



CLAN MACINNES ARCHER

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New Zealand



Glasgow, Scotland



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Ontario, Canada

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President's Musings Winter 2023

Kenneth McInnis

Before writing/submitting the winter "musings", I looked back to the first article I submitted as President back in 2019 to see if any of the items I brought up were actually addressed. The typical "stuff" of membership, finances and merchandise have always been points of interest and have been discussed at length over the years. Of the three topics, our finances are sound and in good hands with our treasurer, John. Membership is being closely tracked by Scott, and Sarah has made big advances in getting rid of some of our decades-old merchandise.

Does this mean we're good to go? No. We need to work on membership and remind everyone that membership is more than having "a shady place to sit at highland games." Yes, that's a quote from my first "musings". We need more involvement like this year when Robert MacInnis stepped up and took over as Commissioner for Region 2—North Atlantic upon Past President Norm's passing. We also need to decide what route we want to take with merchandise. Considering our sales over the years, we definitely weren't in it to make money. We want to provide our members with items they want and need, especially now that our shield has been corrected (more to follow below).

Back in the Autumn 2022 *Archer* I asked everyone, "How can I step up and help out?" I even used, and changed somewhat, JFK's words as they seemed appropriate: "Ask Not What Your IACM Can Do For You, Ask What You Can Do For Your IACM." I also have asked, "What direction do you want to see the IACM take and what are you looking for in our Association?" These questions are very important as we are winding up to the election of officers and turnover to take place

at our AGM at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July 2024. So, if you want to serve in some capacity, please let us know – as per our bylaws – some of our terms are over.

I want to end on a very happy note. For the first time since the IACM's arms were granted and issued back in 2004, the original Letters Patent are home in The United States. Once I noticed the error on the shield many months ago, it became my goal to have the Letters Patent corrected. I didn't realize we would have to find them first, but once found (long story), they were taken to the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh and corrected. The Letters Patent are currently being framed and I definitely am looking forward to bringing them to the 2024 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for all to see and turning them over to my replacement. Of course, now we get to think about correcting our flag, banners, T-shirts, etc.



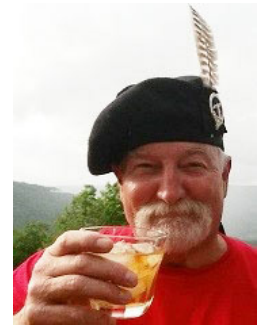
Speaking of Grandfather Mountain, the Chieftain packages are already sold out and the other patron packages will be up for sale soon. Might want to keep an eye on <https://gmhg.org> so you don't miss out. I

mean, think about it – the games are next July and the Chieftain packages were sold out this October!

Finally, my family and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very, very, Merry Christmas. I do hope we'll be able to clink a glass or two during next year's "games" season.

Yours Aye, Ken

Kenneth MacInnis



Petrified Dinosaur Leg Discovered!?

Observe the structure of the foot. Large platform to carry a lot of weight. Probably a hind leg on the right side. Maybe *Triceratops*? Where is this remarkable bit of "anatomy" to be seen?

Anyone answering correctly gets three huzzahs and a whisky toast.

And yes, it has something to do with us.
(Answer on Page 17)

Alton MacInnes 16 June 2023

This is Skye Glen at Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. It's a monument to the Scottish families who settled there, my family being one and we also spread some of my dad's ashes there at that time.



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Here's a Scottish word for the holidays: *hurkle-durkle*. It means to lounge around in bed long after it's time to get up and get. The term comes from 18th c. southern Scotland. Thanks go to Dawna Southern, the Clan's Goodwill Ambassador, for sending this word the day after American Thanksgiving when many of us wanted or needed to *hurkle-durkle*. With the holidays/hollydaze barreling toward us, we hope you can *hurkle-durkle* as much as possible into the new year – without feeling guilty – actually, indulge as much as possible. We wish each and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And in our heritage Scottish Gaelic, *Nollaig Chridheil* and *Bliadhna Mhath Ur*.



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News from the tents

New Hampshire Highland Games Loon Mountain

It was truly "Again MacInnis!" returning to the 48th New Hampshire Highland Games September 15-17 at Loon Mountain!

We were all grateful to be together this year, and it was especially gratifying for me to "represent" my Dad...the late Norman MacInnis, our former Clan past president and well-loved MacInnes historian. He was truly honored, his presence was strongly felt, and he was sorely missed. Many of his friends from the entire Scottish community stopped by with stories of their experiences with Norman. All remembered Norman with admiration and affection. I also learned some Norman "lor" from some of his close friends. Dad, welcome me to Tir na nÓg! (land of the young).



At the Clan tent, from left: Bonnie MacInnes, Cookie and Robert MacInnis, Craig MacInnis.

Rob MacInnis, our clan commissioner, and his wife Cookie led the way and hosted the Clan tent with the first MacInnes official presence at NH Highland games in some years. Thank you, Rob. They were joined by Bonnie MacInnes and myself, and together we kept vigil in the Clan tent for the duration of the games. All were welcomed heartily. On Sunday we were joined by Tristan MacInnis with an honorary MacInnis, her boyfriend Gino.

