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**Happy May Day, Latha Bealltainn (Beltane's Day)**

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## President's Musings Spring 2025

Kenneth McInnis

So, what's new. Well, I became Master of my Masonic Lodge this past December – and yes, being in charge of a Lodge, while fulfilling –is most definitely a full-time job. When I got “in-line” at the Lodge I did some math in my head (yes, that's hard for me!) and came down to this – it takes five years of sitting other chairs before advancing to Master of the Lodge. I compared that to when I would no longer be IACM President and had it all figured out. This will be easy! Well, I know I've mentioned before those lines in a Van Zant song: “If you wanna hear God laugh, tell him your plans.”



I can't believe it is almost April, this whole year has been a blur and I have so many plans for the Lodge during my tenure. At my dinner and installation, we had a few other people show up in kilts and everyone seems to have enjoyed the haggis I had shipped in from Ackroyd's in Michigan. How do I know this – it disappeared.



*Ken and his wife Lori*

For those of you who desire Highland fare and the like more often than just at Highland Games, I highly recommend you take a gander at this site: <https://ackroydsbakery.com>. They can most definitely satisfy all your culinary desires from Scotch eggs to meat pies to scones and shortbread. You won't be disappointed. The Brethren will definitely be learning about Scottish Heritage this year as I present a program in April on “The Use of Masonic Symbols in Scottish Heraldry”.

Oh, and Lori had her “fun” at my installation as she adorned my head with a Tiara with sprinkles after presenting me with a gavel. Guess she wanted to point out that I may be Master of the Lodge, but that's it!

Speaking of the Lodge taking up a huge portion of my time, it looks as though I will be unable to attend this year's gathering at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. I was hoping to make it work out – but my schedule is full. This will be the first time I've missed Grandfather in years, but I am certain you will power through. We still have two tents reserved on the mountain and while some of our other “regulars” like our VP



Steve, our Director of Cultural Affairs Donna, and our Treasurer Heather won't be able to attend the games this year, I have no doubt Commissioner Wade and Membership Director Scott will have everything under control.

My sons, daughters and grandkids are pretty much set to host a tent at the Virginia Scottish Games outside of Warrenton, Virginia (and 20 miles from my home) over Labor Day weekend – August 30th and 31st. Would love to see y'all up in my neck of the woods. Check out <https://www.vascottishgames.org> for more information. Additionally, the Scotland County Games in Laurinburg, North Carolina will be held October 4th. Please check out their website for further details: <http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com>. If you have any further game suggestions – let us know!

Hope everyone has a wonderful year.

Yours Aye,

*Kenneth Lee McInnis*



## 2025 AGM Picnic at Grandfather, Hopefully

### Editor's Note:

At press time, Clan MacInnes faces a snag for its Annual General Meeting/AGM picnic, set for Friday evening, July 11 during the 2025 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Although the county pavilion site for our picnic meeting in Linville, North Carolina survived the extensive damage by Hurricane Helene last October, the county is not sure the pavilion area will be restored enough for driving and parking. As soon as the county gives us their answer, we will send a special email for location, cost and other details.

## Ceud Mile Failte (a hundred thousand welcomes)

We welcome new member Douglas Glover of Plainfield, Vermont. Douglas is the 3x great-grandson of Andrew McInnes of Glasgow, who sailed for Granada in 1825 with a leather-bound pocket Bible. That Bible, printed in 1824, was donated to the Clan MacInnes Archive in 2002-03. Douglas tells us that the Scottish National Library in Edinburgh has Andrew's 1830 journal about his continental tour. Clearly Andrew's writing genes have passed down to Douglas, who is working on a book about his McInnes branch from Aberfoyle which includes his ancestor Andrew McInnes.

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Ah Spring. Usually we think of snow melting into the season of flowers, Maypoles, weddings, gardens, and shades of gorgeous green everywhere. But this issue we present a fiery, symbolic May. We're talking about

***Latha Bealltainn, Beltane's Day in Scotland, or Happy May Day.***

Beltane is said to refer to the Celtic sun god, Belenus, and ancient Celts would light two bonfires on this day, May 1, said to increase their fertility and encourage their crops to grow. It also was said this date was chosen since it marks the midway point between the Vernal (Spring) Equinox and summer solstice. Many other traditions on May 1 have been observed in Scotland for centuries, such as young girls who would rise early that day to wash their faces in the May dew for good luck.

However and wherever you greet May, Happy Spring to each and all.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

The next issue of the Clan MacInnes Archer will be the Summer 2025 issue. The deadline for all photos, articles, and notices will be May 17, 2025. Please make note of this date.

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