



KENNEDY GAZETTE

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Society Welcomes New Chief/President—Nomon Kennedy

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA FOR THE KENNEDY SOCIETY

Lord Ailsa welcomed and congratulated new Chief, Nomon Kennedy, at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games on July 9, 2005. Nomon has replaced Curt Kennedy, who resigned due to a long illness. Nomon resides in Tennessee with his wife.

Along with Nomon, a new board was elected to serve the Kennedy Society of North America. They are as follows:

K.D. Kennedy—Treasurer

Mary Mills Kennedy—Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Renee Kennedy—Membership Chair

Also, to help ensure a productive future for the Kennedy Society an Executive Committee, which will help to ensure consistent images, graphics, and information at all games held nationwide, was formed to include Nomon, K.D., and Nina. A Finance Committee was formed to approve expenditures and help to increase efficient spending by the Society. It includes: Janet Kennedy, K.D. Kennedy, and Laura Kennedy Pittman.

Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time, expertise, and patience in helping the Society develop into THE premier Celtic family heritage organization worldwide.



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CHIEF'S CORNER

Greetings from Scotland!

What a great weekend it was at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games! I was very impressed with the turnout even on Thursday night at the Torching of the Clans in that torrential rain. (If it had been in Scotland it would have been cancelled.)

I feel the Clan is going from strength to strength and would like to take this opportunity to welcome Nomon Kennedy as Chief of the Kennedy Society of North America.

I hope to see you all sometime in the near future.

Regards

Lord Ailsa

NOMON APPOINTS TEAM!

To assist him in his duties—Nomon has appointed a team of leaders for the Board of Governors, as follows:

Carver Kennedy—Chieftain Southeast and "Senior Advisor to the Chief"

Nina Eppes— Chieftain New England

William R. Kennedy—Vice-Chieftain Ohio Valley Area

John A. Kennedy—Chieftain Ont. Canada

Garry E. Bryant—Chieftain UT Reporter of the History for the newsletter

Mary Mills Kennedy—Secretary/Newsletter Editor

K. D. Kennedy— Treasurer

To begin with I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for the confidence you have invested in me as your President and Chief of the Kennedy Society. It is an honor to serve the Society and a humbling experience to follow in the footsteps of our great chiefs of the past.

It is my desire to lead the Kennedy's toward a democratic society in the future. We are starting this year with newly elected Board Members. My appointments of chieftains, vice chieftains and committee chairs include those who have a positive attitude and the welfare and betterment of the society at heart. All members are encouraged to offer suggestions for improvement of the society.

Special thanks go to all those that have carried on the Kennedy tradition by hosting games and organizing events during Curt's illness. We continue to need more of our members to become involved in promoting the Kennedy names and our society. We need game reps all over the country and there are other positions that need to be filled as well. Please feel free to contact me.

Nomon R. Kennedy Jr.

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Get to know your Chief/President better! Find the Bio for Nomon (written by his lovely wife, Nan—on page 6)

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY THE KENNEDY SOCIETY

2005 RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

We are pleased to announce the 2005 recipients of Kennedy Society scholarships:

- Gillian Bradshaw is the granddaughter of John Kennedy, Chieftain of the Kennedy Society of Canada. Gillian is 7 years old, has studied Highland Dance for almost two years, and lives in Port Carling, Ontario, Canada.
- Col. Christoph Kresse is the son-in-law of Col. Eugene Kennedy, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. Christoph is a competitive Grade I piper and is interested in the art of Piobaireachd (the classical music of the Scottish bagpipes). He lives in Laurinburg, North Carolina.
- Levi Sherman is 11 years old and has Buchanan and Ross clans in his background. Levi is a serious piper and is hoping to move from Grade IV to Grade III this year. He lives in Young Harris, Georgia.
- David Noren is 15 years old and is a Grade III solo piper. He traces his lineage to the Walker sept of the clan Calquhoun. David is currently working on his Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts and lives in Marietta, Georgia.

Congratulations to all!



DON'T INVEST IN THE STOCK MARKET - INVEST IN YOUR CELTIC HERITAGE!



