

GREETINGS CLAN KENNEDY OF N.A.

Hi, my name is Audrey Trawick and I am a Scholarship Recipient this year with your organization. I would first like to send my sincerest thanks to all the society members. With everything that is going on in the world today with COVID-19, I was very surprised to be awarded a scholarship within your organization. I am deeply honored. My sincerest of gratitude.

I wanted to update everyone regarding my current studies and how things have changed for me throughout this COVID-19 crisis. I am pleased to inform everyone that even though there has been many competition cancelations this year, I am still dedicated. My TBHD teachers Elizabeth Constantine and Mary-Susan Sinclair have been extremely successful with moving group and private lessons to an online platform to ensure everyone’s safety. These programs also include group online study sessions as well as physical dance lessons. I am working very hard and still planning to take my highland dance “Full Members” exam this summer 2020.

I have every hope and confidence that the Highland Dance community and Adjudicators will find a way to support those who have been studying to become a “Full Member” Highland Dance Instructor. I’m very excited to see how they will progress with exams this year.

I am also happy to report that this whole social distancing thing hasn’t gotten me down. I have taken the initiative to put together an online Social Peer Group with many friends and acquaintances from around the U.S. Online is where we hang out together. We do many things such as: exercise, stretch, strength training, choro dancing, art, teambuilding and problem-solving activities, bake, play games, and dance a variety of performing arts steps to keep our minds engaged and spirits high during this time. We have a variety of ages from 12-18 years old, from all different communities & studios. It’s been a lot of fun to really mesh with new groups. We have developed some great friendships and being together has helped support everyone.

I look forward to sending you further updates as competition once again opens. In the meantime, I am still hopeful that I might have the opportunity to compete a few more times before the 2020 season comes to an end. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,
Audrey N. Trawick
Tampa Bay Highland Dance





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings to all our KSNA members, their families, and our friends.

2020 has really thrown a wrench in our opportunities to gather and visit and see old friends, and make new ones. To those new members to the KSNA we welcome you and hope to be able to meet you in the near future at one of the many Scottish Highland Games when they are able to open again. So far we have had notice of the closing of Games around the country --- including but not limited to GA, SC, TN, CO, and NC. As of June 8, 2020, the Loch Norman Games have been cancelled for 2020, and will be held April 16-18, 2021. Unfortunately the AGM for 2020 that was to be held at Moab, UT, in Nov. has been cancelled. The Scots on the Rocks game at Moab is scheduled to be held but with all the travelling

being challenging and the concern for the health of our members it was agreed by the officers of the KSNA that we will not have an AGM this year. At the time of this writing, there will be a Kennedy tent at the Moab game manned by Ed and Krissy Kennedy. This was a hard decision to make and has never been necessary before. You will still need to fill in the voting forms and send them to Leo Kennedy for counting. Leo's address is in the newsletter under Board of Governors. You will find the ballots in this and the next newsletter. Next year's AGM is planned for Ligonier, PA. We hope all will be able to attend next year.

As we have had fewer games in 2020, we would like to encourage members to send interesting articles in to Samantha for the newsletter.

Please include pictures of your families and what your favorite game is and what you like the best about our games. Also we would like to hear how you are handling the stressful time we are experiencing around the country.



Please remember to keep in touch with other members and the tent convener for your preferred game. We hope to be able to visit with all our members and friends again soon.

Hugs and Love to all,

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA

What an extraordinary time we are currently living in!

Both the United States of America and the United Kingdom along with the rest of the world are very different places from that of my last message to you. However, I will not venture into how well or otherwise our two countries have managed the pandemic.

Here throughout the period of Lockdown we have experienced wonderful spring weather. The garden at Morriston is looking lovely. Anne and I re-glazed the greenhouse which is now full of young tomato plants, some chillies and bell peppers. Some years ago I developed raised beds in the vegetable garden, these are now full of green and salad vegetables and we are beginning to harvest small quantities of rocket, lettuce and radish. The dry weather makes watering a daily chore and I am now looking into developing a small automatic irrigation system.....who would have ever thought that might be necessary in the wet southwest of Scotland.

Many of our Estate tenants are elderly and suffer from a variety of ailments and are therefore following the Government recommendation to self isolate, so I have been busy baking sourdough loaves and baguettes and Anne has been preparing cooked food to distribute to those amongst them who have no relations to help them in this time of need.

The National Trust for Scotland has closed Culzean to the public due to the pandemic, Anne and I walk through the grounds in the evenings and imagine that this must have been what it was like for my Great Grandfather the 3rd Marquess when he strolled around the policies of an evening with the place to himself, all the groundsmen finished for the day and the park completely private. This may sound idyllic but this pandemic has made me realize that it is always nice to see and chat to people, strangers or friends, when you are out enjoying the wonderful scenery that Ayrshire and Culzean has to offer.

On the farm we have accomplished all the spring crop sowing in record time, the only sowing to do is a small field that I like to have growing sunflowers, I hope to have them in soon.



The game crops have all be sown as per usual, however we are rearing no pheasants this year. I took the decision early on in the crisis to cancel the shooting for this season. Many of our clients are from overseas and I felt that there was no point in investing in the production of pheasants if there was nobody to enjoy the sport that they give. Tommy our keeper is actively engaged in trapping carrion crows, magpies and other vermin that prey on ground nesting birds, this will not only help the songbirds but also I hope allow some of the wild pheasants to raise their broods. I have always been a fan of lapwings, and indeed was the Scottish winner of the Silver Lapwing Award in 2004. Many of the fields that we grow spring cereals in have lapwings nesting and it always pains me to see the carrion crows teasing the lapwing mother away from its nest while another crow nips in to steal an egg, so you can imagine my pleasure when I see a healthy brood of young lapwing chicks trotting and stumbling along behind their mother. Last week in one field where we grow spring triticale I saw two broods, one of three and one of four chicks. Lapwings generally lay four eggs so this is an excellent result and much of the success is due to our determined efforts on the Estate to control vermin. During the winter the game crops which consist of a variety of cereals, pulses and brassicas provide feeding for all the wild birds and for that reason I felt it was important that we continue to grow them regardless of the fact that there will be little or no shooting this year.

Here, as I am sure is the case in America, the Coronavirus crisis has put a lot of people's jobs in jeopardy, one young man that I know came to me to ask if there was any work that he could do for me, he is a painter to trade. As it happened we had just repainted the old granite milestone that sits on the roadside near the farm, so I showed it to him and asked him if he would like to paint all the milestones from Maybole to Turnberry on the road which passes both Morriston and the entrance to Culzean. There are seven in total, many were lost in the hedges and undergrowth but with a bit of clearing work and close inspection of the old Ordinance Survey maps that we have in the Estate Office I have found six of them, the missing

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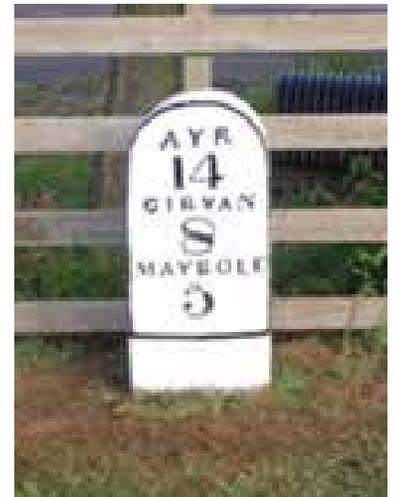
one, I suspect has been damaged by a car running into it many years ago and the bits may be buried in the undergrowth, but in the winter when the lush growth dies back I will dig around to see if any bits of it are still there. Milestones, which locally are made from granite, have been around from the 1760's and were once compulsory on all main roads. The distances were used to calculate postal charges up until 1840. Many milestones in England were removed or defaced during the Second World War to baffle potential German invaders and not all were replaced afterwards.

Both Kitty and Archie have remained in London during the lockdown, Kitty has been especially busy due to her responsibility for the sales of "e" books for Hachette, the publisher she works with. Archie who works for Sothebys in valuations was for a short time on a four day week but is now back up to five. A system has been developed to allow each specialist valuer to visit a collection in turn independently of the others and this now means work and sales can continue. Many auctions are online to a great extent already and now all viewings will be online as well.

Finally, there is the saddest of situations that has occurred. Anne's mother Jean who lived in Warwick fell and broke her hip, while in hospital having had an operation to repair the break she contracted the dreaded virus and died shortly after. Anne and I drove to Warwick and to attend her funeral service for which only six mourners plus the celebrant were allowed. The lockdown rules were so strict that we could not stay anywhere locally which meant the journeys there and back as well as the service had to be accomplished in one very long and sad day, with little or no chance to spend any time with the rest of her family.

On that note I implore you all, my kinsfolk, to stay safe keep well and be careful.

