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Wishing you and
your family a very
and a
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year!



CHIEF'S GREETINGS MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Holiday greetings to all Kennedy Society members from your President/Chief.

Many thanks to ALL of our chieftains, directors, tent conveners, and other volunteers for helping to make 2014 a successful year. Several of you have added to the KSNA roster by signing up multiple new members, and establishing Kennedy tents in new game locations. Keep up the good work.

During the upcoming 2015 season, Lord Charles plans to visit four games beginning with the Orlando Games at Winter Park, Florida in January. Next he plans to visit the Loch Norman Highland Games at Huntersville, NC in April. Lastly, he will attend back to back games in September with the 2015 AGM at the Virginia Highland Games at The Plains, Virginia followed by the Long's Peak Games in Estes Park, Colorado. Please check the games schedule in the Gazette for the exact dates.

We hope to see many of you at the games this year. Thank you in advance for attending and supporting the KSNA. It is YOU that make the society what it is.

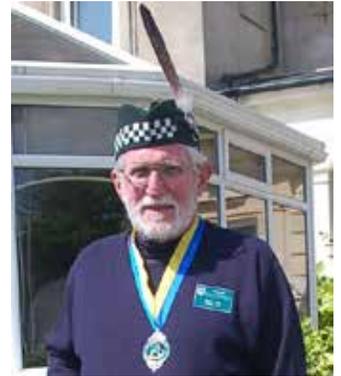
From our home to yours, we send best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

On a more serious note, after a lot of agonizing consideration both Ann and I have decided that we will NOT stand for re-election to a second term. This decision has nothing to do with the operation of KSNA, the cooperation we have had from our team, or the esteem we have for Kennedy. We feel very proud to be a part of such a great group and to have the heritage that I do.

But during and since last summer's Scotland tour, both Ann and I have encountered serious health concerns which need to be given priority. In addition, just a few days after we attended the Loon Mountain Games, we visited with Ann's sister who informed her that her future financial situation (thus also mine) would be dramatically affected by the impact of investments lost in recent downfalls of the US economy.

This unexpected turn of events is going to require us to continue our Heelan' Hound business as long as health

and finances permit, concentrating on the business so that we can maintain as good a quality of lifestyle as possible. It is not fair to the Kennedys for us to continue to try to do both. We had already cut our Heelan' Hound schedule in order to be present at more games where we were just representing the Kennedys.



Our plan now is to complete the current term of office through the AGM in September 2015, and also to accompany Lord Charles to Estes Park for the Longs Peak festival. But a new slate of officers will have to be developed for the 2015 AGM election between now and then.

We informed the KSNA board of directors and Lord Charles of this necessary decision in early November and asked Deputy Chief/Vice President Leo Kennedy to step forward and assume the role of Chief/President as per KSNA by-laws. Leo has indicated that he will do so.

Although Ann and I will be stepping down from our positions in the KSNA, it is our intention to remain as active as possible.

It is my understanding, that according to by-laws, Chris Kennedy is the head of the nominating committee which will put together the slate of officers for 2015 AGM. (See Chris' column regarding nominations in this edition of the newsletter.)

We would like to thank you and all the other Kennedys for your support and participation at the remaining Kennedy events during our tenure. We will certainly try our best to live up to KSNA expectations.

Yours, Aye,

Paul



A MESSAGE FROM LORD CHARLES

2014 has been a fantastic year for me full of firsts.

In January it will be a year since I lost the toes on my right foot. Personally I found it harder to cope with that than when I lost my left leg. It took a lot longer to heal and I had to learn to find my balance and walk again. I thought I was never going to come out of the dark long tunnel.

This happened when visiting The Winter Springs Highland games near Orlando. It started when I met Chris, Sue, Ann, Paul and Kona amongst others.

The 1st day we visited Cape Canaveral before going on to meet Frank Canada and his wife Suzanne for dinner in the evening. I was extremely impressed with Frank - Head of The Honour Guard. I was informed that on The Saturday of The Games he wished me to meet the entire Guard.

This was a great honour for me as The Kennedys became the 1st clan in the States to have an Honour Guard. My thanks go out to Chris and Neil who managed to put it all together.

I managed in the hotel to walk & stand unaided for the 1st time in a year, with the help of all around me I was at last coming out of The Tunnel.

It was the Beginning of A New Lease of Life.

Before leaving Scotland, a colleague from Sweden had asked me if I wished to be the 1st paraplegic to ski, and mobile through the Arctic. I had already said yes. However



Honor Guard, Band and Lord Charles

my visit to The States made me even more determined.

So in March three of us set out to do so. We had over 300 miles of wilderness and mountains to cross on the 1000 mile journey. Sadly after approximately 200 miles we had unknowingly skied and mobiled in to 150 mph hurricane winds. The worst Northern Sweden had experienced in 20 years. This made the route impassable, and after being stuck for 3 days, and with the help of the local rescue team, we found a way out by going under the high winds.

