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## President's Message Winter 2020

**Kenneth McInnis**

Well, not much has changed in the Northern Virginia area since last March. We are starting to sporadically hit restaurants in an attempt to keep local businesses going while trying to maintain social distancing, but not much else.

Schools and sports are trying to start back up. The kids have been doing virtual online learning since the fall semester started, but on November 9—they are going back to school. What does that mean to me? Well, I am head coach of the local high school girl's lacrosse program and now I can try to put together a team. We didn't play last spring and I lost eight seniors so it should be interesting. Oh, did I mention I only have four girls that have actually played in a regular season varsity game? Ugh...

Of course, what really scares me about all of this is that once everyone gets back together, we will probably have a rise in COVID cases which could be devastating. Our Governor has already said: "If we have a rise in cases, I'll shut everything down!" So, fingers crossed.

We have decided to take precautions over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and won't be travelling out of state to visit family. We'll get together with local family, but my daughter Heather, is in Vilnius, Lithuania and cannot come home for a visit because they will not let her re-enter Lithuania due to how the United States has handled the virus. Hmmmm, what does that say... Oh, and Lithuania is having a resurgence in outbreaks of COVID and now Heather works every other week for a few hours a day. I think she is getting good use out of her Netflix account.

What about us as a Clan? Well, my fingers and toes are crossed that all of the games are a go next year. Right now—have basically heard nothing. Fortunately, all the same reservations are in place that we had for the 50th anniversary

we were supposed to celebrate this year. I'm just hoping and praying we get to use them and this "new normal" does not linger.

Since we didn't have an opportunity to have our "Fire Sale" at Grandfather Mountain last year—we have a surprise for you. Since everything else has been "virtual" this year—why not go ahead with our "Fire Sale" online. Keep reading in this issue as we have some EXTREMELY good prices on some items, and people, once they're gone—that's it until we can figure out what we want to do next in the clan merchandise arena.

Finally, my wife Lori, son Ross and I had the honor and privilege to be present when Col. I. Neill McInnis, Jr. was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on September 16, 2020. I fought back tears the entire ceremony as the horse-drawn caisson made its way to the final resting place; seeing the riderless horse with the boots reversed in the stirrups; the firing party salute and the folding of the flag. However, when the bugler played the first note of taps—the tears flowed. If there was ever a man, that I knew I could go to for his thoughts or views that would be given honestly and from the heart—it was the Colonel. I feel I'm a better man for having known him and his entire family. At Grandfather Mountain next year, I look forward to raising my glass to the Colonel in thanks for all he has done for Clan MacInnes.

In closing—I saw a meme on Facebook that pretty much sums up everything for this year. If you recall the song by Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffet: "It's 5 O'clock Somewhere" (which I was saying years before they made the song), there has been a little change for this year. Here's how it goes:

***It's no longer five O'clock somewhere,  
It's 2020 everywhere – drink when you want!***

Sincerely,  
Yours Aye,

*Kenneth McInnis*



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We're calling 2020 the year that was and wasn't.

What it was: global pandemic, Mother Nature's havoc, economic shakiness, seesawing politics, and racial unrest.

What it wasn't: a year to gather, travel and live normally. The Clan's highly awaited 50th Anniversary weekend was postponed until July 2021. Highland Games and competitions were cancelled, held online or rescheduled. Togetherness for holidays, celebrations, funerals and a family meal vanished or required homework. No certainty for tomorrow, next month, and next year.

But the strong bond of kinship and heritage remain. We will gather again...wear our tartan, hear bagpipes and drums, attend games, raise a glass, and catch up with each about these many lost months. Our Scottish blood and DNA carries strength and courage. We need to treasure and nurture this bond that links us across the globe.

So to one and all, stay strong, safe and healthy. We wish you happy holiday moments and a new year that will bring us together again.

Cover: Christmas funfair In George Square. Glasgow City Chambers can be seen beyond. Date: 24 November 2007

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