

The White Cockade and the Laurel!

The white cockade is the symbol of the Jacobites, i.e. the supporters of the Stewart Kings of Scotland and followers of Bonnie Prince Charlie. The MacLarens were a strong Jacobite Clan and were out in support of the Stewarts in all of the rebellions. This ended with that terrible day of defeat on Culloden Moor but on that day the Appin Stewarts and MacLarens were on the part of the Jacobite lines that actually broke through the Hanoverian (English) lines and then fought their way back through the English to their own line. The white cockade is worn with pride by descendents of these brave rebels who paid a terrible price for their loyalty to the Stewarts, “their own true kings.”

(The Hanoverian Kings of England, beginning with George I were from Hanoveria Germany and were distant relatives of the Stewart Kings of England. They were brought in after James VII and II was deposed due to his Catholic faith since the Germans were Protestants.)

Hanoverian loyalists wear the black cockade and if you buy a Scottish hat, balmoral or glengarry, it will come with a black cockade already on it. If you are a MacLaren, please wear a white cockade on your hat, (or bonnet as it is rightly called in Scotland), to show you are from a Jacobite Clan, the MacLarens.

Pin your clan cap badge over it, in the center.

Women pin the cockades on their blouse or dress and can pin it on with the clan badge or just pin it from underneath.

If you are lucky enough to come upon a sprig of Laurel put that in the cockade as well since the Laurel is the plant badge of the MacLarens. Since most of the Scottish Clansmen warriors were not in uniform they were identified by the plant worn in the their bonnets as to what Clan they were from and as to which side they were on by the color of the cockade, white for Jacobite, black for Hanoverian.

Wear both laurel and white cockade with pride MacLarens!!!

“I don’t find any disposition in my neighbours...to give up their arms....The people of Balquhidder not only keep their arms but wear their white cockades”.

**Campbell of Glenurchy
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