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It's the South, but not exactly NASCAR!

It's rainy. It's muddy. What better way to add levity to an otherwise gray and sloppy highland games, than a race! Lord Charles and Isabelle Carter from Virginia (originally born in Girvan and reared in Ayr) race their mobility carts down the muddy path between the vendor tents and the Kennedy 40th Anniversary tents at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games, held at Maryville College, in May.



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Lord Charles Sends His Greetings

Hello from Bonnie Scotland. We have just had the hottest summer since 1976. Sadly, the rain has returned and it is now very wet and warm. The hot spell made Scotland look at its best. Hopefully, it will be the same next year when you join our tour.

Last month Denis and I meet James, who is organizing a very exciting tour starting in Edinburgh, taking in Northern Ireland, Ayrshire, and Culzean (the home of the Kennedys) before travelling north to celebrate the famous victory at Bannockburn. Then we're on to Oban, Mull, and Iona before a visit to St. Andrews. We'll finish in Dundee with a BBQ aboard the RRS Discovery, a tall ship sailed in Antarctic exploration by Captain Robert Scott.

The coach is filling up. So book soon to insure you do not miss out on a fantastic trip. I am looking forward to escorting you in my home country and, of course, to seeing as many as possible next year in the States.

Lord Charles



Important Words from our Chief

Trips, Quizzes, Games Athletes, Color Guard; wow what have I left out? The Kennedy Society is continually seeking more ways to reach out to its members and provide opportunities for participation and involvement. We are having a great year of activity and would relish your input as to other things we can do to expand programs that involve our members. Whether you can make it to a game or not, I want you to feel like we are providing you a link to your extended family. On the flip side of that, the rest of us need to know what you are up to. I am particularly interested in things like family reunions, special trips, awards, etc. I realized that I was too late in requesting names so that we could recognize those persons graduating this spring.

As you can see we are starting an athlete's section to the Gazette. I would suspect that there are more than those of whom we are currently aware. Let us know if you are involved. I would like to start a similar section for the arts side of things, whereby we let our members know of events and activities in which dancers, pipers, drummers, fiddlers, etc. are involved. We have a volunteer who is coordinating that information for the athletes and need a volunteer to do the same for the arts side. Please contact one of your BOG members if you are interested. I hope that several more of you are planning on coming along to Scotland in 2014 with our tour. I know it is an expense, but it is an unbelievable experience. The last time we went a couple announced that although they had traveled a good bit, this was the best trip in which they were involved. I look forward to sharing fun and education with you. Your continued support of the KSNA is crucial to our continued growth and our ability to reach out to do more with and for you. My personal concern is that of retention. It is lots of fun to travel around and meet all the wonderful people who come to games, but that is only a fraction of you as a whole. What more can we do? Please do not be a stranger to us.

Chris Kennedy

John Baxter Flowers Recipient of Prestigious Tartan Award



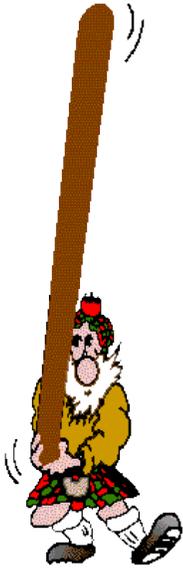
On April 6, John Baxter Flowers received the prestigious Tartan Award for his work in promoting Scottish culture and heritage in the United States. The ceremony took place at the Assembly Inn at Montreat College as part of a gala held by the Montreat Scottish Society, and included the Address to the Haggis and a talk on various aspects of bagpipe playing and music by the Pipe Major of the Montreat Scottish Pipe Band, Joe Bailey. The award was presented by the Society's president, Grier Suttlemyre to John and his wife, Eleanor. John was a founding member of the Kennedy Society and also its first president and has received other recognition and awards for his work. Representing the Kennedy Society at the banquet and ceremony were Dave, Amy, and Megan Carrick. The Kennedy Society owes a lot to John and is quite proud of his achievements. Congratulations!!!!



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Scottish Heavy Athletics... Big Folks, Throwin' Big Stuff



As an athlete competing in the Scottish Highland games since 2008, I wanted to introduce readers to this side of the Festival. Oral tradition holds that some version of the Highland Games has been in existence within the Celtic/Gaelic community since before the dawn of Christianity. In those days, the gatherings were essentially "war games" designed to select the best warriors in each family tribe or clan. The 11th Century saw the first Games in Scotland organized and designated as a sporting event. In the United States, the first Highland Games were organized by the Highland Society of New York in the mid 1800s. Many of the Heavy Events competitors in Scottish highland athletics are former high school and college track and field athletes who find the Scottish games a good way to continue their competitive careers.