May was our AGM where I had to install a new Chief, Paul Key & his wife Ann, as Chris & Sue had stepped down. About 70 members attended along with my Guard. It was not my best games as it was very humid and it played havoc with my legs. It was as always great fun and my thanks go to David and Amy Carrick for hosting our annual Meeting dinner.

Then came July - a big event for me as it was 20 years ago that I became your Chief. This was celebrated in June by the tour of Scotland & Ireland and finishing with a gala Dinner and Reception at Culzean.

It was a superb night with Chieftain Frank Canada & his Guard in attendance. By doing so, Frank & his Guard became the first Honour Guard to perform at Culzean in over 250 years.

It was then my time to return to The States to attend The Pleasanton Games In California where Mike & Paula hosted a large tent full of Kennedys. There were a lot of new Kennedys that I met for 1st time. Again it was great to such wonderful and amusing people. So well Done Mike and Paula it was great!





A MESSAGE FROM LORD CHARLES (continued)

One person I met was David Holmes who had offered to show me other sights as I was staying in San Francisco.

He did this by showing me the redwoods which were huge and taking me to lunch at a mountain restaurant overlooking the Bay. It was over lunch he asked what we could do the next day? Without hesitating I insisted on doing a zip Line Canopy tour. So the next day he took me to a mountain range where there was such a tour. So keeping it a secret from everyone else, we joined a group on a 7 line 1500ft, 200to300ft up canopy tour. So thanks David you're a great person.

It was then on to Niagara Falls to attend the Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival, with Kona & Kathi Gant. In all, it was a fantastic holiday the best I have had for a long time.

So a big thanks to all for making 2014 such a memorable year! An even bigger thanks goes to those who stood by me, both family and friends, in the hardest time of my life.

We are defiantly The Wild and Mighty Kennedys! Let's stay that way.

May I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Lord Charles

NOTE: The announcement of my 2016 birthday tour will be sent to each of you in a separate email. It's looking really great with time in the Western Isles (Skye, Lewis and Harris), as well as Inverness, the Royal Deeside, and of course, Edinburgh and Ayrshire. Other experiences of note will be to ride the Jacobite steam train from Fort William to Mallaig, the Edinburgh Tattoo, and another visit to Culzean Castle, with guests having the option to stay at the Eisenhower Apartment at Culzean for the final two nights. Lots in this tour!

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ANNUAL MEETING 2015 PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

WHEN: September 4-6, 2015
WHAT: Kennedy Society Annual Meeting
WHERE: The Virginia Games at The Plains, VA
WHO: You and family are cordially invited
WHERE TO STAY: Wyndham Garden in Manassas

OUR BLOCK OF KENNEDY ROOMS IS LIMITED....
RESERVATIONS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
Call direct at 703-335-0000 or 703-656-4512



Our block rate is \$89.00 plus \$11.57 Virginia room tax = \$100.57 per night. This rate applies Friday, September 04, 2015 to Monday, September 7, 2015—hotel availability determines the rate for other dates members may wish to book. Costs of hotel rooms in the Washington DC vicinity where the Labor Day Weekend Kennedy AGM is going to be held, are very “dear” as we Scots say, especially if you want acceptable amenities. When our Mid-Atlantic chieftain Bill Kennedy checked out the Warrenton hotels for a block of rooms, he found managers unwilling to cooperate and prices from \$145 to \$159 per night. So we looked just a few miles down the road, and have found accommodations which we feel will work as our own host hotel for the Wild and Mighty Kennedys.

The Wyndham Garden Manassas is located at Exit 47 about 16 miles from the Great Meadow Equestrian Center where the Highland Games will be held. The property has well appointed rooms, a restaurant which serves dinner and a 2 persons for \$5.00 coupon breakfast. It has a bar (which serves Stella,) adjacent to both the restaurant and the banquet hall.

We have a block of 17 rooms at a Kennedy group rate. Two of these have been booked for early arrival by Lord Charles and for Paul and Ann. Kennedy members call for their individual reservations directly to the Wyndham Garden, not to central reservations or any other travel agency to book. The block of rooms will be held until August 21, two weeks before the games. Then they go back to hotel inventory. If the block is sold out, we have been told by hotel management with whom we got the block contract that you can book at the Kennedy rate depending upon hotel availability at the time you call. Your room can be canceled if necessary until 6:00 p.m. the date before arrival. (September 3, 2015)

We have met with hotel personnel and are currently negotiating for the hotel to cater our AGM banquet for Saturday, September 5, 2015, in a spacious room that will accommodate us all. The banquet room is adjacent to both the hotel bar and the outside parking lot.

Also in the area are numerous restaurant choices. Plans are only tentative at this stage, but there is a possibility of a meet/greet “Dutch treat” gathering at McMahon’s Irish Pub in Warrenton for Friday evening preceding the games for those who arrive early. There are no official games functions on Friday evening.





NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is that time of year again and it is not related to the holidays but “tiz” the season for resolutions. It is time to consider your interest and ability to help the Kennedy Society continue to grow. Last year was the first time we had new candidates for most positions as terms came to a conclusion. You, the membership, stepped up big. We had people volunteer to be nominated for not only existing positions but new ones as well. We created new Chieftainships, added more district directors, and had many new games/tent conveners active. This enthusiasm has continued into this year as we have members volunteer to take on new and expanded roles as a chair of web site and membership. It is an exciting time. I believe that we are moving into a new era and are establishing a society that is more vibrant than ever. I sincerely appreciate the wonderful support we have received.

With the understandable decision of Paul and Ann Key not to seek another term, we are going to need someone to assume the role of Secretary. Leo Kennedy, Vice President/Chief, has indicated his willingness to step up to the Presidency. His wife, Sandy, is very involved in her work and quite involved in her professional organization and therefore will not be available serve as our Secretary. So, this means that come AGM time this year, we are going to need candidates for Vice President/Vice Chief

and Secretary. I would ask that each of you thoughtfully consider your ability to help or talk to and nominate a member to serve in one of these positions.

Obviously, there are more positions within the Society that are available. Each committee has need for members, District Representatives are also needed, and many more volunteers to be involved in what I consider the most important function within the KSNA – tent convenue. If you have questions about any position contact any Board Member but in particular you can contact Ann Key (current Secretary), Sue Kennedy (past Secretary), Paul Key (present President) or Chris Kennedy (past President). Please, please, please consider your time and talent and see if you can find a way to help your Kennedy Society of North America.

Thank you

Chris Kennedy
Chairman of the Nomination Committee.



SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2015

The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students of Celtic arts such as dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle, and language arts.

The deadline for scholarships is May 1, 2015.

To apply, fill out the scholarship application which can be found on the Kennedy Society website at: kennedysociety.org. **The applicant must be recommended by a Kennedy Society member.**

Send the application to the Scholarship Committee in care of:
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Please feel free to contact Chris with any other questions at (email) kenn6633@bellsouth.net



SCOTLAND COUNTY HIGHLAND GAMES LAURINBURG, NC - OCTOBER, 2014

John and Katy Kennedy manned the tent for the first time with the appreciated help from Paul and Ann Key. We signed up 2 new members - Gary L. Auen and Kyle Bethel. It was all wonderful. The weather was agreeable and fun was had by all. John and Katy enjoyed their first tent convener-ship and hope to do it again! We have moved to Jacksonville FL and will be joining the Kennedy Society again at the Clay County Fairgrounds on Feb 28th! Thank you all for attending the Laurinburg NC games, it was fun!

Katy and John Kennedy



John and Katy with Chief Paul



STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES OCTOBER 17-19, 2014

A recipe for success:

1. Take one beautiful, sunny, warm October weekend
2. Add lots and lots and lots of people, dress them in kilts and bright tartan
3. Mix in the strains of pipes and drums
4. Fold in the wares of the vendors and the happy feet of the dancers
5. Whisk together the sounds of happy children as they try their hand at the children's games
6. Add heaping tablespoons of athletic competitions
7. If desired, absorb a small amount of scotch to augment the desired flavor
8. Blend all the above and then add the secret ingredient – one Kennedy tent consisting of good friends, yummy treats, delightful conversations, and four new members: Stephen Batts from Raleigh, N. Carolina, Sherrill Greene from Winston Salem NC, Gavin Mobley from Arlington TX, and Brenda Johnson from Conyers Georgia.
9. Bake at a comfortable temperature for the weekend and turn out enthusiastic, exhilarated, and exuberant Kennedy Society members!

NOTE: Recipe may be repeated as often as you like.

Submitted by: Chris and Sue Kennedy

P.S. A special thanks to Paul and Ann Key for helping to set up the tent and greeting tent visitors all weekend, many thanks to Bruce and Connie Nunley and David and Amy Carrick for their extra help, and kudos to Gwenn Kennedy for helping to take down the tent on Sunday.



The Gavin Mobley Family



Stephen Batts and Sherrill Greene



Brenda Johnson with Paul Key



CARRICK'S WIND FARMS SCOTLAND'S RENEWABLE ENERGY

Scotland has a long record of sustainable energy use with massive Hydro Electric schemes particularly in the highlands being used to provide electricity from turbines driven by water power. Using our many lochs and vast water supplies this has proved invaluable over the years.

Apparently Scotland now leads the world in developing sustainable energy systems using wave power particularly on the west coast which is subjected to strong currents and tides throughout the year. There are currently several systems utilising wave power being tested and which appear to be highly effective and sustainable. The Scottish Government does not support further development of nuclear power and therefore are extremely supportive of the development of alternative energy. In fact the Scottish government has the goal of producing all of its annual electricity needs via clean energy sources by the year 2020.

Wind power has been to the forefront of energy provision for several years now and Fenwick Moor north of Kilmarnock, in Ayrshire, is at present the site of the biggest wind farm in Europe. Currently there are many companies setting up wind farms in Scotland with direct connection to the national grid and there is little doubt that these farms produce a great deal of our electricity. However they also create controversy particularly in scenic rural areas like Carrick where they are accused of destroying the scenery and give rise to fears for the tourist industry.

