

## 2016 KENNEDY SOCIETY AGM SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 in CHARLESTON, SC

Historic and scenic Charleston, SC will be the location of the 2016 AGM as the Kennedy Society attends the 45th Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Games on 9/17 at Boone Hall Plantation. Arrangements have been made with the Courtyard Mount Pleasant at 1251 Woodland Avenue at a rate of \$149.00 plus 12.5% tax for a block of 25 rooms for Friday, 9/16 and Saturday 9/17, with 10 for Sunday night, 9/18. The telephone number to make a reservation is 843-284-0900 and you will need to indicate that you are with the Kennedy Society. The link for the Courtyard is <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chscm-courtyard-charleston-mt-pleasant/>, but it will only allow for Friday-Sunday bookings. Longer stays will require a phone call and the rooms rates will be held until Friday, 8/19, 2016. After the games, the Kennedy Society will gather at the Liberty Taproom at 1028 Johnny Dodds Blvd. (only minutes from the hotel) for fun and frivolity – and food! Tickets, parking passes, and patron plans are available

online on the Charleston Scottish Games website: Adults \$20, Kids 6-12 \$5, Scotch Tasting \$35, Patrons Packages \$300-\$120, Tartan Ball tickets \$100, parking pass \$5. All of these items have a slight upcharge for handling and processing. Since we are not the honored clan, the school of thought is to meet in the lounge of the Courtyard Hotel and decide from there what we do on Friday night. If you are planning to bring something to the tent (scotch, water, pop, cookies, etc.), please let Dave Carrick [dcarrick@sportsclubsc.com](mailto:dcarrick@sportsclubsc.com) know so that if others asks what is needed it can be coordinated. Charleston offers a unique blend of beach, culinary, tourist, cultural, and historic options for everyone – especially families. Plan to attend!



**Please contact David Carrick if you are coming to the Charleston Games and are going to attend the dinner at the Liberty Taproom on Saturday night.**

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## MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Invoices were mailed to all members on May 2 for the 2016 membership year. Several invoices were returned due to expired forwarding addresses. If you have moved recently and have not already done so, please send your new contact information to the KSNA Membership Chair, Colleen Caldwell, at [caldwellkids@earthlink.net](mailto:caldwellkids@earthlink.net) or 304-594-0695. She also appreciates updates to emails and phone numbers.

If your email address is current, you will (eventually) receive an email confirming that your renewal was received. This confirmation is in lieu of mailing out membership cards each year. Your most recent membership card is good as long as your membership is paid up.





## OFFICIAL BALLET and PROXY BALLOT

### 2016 KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA AGM ELECTION OF OFFICERS

I, Christopher Kennedy, KSNA Chief First Class Retired, in my capacity as Chairman of the Society Nominating Committee do hereby put forth this slate of officers for election for 2016 - 2017:

#### **President** PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Leo F. Kennedy III, Greenville, Rhode Island

#### **Vice President** PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Mary Lynn Grant, Harmony, North Carolina

#### **Treasurer** PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Amy Carrick, Greer, South Carolina

#### **Secretary** PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Frank Bernard Kennedy, III, Davidsonville, Maryland

- Each nominee has given permission for his or her names to be entered on the election ballot.
- If you wish to review the qualifications and background information of each candidate, you can find their profiles in the summer issue 2015 of the Gazette.

### PROXY ASSIGNMENT

I \_\_\_\_\_, not being able to attend the 2016 KSNA election, wish to cast my vote by Proxy. I understand that my vote (one ballot per membership family) will be counted with all ballots cast in person at the Kennedy Society of North America's Annual Meeting to be held at the Charleston S.C. Games on Sept. 17, 2016.

Member assigning proxy : \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I give my proxy permission to cast the above ballot in my stead and for such other business as may be conducted at the September 17, 2016 annual general membership meeting to: \_\_\_\_\_

Since several of the Board of Governors are running for election, Proxy Vote Assignment can be assigned to Chief First Class Retired or any member of the Board of Governors not seeking election, or any member in good standing who is entitled to vote. Please E-Mail or print proxy and send to one of the following by Sept 3, 2016.

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**If you wish to send your proxy to another of the board members, please see the directory of Board of Governor members printed in this edition of the newsletter.**



## A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA

What a difference a bit of sunshine can make. We have had weeks of glorious weather here in Southwest Scotland enabling us to have almost every meal for the past three weeks outside in the garden.

Shortly after my last message to you we held a Mock Auction at the farm for the local Young Farmers Clubs. An agricultural engineer came here and valued all the tractors, handler, sprayer, seed drills, trailers and cultivators along with all the main workshop tools. Next the young farmers had to do their own valuation and then an auctioneer took their bids at the mock auction and those closest to the engineer's valuation were deemed the winners. It was a good dry evening so I set up our barbeques and cooked over one hundred and forty burgers for them. It was great to meet all the boys and girls, and be reassured that the next generation of local farmers are a nice bunch who are very aware of the challenges facing agriculture.

At Culzean the National Trust for Scotland have at last been repairing some of the cottages that we gifted to them at the same time as the Castle. Some time ago they asked me in my capacity as Chairman of Friends of Culzean if we would help fund some of the renovations to one particular cottage called Ardlochan Lodge.

On completion I was asked to officially open the cottage and given the honour of cutting the ribbon, followed by tea and cakes on the patio.

Ardlochan Lodge is a beautifully restored and sympathetically extended charming little property at the southern edge of the Castle policies and very close to the beach, it is now available as a holiday cottage and seems very popular with holiday makers.

We had splendid weather for the Ayr Agricultural show which is held at Ayr Racecourse. Often it is blighted with poor weather but this year we were lucky and there was a very good turnout. All the local agricultural merchants were present and there was a very good showing of livestock.

