An Invitation To Membership

I am pleased to extend to you my personal invitation to become a member of The Mackenzie Society.

The Mackenzie Society, named in honor of Kenneth A.J. Mackenzie, MD, has been established to recognize our alumni, faculty and friends who provide essential support of the Department on a sustaining basis at an extraordinary level.

Members of the Mackenzie Society play a significant role in ensuring the continued excellence of the Department of Surgery by providing the resources needed to keep our education programs strong and competitive. Your gift will benefit our resident training program, helping to fund the purchase of educational texts and materials, conference attendance and other aspects of the residency program.

Your membership in The Mackenzie Society will help assure our Department’s future and its continued prominence.

John G. Hunter, MD

The OHSU Department of Surgery Today

The 57 University faculty and equal number of affiliate faculty in community hospitals provide a diversity of clinical experience that is second to none. While it would be hard to single out our clinical strengths, there is no doubt that OHSU has received its national reputation for excellence in trauma care, vascular surgery, minimally invasive surgery, and we are growing new programs in rural surgery, pediatric surgery, cardiovascular surgery, plastic surgery, and surgical oncology. Complex surgery on the main campus is well balanced with high volume, high quality general surgery in our five community affiliates. The Portland VA Medical Center is one of the best in the country, a tremendous anchor to our clinical and education efforts.

Research is part of the culture. While OHSU has traditionally had a smaller research program than our competitors along the Pacific Coast, the recent growth in NIH funding at OHSU has been astounding. New investigators and new investigations will continue to invigorate this program.

Education is the core of an academic Department of Surgery. Topic focused conferences are augmented by vibrant grand rounds, mortality and morbidity conferences and bedside teaching.

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Kenneth A.J. Mackenzie, M.D. 1859-1920

Kenneth Alexander James Mackenzie was born at Cumberland House, one of the Hudson’s Bay Company’s trading posts in Manitoba, Canada, on January 13, 1859. His parents had emigrated from Ross-shire, Scotland, in 1845.

Young Kenneth was sent to prep school in Scotland for five years, rejoining his parents on Lake Huron at age 12. He attended school in Montreal and Toronto. He entered medical school at McGill University at age 17, graduating four years later as valedictorian of his class.

Mackenzie attended the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Edinburgh and also studied in London, Paris and Berlin. He arrived in Portland in 1882 and was appointed to the position of Chair of Anatomy at Willamette University Medical School the following year.

He married Cora Hardy Scott, whose father was the former Secretary of State in Louisiana, in 1886. In 1887 he was elected president of the Oregon State Medical Society.

Mackenzie was one of the four founders of the University of Oregon Medical School. He succeeded Simeon Josephi as the second Dean of the School in 1912 and served until his death on March 15, 1920.

One of the best known physicians in the region at the time, he envisioned a thriving medical center away from the city’s noise and pollution. Mackenzie also served as chief surgeon of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, and he persuaded the company to donate 20 acres of land on Marquam Hill for a new medical school building in 1914. Because of the ‘remote’ location, it was referred to as “Mackenzie’s Folly” in local newspapers.

Immediately following acquisition of the site, Mackenzie secured the first building appropriation from the state legislature, $110,000, and helped raise $50,000 in private donations to build the first building, now known as Mackenzie Hall.

Mackenzie offered nine acres to Multnomah County for the construction of a charity hospital and nurses dormitory adjacent to the school, which were erected and occupied in 1920.

A founder and first president of the North Pacific Surgical Society, Mackenzie was a commanding figure in the social and professional life of the community. His colleagues of the day described Mackenzie as “a surgeon of exceptional judgment.” His students called him “an inspiring teacher,” and to his patients he was known as “an understanding and skillful doctor.”

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The Mackenzie Society

**Membership Levels**

- **Associate Member**
  - Limited to physicians in practice five years or less
  - Annual gift of $125

- **Senior Member**
  - Limited to physicians retired from the practice of surgery
  - Annual gift of $250

- **Mackenzie Fellow**
  - Annual gift of $500–$999

- **Chairman’s Circle**
  - Annual gift of $1000+

**Membership Benefits**

- Invitation to exclusive annual Mackenzie Society event
- Lapel pin:
  - Sterling silver for Associates, Seniors and Fellows
  - 10k Gold for Chairman’s Circle
- Membership certificate suitable for framing
- Complimentary dinner at the ACS national meeting
- Members-only annual report
- Membership renewal premium