I want to let readers know that there are Kennedy's on the field competing for their Clan. You may not have seen them or met them, because it is hard for an athlete to get around to the vendors and tents during the games. Due to our arduous schedule, the time we have for lunch is spent resting for the most important and popular event of the day for the crowds in attendance. I know you all said the Caber Toss to yourselves as I said "most popular". The events competition can vary depending on which games you attend. You will find that some games will have more events than others. That is due to space available and safety for the crowds. The athletes that compete in the games have to compete in all the events of the day. Once finished, scores are tallied to award the overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed athlete of the day. Who knows, while you at a festival, a Kennedy may be the "Athlete of the day".

I want to introduce the readers to the few throwers, that way if you are at a game you can say hello. **Christopher Locke** just moved to central Pennsylvania for his new job as a corrections officer. He has plans to compete in 55th Ligonier Highland Games in Pennsylvania on September 21, 2013.

James Woods in the Knoxville, Tennessee area competed at Grandfather Mountain recently. His next game is in Ringgold, Georgia on September 21. The following week he will throw at the Green Hill Games in Salem, Virginia with his daughter Tyler. That will be her last game for this season. On October 5, he will throw at the North Alabama Games and wait to see if he gets invited to throw at Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta, Georgia this year on October 18. <http://bigstory.ap.org/photo/jason-woods>

David Fulford, I live in Fairhope, Alabama. I have been competing since 2008 and have just this year joined the Masters group of 40+. My next game is in Ringgold, GA on September 21. I also plan to throw at the North Alabama Games and wait to see if I get invited to throw at Stone Mountain games, Atlanta, Georgia, on October 18. I also have great news! I am signed up for the 2014 Masters World Championship at the Northern Meeting Park, Inverness, Scotland on September 12, 13, and 14, 2014.

If any readers know of other athletes, please let us know, so we can keep up with them at games. I hope this introduction was helpful information for future Scottish highland festivals that you and your family plan to attend. Future columns will follow in the Gazette.

Awise La Fin,
David Fulford



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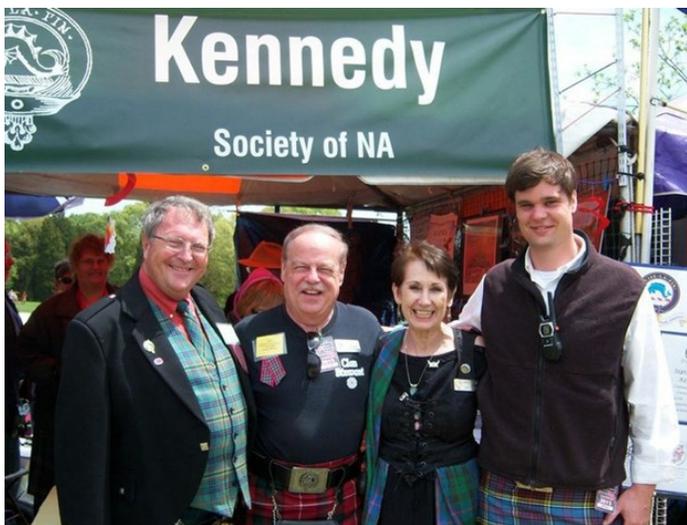


Loch Norman Highland Games at Rural Hill - 2013

Friday April 19, 2013, saw a rough beginning to the 20th Scottish Highland Games at Rural Hill. As tents were being set up, vendors were getting their goods ready for sale, Tim Lindler came around to each tent to tell us that the Friday night reception and Calling of the Clans were being cancelled due to weather. Tornado warnings and thunderstorms were coming in. Missing the Friday night Calling of the Clans was a large disappointment to me as to others since it is such a touching program.

Saturday morning proved a much better start for Loch Norman. The weather the rest of the weekend was breezy and cool but sunny!! Even though it had rained during the night, the grounds were fairly dry!! The crowds began arriving as the gates opened.

This was a special year at Loch Norman. It was the 20th birthday for these games, it is the 40th birthday for the Kennedy Society, and then Sunday, April 21st, was Queen Elizabeth's birthday!! So we had cake for all!! Tim Lindler, Daphne Taylor, and Jeff Fissel came over to share in the birthday celebrations!!



The Kennedy Society had a wonderful time in our tent. Lots of members and friends stopped by to say Hello!! John & Katy Kennedy from Charlotte, NC, are our newest members!! John and Chris had a wonderful time discussing the Irish branch of the Kennedys as John is from the Emerald Isle. We also got to spend time with Scott and Angela Kennedy and their sons who have just moved to the Charlotte area! It was great to have their sons, Will, Drew, and Ryan help carry the banner and one of our flags during the Parade of Tartans on Sunday! It was wonderful to see such a large group of Kennedys in the Parade this year!!

Saturday night we once again met for dinner at the Galway Hooker. It is always a delight to eat there as their food is wonderful and their staff always takes such good care of this group of Kennedys!!

Thank you again to all who helped make Loch Norman 2013 a wonderful and memorable Highland Game for the Kennedy Society!!

Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrow





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Pictured is Lt. Brook Smith, Color Sergeant

The Kennedy Society of North America now has a Ceremonial Honor Guard Unit

representing the Society and honoring the Scottish and Irish traditions of the fire service! Months of planning, training and support have brought the KSNA Unit from a simple idea to reality. In the fall of 2012, Frank Canada, KSNA member and Titusville Fire & Emergency Services Honor Guard Unit Commander, had an idea. He wanted to outfit the "TFES" Honor Guard Unit (Titusville, Florida) in kilts to present colors in January 2013 at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games. The Unit members all supported the idea and it was decided to attend this event in black kilts. Training began in earnest; then Frank had the idea of asking a pipe band to march with them. He contacted Scott Ellis of Brevard Police & Fire Pipes & Drums, comprised of local fire and police department members. Their members readily agreed, beginning a new relationship that has the potential to grow, and soon the two groups began training together. By late December, with the assistance of Atlanta Kilt, the TFES Unit members were outfitted in rental black kilts and accessories. The Unit drilled for hours to prepare for the games, and it certainly showed! Backed by Brevard Police & Fire Pipes & Drums, the Unit marched out onto the field that Saturday in January to loud cheers from the crowd and presented colors with precision, honor and respect. They were praised by Games officials and invited back for 2014. As Frank Canada and his wife, Suzanne, are tent conveners for these games, The Unit had their tent attached to the back of the KSNA tent for the weekend. Everyone quickly became acquainted and the Kennedys present were impressed by these young firefighters/paramedics. Their performance on the field was the talk of the tents to say the least.

The Unit members really enjoyed themselves, and felt the history & tradition of Scotland and Ireland as it connects with the fire service. A couple of ideas were tossed around as to how the Unit might wear Kennedy tartan as epaulets, sashes or kilts and represent KSNA at some events. Interestingly, several Unit members have Scottish or Irish ancestors, and Frank Canada and Unit member Jeff Harris' wife are Kennedys. With the interest level high, Frank kept the momentum going, infused with ideas and assistance from Chris & Sue Kennedy, and Neil & Janet Brussard. Titusville Fire Chief Michael Woodward soon gave his wholehearted support, and the plan to outfit the Unit members in Kennedy tartan was another step closer to reality. Another piece fell into place when Neil found a source for Kennedy weathered tartan kilts at an affordable price, and within a few months, the Unit members were well outfitted from Glengarrys to hose. On December 6, 2013, the Unit will wear their Kennedy tartan for the first time, and, again supported by Brevard Police & Fire Pipes & Drums, they will present colors for the 100 year anniversary of the Titusville Fire Department. Their next event will be the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, Winter Springs, Florida in January 2014. Unit members are: Frank Canada, Unit Commander, Lt. Tiffany Callahan, Platoon Guide; Lt. Brook Smith, Color Sergeant; John Hustoles and Jason Lengenfeldt, Color Guards; Jeff Harris, Color Bearer; Jeremy House, Sergeant of the Guard; Bobby Crocker, Matt Johnson and Oliver Harper, Guard Members.

THE KENNEDY CEREMONIAL COLOR GUARD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Kennedy Society now has its own ceremonial color guard which is led by Kennedy member, Frank Canada, of Christmas, Florida. You will find a more in depth article about the guard in the article above. The color guard is the result of Frank's efforts over the last year as he has trained the unit which consists of members of the Titusville Florida Fire and Emergency Services Dept. The color guard debuts their Kennedy weathered kilts this December 6 at the 100th year celebration of the Titusville Fire Department in Titusville, FL., and again the guard will also be presenting the colors at the Central Florida Highland Games in January of 2014.

Each member of the ceremonial guard has been responsible for paying for their own kilt and the accessories. As you can see, it is a hefty commitment for each member to assume. Now, the color guard has been asked to travel to the Greenville, SC Highland Games in May of 2014 to represent the Kennedy Society, the Honored Clan, in the Friday night parade and present the colors at the Friday night reception.

We are excited about having the Guard present in Greenville, but they need your HELP! We are hoping to sponsor each fire man, there are six of them, with a donation from the Kennedy Society. Each fireman's expenses will amount to about \$200.00 each. So please consider a donation which will defer their expenses.

Mail checks to Glenn Kennedy, 421 Ortega Road Raleigh, NC 27609. If you make your check out to the Kennedy Society of North America, your donation is tax deductible under our 501c3 designation. Get the Kennedy Society's honor guard to Greenville next May! While you are at it – bring yourself to Greenville as well to enjoy all the fun!



