

GREETING CLANS & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

I just wanted to check in with everyone and say hello and give an update to what's been happening in my Scottish Highland Dance community.

With the USIR canceled this year due to COVID..... we've had a lot of different but fun activities to replace the emptiness in our hearts. Recently, I have competed in the Hebridean challenge online in Australia. It consisted of a Scottish Dance World Wide celebration broken up between 7 World Wide Regions. Points are given to each region based on each dancer's submission.

I am happy to report that I was 3 of 20 USA online submissions for this choreography challenge. The USA had chosen intricate steps for the Fling, Swords, Sean T, and Reel Choreo. They were most fun as well as challenging. I would like to share my submission videos with you via YouTube. I will post the links at the end of this email. Please enjoy the 3 Choreo dances I was able to participate in with this challenge.

On another note.....I am still awaiting my scheduled day and time with the Scottish Adjudicators regarding my member's exam. However, I am assured that it will be officially scheduled within the next few weeks. I will look forward to sharing that experience with all of you as well

as my exam results when they are processed.

In the mean time I am blessed to say that my TBHD instructor Elizabeth Constantine continues to have in studio teaching opportunities for me, which I enjoy very very much. My little online dance students continue to improve every week as well.

I look forward to my next update with all of you. In the meantime please stay healthy and safe.

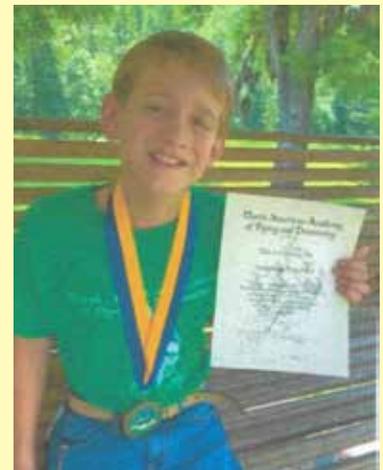
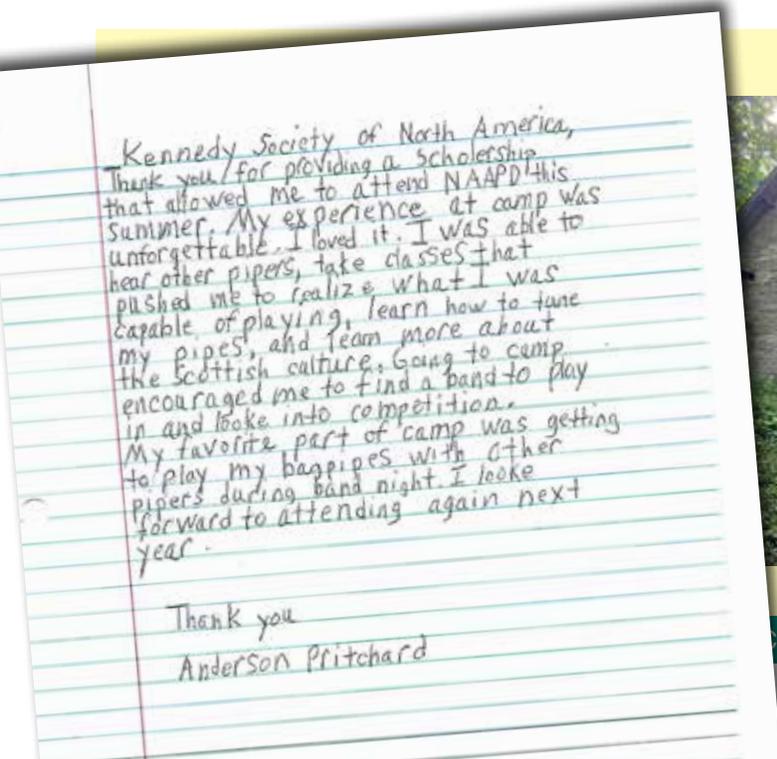


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A LETTER FROM OUR CHIEF

Greetings to all our KSNA members!