Our local hostelry "Souters" in Kirkoswald held a barrel roll, this is based on the antics of Tam o' Shanter and Souter Johnnie who were well renowned for their involvement in smuggling and in the summer of 1775 enlisted the help

of a young Robert Burns. Burns depicted smuggling as "scenes of swaggering riot and dissipation".

Smuggling was widespread in Carrick with contraband being hidden in the caves below Culzean. The Barrel Roll followed the smuggling route from the beach at Culzean up through the Estate lands and over the hill to Kirkton Jeans Inn in the heart of Kirkoswald.



I attended the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence awards in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre where businesses and individuals in Scotland who are leading the way with innovation, enterprise and quality are recognised. I was asked to present the award for the Product of the Year, this went to a small company in the Confectionery and Snacking category called Macamoon, they make the most delicious macarons at a farm near Peebles in the Scottish Borders.



Anne and I once again had the pleasure of taking part in the Maybole Gala where we crowned the Gala King and Queen. Unfortunately it was the only wet day for weeks and in anticipation of dry weather I had taken the canvass roof off my old Landrover and turned it into a sort of Popemobile to transport the Gala King and Queen down the high street so that they could wave to their public, only for us all to get very wet. However everybody had



## A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA

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a great time and we all agreed that after a long hot spell some warm rain was not so bad.

The following day Anne and I attended an open air service at Crossraguel Abbey. The service was to commemorate the 500th year of Maybole receiving Burgh status, the Royal Charter was handed to my forebear the 2nd Earl of Cassillis by James V of Scotland. The newly crowned Gala King and Queen were present to be blessed by Bishop Gregor of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway and on cue we were all blessed with another light shower of rain.



The crops on the farm have benefited from the lovely warm weather. The wheat, beans and barley fields are looking well and the fodder beet and maize went into warm moist seedbeds and are romping away. Tommy our gamekeeper has received our first batch of day old pheasant chicks which will remain in the rearing huts until they are robust enough to go out into the release pens in the woods. Last year I had a journalist who writes for the Shooting Gazette come to shoot on the Estate as a guest, and in the May 2016 issue of the magazine there was a

very complimentary article published about Tommy and the shooting here at Culzean.

Anne and I have just returned from a three day trip motoring up the west coast of Scotland to see some of the renowned gardens in the Argyll area. The most spectacular of all the gardens that we visited was Arduaine Garden (pronounced "Ardoony"), this is a twenty acre paradise on the banks of Loch Melfort inundated with azaleas, rhododendrons, fuchsias, magnolias and a host of other flowering shrubs being guarded by impressive stands of larch and pine. Our next favourite was Crarae Garden with its Himalayan Glen on the banks of Loch Fyne. We took the Porsche and on our way north caught up with a group of about twenty Model T Fords all doing a steady 33 mph!

On our return journey we stopped at Inveraray to have some lunch and then visited Inveraray Castle and Gardens, home of the Duke of Argyll. The Castle was used in some of the Downton Abbey TV serial episodes. It is a particularly beautiful spot overlooking the loch.

Jenna our black Labrador gave us a great welcome when we got back to Morriston and has not let Anne or me out of her sight for a second in case we disappear again.

Archie was home for a few days at the beginning of the month but is now back in York. He hopes to get some work experience with an art gallery or auction house over the summer. Kitty is making plans to come home for a few days in July but with a bit of luck we may also see her in August because her employers may want her to attend the Edinburgh Book Festival to look after some of their authors.

Anne and I wish you all well,  
Ailsa



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Well, the warmer and sunnier days are here in New England. That is allowing Sandy and I do some more traveling and come home to favorable weather.

In April, I got the opportunity to visit the Loch Norman Games in North Carolina. Lots of Kennedys were there and the weather was great! I had a wonderful time visiting with family and friends and meeting even more of them at the Kennedy tent. Lynn and Curtis did a great job setting and managing the tent.

Recently, Sandy and I traveled to Maine to check out a new game being set up in Old Orchard Beach. The event was part Scottish and part community based. The athletics were set up, for demonstration only, and the attendance (at no cover charge) was great. A small clan village was set up and we are planning to host a tent there next year. This is a great travel location, right on the coast, and has an area a short walk from the Games that includes an amusement park, to keep attendees of all ages happy. The Amtrak Station is right at the foot of the event – an easy way to travel there.

The next weekend was the Rhode Island Games. This is one Sandy and I set up and host a Clan tent. The event was well attended, in spite of competition with the RI Air Show, and a rain event later in the afternoon. We were camping there and enjoyed visiting with some of the other Clans and exchanging stories and ideas. We are starting to set up for the 2017 AGM here in Rhode Island and will have lots more information after the 2016 AGM.

Charleston SC is where we all should want to be in September of this year. Our 2016 AGM is setting up very nicely, thank you David Carrick, and we are looking at a great time to visit a great games. If you have not booked your hotel as yet – don't wait. We are looking forward to having fun there.

Please remember, if you are hosting a tent at an event, we have Kennedy T Shirts and Challenge Coins available to be sold, along with other items. They are also available for sale on our website. This helps support our efforts of getting our name out and adds funds for the scholarships that are available to support youth that are active in the Scottish arts.

I ask that you please try to attend a few games this year, visit the Kennedy tents and rekindle the family ties of our ancestors. We have games coming up in Pikes Peak, CO, Grandfather Mountain, NC, the Colorado Irish Fest, and the Elizabeth Celtic Fest, CO are all in July. August has The Maine games in Topsham, Vermont games in Quechee, and the Kalamazoo, MI games. Remember, have a good time and promote the Kennedys!