Most of these farms raise a great deal of money, a large amount of which the companies donate to local community funds. The money is then translated into support for local village and area sustainable projects. There is one view which suggests that this income from the wind farms is a form of bribery to encourage local communities not to object to their initial setting up.

Currently in Carrick we have several wind farms with further developments planned for the villages of Straiton, Colmonell and the Stinchar valley. There is another ongoing proposal to site a wind farm at Knockskae in the east of Carrick which has resulted in considerable argument between locals in favour and other residents who disagree with the development.

Many country residents living near the farms consistently complain about the noise from the turning turbines, flashing sunlight effects from the blades and damage to local birds and wild life. This argument in Carrick is often countered by other locals who say the complainants are those who have recently moved into the country from cities etc looking for an idyllic lifestyle.

Those against the wind farms also argue that they have a limited life and that each turbine contributes a limited amount of power and that there are too many of them already. Meanwhile further farms are planned with meetings being held in local Carrick villages to try to convince locals that additional farms are necessary and the arguments between the greens and the non greens continue unabated

Only one thing is certain and that is that electricity continues to be in increasing demand and with the reduction in the use of fossil fuel due to greenhouse gas emissions the fear of nuclear power and the development of fracking alternative power sources are certainly needed. No one yet knows how far the use of wind farms will develop but the subjective is certainly an emotional one in the ancient Kennedy Kingdom of Carrick.

Denis W. Reid
Master at Arms to Lord Charles



Girvan Wind Turbine



Strinchar Wind Turbines



FAIRHOPE ATHLETE CELEBRATES CELTIC HERITAGE AT HIGHLAND GAMES IN SCOTLAND

Just like the ancient Greeks who tested their athletic prowess at the Olympics, the warriors of Scotland have gathered for centuries to hone their battle skills in the Highland Games. The Scottish competition, though, has recently expanded to attract an international field.



Fairhope's David Fulford recently finished 15th out of a field of 25 in the International Scottish Highland Masters Tournament. The Highland Games includes traditional competitions such as the caber toss (left) and the stone put (center), along with new events like the Sheaf toss.

David Fulford of Fairhope, and Kennedy Society member, traveled to Inverness in September to take part in the International Scottish Highland Masters Tournament. While there, he earned a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for most people tossing a caber (a wooden pole typically 19-20 feet long and weighing 175 pounds) at the same time. Of the 160 contestants, 66 were successfully thrown.

"Fulford has long been attracted to the Celtic culture. He married his wife, Brandi, on St. Patrick's Day while wearing a kilt. He competed in his first Highland Games in 2008, and has represented the Kennedys in events in Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Fulford said the origins of the Highland Games can be traced back to the 1400s. Scottish warriors wanted to train while under British rule, so they had to disguise the activities as games. The winners were often selected to serve as the leader's bodyguards.

"The games have not changed much," Fulford said. "The Americans have added the Sheaf toss, which is a 16-pound bag stuffed with rope. You use a three-prong pitchfork and toss is like a bail of hay. They did not do that one in Scotland."

Fulford said he had wanted to travel to the home of the Highland Games for some time. "I competed in all the events," Fulford said. "There were people from 14 counties, and I was in a group full of studs. There was one guy from the Netherlands who was 6-foot-8 and 350 pounds. Finishing 15 out of 25 is not bad for my first international event," he said. "Many had been competing for 20 years. It is like a professional sport for many of the Germans and Danes."

Fulford, will start competing next year at the Florida games in Orlando and Sarasota. He hopes to qualify for the next Master's Championships, as they will take place in St. Louis. The games rotate between Scotland, America and Canada. "There is a great camaraderie of people," Fulford said. "Everyone is there to help each other. "

By: J. Mark Bryant
Lagniappe Mobile Weekly
November 25, 2014

The Kennedy Society would like to add our congratulations to David on a job well done! Perhaps some of us can be there to cheer you on when you compete in St Louis.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN GAMES

Your Rocky Mountain Region Kennedy's have hosted tents at 2 new festivals since our last newsletter update! The Kennedy Society of North America is growing, and we are excited to be a part of it all. It is truly an honor to be part of a Clan that works so hard to remain relevant and engaged with its members and the general public.



Naomi and Kevin Crogan



Nathaniel and Hannah Dory

EDGEWATER CELTIC HARVEST FESTIVAL: EDGEWATER CO, SEPTEMBER 20 & 21

The Edgewater Festival is a small venue in a southwest suburb of Denver, with a unique Clan atmosphere. It is the last of the Colorado festivals, and it allows the Clans an opportunity to spend some much needed time socializing among themselves in an open and public venue. The Clans are arranged in a semi-circle open to the band stage, with an elevated burn pit in the center. This gives us front row seats to all of the performers, and provides the perfect backdrop for the public as they spread out their blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the day. Saturday evening is highlighted by a very dramatic calling of the Clans. At dusk the Festival Chieftain, walked to the center of the Clan circle with a lit torch and called the festival attendees and vendors to fill the gap in the Clan circle. He opened the ceremony with a few

words about the Clan system and the importance of family and connection, and then threw his torch into the burn pit, as the next Clan entered the arena with their lit torch. By the end of the calling, the fire was roaring, and all of the clans were gathered with their flags flying and banners held high.