This summer of 2020 has been a strange one hasn't it? Storms and hurricanes, fires, and flooding. And then the temperatures go up then go down -- hard to know how to dress if you go outside! That saying about if you don't like the weather, just wait 30 minutes and it will change has been so true here in North Carolina.

Hopefully 2021 will be calmer and full of wonderful Scottish Highland Games!! Do plan to attend one in your area if it is on. The hardest part is missing the bagpipes!! And of course seeing all our members in person.

Since we are not having a physical AGM this year due to this illness --- PLEASE remember to vote and send the votes in to Leo Kennedy. Hopefully next year we will have the AGM --- it is planned for Ligonier, PA. We will post more information as it comes closer to time and availability.

Unfortunately, we had posted a contest in the last newsletter but no one responded. Very disappointing since it was aimed at our youth. We really looked forward to their Essays. They will be the ones carrying the torch as is said.

As always if there is anything you would like to suggest for articles, or meetings, please feel free to talk to, email, or write any of our Officers. Their names and addresses are in the newsletter each time.

Stay safe and keep us all in your thoughts. Until we can meet again!!

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ORIGINS OF THE KENNEDIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE “CLAN”

In the beginning:

The general consensus of opinion is that The Kennedies grew to prominence in Scotland following support given to Alexander the 3rd of Scotland against the Vikings at the battle of Largs on 2nd October 1263.

Initially Viking attacks in Scotland had tended to be no more than swift hit and run affairs but as the 12th century advanced many of the islands of Scotland had been colonised with large settlements of the Norsemen. At one point the whole of northern Scotland was under Danish control and early history contains many references to fighting between the Scots and the Danes. The Scots were eventually able to retake the mainland but the Vikings retained control of the western Isles where their powerful fleets held sway with successive Scottish kings unable to defeat them.

It was not until King David 1st of Scotland organised a feudal system which provided him with an army including Norman knights who came north to support him. In 1164 Somerled self-styled Viking Lord of the Isles arrived with a fleet in the Firth of Clyde and landed at Renfrew determined to win a victory over the Scots.

What actually happened is shrouded in myth and legend but suffice to say that Somerled was killed and his army destroyed. This gave the Scots a breathing space but never real peace and the fighting continued with later Scottish Kings failing to extend Scots sovereignty to the west.

By 1263 despite negotiations between the Kings of Scotland and Norway King Haco (Haakon IV) of Norway decided to invade Scotland with a huge fleet. Little is actually known about the Scots army that faced the Vikings at Largs but they were greatly assisted by the weather which broke violently destroying ships and drowning men. Eventually the Vikings were heavily defeated and fled with King Haco escaping. The Scots then followed up their victory with the Earl of Mar being sent to the isles with a strong force to reclaim them for Scotland.

The “Historie of the Kennedies” written anonymously in the early 17th Century quoted the now lost “Black Book Of Scone” as substantiating the claim that the progenitor of the Kennedies was a man called McKennane from the western Isles whose descendants supported the Scots army at Largs in 1263 and were granted the castle and lands of Dunure in Carrick for their services. There is no way now of proving this to be the case but there is certainly evidence that there were Kennedies living in Ayrshire, Carrick and Galloway prior to the Battle of Largs.



From the Fury of the Northmen
Good Lord Deliver Us



Dunure Castle Today
1st Kennedy Castle in Carrick

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GREETINGS FROM LORD AILSA

Lord Ailsa has requested that I pass on his well wishes and has assured me that he and his family are all doing well during these very strange and difficult times. We hope to hear from Lord and Lady Ailsa in our next edition.