*slàinte mhòr,*  
Leo Kennedy, Chief



Leo and two Masonic Friends



## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Kennedy Society,

I recently read a review of a new book coming out soon about Culloden. Needless to say I ordered a copy. The reviewer mentioned a previous book about Culloden by John Preble, who also wrote about Glencoe and the Clearances, which were highly recommended. I am reading them now as I wait for the new one.

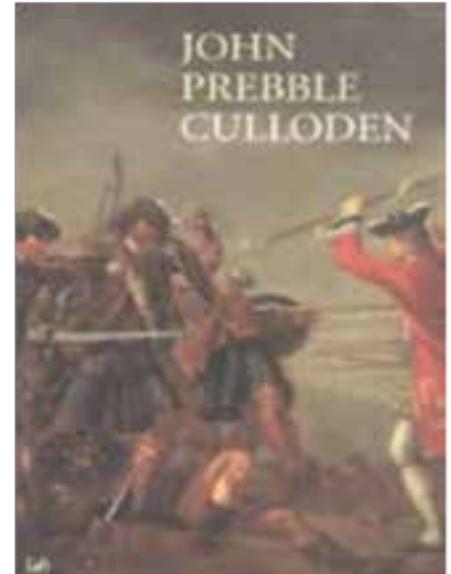
These things certainly were most significant to the history of Scotland and her people. They were mixtures of good and bad events and people, Did it ever occur to you that there might be similarities to what is going on with Southern American culture in our day and time? Think about flags, monuments, paintings, stained glass,

etc. Political correctness is nothing new. We need to be able to discern the good from the bad.

God is in charge of history. He Rules. He gets His way in the end. The details are usually messy. Looking back to the past, we can often see the working out of God's purpose. Playing "what if" is fun but not very profitable.

I hope you will join me in reading some Scottish history. Take advantage of the summer for a good book.

Aye,  
Father David+  
Society Chaplain



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## LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES APRIL, 2016



The Loch Norman Games at Rural Hill in Huntersville, NC, began on Friday evening April 15 with the reception, Ode to the Haggis, and introduction of visiting dignitaries. Dinner was provided by the Galway Hooker, a delicious Shepherd's Pie.

Our Chief Leo Kennedy came down from Rhode Island to honor us with his presence. Saturday morning was a gorgeous start --- little cool but clear skies!! It has been a long time since we had a beautiful weekend here at the Loch Norman Games. It did get warm -- in the 70's -- but there was a cool breeze too.

We had a lot of members show up to greet Leo. Then after the games closed we all gathered at the Hickory Tavern for dinner. About 25 of us attended.

Sunday started out a little warmer but just as beautiful!! When it was time for the Parade of Tartans, the Kennedy Society was represented by our chief, Leo Kennedy, our deputy chief, Lynn Grant, two of our retired chiefs, Paul Key and Chris Kennedy,

and other visiting members. This year Loch Norman even had a Scottish Dog group march – the dogs were beautiful!!

We welcome two new members: Joseph Geer and Michael Reitz!! My apologies to Joseph for not getting his picture with Leo and myself. His story about finding his Kennedy roots was very interesting.

The Loch Norman Junior Pipe Band came by to play for us. These young people were amazing!! Andrea Jones is their leader and she has done a wonderful job with these young pipers and drummers.

A big Thank You goes out to Tom Kennedy and his son Nick for all the help they provided with setting up and tearing down and anything else that was needed during the weekend. Also thank you to all who came by to visit and those that brought snacks and drinks and laughter!

Mary Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrow  
KSNA Tent Conveners



3 Jolly Chiefs



Leo and Amy hard at work on Society business



New member Michael Reitz, with Leo and Lynn



Noah and Kyle serenading the Kennedy tent



Karen, Samantha, Christine, and Nicole



KSNA Tent



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED IN NORTH CAROLINA

On May 5, 2016, at the Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC, I was honored to present two of our scholarship medals to Kyle McLelland and Noah Schnee. They are part of the Loch Norman Pipe Band and the Loch Norman Youth Pipe Band.

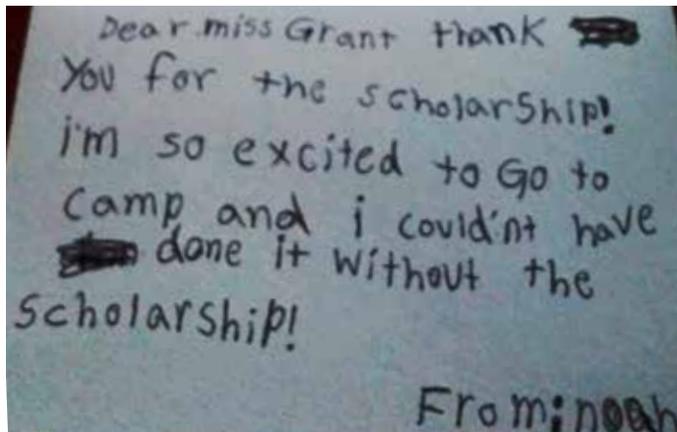
We had the privilege of hearing them play at the Loch Norman Games. Kyle plays the snare drum in the Pipe Band and Noah plays bagpipes in the Youth Band. The classes are at the Myers Park Presbyterian Church on Thursday evenings. We were able to hear them practicing for an event coming up this weekend. These young people are amazing!!

I urge all tent conveners and members of the Kennedy Society to help spread the word about our scholarship program in your area. To see these young people so excited with their music is worth the time to visit the practices or see them in action on a games field.