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Kennedy Quiz

Calling all interested Kennedy members — adults, teens, and kids! Please join us for a 6-month project known as the Kennedy Quiz.

Adults and Teens

This quiz is for participants ages 13 and older. Learn about Scotland's history and culture, plus your Kennedy heritage. Or show off your knowledge of Scotland by showing up the experts! The quiz starts on July 1, 2013 and will last 6 months. Five questions will be posted each month on the Kennedy Society website from July to December, so a total of 30 questions will be posted in the 6-month period. Each question is worth points, so the participant who has the most points at the end of the 6 months is the winner!

Questions will be posted on the first day of the month between midnight and 8:00 am U.S. Eastern time, and they will be available through the 25th day of the month at 11:59 pm U.S. Eastern time. The prize for the quiz winner is still to be determined, but it could be something such as a free year of membership in the Kennedy Society of North America, a bottle of scotch (if the winner is over 21), or a free dinner when you attend the next Kennedy Society annual meeting. **Note: The questions have been developed by a team of experts, and their decision is final.**



Kids

This quiz, posted on the Kennedy Society website, is for children through age 12. It is called **Scotsmanship**, and it is a parent-child project. **Scotsmanship** is divided into three levels, and each level will last 2 months:

Bonny Scotsman: The questions or requirements are now posted. All answers, pictures, and other material are due to the Kennedy Quiz Coordinator by e-mail or postal mail by August 31.

Merida's Myths, Legends, and Customs: The questions or requirements will be posted on September 1. All answers, pictures, and other material are due to the Kennedy Quiz Coordinator by email or postal mail by October 31.

Swim with the Dolphins: The questions or requirements will be posted on November 1. All answers, pictures, and other material are due to the Kennedy Quiz Coordinator by e-mail or postal mail by December 31.

At the completion of each level, a small gift will be awarded to the participant, and his or her name will be published in the **Kennedy Gazette** (the newsletter of the Kennedy Society of North America). The levels will remain available on the web site so that a child can enter at any time. Therefore, a late participant might be working on Level 1 when others are working on Level 2 or 3. However, levels must be completed in the order they are presented.

Questions?

If you have questions, please e-mail the Quiz Coordinator: kenn6633@bellsouth.net.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

The Username and password for entering the Members Area of the Kennedy Website has changed. Please make a note of the change:

USERNAME: CULZEAN

PASSWORD: CASTLE2013



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THE KENNEDY SOCIETY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY Smoky Mountain Games in Maryville, Tennessee

The old saying goes, "We will only pass this way once". So a 40th Anniversary of the Society is a perfect time to reflect where KSNA has been, to celebrate where the Society is now, and to visualize where the Society might

be in the future. We reflected on the past activities of KSNA as our memory table in the tent exhibited such things as a picture of the first Kennedy tent at a highland game, a copy of the first Newsletter ever published, a copy of the first new member certificate distributed in 1973, and pictures of all our North American Chiefs – past and present. Members viewed old scrapbooks showing some members long gone and other members with much younger faces.

Also reflecting our past was the nine foot genealogy chart which traced the Kennedys back to 700 AD at Dunure. Ah yes, there was no doubt

in anyone's mind that the Kennedy family heritage was significant and very well documented.





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During the day we were pleased to welcome two new members, Davis Petersen from Knoxville, TN and Philip Knight from Cumming, Georgia. We are so pleased you have decided to join us in this adventure known as the Kennedy Society!

Speaking of adventures, I bet if you asked Isabelle Carter, from Richmond Virginia, she would be glad to tell you her adventure! She will have quite a story to tell about racing Lord Charles in a scooter race. Photos are on the cover page of this newsletter.

So, Saturday was spent in reflection of the Society's past while Saturday night was devoted to the celebration of the Society's achievements and accomplishments in the present. And celebrate we did with a record 50 members in attendance at the dinner. We had balloons everywhere and champagne favors for mementos.



One highlight of the evening was

meeting John Flowers, the Kennedy Society's founder and first Chief. John was recently the recipient of the National Tartan Day award for 2013. This award is given annually by the Scottish Coalition USA. There is no higher honor and we are so proud of his achievements in Scottish endeavors across the country. (Please see "The Highlander" magazine, March and April edition, page 68) and the story on page 2 of this issue.) John spoke to us of his memories of the early days in the Society. However his main intent was to tell us of how far the Society has come and how proud he is to see such items as our fabulous newsletter and the energy and enthusiasm exhibited by the Society members today.



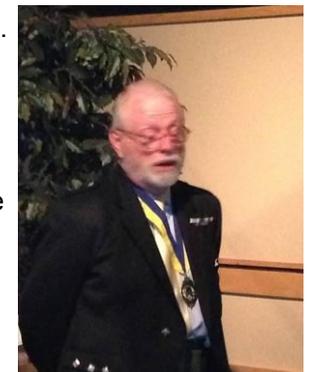
Another highlight was the awarding of the Companion of the Oak – KSNA's highest award for service to the Society – to Lord Ailsa. There is no better example of dedication and service to the Kennedy Society than our own Lord Charles as he is in constant contact with the Board and its members over the year and personally visits us at games twice a year. He was truly surprised to receive the award and seemed to be very pleased with the honor.

Our Annual meeting was a good example of us making plans for the future and visualizing where the Society might be in another 10 or 20 years. In the near future we are setting up local areas to be coordinated by District Directors instead of Regional Chieftains. This endeavor should improve communication between members. Next the development of the Kennedy Quiz involves oldsters and youngsters alike. How many clans can say that they involve their children in the clan's activities? Finally, forward thinking ideas like using a "square" device with an iphone to accept credit cards for dues payments and merchandising items is just the kind of electronic-age thinking that will serve us well in the future. Past, present, and future were celebrated at the Kennedy's 40th Anniversary celebration in Maryville, Tennessee.



Happy Birthday to us!

Sue Kennedy





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KENNEDY SOCIETY OF N AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES Saturday, May 18, 2013 – 2:00 pm Smoky Mountain Highland Games, Maryville, Tennessee

Chief/President Chris Kennedy (GA) called the meeting to order and it was determined that a quorum was present. There were 17 voting units present and 16 proxies were sent in indicating voting preferences.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes were distributed and a motion was made by Bill Kennedy (OH) and seconded by Rob Kennedy (TN) to approve the 2012 minutes. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 – Scotland / Ireland Tour – Lord Charles briefly spoke about this wonderful tour which is planned for June of 2014. Tour brochures were available at the meeting. The brochure describes each day of the tour and lists prices for the 10 day and 15 day tour options. Brochures are available from Sue Kennedy (GA) at kenn6633@bellsouth.net or can be accessed on the tour company's website: www.auldcountrytours.com.

Nominating Committee Report – Nomon Kennedy (TN), chairman of the nominating committee presented the Kennedy Society slate of officers: Chris Kennedy – President, Randy Peterson – Vice President, Glenn Kennedy – Treasurer, and Sue Kennedy – Secretary. Leo Kennedy (RI) made a motion to accept the slate of officers as stated. Nancy Kennedy (TN) seconded the motion. There were no names placed in nomination from the floor. The officer slate was approved by a unanimous vote. Nomon thanked Bill Kennedy for his service to the Society as Vice President/Deputy Chief these past four years.

Appointment of Chieftains and Committee Chairman – At this point Chris announced the resignations of the Midwest Chieftain, John Snodgrass (OH), and the Southeastern Chieftain, Sherry Frady (NC). Bill Kennedy will replace John in the Midwest Region. The Southeastern Region position is vacant at this time. All other regional chieftains and all committee chairmen were willing to serve another year. Nomon made a motion to accept all the above individuals for their positions and Neil Brussard (FL) seconded the motion. Motion was passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report – Glenn Kennedy (NC) – presented his report of the Society finances. Glenn then introduced the concept of accepting credit cards by using the "Square" device on an iPhone. Nomon made a motion to accept the "Square" method for using credit cards. Randy Peterson (CO) seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Membership report – Lynn Grant (NC) – Lynn has sent out all membership renewals and dues checks are coming in. Membership cards will go out to the membership when Lynn can sign them. Lynn has recently broken her wrist and we wish her a speedy recovery! After the second mailing of dues renewals have been mailed, and an ample time has passed for the renewals to come in, the 2010 non-renewals will be dropped from the membership roster. As of July 1, the user name and password for accessing the member' area of the KSNA website will be changed to User Name: Culzean and Password: Castle2013. These new passwords for the website will be announced in the next Newsletter as well as an email announcement which will go out to all members who have an email address.

Chief's Report – Chris announced that the Society was growing in members as well as in the number of Kennedy tents present at highland games. As of now 11 new games and or new tent conveners have been added since 2009. Chris thanked everyone for coming to the 40th Anniversary celebration and our AGM in Maryville, Tennessee at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games. He spoke of our upcoming birthday party celebration, scheduled for Saturday night, where a record number of 50 people had reservations to attend. We are especially pleased to welcome back our first KSNA Chief, John Flowers. Here in the Society tent, provided by Nomon, we enjoyed a Genealogy Chart, showing the Kennedys going back to the 700's AD and the exhibition of the "memory table", complete with many "firsts" such as a picture of the first Kennedy tent and the first edition of the Kennedy Newsletter, The Gazette. A tip jar was present to help pay for expenses in laminating and placing the scanned chart on a disc for future exhibits. Discs will be \$5.00 a piece and thumb drives will sell for \$15.00 each. Chris informed the members that Mike Kennedy (CA) had made a generous donation of \$100.00 toward the expenses of producing the genealogy chart. Amy Carrick (SC) suggested that we place the chart on ancestry.com. This idea will be explored for future implementation. Chris then encouraged everyone to send family trees in to him to be placed in a future repository.