One local legend is that the castle of Dunure was held by Danes at the time of the Battle of Largs and that despite the grant of the lands to the Kennedies by the King of Scots after Largs that they had to take the actual castle from the Danes by force. However there is also a local tradition that Dunure Castle was originally built either in the late 12th or early 14th century by a Norman Baron who showed sympathy or support for King Haco of Norway at the battle of Largs and for his misguided loyalty the Kennedies were given the lands of Dunure and its castle and that they drove him out barely escaping with his life. It seems unlikely that the Danes would have been allowed to hold Dunure Castle in full so the tale of the Norman Lord would seem to make more sense but we may never know the real truth of the matter.

The Kennedy kindred were the dominant force in Carrick in south-west Scotland from the middle of the fourteenth century. Their first appearance in the historical record in the late twelfth century makes it likely that the Kennedys were connected to the kindred of Fergus MacDowall Lord of Galloway. His grandson Duncan MacDowall became the first earl of Carrick when that territory was separated from Galloway in 1186. Duncan's lineage was known as the 'de Carricks' and the Bruce family gained the earldom through marriage to a 'de Carrick' heiress. The earldom of Carrick then became connected to the crown and, when the male line of the 'de Carricks' failed, Robert II recognised John Kennedy of Dunure as the rightful leader of the kindreds within Carrick. For over two hundred years the principal Kennedy line exerted a powerful lordship in Carrick which later extended into western Galloway.

Little is known of the immediate background of the Kennedies who first held Dunure but a Charter at Maybole by Duncan first Earl of Carrick (Died 1250) was witnessed by one Murthac MacKenede or Marcow MacKenede the Steward who also witnessed another two Charters at Ayr and Girvan around 1260. A Henry and a Fergus McKenede are also mentioned as being in these areas at the same time.

Wherever their background it appears certain that Dunure was the first principal seat of the Kennedies in Carrick, It also appears that the first really known one was John Kennedy of Dunure who was prominent between 1346 and 1383. In 1372 King Robert 2nd of Scotland confirmed to this John Kennedie and his heirs the office of Chief or "Kenkynol" of the clan and that of Baillie of Carrick and the right of leading the men of Carrick in battle. From the son of this John Kennedie of Dunure a Sir Gilbert Kennedie living from about 1340 to about 1408 were descended most of the landed Kennedy families of Carrick including the houses of Cassillis, Bargany, and many cadet houses such as Kirkhill, Ardmillan, Baltersan, Daljarrock Barclannachan. Auchenflour, Girvan Mains and many more.

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CHARACTER NOTES:

King Alexander III of Scotland

Alexander III was King of Scots from 1249 until his death. He concluded the Treaty of Perth, by which Scotland acquired sovereignty over the Western Isles and the Isle of Man. His heir, Margaret, Maid of Norway, died before she could be crowned. Born: 4 September 1241, Roxburgh Castle Died: 19 March 1286, Fife

King Haco or King Haakon IV of Norway

Led the Viking forces at the Battle of Largs against the Scots and died at Orkney later that year after his defeat.

King David I or Dauid mac Mail Choluim

12th-century ruler who was Prince of the Cumbrians from 1113 to 1124 and later King of Scotland from 1124 to 1153. The youngest son of Malcolm III and Margaret of Wessex, David spent most of his childhood in Scotland, but was exiled to England temporarily in 1093. Born: 1084, Scotland Died: 24 May 1153, Carlisle

Somerled

Known in Middle Irish as Somairle, Somhairle, and Somhairlidh, and in Old Norse as Sumarliði, was a mid-12th-century Norse-Gaelic lord who, through marital alliance and military conquest, rose in prominence to create the Kingdom of Argyll and the Isles. Born: 1113, Argyll Died: 1164, Renfrew.

Murthac or Marcow Mackenede

Known as the Steward or Judge in Carrick

Chief or Kenkynol of the clan

Confirmed to John Kennedy of Dunure by King Robert III of Scotland. He was also confirmed as Baillie of Carrick with the right of leading the Carrick men in Battle.



