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50th Loch Norman Highland Games & 51st Kennedy Society AGM

The Kennedys descended on the 50th Loch Norman Highland Games the weekend of April 19th . Friday evening saw a good many Kennedys attend the reception/dinner before the Calling of the Clans after dark.

Saturday morning was beautifully clear and sunny. We had around 35-40 KSNA members come visit the tent over the day. Our adult children, Meaghan and Brendan, wore their Kennedy Ancient tartan kilts for the very first time which was a proud parent moment for me.

After lunch, we held our 51st KSNA AGM meeting in one of the buildings at Rural Hill Farm. All 2023 KSNA business was discussed, and we held our elections in which we elected a whole new slate of officers. More information on the AGM can be found in my quarterly KSNA Chief's Message in this edition of the Kennedy Gazette.

Saturday night, we all gathered for our KSNA banquet at the Hickory Tavern in Huntersville. Public service announcement to any future officers that are also tent conveners. DO NOT host an AGM where you are standing for election to KSNA office.

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There was a little “misunderstanding” on my part on which Hickory Tavern we scheduled for the banquet. I thought it was the one we historically went to very close to the hotel. It was not much to my chagrin. Many texts later, everyone was gathered, and we enjoyed a fantastic meal and conversations. Thanks to everyone who attended. I hope you enjoyed the banquet.

Remember Saturday’s weather? Well Sunday was not paying attention and it was raining and was going to be storming all day. So as the newly elected KSNA Chief, I made my first executive decision to break down the tent first thing when we arrived. Over 50% of the clans/families were already gone and most of the remaining ones were breaking down as well. We did, however, have our mandatory board meeting in our neighbor’s vacant tent.

Sean and Tammy Carrick

Looking forward to 2025! Frank and Suzanne Canada



Sean Carrick, Samantha Dodson,
Nina Eppes, and Rick Hageman



Sean Carrick, David Carrick and
Leo Kennedy



The other Carrick family!



Sean and Dave Carrick



Chris Kennedy, Bill Kennedy and
Dave Carrick



Calling Ceremony



Home Sweet Home!



Tammy Carrick

Savannah, Georgia Highland Games

Friday was spent setting up the Clan Kennedy tents for the Savannah Scottish Games. After the tents we were able to walk around some of the shops and see some old friends. Evening ends with the Reception meeting old friends and new.

As always it was a crazy day with the weather, we had sunshine and rain. We had lots of children stopping by for stamps in their passports. Ended up running out of candy. This has always been a great game for children. The games has also decided instead of marching in from the corner of the field we will enter from the sidelines by our tents.

We have 4 new recipients of the Ailsa Craig Award Michael and Tammy McChesney and their sons Camden and Sean. Thank you for your dedication to Clan Kennedy for the over 8 years.

We had lots of people stopping by the tent including Emily Cothman, Bremen AL, Debra Herrin, Pooler GA and Cynthia Stetter, Metter. GA. These 3 ladies were interested in possibly becoming members so we gave them the business card. Also stopping by was Kevin Massey, Sumter SC who wanted to say thank you for his scholarship award.



Tent space was a lot more comfortable with the extra tent.



The McChesney Family taking a group photo after getting their Ailsa Craig Awards.



Scholarship winner Kevin Massey stopped by to say hello and thank you.

Savanah, South Carolina Highland Games Continued...



Getting ready for the Parade



New idea for the Parade, we come into the field from our tent area.



Clan Kennedy on the field.

A Message from the Chief



As this is my first Gazette Message from the Chief, I feel the need to provide some background biographical information for those who may not know me. I was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland (please do not hold that against me) but moved south to Virginia where Tammy and I raised our two children, Meghan (31) and Brendan (30). Tammy and I met while attending Covenant College on Lookout Mountain, GA.