David Ailsa
Marquess of Ailsa



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

KATY HAYDEN MORRISON KENNEDY

March 25, 2020, we lost one of our members to cancer. Katy and her husband John joined the KSNA at Loch Norman in April 2013. They assisted in convening at a couple of games in NC then moved to Jacksonville, FL in 2014. After John's passing Katy still convened at the Jacksonville, FL Highland Games.

In August of 2019 she moved to Lakewood, WA with her daughter and her 3 grandchildren that she was the Nanny for. Unfortunately cancer found her and shortened her stay with her family. Katy enjoyed her time as a tent convener and would visit other games when possible. Katy was always full of life and laughter even in her darker days. She will be missed by all that knew her.





FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

We are now in the middle of the 2020 membership season.

This has been a challenging year for membership due to all of the event cancellations this spring. In case you didn't know, the Kennedy Society gets most new members at the Scottish games where our wonderful tent conveners set-up. We can't thank these folks enough! So, we are feeling their loss as well as the loss of the camaraderie that we enjoy at the games.

But life goes on and renewal notices went out on May 3rd to all of you whose memberships are expiring. There was a pretty good response since I caught most of you isolating at home. Thank you for making my job easier!

I was feeling pretty disconnected by the end of April. Two things that got me through were: a phone call with good news from Chief Lynn and the news sent by members with their membership renewals. Look for some of that news in this newsletter issue. It helped me. I hope everyone has found their own way of getting through this pandemic.

Welcome to these new members:

Leslie DeLorenzo of FL
Matt Kennedy of FL
John Kennedy of FL
Sean Cassell of FL
Jared Trawick of FL
Catherine Santos of FL
Greg Kennedy of AK
Sture Magnus Gyllo of Thailand

Welcome also to these members who chose Lifetime membership to the Kennedy Society:

Alex Smith Fraboni of MN
Nomon Kennedy of TN
Irene and David Phelps of GA

If you think I missed you in the renewal mailing, it is quite possible! Drop me a line and I will check my records. Also, please send me any changes of physical address and/or email address.

Until then,
Colleen Kennedy Caldwell

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

H. CURT KENNEDY JR.

Curt was born in Norman, Oklahoma in a naval hospital on January 27, 1945. He grew up in North and South Carolina. He attended Georgia Tech before joining IBM. He had numerous titles in his career with IBM, including director of one of the company's new business offerings. Curt married Janet Habiger in May 1985 and four years later they welcomed the arrival of their son Michael. Curt retired from IBM in 1997 to stay home and take care of his son. He always said those were the best years of his life.

After retirement Curt was Chairman of the Board of the Apex Ed Foundation, a fundraiser for the Apex school system. He put on many a Kids Walk to raise money. He was also a Cub Scout leader for years and really enjoyed working the camping trips and helping the kids with their badges. Curt loved genealogy and was Chief of the

Kennedy Society
of North America.

Curt had multiple
health issues.

The last 3 years
of his life were
a struggle for him. He had heart disease and was a long
term diabetic who ended up on dialysis. He died the way
he wanted, at home, with his wife and very quickly.

Curt had a big personality and would light up the room with
laughter. He loved his wife and son, God and his country.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Habiger, his son, Michael
Kennedy, and numerous nieces and nephews.





OFFICIAL BALLOT AND PROXY BALLOT

2020 KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA AGM ELECTION OF OFFICERS

I, Leo Kennedy, in my capacity as Chairman of the Society Nominating Committee do hereby put forth this slate of officers for election for 2020-2021.

President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Mary Lynn Grant, Charlotte, NC

Vice President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

David Carrick, Greenville, SC

Treasurer PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Bob Davis, Williamsburg, VA

Secretary PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Sean Carrick, Fort Mill, SC

NOTE:

Due to the very odd circumstances that surround us this year and the cancellation of the AGM, voting will be a bit different this year. Anyone who would like to be added to the ballot can contact Leo Kennedy, to have your name added. Ballots will be sent out in each Kennedy Gazette until the deadline.

Each nominee has given permission for his or her names to be entered on the election ballot.

PROXY ASSIGNMENT

I _____, not being able to attend the 2020 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 Moab, Utah Games on Nov 6-8, 2020.

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 Nov 7, 2020 annual general membership meeting to: _____

Proxy Vote Assignment can be assigned to any Board Member or member in good standing except the ones running. Please return proxies to Leo Kennedy via email or US Mail at:

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OUR AYRSHIRE ANCESTORS

Many articles have been written about “our” Kennedy home in Ayrshire Scotland. However, I bet there are a few things that you don’t know about our Kennedy ancestors? Do you know what a crannog is? How about a broch? It is likely that your Stone Age and Iron Age ancestors lived in them.

