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Spring Bluebells at Ballachulish Church

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President's Message Spring 2021

Kenneth McInnis

Well, folks – I was hoping by this newsletter I would have loads of wonderful, uplifting information to pass along. I was hoping that the pandemic would be in the rearview mirror and a distant memory. I was hoping that everything would be back to normal. Well...while some things are being “relaxed” a bit here in Virginia – we are still under a lot of restrictions. I’m also sitting here rubbing my arm from the second COVID shot I received yesterday. If you haven’t had it – it wasn’t fun for me. I might go as far to say that 2021 is not starting out as I had hoped. Basically, going forward, I will try to abide by one of the best lines in the movie, “The Outlaw Josey Wales” spoken by Chief Dan George, and “endeavor to persevere”.

So, what’s new? Even though quite a few Spring Highland Games have already been cancelled for 2021, our fingers are crossed in hopes of finally celebrating our 50th Anniversary. Might be a bit of deja vu since we were making these same plans last year, but we’ll give it another go this year as it is just too important to overlook. There is more on our celebration at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in this issue (see Page 4). Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be able to attend.

Let’s talk a little about our “Fire Sale” we held over the winter. Even with way reduced prices, we only sold a couple items, causing us to rethink the whole “why did I get into the merchandise business in the first place” idea. I would like to point out that we are down to just a handful of embroidered safari shirts and when they’re gone – they’re gone. Which leads us to another merchandise topic: we need a Merchandise Director! If you have a merchandising background or ideas on what you would like to see us put on the sales tab of our website, <https://macinnes.org/cgi-bin/store/store.cgi>, have we got a job for you.

Finally, what am I up to? Well, with a mandatory limit of 10 people per indoor activity imposed by the Commonwealth of Virginia – not a whole lot. All my Masonic functions are either virtual or very limited. Some of you might know I’m the head varsity girl’s lacrosse coach at one of our county’s high schools. We are supposed to have a season this spring, but since Virginia pushed all of 2020 fall sports to the 2021 spring season, we don’t even get to start until mid-April. Still, I’m looking forward to getting back on the field. Finally, with all my free time – I’ve decided to enroll in a program which leads to a Diploma in Heraldry. I figure with all the questions I have been getting now that I am a Scottish Armiger – why not?

In closing, please keep your fingers crossed that we get to meet this year and, finally, celebrate the Clan MacInnes Society/International Association of Clan MacInnes' 50-year Anniversary.

Until Grandfather - Yours Aye,

Kenneth McKinnis



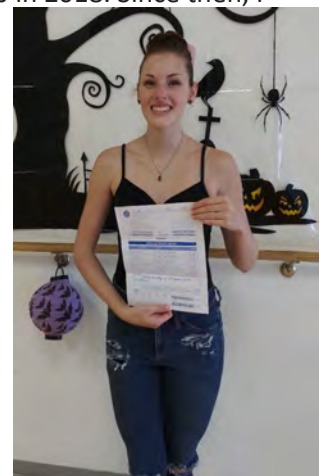
Update from Scholarship Winner Audrey Trawick

I am very excited to share my latest Highland Dance exam results from last fall—the top recommendation, “highly commended”.

It’s hard to believe how far I have come. I attended my first premier competition and workshop in 2018. Since then, I have competed in multiple regional competitions, placing alongside Champions and World Champions. Although I am not yet a Champion dancer, I continue to work hard and aspire to become one.

In 2019 and age 17, I took my first Highland Dance teacher’s examination, permitted to take only my Associates certification. I continued to student teach, acquiring over 750 accumulated teaching hours, and studied an additional year to take and pass my Highland Dance Members exam at age 18 last August.

Without your patronage, it would have been very difficult for my family to financially support my Highland dance goals...I will always appreciate this gift, the growth, and the opportunities that you have allowed me. I am indebted to you. I hope you feel I have been able to represent your beautiful Scottish community and scholarship program...and that I can pay it forward to others in the future.



Please enjoy my latest video. [2020 Photo Video with music.mp4](#)

Gaelic Sessions on Zoom

The Gaelic Narrative Project, "Air Chéilidh", will offer plenty of information on an upcoming Gaelic language, culture and identity initiative, hosting “Won’t You Come for A Visit?” on Zoom in English.

Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/5913233345368996>.

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Cover:

Bluebells in the highlands of Ballachulish, Scotland. Although these wildflowers can be planted, they are a woodland plant. So when you see bluebells in a field, it tends to mean that the area was once a woods before man moved in and cut it down. Off the coast of Pembrokeshire in southwestern Wales, beautiful bluebells bloom across the open fields of Skomer Island, which used to be wooded.

Photo #20 by Jim Monk. <http://www.lovethepics.com/2013/04/enchanted-forests-carpeted-in-beautiful-bluebells/>
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Hopefully It's Happening!

50th Anniversary AGM Rescheduled for 2021

EDITOR'S NOTE: At press time March 11, Grandfather Games had canceled sheep herding, Highland Dance competitions and Friday night's patron reception. Last year GMHG canceled the games in mid-April.

Crossed fingers that our 50th Anniversary AGM will happen this July at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. GMHG in Linville, NC is scheduled for July 8-11 and selling tickets.

Barring another cancellation like the 2020 games due to the pandemic, Clan MacInnes will welcome members to its tents and activities once again.

Our rescheduled 50th Anniversary Celebration will feature three major events:

- ❖ **Potluck Picnic Friday, July 9**, starting 6:30 pm, at the local Sugar Mountain county park. Clan MacInnes will provide sub sandwiches, tableware and bottled water. Other beverages will be BYO, and each family should bring one potluck dish. The potluck signup will begin in May and will be done by email.
- ❖ **Scottish Banquet AGM Saturday, July 10** at Banner Elk Best Western Hotel, Happy Hour with cash bar starting 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Prices TBA later.

Adult Menu

Spring Mix Salad, entrée choice of Chicken in Heather Honey sauce or Roast Highland Beef in currant sauce...3 side dishes of Baked Mac & Cheese, Bourbon-Brown Sugar Mashed Sweet Potatoes and Southern Green Beans w/bacon drippings & ham...dessert choice of Topsy Laird Trifle or Warm Apple Spoon Cobbler...iced tea, coffee and tea.

Child Menu

Chicken Tenders with honey mustard sauce, Mac & Cheese, Sliced Apples & Grapes, roll, ice cream & ginger snap, and juice carton.

- ❖ **Fire Sale in the Tent** of clan merchandise from noon Friday through games closing 5:00pm Sunday. **BIG BARGAINS!**

Members may want to make it a long weekend, to include the memorable Torchlight Ceremony at dusk Thursday, July 8, and the colorful noon Parade of Clans during the games Sunday, July 11. For online ticket orders and Covid requirements, see <https://gmhg.org> or phone 828-733-1333.

Clan MacInnes has negotiated a 30% discount at the games host hotel, Banner Elk Best Western. The "Clan MacInnes Rate" is for 2 double beds or a king, including tax and hot breakfast. Discount rate is \$150 for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, July 8-10, and \$84.99 for Sunday, July 11. Call the hotel direct at 828-898-4571 by June 28.

Members will receive a special email in May on how to register and pay for the picnic and/or banquet. If the Grandfather Games are cancelled, Clan MacInnes will also notify members by email. Questions: donna@macinnes.org



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