I was “introduced” to the Kennedy Society when I happened to attend the Virginia Highland Games in The Plains, Virginia (we lived in Warrenton, VA which is only a couple miles from The Plains) in September 2015 which was also that year’s KSNA AGM. For most of my life, I thought my Carrick roots were Irish as there were so many place names in Ireland that had Carrick in the name. I felt a little sheepish to find out that carrick in Irish Gaelic meant rock while the surname Carrick only originates in southwestern Scotland in Ayrshire. The Kennedys I interacted with at the AGM didn’t hold it against me. The fact that this was the AGM there is always so many members that attend that I was able to meet so many KSNA members.

In early 2016, after one of the DC metro area’s 10-year winter storms (36 inches of snow), Tammy and I said goodbye to our home of 20 years and we moved to the Charlotte, NC area in Fort Mill, SC. We became more involved in KSNA activities when we started to convene a KSNA tent at the Charleston Highland Games and eventually took over the convening duties for Loch Norman when our 10th KSNA Chief, Lynn Grant resigned. David Carrick was Deputy Chief at the time, and I was Secretary so we both were “promoted” to Chief and Deputy Chief respectively until the next AGM. I have really enjoyed both my convening duties as well as serving in the KSNA as an officer of the society.

This year has seen a significant shift in society officers as both our former Treasurer, Bob Davis and our Secretary, JoAnn Engelhardt decided to step down after many years of dedicated service to the society. For that service, I thank them. We have also some new board members as some other critical positions have shifted as Samantha Dodson was elected as Deputy Chief and has handed over the Gazette editor responsibilities to Kim Hageman. Rick Hageman was elected as our Treasurer. Our Northeastern Chieftain, Nina Eppes was elected as Secretary. I look forward to working with our society officers as well as the larger KSNA Board of Governors in the coming years.

With that I will close.

Up the Coast! Avise la fin!

Sean Carrick



Did You Know?

Area: 78,789 sq km (30,420 sq miles) including the islands. About twice the size of the Netherlands and almost the same size as South Carolina in the US. Scotland counts 787 islands from which around 130 are inhabited.

Size: Scotland measures 441 km (274 miles) from north to south. From east to west it varies from 38.8 km to 248 km. The overall coastline including the islands is 10,000 km! (69% of the total UK coastline)



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Flowers of the Forest



Sadly, we were recently notified of the passing of Jack Shelton Graybill in December of 2020. He joined the Kennedy Society at the Maryville, TN Games and was the 153rd member of the Kennedy Society. Jack Graybill had been a Lifetime member since 2011. His mother was the late Pearl Kennedy Graybill.

Jack S. Graybill

January 22, 1928 - December 8, 2020

Columbia, South Carolina - Jack Shelton Graybill passed into the arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ, at home on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Born January 28, 1928 in Columbia SC, Jack Shelton Graybill was the youngest son of the late Cecil Eugene Graybill and Pearl Kennedy Graybill. He attended Schneider Elementary, Hand Middle & Dreher High School. He graduated from the University of SC with Bachelors in business administration in 1949. While at Carolina as a fun-loving SAE, he glimpsed a lovely raven-haired Tri Delta, Susan Tennent McElveen. He "won" her heart and they became "one", marrying on June 2, 1951. They made their home in Columbia and raised 4 daughters.

Jack began his professional career in sales, working for the Sewell Manufacturing Co of Bremen, Georgia, selling tailored suits to fine clothiers from West Virginia to Florida alongside his father and older brothers. Always a snappy dresser, he polished his keen knowledge of the weft and the weave of fabric during those years on the road. No detail was ignored.

By 1960, he and Susan were raising their growing family and the desire to spend less time away from home was critical to him. Jack chose to go to work for the Alester G. Furman Co. as a stockbroker. In 1964, he went to work with The Robinson-Humphrey Company, based out of Atlanta, Georgia. He was a bond specialist and eventually became the manager of the Columbia branch. During his years in finance, Jack mentored many young brokers, not only in business, but more importantly in life skills and the significance of personal presentation. He retired at age 77 from Smith Barney to enjoy more many more years with his beloved bride and family.

