
Winter 2023

KENNEDY GAZETTE



THE KENNEDY GAZETTE



The Stone Mountain Highland games

David & I had a busy weekend as usual at Stone Mtn, we had two new members sign up and also had quite a few renewals as well. The games started with a reception on Friday at the host hotel and was attended by a couple of Kennedy's members.

Saturday was a great day weather was perfect, as we changed the tent look we didn't know how it would turnout. We worked out couple of mixups but will be great at the next games. Sunday was a little bit quieter than Saturday.

People who were at the tent during the two days David & Irene Phelps (GA), David & Amy Carrick (SC), Rebecca, Catherine & Charlie Harris (GA), Bill & Melissa Kennedy (AL), Jerry & Toni Cox (AL), Sean Carrick (SC), Susan, Gwen & Doug Kennedy (GA), Lee Bradley (GA), Nancy Carrick Gaskill, Kristine Winstead (GA), Samuel Winstead (GA), Lawrence & Heather Kennedy Mobley (NC), Paul & Mary Ellen Kennedy (GA), William Richardson (AL), Karry and Bobby Kennedy (GA), Karen & John Kennedy (GA), Jeff Kennedy (GA), Derek & Jessica Behuke (VA), Naomi Carrick Sellards (KY), James M Kennedy (Ga), Brian McCann (GA), Kate L (GA), Russell Canady (MS), Susan McBrayer (GA), Stuart Kennedy (GA), Jennifer Jones (AL).

Our new members Kristine & Samuel Winstead



Left: David and Sean preparing to march

Right: New Members Kristine & Samuel Winstead with David P. and Dave Carrick



Ligonier Highland Games

64th Ligonier Highland Games
September 16, 2023

The Ligonier Highland Game is my home game. I joined the Kennedy Society there over 30 years ago and have been convening a Kennedy tent there since 2017. I get a lot of help from my family: Dan Caldwell, Beverly Caldwell, and Dana Provence. It was the same weekend as the New Hampshire Game but we had terrific weather and they had a hurricane. You never know! It can feel like a totally different event each year. This time there was not a lot of foot traffic through the clan village. It seems that there was a mishap with the children's passports. No passports, nowhere to collect clan stamps. Thank goodness some creative families started bringing coloring sheets around (from the children's area) to be stamped and business picked up later in the afternoon.

This year I added a display about curling stones (pictured). The September 2023 issue of Scotland magazine had a wonderful article, called Olympic Grade, that covered everything you would want to know about the Ailsa Craig granite being made into curling stones. It was perfect timing!

We had visits from members Jennifer Szymanski and her husband of North Huntingdon and from Margaret Hinterlang and family from Butler.

The highlight of my day was a visit from dancer Gabrielle Pealer (pictured). Gabby received a dance scholarship from the Kennedy Society several years ago. She had a story to tell about dancing for the Queen! At Balmoral Castle! Look for it in this newsletter.

Until next year,
Colleen Kennedy Caldwell



Gabby Pealer A Dancer's Story

I am honoured to have been requested to write a piece for this newsletter, as being young in age, it is hard for me to fathom that I have as much to tell as I do. Since the Kennedy Society very generously awarded to me the funds needed to attend the Ohio Scottish Arts School (OSAS) Winter Session (2020), dance has taken me in a very different direction than I once could have predicted. OSAS usually holds a week-long Highland dance intensive in late June—in 2020 they held a virtual winter session that cost about \$300 and ran for several days. It was after this intensive that I became more interested in learning more about the intricacies of Highland dancing and branching my social networking to a larger group of dancers and musicians alike.

In February of 2020 I won my first Premier trophy at the Cary Indoor Highland Games and later began taking additional private lessons with the hopes of transforming my dancing into that of the Championship quality. As a new Premier, I quickly found the difference between pre-Premier and Premier competitive dancing to be so vast that the two may as well be different sports, and it was during the summer of 2020 that I spent most of my afternoons training on my sunny back-deck. In June I decided to graduate a year early to begin my Bachelor of Science at Davis and Elkins College (D&E offers up to \$500 per semester for Highland dancers and is also 6 minutes from our West Virginia Highland Dance studio, so it was a clear choice for me).