Mary Lynn Grant,  
Deputy Chief KNSA



Lynn Grant with North Carolina scholarship winners



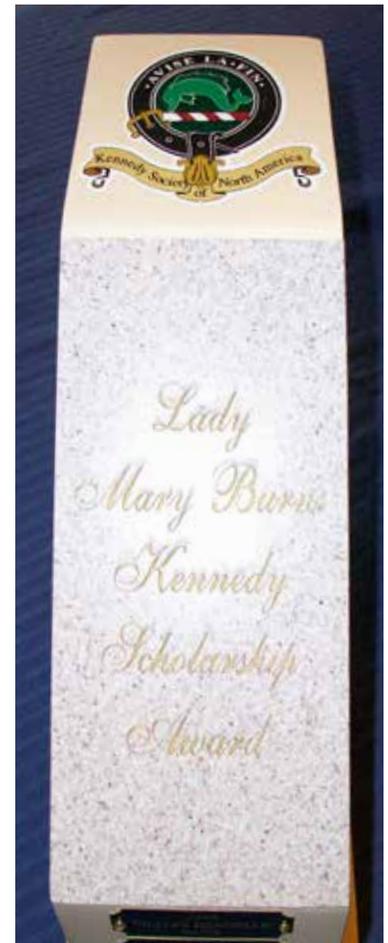
Scholarship Thank You Letter from Noah

## PRESENTED IN FLORIDA

It is with pleasure we announce the awarding of a Lady Mary Burn Kennedy Scholarship to Miss Autumn Giacchina from Clearwater Florida. Autumn volunteers two days a week with the little Highland Dancers age 3 to 10. She also volunteers her time at events for the Dunedin Scottish Arts Foundation. Autumn has a positive attitude and a good work ethic. She is excited to have the opportunity to attend the Ohio Scottish Arts School in June.

Lindsey Dubock, Instructor

Lorraine Van Fossan, Kennedy Society Sponsor



Lady Mary Burn Kennedy Scholarship



## BON VOYAGE

Lady Rosemary Kennedy-Cadell has most graciously offered their house in Ayr to the Kennedy Society as a holiday house option if you or your family are visiting Scotland!

It's a 4 bed house about 3 mins to the beach and a short walk into Ayr centre. It sleeps 7 comfortably 8 at a squeeze. A large eat in kitchen with all the mod cons, separate sitting room and 2 bathrooms.

The property is in an ideal location to enjoy the best bars, restaurants and hotel-eateries that Ayr has to offer. A 5-minute walk takes you to Race Course Road, where visitors can enjoy excellent food or sophisticated wine bars. In addition, Ayr has many interesting art galleries in which to browse. Alternatively, young families will enjoy the large Pirate Pete's Soft play area and large playpark located by the beach close to the house.

A twenty-minute drive takes you to historic Culzean Castle. Now owned by the National Trust for Scotland, this castle was the former home of the Marquess of Ailsa and was built between 1777 and 1792. Cinephiles will recognise

this impressive building as it appeared in cult-classic film The Wicker Man.



Of course, being in Ayr you are in the heart of golfing country. Three world-class golf courses are situated very close to the property. Enjoy a round just like the professionals at Troon, Turnberry or Prestwick. The British Open revisits Troon in 2016. For luxury accommodation, Bellevue Avenue provides the ideal location to relax after watching a day of thrilling championship golf.

Here is the link if you are interested in learning more: [www.holidaylets-scotland.co.uk/ayr-self-catering-holiday-villa-408610](http://www.holidaylets-scotland.co.uk/ayr-self-catering-holiday-villa-408610)

Best of all: Society members get a discount!

## CAPE FEAR HIGHLAND GAME

WILMINGTON, NC - APRIL 2, 2016

This was the second annual Highland Games for this region. It was the first time a Kennedy tent was in attendance. Curtis Burrow and Sherry Short helped with our tent.

It is a small game but is growing. The weather reminded you of being in Scotland!! Cloudy, windy, rainy, and then a little sunshine!! The winds were strong enough to bend the tent poles for a couple of clans. But you got dried out after the rain. The site is beautiful and easily accessible for the vendors and the clans.

The athletic competitions were fully attended and they had male and female contestants. Our tent had a wonderful view of the different athletic competitions. They even had beer and wine runs.

We had a visit from the Tilted Kilt girls so we had them pose with Curtis. Hopefully we will attend again as it is a good excuse to go to the coast!!

Mary Lynn Grant



Lynn and Curtis



Curtis with the Tilted Kilt Girls



## **NINE FAMOUS IRISHMEN** COURTESY OF NEIL BRUSSARD

We are all familiar with famous Irishmen like:

- Brian Boru
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy
- Ronald Reagan
- Liam Neeson
- Maureen O'Hara
- Barry Fitzgerald



However, here are nine (9) Irishmen who can be added to the lengthy list of famous Irishmen.

During the civil disobedience in Ireland in 1848, nine men were captured, tried, and convicted of treason. The crown sentenced to death: John Mitchell, Morris Leynre, Pat Donahue, Thomas McGee, Charles Duffy, Thomas Meagher, Richard O'Gorman, Terrence McManus and Michael Ireland.

Before passing sentence, the judge asked if there was anything that anyone wished to say. Meagher, speaking for all said "my lord this is our first offence but not our last. If you will be easy with us once, we promise, on our word as gentlemen, to try to do better next time. And next time, sure we won't be fools to get caught!" Thereupon, the indignant judge sentenced all of them to be hanged by the neck until dead. Passionate protest from throughout the world forced Queen Victoria to commute the punishment of banishment to Australia.

In 1874, word reached the astounded Queen Victoria that Sir Charles Duffy, who had been elected premier of Victoria, Australia, was the same Charles Duffy that she banished 25 years before. On the Queen's demand, the whereabouts of the others banished with Duffy should be determined, and the following was discovered:

- Thomas Francis Meagher: Governor of Montana, United States of America
- Terrence McManus: Brigadier General, United States Army
- Patrick Donahue: Brigadier General, United States Army
- Richard O'Gorman: Governor General of Newfoundland
- Morris Leyne: Attorney General of Australia, The Office of which Michael Ireland succeeded him.
- Thomas D'Arcy McGee: Member of Parliament, Montreal Minister of Agriculture and President of the Council Dominion of Canada.
- John Mitchell: Prominent New York politician. He was the father of John Purroy Mitchell, Mayor of New York at the outbreak of World War I.

