



FROM THE CHIEFS

This Summer has flown by with so many Kennedys from all over the States visiting Cassillis Culzean and the West Coast of Scotland it has been great.

The Highlight being The Gala Dinner at Culzean celebrating the 60th Anniversary of The Kennedy Family giving the Castle to The National Trust For Scotland. I was so proud to have Sid, Mike & Paula Kennedy, and The Elaine Heskett Kennedy family all in kilts representing The Kennedy Society Of North America. It was indeed an event that will be remembered for years to come.

My Mother, The Marchioness, Myself, and the Ayrshire Kennedys wish to take this opportunity in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you next year. Lord Charles

From the Society Chief:

Greetings to all! Having had a very busy summer, I can report the Kennedy Society is on the road to bigger and brighter things. The Chieftains are doing a great job representing the Society. They are: John A. Kennedy—Canada; Sid Kennedy—Washington State; Carver Kennedy—Southeast; Nina Eppes—New England; and Vice-Chieftain William Kennedy—Ohio Valley.

Garry Bryant has resigned his position as Society Historian as well as Chieftain. Gary has been a valuable asset in the past and we wish him the very best. You will always be a Kennedy—Avisé la Fin.

Mike and Paula Kennedy have been added

as new Games Representatives for California. They were recommended by Chieftain Sid Kennedy. Lord Ailsa has been invited to the Gatlinburg TN Highland Games for their 25th Anniversary celebration in May 2006 (www.gsfg.org). I would like to encourage and invite each of you to attend these games—check out the website and list of events. Nancy and I are doing well. She has just completed an experimental program for macular degeneration and her doctor stated he believes she is healing well. The next newsletter will be after the holidays—so from all of our family—a very blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. *Nomon Kennedy—Chief—Kennedy Society of NA*

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Don't see your part of the world represented? That's because no one has volunteered to handle the games in that area— so don't complain — get off your tartan tushy and volunteer! Contact the Society Chief and express your interest in hosting games held within your state/province.

"Twelve Highlanders and a bagpipe make a rebellion."

Scottish Proverb

Newsletter Deadlines

Would you like to have your story or games featured in the newsletter? Never quite sure when to send it in?

Deadlines for newsletter info 2006:

Winter 2006—(Feb/Mar) - February 1

Spring 2006—(May/Jun) - May 1

Summer 2006—(Aug/Sept) - August 1

Stories should be 150-200 words. If its longer, editing may be required, but I will do everything in my power to maintain the integrity of the story.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

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

Robert N. Touchstone—Former Games Representative—Mississippi—March 20, 2005



Advertise Your Business HERE!

At the meeting of the Board during the Stone Mountain Games, it was decided to allow business advertising in the Gazette!

You can now place an advertisement of business card size, 2"x 3 1/2", for only \$100. A 1/4 page ad is only \$150 and a 1/2 page ad is only \$300.

You must have camera ready art and text sent with the payment to the newsletter editor at the mailing address (1104 Courtney Lane, Lewisville, TX—75077) or e-mailed (and the check forwarded by mail) to marymillskennedy@hotmail.com.

Deadline for next newsletter's advertisements is January 20, 2006.

Games Spotlight

Ohio Valley Vice-Chieftain Bill Kennedy notes:

Ohio Valley Kennedys were represented at 2 events this year. Our first event was a joint effort with Nina Eppes, our New England Chieftain at the **Celebration of Celts** on May 7th in Chatham, New York. This was a bit east of my region, but I was assured by Nina it was OK to come out! The location for the 2nd annual celebration of this event was absolutely charming. The McPhersons make a great effort to have all the Celtic Nations represented, but of course, the Scots took the day!

There were pipe band, Highland dance, and athletic competitions, and a huge assortment of entertainment. We had quite a few potential new members for the Kennedy Society (mostly my cousins), and we should be well represented next May. If you have the chance drop Nina or myself a line (our contact info is also on the website) to show your interest. We are thinking about a small dinner for the New England Kennedy's or any members who wish to attend as a "first event" celebration.

