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Kinlochaline Castle in the snow
What a wonderful time we had at our AGM at the Scotland County Games in Laurinburg, North Carolina. The games – from what little I saw of them – were excellent. It was the time we all got to spend with each other that I found to be the best part of the weekend.

We had so many old and new friends come to our tent I didn’t even make it to the vendors, which when you think about it, isn’t a bad thing at all. Really glad we had the 20’x20’ tent with all the people who stopped by as it was the largest turnout of new people I’ve seen in quite some time. Scotland County is definitely a good area to find new members. I actually heard one person say they had 31 first cousins living in the area. That’s a boatload of MacInnes’!

Talking with people at our tent, the meeting, and our “after hours sessions” at the hotel were heartwarming and a very good reminder of why I got involved with all of this over 40 years ago.

I would personally like to thank Minor and Bonnie Glenn for obtaining the social hall at St. David’s Episcopal Church for our dinner meeting and helping set up. What a wonderful site. Of course, planning, set-up and decorating would not be complete without Donna and Steve McKinnis. Also, many hands were available, including my wife Lori, son Scot and his wife Sarah, to help the day before our games, which allowed us to set up pretty quickly. One of the funny things about setting up was that I made a comment about wishing I could find a merchandise director, and lo and behold, Sarah agreed to take on the role. Perhaps it was because we were in the church when I made the wish – perhaps not – who knows.....

Speaking of merchandise – our sale was “off the hook”. We actually sold 22 shirts and a number of other items.

Malcolm and I received quite the honor at the games when Robert Currie – Commander and “soon-to-be” Chief of the Curries – took the eagle feathers out of his bonnet and presented them to us (which I have been assured are from a species of eagle which are legal). They are quite a bit more impressive than the turkey feather I was using.

Ok, that’s it on the Scotland County Games. I could go on and on, but they will be covered later on in the newsletter. There are a couple other items I want to mention. First, if you are interested in a Patron package for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games next July – they are already on sale. Be prepared, they have gone...
Happy Holidays! ’Tis the season to be sure. We have just stowed our Halloween costumes and the treats in/on our tummies. Here in the USA, we’ll celebrate Thanksgiving on November 25. Just after comes St. Andrews Day worldwide on November 29. If you enjoy the advent calendar, look forward to opening that first window on December 1. And then we’re all in the wonderful whirl of the “holly daze” leading to Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Ah, we’ll have a wee rest until Hogmanay and New Year’s Eve. Then overnight we start a fresh new year, 2022. Somehow all those twos seem like a good omen. We wish each and all grand holidays and a new year which gathers us in kinship once more.

Folks, this has been a pretty good year. Great attendance at Grandfather. The Virginia Highland Games were wonderful - and news flash - we will be one of the Honored Clans there in 2022. Then capping off this year with the Scotland County Games as Honored Clan. Couldn’t ask for much more. I do hope we have a blow-out attendance at Grandfather next year, and until then.....

Yours Aye,

Kenneth McInnis

New Clan Sales Director

Meet Sarah McInnis, the Clan’s new Sales Director. No stranger to sales, Sarah has an active business on Etsy.com (Marley Mac Designs) creating and selling custom hair bows, baby blankets and accessories. She has also worked in Marketing for many years in Northern Virginia. Sarah hails from Front Royal, Virginia with husband Scot McInnis. They have two children, daughter Jordan, 8, and son John, 7. They like to spend their time in the Shenandoah mountains right by their home.

Sarah comes aboard just in time for holiday sales and is ready to take your order. Visit the Clan’s website at: https://macinnes.org to see the variety of Clan MacInnes merchandise, including Christmas cards and ornaments—and the “Black Friday everyday specials.”

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Kinlochaline Castle, the Clan MacInnes Castle in Morvern, Scotland
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