## **CORRECTION:**

In the 2016 Spring Gazette, the article on the Central Florida Scottish Games omitted Bill and Terry Kennedy (Mid-Atlantic Chieftain) in the list of dignitaries and members present at the Games. We regret this omission and offer our apologies to Bill and Terry.



## THE LEGEND OF SAWNEY BEAN FACT OR FICTION?

On a summer's day the scenery from the top of Bennane Head on the A77 highway between Girvan and the fishing village of Ballantrae in Carrick, South Ayrshire is idyllic. The great rock of Ailsa Craig rising out of an azure sea, the myriad of colours reflected from the isle of Arran and the Argyll coast, and the magnificence of the coastal strip itself cannot fail to impress. It is somewhat different on a grey wet mist enshrouded winter's afternoon. On such a day, it would be a brave man who would gainsay the truth of the legend of the cannibal Sawney Bean and his evil family who are reputed to have lived in the great cave below Bennane Head and terrorised the community for miles around. According to the story they attacked and slew travelers for many years, cutting up the bodies, pickling some parts, and smoking others over fires in the cave in order to provide themselves with a winter food supply. Eventually so the legend goes they were discovered and King James rode from Edinburgh with a thousand men, rooted them out and carried those of the family taken prisoner back to Edinburgh where they were drowned on the sands of Leith.

The legend of Sawney Bean has been recounted in innumerable publications within Scotland and beyond, it has been embellished to such an extent that even eminent authorities in their wisdom can quote the number of victims, the size of Bean's family down to the last borne's shoe size, and testify to the record of their execution by drowning on the sands of Leith. Such is Bean's fame that a film company has even considered casting the rogue on cellulose for the first time.

Few would argue that legends are based on fact, but despite the writings of many, the séance's of psychics, investigations of the cave by wannabe Howard Carters, researches by archive moles and the ravings of some verging on insanity, no concrete evidence of the existence of the Beans, has yet been uncovered.

Where then did the legend of Sawney Bean and his family living below Bennane Head and committing vile crimes against humanity arise from in the first place?

To find the truth we require to begin by examining the known facts. The exponents of the myth of Sawney Bean

set him and his family in or around the reign of James VI of Scotland since it is he who is supposed to have sent troops to southern Scotland to wipe out this "infernal blight upon society". Recorded history makes the existence of the Beans to say the least, highly unlikely if not entirely farcical.



The southern part of modern Ayrshire or the Kingdom of Carrick as it was then was under the control of one of the most prolific and powerful families in Scotland, the Kennedies of Cassillis and Culzean. Their power was then at its height. Lord John Kennedy 5th Earl of Cassillis was known throughout Scotland as "The King of Carrick". This self-imposed title had been adopted by Gilbert the previous 4th Earl who had fought for King James' mother, Mary Queen of Scots at the battle of Langside. He advised all and sundry afterwards that he had supported Queen Mary not as a subject but indeed as an ally as King of Carrick in Scotland. Such was the power of the Kennedies who are still directly prominent in Carrick today that two rhymes of the times stated categorically.

"The Kennedies wi' a' their power  
Frae Cassillis tae Ardstinchar Tower."

and

"Twixt Wigton an' the toun o' Ayr  
Portpatrick an' the cruives o' Cree  
Nae man need think for tae bide there,  
unless he court wi' Kennedie."

The latter quotations are accurate and supported by



## THE LEGEND OF SAWNEY BEAN

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historical fact. Writers and historians consistently support the view that none, not even the King would have dared to set foot in Carrick without an invitation from the Kennedies.

Is it conceivable therefore that a ruffian of Sawney Bean's lowly if evil standing would have been allowed to arrive and set up home within the Kennedie's domains, let alone breed an entire family of cannibals and terrorise their countryside.

In Carrick the Kennedies were indeed all powerful, they fought among themselves and hanged, murdered and tortured those who disagreed with them. The family feud between the great Kennedie Houses of Bargany and that of Cassillis over which was the senior line was long and bloody. During it, Gilbert the 4th Earl of Cassillis roasted the Commendator of Crossraguel Abbey over a spit in the Black Vault of Dunure castle in order to obtain the Abbey lands. John the 5th Earl hung the Master of Stair from the yett of Craigneil castle at Colmonell, and Thomas Kennedy Laird of Bargany murdered the Tutor of Culzean in the Wood of St Leonards near Ayr. Would such men have tolerated a family of cannibals living in their midst?

It is historical fact that the King was not even prepared to confront the Kennedies over their actions and misdeeds,

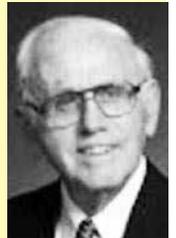
not even in his own capitol city of Edinburgh where they feuded and fought openly in the Cannongate. Is it therefore likely that he would enter Carrick with a reputed thousand men to put an end to a cannibal in the Kennedie's own lands?

If another nail is needed for the coffin containing the legend of Sawney Bean then it is provided by the propagators of the myth themselves. They tell us that Bean's downfall was brought about by his family attacking and killing the wife of non-other than a member of the Kennedie family on the road above Bennane Head. The couple were apparently travelling along the highway when the Beans attacked. The woman was dragged from her horse and butchered before her husband's eyes. The horrified man fought off his attackers and managed to escape. He made haste to Edinburgh and summoned help from the King who then rode with his troops into Carrick and captured the murderous Bean and his entire family.

