



The
Kennedy Society Memorial
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ARCHIBALD ANGUS CHARLES KENNEDY
THE 8TH MARQUESS OF AILSA
19TH EARL OF CASSILLIS
CHIEF OF CLAN KENNEDY
1956-2015



A TRIBUTE

The tribute of a man is often not fully determined until that entire life is reviewed. This may apply to many of us who suffer under the loss of one who has passed. In the sadness of our loss, we are able to review in full the life we have shared.

Lord Charles was a man born to title and presumed privilege. It could have been a very privileged life gathered mostly unto itself, however this was not the life "LC" chose to follow. Our Lord accepted his titles with the responsibility to lead his dispersed family to a sense of unity. His commitment was without compromise.

This reconnection of family unity often spanned a separation that had existed literally over a thousand years when the Kennedys of Wales disbanded to avoid armed conflict with the then King of England. Reconnecting a family bridge that had been severed, disconnected, and often unknown for over one thousand years is nothing less than a remarkable labor for any lifetime achievement. The fact that it was not just one bridge, but many bridges for hundreds of families not just in the United States but throughout the world, is testimony without equal. The fact that Lord Charles died while actively on this pursuit can bear no greater witness.

As a continuously maturing civilization, we have learned that when we "consider the end" the single remaining factor, the most important remaining achievement both individually and collectively is our inter-human relationships and the benefit we have given to our fellow man. Our family is always the fundamental focus and foundation of that collective yet individual effort. The gift of family that has been given by this single man to so many throughout the entire world is without measure. This achievement is but one focus of measure that establishes that we have witnessed the passing of one of the greatest Lords of the long and remarkable history of the Kennedy Family.

Rest in peace, my Lord, as we mourn our loss. You are missed and are grieved for throughout the world. Considering the end there is no greater reward that can be given to man.

God's speed and many blessings to our Lady Rosemary, Lady Alicia and all members of the immediate family, as we all continue on our great journey.

Frank Kennedy,
Member, Kennedy Society of North America





LORD CHARLES' MEMORIAL SERVICE CENTRAL FLORIDA GAMES



Memorial Podium



Titusville Kennedy Honor Guard



Kona Gant - Great Lakes Chieftain



Fred Sanford, Clan Henderson
Chaplain, gives the homily



Paul Key accepts Lord Charles'
feather



Fred Sanford and Paul and Ann Key



“A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS”

I heard the news of Lord Charles’ untimely death after I had been in Scotland for less than three weeks, just getting settled into my semester abroad at the University of Glasgow. I had only met Lord Charles once, at the Kennedy gathering at Loon Mountain several years ago, and I was saddened to learn that I wouldn’t be able to meet him again. But since I happened to be in the area, I decided to go to the funeral to pay my respects and help represent my Kennedy family from North America. My aunt, Nina Eppes, (Kennedy Society’s Northeastern Chieftain) put me in touch with Chris Kennedy, who was going to be flying over for the funeral, and I set to coordinating my journey to Kirkmichael.

The funeral was held in the small, modest, and very old Parish church of Kirkmichael, about a 20-minute drive from Ayr. (Since I arrived quite early, I asked the Reverend if I could take a couple pictures, (some of which are included in this Gazette.) The church was filled with friends and family. It was a closed casket service, with several hymns, prayers, and a eulogy that seemed to befit Lord Charles: many anecdotes of his adventures (or misadventures) in France, Switzerland, and his childhood home of Cassillis, and tales of his endless energy and generosity. He was described as “a man for all seasons,” and I’m sure anyone who knew him well could attest to that. It was a humble and moving service. Everyone was invited to the Chestnuts Hotel in Ayr for refreshments afterwards, while the

immediate family attended a private burial at Culzean.

I met all the immediate family members who were present at the reception (except the two young grandsons), all of them simply wonderful people. They were very touched that I came, and touched to know they are in the thoughts of the New England Kennedys. I was honored to meet them, and extremely glad I was able to attend and support the Ayrshire Kennedys on behalf of the American Kennedys. Meeting with the family and the other attending members of the Kennedy Society of North America gave me a great sense of family connection, joy that that connection is still strong even across the Atlantic, and gratitude toward Lord Charles for all he has done to nurture it. He will be dearly missed.

Ellie Davis



Lord Charles warms up at the fire at the Niagara Games, but still keeps his smile!



LORD CHARLES' FUNERAL SERVICE



Kirkmichael Parish Church



Frank Kennedy and Chris Kennedy



Interior of Kirkmichael Parish Church



IN MEMORY OF LORD CHARLES

I buried my titled friend today,
The morning was windy cold and gray
I stood with others who knew him well
I stood with others to bid farewell.

He was noble by birth, from a very long line
Of Kennedy men linked through time
Men like Archibald, David, and Gilbert, the titles passed down
To the 8th Marquess of Ailsa – a man of renown.

Lord Ailsa took his name from the island Ailsa Craig in the sea
It belonged to his house hold – a significant component of his family tree
For him it was a “rock” signifying strength - with weakness not allowed
A character trait which he depicted - his head unbowed.

I can't speak for the others who knew Lord Ailsa in Scotland
I can't speak for others who knew him first-hand.
But only for myself, can I speak these words
He was my friend, and my feelings for him are undeterred.

The Kennedy Society, at first, was our common connection
By virtue of his birthright he gave the Society direction
But he was more than most Chiefs – his concern was clear
Lord Charles traveled to games in the States – both far and near.