About a year later (fall 2021), I auditioned for the International Highland Dance team as an unexperienced Tattoo dancer. For those who are unfamiliar, a tattoo is a series of performances made by a combination of military and other bands, as well as a Highland Dance team. Partaking in a tattoo is extremely rigorous; as close as is possible to professional Highland dancing, room and board is paid for during the extent of the tattoo—but not flights. Upon being accepted to the tattoo in Estes Park, CO, I was over-the-moon overjoyed; however, facing the \$400 flight was not easy as a full-time student. Dr. Thomas, D&E's Vice President, listened to my story with excitement and offered to pay the full price of my flight on behalf of the college, a generous gift that kickstarted opportunities no one could have expected.

Performing in the tattoo was one of my very favorite experiences in dance, and you can see many behind the scenes shots on YouTube under the title “Dancing with the International Highland Dance Tattoo | Backstage Estes Park 2021 | Vlog”. Returning to the hectic schedule of college, I thought that tattoo dancing would be behind me. So wrong would I be shown to be. In January of the following year, one of the musicians from the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band that played in Estes Park—and I had kept up contact with—asked me something I could never have expected: “Would you like to be our band's featured dancer if we perform for the queen in August?” A most unusual proposal for an American student. I responded that I would, and found after further investigation that this band had performed three times prior in a private, intimate service for Her Majesty, as well as for others such as Prince William and Princess Kate. It is awe-striking the types of people you can meet without even knowing. D&E once more agreed to give me funds for the expensive flight and boarding, to which I was extremely grateful.

Gabby Pealer A Dancer's Story Pictures



Gabby Pealer A Dancer's Story Continued

I have to take a brief intermission to express immense gratitude for several people who assisted me in my first endeavors of travelling abroad: of course my teacher, Katy Dillon, my parents, folks in D&E administration (President Chris Wood, Beth King, Wendy Morgan, Cathy Nosel, and Scott Goddard specifically), and several in the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band (Bethany Bisailion, our wonderful pipe major, and also my good friend Kevin Offord who makes both wonderful music and helped me to join the band). It was due to all of these good people and more that I found myself performing a Sean Truibhas solo for Her Majesty, the Queen of England on August 18th, 2022. This show ended up being mere weeks before her passing, and I may surmise that I was the last solo artist who was able to perform for her.

This coming year, I will graduate from Davis and Elkins College with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (and double major in Biology)—I plan to take a gap year to study for the MCAT and dance as much as possible. Applications are already open for the tattoo in Nova Scotia (June 2024) and Royal Edinburgh Tattoo (August 2024), both of which I intend to apply for. Having been invited to return to Edinburgh with the Sons in August, I will either accompany them for the entirety of the trip, or see that I can join in for a few performances (depending on if I am able to dance with the Edinburgh tattoo). Afterwards we will travel to Belfast for the tattoo there (September 2024). I also would love to dance with the International Dance Team in Estes Park, CO, (September 2024) and in the tattoo in Belgium (October 2024), if luck and life permits me. Aside from tattoo dancing, I am also training to compete for my fourth time in the Southeast Regional Championships (May 2024)—last year I was fortunate to make it to the top three placings and represent the Southeast Region in Portland, OR, at the United States Inter-Regional Championship and hope to do so again (this year's Inter-Regional Championship is being held in Boston, MA, July 2024). Very exciting to me is the opportunity to dance alongside my brother, Elias Pealer (BATD), and support several students I co-teach with Katy who will be competing in the regional for the first time.

It has certainly been a busy four years. I hope to not have bored you with the synopsis of my exploits, although I am always eager to share them for the interest of inspiring kids. One of the most important lessons for me from my experiences over the year is to work hard to impossible goals. I started Highland at thirteen years old, which is quite old in this field. I had impossible goals though, and I kept working, even when my dreams seemed impossible. For those interested in learning more about me, I have just launched a Facebook page dedicated to my sibling and I's dancing adventures called "Gabby and Elias Pealer". You can also visit the West Virginia Highland Dancers Facebook page "West Virginia Highland Dancers" for more information about classes, private lessons, performances and events. We are always eager to take on new pupils, provide performances and presentations, and otherwise keep connected within our Scottish community. If interested in donating to assist with travel costs for my international tour in 2024 including the United States, Scotland, Ireland, and (potentially) Canada,

Belgium and the Netherlands, please contact me via Facebook or my email, gabrieledreanna@gmail.com. All donations are welcome and highly appreciated.