By the end of the weekend, we had over 20 people sign our guest book, leaving their contact information, and had 2 people join our Clan! We are proud to welcome Hanna Dory and Naomi Croghan to the Wild and Mighty Kennedys!

“SCOTS ON THE ROCKS” MOAB CELTIC FESTIVAL: MOAB, UT - NOVEMBER 7-9



When we were given a flyer for the 1st annual Moab Celtic Festival, back in September, we thought it would be fun to be one of the inaugural clans that helped kick this festival off. Moab is a small community, and the festival weekend (Nov. 7, 8, & 9) marks the end of the traditional tourist season, so we were prepared for a slow weekend with limited participation from other clans and the general public. Boy were we surprised! 19 Clans, 6 Pipe Bands, 5 world class Judges, 4 medaled Highland Athletes, 2 Highland Dance Groups, 3 Celtic Bands, a myriad of vendors and over 56 Sponsors! The weather was perfect, and the setting picturesque as

the streams of people made their way through our tent. I have never seen more kids at a festival, and the response to our “Merida” character kept Krissy on her toes from start to finish! The calling of the Clans gave us the perfect opportunity to make a dramatic introduction, and we did not disappoint! We made several connections with the Utah clans and associations, and hope that we can build on those relationships in the future. The foundation is laid for next years festival, and I can assure you that we will be a part of it.

As 2014 closes, we look forward to time with family and friends, and wish each of you the best. Here's to a great year, and continued adventures.

Ed and Krissy Kennedy



NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHLAND GAMES SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2014

The New Hampshire Highland Games were held on September 19-21, 2014. My family and I hosted a Kennedy tent there on September 20 and 21. On Saturday, September 20, we were assisted by Kennedy Society Chief/President Paul Key and Secretary Ann Key, as well as member Mary Jo LaFreniere. It was a chilly and gray day, which, in combination with the tent location in the “auxiliary” clan village section, contributed to extremely light traffic at the tent. Faithful member Robert Kennedy from Maine stopped by and renewed his membership, as he does every year. Nina’s uncle and aunt, members Nelson and Judy Kennedy, also came by, but they did not stay very long due to the cold weather.

Four marchers per clan (unless you’re the honored clan) are allowed in the Clan Parade at the NH Games opening ceremonies, and the marchers were Nina Eppes, Paul and Ann Key, and Geneva ni Seobhan (Nina’s sister). After the Clan Parade, Paul decided it was time to change from his kilt to something a bit warmer. Paul and Ann left in midafternoon to go warm up. In the evening, they joined Nina’s family for a “clan bake”—a spaghetti supper, actually (very Scottish ☺)—at the condo where Nina and family were staying.

Sunday, September 21 was a much nicer—and warmer—day, but tent traffic still was extremely light. We did not sign up any new members, although a young man who is a piper in the Catamount Pipe Band of Vermont stopped by and was very interested in the Kennedy Society; however, he wasn’t quite ready to sign up on the spot.

It was wonderful to have Paul and Ann with us on Saturday. If only the weather had been more congenial!

Nina Eppes

Tent Convener
Northeast Chieftain



Clan parade marchers



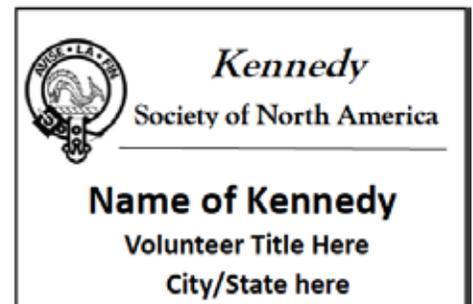
Pants are warmer than kilts!

NAME BADGES FOR TENT CONVENERS \$15.00 EACH INCLUDES TAX AND SHIPPING

Available twice a year, in January and August, for purchase from local North Carolina Supplier.

Please contact your Regional Chieftain or District Director for further information on how to place an order.

Description: Badges are Hunter Green with White Lettering





THOUGHTS FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Dear Friends:

I hope you are all as pleased as I am about the recent vote in Scotland. At any rate, life goes on, and the future is yet to be revealed.

We are all faithful to our Kennedy heritage as members of the Society, and I trust all of us have a great interest in anything Scottish. Such events as games and the annual Burns dinners come to mind. We should also remember the importance of Tartan Day, and of the various offerings of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan in various churches during the year. These are usually held about St. Andrew's Day (November 30) or around the end of January for a Burns connection.

I have also the honor to be chaplain for the Scottish American Society of Palm Beach County, and they honor us by having meetings in our parish facility. We just had a Kirkin' on November 30th which this year fell on Advent Sunday, and so we commemorated St. Andrew, as we observed the beginning of the Advent Season. Following the Mass we had a wonderful brunch in the parish hall. My assistant priest (vicar parochial) Fr. Sanford Sears

(Fr. Sandy) preached the sermon. He gave us the history of the service we call the Kirkin' o' the Tartan. It began in this country during World War II in Washington D.C., and was invented by the Rev. Peter Marshall, who was the first Chaplain to the United States Senate. He was also known as "the Man called Peter." The occasion was to raise funds to support funds for British war relief. The service in Washington began in the Presbyterian Church but was moved to the Washington National Cathedral. Kirkins take part now in many different churches, from Presbyterian, Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, and even in the Orthodox Church. They now serve as a way to thank God for everything Scottish, and that includes a lot!