Sadly Dunure Castle eventually fell into a ruinous state and by the mid to late 20th century it became of great concern to all. Many organisations including the National Trust for Scotland, the Local Ayr County Council, the Department for the Environment and others were all involved in looking at ways to preserve the castle and its environment. It was fenced off as a dangerous building while possibilities were examined. Several plans were put forward including even demolition or restoration and conversion to flats. Eventually the then owner Colonel J.K. McFarlan who lived in Somerset in England offered the Castle and park grounds to the then Kyle and Carrick District Council together with £5000 towards its repair. Fortunately for the history of Carrick, the Kennedies and Carrick funding was eventually brought together and the castle was stabilised rendered safe and provided with notices advising of its past history including the infamous roasting of the Commendator of Crossraguel Abbey by Gilbert Kennedy 4th Earl of Cassillis in the black Vault of Dunure to make him hand over the Abbey and its lands. That my friends is another tale for another day in the History of the Kennedies.



An Early etching of Dunure Castle

Denis W. Reid
Girvan
Carrick, Ayrshire
2020

DENIS W. REID C.V.

Denis, born and bred in Carrick Ayrshire Scotland is a retired Local Government Officer with a lifelong interest in Scottish History. He was a founder member and Battle Director of Carrick 800 Battle re-enactment Society a group who carried out full body contact fight scenes from Viking times up to and including to the Renaissance period. He is a trained swordsman with both broadsword and rapier and says he has the wounds to prove it!

On retirement from Local Government he founded his own company Black Raven Living History working for Historic Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland, the BBC and several film companies presenting some 35 fully costumed characters from Scottish History including John Knox, Deacon Brodie and King James VI and I.

Denis has a particular affinity for the history of Carrick's Kennedy family. He has written several articles and is the author of a booklet "Blood Feud of the Kennedies" a collection of dramatic tales brought about by the great family feud between the Kennedies of Cassillis and that of Bargany. Basically the feud had two main causes being Cassillis claim to be the elder line of the family disputed by Bargany and the fact that at the time Cassillis

supported the Catholic Mary Queen of Scots while the Bargany family were Protestant in their beliefs.

Through his historical research of the family Denis became a close friend of the late Chief of Clan Kennedy Lord Charles who appointed him as his personal historian and Master of Arms. Denis supported and accompanied Lord Charles on his LC Tours of Scotland and Ireland doing the historical research and delivering the history to their guests on the many sites the tours visited. Through these tours Denis made many good friends in the Kennedy Society of North America, was made an honorary member and is a proud holder of the Society's Ailsa Craig Award.

Although not specifically a family tree practitioner where possible he has advised several KSNA members with their own family researches.

Girvan

Carrick, Ayrshire 2020.



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.

Please send all ballots to Leo Kennedy
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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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MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION

The following is a story about the great-grandparents of Eileen Surette who is a 12-year member of the Kennedy Society. It was my pleasure to exchange email stories with her in early May. It is re-printed here with her permission.

Colleen Caldwell, Membership

I descend from Archibald Kennedy of River Inhabitants, Inverness Co., Cape Breton Nova Scotia. His family came from Tyree. He had a brother Alexander who died. The two received Queen's Land Grants there and owned the land side-by-side in River Inhabitants. I don't know much about them except that when Alexander died, his land was inherited by Archibald.

Archibald married Mary Campbell daughter of John Campbell and Elizabeth Ann MacKenzie of Marble Mountain. John Campbell built three homes and had a very large family. He was a Weaver by trade. Archibald and Mary Campbell Kennedy had a very large family of 14 children. Some died young but most lived to marry and have families of their own.

Their son George Kennedy was my great-grandfather. He married Flora J. McQuarrie, daughter of Hector McQuarrie and Flora MacInnis of Cape Mabou and Sugar Camp, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia which is further North in Cape Breton than River Inhabitants.