The next event was the **Ohio Scot-**

ish Games on June 25th. These games are at a new location (2nd year) at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. This is one of the Midwest region's largest competition events.



John Kennedy, Chieftain and granddaughter Gillian.

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No Matter How You Say It . . . WELCOME!

Andrew Kennedy—Monterey, CA

Scott A. Adrian—Fremont, MI

Sharon Sabatine—Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Elizabeth Sabatine—Dallas, GA

Thanks to everyone who renewed their memberships with the KSNA!

The KSNA is on its way to becoming the premier society, with memberships exceeding expectations!

Tell all your friends, relatives, and neighbors of Kennedy blood to join the fun and attend their local Highland Games and visit the Kennedy Society tent.



Great Links—NO! Not Golf—the WWW

Here are some great links to Scottish or Celtic related websites, which might assist you in researching family history, names, clans, etc. We hope you find these useful and welcome your suggestions to favorite websites.

Electric Scotland—www.electricscotland.com

- Full of information about Scottish history, geography, travel, food, etc.

US Scots—www.usscots.com/events/

dates/geographical.html

- Contains listings of all the highland games, Celtic events, etc. **WORLD-WIDE!**

ALSO—please visit the MEMBERS ONLY area of the Kennedy Society web site. The username is GRANDFATHER and password is MOUNTAIN. In that section, we will include items such as minutes from annual meetings, etc.

In the MEMBERS ONLY area on the website you will find minutes from the

meeting at Stone Mountain, GA. A new membership chair was chosen—Sue Kennedy—and other exciting new changes were agreed upon for the Society.

One of the great changes is noted on Page 1 of the newsletter— Ad Space available in the Gazette!

Check out all the exciting news on the Kennedy Society website!

Take a Tour with THE Expert!

Lord Charles Tours of Scotland (yes, our Lord Charles) is offering the 2006 Tour of Western Scotland and Lord Ailsa's 50th Birthday Celebration tour to be booked now.

This tour will begin August 25, 2006 and end September 15, 2006. Guests will fly into Glasgow Airport and spend 4 nights in Edinburgh where they will take in the city, evening Tattoo as well as explore St. Andrews and Point Dun-dee.

Next, guests will spend two nights in Aviemore with such magnificent spots as Erdour distillery, Tomartin distillery, and Culloden Moor.

You'll continue on to spend 3 nights in Thurso, which will include Dornock & Dunrobin Castle, Johnnie Groats, The Clan Gunn Centre, and even a day trip to the Orkney Isles—which is sure to be

a special treat.

Then on to 2 nights in Ullapool (*one of my favorite stops—Editor*), via Strathpeffer, including the beautiful Inverewe Gardens.

Okay catch your breath . . .

Next, to Stornaway for 2 nights to the Outer Hebrides, Lewis Castle and the famous Standing Stones (estimated to be older than Stonehenge).

Two nights in Skye to visit the impressive Dungaree Castles, and then on for 3 nights to Oban where you will visit Clan Donald on the way to Mallaig. Then on to Oban and Ft. William, exploring the Oban Whiskey and Mactavishes Dinner.

From there you'll take a ferry to Mull, visiting Torosay Castle using the Mull Railway.

Your last 5 days will be spent in Ayr via Stirling, the Wallace Monument, and Bannockburn—to Arran to see Brodick Castle and Lockranza Distillery and then a Burns Evening, a time sure to be grand!

A day of Burns, visiting his birthplace and heritage centre, with an evening reception at Cassillis, and the next day (don't drink too much and have a headache), visit the bagpipe making factory and finish with a tour, reception and dinner at Culzean.

Okay, BREATHE, and get on line now at www.lctours.net and make your plans to join the fun!