Flowers of the Forest Continued...

Involvement in the community was of great importance to Jack. Many organizations including Providence Hospital, The Riverbanks Zoo, and St. Andrew's Society benefited from his participation and leadership. He enjoyed membership in various civic and social organizations. In particular, he and Susan focused their efforts upon educational institutions including the University of SC and Presbyterian College. They gave generously, so that others would have the opportunity of an education.

Jack & Susan loved to travel, enjoying many trips across North America, to the Caribbean, to Europe and the British Isles (especially Scotland from which both descend). They enjoyed time at Lake Murray, Litchfield Beach, Blowing Rock, and Hilton Head Island. So many friends were met along the way and many introduced to boiled peanuts and his Carolina Smiles. And, oh, how he loved to dance, especially with his "Hen". The tunes of the Big Band era would have him on the dance floor shagging with Susan or his 4 daughters. Anyone who had the opportunity to dance with him or be taught by him was fortunate indeed.

But Faith and Family were central focus of Jack's life. His belief in Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior was his bedrock. Together, he & Susan laid the cornerstone for their family on it and raised their family as Presbyterians. Jack served in many capacities from Sunday School teacher to Deacon & Elder Emeritus.

Jack is survived by his wife, Susan Tennent McElveen Graybill; 3 daughters: Susan Tennent Graybill Hodges (David), Margaret Powers Graybill Strickland (Joe), Elizabeth Shelton Graybill Suber (Jack); and son-in-law, Jim Morton (Merrio). He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, and much extended family. He was predeceased by daughter, Lucy Kennedy Graybill Morton; his parents; and brothers, Cecil Eugene Graybill Jr. and Robert Lewis Graybill.

The family is deeply appreciative of the wonderful care provided by his dedicated Daybreak nurses Kellie, Lucy, and Wanda.

A memorial service was held Saturday December 12 at 11:30am at First Presbyterian Church. A private inurnment preceded the service.



Future Games

Including the 3 games that have already occurred, the Kennedy Society will be represented at 25 games this year. Upcoming games for the few months are:

Grandfather Mountain, 7/11-14, Linville NC, Samantha Dodson and Rick/Kim Hageman

Minnesota Scottish Street Fair, 7/13, St. Paul, MN, Allison Stavrakis

& Terry Lares-Kennedy

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, 8/10, Fergus ON

Virginia Scottish Games, 8/31, The Plains, VA, Sean Carrick

Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival, 9/7/Sander Ferry Park, TN,

Bill & Melissa Kennedy/Dave & Amy Carrick

Ligonier Highland Games, 9/14, Ligonier, PA, Colleen & Dan Caldwell

Niagra Celtic Heritage Festival, 9/14, Lockport, NY

NH Highland Games & Festival, 9/21, Concord, NH, Nina Eppes

Many games are more than one day. The website only allows for one date to be listed, so the Saturday date is the default listing. The respective game's link will identify the actual dates.

DUES REMINDER

Did you know that you can pay in-person at events where Kennedy Society of North America members host a tent? Check our Events Calendar on the website for locations.

Credit card payments can be made on the website by responding to the automatic email reminder. If that link has expired, or you don't receive one, email me at caldwellkids@earthlink.net.

Paying your dues with a check? Send it to the address below. Please let me know if you are sending a personal check in the mail so that I can watch for it.

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Membership dues are \$35 for one year, payable to Kennedy Society of North America.

Membership Updates



Colleen Caldwell Membership Chair

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP NEWS

What could be better than a good Scottish festival this summer? A good Scottish festival where you can meet up with other Kennedys! I did just that in April for the Annual General Meeting at the Loch Norman Highland Games. It was great having the opportunity to talk with some of the members such as Winona Golden, Thomas Corso, and Karen Kennedy. Interestingly, besides their Kennedy connection, a common theme for them was travel to Scotland. Perhaps I should take the hint! But until the time comes for my own trip to Scotland, I can enjoy my next few local Scottish events. I hope you all will do the same.