Would this Kennedie not have been more likely to summon help from, the Earl of Cassillis, his feudal superior whom he feared more than God himself? Indeed we must remember that the majority of people did not travel far in these days and with the hundreds of deaths that Bean was supposedly responsible for word

## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST SNYDER, JR. "BILL", WILLIAM D.

WILLIAM D. SNYDER, JR., BILLGREENSBORO  
WILLIAM D. Snyder, Jr., "Bill," 88, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2015. Bill was born December 13, 1926, in Monroe to the late Martha and Jack Snyder. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy and went on to N.C. State and graduated in 1950 with a degree in engineering. That same year, he was drafted into the Army and served in combat engineers in the Korean War. Upon returning from Korea, Bill went to Fayetteville where he met his future wife, Ann. They were married on May 16, 1953. In 1954, they moved to Greensboro and founded Snyder Insurance Agency. He enjoyed golf, was an opera and history buff; especially the Revolutionary War and loved vintage cars. His pride and joy was a 1948 British Green Rolls Royce, which he enjoyed driving for the brides of family and friends on their special day. As an opera enthusiast, he attended the Metropolitan Opera in New York City and was a founding member of the Greensboro Opera Company. He is the past president of the Greensboro Historical Museum, past State President and National Board Member of the Sons of the American Revolution, past president of the Carolina Association of the Professional Insurance Agents, and had been a member of Gate City Kiwanis Club for 45 years. He enjoyed traveling to many places around the world. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Ann Pender; daughters, Pam Sessoms and husband Keith, Fran Jones and husband Roland, both of Greensboro; grandchildren, Keith Sessoms, Jr. and Ann Pender Sessoms, Rick Parrish, Manning Jones; cousin, Martha Adams Hopper of Boise, ID; and nine nieces and nephews.





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must have reached the Earl of Cassillis prior to the final murder. Is it not likely that Bean had already killed Kennedys if he did exist? It is inconceivable that the all-powerful Kennedys would not have taken action to wipe out this threat in their midst.

In addition, had such a family existed the details would undoubtedly have been recorded in the "Historie of the Kennedys" and other records of the time. Sir Walter Scott who penned "The Ayrshire Tragedy" a tale of the Kennedy feuds makes no mention whatever of Sawney Bean and neither do other eminent historical writers of other times such as William Robertson and the Rev C. H. Dick.

Where then did the story of Sawney Bean and his family come from in the first place?

The answer lies not in Carrick but deeper in Galloway, somewhere on the road between Creetown and Gatehouse of Fleet. On the coast here can be found another cave, this time with an authentic history, the cave of Dirk Hatteraik, the smuggler. Hatteraik was a Dutchman who followed the gentleman's profession of providing contraband wine, brandy and silks to the gentry of Scotland. Hatteraik was renowned for his ability to beat the excise and on

occasion for bloody deeds and murder were they necessary to protect his "trade" Once again we must remember the superstitions of the times and Hatteraik's men put the story around the area that the cave was occupied by cannibals. This, burning torches and the comings and goings of rogues in the dead of night kept all away from the cave and allowed the smugglers freedom to operate.

All very well, but what has this to do with the cave at Bennane Head and the legend of Sawney Bean?

It is now we find that connection and the catalyst, which engendered the tale in Carrick, non-other than the great Galloway writer Samuel Rutherford Crockett. A master of storytelling Crockett's books such as "The Raiders" "The Men of the Moss Hags" "Bog Myrtle and Peat" and "The Dark o' the Moon" bring home the excitement of the smuggling trade and the times of the Covenanters.

In 1896 he wrote what some say is his greatest work, "The Grey Man" The story centres around a real character John Mure, Laird of Auchendrane in Carrick, aptly named from his persistent habit of wearing a long grey hooded riding cloak. Mure was the Machiavelli of the Kennedy family feuds, ▶

## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST CLAIRE ALVIN KENNEDY

Claire Alvin Kennedy, Jr., 94, passed away on March 29, 2016, at his daughter's home in Eglon, West Virginia. He was born in Portland, Oregon on January 24, 1922 to the late Claire Alvin Kennedy, Sr. and the late Florence A. Lebaron Kennedy. He married the late Jeanne Avril Lytle Kennedy and worked as an electrical engineer at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C.



Mr. Kennedy was very interested in his Scottish heritage and spent much time researching his ancestry. He was also an avid wood worker and enjoyed making stained glass windows. He was an active and devoted member of Bells United Methodist Church in Suitland, Maryland for 58 years.



Claire, Lady Rosemary and Avril Williams

Beloved father of Avril (Jim) and the late Craig; grandfather of Alana (Wayne) and Ian; great-grandfather of Natalie; brother of Bernice and Crystal.



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one time soldier and a man who stopped at nothing, even murder to obtain his ends.

In the book, although in most instances he sticks to historical fact, Crockett institutes two pieces of clever historical fiction. The first of these is the burning of Ardstinchar Castle, a Bargany Kennedie stronghold, at Ballantrae, by the Earl of Cassillis, an event which never took place, and secondly a fictitious liaison between John Mure of Auchendrane and none other than Sawney Bean the cannibal.

S. R. Crockett was a Galloway man by birth and from a child was steeped in its folklore and history. He was well aware of the story of Dirk Hatteraik and his story of cannibals in the cave to keep the public and excise away. There can be little doubt that this was where he obtained the licence to transport the tale from Gatehouse of Fleet to Carrick. It suited his writer's purpose at the time but he could never have dreamt for a moment of the effects his creation of this fictional rogue would have a hundred years later.

