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From the Chiefs

It has been very wet, windy, and warm since just before Christmas, with no snow so far. However, they say it is on its way.

We had a very enjoyable festive season with the family, starting off with a carol service around a bonfire with Glavin and eats on the stable green at Cassillis on Christmas Eve. Mother, the Marchioness, attended along with families and friends that live on the drive.

The same was arranged for New Years. It was so wet and windy we held it in a garage. However, Bill still managed to get the Bonfire going, making both nights thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Now it is back to work. So far I have over 100 people visiting this year, sadly very few from America, so anyone thinking of coming over, please contact Nannette Payne of LCTours.

I am very much looking forward to visiting the Games in Utah in June then attending our AGM in New Hampshire in September.

See you all at The Games!

Your CHIEF, Lord Charles

help promote our clan.

Dear Fellow Clansmen,

I hope the holidays have passed you well. Nan & I have had a wonderful time. Our five children with husbands and wives as well as the ten grandchildren were with us on Christmas Eve. All are healthy and the best surprise was oldest grandson told us we are to be great-grandparents in August.

Nan and I are looking forward to the next Kennedy Society AGM 2007 in New Hampshire. Chieftain Nina Eppes, with others helping I'm sure, is preparing for a great time. Make your plans to attend our first AGM off the Mountain. Lets make it a GRAND OCCASION.

A first for the Society, as far as I know, is about to happen. February 10th in Nashville, TN there will be a full Board of Directors meeting. The Board will meet to discuss the direction, the how and wherefores of your Society. We always welcome your suggestions and ideas to the clan Chieftains. I ask each member of our clan to make yourselves, even if ever so slightly, available to

Some things you can do to help: attend at least one and if possible as many, Highland Games as you can, (especially when the Kennedy Clan Tent is there); help host a tent, bring snacks & food, ask other family members to join the Society, and make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, to name a few.

We have a number of new Games Representatives. I will not attempt to name them for fear I would leave one off, but to those of you who are stepping up, you are the outreach of our clan. Thank you.

The games are where we get our new members; the games are where we gather and socialize as the family of Kennedys, and we are a family.

Nan and I wish all of you a very blessed, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Respectfully yours,

Chief Nomon Kennedy

Kennedys Worth Singing About



Susan Kennedy, on the right — shown here with her Aunt, Susan Tate.

"Do not show your teeth until you can bite."

Ancient proverb

Show your support of the Kennedy Society of North America by attending and/or hosting a Kennedy Society tent at your local Highland Games.

Susan Kennedy, daughter of Trey and Mary Kennedy—games representatives for Texas—recently finished her teaching certification for the State of Texas.

Susan, a 2004 graduate of the University of North Texas, obtained her degree from UNT in Finance and Fashion Merchandising. She quickly discovered that led to weekend work, long nights, and holidays. With a passion for children and a love of

teaching, Susan decided to go back to school and obtain her certification.

With teachers in high-demand everywhere, and with Susan's fluent Spanish skills, she quickly obtained a teaching position near her home.

She now teaches 6th through 8th grade math to English as a second language students in Irving, Texas. Many of these students face challenges and barriers beyond their language skills and Susan is always available to help before and after school.

"Making an impact in a child's life is amazing," said Susan. "I can't imagine doing anything else in my life."

Texas has one of the highest starting salaries for teachers in the United States, but struggles to find teachers with second language skills and that can pass the rigorous certification process required for the state.

One more Kennedy making an impact on our youth, for today and tomorrow!

Upcoming Games & Festivals

Following are the games coming to your area soon. Please come out and show your support OR offer to become a games representative in your area by contacting Nomon Kennedy.