Thank you to the Kennedy Society for their invitation to tell my story in this copy of the newsletter, and may this new year be filled with much celebration and dancing.

Charleston Highland Games

52nd Charleston Highland Games

The 52nd Charleston Highland Games occurred November 4th at Riverfront Park. The Calling of the Clans occurred on Friday evening. Current Society Chief, David Carrick and a couple Charleston friends of Deputy Chief, Sean Carrick attended the event to usher in the games on Saturday.

Saturday was clear and cool which is a change from last year's northeaster storm that cancelled the games in 2022. Tent traffic was steady and we had a great time with Irene and David Phelps as well as Barry and Rose Kennedy. A great time was had by all!



Minnesota Scottish Fair

Minnesota Scottish Fair July 15th 2023

Once again the Minnesota Scottish Fair was held at the Celtic Junction in St. Paul, Mn, as a “Street Party”. We’re still trying to get our fair back on its feet, and this year there was lots of positive talk since we drew good crowds this year. (The last few years we’ve been hampered by horrid storms and of course, covid.)

The Minnesota Kennedy Clan held down our table in the Celtic Junction and had a blast. Sisters Allison and Laurie showed up early for set up and Terry, Robbie and Nelle came a little later. It was a busy day for us and we had lots of great conversations with so many other Scots. We had a two pronged attack to start conversations with people. We brought along our book, “the Clans of Scotland” and had it laid out on the table. As people approached us we would ask them their clan. We would then either help them look it up or do a search for their clan under the Clan Sept section of the book. Allison our family genealogist had many conversations about how to look up records to trace their families back. We also did meet a couple of people who said they had Kennedy roots. We, of course gave them the KSNA information so they could join if the wanted to.

Since only two of us needed to be tending the table, that meant we all got a chance to get around and visit the other clan tables, watch the dancing, listen to the bands playing on the stage outside, eat food and see all the other attractions the day had to offer. All and all, it was a great day and we all had fun!



In the picture from left to right, Nelle and Robbie Briody, Terry Kennedy-Lares, Allison Stavrakis, Laurie Lares, and her son Koty Frederickson.

Clover Highland Games & Scots-Irish Festival

2023 Feis Chlobhair | Clover Highland Games & Scots-Irish Festival

Feis Chlobhair occurred November 11 at New Centre Park Amphitheater in Clover SC. Feis Chlobhair is the last highland athletic event in the southeast for 2023. The Kennedys were the only family/clan society in attendance this year. David Carrick, Billy McBean and Annie Howser enjoyed the rather wet and chilled weather (very Scottish).



Paul Kennedy - Robert Burns Association

For many, January 25th and the associated celebrations that occur around that date are limited to a short time frame. However, there are others that experience it on almost year-round. One such person is Kennedy Society member Paul Kennedy of Mt Holly, NJ.

Since 2022, Paul has been president of the Robert Burns Association of North America. The RBANA was formed in a 1982 in Hamilton, ON, from its 1981 progenitor, the American Association of Federated Burnsians. Their annual conference alternates between the US and Canada, with this year's conference to be held in Mt Holly. The RBANA is affiliated with the Robert Burns Worldwide Federation based in Kilmarnock, Scotland, of which he is the US Director. His involvement with these organizations has allowed him to participate in Burns celebrations worldwide: Iraq, Afghanistan, Canada, and the US. He will be in Winnipeg, MB on January 25, 2024 and then at his home Burns Night with the South Jersey Celtic Society on January 27. His term as RBANA President will expire in 2024.

It is always interesting to find out where Kennedy Society members are contributing their time and efforts. So, when you are attending your local Burns night in January, the 265th anniversary of Burns' birth, you can be proud that the Kennedy Society is doing its share to perpetuate a tradition that began in 1801. Many thanks to Paul for his services!



Here is a picture of Paul Kennedy (Left), and the immediate past president of the Robert Burns World Federation, Alan Beck (right).

THE KENNEDY SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA IS AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS !!!



The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students of Celtic arts such as dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle, and language arts. Adults may also apply.

*****The deadline for scholarships is March 31.***

To receive a Kennedy Society scholarship, the student must meet these criteria:

•Be sponsored by a Kennedy Society member

Note: The student himself or herself does not have to belong to the KSNA. However, the student must be sponsored by a KSNA member. If a sponsor cannot be secured, please notify the scholarship chair for assistance. Otherwise, the application will be considered invalid.

•Plan to attend a certified workshop, class lessons, or camp of instruction

•Provide documentation of certification of the workshop, class, camp, or instructor

A scholarship award covers a portion of the cost of workshop, class, or camp registration.

***** To apply, fill out the scholarship application which can be found on the Kennedy Society website at: kennedysociety.org. OR request an application from: Jill Stupalsky at the address below. Your instructor or band director may also have applications.***

***** Send the application to the Scholarship Committee in care of: Mrs. Jill Stupalsky, at Email:45Jams@gmail.com or 12130 Kelly Green Blvd Unit 92 Ft Myers, FL 33908 Please feel free to contact Jill with any other questions.***

Words from our Chaplain

Let us pray to start the New Year with a positive outlook.

A beautiful prayer that I want to share!

Almighty God,

Help me to realize that though I can't see the whole of my life, you can.

Help me to see how you can take the painful, the hurtful, and even the harmful, and use it for your larger purpose.

Help me to trust that setbacks can actually be preparation for where you want me to be; that it can put me in a position for the blessings you have in store for me.

Help me to choose forgiveness and love, to break the harmful cycles of hurt where they are found in my family.

Help me to trust you with the pieces of my life, may I give you all the parts of the puzzle that I don't understand.

And even when I can't feel it, help me to realize that you are always with me; I am never alone.

Help me to trust your plan, trust your promises, trust your purpose for my life, and trust that you are bigger than the problems - that you never let a hurt go wasted.

Give me the strength and the power in the challenges I face. Jesus, I give myself completely to you.
I pray this in your name, Amen.

Chaplain Tom Kennedy

FOR GOD
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JOHN
3:16

A Message from the Chief



It is hard to believe that the Kennedy Society is at the end of its 50th Anniversary! There have been a lot of miles, people, games, and more in celebrating this significant milestone - but it has all been quite rewarding. Most of the games were blessed with good weather, especially the most recent (Scotland County, Stone Mountain, Charleston) that made them even more enjoyable. The exception was Clover, which was cold and damp - and it was unfortunate that Hurricane Lee took away Saturday at Loon Mountain. However, it has been quite the honor to see so many Kennedys and travel to as many places as I have, but the real pleasure was seeing the commitment of our members in keeping the Society going

Next year starts up shortly, with the following on the schedule: Central Florida, the SHANO Burns Night, the Asheville Celtic Festival, and NE Florida . I will be at all except the latter.

Please email me at david_carrick55@yahoo.com if you plan on convening a tent or tents so that it/they can be added to the website calendar.

Our AGM will be at Loch Norman, April 20-21, which will be here before you know it. Although the hotel and other details are forthcoming,

I am pleased to announce that the slate has been set:
Sean Carrick/Society Chief -President
Samantha Dodson/Society Deputy Chief - Vice President
Rick Hageman/Treasurer
Nina Eppes/Secretary

Have a wonderful holiday season, especially Hogmanay!

David Carrick

AGM and Upcoming changes

The 2024 AGM will be held at the Loch Norman Highland Games and Scottish Festival, April 20-21.
Rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn Charlotte North I-485:

LOCH NORMAN
Rural Hill
4431 Neck Rd.
Huntersville, NC
28078
704-875-3113
Ticket link is here

HAMPTON INN CHARLOTTE N I-485
7911 W.W.T. Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, NC
28216
704-395-9433
Room booking link is here:

[Loch Norman Highland Games](#)

[Hampton INN Booking](#)

There will be many changes to the Kennedy officer structure in 2024:

Society Chief/President - Dave Carrick will be termed out per the bylaws, with Sean Carrick, the current Deputy Society Chief/Vice President, standing for the position.

Deputy Society Chief/Vice President - Samantha Dodson, newsletter editor, will stand for the position. Kim Hageman will become newsletter editor.

Treasurer - Bob Davis, treasurer since 2019, will not run. Rick Hageman has agreed to stand for the position.

Secretary - JoAnne Engelhardt, who has been secretary since 2021, is not running. Nina Eppes has agreed to stand for the position.

Please thank Bob and JoAnne for their loyal and significant service to the Society!

Meeting Our Support!!