The legend of Sawney Bean is not officially recorded before 1896 and indeed although well known in Carrick since the turn of the century, only became widely circulated again with the reprinting and national circulation of "The Grey Man" in the last twenty years or so. It is also

interesting to note that similar tales are told in Devon and Cornwall in England of cannibal families living in seashore caves and terrorising the countryside. Historians in that area believe that with Devon and Cornwall like Carrick being heavily involved in the smuggling trade the smugglers put these stories in place to stop the superstitious locals from seeking out the smuggled goods hidden in these caves.

In Carrick at least, historically the facts dictate that the legend of Sawney Bean is exactly that, a legend, based entirely on a fictional character, cleverly named and transposed from Galloway to the coast of Carrick in 1896. The Kingdom of Carrick has enough official, exciting, and interesting history to sustain the interest of natives and tourists alike, from her most renowned Earl, Robert Bruce, King of Scots, to the true exciting tales and violent deeds of the Kennedies, without resorting to legend.

In conclusion we may then stop and ask ourselves, why, in our modern world do people still believe in myths like that of Sawney Bean. The answer is quite simple; some people genuinely believe that the characters in televised soap operas are real don't they?

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## KENNEDY SOCIETY IS SELLING LADIES PURSES

Kennedy Society is selling ladies purses. The purse, it is about 4x8 and expandable. It has 5 compartments including a center zipper and pockets for credit cards. It also includes an over the shoulder as well as a small loop strap. There are three color choices: Purple, Green and Blue - all will have dark blue stitching.

These are special order and can take 3-4 weeks for delivery. If you are interested in purchasing, please forward \$40 (including shipping) to our treasurer with your choice of color.

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## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST THOMAS JACKSON KENNEDY

Thomas Jackson Kennedy passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, May 11th, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

Tommy was born on June 9th, 1929, in Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, twenty miles northwest from the City of Glasgow, near Loch Lomond.

Tommy served in the Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment, until being honorably discharged in 1949.

At 21, he met his future wife, Margaret, at a local dance in the Vale of Leven. Coincidentally, they both had just accepted positions at the brand new Westclox manufacturing plant that opened in Dumbarton. Tommy and Margaret wed in 1953, and went on to have two children, Thomas Jr. and Lorraine. In 1963, they decided to venture out to America, where their third child, Robert, was born. Tommy had a successful career with the Ford Motor Company in Mahwah, New Jersey right up until its closing. In 1986, the family relocated to Dunedin, Florida, where Tommy continued to work at a senior living community, until he retired at the young age of 72.

Tommy was a life long Mason and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge. He was fiercely proud of his Scottish heritage, and enjoyed the camaraderie of his fellow Scotsmen through membership, and a Past Presidency with the Scottish-American Society. He was never known to miss a Highland Game, and attended annual clan gatherings in New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Florida. Although he was living the American dream, Tommy's heart always remained in Scotland. He became one of Scotland's greatest ambassadors, by sharing stories of his beloved country with everyone he met. Tommy was also passionate about golf. Partly for the friendly competition with friends and family, but mostly for having the opportunity to enjoy the magnificent scenery and wildlife. He will also be fondly remembered for the reciting of Robert Burns poetry at all of our family events.

His family meant everything to him. Tommy is survived by his loving wife of sixty-three years Margaret, son Thomas and his wife MaryAnn, daughter Lorraine and her husband Dale, son Robert and his wife Kelly, grandchildren Victoria and her husband Chris, William, Addison and Fiona, great-grandchildren Kieran, Vivian and Christopher Thomas, and his nephews Ron, Stewart, Kenneth, Brian, and niece Lesley.

A memorial service was held at Curlew Hills Memory Garden, in Palm Harbor, Florida on Saturday, May 21st, where the ceremony of acacia was performed by the Dunedin Masonic Lodge F&AM #192.

submitted by Lorraine Kennedy VanFossan



Tommy and wife Margaret at the 40th Anniversary of the KSNA, Grandfather Mountain, NC with Chris and Sue Kennedy



Recent photo of my Tommy and daughter Lorraine taken at Culzean Castle in Ayrshire, Scotland



## THE 40TH ANNUAL SAVANNAH SCOTTISH GAMES MAY 7, 2016

The day of the games dawned sunny and no rain in sight so we soon had the tent set up and we were ready to go.

The first person to greet us was David Fulford from Fairhope Alabama. As many of you know, David is the Kennedy Society's Masters Athlete who has won many competitions across the country as well as competing with distinction in the World Heavy Athletics competition in Scotland in 2015. The Savannah Games honored David by putting his picture on the back of their athlete's shirt for this year's competition. So, obviously we wanted all of you to see David in his shirt pictured here.

We enjoyed the Savannah Games with Society members Paul and Ann Key, David and Irene Phelps, and new members, Michael and Tammy McChesney, who are from Savannah.

The Savannah Games are growing with a total of approximately 50 clans in attendance. All the activities you would expect are present at the Savannah Games. The one we would like to highlight in this article is the genealogy tent. Of course one would expect that Savannah Games to do a top notch job with anything to do with history! There was information on Highland Scots, Lowland Scots, Ulster Scots (Scots-Irish), Irish, English, Manx, Welsh, and Orkney. They had books and charts on: Scots Clans, their septs and tartans, Irish Families, their Arms and county tartans, and authoritative lists of the peoples who populated Ireland and Scotland, and all of Great Britain.

Come join us next year!  
Chris and Sue Kennedy  
Tent Conveners



Chris and Paul welcome Michael and Tammy McChesney



## KENNEDY SCOTLAND TOUR SEPT 12, 2017 – SEPT 23, 2017

### Approximate cost per person:

Depending on the number of travelers (minimum of 20 and maximum of 25) Cost for ground transport in Scotland, tours and meals as outlined in itinerary will range from \$2400.00 to \$3000.00 in US dollars payable in installments.