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2013 AGM Minutes continued:

Our Annual Meeting for 2014 will be held in May 2014 at the Greenville Highland Games where we will be honored clan. Chris then talked to us about the concept of a regional director. A regional director can be a great asset, promoting all local Scottish/Celtic events and communicating with Kennedy members at least twice a month. KSNA's first regional directors are Neil and Janet Brussard in the Florida region. Chris believes that this concept of regional directors will help KSNA grow in the future. At present, a U.S. map is being developed showing the locations of all the Scottish games and festivals. Games in close proximity can be clustered in to regions for future Kennedy regional development and growth. Chris presented the next topic for discussion, a Kennedy precision honor guard in Titusville FL. Kennedy Society member, Frank Canada (FL) has developed a Titusville fire department flag honor guard. The guard presented the colors for the Orlando Scottish games in January 2013. They were such a success and received such praise that Frank is expanding the honor guard concept to the wearing of the Kennedy kilt in the weathered tartan. The Guard will be affiliating with the Brevard Pipes and Drums for larger celebrations and occasions. The guard's plan in the future is to expand the unit to 22 members. This honor guard would be available to present the colors at Scottish games, honor past Scots at funerals as pallbearers, and be available to march in parades. Chris is hoping that by the Greenville Games in May of 2014, our own Kennedy honor guard could be Lord Charles' personal honor guard in the Greenville parade. The Kennedy Quiz was the next topic for discussion. Briefly, this quiz, for adults and kids, was conceived by Chief Chris and the kids quiz was developed in part by Jo Ann Englehardt (IA). The Quiz concepts will be introduced in a mass email to the membership and on the Kennedy website, as well as on Facebook. The quizzes will begin on July 1. Both programs will last 6 months with the adult quiz being developed by 6 patriarchs in the Society. The Adult Quiz will consist of 5 questions a month. Questions will be awarded points and the highest point winner will receive a prize at the end of the year. The Kids Quiz will be introduced in 3 different levels of achievement, each lasting 2 months, with awards being presented after each level is completed.

A discussion then ensued about communicating the quizzes, as well as other topics, to the Kennedy membership. Chris Robinson (NC) introduced the idea of a KSNA presence on Twitter and Pinterest as well as on Facebook. Nomon reminded us to use the Shutterfly system to post pictures on the Kennedy website. No decisions were made at this time about the forms of communication. However, the Twitter concept will be investigated and this discussion was tabled to a time in the future.

Finally, Chris informed the group that we have new membership pins available that are much larger than the old pins. Present members can buy the new pins for \$5.00 each. Contact Lynn for the new pins.

Newsletter Report – Ann Key – Ann reminded us as we sign up new members at tents this year to try to convince new members to receive their Newsletter by email as it is so much less expensive for the Kennedy budget than sending regular mail copies of the Newsletter.

Scholarship Report – The Scholarship Committee awarded this year's scholarship to Kathryn Spangler from Ohio. She was awarded the scholarship for her highland dancing. Kathryn's name has been placed on the Mary Burn Scholarship plaque and Kathryn will be awarded her medal at the Ohio Scottish Games.

Merchandising Report – presented by Chris for Bill and Terry Kennedy (VA) – T-shirts are selling at a moderate rate, while glasses are almost gone. Bill's new merchandising idea is to sell calendars with pictures of Scotland with all games' dates included. Other merchandising topics included an announcement that Karen Kennedy's (SC) photography and Christine Robinson's jewelry (on display in the tent for purchase.) Both items are of high quality and worthy of our support. Both artists will return a portion of their sales to the Kennedy treasury.

DNA Project – Bill Kennedy (OH) – Bill reminded us of the DNA project which continues to be on-going. He explained to us that lineage is traced through the Y chromosome. Three Kennedy lines have been discovered: through Brian Boru of Ireland, Kennedys of Nordic descent, and Kennedys of SW England.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Leo Kennedy and seconded by Glenn Kennedy. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sue Kennedy
Secretary, Kennedy Society of North America**



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“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.” --Mark Twain

2014 Scotland /Ireland Tour



I was quite taken by this quote when I first saw it many years ago and have never forgotten it. It made me realize that experiences are what get my heart racing. Whether it be a wonderful trip to Scotland and Ireland or a day on the lake with my grandchildren. Of course, experiences can be very involved, like a journey to another country, or they can be very simple like reading a book to a child whose eyes are riveted to the page and he/she wondering what will happen next? Each of us must choose our own happenings, our own experiences, as we travel through life.