All the best for a Blessed Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Aye,
David+
Society Chaplain



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kinlee Grace King

Please welcome our newest clan member: Kinlee Grace King, born to Kennedy Society members Scott and Tori King of Canton, Georgia. Kinlee was born October 25, 2014. She weighed 7lb and 7oz and she was 20 inches long. Scott is a piper with the John Mohr Mackintosh band and the Metro Atlanta Police Emerald Society. Congratulations to Scott and Tori on the arrival of their beautiful Scottish lassie!



Anderson Stribling Flowers

Welcome laddie! Anderson Stribling Flowers was born on July 25, 2014 in Raleigh, N.C. 7lbs. 13 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bryan Kennedy Flowers of Wake Forest, N.C. Mr. JBK Flowers is the godson of the late 7th Marquess of Ailsa, Chief of Kennedy. Mr. Flowers is also the only son of Mr. John Baxton Flowers III, first Chief of the Kennedy Society of North America who with his wife lives in Hendersonville, N.C.





THE KENNEDY SOCIETY APPRECIATES OUR LIFETIME MEMBERS

Peter Kennedy – MacGregor Australia
Ann T Freese – Oxford, North Carolina
Samuel David Holmes Sr – Discovery Bay California
Paul and Ann Key – Misenheimer, North Carolina
Samuel David Holmes Jr – Oakland California
Thomas R Kennedy – Lincoln, Nebraska
Mike and Paula Kennedy – San Jose California
H. McIlvaine Lewis – Santa Fe, New Mexico
Wayne Tilton Kennedy – San Carlos California
Kona and Kathi Gant – North Ridgeville, Ohio
Francis and Donna Kennedy – Sangar California
William and Julie Kennedy – North Canton, Ohio
Peggy Reid Kennedy – Westminster, Colorado
Harry and Pat Gant – Chardon, Ohio
Kathleen Baryza – Apollo Beach, Florida
Ken and Sue Freshley – Willoughby, Ohio
David and Marie “Sam” Kennedy – Altamonte Springs, FL
Leo and Sandy Kennedy – Greenville, Rhode Island
Patricia Maclean Carr – Astor Florida
Jack and Susan Graybill – Columbia, South Carolina
Margaret Kennedy Wimberly – Rome Georgia
William Scott-Williams – Savannah, Tennessee
Randy and Katrina Kennedy – Kaneohe, Hawaii
Vickie Hagan – Uvalde, Texas
Marianne Elaine Heskett – Mankato, Kansas
Joyce Kennedy Schroepel – Lindon, Utah
Frank Bernard Kennedy III – Davidsonville, Maryland
Sharon Kennedy Cheslock – Morgantown, West Virginia
David and Jean Marie Wiggin – Ann Arbor, Michigan
Glenn and Lynda Kennedy – Raleigh, North Carolina

Lifetime membership

You can make a one-time payment that satisfies the annual Kennedy Society dues for the rest of your life. The Lifetime membership payment options are:

- For members under 60 years of age: \$400
- For members 60 years of age and older: \$300

Lifetime membership payments are placed in a Kennedy Society endowment savings account, the annual earnings from which will be used each year for annual expenses of the Society.

DO YOU KNOW THESE TWO FINE LADIES?



Isabel Carter and Ann Key in Richmond



KSNA ARTICLE ON DAVE AND AMY CARRICK

The road to the Kennedy Society began many years ago in Pittsburgh, PA for Dave and Amy when Amy's mother was planning their wedding to have a Scottish theme. Obviously, it was necessary to go all out and Amy ordered Dave a Modern Kennedy kilt through her mother's cousin in Edinburgh while Dave rented the rest of his outfit. Her mother was pleased, the young son of a cousin of Amy's (who had converted to Judaism) asked his mother if Christian men always wore skirts when they got married, Elvis attended the wedding reception, and the Penguins went on to win their first Stanley Cup. The journey was on, even though it really already started.

Dave is the fourth David Carrick in the family, the initial emigrating from the Glasgow area in the late 1800's with his wife and several other families and ending up outside Punxsutawney, PA where he operated a small coal mine and a store. The village was populated with other Scots as well, and the Scottish accent was prominent and customs such as first footing were practiced per Dave's father, Charles Carrick. Indeed Charles' Aunt Jean made shortbread as if she herself were from Scotland – and from scratch! Thus, Charles had a grandfather named Dave, an uncle named Dave, a brother named David, and then a son whom he calls David (not Dave!). It was Charles that started to look into genealogy and sparked his son's interest in the Kennedys and solidified his connection to Scotland. This was not hard as highlanders, bagpipes, the French and Indian War, and movies like "Gunga Din" had already had a profound effect. Further, Dave went to Maryville College in Tennessee and was thus a Fighting Scot, his father went to Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon) and Dave's two brothers went to Maryville and Edinboro University, respectively – all with obvious Scottish connotations.