Your Membership Chair,

Colleen Caldwell

Welcome to these new members:

Scott Ferguson Greene of Palos Verdes Estates, CA
Chéri Cummings Donnelly of Lockhart, TX

Welcome to our newest Lifetime members:

Samantha Dodson of Hendersonville, NC
Christopher Kennedy of Marietta, Ga

Attention all Members and Tent Conveners:

Please note that I have moved! Please use my new mailing address included below to avoid mail delays. My new landline phone number is 724-849-0024; my cell phone is still 304-216-4005; email is the same caldwellkids@earthlink.net





A Message from the Vice President Deputy Chief

Samantha Dodson

As we transition into the summer, I wanted to take a moment to write a short message.

It has been an honor and wonderful experience to work as the newsletter coordinator for the past seven years. I couldn't think of anyone more capable to hand the reins over to than Kim, a long time friend with a flare for creativity. I am sure she will be able to further enhance the experience of all of our readers. As we transition roles please be patient, articles for the newsletter will need to be sent to Kim, but I am always happy to assist if you're having any difficulty.

As I am stepping into my new role I wanted to make sure that everyone had access to my new phone number, 828-393-5681.

I also want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to not only be a member and assist in the games, but to continue building on the foundation of those who have come before me. I hope to assist Sean in continuing to improve outreach and connection with current members and to welcome in any newcomers. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

SummerRecipe

Scottish Bubble and Squeak Patties

This Scottish appetizer is my father's favorite family dish.

INGREDIENTS

- Ingredients
- 1 pound potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 teaspoon prepared yellow mustard
- ½ cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper to taste



Instructions

- Place potatoes into a saucepan and fill with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, then simmer over medium heat until tender enough to pierce with a fork, about 10 minutes. Drain and mash potatoes, then set aside.
- Meanwhile, combine cabbage and carrot in another saucepan and add just enough water to barely cover the bottom of the pan. Cook over medium heat until tender, about 5 minutes. Drain off liquid and stir into mashed potatoes along with onion, mustard, and Cheddar cheese. Season with salt and pepper.
- Shape mixture into 4 patties. Heat a greased grill pan over medium-high heat. Place patties on the pan and grill until heated through and golden brown, about 5 minutes on each side. Serve right away.

Nutrition

Calories: 175kcal | Carbohydrates: 27g | Protein: 7g | Fat: 5g | Saturated Fat: 3g |
Sodium: 169mg | Fiber: 5g | Sugar: 4g | Vitamin C: 42mg | Calcium: 146mg |
Iron 1mg | Cholesterol 15mg | Potassium 667mg

Kid's Corner for the Wee Ones!!

Scottish Highland Piper



Scottish Highland Piper

The bagpipes have an airtight bag that holds air and is kept inflated by blowing into it with a tube or pumping it with a bellows. The bag's flow is regulated by arm pressure to maintain an even sound. To make music, the player presses the bag to release air through the chanter, a flute-like piece that produces the melody. The bag may also have one or more drones, which are other tubes that produce sounds when the bag is squeezed. Each drone usually plays a different note that stays the same throughout the song to create harmony with the chanter. The sounds are made by a single or double reed that vibrates when air is blown over it.

The bagpipes are often associated with Highland pipers, who were considered to be highly regarded and influenced by their Celtic heritage. In the 1700s, pipers may have begun to replace harpers as the preferred Celtic musicians in the Clan system. During World War II, pipers played tunes to help other units identify which Highland regiment they were with.

Fall Edition

It's never too early to start preparing for our next edition. Due to recent changes in formatting it's taken a while to get everything put together nicely for you. Please remember that the deadline for the next edition will be September 1st, 2024
