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Dear Clansmen

Diana and I hope everybody had an enjoyable Christmas. We send you our best wishes for 2008. May the New Year be happy and rewarding for all of you.

We spent Christmas with our daughter Virginia and her family in Aberdeenshire and will be seeing in the New Year with our other daughter Katie and her family in Argyll. Son Jamie and his family are expected to be there also.

Sadly son Geoffrey and his family will not be with us this year, but we stayed with them at their home in London in November. All our four and our eight grandchildren seem to be flourishing.

For us the highlight of the year 2007 was the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip. We were very honoured to have been invited to their Service of Celebration in Westminster Abbey on the morning of 19 November. We found the service very moving and it was a very happy occasion.

Her Majesty, who was born on 21st April 1926, is now the longest living British monarch, having outlived her great, great, grandmother Queen Victoria.

I was born on 14th April 1926. I may soon have lived longer than Francis 16th Chief and his nephew 17th Chief, but I have a long way to go before I catch up my father James Alexander Macnabb, de jure 21st Chief. He was born on 26th December 1901 and died in 1990 aged 88. As some of you will know it has been said that "most 80 year olds are determined to reach 90. Some die in the attempt!"

Be that as it may be, I am gradually getting all the historical material in my possession into shape as a draft for a Comprehensive Clan History. I hope I will be spared long enough to complete the task.

I intend in coming months to publish some historical notes and articles on the website of the Macnab Memorial Trust. (www.clanmacnabuk.org), which is currently being revamped by its new web administrator.

With best wishes to all of you wherever you may be.

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