I want to begin by defining where Ayrshire is located. Geographically speaking, Ayrshire is in the Lowlands of Scotland, and is located on the west coast of Scotland. It extends for 80 miles from the Firth of Clyde to the mouth of Loch Ryan at its southernmost tip, but is only 30 miles across at its widest. Our Kennedy Family is mainly located in South Ayrshire.

So where did we live and what did our homes look like?

Long before there was anything like reliable records, before the days of Romans, Ayrshire was inhabited. The Ayrshire inhabitants were lake or loch dwellers during the sixth century and beyond and most were living in crannogs during that time. The stone age, bone age, bronze age, and iron age were all represented in Ayrshire.

Ayrshire was mostly forests in these early days. Vast stretches of oak, birch, and willow were plentiful on the landscape, and then the terrain would slope down to the lakes where the lake dwellers chose to live and built their strongholds- crannogs.

Many Scottish lochs are littered with small, tree-filled islands, poking their heads up just above the waterline. What most people don’t realize is that they are often man-made islands, and once contained spectacular Iron Age dwellings. Thatched, timber roundhouses were supported on huge, wooden piles driven deep into the bed of the loch.

The crannogs of Southwest Scotland are envisioned by the archeologists as packed mounds- made up of layers of peat, timber, and brush to provide an artificial island for a timber structure. These wooden dwellings were in sharp contrast to the stone dwellings found in the Highland region.



Artificial Island



Wood Crannog on top of island



Broch

The crannog inhabitants relied on agriculture for survival. Historians attribute their construction to access to the surrounding land where cultivation, livestock tending, and hunting activities were possible. The water on or in which the crannogs were built, on the other hand, was the inhabitants’ defense. In case of an attack by intruders, the inhabitants could easily defend and repel such intrusion. Some builders would include timber or stone causeways that acted as bridges to the land. Other groups used log boats and rafts to access the land.

Another Scottish dwelling we might have lived in is the “broch”. The broch is an ancient dwelling, built from as early as 500 B.C. and inhabited until 1000AD. Now the broch is no wooden hut or primitive structure – the broch was an imposing stone tower, a marvel of the Iron Age. It is estimated that over 700 brochs once existed in Scotland.

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Built during the last few centuries BC and the first few centuries AD, brochs combine features of fort, fortified house, and status symbol, and could feasibly have served several different purposes in different places and at different times. As mentioned, brochs were also meant to impress, and as such if your family elder was the tribal chief or an important farmer, you could have lived in a broch.

What did we wear?

Clothing for both women and men was wrap around skirts, tunics, robes. Wool was the material most often used. Other popular materials for Celtic Clothing were linen, silk, hemp, leather, and fur.. They also used feathers, in both clothes and hair.

They loved to wear bright colors and used dyes made from berries and plants.

Makeup -- Ladies sometimes dyed their eyebrows black with berry juice. The cheeks were also reddened using a plant called 'ruam' -- probably the sprigs and berries of the alder tree.

Aristocratic men were either clean-shaven or had both a beard and a moustache while soldiers and lower-class men wore a long moustache without an accompanying beard.

Numerous types of hair ornaments and pins were worn. Pins are pictured to the left and a man's razor in the middle. A hair comb is pictured to the right. Combs were made of bone or horn, with strips of metal strengthening them.

The crafting of jewelry has a history in Scotland dating back to at least 300BC, with the emergence of the "Celtic" style of decoration. The Celtic style and the Pictish style are very similar and both have an influence in Scottish jewelry today.

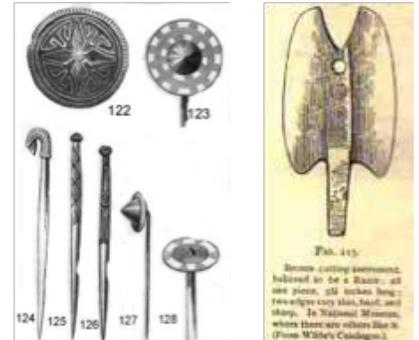
A sizeable example of a discovery of Pictish jewelry was found Aberdeenshire, with examples of fragments of silver bracelets, brooches, and pendants from the post-Roman period. These finds contain examples of chain work, and ornate decoration on the fragments. Other Pictish hoards have often found torcs, a neck ornament consisting of a band of twisted metal, and different kinds of brooches, some with animal forms. Bronze brooches were more common than silver.