Another saying that I have been made keenly aware in recent years is, “someday we should do that, or go there, someday”. Well, for us some day is here! If we don’t do a few of these “some days” soon, the opportunity will pass or old age or illness may catch up with us. If not now....when?

So I encourage you to take a first or second look at the **2014 Scotland/Ireland Tour** being offered by Lord Charles in conjunction with James Johnson and Auld Country Tours. Here are some of the highlights of the tour – the ten day tour is from June 20 to June 29. There is also a five day extended tour which runs until July 4.

The ten day tour takes us on a journey through many of the most beautiful areas of Scotland and Northern Ireland. We start in the dramatic city of



Edinburgh, Scotland, explore sights in the Scottish Borders, and travel by ferry to Northern Ireland. Here, the modern city of Belfast, the medieval city of Derry, and the seaside hamlet of Portballintrae, await to greet us. Along the way we visit the stunning Antrim Coast, complete with suspension bridges, castles, Bushmill’s Distillery, and the world famous Giant’s Causeway. Following our days in Northern Ireland, we return to Scotland to visit the ancestral lands of the Clan Kennedy, centered in Ayrshire, on the southwest coast of Scotland. A visit to

Robert Burns country, will entail a close look at the sights important to the memory of Scotland’s greatest poet. These locations in both Ayr and nearby Alloway, fully complement the Kennedy sights that will be explored in Ayrshire. Our final night in Ayr will be marked by an unforgettable Gala and dinner in the magnificent Culzean Castle, the principal seat of the Kennedys since 1759. The next day we visit Bannockburn, and it’s grand reopening at the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, Robert the Bruce’s pivotal victory for Scotland’s freedom. Our final night of the ten-day tour will be in the town of Stirling, sight of William Wallace’s first great victory against the English, 17 years earlier.





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Our 5-day Extended Kennedy Tour (June 30-July 4, 2014), will begin in Stirling on the day that the guests of the 10 day tour transfer to the airport. After exploration of Stirling by day, the tour heads west to the colorful sea-side town of Oban, visiting several lonely castle ruins in between. We visit Scotland's most famous body of water, Loch Ness, pause in the lonely hills of Glen Coe, and soak in our pilgrimage to the Isle of Iona, birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. Finally, we head back east, enjoying the historical and cosmopolitan sights of Glasgow, and the golfer's mecca of St. Andrews. A final night in the Old Town of Edinburgh closes out the trip in grand fashion.



Of course, what you've just read is taken right from the tour as it is explained on the website: www.auldcountrytours.com. The explanation on this website of the tour is very well done, answering most of your questions. We've found the individuals at Auld Country Tours to be very helpful, going out of their way to make one feel secure and comfortable.



However, until you have been on one of Lord Charles Tours you cannot appreciate the individual attention you will receive from your hereditary Chief and his very capable historian, Denis Reid. Likewise, it is hard to put a value on the individuals you will meet who may become some of your best friends as time goes by – because you realize you have so much in common with each other. The group camaraderie is difficult to explain but fantastic to experience. Finally, the most remarkable example of why Lord Charles tours are unique is the experience of having dinner in Culzean Castle – our Kennedy castle. Yep, it is a fairy tale come true as the piper pipes you in to the castle, and you are seated at the table in the huge dining room. Stepping into a fairy tale, with visions of ladies in waiting and knights in the castle, can definitely leave an impression!

So if the time is now, if "some day" has arrived for you..... come join us on the 2014 Scotland/Ireland Tour!

Chris and Sue Kennedy



Jacob Henderson, grandson of KSNA members Robert M. and Karen Morey Kennedy, will enter Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota in the fall.

Named by Unigo, a college resource center, as one of 2013's "New Ivies", Macalester has a broad, rigorous, discussion-based curriculum with a high professor/student ratio and provides multiple opportunities for civic engagement and study abroad.

For Jacob these benefits were enhanced by the fact that Macalester has its own pipe band, as befits an institution whose mascot is "The Scots", and lessons are available to pipers and other musicians for no additional fee. In St. Paul, Jacob also intends to continue his involvement with Morris and folk dancing.

Jacob was a grateful recipient of a KSNA scholarship for the 2012 Vermont Pipers Gathering. He and his family live in Stow, MA.



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GREENVILLE, SC GAMES HELD AT FURMAN UNIVERSITY



Unlike previous Greenville games, the weather and temperatures were fantastic – brilliant blue skies, minimal humidity, low 80s! The games have expanded to include a variety of venues and events, including lectures, dance and pipe competitions, and more throughout the week to increase the involvement, participation, and exposure. Prior to the parade on Friday night, Chris Kennedy and Dave Carrick



attended a St. Andrew's Society of Upper South Carolina mixer to help set the stage for next year's games when the KSNA is the honored clan. Chris, Dave, and Amy Carrick also attended the clan/patron reception after the parade. The parade, as always, was a tremendous event and well attended.