Newsletter Editor

During her lifetime, North Carolina native Kim Hageman has run the career gamut. Her curious and intrepid nature has led her to explore careers in the accounting, advertising, wedding planning, medical, and real estate fields. She has also made learning a lifetime pursuit, spending fifteen years in college to receive multiple certifications and degrees. After an early "retirement," she has gone on to form two businesses in Mitchell County. As a business owner, she is passionate about the local community and helping businesses and the economy thrive. She enjoys reading, working on her farm, playing bass guitar, and spending time with her rescue dog, Tucker. She and her husband are also proud members of the Kennedy Clan and attend the Highland Games every year where they assist with convening the Kennedy Society tent.

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Scholarship Committee

Jill Moncrief Stupalsky - Appointed Spring 2023

I am the daughter of Patricia Kennedy Moncrief (a charter member of the KSNA) and Jack Moncrief, and I have been attending the Scottish Highland Games since I was a little girl, mostly attending the Grandfather Mountain Games. I am married to Joe Stupalsky, and we have a 23 year old son, William, who lives in South Dakota.

We live most of the year in southwest Florida, however, we also spend most of the summers in the NC highlands of Sparta, NC. I've been a flight attendant for 36+ years, starting my career with Piedmont, then USAirways, and now American Airlines. I enjoy being outdoors, reading, and spending time with family and friends while occasionally enjoying a "wee dram".

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Meeting The Candidates

Treasurer

Rick Hageman, Spruce Pine, NC. Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Rick relocated to Asheville NC with his family when he was a young boy. Rick was active in the Boy Scouts and a member of the track and gymnastic teams while in high school.

Rick attended Appalachian State University and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Banking and Finance with additional areas of study in Accounting and Economics. While at Appalachian State,

Rick became a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society). Rick currently works for a CPA firm in Asheville NC. Rick enjoys hiking, backpacking, and attending the Highland Games with the Kennedy Society.



Deputy Society Chief/Vice President

Samantha Dodson of Hendersonville, NC has been an active member of the Kennedy Society of North America since 2006. She first attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 2005 and subsequently joined the following year. Samantha has been a resident of NC since 1997 when she and her family relocated to the area from Greenville, SC. From 2003-2015 Samantha attended Western Carolina University and Isothermal Community College. She graduated with several degrees in the field of engineering. She has applied that knowledge in her career at Kyocera International Inc., where she has been employed almost 12 years. In her free time she enjoys crafting, reading, hiking, and attending multiple Highland Games with the Kennedy Society. She is the convenor for the Asheville Celtic Festival as well as Grandfather Mountain Highland games, with the help of Kim and Rick Hageman.



Secretary

Nina Eppes, needs little introduction to many KSNA members, having been an active member since 1992, as she followed her late mother, Joan, into the Society. Nina convenes the Kennedy tent at Loon Mountain and is our Northeastern Chieftain. She is a retired technical writer and splits her time between New Hampshire, Florida, and traveling



OFFICIAL BALLOT AND PROXY BALLOT

2024 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 2024-2025. Additional nominations can be made at the AGM prior to the election.

President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Sean Carrick, Fort Mill, SC

Vice President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Samantha Dodson, Hendersonville, NC

Treasurer PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Rick Hageman, Spruce Pine, NC

Secretary PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Nina Eppes, Nashua, NH

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 2024 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 Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC games on April 20-21, 2024.

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 April 20-21, 2024 annual general membership meeting to: _____

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

Leo F Kennedy
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Email - HDViking@aol.com

Rev. Samuel Carrick, founder of Blount College - Now the University of Tennessee.



“I can recollect him very well yet, he was about five feet eight inches tall, ruddy and inclined to corpulence, or rater plethora. His whole person was cast in the most symmetrical mould, and would everywhere be called handsome...” Dr. Samuel Ramsey said of Reverend Doctor Samuel CZR Carrick. Samuel Czar Carrick was born in York County Pennsylvania on July 17, 1760 to Samuel Davis Carrick and Rachel (?). By the time of Samuel’s birth, it appears that his family had been in Pennsylvania since 1731, having come from Edinburgh, Scotland. A marriage bond was issued when Carrick was 19 between himself and Elizabeth Moore in Rockbridge County Virginia on September 21, 1779. Elizabeth was the daughter of Robert Moore and Margaret (?). Samuel Carrick was educated by William Graham at Liberty Hall, where he was a member of the first graduating class in September of 1785. Carrick became a candidate for the ministry in November of 1781 in the meeting of the Hanover Presbytery and was ordained the same year. In October of 1782 Carrick was licensed at New Providence Church, was ordained a year later and was installed as pastor of Rocky Spring and Wahab meeting house on the Cowpasture. Samuel and Elizabeth’s first child was Elizabeth. Mary M. Was the next child born to the couple. Samuel Davis and John Addison completed the offsprings of the union.