The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students studying the Celtic arts such as dancing, piping, drumming, harp, language arts, and other approved Celtic studies.

The qualifications for a student to receive a Kennedy Society scholarship are:

- Financial need.
- Plan to attend a certified school of instruction.
- At least intermediate level in the chosen area.

Preference goes to relatives of Kennedy Society members, but others are eligible.

To apply, print and fill out the scholarship application, which can be found on the Kennedy Society website, and send it to either of the Scholarship Co-Chairs listed below:

Joan Kennedy
255 North Rd., #172
Chelmsford, MA 01824
Tel. 978-256-8023

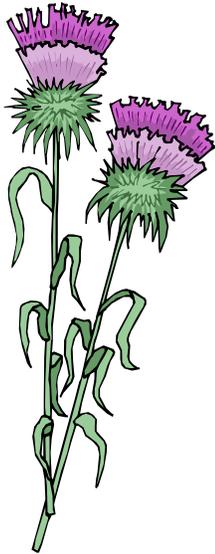
Nelson Kennedy
39 Calef Highway, #12
Lee, NH 03824-6734
Tel. 603-868-7348

Donations to the Scholarship fund can be made directly to the Kennedy Society of North America—Scholarship Fund.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Dedicated to the memory of members, family members, and loved ones of the Kennedy Society of NA

David V. Kennedy
June 27, 2005



MEMBERSHIP/WEBSITE INFORMATION

The Kennedy Society of N.A. has one of the best websites of all the clan societies. Nina Eppes, our webmaster, has done an incredible job of making the site user friendly.

The MEMBERS-ONLY section of the website (<http://www.kennedysociety.org/members.htm>) has information such as minutes from the annual meeting.

Also, you can look at upcoming games information, recent photos from games, etc.

Nina also asked that members join the Kennedy_Society Yahoo Group. You can contact her for more information on how to join this informative chat group. At nina-eppes@comcast.net.

UPCOMING GAMES—FALL/WINTER 2005

Attending the games in your area is the best way to stay involved in the Society. Making your presence known in a positive, productive way with the Society makes us stronger as an organization. Find a games being held near you and volunteer to help with registration, set-up, clean-up, food, or just a plain old-fashioned welcoming committee, by contacting the Games Representatives in your area!

Caledonian Club of San Francisco—September 4-5

Long Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival—September 8-11 (Colorado)

New Hampshire Highland Games—September 23-25

Loch Hartwell Highland Games—October 1-2

Connecticut Scotland Highland Festival—October 9

Stone Mountain Highland Games—October 15-16 (Georgia)

For more information, please log onto our website at www.kennedysociety.org and look under GAMES CALENDAR—mark your calendars TODAY!



**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:
TO E-READ OR . . . OR JUST PLAIN READ—THAT’S THE QUESTION**

In an effort to increase efficiency of the Society and to reduce the “paper” stacks that you receive in your mail, we are asking all members of the Kennedy Society a very important question: Paper or electronic?

Actually—it’s pretty simply—do you prefer your newsletter to be sent via regular mail or would you prefer a copy via e-mail. If you should choose e-mail, your system must be able to open PDF files or Microsoft Publisher files. Please indicate your choices below and MAIL or E-MAIL them back to me as soon as possible. Your next newsletter will be delivered via your preferred method. Thank you for your continued support.

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_____ U.S. Mail: my full address is: _____
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KENNEDY’S PERFORM WELL AT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

During the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Boone, NC this July, a young piper who is studying under a Kennedy scholarship placed first overall in the competition. Kennedy Scholarships are given for piping, dance, and other Celtic arts. (*See the Scholarship Information page on the website or see page 2 for more details.*)

Also, a Kennedy son took the silver in the Kilted Mile race for his age group (13-15). Despite being one of the younger competitors, Andrew Unger, 13, of Ewing, NJ took 2nd place honors.

Congratulations Andrew!!

See photos from the games on page 6 in our FEATURED GAMES section.

“Never marry for money. You can borrow it cheaper.”