Even though the possibility of fierce winds from Hurricane Lee caused the cancellation of all events Saturday, we had two amazing days framing it. Both Friday and Sunday were splendid days of gathering with many friends and relatives, old and new. There was a lot of activity at the tent with dozens of people dropping by to say hello, as well as many interested in learning about their MacInnes roots. Especially gratifying was meeting Wendy whose family name is Ennis, and together we discovered she is MacInnes! She was so excited! "I found my home!" she said. A wonderful, memorable MacInnes family from Rhode Island stopped in, Kristov and Gabriel MacInnis, two young brothers so excited to learn about their clan. Maybe future clan leaders!

It was an honor and a pleasure for me to represent Clan MacInnes at the New Hampshire Highland Games 2023! Hope to see you all next year.

Warm Regards, Craig MacInnis



Virginia Highland Games The Plains, Virginia

President Ken and wife Lori MacInnis hosted the MacInnes tent at the Virginia Highland Games over Labor Day weekend at The Plains, Virginia. "Great weekend," Ken said, "but really hot."

Tucson, Arizona Highland Games



The Tucson Games, one of the last games in the U.S. calendar, was held November 3-5. The temperature was 82° and 84° F making it one of the hottest ever for these desert games.

For 23 years, Steve and Donna McKinnis have shared a guest tent with the McFies (Amy Fie) for guests of either Clan to come in and have some snacks, rest and chat. This year both tents received the runner-up to Best Clan Tent for hospitality and information, and will receive a plaque at the Gilbert, AZ Games in March.

Scotland County Highland Games Lauringburg, North Carolina



Left: Ross McInnis and fiancé Maria Quispe carried the MacInnes banner during the Parade of Clans.

Right: Kirk Mcleod, lead singer-songwriter and a founder of the wildly popular Celtic rock band, Seven Nations, has some MacInnes heritage, noted by enthusiastic IACM fans, left to right, Minor Glenn, Maria Quispe and Bonnie Glenn.

Below: Seven Nations brought the crowd to its feet and dancing, including IACM member, Minor Glenn (middle, in red, who brought down the house).



Flowers of the Forest

The *Archer* received this notice at press time. Elberta "Elbie" Raisbeck, former IACM Mid-Atlantic Region Commissioner, passed away in Lexington, Virginia, July 6, at age 88. The *Archer* will include a formal article on Elbie in the Spring 2024 issue. Elbie and her husband, Tom, attended the Grandfather Games for years and performed in ceilidhs at the Games.

2023 CLAN MACINNES CHRISTMAS SALE



KIEL KIRK CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Kiel Kirk ornament, honoring our Clan Church in Scotland—available only through Clan MacInnes. Starry gold, non-breakable. Diameter: 4 ½ inches.

Sale: \$2 each



SNOWY CLAN CASTLE CHRISTMAS CARD

Kinlochaline, our Clan Castle, beautiful in winter snow. Message on front in Gaelic and English:

Merry Christmas.

Inside card message in Gaelic and English:

*From our castle
to your castle,
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*

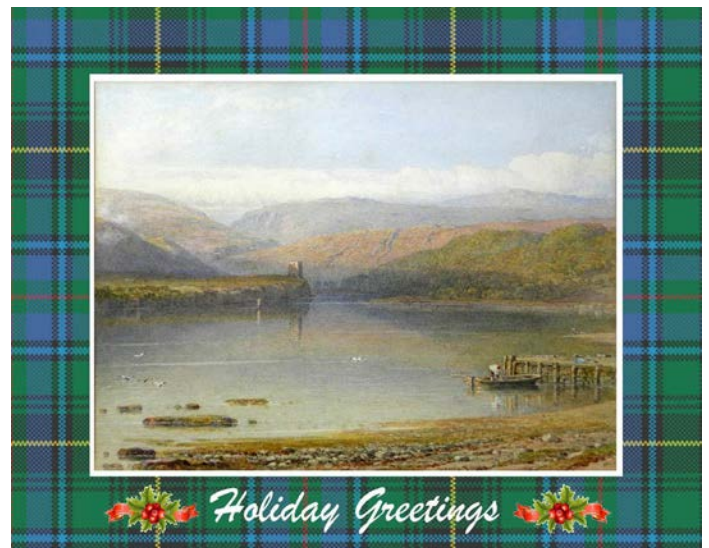
Package of 12 cards & envelopes for \$12,
or 3 packages for \$30.



LIMITED EDITION KINLOCHALINE CASTLE PHOTO

Clan MacInnes owns the original William Leach oil painting of Kinlochaline Clan Castle, one of only three known paintings of this castle. IACM has produced a limited edition of 100 high quality color prints, each one numbered for your collection. The perfect gift for yourself or family member!

~~\$100 each~~ **Sale: \$25 each**



CASTLE ON LOCH CHRISTMAS CARD

This card is reprinted from one of the few known paintings of our Clan castle. Artist George A. Fripp's watercolor depicts the castle across Loch Aline in the middle 1800s. The inside message reads: *Merry Christmas* in Gaelic and English.

Package of 12 cards & envelopes for \$12,
or 3 packages for \$30.

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