In the fall of 1789 along the Holston River while traveling to see friends in Virginia, Samuel Carrick encountered an assembly of men at Gilliam’s Station who after hearing the eloquence of the young preacher urged him to come back and speak to a larger gathering. Carrick returned as promised and delivered a sermon atop an Indian mound at Gilliam’s Station. Carrick continued to travel between Virginia and Tennessee, becoming a member of the Lexington Presbytery in 1786. The same year Carrick was made a member is the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, the highest judiciary of the church at the time. In 1791 Carrick opted to establish his residence in Tennessee permanently, settling on the north side of the Holston River. Establishing the Lebanon-in-the-Fork Church at Gilliam’s Station a few miles east of what is today Knoxville, Carrick served as first pastor. Not far away James White settled and turned his cabin into a crude fort. William Blount also moved nearby the same year. Blount was appointed as territorial governor by President George Washington. In 1792 Carrick began instructing a teenaged Hugh Lawson White. The son of the neighboring White family, Hugh Lawson White lived with the Carrick’s during the winter months and a strong attachment formed between Hugh and Carrick’s daughter Elizabeth they resulted in the marriage of the young couple in December of 1798.

Rev. Samuel Carrick - Continued

In December of 1792 Carrick placed an advertisement in the Gazette announcing the commencement of lessons in Rhetoric and Liberal Arts and Sciences to be taught from his home. As the church grew so did the tensions between the settlers and the Creek and Cherokee. On September 25 Carrick joined members of his congregation and men from White's Fort marched out to aid in the fortification of the surrounding communities. The year was 1793 and Elizabeth's health was already failing. While the men were away from White's Fort, Elizabeth passed away on September 24, 1793. Elizabeth's body was transported by night in a dugout canoe down the Holston River and was buried in the church yard at Lebanon, one of the first burials in the region, attended only by the women. Around this same time Carrick established the First Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, where he served as the first pastor.

Dr. Reverend Samuel Carrick married Annis (Hannah) McClellan on January 27, 1794 in Knoxville. The first child of this union was Mary Polly, followed by John Newton, Barbera (Barbery), and William McClellan. In February of that year Carrick, at the request of the Territorial Legislature, the men who constituted the territorial Council formed by President George Washington, delivered a sermon on August 25, 1794. The following September Carrick was appointed president of Blount College by legislation due to the quality of the education given to Hugh Lawson White, who by this time was appointed as secretary to Governor Blount, and the school established earlier by Carrick. Blount College received legislative charter on September 10, 1794 with Carrick appointed the first president with courses conducted in the Carrick home, however the college encountered insurmountable difficulties. Despite these difficulties, the seminary began by Carrick is considered the foundation of the University of Tennessee. An exceptional element of the school charter is the statement "...they (students) shall receive alike fair, generous and equal treatment during their residence." This made Blount College a leading non-sectarian education facility.

Constitutional convention called by Governor Blount met in Knoxville in January of 1796 with a sermon and commencement prayers offered by Rev. Samuel Carrick. The organization of Union Presbytery in 1797 includes Reverend Samuel Carrick among the five charter members. Carrick continued to serve both Lebanon-in-the-Fork and First Presbyterian Church until the time of his death.

While preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments on August 17, 1809 Reverend Dr. Samuel Carrick suffered a stroke and died within a few minutes. The Knoxville Gazette memorialized Carrick noting; "He was a much needed man of culture in a pioneer community. A gentleman of commanding appearance, of great urbanity" and as described in a brief notice of his death "a worthy, pious man."

Submitted By: Robert Rubow

The Kennedy Society is Pleased to Announce

GENEALOGY

Our Minnesota Games convener, Allison Lares-Stavrakis, has volunteered to ASSIST AND ADVISE members with their genealogical searches. She has done extensive work on her own ancestry and has taken courses on conducting such research. Her email address is astavrakis@frontier.net, and her bio is below.