After a year of marriage, Dave and Amy took a trip to Scotland, which they had separately visited once before they got married, as well as to Northern Ireland and London. Their travels have taken them back to Scotland twice since. They also would go to the Ligonier games, and it was there that they discovered their fondness for Gordon Setters. They are now on their third.

Amy has some Scots-Irish lineage, with connections to County Down in Northern Ireland through her mother's

side of the family, and many of her family had a reunion a few years ago with those that were still there. This trip was highlighted by seeing the ruins of the house where her great-grandfather lived before he left for the US.

After leaving Pittsburgh for Greenville in 1996, they still had their interest in Scotland but fewer avenues to explore until the introduction of the Greenville games. It was there that during the parade that they saw the Kennedy banner and the KSNA – it was all over. Though they knew about the KSNA, the clan tent that had been at the Ligonier games no longer existed and was thus out of mind. Like the mountain to Mohamed, it had come to them! The rest is history.

Dave is now involved in the Society as the Regional Director for South Carolina and East Tennessee. He is Director of Tennis at Sportsclub in Greenville where he oversees a large and active program and is also a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Upper South Carolina.

Amy is currently serving as Treasurer, where she gets to utilize her business and computer skills. She graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA and received a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. She has her own business as a daily money manager, which is assisting clients in managing their income and expenses and setting up automatic payments, etc. in order to accomplish their financial needs and goals.

Sharing their love for Scotland and Great Britain, although sometimes reluctantly, is their daughter, Megan Culzean Carrick. The Carrick family is rounded out by Kiski, the Gordon Setter, and KC, the independent calico cat.

The collective goals of Dave and Amy are to assist in the operation and promotion of the Kennedy Society and to help it grow both in size and modernization. They are proud to have been able to host the dinner at their home after this year's AGM.



Dave and Amy Carrick



HOGMANAY

Only one nation in the world can celebrate the New Year or Hogmanay (pronounced HUG-ma-NAY) with such revelry and passion – the Scots! But what are the actual origins of Hogmanay, and why should a tall dark stranger be a welcome visitor after midnight? There is a tradition known as “first-footing” in which the first person to enter a home brings the inhabitants good luck for the coming year. The guest must be dark-haired and preferably male. Redheads and women were not considered to be lucky. Author Clement A Miles says in “Christmas in Ritual and Tradition” that this tradition stems from back when a red or blond-haired stranger was probably an invading Norseman.

It is believed that many of the traditional Hogmanay celebrations were originally brought to Scotland by the invading Vikings in the early 8th and 9th centuries. These Norsemen, or men from an even more northerly latitude than Scotland, paid particular attention to the arrival of the Winter Solstice or the shortest day, and fully intended to celebrate its passing with some serious partying.

It may surprise many people to note that Christmas was not celebrated as a festival and virtually banned in Scotland for around 400 years, from the end of the 17th century to the 1950s. The reason for this dates back to the years of Protestant Reformation, when the straight-laced Kirk proclaimed Christmas as a Popish or Catholic feast, and as such needed banning.

And so it was, right up until the 1950s that many Scots worked over Christmas and celebrated their winter solstice holiday at New Year when family and friends would gather for a party and to exchange presents

Food and drink at Hogmanay usually includes shortbread, rumbledethumps - a traditional dish of potato, cabbage, onion, and cheese, haggis, a rich fruit cake called “black bun” and of course the water of life, Scotch Whisky.

