israelite tribe (after Judah). Some textual scholars regard the census as being from the Priestly Source, dating it to around the 7th century BC. Following the conquest of the land by Joshua until the formation of the first Kingdom of Israel in 1050 BC, the Tribe of Dan was a part of a loose confederation of Israelite tribes. No central government existed, and in times of crisis the people were led by ad hoc leaders known as Judges.

With the growth of the threat from Philistine incursions, the Israelite tribes decided to form a strong centralized monarchy to meet the challenge, and the Tribe of Dan joined the new kingdom with Saul as the first king.

After the death of Saul, all the tribes other than Judah remained loyal to the House of Saul, but after the death of Ish-bosheth, Saul's son and successor to the throne of Israel, the Tribe of Dan joined the other northern Israelite tribes in making David, who was then the king of Judah, king of a reunited Kingdom of Israel. However, on the

accession of Rehoboam, David's grandson, in c. 930 BC the northern tribes split from the House of David to reform a Kingdom of Israel as the Northern Kingdom.

The most celebrated Danite was Samson, who some suggest is derived from Danyen tribal legends. The anti-Christ is also said to be a member of the tribe of Dan.

Modern artists use the "scales of justice" to represent the Tribe of Dan due to Genesis 49:16 referencing Dan judging his people. However, more traditional artists use a snake to represent Dan, based on Genesis 49:17.

Their primary trade characteristic was seafaring, unusual for the Israelite tribes. In the Song of Deborah, the tribe is said to have stayed on their ships with their belongings. As part of the Kingdom of Israel, the territory of Dan was conquered by the Assyrians, and the tribe exiled; the manner of their exile led to their further history being lost.

Did they reappear as the Tuatha De Dannan or later the Celts? The truth is lost in the mists of time.

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Part 7: More Contradiction**



TEST YOUR SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE

Who won the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314?

- a. Mel Gibson
- b. William Wallace
- c. King David I
- d. Robert the Bruce

Robert the Bruce defeated King Edward II of England on June 24, 1314.



MEMBER CLAN CONNECTION

TCFA Vice-President Greg Landers

Clan Lamont

Motto: *Ne parcas nec spernas*
(translation from Latin: "Neither despise nor fear" or "Neither spare nor scorn").

Crest: A hand coupled at the wrist, all proper.

The name is of great antiquity in southern Argyll where the chiefs were known as "The Great MacLamont of all Cowal". Although it is thought that the family originated from Ulster, the surname derives from the Old Norse meaning 'Lawman,' The Clan at one stage occupied the greater part of Cowal, but in company with the Macdougalls, supported the Comyns in opposing the rise of Robert the Bruce and suffered for their mistake. However, a century later John Lamond of that ilk secured a Charter from James III and his Seat became Toward Castle, located south of Dunoon in Argyll.

The current Clan Chief is Peter Noel Lamont



YOUR CELTIC EXPERIENCE...

May those who love us, love us. And those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts;

And if He doesn't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles, so we will know them by their limping.

Scottish toast