

43RD NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 21–23, 2018

The 43rd New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival (www.nhscot.org) took place from September 21–23, 2018. Friday was cloudy and chilly, with some steady rain for a short while during the morning; the rest of the day was not a washout, but it was often misty and was quite Scottish-like overall. No doubt the weather kept the attendance numbers down that day, although Friday typically is the quietest day of the weekend, anyway. Happily, the rain cleared out overnight. The weather on Saturday was alternately sunny and cloudy, and the temperature was comfortably cool—but the wind also kicked up and wreaked havoc with some of the tents and their materials. Throngs of people attended the Games on Saturday, as is typical, with long lines at food vendors and bathrooms. Sunday was calmer in terms of both weather—it was a beautiful, sunny, and mild day—and attendance (the crowds were smaller than on Saturday, as is also typical).

The Kennedy Society tent was staffed by the Northeast Chieftain, Nina Eppes, and her sister, Jackie Davis, with assistance from Society President/Chief Leo Kennedy and staunch Society member Karen Kennedy, who drove all the way from North Carolina to be with us this year. That group all marched in the Clan Parade on Saturday, along with member Avril Williams, who came up from West Virginia.

Friday was Karen Kennedy's birthday, and that evening, we celebrated it by going out to dinner at a local restaurant, where Karen was sung to by the wait staff (much to her chagrin ☺). Saturday evening featured a casual, delicious dinner prepared by our longtime friend and the Official Kennedy Society Chef (dubbed so by Lord Charles several years ago), Sarah Bishop. On Sunday, in appreciation of Sarah's service to us at the New Hampshire Games over the years, Leo presented Sarah with an Ailsa Craig award.

This year, the New Hampshire Games featured "try it" classes in a number of areas over the course of the weekend. On Sunday, Sarah Bishop's son, Zach, decided to try stone lifting. This picture shows him holding a stone that weighed about 110 pounds! Way to go, Zach!

During the weekend, the Kennedy tent had a good number of visitors, but we didn't sign up any new members this year. However, several people indicated interest in joining the Kennedy Society, and we got a 3-year membership renewal. We also sold several t-shirts and a challenge coin.

All in all, it was another good New Hampshire Highland Games weekend for the Kennedy Society of North America!

– Nina Eppes



Nina Eppes, Karen Kennedy, Leo Kennedy, Avril Williams, Jackie Davis



Leo Kennedy, Sarah Bishop (holding her Ailsa Craig pin), with Sarah's son Zach beaming in the background



Stone Lifting



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

It has been a very busy couple of months and I have enjoyed my travels to several Scottish Games supporting the Kennedy Society. One of the largest games that I try to attend is Loon Mountain in New Hampshire. It was well attended and, with the exception of cool mornings, great weather. The 32 pipe bands that were playing as they came down the mountain were great – I always love that. Chieftain Nina Eppes runs the games and did a great job. I always enjoy the evening hospitality that Nina and her family do – the great food is second only to the great company (thanks Sarah!). It was nice to have Karen Kennedy there, traveling from North Carolina to join us.

With the last few months of my term sneaking up on me, I will try to make a few games this winter and into the spring. Please remember the AGM to be held in Loch Norman, Huntersville, NC on April 12-14th. More information is posted in this edition of the Gazette.

It is important for all tent conveners and Chieftains to email me the dates of their games for 2019 so I can post them.

My congratulations go out to Samantha and Nick on their wedding. I was fortunate to be able to attend and enjoyed the day so much. They held a wonderful ceremony and it was great to meet their families. I wish them all of the best.



Remember, Kennedy coins (2016, 2017, and 2018), shirts and shot glasses are available for purchase! Please visit the merchandise webpage. The 2019 coins will be available in January.

Please visit and support the Kennedy tents at the following games: we will be at Central Florida Jan 19-20; Sarasota Jan 26; Green Cove Springs Feb 23; Panama City, FL Mar 9; Dunedin, FL April 6 and the AGM in Loch Norman, NC April 12-14.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to you all.
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A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA

Here we are moving swiftly towards Christmas once again. Usually we are all here at Morriston but this year we have rented a house in Warwick for Christmas. This is so that we can be near Anne's mother who finds traveling all the way up to Scotland in the depths of winter quite difficult. Kitty and Archie will come up to Warwick from London before the 25th and afterwards the four of us will travel home to Ayrshire for New Year.