February 24-25—AZ: Arizona Scottish Games—Mesa Community College—Mesa, AZ

March 23-25—SC: Sumter Scottish Country Fair—Sumter, SC

April 14—Inaugural Uwharrie Scottish Festival & Games—Albermarle, NC

April 20-22—NC: Loch Norman Games—Huntersville, NC

April 27-29—CA: Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Festival—Woodland, CA

May 18-20—TN: Gatlinburg Scottish Festival—Gatlinburg, TN

May 19—RI: Rhode Island Scottish Festival—Richmond, RI

As a reminder: The AGM will be held in 2007 at the New Hampshire Highland Games in September. Lord Ailsa plans to attend these games. You are encouraged to book accommodations early. The games site contains links to area hotels, lodges, etc. The website is www.nhscot.org. If you don't have internet, write to: Nina Eppes—31 Norma Drive—Nashua, NH—03062.

Fàilte to all our New Members

Please help us welcome our new & returning members to the Kennedy Society.

David J. Kennedy—Cary, NC
Lowell Kennedy—Pittsboro, NC
Larry Boyd—Thomasville, NC
David Kennedy—Guelph, ONT
Anne Kennedy—Washington DC

J. Paul Kennedy—Toronto, ONT
Margaret Tipton Suse—Wilmore, KY
Fawnia Lei Canaday—Charleston, WV
Cynthia Ann Kennedy—West Farmington, OH
Sherry Frady—Oxford, NC
Stephen Gerwolds—Columbiaville

MI
Robert Lemon—Novato, CA
Marilyn Kennedy Couric—Arlington, VA
Donna Kennedy Gesler—Northville, MI
Jeannie Kennedy—Arlington, VA
Scott King—Woodstock, GA



PROMOTING SCOTTISH HERITAGE IN NC

Kennedy Society Members Sherry and Mike Frady have teamed up with Tir Na Nog Irish Pub in Raleigh, NC to promote Scottish events in central NC.

Recently they approached the owner and manager of the Pub and suggested having a Kilt Night (an idea that came from Bill Kennedy up in Ohio). They agreed to one experiment. After having more participation than was first expected, it is

now a regular event at the Pub. Now it is common place to see at least 4-5 tartans at the Pub every night.

Sherry and Mike's goal is to inject a Scottish flair into the area, as this part of the country was originally settled by folk from Scotland and Ireland. They were instrumental in adding a Celtic Christmas event to the venue that included traditional dance and music. More singers and bands with Scottish roots are scheduled to appear on future Kilt Nights as well as a Scot-Irish afternoon on Sundays. This allows for the wee folk to come and enjoy the events. Sherry and Mike have been

appointed as the Pub's official "Scottish Ambassadors."

This is where they will assist guests with questions about Scot-Irish history and the Pub. Also they will be promoting Highland Games, festivals, R.S.C.D.S. (Royal Scottish Country Dance), S.A.M.S. (Scottish American Military Society), and most importantly, CLAN KENNEDY!

Mike will be promoting Clan Bell on the side as well. And don't forget to wish their children, Caitlin Breanna and Ellis, a Happy Birthday on January 27th!

The web site for the pub is www.tirnanogirishpub.com

"Both your friend and your enemy think that you will never die."
Ancient Celtic Proverb

News From the Midwest Region

Happy New Year to all!

It looks like another great year to be a Kennedy Society member! We are setting up a game plan and schedule for this year and if there are any events in the Midwest Region in which you think a Kennedy Society tent should be present, please contact me at the earliest convenience.

The Midwest Region States include:

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

I will do my best to assist anyone that is interested in hosting a tent in their local area.

The Chieftains are currently developing "Kennedy Tent Kits" and a "Games Handbook" for each region to assist games representatives who need material and equipment. Hopefully we'll have them ready to go this year.

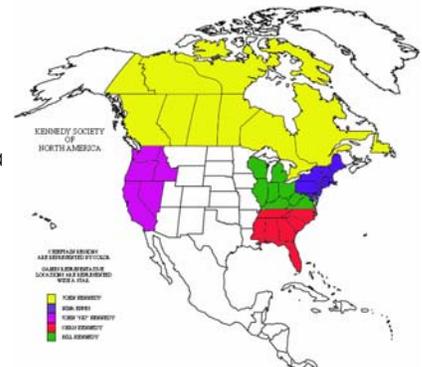
Hosting a tent can be a fun, family oriented event where you can meet new friends and enjoy the camaraderie that develops between the Clans. Let's increase our Kennedy Society representation so they will never forget the "Wild and Mighty Kennedys!"

