Chairman's Report

Hello Cousins:

Thank you to all the members of the Executive Committee, Council, Regional Commissioners, Tent Conveners and General members of Clan Macpherson who helped throughout this past year.

As you know Dave Mcpherson stepped down in 2025 as Chairman. The council then nominated me to take over the Chairman's position. Thank you, Dave, for your years of service. This year has been very educational and busy. First off, we had a change in 2 council member positions. Bob Wagner has stepped down after faithfully serving as Recording Secretary and will also be retiring as Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioner after many, many years. Well done, Bob, and thank you. Laurel Christie is now performing the Recording Secretary duties. Bob and Cherie are recruiting a replacement commissioner for their region. We will be looking for more announcements in the future. Kathy Macpherson has also stepped down after serving many years as Membership Secretary. Devorah Macpherson is now performing these duties. Thank you, Laurel and Devorah, for your willingness to serve our Branch in accepting these positions. And sadly, our long-time Pacific South Regional Commissioner, Annie Shreckengost, is retiring and relocating along with husband Rod. We can't thank all our volunteers enough as they allow the Branch to sustain and grow. Please consider stepping up to fill our retirees' shoes.

This year, I attended three CMA Council Meetings. Two meetings were virtual. The third one was in August at the CMA Gathering in Kingussie Scottland. Thank you, George and Bonnie Macpherson, for helping me prepare for the trip to Scotland. A special thank you to Shelagh and Alistair Macpherson-Noble for their grand hospitality. They opened their home to me and provided transportation during my visit to Scotland. Finally thank you to the nine other members of the US Branch who came to the Gathering.

A lot of work has been done improving our membership reporting. But there is more work needed. Assistant Membership Secretary Joyce Newport has been working hard performing the duties of the Membership Secretary, along with help from Graham Gillespie and George McPherson so Devorah Macpherson is able to take over. Thank you very, very much, Joyce. Through the work of our Treasurer, Membership Secretary and our Website Content Editor Dave Muxo and others we will continue to improve our reporting system for new and current members while we increase security of sensitive and personal information on our online system.

In conclusion I hope to see you all next year when we plan to have our next in-person AGM, possibly in Salt Lake City, Utah. Stay tuned for exciting announcements.

Yours Aye,
John M. Bierens, Chairman
Clan Macpherson Association, United States Branch