The games on Saturday were held once again at Furman University, and featured the Royal Highland Fusiliers, a Marine Corps color guard, skydivers, and much more. The tent was active with many visitors: Megan Carrick;

Samantha Dodson and Willy; Chris Robinson; Karen Kennedy; Ann Blair Kennedy and her children, Jax and Blair; Justin Cassell; David Fulford, and; CLAN McNAUGHTON! Ann and Paul Key were present, but working their Heelan' Hound tent. Also, please welcome Brian Kennedy from Greenville as a new member!



In addition to being the honored clan at next year's games, it will also be the AGM for the KSNA - so plan on attending. The dinner afterwards will be a cook-out held at the Carricks' and will celebrate the passing of the torch from Chris to Randy Peterson. If you need info on places to stay/what to do in the Greenville area, please contact Dave at dcarrick@sportsclubsc.com!





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GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES, JUNE 1-2, 2013



If you enjoy rainy weather, or if you are from Scotland, you would have enjoyed the Glasgow Highland games. Saturday was rainy, then sunny, then rainy, then sunny. Finally about 4:00 pm the skies really opened up and we experienced a deluge! It was so bad that the police came through the park and told us to evacuate! So evacuate we did!

Braving the day along with us were members Dee and Jeanette Wickard from Wilkinson, Indiana and Tom Kennedy and his friend Channing from Nicholasville, Ky.

Sunday was sunny but very squishy as we dodged the mud puddles and tried to dry out various parts of the tent. We all had fun, greeting old friends and meeting new ones, but we are looking forward to a dryer game in 2014. **Sue Kennedy**



Kennedy Members Donate Portion of Sales to Scholarship

We are lucky, indeed, to have talented artists among the Kennedy Society. In addition to crafting excellent products, they donate a percentage of their sales back to the society's Scholarship Fund.

Christine Robinson makes exquisite jewelry with beads, copper tooling and tartan. Each piece is handcrafted in a similar, yet unique fashion.

Karen Kennedy's photography is familiar to us all. You can have your own personal glimpse of Ayrshire with photo prints taken by Karen on her visits to Scotland. She reminds us that the prints are available either as matted prints or canvas prints.



Paul, Ann and Neilley Key are present at the games with their line of hand-crafted tartan dog apparel.



Stop by The Heelan' Hound for a collar or a puppy kiss!





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GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES 2013



Once again the Kennedy's ascended the mountain and rolled into the meadow where 40 years earlier an idea became a reality. The calling on Thursday night was one of the best ones (and driest) in many years. As usual Mike Frady announced the arrival of the Kennedy Clan by enthusiastically informing the crowd of a bit of Kennedy history and that "We came not to plunder, but to party!" The weather could have not been more pleasant. Friday was the normal get up and set up day. Chief Chris Kennedy and wife Sue had the fixin's to set up what was a nice and cozy space. Sherry Frady supplied an assortment of food and refreshments for those in and who would stop by. We all decided to call it a day



around 3:00 to rest and prepare for the weekend ahead. Saturday started out in true Scottish style with a thick shroud of fog and a gentle mist, but soon it gave way to mild temps and partly cloudy skies. As always the Saturday turnout was big. At times it was difficult to navigate for a spot of haggis, but we persevered. This year there was a Kennedy relation participating in the heavy athletics, Jason Woods. He and his daughters spent some time with us, but unfortunately he injured his shoulder, and as a precaution he called it an early day. We will definitely see this man again! The sales of the new ladies t-shirts were a success with several sold with profits going to the scholarship fund. The Kennedy's gathered in Banned Elk at Stone Wall's restaurant for "supper" and fellowship. A definite good time was had by all. Sunday came and with it came the rain.



And in the words of A.A. Milne, "the rain, rain, rain came down, down, down..." At first it seemed like it would break, but to no avail. Sadly the decision was made to "break camp" and say goodbye to Grandfather til next year. Although the athletic events continued and 9 clans braved the downpour for an impromptu parade of tartans, everyone else decided to call it a weekend. Although no new members were signed up there was a renewal or two. And as always there were those who would stop by to set a spell and chat. New friends made and old acquaintances renewed, this is what it's all about.

Mike and Sherry Frady





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In Loving Memory... Flowers of the Forest

We are sad to report the loss of two members in recent months.

Patricia Ann Kennedy of Rock Hill, SC, sister of Carver Kennedy, and long-time member of the Kennedy Society.

Martha Gamble of Duluth, Georgia. She lost her battle with cancer last July, at the age of 49. She was a very good friend, with a huge heart.

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**Ann, Paul & Neilley
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