**Points of Contact:** wmbillkennedy@aol.com

### Highlights of your sights:

City of Edinburgh, City of Inverness (Culloden Battlefield and Museum), Glen Coe (McDonald Massacre site) Glenfinnan Monument (Site of standard raising for Bonnie Prince Charlie's arrival), Largs (Former Viking Stronghold), Robert Burns Museum in Ayr (Bridge of River Doon, remember Brigadoon), Majestic Culzean Castle (Castle Tour and Free time to explore surrounding grounds.

\*\*\*Full description in Spring Edition of Kennedy Gazette



## SMOKY MOUNTAIN SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND GAMES MAY 21 - 22, 2016

For the sixth year the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games was held on the beautiful campus of Maryville College in Maryville TN., on the 21st and 22nd of May 2016. Maryville College is a 197 year old liberal arts college of around 1100 students and, appropriately, the Home of the Scots.

The usual interesting vendors of Scottish foods and goods were out in force. Games, music, and sheep and duck herding provided entertainment – something for everyone to enjoy.

The Kennedy Society tent was pretty busy the entire time. Karen and I hosted, ably assisted by Dave and Amy Carrick from South Carolina, Brian Kennedy and Nomon and Nancy Kennedy from here in Tennessee, plus former Chief and First Lady, Paul and Ann Key, as they took breaks from their Heelan' Hound vendor tent. Our wheaten Scottish Terriers, Clipper and Riley, came over on Sunday afternoon to enjoy meat pies, fish and chips, and many pats.

We did not gain any new members this year but had a good deal of interest in the Society. Several “millennials” were going to join on-line after picking up our information. We also sold several challenge coins and a t-shirt. Refreshments of both the liquid and crunchy kind were liberally dispersed throughout the weekend.

All in all it was a great weekend and we look forward eagerly to next year. Thanks to all who worked to make it a success.

Rob and Karen Kennedy  
Tent Conveners



Rob, Nomon and Paul



Clipper and Riley



Karen Kennedy, Amy Carrick, Nomon, Nancy Kennedy, Dave Carrick and Brandon Kennedy



Rob Kennedy and Dave Carrick



## GREENVILLE GAMES FOR GALLABRAE

MAY 28, 2016



Another wonderful weekend of Scottish fun in Greenville for Gallabrae! The parade, as usual, was well attended as the streets were lined with spectators. Marching for the Kennedy Society were Dave Carrick, Chris Kennedy, Samantha Dodson, and Teresa Slack. Equally well attended was the tent at the games, where there were two new members, three renewals, and many visitors - McBeans, MacLarens, and Kennedys. New member Jim Cassell hit the jackpot as he was able to meet and have his picture taken with three past chiefs: Paul Key, Chris Kennedy, and John Flowers. Other Kennedy

Society members at the games were Karen Kennedy, Christine Robinson, Eleanor Flowers, Amy Carrick, Sue Kennedy, Nancy Whitney, Nicole Lijoi, Megan Carrick (under the table), and Ann Key. The Royal Fusiliers once again honored the games with their presence (they are sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Upper South Carolina) and there were paratroopers, flyovers, and the US Marine Corps band as well – all in commemoration of Memorial Day. Many thanks to the Greenville games committee for putting together another impressive event, and especially thanks to Dean Harbert, Clan Director and Don Koonce, SAS/Military Tribute Coordinator.

Dave Carrick  
Greenville Games Convener



Dave and Chris at Greenville



John and Eleanor Flowers with Chris, Paul, and Dave



Newmember, Jim Cassell with John, Chris, and Paul



## WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT JULY - NOVEMBER 2016

July 7-10 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games  
Linville NC

July 8-10 Colorado Irish Festival Littleton CO

July 16-17 Elizabeth Celtic Festival Elizabeth CO

Aug 27 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Kalamazoo MI

Sept 3-4 Virginia Scottish Games the Plains VA

Sept 3-4 Scottish highland Gathering Pleasanton CA

Sept 8-11 Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival  
Estes Park CO

Sept 17 Charleston Scottish Games Mt. Pleasant SC  
**KENNEDY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

Sept 16-18 New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival  
Loon Mountain Lincoln NH

Sept 17-18 Edgewater Celtic Harvest Festival  
Edgewater CO

Oct 9 Scotland Connecticut Highland Games Scotland CT

Oct 15-16 Stone Mountain Highland Games  
Stone Mtn. GA

Oct 22-23 Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland  
Games Richmond Raceway Complex

Nov 4-6 Moab Celtic Festival Moab UT

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 4 Nickname for Ireland – Emerald Isle
- 6 King of Scots – Robert the Bruce
- 8 Scottish vs British Battle - Flodden
- 10 Island where blue hone granite is quarried – Ailsa Craig
- 11 Invented Telephone – Bell
- 12 Another name for Ailsa Craig – Paddys Milestone
- 16 Ancient Irish Saint – St Patrick
- 17 Latin name for Scotland – Caledonia
- 18 Location of largest gannet colony – Bassrock
- 19 Rotating boat lift – Falkirk Wheel
- 20 First City to have a fire brigade – Edinburgh
- 21 Discovered penicillin – Fleming
- 23 Scottish stronghold – Dumbarton
- 24 Famous Scottish dish - Haggis



### DOWN

- 1 Basalt columns – Giants Causeway
- 2 Scottish cloth - Tartan
- 3 Orkney village- Skarabrae
- 5 Fish on Kennedy badge - Dolphin
- 7 Scotland's peak - Bennevis
- 9 Irish Cliffs – Cliffs of Moher
- 13 home of Golf – St Andrews
- 14 Kennedy Society motto – Avis la fin
- 15 Single malt - Glenfiddich
- 18 Ancient Irish King – Brian Boru
- 22 Father of U S Parks - Muir



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