FEATURED GAMES

KENNEDYS SHINE AT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

Even if you didn't attend, hopefully these photos will give you a sense of the excitement and fun had by all at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.



Above: Col. Christoph Kresse is the son-in-law of Col. Eugene Kennedy, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. Christoph is a competitive Grade I piper and is interested in the art of Piobaireachd (the classical music of the Scottish bagpipes). He lives in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

This photo, above right, is of scholarship recipient Levi Sherman, with Scholarship Committee co-chair Joan Kennedy and Lord Ailsa. Levi is 11 years old and has Buchanan and Ross clans in his background. Levi is a serious piper and is hoping to move



from Grade IV to Grade III this year. He lives in Young Harris, Georgia. At Grandfather Mt., he received 7th place in Piobaireachd.



Standing, L-R: Joan Kennedy (Scholarship Co-Chair), Lord Ailsa, Nina Eppes (Chieftain, New England), Nomon Kennedy (Society Chief), Carver Kennedy (Chieftain, Southeast); kneeling in front: Janet Kennedy (Finance Committee member).



L-R: Lord Ailsa, Nancy Kennedy (Mrs. Nomon), Society Chief Nomon Kennedy.

Each newsletter, we hope to be able to feature games from the previous quarter. Photos always make the articles come to life. If you have photos from a games event that you have attended during a previous newsletter quarter, please forward either the physical photo via postal service or a scanned or digital photo via e-mail to the editor.

This is YOUR newsletter—help us to make it the best!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (this one from the Editor)

Putting a newsletter together can be a lot of fun! Gathering information about the past quarters events, having fun with clip-art, borders, logos, etc., and most of all—learning about all of your friends.

Putting a newsletter together can also be a lot of work! Sometimes getting information from sources is a bit like trying to discover a leak at the White House—there's lots of finger pointing, lots of potential scape-goats, and in the end—no real credible information.

This is your newsletter—your source for

information about the KSNA, its activities, members, and leaders. If there is something you don't like, please tell me; if there is something you love, please tell me; and if there is something you would like to add—send it along.

I can't always guarantee immediate action in the newsletter, but I promise all suggestions, ideas, and input will be considered AND published here in the newsletter.

I look forward to hearing your comments.

Your Editor

NO MATTER HOW YOU SAY IT— WELCOME!

Candace Smith Beuttell—Vero Beach, FL



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Bienvenue

Bienvenido

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Welkom

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FAILLTE

Be happy while you're
living, For you're a long
time dead.

Scottish Proverb

WHO IS THAT FEATHERED MAN? JUST ASK NAN . . .

Bio of the Society Chief: by Lady Nan

At the risk of sounding prejudice, I will attempt to write a little about my husband, the newly elected chief. (I'm not surprised, he always says I treat him like a God because I'm always serving him burnt offerings! Doesn't say much about my cooking, does it?) but this is not about me, This is about a wonderful man I have been married to for 29 years in December. During these past 29 years I have learned more about what a wonderful man he is every day.

He was born Nomon Ruel Kennedy in a small rural place called Ballplay, TN, in 1945. He has one sister and one brother of which he is the youngest. Nomon grew up in a rural community until his father was killed in a car accident, at which time Nomon left home at the age of 16 to get a job to help support his mother—because his brother and sister were both married and had left home. He has one son by a previous marriage. I met Nomon in 1976 and we were married that same year on New Years Eve. Nomon is a good Christian man and lives it all week, not just on Sunday. He created K & S Signs, teaching himself computer programs by reading half the night, so he really is a self-made man and, I think very intelligent. He is a very respected business man. He serves as an elder at our church and right now is helping teach the youth. He also belongs to the Gideons. Nomon served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army from 1965-1969. He is a past Post Commander for the Scottish American Military Society which he served for two (2) terms. He is on the Board of Directors for the Gatlinburg Highland Games and also on the Board of Directors of the Scottish Society of Knoxville, TN. Nomon is a man of faith, morals and integrity; a very caring and compassionate person. He is very thorough in everything he does. I'm sure the more you get to know him the more you will respect him, as I do.