In September, Anne and I were invited to the Goodwood Revival, this is a period motorsport event hosted by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon on his estate in Sussex. The period in question is from the mid-forties, to the mid-sixties, all participants and visitors are encouraged to dress accordingly. It was a very enjoyable event, to use the old term for the race days at Brooklands in the thirties, "there was a good crowd and no crowding". Many of you would have enjoyed the Ford Falcons and Fairlanes mixing it on the racetrack with sixties Ferraris and "C" and "D" type Jaguars. We had very good weather and were treated to excellent picnics and barbecues throughout the event.

Later on in September my sister Elizabeth, her husband Norman, and Anne and I traveled to Ypres in Belgium to mark the centenary of the death of my maternal grandfather John Burn in the First World War. He was killed six weeks before Armistice on the 27th September 1918 at the Battle of Canal du Nord. This was the start of the final offensive that broke the Hindenburg Line and led to the defeat of the German Army. My late mother was two years old when he died and she had no recollection of him because he was always at the Front, having enlisted in 1915 and only been home on leave once or twice since her birth. He is buried in a cemetery called Lowrie near the village of Havrincourt in northern France, along with fellow members of his regiment, The Northumberland Fusiliers, with whom he fought and died. Elizabeth and I said a prayer and laid a wreath on his grave.

The Scottish Government had asked Norman to arrange and coordinate all the First World War commemorations both at home and abroad for the Scottish Regiments, so after visiting Lowrie he gave us a very informative tour of many of the battlefields where young men from Scotland had fought and died and the memorials raised in their name. On the evening of the 27th September 2018

Elizabeth gave the reading at The Menin Gate and I had the honour of laying a wreath.



My friend Robert Dalglish invited me up to Innerwick, his estate in Glen Lyon, to try for a red stag in October. I drove up through the most beautiful autumn scenery. Glen Lyon is an enchanting glen running east west from just north of Killin towards Aberfeldy. His Head Stalker David and I had a splendid day on the hill, catching up with a powerful eight point stag in the early afternoon after a long and difficult stalk across very open hill. David, who has been taking people out on the hill for more than twenty five years had got me into a good position to take a clear shot and drop the beast. Having gralloched it where it fell and dragged it to the bottom of the valley where we could retrieve it with the Argocat, only then did it become apparent how far we had tracked it. We were miles from the Argocat and most of the remaining available light was spent collecting the beast and getting it off the hill and into the game larder. I have stalked many roe deer here on Cassillis and Culzean Estate but going out after a big wary red stag over vast open hills is an experience I shall remember for a long time. David the stalker has promised to mount the antlers on a shield for me to keep.

Armistice Day is always very important here in the United Kingdom, however this year being the centenary the events seemed much more poignant. Almost every town and village had prepared some sort of commemoration; there is not a town, village, or glen that did not lose young men to the fighting. At 11am on the morning of Sunday 11th November Anne and I attended the wreath laying at the War Memorial on Turnberry Golf Course. It was during WW1 that Turnberry first became an airstrip from where pilots flew early stringbag planes out over the North Atlantic looking for the Uboats that were sinking our supply ships. Many other pilots who ended up flying over the Front Lines in France and Belgium were trained at Turnberry. In 1921 my grandfather Lord Angus Kennedy, later 6th Marquess of Ailsa, who had been in the Royal Naval Reserve, followed by the Royal Naval Air Service and finally the RAF during the WW1 unveiled the Turnberry Memorial to those brave men who lost their lives at the airfield. Later that day Anne

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and I met up with Archie in Glasgow where at Norman's invitation, we attended the Scotland Commemorative Service for the Centenary of the First Armistice, attended by HRH The Princess Royal in Glasgow Cathedral. The service was very moving with readings from the very young and addresses from soldiers wounded in more recent campaigns. Norman gave a very good address entitled "What have we learned from this".

Later on the same day Anne and I motored to Edinburgh where we went to the Usher Hall to see the show Far Far From Ypres. This is a narrated story about a young highland lad who joins his local regiment and it follows his time through the WW1. Scenes were displayed on a large screen throughout, along with recruitment songs, marching songs, songs from the trenches and music hall songs, all sung by the choir. A wonderful show that I recommend to you all.

The pheasant shooting season is in full swing and is going well. Tommy as usual is presenting very good birds for our paying guests, many of whom are returning year after year saying how much they enjoy the shooting at Cassillis and Culzean.

On the farm we are quite quiet, mostly cutting hedges and doing winter maintenance. The autumn was very good and all our winter crops went into very good seedbeds and seem to be thriving. This makes a massive change from the same time last year, when the soil was so waterlogged that the crops all died.

I imagine you all, like me, are looking forward to being together with family over the festive season.

Anne and I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

Ailsa

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

GREETINGS KSNA MEMBERS:

Thanksgiving has come and gone. A time when families come together and also renew ties with friends. Thanksgiving also precedes the most important season of the year.

A joyous season - we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus. A time when families gather around the Christmas tree and exchange gifts. It is also a time when parents have an opportunity to explain to their children that Christmas is about the birth of Christ, and that Santa is symbolic of good tidings and good will toward men.

Singing carols and hymns at Christmas is a tribute to the Lord.

Psalm 150:

1 Praise ye the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary:
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts:

praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:

praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance:

praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals:

praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tom Kennedy Chaplain



THE WEDDING OF CLAN KENNEDY'S OWN SAMANTHA DODSON TO NICHOLAS PAYTON

The much-anticipated wedding of Samantha Dodson and Nicholas "Nick" Payton took place on Saturday, October the 6th. It was a beautiful sunny day. The wedding was held at the Riverside Event Center in the quaint North Carolina mountain town of Lake Lure. The ceremony was held on the upstairs, outside deck where the bride and groom made their vows with the very picturesque backdrop of the mountains, Chimney Rock and the Broad River.

Samantha was a vision of loveliness in her strapless, full length satin and tulle beaded and embroidered white gown with a waterfall train. Her ensemble was completed by a tiara and veil and the Kennedy modern sash. Nick was resplendent in the formal Scottish attire of his clan, Mackenzie comprised of a Prince Charlie Jacket with 3 Button Vest, over the shoulder sash, traditional tartan kilt, kilt hose, belt, buckle and sporran.

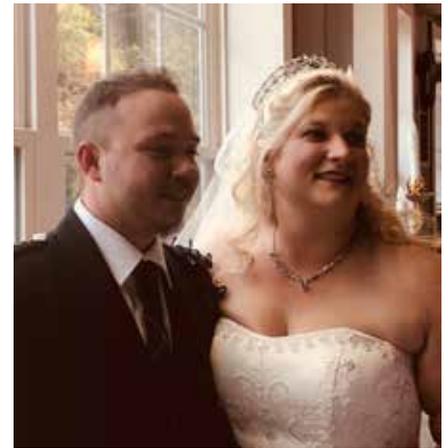
Samantha's was "piped" down the aisle. Actually, it was Dennis Duncan on bagpipe and his wife, Denise Duncan playing drum. The couple play with the Atholl Highlanders Pipes & Drums out of Stone Mountain GA. Samantha was escorted by her uncle, Gary Dodson. Samantha was attended by her matron of honor, Joanna Street, bridesmaids, Amber Prince and Lauren Street and junior bridesmaid, Emily Payton. They were dressed in shades of purple and wearing their tartan sashes. Nick was attended by his best man, Scotty Vaughn, groomsmen, Jay and Greg Payton and junior groomsmen, Jordan Payton. They were all outfitted in kilts.

The ceremony included a very traditional Scottish handfasting and the blessing of stones. The blessing of stones is a wonderful way to include everyone in the wedding by way of offering blessings and good wishes to the newlyweds.

The bride's family in attendance included her mother and stepfather Beth Dodson and Chris Davis and grandmother, Marsha Kennedy Pendergrass.



Marsha Kennedy Pendergrass (grandmother) and Samantha





THE WEDDING OF CLAN KENNEDY'S OWN SAMANTHA DODSON TO NICHOLAS PAYTON (continued)

The groom's included his mother and father, Brenda and Richard Payton. Also, in attendance were various other family members of the two. The Kennedy Clan was well represented at the wedding with Chris and Sue Kennedy, Amy and David Carrick, Sean and Tammy Carrick, Sherry Short and Roger Cole, honorary Kennedy – Christine Robinson and me - Karen Kennedy. Last, but certainly not least, our Clan Kennedy Chief, Leo Kennedy made the trip from Rhode Island to lend his presence to this special occasion.

The reception, which included a sumptuous buffet, was held indoors in the beautifully decorated ballroom. I was duly impressed to learn that the majority of the dishes in the buffet were prepared by the groom himself the day before!

Samantha and Nick held the two most important seats at the reception, at a table on a dais where they could be seen by all. Chris Kennedy delivered the speech and a toast to the bride and groom which included the ancient tradition of the two drinking from the "loving cup".

As afternoon turned into evening, the music and dancing began. What a fitting end to such a joyous celebration!

Wishing the happy couple all the best!

Karen Kennedy



Gary Dodson and Nick Payton



A NOTE OF THANKS

Nick and I would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to the Kennedy Society for their help and support. The Kennedy Society of North America truly is our extended family helping us with everything from planning our wedding to showing up and making our day even more wonderful. We couldn't be more grateful for those who attended, sent their well wishes and gifts.

Much love,
Samantha and Nick Payton



LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2018

The 60th year of the Ligonier Highland Games opened on September 22. This was only my 2nd year of hosting a tent and there were already a lot of changes from last year! First of all, the event grew from 1-day to 2-days. Then, the clan village was moved to a new location on higher ground due to the preceding weeks of rain that turned the former area into a swamp. This turned out to be a good move and the organizers say that it might be permanent. Sadly, I could only attend Saturday as was the case for many of the participating clans. Perhaps next year will be a full weekend for all of us.

Despite the mud, the day turned out to be fair and dry. The new location not only put us close to our parking lot but the tent was close enough to the dancing competition, the Celtic cooking demonstration, and the Scottish Dog Breed area that we were able to see some of the events. However, it was a long walk to the parade field. By the time all the clans wound down the hill, through the park, over the bridge, and finally to the field, it really felt like a gathering of the clans!

This year it was more than my immediate family representing the Kennedy's in the parade. We were joined by Jennifer Szymanski and her two daughters whom I met for the first time at last year's game. My own son, Danny, wore a new Kennedy kilt and carried our new parade banner. You can see us all in the accompanying photograph.



Many thanks to my husband, and his sister and cousins for helping with the tent. The day passed quickly with the good company and lively conversation. Besides Jennifer's family, we also had visits from long-time KSNA members, Paul and Ann Key, and new member Karen Rutledge and her husband, Walt. And, since this is a somewhat local event for us (being 90 minutes from home), we had visits from quite a few non-Kennedy friends.

We are looking forward to next year at Ligonier, PA and hope to see some of you there!

Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Tent Convener

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST SURRY'S BONNIE DUBH LASS AKA: NEILEY

AUGUST 31, 2003 – OCTOBER 16, 2018

She was our life, our reason for being. We hurt.

Ann Blackmore Key and Paul Key





AGM at LOCH NORMAN

Loch Norman Highland Games will be April 12-14, 2019. The Kennedy Society will be the Distinguished Clan and our AGM will be held in the building at the entrance of the games. All those who will be attending and need information for lodging and price for the dinner, held at the Hickory Tavern, should contact Lynn Grant. Information will also be posted on the KSNA website as it becomes available.

Treasurer Notice

KSNA members – this is an important year in that we are presenting a new slate of candidates for the Board of Governors. I believe that those who have put their names in for office are of the highest standards of the Society. They have worked diligently in various capacities for the KNSA. Unfortunately we have yet to be able to fill the position of Treasurer. There have been several who have considered but for one reason or another have not been able to throw their hat into the ring. There are a couple still considering but I would encourage you to look at yourselves and other members that you may know and see if you feel that the Treasurer’s position would be something that would be feasible. Our current Treasurer says it is a commitment of a couple hours per week. I encourage all to give it serious consideration and please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you for your indulgence.
Chris Kennedy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

MARY LYNN CONRAD GRANT
Candidate for President/Chief



I joined the Kennedy Society of North America when I visited the Loch Norman Games for the first time. Chris Kennedy and Paul

Key were the tent conveners at Loch Norman at that time. My Mother was a Kennedy and I was trying to find out if there was a Scottish connection. The next year the KSNA had a small meeting during the games at Loch Norman and bravely asked if I would man the tent during their meeting. Next thing I agreed to take over the tent convening at Loch Norman and

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DAVE CARRICK
Candidate for Deputy Chief



Dave Carrick has been an active member of the Kennedy Society since joining about 10 years ago, but his interest in all

things Scottish has been with him his entire life. His father’s grandparents emigrated from Glasgow in the late 1800s, and he would tell stories of the heavily Scottish atmosphere of his youth as a result of the number of Scots that lived in his small community. And it was Dave’s father that went to the Ligonier games and came into contact with the Kennedy Society, and

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SEAN CARRICK
Candidate for Secretary



Sean is an IT Security executive with the nation’s largest independent broker dealer, LPL Financial in Fort Mill, SC. Before

moving to the Charlotte area three years ago, he spent twenty years in northern Virginia in positions with the National Reconnaissance Office, KPMG, Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (S.W.I.F.T.) and PenFed Credit Union.

Sean has been married to Tammy for 27 years and has

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MARY LYNN CONRAD GRANT
Candidate for President/Chief

and have done it every year since with the help of Curtis Burrow. It has been a wonderful undertaking as I have met many people not only from the Kennedy Clan but other clans that attend the games. Sue approached me soon after to take on the Membership Chair position in the Society. So for the next 6 years I took care of the memberships, new, and renewals. It helped to get to know members from all over the country and outside our country. It gave me an excuse to travel to go to games in other states and meet members and Chieftains. I was born in Charleston, SC, on September 19, 1953, to Fred and Cecelia Kennedy Conrad. My Father's Mother was a Barton which also seems to be Scottish. The last 4 years as Deputy Chief/Vice President of the KSNA has been very interesting. I am proud to represent the Kennedy Society and tell people about it wherever I am. I have learned quite a lot from our former Chiefs and working with Chief Leo Kennedy. I will strive to keep communications open with all members and officers. We are entering a new era in which we should encourage some of the younger members and those that are in other areas of the country to keep our Society growing. Since I am retired, traveling does come a little easier for me. I want to visit more of our conveners and keep our training program going for our new tent conveners. I now live in Hillsville, Virginia. The Scottish heritage is evident in this area.

DAVE CARRICK
Candidate for Deputy Chief

then began a determined family genealogy search - on microfiche! This contact with the KSNA and his father's stories solidified Dave's fascination with Highlanders, bagpipes, and Scottish culture. Indeed, it could be more than by happenstance that Dave, his brothers, and his father all went to schools that had a Scottish tradition and or mascot (Maryville College, Edinboro, and Carnegie Tech, respectively). Since becoming a KSNA member, Dave has regularly attended a number of games each year as well as convened the Greenville Games for the past few years, and is KSNA regional director for SC and TN. In addition, he has been to games in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba and is also a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Upper South Carolina. His wife, Amy, is also involved in the KSNA, and currently serves as treasurer. Dave and Amy have a daughter, Megan, and live in Greenville, SC.

SEAN CARRICK
Candidate for Secretary

two children, Meaghan (26) and Brendan (24). He enjoys English Premier League soccer especially Manchester United who he has supported since the early 1980's and road cycling.





DANDRIDGE TENNESSEE SCOTS-IRISH FEST SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

Located about 45 minutes east of Knoxville on Lake Douglas, Dandridge has for the past 12 years hosted a Scots-Irish festival in its downtown in late September. Like many areas of Appalachia, the overwhelming majority of those that settled in East Tennessee were of Lowland Scot and/or Ulster descent and thus had a tremendous impact on the heritage and development of this region. The event has grown significantly and is unique in that it is held not held in a field but in the middle of town. This year there were eight clans represented, including the Kennedys by Amy and Dave Carrick, and which was a record. In addition to these clans, there were a number of vendors offering Scottish and Irish wares as well as food. There were also three pipe bands (North GA, Knoxville, and Nashville) and some musical entertainment, including The

Celtic Martins. The Martins are a multi-talented, multi-generational musical family that focus on their musical heritage, and several of its members not only play a variety of instruments (pipes, bagpipes, fiddles, etc.) but also perform traditional Irish dance. The festival also employs Bob Valentine as its master of ceremonies, and itself is the result of dedication and hard work of its residents. It definitely has an East Tennessee feel to it as reflected by the mix of those dressed in Highland wear with those proudly representing the Vols! There was no end to the University of Tennessee shirts, hats, etc. Dandridge is also close to the Smoky Mountains with its natural and commercial attractions, so one could mix a little vacation a long with going to the festival. If you can, give it a go next September!



SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2019 DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IS MARCH 31, 2019

The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students of Celtic arts such as dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle, and language arts. Adults may also apply. To receive a Kennedy Society scholarship, the student must meet these criteria:

- Be sponsored by a Kennedy Society member
Note: The student himself or herself does not have to belong to the KSNA. However, the student must be sponsored by a KSNA member. Otherwise, the application will be considered invalid.
- Plan to attend a certified workshop, class lessons, or camp of instruction
- Provide documentation of certification of the workshop, class, camp, or instructor

A scholarship award covers the cost of workshop, class, or camp registration. To apply, fill out the scholarship application which can be found on the Kennedy Society website at: kennedysociety.org OR request an application from Sue Kennedy at the address below. Your instructor or band director may also have applications.

Send the application to the Scholarship Committee in care of:

Mrs. Sue Kennedy
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Email: kenn6633@bellsouth.net

Please feel free to contact Sue with any other questions.



CENTRAL VIRGINIA CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES OCTOBER 27-28, 2018

Once again the Mighty Kennedy's lay siege to the City of Richmond not to pillage and plunder but to party hardy. True to form, the CENTRAL VIRGINIA CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES provided us with some typical Scottish weather. Terry and I arrived there on Friday afternoon to make sure the sides were in place for such weather, we met with Naill Kennedy to transfer the tent kit. After successfully putting the sides we headed off to our Motor Coach to sort for Saturday, The weather turned windy, rainy and cold.

We arrived at the tent Saturday morning to the smiling faces of Wendy and Isabelle, we set up in windy, rainy and cold conditions but with a lot of enthusiasm. Surprisingly the crown was large for the weather conditions and we enjoyed a lot of visitors. Bob Davis led the group in the clan parade. We were fortunate to once again to have a double tent thanks splitting the cost of the first tent Between Bob Davis and Bill Kennedy and having members getting their tickets through the Society which gave us the second tent. Terry Kennedy provide

lunch (sandwiches) and there were plenty of snacks provided by members especially 11 dozen chocolate cookies provided by Isabelle. The weather lifted around 4pm and remained calm through the night.

Sunday brought a better day for the weather, we even saw the sun a few times during the day. Once again we had a lot of visitors. I led the clan in the Parade of Clans and blessing of the animals introducing our newest member, Sir Oban Guinness (our Golden Doodle) The highlight of the weekend was the fact we signed up three new members to the Society. Again, Terry provided sandwiches for lunch and we still had plenty of chocolate chip cookies, also during the weekend we provided Halloween candy for the kids. The sale of merchandise was on the light side which I hope will pick up next season.

William D. Kennedy
Chieftain, KSNA, Mid-Atlantic Region

KSNA ITEMS FOR SALE

Celtic bracelets in 4 colors and in various sizes so they should fit a young girl or an adult woman. The colors were chosen to coordinate with the Kennedy tartans. The bracelets are available with a Dolphin charm (indicative of Clan Kennedy), a Claddagh or a Celtic Heart. The bracelets are \$18.00 ea. (which includes shipping). A portion of the sales of each bracelet will go to the Kennedy Society. To order, go to the KSNA website Merchandise page...
<http://www.kennedysociety.net/ksnamerch.htm>

Kennedy shot glasses are still available! They are \$6 each plus & 2.50 shipping and handling online.

They are also available at games for \$6.

Please consider buying them for your home or gifts for the holidays! Exclusive to the Kennedy Society of North America. Great value and they are selling fast!





