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President's Message Autumn 2020

Kenneth McInnis

President's Musings

Well, 2020 has quickly turned into a year that I hope to forget soon. Fortunately, I was able to get in a Burn's Night Dinner before everything went crazy! Now, what to do? What to do?

Well, with no highland games...no parades...no high school sports (here in Northern Virginia)...virtual this...virtual that. Everyone's life is in turmoil. What I do have time to do is – well – think. Yeah, I know, that could be dangerous. So, the IACM board has been going back and forth on all sorts of things: merchandise, finances, memberships and where we – as a Clan society – are headed.

Our new Treasurer, John McInnis (Past President), has been going through our finances and accounts, along with our new Membership Director, Scott McInnis. They are also trying to resolve payment issues with MembershipWorks, the service we use to track and bill our members. All is starting to work itself out and I look forward to the board meeting we will have in the next couple of months to discuss our financial "direction".

We are going through an accounting process of all our merchandise for sale and other items that we have purchased for tent sponsorships. We will also be making decisions soon on perhaps a SUPER SALE to reduce the items in merchandise – perhaps you see a trend – and discuss our merchandise "direction".

Finally, we need to discuss the "direction" of the IACM and its leadership. Most of – fortunately, not all – your board members are in the greatest "risk" category for the ongoing pandemic. Also, most – fortunately, ALL – of your board members have been extremely active for decades with the old MacInnes Clan Society and now the IACM for hosting tents and holding down multiple Clan Association jobs.

Now it's time for you to think (see another trend) about the IACM's future. What direction do you want to see the IACM take? What can you do to assist with games or sponsor a tent yourself? What job would you like to take on within the IACM? Honestly, all you have to do is ask, or before you know it – like me decades ago – you could be walking into a Clan banquet and be told (by the late founder Mary Faulk in my instance): "By the way, you're being nominated for Vice President tonight".

Seriously, this is OUR society and all help is appreciated. When the old Clan MacInnes Society, now the IACM, was formed, there was never any thought of someone remaining in position for decades. That is also one of

the reasons we have term limits imposed on the President position. No one will “resent” someone else asking to take on a position. There are no egos involved with any of our officers. Believe me – in a couple of years I will smile a bit as I turn over the position of President. Also, I am sure Steve and Donna would love help with the newsletter and setting up the festivities at our annual meeting. I would bet Wade would love someone stepping up and saying: “Hey Wade – why don’t you sit back and let me bring all the stuff up to Grandfather this year.”

So, if you want to get involved – send me a note. If you want to help with a clan tent or see an open Commissioner and/or Convenor position – send me a note. If you love genealogy and would like to help – send Jonathan a note. If you love Clan History and want to get involved – send Norm a note. If you love piping and/or drumming – send Rachel or Randy a note. See the trend??? Say something – get involved. Granted, it’s nice to be a member of the IACM knowing you’ll have the shade of a tent waiting for you at the games. However, I guarantee you that you will get more out of your Clan experience if you put more into it. I know I have. Just take a look at the website or our Officers Directory on Page 19 – find out who is in charge of whatever it is you would like to get involved with and – send a note.



Ken's Arms

Until next time – be safe and here’s to us – here’s to Clan MacInnes.

Sincerely,
Yours Aye,

Kenneth McKinnis



Happy St. Andrews Day November 30 to our Scottish kith and kin across the globe!

St. Andrew was named Scotland’s patron saint after Robert The Bruce’s victory at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. The St. Andrews flag, a white diagonal cross on a blue background, is Scotland’s national flag and is said to represent St. Andrew who was crucified on a diagonal cross. The flag, also known as the Saltire, was first hoisted in 1512 – making it one of the oldest flags in the world. In 2006, the Scottish Parliament made St. Andrews Day an official bank holiday. St. Andrew is also the patron saint of Romania, Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Poland and Barbados.

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It’s been hard to see all the pandemic cancellations – our Clan’s 50th Anniversary AGM, Highland Games worldwide, Celtic events, competitions, even getting a pint or dram at the pub or local bar. These cancellations have caused drastic losses for many sponsors and businesses of things Scottish and Celtic. Some games and events may be forced to cancel forever. That said, we urge you to support your heritage. Volunteer, make a donation—large or small—to your local Highland Games...competitions and scholarships for pipers, drummers, dancers, Gaelic studies...local St. Andrews Society...the revered Grandfather Mountain Highland Games...and of course, the Clan MacInnes Association. Help save your heritage now. And stay well until we meet again.



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