*"When the cup is full, carry
it even.."*
Scottish Proverb

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We had 63 Clans represented and the MC did a great job of having a Scottish Gentleman announce the Clans with a bit of background on each, followed by "Is the 'So & So Clan here"? Most responded with their motto or war cry. On the whole, this is a lovely event with great potential. The biggest problem I saw with these games was the lack of shade for the patrons on a blistering hot day, which was followed by an afternoon down-pour! I have been appointed to the Board of Trustees for this event, so I will make every effort to have large tents erected for rest, shade and entertainment.

The year 2006 will see the return of the Kennedy tent to the **Ligonier, PA** games. This is a truly beautiful area for Highland games. It is held at a reserved amusement park and has plenty of shade. There are many events going on all over the park and this year I participated with the Great Lakes Gaelic Singers in a "Wauking" competition that uses a Scottish Gaelic song somewhat like a sea-chanty, to rhythmically pound and pass wool on a table to tighten the weave. If you get a chance to join in with a demonstration, do so, it's a lot of fun. I am looking forward to this event next year!



Gillian Bradshaw—KSNA
Scholarship Recipient

If there are any events in the Ohio Valley area in which you would like to have Kennedy representation, please contact me at the earliest convenience!

2006 is going to be a great year for the "Wild and Mighty Kennedys!

Bill Kennedy
Vice-Chieftain, Ohio Valley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When we gathered at Grandfather Mountain this summer, we were all of a resolve to revitalize the Kennedy Society of North America, to make it one of the strongest Scottish clan organizations in the nation. However, I would like to recount my experiences at local North and South Carolina Scottish Games since Grandfather. I volunteered to commission a Kennedy tent at the Triad Games in Greensboro in August. Thomas Dillon of Winston-Salem, my daughter from High Point and I were the ONLY ones in attendance. No other Kennedy members or guests visited the tent. At Charleston, SC

games on September 17 we saw no Kennedy tartans in the crowd. Again, last weekend at Red Springs at the Flora Macdonald Highland Games, where there should have been several Kennedys present and where the society has had a tent in the past, only one person came by our vendor's tent wearing tartan.

We know Kennedys are out there. My question is, how do we find them, and how do we renew their interest in attending games and supporting the Society? It seems that the Kennedys attend the larger games such as Stone Mountain, Grandfa-

ther, Loch Norman, and Glasgow. How do we attract our members to one-day venues in other locations?

I am sure that the Society officers would welcome any suggestions from the membership.

Awise La Fin,
Paul L. Key
Misenheimer, NC

Right: Paul Key at the Triad Games in Greensboro.

Paul and his wife, Ann, have worked tirelessly for years, to increase attendance and participation at local games. They focus their attention in the North Carolina and South Carolina areas.

Below Left: Bill Kennedy—Vice Chieftain Ohio Valley, Nina Eppes, and Bill's cousin, Reid O'Brien at The Celebration of Celts in Chatham, NY
Below Right: Bill Kennedy with an unnamed possible new member.



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Reader's Choice—Updates, Corrections, Misc.

A Correction: The criteria for scholarship have changed. The new criteria are:
Plan to attend a certified class/camp/workshop of instruction, and documentation of certification of class/camp/workshop instructor. Check the scholarship page on the web site for clarification. *(Thanks to Joan Kennedy for the correction!)*

Upcoming Games: November, December, and January are traditionally slow times for Highland Games. Normally, the Louisiana Highland Games are held in Jackson, LA in November; however, this year due to the hurricanes—Katrina and Rita—the

games have been postponed.

We wish all our friends in the hurricane affected areas a speedy recovery—you are in our thoughts and prayers.



SAAAAAY, YOU'RE KIND OF OLD TO
BE TRICK OR TREATING AREN'T YOU?

This will be the last newsletter of 2005. As we usher in the New Year of 2006, Lord Ailsa, the Board of the Kennedy Society of North America, and the Chieftains and Vice-Chieftains who serve you and this amazing organization would like to wish all of you the Happiest of Holiday Seasons. May 2006 bring us all Peace, Joy, Good Health, and Prosperity.

We look forward to seeing all of you at a Highland Games event near you.

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA