

LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2019



The 61st Ligonier Highland Games were held on September 14th and 15th at Idlewild Park in beautiful Southwestern PA. It was sixty-one years for the event, but only the third year that I convened a tent there. I think it was the most fun I had so far!

Special thanks goes to my sister-in-law, Beverly, and to my son, John, who are getting to be real pros at the set-up and tear-down. And thanks to Lynn Grant, too, who lent a hand. Beverly has helped me these past three years

and she is now officially a KSNA member! This year Beverly added a dolphin mascot for the tent who goes by the name of Fin (for Avise la Fin, of course!). I will try to send a photo of Fin next year since he is away at the moment getting his tartan on.

This year we stayed overnight in order to attend both days of the games. So glad we did! Day 1 was rainy for a short while but because our tent was in a low spot, we spent the remainder of the afternoon standing in water. I must remember to pack boots next year. Day 2 was nice with perfect fall weather and a more relaxed schedule. There was enough space to move the whole tent uphill. There was time to visit other clan tents in order to renew acquaintances and glean information. And it gave us a chance to dry out from the previous day's rain.

We were honored to have both our KSNA Chief, Lynn Grant, and our Deputy Chief, Dave Carrick, at the tent for both days of the event. Our guests included not only Dave and Amy, but their families and friends, too. (See one of Dave's friends, Mark Hinton, in the new members photo)

Welcome also to Beth Kennedy of Ligonier who rejoined the Kennedy Society. She has some interesting stories of her local Kennedy forefathers. Glad to have her back.

Already looking forward to next year!

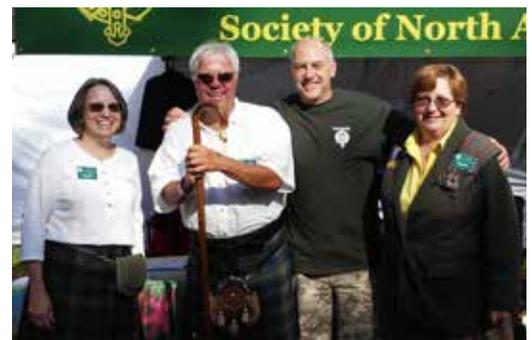
Colleen Caldwell



Beth from Ligonier, PA



Beverly from Uniontown, PA



Mark from Johnstown, PA



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings to all the KSNA members and their families and all our friends!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are having fun getting ready for Christmas!
Hard to believe we are coming to the end of another year. As we leave 2019 in the memory books I would like to thank all our members for the support for the KSNA all year. The weather played havoc on many of our Scottish games this year but we enjoyed the visitation and laughter any way!!

A very special Thank You goes out to each of our tent conveners. You are appreciated and are the backbone of our Society. Many times you are the first Kennedys our new members meet!! Keep up the wonderful job you are doing!! Please let me know when your games are so I can maybe show up and surprise some of you. Visiting games I had not been to before was fun for me.

A little reminder that our 2020 AGM will be in Moab, Utah. As the information comes in I will forward it on to those that are planning to attend. Please send me an email if you want the accommodation information and any other activities that are planned.



Please let me or one of the other officers know if there are any problems or ideas for our Society. We are a family and need to stay in touch with one another.

May each of you have a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!!

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WINTER RECIPE

At the request of several of our members I'll be adding a recipe to each Gazette going forward. For this first edition I chose to go with something simple, easy and it's something I've made a few times, but anyone can submit a recipe. I really hope that everyone enjoys this new section and continues to submit recommendations to improve and grow our community.

What is Bannock bread?

In short bannock bread is a type of fry bread. Here in America most think of the Native Americans when hearing about fry bread, but this particular type of bread originated in Scotland. The recipe was very simple, delicious and kept very well for journeys. It could also be sweetened by adding honey or fruits to make it very versatile. There are many different varieties of bannock bread as the recipe spread across multiple cultures, many of which can be found across Scotland and Canada. Scottish merchants and explorers actually brought the recipe with them as they bartered and settled across Canada, in some cases the recipe was adopted and adjusted by the indigenous people, who used corn flour rather than wheat flour.

If you'd like to give it a try for yourself I've attached just one of many recipes for bannock, it's actually very good in the place of a biscuit in my opinion, but it can be sweetened by adding fruits, honey, or just about anything you would like.

Let us all know how it turns out!



Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 cup milk
1 tbsp baking powder	1/2 cup water
1/2 tsp salt	Vegetable oil, for frying

Directions

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt.
2. Make a well in the center, and pour in the milk and water.
3. Toss with a fork until it is a soft, slightly sticky dough.
4. On a floured surface, press into 8" circles.
5. Heat oil in a heavy skillet over medium heat.
6. Fry the dough, turning once, about 8 minutes, until puffed and golden.
7. Cut into 10 pieces to serve.

Submitted by: Samantha Dodson
Recipe from University of Toronto Food services

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM LORD AILSA

Lord Ailsa has requested that I pass on his good wishes and Seasons Greetings to all of our members, but was unable to send a letter for us all this time around. May we all wish Lord and Lady Ailsa a pleasant holiday and warm wishes for the coming New Year!





A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Greetings KSNA members,

As I pondered what to write for this issue the first thing that came to mind was to take a moment to reflect on this past year, and the many blessings we have experienced. A moment to thank our Lord and Savior.

We had many games during the year with both good and bad weather, most important however was the opportunity to visit with other Kennedy's and extended families.

Then the question of history came to mind, just how did the Kennedy's of one hundred or two hundred years past, celebrate Christmas at Culzean castle?

History both Kennedy, USA, and most especially The Bible , all have so much influence on who we are many years and centuries later. The freedom to read our Bibles and to read our history is itself a blessing.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus, let us take a moment to pray for our country, our families, our service members and for others in need of the comfort of the our Lord.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR,
Your Chaplain, Tom Kennedy



MERCHANDISE UPDATE

We are now offering new women's shirts with the Kennedy Clan Crest. The crest is on the left breast and the back of the shirt. They are available in two colors, Purple and Light Blue. Sizes are from Med to XX Large. These are comfortable, soft shirts. Women's shirts will only be available on the website for the time being.

Please see the Kennedy website for more info and a great shopping experience. Kennedy Coins and other items are available, including Shot Glasses.

Please support the Kennedy Society with these purchases. You can contact me with questions at hdviking@aol.com.

Thank you, Leo Kennedy.





STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES OCTOBER 18-20, 2019

This year's games brought out all kinds of weather, a heavy downpour on Saturday and a beautiful day on Sunday which was enough time to dry out everything before packing up.

Thankfully the extra-large blue tarp was able to cover most of both tents, so the Kennedys stayed dry. Thanks also to Sean and his son for helping to put up the tarp and everyone who helped keep the puddles at bay.

We had 4 new members registered: Vicky Quinn, Janice Kennedy Patterson, Patty Kennedy Gray, Derek and Jessica Behmke. Also at the tent was David and Irene Phelps, Joi Ball, Sean, Tammy and Brandan Carrick, Dave Carrick, Kevin Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Chance Hall, Jason Kennedy, Tim Kennedy, Gordon Shriver, Phil and Kim Brown, Chris and Tonya Kennedy, Chris and Sue Kennedy, Alex and Anna Mobley, and Fergus Kennedy who came from Edinburgh and was excited to take a Clan Kennedy Coin home to his mother as an unique gift from the Kennedys in the USA.

Saturday was a blast with a great turnout. Hope to see you all again next year at the 2020 Stone Mtn. Games.

David & Irene Phelps



David at the Tent



Derek Behmke



Jessica Behmke



Sean and Tammy Carrick, Dave Carrick and Sue Kennedy



Janice Kennedy Patterson



Patty Kennedy



Vicky Quinn





MEMBERSHIP NEWS

'Ceud mile failte dhut'

Did you know that new members of the Kennedy Society join in different ways?