So, George Whitefield Kennedy and Flora McQuarrie Kennedy were living with the Kennedy family along with their two daughters when George Kennedy left them there with the family and moved to the States to get a job in 1892. George worked as a brick maker at first. Then, he worked as a mason in the construction business. After two years of being separated, Flora J. McQuarrie Kennedy asked the Kennedy family if she could accompany the farm's produce to Market in Halifax. Instead of returning to the Kennedy family, she used the money to take her and her two daughters to the States to find her husband. So, Flora and her daughters found George and they bought a home in Chelsea, MA. The daughters were: Flora J. and Effey. I never heard but believe George returned the money Flora used to his family back in Canada as he had made himself a good living.

Over time, their family grew with several more Kennedy children both boys and girls. At home, George, who loved his children very much, would find all of the children's shoes in the downstairs hallway and he would arrange them by size. Then put the laces into each of the shoes for each of the pairs. They had sons: George and Charles Alexander. They had a son named John too but he died young. Then, they had more daughters: Katie J.,

Jessie and Beatrice. So, the family was doing very well and most of the children were in school.

Tragedy struck one day while the children were still young however. At a work site, a pallet of bricks being hauled up a building had the ropes break during the haul. The pallet of bricks fell on George standing below. They actually opened a wound in his abdomen. There were no antibiotics in those days and it took about a year for him to die from it.

Several of George's co-workers took up a collection to give to the family. Because the name was Kennedy the money was given to the local Catholic church to have them give the money to the family to help defray the costs for the funeral and burial. The family never received any of the money as they were of a different faith. George was Waked in the parlor of his own home. His wife Flora was there with Bernice in her arms at only 9 days old.

Flora went on to live to reach a ripe old age. The oldest children had to drop out of school to work and make a living for the family. Charles and George later joined the military and served in WWI. Then both sons became Police Officers. Charles became a Chelsea Police Detective and actually served as the head of the family. He became a very strict disciplinarian. He was a good guy! During the great Chelsea Fire, the family home was left untouched but this Kennedy family gave refuge to many of the people who had lost their homes.

