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CLAN MACKENZIE AT THE 2025 INVERNESS HIGHLAND GAMES: A PROUD FIRST FOR THE INITIATIVE

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Left to right: Graeme Mackenzie (Clan Seanchaidh), Margaret Mackenzie and Colin Mackenzie

This past weekend marked a historic first for the Clan Mackenzie Initiative, our debut appearance at the Inverness Highland Games, one of Scotland's most iconic clan gatherings. We were honored to stand among the many proud names in the Clan Tent, representing not just the legacy of Clan Mackenzie, but its living, growing future.

It was a scorcher by Highland standards, 32°C (that's nearly 90°F), and while our American friends may consider that "pleasant," we can confirm it had more than a few locals seeking refuge under the tent. Shade aside, the conversations were just as lively as

the sunshine was strong.

We were ably represented by Margaret Saunders and Colin Mackenzie, both past officers of the Clan Mackenzie Society of Scotland and the UK and Graeme Mackenzie, past Chairman of the CMSSUK and current Seanchaidh (historian) of the Clan.

But this day wasn't just about who was at the table, it was about why we're here.

The Clan Mackenzie Initiative exists to ensure that our shared history is never locked behind a paywall, hidden behind closed doors, or guarded by gatekeepers. We believe in free, open access to clan heritage, where anyone, from any part of the world, can explore their Mackenzie roots without permission or dues.

This is the heart of clanmackenzie.org:

- Free history
- Honest research
- Real community
- No gatekeepers – Ever

We're just getting started, but the response we've received, both online and in-person in Inverness, confirms what we already knew: this matters.

So whether you stopped by our table, listened to the podcast, shared your family's story, or just explored the site, thank you. The Mackenzie story belongs to all of us. And with your help, it's only going to grow.

Reach out and share your story by finding the Initiative on Facebook, Instagram or by contacting us at clanmackenzieinitiative@gmail.com