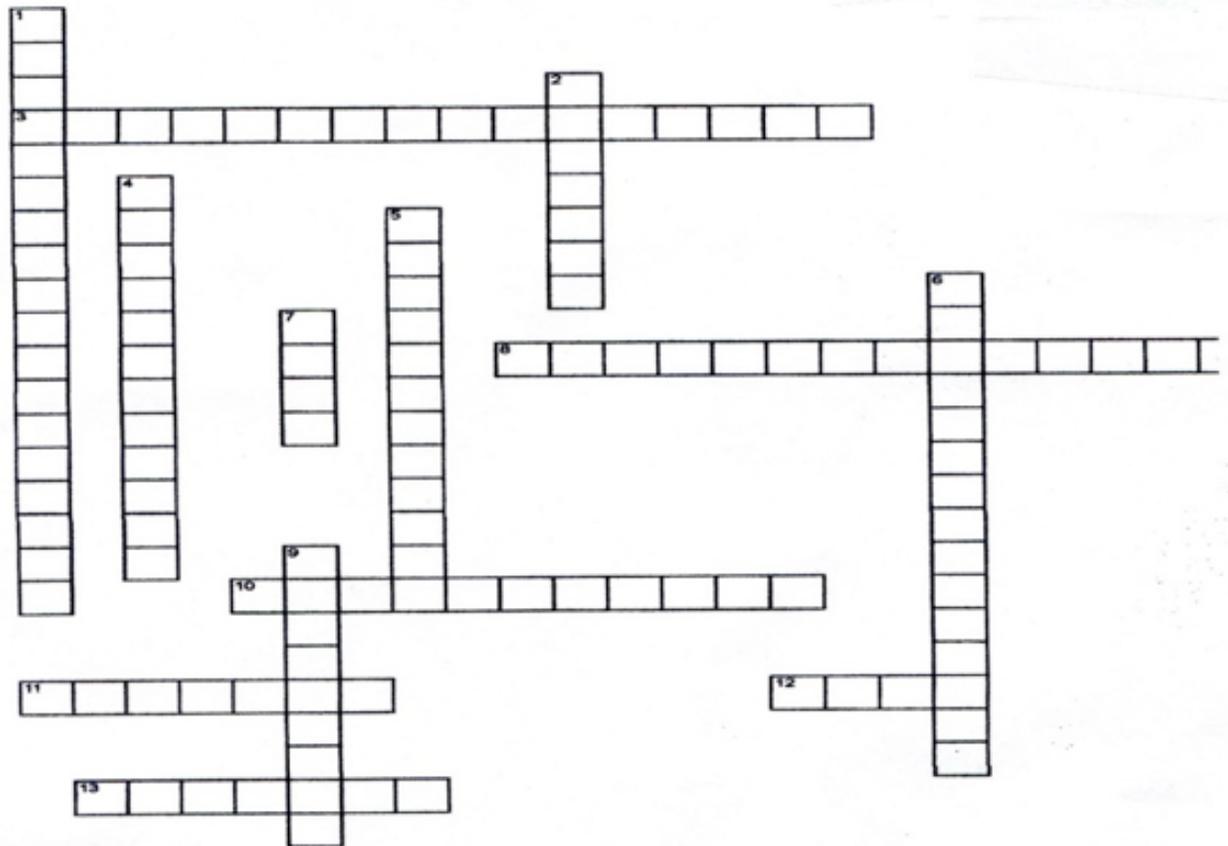
Immediately after midnight it is traditional to sing Robert Burns’ Auld Lang Syne”. Burns published his version of this popular little ditty in 1788, although the tune was in print over 80 years before this.

*“Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot and auld lang syne
For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
We’ll take a cup o kindness yet, for auld lang syne.”*





A Scottish Christmas Holiday



Across

- 3 Christmas dessert
- 8 Another name for Santa Claus
- 10 Poet
- 11 Celebration of New Year
- 12 Another name for church
- 13 A Christmas drink

Down

- 1 Food for reindeer
- 2 Log burned at Christmas
- 4 Symbolic start to new year
- 5 New year song
- 6 Tube filled with sweets
- 7 Old term for Christmas
- 9 Dec 26

Answers: Boxing Day, Wassail, Yule, Kirk, Christmas cracker, Hogmanay, Auld Lang Syne, Robert Burns, First Footing, Father Christmas, Yule log, Christmas pudding, mince pie and carrots.



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT JANUARY - DECEMBER 2015

Jan 17/18 Central Florida, Winter Springs, Lord Charles will attend
Jan 31 Sarasota, Sarasota, FL
Feb 28 Northeast Florida, Green Cove Springs, FL
Mar 21 Southeast Florida, Ft. Lauderdale
Mar 28 Dunedin, Dunedin, FL
Apr 18/19 Loch Norman, Huntersville, NC, Lord Charles will attend
April 18/19 Ormond Beach, Ormond Beach FL
Apr 25 Southern Maryland, Calvert Co, MD ** tentative
May 2 NC West Virginia, Bridgeport, WV **tentative
May 9 Savannah, Savannah, GA
May 15-17 Smoky Mountains, Maryville, TN
May 22/23 Greenville, Greenville, SC
May 23 Alma, Alma, MI ** tentative
Jun 13 Rhode Island, Richmond, RI
June 27, Ohio, Wellington, OH
July 9-12 Grandfather Mountain, Linville, NC
Aug 8/9 Highlands Ranch, Denver, CO
Aug 22 Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI
Aug 22 Quechee, Quechee, VT ** tentative
Sep 5/6 Virginia, The Plains, Virginia AGM Lord Charles will attend
Sept 5/6 San Francisco, Pleasanton, CA
Sept 11-13 Longs Peak, Estes Park, CO Lord Charles will attend
Sept 19 Charleston, Mt. Pleasant, SC ** tentative
Sept 19/20 Niagara Celtic, Olcott, NY
Sept/19 Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH
Sept 19/20 Edgewater Celtic, Denver, CO
Sept 26 Ligonier, Ligonier, PA ** tentative
Oct 4 Scotland County, Laurinburg, NC ** tentative
Oct 11 Scotland Games, Scotland, CT
Oct 17/18 Stone Mountain, Tucker, GA
Oct 24/25 Central Virginia, Richmond, VA
Nov 7 Moab, Moab, UT

** Games with asterisk are in the planning stage. We hope to have Kennedy tent present.

Please check the Kennedy website for other games in your area.



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