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Spring in the Highlands

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President's Musings Spring 2024

Kenneth McInnis

Are you ready? "Games" season is almost upon us. I've been bleeding money for the past few months to get ready for our annual get-together at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Anyone else notice it never seems to get any cheaper?? That said, I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone and I hope both of our IACM tents are packed the entire weekend.

I have to admit, I normally just go up the mountain on Saturday and Sunday. However, the games at Grandfather are a FOUR-DAY event that weekend, starting with the "Raise the Clans" torchlight ceremony Thursday evening. I did that event back in the olden days when we actually threw a torch onto the fire. It's a bit more civilized these days, but just as impressive.

On Friday morning, our Region 1 Mid-Atlantic Co-Commissioners – Wade and Vickie McInnis – will probably be there setting up, so stop by and give them a hand around the tents.

Also, and FYI – tent spaces are at a premium at Grandfather and there is a waiting list. Scuttlebutt has it that if tents aren't decorated and well used – well, those that have two tents might get only one the following year. We need to continue to be active at all events as we have been the past five decades.

Speaking of Commissioners, we have a few open positions. Region 3 S. Atlantic (FL, GA, SC), Region 5 Mid- Atlantic (AL, AR, LA, MS, TN), Region 7 Midwest (IL, IN, KY, MI, MO, OH) and Region 9 S. Pacific (AZ, CA, HI, NV, UT). Experience NOT required – we'll work with you. Being a commissioner doesn't mean you have to attend every Games in your district – you're the focal point. Example: if you want to host a game in – let's take Savannah, Georgia or Batesville, Arkansas (and yes, that hint is going out to two individuals thinking about sponsoring tents), you could be the Commissioner for the area. It's actually a lot of fun and who doesn't like a "Title"? Think about it.

OK – IT IS TIME TO CALL UP THE CLAN! Our Membership Director, Scott McInnis, has done a very good job of cleaning up our

membership database, i.e., removing past members who haven't paid dues in the past couple of years and didn't respond to emails, etc. What does that mean? It's time to bring in new blood and how do we do that? Get excited! Host a tent at a Highland festival or games! When you're on social media and someone wants information on CLAN MACINNES – not only give them the information, invite them to join us at an event – especially Grandfather Mountain.



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If you have ideas on how you think you can help or assist the IACM – reach out – I’m definitely available to listen. One thing a President likes to accomplish during his/her time in the hotseat is leaving the position better than he found it. Well, considering those individuals I had to follow, that is a daunting task and I need all the help I can get. You have an idea – let me know. In fact, take me aside at Grandfather this year and we’ll discuss over a wee dram. I’ll be there all week.



Can’t wait to see all of you at a Games this year.

Yours Aye, Ken

Kenneth Lee McKinnis



Tartan Day

Tartan Day is around the corner, April 6 for North America, Scotland and Argentina, July 1 for Australia and New Zealand.

This Scottish heritage national observance originated in Canada in the 1980s. Nova Scotia was the first to formally recognize April 6 in 1987, choosing that date because the Declaration of Arbroath was signed April 6, 1320 – the document sent by Scottish nobles to the Pope declaring Scotland’s independence from England. Canada made April 6 official in December 1991.



MacInnes Onich Tartan

The U.S. Senate recognized Tartan Day as April 6 in 1998 and celebrated with the first Tartan Day Parade – two pipe bands and a small but spirited group of Scottish Americans, led by Grand Marshal and actor Cliff Robertson, who symbolically walked from the British Consulate to the United Nations in Washington, D.C., the national capitol. The U.S House of Representatives adopted a similar resolution in March 2005, making it official nationwide April 6.

France started its *Journée du kilt* or Day of the Kilt in 2002, and Argentina inaugurated the date in 2006 in Buenos Aires.

Scotland established its first Tartan Day festival in 2004 in Angus, a region which includes Arbroath. Australia came aboard starting 1989 and officially in 1996, then New Zealand in 2008, both celebrating July 1, the anniversary of the repeal of the Dress Act 1746 which banned males from wearing Highland dress.

Wherever you are, wear your tartan proudly on April 6 or July 1. For diehards, you could begin celebrating at 12:01 A.M. all the way to midnight.



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Spring is time for new beginnings, flowers and Highland Games. Check our Page 17 and our Games Calendar at <https://macinnes.org/calendar.html>

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THE AGM BARBECUE BASH

Our Clan's AGM, or Annual General Meeting, might sound like boring business, but this year's 54th AGM will be a little business, a bounty of barbecue, and a bash full of fun.

- DATE:** Friday, July 13th at 6:30 P.M., informal picnic.
- PLACE:** J. Douglas Williams Park, a county park on Sugar Mountain, between Linville and Banner Elk, NC.
- MENU:** Barbecue, coleslaw, biscuits & cornbread, country cobbler dessert, and iced tea. BYOB if you wish.
- PRICE:** The price per person will be announced shortly in a special email, along with a reservation form.
- PROGRAM:**
- * Installation of officers.
 - * Unveiling of the Clan MacInnes "Letters Patent". See article below.
 - * Merchandise Surprise.



See our Clan MacInnes Letters Patent at the Grandfather Games!



A letters patent is a type of legal instrument, in a published written order, issued by a governing power such as a king, president, or head of state, that gives a person or institution an exclusive right, privilege, title or office. These documents are impressive, painstakingly handwritten on sheets of velum parchment, and often illuminated with special colors at the top with decorations, initial letters, or perhaps a portrait of the king or queen.

The letters patent for the International Association of Clan MacInnes was granted in 2004 by the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, Scotland. Alas, it had a few mistakes and needed to be corrected. President Ken McInnis received the

corrected letters patent last Autumn from Scotland and framed it, as shown here.

Our historic IACM Letters Patent will be presented during the Annual General Meeting/AGM Picnic on July 13, during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 12-14 in Linville, NC. Here's your chance to see this important Clan document up close and personal.



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