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## President's Musings Winter 2022

Kenneth McInnis

I hate to start out on such a sad note – and in case you haven't already heard, we lost one of our Past Presidents – Norman MacInnis – on February 7th this year. Since we have a tribute page for Norm on Pages 8-12, I will, simply, state here that Norm was very passionate about both our heritage and our society. His thoughts and ideas which sometimes, admittedly, resulted in heated exchanges were some of the building blocks that helped build the International Association of Clan MacInnes into what we are today. Norm, you will be missed and will remain in our thoughts. I held up a glass to you when I heard the news and I will be holding up another one at this year's AGM.

***An honest man here lies at rest,  
As e'er God with His image blest:  
The friend of man, the friend of truth;  
The friend of age, and guide of youth:  
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,  
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:  
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;  
If there is none, he made the best of this.***  
**by Robert Burns**

It's hard to shift gears after that, but I'll try. I'll begin with – I don't know how I would get anything done if I weren't retired, and from what I'm reading in social media, I'm sure a lot of you feel the same way. All my Masonry activities are full throttle with the new year, and as if I didn't already have enough – I just joined the Shrine. That said, don't expect to

see me dressed up like a clown or riding a miniature motorcycle any time soon. My high school girl's lacrosse team has just started their season – and this head coach can proudly say after losing nine seniors last year, we started this year with a WIN (only 13 more games to go before Regionals). Finally, the weather is starting to suggest motorcycle season in Virginia is right around the corner.

After all that – I took a breath – got out the debit card (note to self, hide this newsletter from wife Lori) and booked a week's reservation for our annual "family reunion" at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games along with the ever-increasing Patron fee; the Scotland County Games in Laurinburg, North Carolina (thanks to my little brother, Randy for reminding me to grab a hotel room) and, finally, my "backyard" games (15 miles from home): The Virginia Highland Games. When I saw how much my checking account balance went down, I realized I could have taken the wife to Scotland for a month. Perhaps after I turn over the President's cap next year!

Speaking of next year, turnover and elections, I've said this before so I am going to plagiarize myself (hmmm, can one plagiarize themselves...probably not). We can't continue as an organization without the infusion of



new people stepping up to take on Officer/Commissioner/Convenor responsibilities. If you take a look at our Board, most of us have served IACM in one fashion or another since we joined decades ago. So please reflect and perhaps ask yourself: "How can I step up and help out?" Once that's figured out – send me an email – I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

I really do look forward to seeing y'all at this year's events. In fact, you are why I go. I rarely visit the vendors anymore as, well, I've seen most of it.



Sometimes I believe I could sit under a tent on a mountainside with all of you, listen to someone playing bagpipes in the background, and have just as good of a time (if someone makes Shepherd's Pie and Scotch eggs and perhaps a bridie) as I do at the games. So, for this year, y'all come and sit a spell! Let's make memories

Yours Aye,

*Kenneth McInnis*



*Norm, left, and Ken with the new Clan MacInnes flag*



*Two different shots of Ballachulish in the spring with bluebells.*

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### Editor's Note: Steve & Donna McKinnis, Co-Editors

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Happy Spring! Across the world, from Edinburgh to Sydney to Ottawa and New York, Spring is tiptoeing across the globe. Not far off is Summer, both seasons bringing a calendar packed with dates for Scottish Highland Games. The 2023 Games season seems to have stabilized after nearly three years of pandemic postponements and cancellations. Although a few games may have disappeared, most venues are up and thriving. Cheers!

Over its 56 years of publishing, *The Clan MacInnes Archer* newsletter has dedicated its cover only a handful of times to a deceased officer. Those covers include founders Mattie Faulk, Alice Gillis McInnis Doughtie, Rev. William McInnis, Gillis Doughtie and Mary Faulk, as well as International Vice President Donald MacInnes. Sadly but reverently, we dedicate this issue's cover to Norman MacInnis, our late President, North Atlantic Commissioner and Historian, an outstanding officer who served with style and vision.

COVER: Norm and Jo-Ann make their grand entrance as Honored Clan at Estes Park, Colorado in 2008.



# Clan MacInnes Awards Two 2023 Scholarships

by Susan McInnis Paradis

Hi everyone.

This year, we only had two scholarship submissions so we were able to give both applicants the money they requested.



The first, Audrey Trawick, is a past Clan MacInnes winner. She has progressed from dancing and competing to adding teaching to her repertoire! She is quite talented and we are pleased to help her continue honing her craft.

Our second recipient is Morgan O'Connor. She is 14 years old and has been competing for many years. She recently added choreography to her talents. She hopes to take lessons from new teachers to help her technique and to learn new things.

Good luck to both girls!

My news is that this will be my last year as chair of the Scholarship Committee. I have enjoyed working in this position and helping others learn and preserve the various Scottish crafts. One of my longtime committee members, Jason McInnis of Louisiana, will be continuing as Chair. Good luck to him!

*Susan McInnis Paradis*



*Morgan O'Connor*

## 2023 Annual General Meeting and Picnic

by Donna Copen McKinnis

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Friday, July 7 during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC. Once more, Clan MacInnes will meet to eat, drink, socialize and do a bit of Clan business for a picnic dinner, starting at 6:30 PM. The casual Picnic in the Park will be held at the pavilion of J. Douglas Williams County Park. This park is located behind the tennis courts at Sugar Mountain, NC. Details and price for the picnic will be announced in a special email by April 15.



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