In the Middle Ages, ornate jewelry was a sign of a high class. Lower-class people tended to wear more simple items that were primarily functional and made of more simple materials such as copper or pewter, compared to richer materials such as silver or gold.

What kind of tools did we have? What of daily life?

The variety of their tools for work is greater than may be we imagined. Not only have they axes of flint, of stone, of iron, hammer stones, and awls, but also stone polishers, flint scrapers and iron chisels, pickaxes, gauges, saws, knives, and punches. The number and variety of the relics discovered indicate that the lake-dwellers were by no means the savage barbarians which they are popularly supposed to have been. That they were war-like, and that they lived

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in readiness to resist attack is evident from the very nature of their dwellings. Their weapons of conflict and for the hunt consisted of flint-headed arrows, of sling stones, of heavy wooden clubs, of iron daggers, and of iron and horn-headed spears. All these have been found near their dwellings.

However, while they cultivated the arts of war and were ever on the alert, they by no means neglected the elements of peace. Around their dwellings must have arisen clustering huts, the nucleus of the towns and villages of later years. They sowed their barley seeds and their corn, and in the fall they reaped their harvests.

They had wooden implements galore. They ate their food from wooden plates and bowls and served it out with wooden ladles. They cultivated the ground with a wooden hoe, and they drove long wooden pins into their dwellings to ensure stability. Their cattle ate from wooden troughs, which also were used for the holding of drinking water. They had wooden goblets, and in these they boiled their food. Clearly they could not put their goblets on the fire, so they had to bring the heat to the goblets. This they accomplished by heating stones, taken from their fires. They dropped the stones into the goblets, and so accomplished their purpose. They ate their soup, or their porridge, with bone spoons, and sewed with bone needles. They had bone handles with their knives and into these were fitted iron blades.

Their animals, wild and domestic, whose bones have been found in the compost heaps of the crannogs were numerous. They told the archeologists that the lake-dwellers were pastoral in their habits, as well as followers of the hunt. In their stalls were oxen, in their fields were sheep, the pig wallowed in the mud, and the horse occupied their stables. In the forest roamed the red deer and it is not improbable that the wild boar wandered there as well. Finally having their lands border the sea, we can be sure that fishing occupied their time as well.

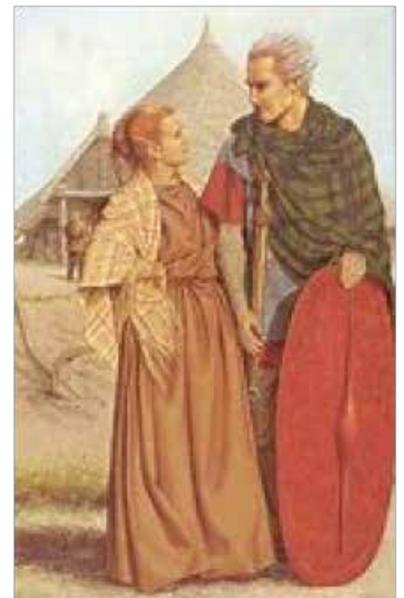
All these details are sufficient to give us a glimpse of how the ancient dwellers in Ayrshire lived. They were not simply wild, untamed men and women of the woods, as some historians have pictured them. Necessity compelled them to form communities for self-defense, but as time rolled on they became attached to their habitations, and while they cultivated the arts of war, they by no means neglected those of peace. Whether they were Christians or not is an open question. St. Columba had died while the Ayrshire men drove their poles into the bed of the lakes, but his wandering missionaries—heralds of the Cross from lonely Iona — had penetrated the south-western lands of Scotland and preached the Gospel to the people.

Thus our ancestors were capable of being ferocious when the need occurred, but in times of peace, they appeared to be devoted to their daily life and community.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Kennedy