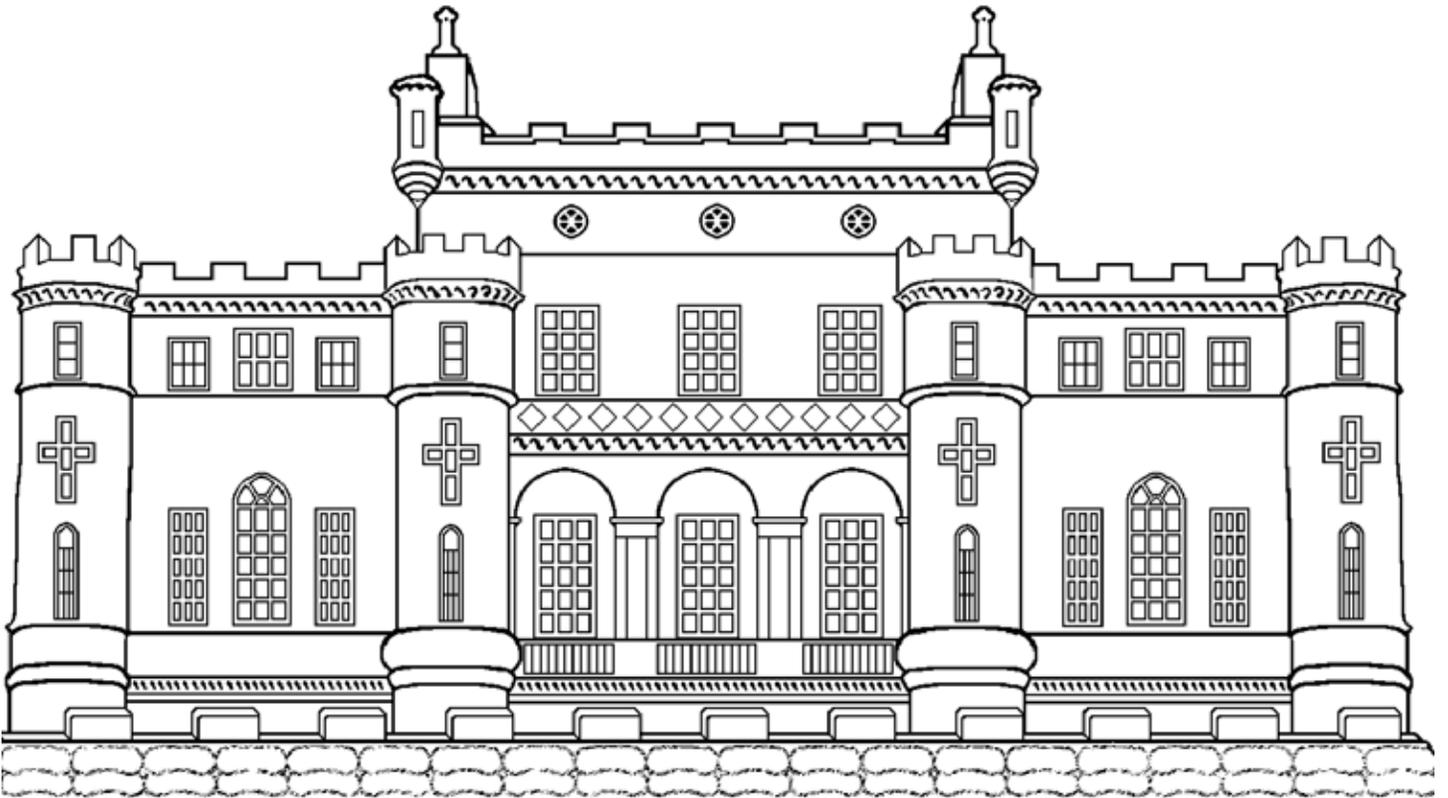
George Whitefield Kennedy and his wife Flora J. McQuarrie Kennedy are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, MA.

I never knew my Kennedy grandmother because she died of cancer at only about 43 years old. So, another cousin, told me the part about George Kennedy's death and the events surrounding it. All of those children are gone now. So, it's good if much of the story is printed to remember it in writing. I've been researching long enough now that many of the people that I have connected with have now gone, too. If the stories are not published, they would be gone forever.

Eileen Surette
Massachusetts



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FALL RECIPES

As we are entering into the Fall season, I wanted to take this opportunity to find a few recipes that would be comforting during the falling temperatures and difficult times that we are all facing. These recipes were both taken from the website of Christina Conte. Christina currently lives in America, but she is actually a Scotland born, Italian. As you can imagine this means she has a wide variety of culinary experience and despite not being a trained chef, she has many accolades to prove she knows what she is doing. Including, but not limited to winning the title for the 2014 World Porridge Making Championship. She was also a judge at The World Scotch Pie Championships, Dunfermline, Scotland in November of 2017. You can find a collection of her recipes online at her website: <https://www.christinascucina.com/>

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Pg. 10 Shortbread



TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH RECIPE SCOTTISH RED LENTIL (AND BARLEY) SOUP

A simple, healthy Scottish soup that's a perfect cold day's lunch along with some crusty bread.

Yield: 6
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 45 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour



RECIPE INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/3 cups (9 oz) red lentils, rinsed
- 8-10 cups (about 2 liters) of water or beef stock (less water/stock for a thicker soup)
- (beef bone, optional if using beef or vegetable stock)
- 1/3 cup (2 oz) pearl barley, rinsed (optional; omit for gluten free diet)
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 celery stalk, with leaves, sliced
- 1 small rutabaga (in US) or swede/turnip (in UK), diced into small cubes
- Kosher or sea salt
- (beef bouillon may also be added)
- black pepper, freshly ground