Some new members join in person at highland games events. These folks get their photos published in our Kennedy Gazette. But some join from seeing ads in Scottish magazines such as The Highlander Magazine and Scottish Life Magazine. And some join after a visit to our website and I am (almost) the only one to know.

So, please join me now in welcoming these silent new members of 2019 who have not been recognized in previous newsletters:

Bryan Cassels of Tucson, AZ
Fitzhugh Shaw of Superior, CO
Cynthia Mcloughlin of Lakewood, CO
Sarah Pritchard of Augusta, GA
Terry Kennedy-Lares of Hastings, MN
David Kennedy of Bristol, VA
Bo Drazovic of Grafton, WI

'A hundred thousand welcomes to you!'

Altogether there have been 26 new members for 2019.

But it's not 2020 yet...

Did you know that KSNA memberships make great gifts?

All your Kennedy, Canaday, Carrick, Cassillis, Cassell, Cassels, Ulrich, MacUlric, MacWalrich relatives are eligible! If you would like to give a membership this season, just please let me know if the membership packet should be mailed to the recipient or to the giver for hand-delivering.

Did you know that Lifetime memberships are also available?

This is the gift you give yourself. Lifetime members receive a beautiful certificate suitable for framing and a special Lifetime pin. You will never have to send another renewal ever!

Feel free to contact me at any time.

Happy Holidays,
Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Membership Chair

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EDITOR

As we near the close of another year, I always take time to reflect and look back on the year. This year has been very difficult for many of us, for a lot of different reasons. It's easy during difficult times to lose track of friends and family and what is going on in their lives. It isn't something that we ever intend on doing, but we lose touch. The Kennedy Society of North America, is an extended family. I know I have personally found more love and support within KSNA than I have with in any other organization I have ever been a part of. The size of our family is constantly changing, and so it's sometimes difficult to keep up with everyone, but we do our best to welcome each and every new member and stay in touch with one another. Please keep us all up to date with what is going on in your lives, if you need anything feel free to reach out. Perhaps, we'll only be able to offer each other a shoulder for support and a listening ear, but a burden shared is a lighter load. That alone is a blessing that we all need from time to time. We are family, that is what we do for each other, we support and care for one another, we share knowledge and teach one another when we can. I do not know how I would have managed through some of the most difficult time in my life without the support from this community.

I simply cannot express how proud I am to be a part of this amazing group of individuals that have become family. I would like to take the time now to thank each and every one of you for the times we've shared, the lessons you have taught me and the many more to come. I wish you all a blessed and happy holiday season as we close out 2019 and prepare for a vibrant 2020.

Sincerely,
Your Editor,
Samantha



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT JANUARY - MAY 2020

Jan 17-19: Central Florida Scottish Highland Games
Orlando, FL

Feb 15: Asheville Celtic Festival
Fletcher, NC

This is a first year event, there will not be a tent at this indoor event, but support would be welcome and the Kennedy's will be present

Feb 29: Northeast Florida Scottish Games
Green Cove Springs, FL

April 17-19: Loch Norman Games
Huntersville, NC

May 2: Savannah Scottish Games
Savannah, GA

May 23: Gallabrae Scottish Games
Greenville, SC

WHO IS ROBERT BURNS?

Robert Burns, was also known as Rabbie Burns. He is widely sometimes called the national poet of Scotland, because he had so many poems and songs written in the Scottish language. Most people in America know of him because of Auld Lang Syne, the song played every New Year's Eve. Robert was born in Alloway, Scotland on January 25th 1759 to a poor farming family. Alloway is located on the historical Kennedy lands, which is where Kennedy's connect to Robert Burns. Despite having very little opportunity for school, he learned to read and his family encouraged his love of books and poetry. His own writing would out live him and help to change the course of history in Scotland and England. He passed away on July 21st 1796 and now each year on January 25th Burn's night is celebrated in Scotland and America in his memory.





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