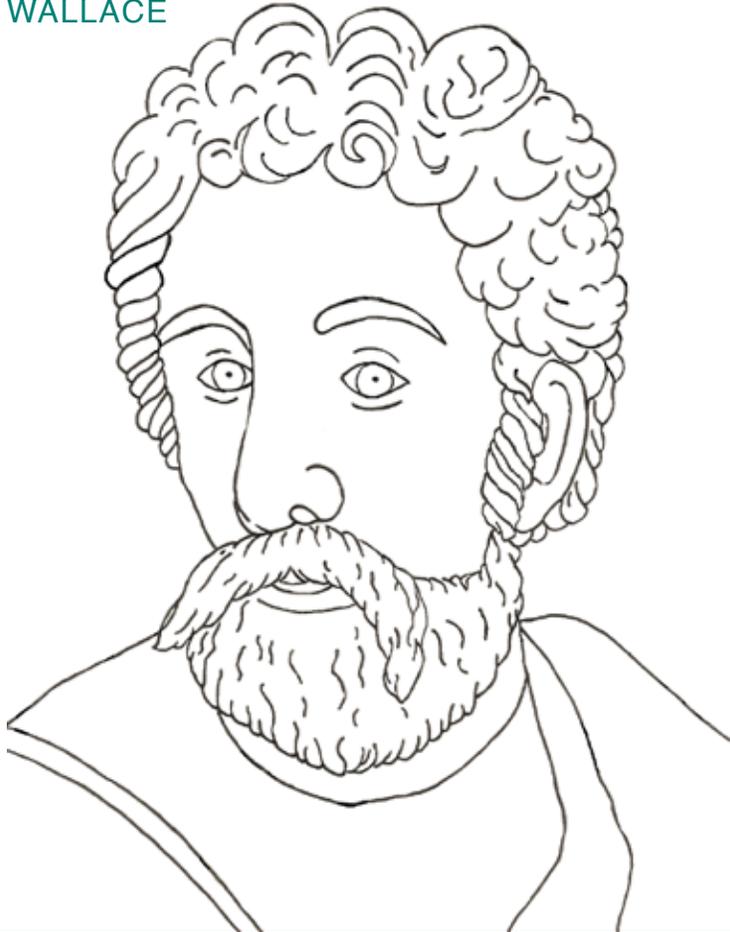
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COLORING PAGE WILLIAM WALLACE



ESSAY CONTEST

In connection with this Edition's coloring page we are opening an essay contest for lads and lasses 17 years old and under with the following rules:

- Your essay must be a minimum of 2 pages in length
- The content must include historical facts, not the movie version.
- Research sources must be listed.
- Deadline for submissions is August 29th 2020

Now for the good part...
The winner of the contest will win a Kennedy shirt and have their essay and their picture featured in the next Kennedy Gazette!

Please send all submissions to
Vice Chief Dave Carrick
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Just as Grace at a meal creates a moment of peace, unity, and spiritually prepares our hearts and minds, so do Prayers for our meetings, games, and members as we work on behalf of KSNA.

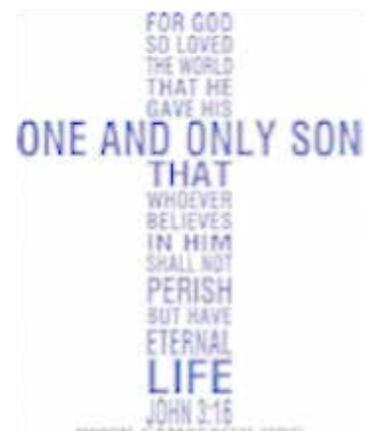
We look forward to the return of the games and unity of KSNA.

It seems to me, no matter the situation, we are not perfect, but should always try to follow Scripture.

Good works move us in the right direction, but without God's grace and forgiveness of sin, we fail.

Tom Kennedy, Chaplain KSNA

[Luke 21:19, NIV](#), Stand firm, and you will win life.





WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2020

September 19-20: Ligonier Highland Games
Ligonier, PA

Unfortunately, many games have been cancelled out of an abundance of caution. This leaves us with very little in the way of games for this year. We try to keep updates on our Facebook page as we receive news, but please check with the games office before traveling to any game.

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH RECIPE POTATO SCONES

RECIPE INGREDIENTS

- Half pound (225g) boiled and mashed potatoes, King Edwards if you can get them.
- 2.5oz (65g) plain or all-purpose flour
- 1oz (25g) Butter
- Half teaspoon salt
- Pinch of pepper
- Quarter Teaspoon of baking Powder



RECIPE METHOD

1. Boil the potatoes in salted water until tender.
2. Drain the potatoes and mash them with the butter, salt, pepper and baking powder.
3. Mix in the flour to make a stiff dough. The exact amount of flour will depend on the type of potatoes used.
4. Roll out the dough on a floured surface to around 5 to 6 mm thickness.
5. Cut into rounds, use a saucer or small tea plate as a guide.
6. Prick all over with a fork and score the dough to mark 4 equal wedges.
7. Cook in a heavy pan or griddle which has been very lightly greased.
8. Cook each side for about three minutes on a medium heat until the scones are golden brown.

<https://foodanddrink.scotsman.com/recipes/traditional-scottish-recipe-potato-scones/>



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