His favorite game's activity was recognizing the achievements of others
Whether it was awarding the athletes, dancers, pipers, or the drummers
Within the Society, he treasured The Companion of the Oak - given to volunteers
For outstanding service throughout many years

For over 20 years he traveled from one game to another
Meeting and greeting his clan like no other.
It wasn't only Kennedy Society members who held him in admiration
But other clan members also who prized him across the nation.

Lord Charles was a man of many delights
And of these pleasures he never lost sight
His clan, his daughters, his friends, his Guard, his beer –
For each of these delights his passion was clear.

So as I reflect on my friend, my mate for sure,
I leave you with this war cry which will endure:
“Up the Coast of Ballantrae, through the ancient Kingdom of Carrick
Beware! The Wild and Mighty Kennedys are here!”

Chris Kennedy
Chief First Class Retired, Kennedy Society of North America





A RENAISSANCE MAN



Chris Kennedy and Lord Charles (Culzean)



Lord Charles and Isabelle Carter



Lord Charles learning the hula in Hawaii



Lord Charles posing with Karen Kennedy, Nannette Payne, and Christine Robinson



Lord Charles on the Zipline



Lord Charles and Lady Mary



LORD CHARLES' FAMILY



Lady Rosemary ready to walk in the Edinburgh Parade



Lord Charles and Lady Rosemary walk down the aisle



Lady Alicia and Lord Charles at the Maryville Games



Grandson Frasier



Grandson Angus



Lady Alicia



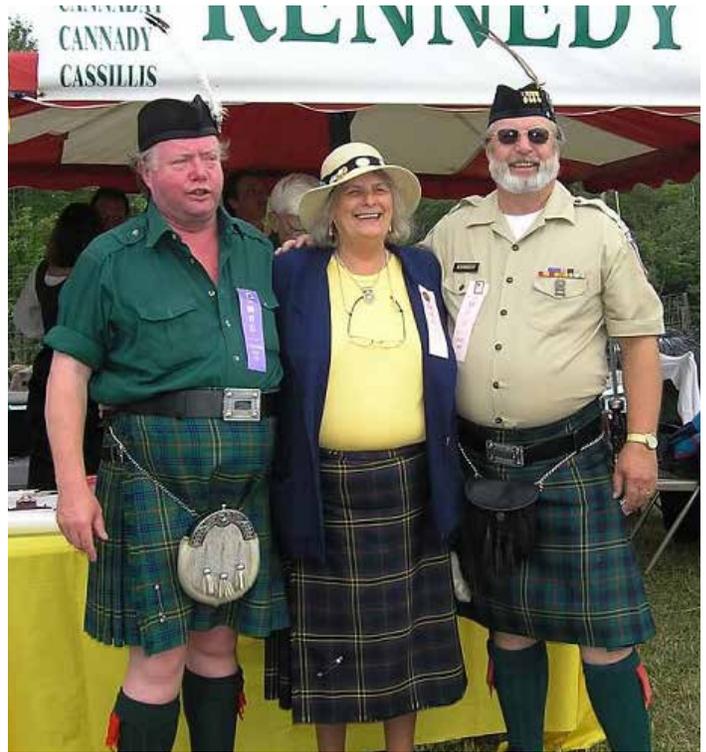
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AND THEN THERE WERE GAMES...



Lord Charles with conveners Carver and Martha Kennedy



Lord Charles with Chief Nomon and Nancy Kennedy



Greenville Games parade with Kona Gant and Neil Brussard, and Harry Gant



Lord Charles at the Pleasanton Games with David Holmes Sr., Chieftain Mike Kennedy and Dave and Linda Kennedy



Lord Charles with conveners Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrow and Games Coordinator Tim Lindler at Loch Normon



AND MORE GAMES...



Lord Charles at the Winter Springs Games pictures with Paul Key, Chris Kennedy, Lady Alicia Kennedy, Neil Brussard, Frank Canada, Janet Brussard, Sue Kennedy, Suzanne Canada, and Andi O'Neil



Lord Charles with scholarship winners



Lord Charles at the Loon Mountain Games with Nina Eppes, Joan Kennedy, and Curt Kennedy



Lord Charles with Prince Charles and Chris Kennedy at the Edinburgh Gathering in 2009



Lord Charles with Paul Key, Leo Kennedy, and Bill Kennedy at the Niagara Games



THEN OF COURSE THERE WAS CELEBRATING TO BE DONE!



Celebrating Lord Charles' 50th birthday



Celebrating Lord Charles receiving the Companion of the Oak



Loon Mountain Games



Awarding the Companion to Nomon Kennedy, Nina Eppes, and John Kennedy. Also pictured Randy Peterson and Chris Kennedy



Lord Charles Tour – Frank Kennedy Sr, Denis Reid, Lord Charles, Chris Kennedy, and Glenn Kennedy



KSNA 40th Anniversary Party



Loch Normon Games



LORD CHARLES TOURS

Culzean Castle
2004



Maybole Castle
2005





LORD CHARLES TOURS

Birthday Tour at
Culzean Castle
2006



Clan Gathering at
Edinburgh
2009



Sterling, Scotland
2014





TITUSVILLE KENNEDY HONOR GUARD



Lord Charles and Honor Guard in front of Culzean Castle



Lord Charles and Frank Canada share a laugh



Lord Charles receives his ceremonial axes from the Honor Guard



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I heard the dolphins crying around Ailsa Craig today
Folks say their Chief had breathed his last and in his grave he lay.

These dolphins mourn, as his kinfolk do, and weep at his demise
Though Ailsa would say, "no long faces here, no tearful, weepy eyes.

Instead continue our mission, do not take your ease
And pass me another Stella, with two ice cubes, please."





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