If you don't live in any of the States listed above, contact your regional Chieftain, whose contact information can be found on our website: www.kennedysociety.org

"Avisé La Fin!"

Yours aye,

Bill Kennedy, Midwest Chieftain



State Games Representatives



So many States—so few volunteers. Volunteer to host in your State.

Below are your state games representatives. If you are interested in hosting the games in your state, please contact Chief Nomon Kennedy.

Arizona

Jeff Kennedy—
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California

Mike and Paula Kennedy—
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Colorado

Sarah K. Kassay—
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Georgia

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Patrick Kennedy—
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Andrew Kennedy

Pennsylvania

Malinda Glowa

Texas

Trey and Mary Kennedy
marymillsken-
nedy@hotmail.com

If your e-mail address is not listed, please send it ASAP to Nomon or Nina. Thank you!

Newsletter Deadlines: 2007

As a reminder—please have any newsletter items in by the deadline for inclusion. The second date mentioned is the expected print date.

SPRING: April 10 - April

30

SUMMER: July 10—July 30

FALL/HOLIDAY: October 10—October 30

Remember—this is YOUR newsletter. Send in your

news about heritage events in your area, births, marriages, condolences, or any other item you would like to share.

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The Royal Scots were the First of Foot and Right of the Line. They claim to be the oldest regiment in the British Army, nicknamed Pontius Pilate's Bodyguard. The legend goes that Pilate's Roman legionary dad married a Highland lass from Fortingal in Perthshire.

*Submitted by Carver Kennedy
From the London Times*

Scholarship Deadline Approaches

If you would like to apply for a Kennedy Scholarship, earlier is better than later! The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students of Celtic arts such as dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle, and language arts. The qualifications for a student to receive a Kennedy Society scholarship are:

- Plan to attend a certified workshop/class/camp of instruction.
- Documentation of certification of the workshop/class/camp or instructor.

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

For information or to apply, print and fill out the scholarship application on the Kennedy Society website (it is in PDF format), 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
[Email: jolouisek@comcast.net](mailto:jolouisek@comcast.net)

Nelson Kennedy
34 Timber Ridge Rd.
Alton Bay, NH 03810
Tel. 603-875-5979
[Email: nfkjak@ttlc.net](mailto:nfkjak@ttlc.net)

A résumé and letter of recommendation from the student's teacher are required. **The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 2007.**

The Kennedy Society welcomes contributions to the Scholarship Fund! You can send contributions to either of the above Co-Chairs.

The Kennedy Clan Feud

The Kennedy Clan was developed in the SW area of Scotland known as Carrick. In the 1300's, John Kennedy of Dunure led the Clan. His first wife was Marion Sandilands, and he later married Agnes Maxwell of Pollok. In 1406, Sir James Kennedy, the second son of him and Agnes, married Princess Mary, daughter of King Robert the Third of Scotland. Following this marriage, there was a desire to

make him the "head of the Clan." The three sons of John Kennedy and his first wife Marion were disinherited and James was made Chief of the Kennedy Clan. This decision caused the Kennedy Clan to split into two separate factions, the Bargany and the Cassillis branch.

The Bargany branch reacted violently to this decision. Three years later in 1408, Sir James, the Chief of the Clan, was killed by Gilbert,

eldest son of the Bargany branch. This began a 2 1/2 year feud between the two factions. It was further inflamed when in the 1560's the Cassillis' supported Mary Queen of Scots and the Bargany supported the Reformation forces.

One of the darkest episodes of this feud occurred when John, the 5th Earl of Cassillis, ambushed and killed Gilbert Kennedy, Laird of Bargany, in 1601.

Despite the lengthy feud and many clashes, the heirs of the Cassillis branch have been Chief of the Kennedy Clan since the marriage of Sir James Kennedy to Princess Mary in 1406.

