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**NEEP LANTERNS**



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## SCOTTISH HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

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MacEnys | MacGinnes | MacGinnis | MacGuenis | Machans | MacHinch | MacInch | MacIninch | MacInish | MacInnes  
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## President's Musings Autumn 2025

Kenneth McInnis

### Presidential Musings – Early Fall / Late Summer 2025

Well, this year's Virginia Scottish Games were wonderful. They say the weather was the best it has been since 1968. We were in the low 70s, sunny with a slight breeze (just enough to keep the flags in motion) and no humidity. For those of you who have never been in Virginia at the end of August – THAT IS RARE!

We, again, had two 10'x10' tent spaces, side by side, which gave us a nice sitting/talking area. With all the friends and MacInnes' who stopped by – pretty much a two-day party. Hearing Seven Nations playing in the background was an additional bonus. As the games are smaller, i.e., 45 Clan Societies compared to the 120 or so at Grandfather, the crowds are also smaller and make everything more manageable – like only having to wait in line 2-3 minutes for a hot Scotch egg or other Scottish gourmet delights. If y'all ever happen to be in Virginia over Labor Day weekend – stop by.

Speaking of smaller, enjoyable games, my family and I will be heading to Laurinburg, NC to attend the Scotland County Games the first weekend in October. We'll be arriving Thursday evening, putting up the tartan flags and banner on Friday, then attending the games on Saturday. While the games are only one day, they do have a lot of activities Friday night and a special Kirkin' of the Tartan at the

historic Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church on Sunday in Laurinburg. With so many MacInnes' in the area – hoping for and expecting a good turnout.

I missed everyone at Grandfather this year – perhaps we can catch up at the Scotland County Games. Will definitely not be missing Grandfather next year. That said, it will be a busy few weeks next summer. Motorcycle Club Nationals in Wisconsin the end of June, Grandfather Mountain the second week in July, and then on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July we'll be headed to Scotland for a three-week trip.

The first part of our trip to Scotland will be a typical touristy visit with a bunch of Mason friends hitting all the famous spots, i.e., Edinburgh, Loch Ness, Skye, etc., ending up with a visit to the oldest Masonic Lodge in Scotland located in Kilwinning. As the friends leave to go back to the States, Lori and I will continue for another 10 days or so on Islay, Jura and around Iona and Morvern. While I have been to Scotland 19 times, I am, somewhat, looking forward to seeing Kinlochaline as I have not seen the castle since it was coated with a traditional lime harl and lime wash as part of the recent restoration efforts. It is amazing how it was transformed. Just look at the following photos, before and after restoration.

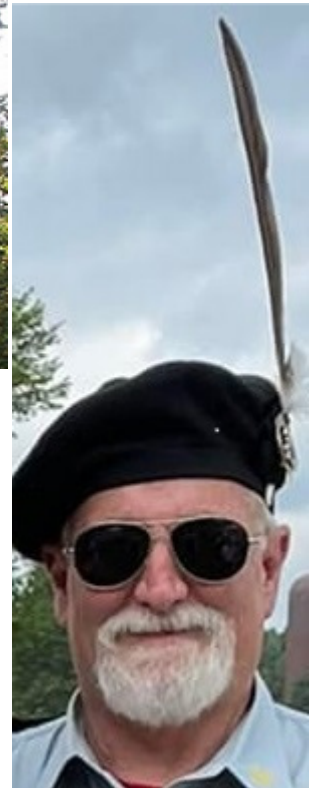




*Kinlochaline Castle before and after restoration. (Photos Steve McKinnis)*

Do hope to see y'all soon. Until then, have a wonderful summer, or at least what's left of it. Closing our pool in a couple days – always a sign that “Winter is Coming”!

*Slàinte Mhath,  
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#### Front Cover:

The front cover shows several of the Scottish Halloween Traditions. The top row shows carving of neep lanterns (turnip). Scotland did not have pumpkins then (they do now) so they used turnips instead. These lanterns were said to scare off evil spirits. The second row on the left are people dressed up for guising (or disguising) which is like today's trick or treat. Children (or adults) would dress up as evil spirits and had to tell stories or sing before getting a treat. The second row on the right shows hazel nut burning. A couple would throw hazel nuts into a fire, if they burned quietly the union would be a happy one. If the nuts hissed and crackled, a turbulent future lay ahead. Other traditions were treacle scones hanging from a string so no hands were used, and apple dookin' similar to apple bobbin. Some children would use forks trying to spear the apple. (<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/6-scottish-halloween-traditions>).



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