



# CLAN MACINNES ARCHER

The International Association of Clan MacInnes  
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## President's Musings Winter 2025

Kenneth McInnis



Well, I ended my games season for the year by attending the Scotland County Games in Laurinburg, N.C., the first weekend in October. I arrived Thursday evening and after a gourmet late-night dinner at Taco Bell, got up Friday morning and went over to the Games site with my brother, Randy, to set up our Clan tent. Flags and banner up, Randy and I then took a drive over to Sanford, North Carolina to Barbeque Presbyterian Church to visit John and Duncan McInnis' gravesites. Unfortunately, it looks like we have some work to do as a pine tree is growing right between the stones, shown in photo at right.

Friday evening Randy, his wife Tammy and I along with Minor and Bonnie Glenn attended the whisky tasting held downtown. They had an excellent selection and it was a wonderful time. I invited them to stop by our tent – which they did – on Saturday for some Scotch from the Isle of Jura. I may have even mentioned “if they would like to try some good Scotch they should stop by...” After the whisky tasting, we walked across the street to attend the Highland Fling with entertainment provided by the Sean Heeley Celtic Band and Colin Grant-Adams. A couple things I did discover that evening – I, truly,

believe Minor and Bonnie know EVERYONE in Laurinburg and there is such a thing as vegetarian haggis – not that I tried it.

The games on Saturday were wonderful and the weather was perfect. If there was any downside at all, it was the 45 minutes standing in line to march in the parade. Other than that, no complaints. Will I go back? You betcha, and besides, there are more McInnis' around there than you can shake a stick at.

It looks like the calendar for the end of the year is full. Do hope there are no more surprises. I'll be stepping down as Master of my Masonic Lodge on December 12th and assuming that most revered title of “PAST Master”. If you ever meet another Freemason and they advise they are Past Master, you will notice just a hint of a relieved smile.

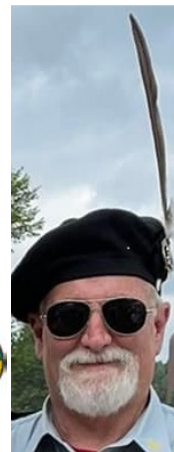
As for ongoing IACM business, we've been busy these past couple of weeks replacing a couple of Board members. Due to work conflicts and travel requirements, our Treasurer had to step down. Per the IACM's Bylaws; Article 5; Section 4: “A vacancy by resignation in the offices of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Directors of the Board, shall be filled by appointment of the President with the approval of the Board.” Fortunately, we have two volunteers who are more than up for the task. Cecile McAninch Nowatka agreed to be our new Treasurer and moved over from the Secretary position. Upon contacting Lesley MacInnes, she agreed to be our new Secretary.



I think we have a well-rounded Board that can lead the International Association of Clan MacInnes in the right direction. We will start by simplifying and documenting processes, with Cecile and Lesley's thoughts and ideas along with the rest of the Board, and I'm sure we can make that happen.

Until we see each other again – yes, I have my Chieftain package for the 2026 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. I do hope the onsetting cold weather is not too bad this year. Then again, it is that time of year to sit by the fire with a wee dram. One more excuse.

*Slàinte Mhath,  
Kenneth Lee McInnis*



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

*As usual I enjoyed reading the Clan MacInnes Archer Autumn edition. There are a couple of things I'd like to expand on which may interest you.*

*There were a couple of mentions of scotch eggs. While Scotch whisky is definitely related to Scotland, sadly scotch eggs are not a particularly Scottish invention. The term "scotch" comes from the scoring and cutting of the meat which covers the egg and also is related to the hopscotch game and scotching a rumour. It is likely that several cultures came up with the idea of padding out what they had by combining hard boiled eggs and chopped leftovers. There is an Indian dish called Nargis Kofta which is essentially the same thing.*

*Having said that, "The Cook and Housewife's Manual by Mistress Margaret Dodds" published in Edinburgh in 1826 does have a recipe for Scotch eggs, which has grated ham and anchovy in the outside mixture. So we know that they have been eaten in Scotland for at least two hundred years.*

*The other thing is to say that when I was young, we did, indeed, go out guising and carved our lanterns from neeps (turnips). We would have some dressing-up clothes, hardly a disguise as the neighbours knew exactly who was at the door, and we would sing a little song about "please to help the guisers" hoping to get a couple of pennies. Afterwards we would dook (bob) for apples in a basin of water, or try spearing them with a fork held in your teeth and dropped from a height. Scones covered in treacle hanging from a rope is another Halloween game we would play. They bounce off you as you try to bite them (no hands as you said) then they swing back and splat treacle on your face. All great fun for the onlookers. Halloween customs were exported to America and reimported as Trick or Treat. North of the border it is still often called guising, but in England trick or treat is the term used.*

*Torquil MacInnes*



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**'Tis the season. Here's our Christmas wish list for Santa this year:**

- 1. More young members eager to be active in Clan projects.**
- 2. More volunteers to serve as officers and on committees.**
- 3. Excellent weather for any Highland Games where we're setting up a Clan tent.**
- 4. The Scottish heritage and history we cherish will survive and thrive for generations to come.**

**To each and all in every corner of the globe, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



**COVER PHOTO:** Courtesy of Wee Wishes in Fife, Scotland. This family business has been creating clever, humorous greeting cards for over 30 years. This Christmas Coo card is one of the company's 100+ cards. See the article, "Buying Celtic for Christmas" on Page 13.

# News from the Tents

## Scotland County Games, Laurinburg, NC, October 2-4



Bonnie Glenn and Todd McInnis carry the Clan banner, followed by, left to right: President Ken McInnis, Pastor Scott McInnis Randy McInnis. and Senator Tom McInnis.



North Carolina State Senator Tom McInnis visits with President Ken McInnis in the Clan MacInnes tent.



Liz and Josh McInnis with Phoebe, age 2.



Enjoying Saturday evening's music, from left: Randy McInnis, his wife Tammy, and Minor Glenn.



Nan Turner, wearing her MacInnes tartan scarf and Clan badge, with Randy Rushing.

*Laurinburg photos by Bonnie Glenn and Minor Glenn*

## Tucson Highland Games, Tucson, AZ, October 25 26



Left: Tent hosted by Steve and Donna McKinnis.

Right: Royalty reigned at the games, Queen Mary and her court.



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