The Lord Ailsa Tour Submitted by Nina Eppes

2006 was the year I turned 50. It also was the year that Lord Ailsa turned 50! Our birthdays are about 3 weeks apart (mine is before his, which makes me older than him). So I figured, what better way to celebrate this milestone than by going on Lord Charles' 2006 Birthday Tour of Scotland!

The tour group was a small, intimate one: myself, my significant other, Jim Kauffman, and Kennedy Society members Vicki Hagen from Texas and Elaine Heskett from Kansas.

Highlights of the tour included:

- The Edinburgh Military Tattoo; Tip: If you ever get a chance to see the Top Secret Drum Corps from Basel, Switzerland, see them! They are AMAZING!

- Meeting Lord David and

- Lady Carolyn Irvine. Lady Carolyn discussed and gave a tour of the Royal Research Ship *Discovery* and the *Discovery* Museum in Dundee. Lady Carolyn's grandfather and father both were involved in expeditions to the Antarctic involving the *Discovery*.

- Traveling through the Highlands of Scotland. The scenery was spectacular and the history was palpable, especially at Culloden.

- Visiting the Isle of Skye, where, where we saw yet more spectacular scenery and other sites.

- Traveling through the Highlands from Skye.

- Visiting the Isle of Mull.

- En route to Ayr, visiting Doune Castle, the Wallace Monument, Stirling Castle, and Bannockburn.

- A champagne reception and private tour of Culzean Castle! Seeing Culzean was another longtime desire of mine, and it was wonderful.

- On the last day of the tour, my uncle and aunt, Nelson and Judy Kennedy, and my mother, Joan Kennedy (KSNM members all) took a train to Ayr from Glasgow, where they'd been on a separate Scotland tour, and joined us for a tour of Maybole Castle and a Burns Lunch and tour at Cassillis House. Despite the pouring rain that morning, a good time was had by all!

The visit to Cassillis House and the Burns Lunch were a very special culmination to a most interesting and enjoyable trip with some wonderful people.

What a great way to celebrate turning 50!



Left to right: Judy Kennedy, Vicki Hagen, Lady Mary, Lord Charles—Watching the Maybole Pipe Band at Cassillis House

More photos of Nina's trip can be seen at:

<http://www.pbase.com/aspennine/irescot2006>



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Updates, cont'd.

BOOK BITES

A few months back, James Tyson McIntyre—CEO and Managing Partner of Glennoe Publishing—contacted me to review a book they had recently published. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to read the book and I am very PLEASED to recommend it to all of you.

The book (exact information) — Robert Bruce MacColla MacNial MacIntyre, *Six Millennia, the History of the Gael: The Irish and the Scots Highlanders*, Markham, ON: Stewart Publishing and Printing, 2005. \$34.99/USD, 206 pp. ISBN 1-894183-70-3—was a fantastic and fascinating read.

The book gives an amazing overview of the Celtic/Gaelic people of Western Europe and the Isles. His writing is superb and the research is nothing short of scholastically excellent. Although the book gives an amazing historical account, it delves deeply into the religious beliefs, ideals, and traditions of the Celtic/Gaelic people.

If you are interested in history, religion, genealogy, or simply a book worm—don't pass up *Six Millennia, the History of the Gael: The Irish and Scots Highlanders*.

For purchasing information, contact James at GLENNOEPUBLISH@aol.com.

BOARD MEETS FOR MID-TERM PLANNING

One of the many promises made by the current Chief, Nomon Kennedy, and the board of directors, was to improve communication of the Kennedy Society. In order for that to happen, the board itself has learned to communicate more often, more openly, and to become more open to ideas for improvement and advancement of the Society.

During the weekend of February 9-11, the board of directors will be meeting in Nashville, TN to discuss ways to improve the Society, increase membership, develop new programs, and much, much more.

The board is committed to improving the Society and seeking ways in which they can better serve everyone involved.

Reports of the weekend will follow in the next newsletter.

LEO KENNEDY ELECTED TO NH POSITION

Our own, Leo Kennedy, was elected to the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Gathering of the Scottish Clans. The NHGSC, runs the NH Highland Games. Leo will begin a three year position of the Board, and will serve on, yet undetermined committees. Congratulations to Leo!