CULZEAN CASTLE'S CAVE SYSTEM DISCOVERIES

According to an article in the Scotsman archeologist working alongside the National trust has made an amazing discovery at Culzean castle! Exploration of a series of caves beneath the castle began over the summer, resulting in numerous finds. The most prominent being a medieval door way coming from the Stable cave. While it was known there was a door way and wall at the mouth of the main Castle cave, this new door was a surprising discovery. The article states that the door way is wide measuring 1.1M across and could have been secured with a draw bar.

These caves are famously believed to have once been used by smugglers during the 17th and 18th centuries, however carbon dating has shown that the caves were occupied during the Iron Age, meaning they were in use 1,800 years ago. A deposit of charcoal was tested using carbon dating showing it dates back to between 135 and 325 AD.

The section of tunnels beneath the stables are open to the public to view and explore, while the set of tunnels beneath Culzean Castle are sealed off from the public, partially due to the work being done in excavating. With the finding from this summer the National Trust of Scotland is hoping to open the castle caves to the wider public once excavation is completed. Their goal is to ensure Scotland's heritage is preserved and valued and protected for all generations to come.

Please visit the original article for more details:

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/hidden-medieval-door-to-culzean-castle-caves-discovered-1-4790808>



Culzean Caves



Partial door way



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT JANUARY - APRIL 2019

Jan 19-20: Central Florida Games
Winter Springs, FL

Jan 26: Sarasota, FL

Feb 23: Northeast Florida Scottish Games
Green Cove Springs, FL

March 9: Panama City Beach Scottish Festival
Panama City Beach, FL

March 23-24: Saltwater Highland Games
Little River, S Carolina (near Myrtle Beach)
CANCELED - The Saltwater Highland Games in Myrtle
Beach SC have been canceled for 2019, hopefully they will
return in 2020 in full swing.

April 6: Dunedin Highland Games
Dunedin, FL

April 12-14: **AGM** Loch Normon Games
Huntersville, NC

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST LT. COL. (RET.) JOSEPH A. KENNEDY

OCTOBER 16, 1921 – OCTOBER 14, 2018

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Joseph A. Kennedy, 96, of Aurora, CO passed away October 14, 2018. Joseph was born October 16, 1921 in North Attleboro, Massachusetts, the son of William and Katherine (Greve) Kennedy. He was a graduate of North Attleboro High School. On February 14, 1953 Joseph married Virginia Bogolea in Okinawa, Japan.

Joseph served 30 years in the US Air Force, starting in WWII with the Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot instructor to Aviation Cadets in their graduate school for single engine fighters. Among his many continuing assignments during his military career, he served in Okinawa during the Korean War, and in South Korea during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during the Korean War as an aircraft controller with the 623rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. He was able to save a bomber and crew that was lost, low on fuel, and off course while returning from a bombing mission in North Korea. He vectored the aircraft by dead reckoning and guided the bomber to the airport at the Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, ensuring a safe landing. Joseph retired from service with the Air Force, 26th Air Division in July 1971 at Hancock Field, in North Syracuse, New York.

An aspiring artist during his years in the Air Force, he became a watercolor artist, and created a business

from that hobby. For the next 30 years, he traveled extensively throughout the United States with The Master Artist Touring Association, exhibiting his paintings in shopping malls from Florida to Maine on the east coast, then later the mid-west and the mountains states, finally ending in 2006. He retired from his 2nd career as an artist with many awards! His sales included buyers from many countries as well as US corporations.



In his final years, he enjoyed traveling extensively with his family. In addition, he was a favorite WWII veteran at the annual 1940's WWII Ball, which is held every year at the Boulder County Airport. He could "cut a rug", dancing the jitterbug of the 1940's like it was yesterday!

Joseph is survived by his children, Kathleen Kennedy (Tom Loveless), Michael Kennedy, and Denise Kennedy. He is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Kennedy; parents, William and Katherine Kennedy; sister, Mary Kennedy; and brother, Paul Kennedy (Lois Kennedy).

Please join me in offering our condolences to his family. He will be missed and was one of our greatest generation. Please take a moment to pray our Heavenly Father watch over him, and bless him with eternal rest and peace. Amen. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.



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