RECIPE METHOD

1. Place the red lentils in a bowl and cover with about an inch of water; set aside.
2. Put the measured water and bone in a large soup pot, with a teaspoon of salt. Bring to a boil (skim off any scum that rises to the top) then let simmer. Alternatively, start with a pot of beef stock.
3. WITH BARLEY (Skip this step you don't want barley) In a small pot, add the barley and cover with half an inch of water, bring to a boil, and simmer for about 10 minutes.
4. Drain the barley and add to the large pot with the bone (make sure to remove scum first.)
5. In a medium frying pan, sauté the onion, carrots, celery and turnip/rutabaga in the olive oil for about 6 or 7 minutes. Remove from heat.
6. Add the red lentils and the sautéed vegetables, and another teaspoon of salt; stir well and let simmer for about half an hour, or until cooked.
7. When ready, remove the bone, taste for salt, adding more if necessary (or beef bouillon if using) and freshly ground black pepper.
8. Serve hot with some hearty bread!

NOTES

Nutrition Information: based on the soup INCLUDING barley

Yield: 6 Serving Size: 1 bowl

Amount Per Serving:	Calories: 272	Total Fat: 6g	Cholesterol: 0mg	Sodium: 0mg
	Carbohydrates: 34g	Fiber: 0g	Sugar: 0g	Protein: 19g

<https://www.christinascucina.com/scottish-red-lentil-and-barley-soup/>



TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH RECIPE SHORTBREAD

Classic and authentic Scottish Shortbread recipe containing only three ingredients: flour, butter and sugar.

Yield: 1 large shortbread
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 40 minutes



RECIPE INGREDIENTS

- 340 g (2 1/4 cups) all-purpose flour
- 113 g (1/2 cup) sugar
- 227 g butter, (2 sticks) softened
- a little extra sugar for sprinkling on top of baked shortbread

RECIPE METHOD

1. Heat oven to 375° F (190 °C)
2. Mix all the ingredients together by hand or mixer, to a stiff dough.
3. Roll out into fingers, shape into a round and score into triangle shapes, or press into a 7"x10" tray or press into a shortbread mold (brush the mold with a little oil, and sugar first).
4. If your shortbread doesn't have a pretty design, prick it with a fork.
5. Place in preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until slightly brown on edges.
6. Sprinkle with sugar immediately upon removing from the oven.
7. Let cool on tray before moving to rack to cool completely.

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Yield: 8 Serving Size: 1 piece

Amount Per Serving:	Calories: 389	Total Fat: 24g	Cholesterol: 61mg	Sodium: 188mg
	Carbohydrates: 41g	Fiber: 1g	Sugar: 13g	Protein: 4g

<https://www.christinascucina.com/how-to-make-shortbread/#mv-creation-286-jtr>



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

Unfortunately, many games have been canceled out of an abundance of caution. This leaves us with few if any games still being held. 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 you had intended on going to and feel free to check in with us as well.

Any conveners that are planning to work games in 2021 please be sure to send the dates to Samantha or Lynn so that we can ensure the information is shared.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello Kennedy Society members,

I am happy to report that the membership renewal notices that went out this summer had a very good response. I know that a lot of members renew at the Kennedy Society tent at their local event. So, sending it to me was a big change this year. A big 'THANK YOU' to all of you who sent in dues. If you haven't yet, it is never too late.

I started out well with emailing acknowledgments to each of you but then my husband had surgery and things pretty much fell apart for those follow-ups. Four surgeries later I am just happy to be writing for this newsletter. So, if you have a question about your membership status or you have a change of address, shout to get my attention and I will get back to you. I am looking forward to a whole lot of normal next year.

Welcome to our new member, David Rummler, of Kentucky!

Send me your news,
Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Membership Chair

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!

Raymond and Melissa Kennedy wrote that they are happy to announce that Charlotte Marie Kennedy was born at 7:23 am on June 8, 2020 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Congratulations!





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