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NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATED FAMILIES SCHMITZ & SCHMIDT

We are starting 2024 with something new!

A short explanation:

With the express permission of our Clan Chief Jamie Macpherson, we are once again travelling to many events in Germany as the "Associated Family of Clan Macpherson".

But what is an Associated Family?

A member of the "Associated Family" is, like a native Clan Macpherson member, an integral part of the clan.

Without any restrictions, he is a full member of the Clan.

The Associated family Schmitz or Schmidt (in English Smith or Gow (Gaelic)) has a historical background of the Clan.

Abridged version:

The Clan Macpherson was summoned before the Scottish King in 1396 against the Clan Cameron to end a clan feud in a battle. 30 men on each side were to fight the battle.

Clan Macpherson, however, lacked a fighter. The local Blacksmith (Smith, Gow) agreed to fight for the Macpherson Clan.

After winning the battle, all families with the name Smith/Gow (German: Schmitz/Schmidt) were offered the opportunity to join the Clan as an "associated family".

This still applies today. The condition is that the member must be honourably committed to the Clan and its projects.

We are particularly pleased to be able to enter one of our own fighters for Clan Macpherson at the Highland Games in Germany this year. Our member Christopher Schmidt will defend the honour of the Clan, as he did in Perth in 1396. He will take part in the Highland Games in Germany as the "Highland Tiger" of Clan Macpherson for the Associated family.

We wish him every success and our support is assured!

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