NEVER YOU MIND, YOU'RE MY LITTLE GIRL by Allison Lares-Stavrakis

"I started getting an interest in genealogy when I was in my 20s when I was getting ready to travel to Scotland with my mother, Helen Kennedy Briody. My mother came over from Scotland in 1945 to marry my father, whom she met during World War 2. Once there, I started asking my relatives about 'the family'. This is when I found out my grandmother, Alice McMahon Kennedy, was born illegitimate.

When I returned home home after that trip, I went to visit my grandmother (she had immigrated here in 1947). I told her what I had found out from our relatives, and she reluctantly showed me her birth record. I could tell that she was embarrassed. Right on the birth record it said "ILLEGITIMATE". My grandmother told me that she had asked her mother, Helen Kennedy, who my grandmother's father was. Her mother's reply was "NEVER YOU MIND, YOU'RE MY LITTLE GIRL." That was the moment that really sparked my interest in genealogy, as I was now on a mission.

Moving forward to 2023, I have been volunteering at the Minnesota Genealogy Center, which is where I can reach out to professionals to get help in my research. I have been using Scotland's People for some of my personal research, which I have used to trace some Kennedys who emigrated to the US. I will also be attending a genealogy conference to learn more. If I cannot directly answer your questions, I will find out how to do so."

SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you have Kennedy news or pictures that you would like to have posted on the KSNA Facebook or Instagram sites? If so, please email them to kennedysocietynews@yahoo.com. Melissa Kennedy has volunteered to monitor that address and post appropriate material, which can be photos, reports, or announcements pertaining to games and other events as well as information pertaining to the Kennedy Society and/or Scotland. Controversial items will not be posted, and this does not affect those who already have editing/posting abilities. It is intended to expand KSNA social media usage as well as give members a more defined avenue to further engage with our membership.

We thank Allison and Melissa for offering their services and time!

Many thanks to all have convened tents, attended games, supported the 50th anniversary, or have volunteered their time and efforts this year.

Future Games

The 2024 games schedule is being set and will soon be on the website. The near term list is:

- * Central Florida/Suzanne and Frank Canada/January 13-14
- * Asheville Celtic Festival (indoors)/Samantha Dodson/February 17-18
- * NE Florida/David and Irene Phelps/February 24
- * Loch Norman/AGM/April

If anyone is convening a tent that is not on this list, please contact Dave Carrick (david_carrick55@yahoo.com) so that it can be put on the website. If you would like to convene a tent (!especially out West!), definitely contact Dave!!!

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

DO YOU USE ONLINE BILL PAY FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL?
Remember to change my address with your banking institution ASAP.
The yearly membership dues are now \$35.00 as of January 1, 2023.

Send any questions to:
Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
KSNA Membership Chair
278 Reservoir Road
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

Membership Updates



Colleen Caldwell Membership Chair

WINTER MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Winter is a time for reflecting on the past year and making resolutions for the coming year. In other words, what we are thankful for and what we would like to change going forward. In my thankful column is the Kennedy Society's 50th Anniversary.

What a lot of good memories we made at the celebration gala! I am also thankful for our KSNA Officers and Tent Conveners who volunteer their time and other resources to keep this organization running. And, I am thankful for all the Members who have a "commitment to history and heritage", as it is so aptly stated on the KSNA website.

Now for my resolutions...I resolve to visit a Scottish event that I haven't been to before. I resolve to make progress on my own genealogical research. I resolve to write my Kennedy Gazette articles before the deadline date (well, anything is possible!).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need website access or have any questions.

Happy Holidays!
Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
KSNA Membership

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Spencer Canada of East Wenatchee, WA
Michael S. Kennedy of Morehead City, NC
Lee Bradley of Woodstock, GA
Kristine Winstead of Midland, GA
Samuel Winstead of Midland, GA
Mary Kennedy-Auth of Severn, MD
Martha Denton of Mt. Pleasant, SC
Betty Hampton of Fresno, CA
Amy Bindner of Louisville, KY

New Lifetime Members
Karen Rutledge of Albuquerque, NM
David Everette of Atkinson, NC
Barry Kennedy of Summerville, SC

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



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Attention Tent Conveners:

Tent forms have been updated for 2023 with the new membership fees and my new mailing address. Please use the new forms at your tent. Contact me if you still need the new forms.

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WANTED: Kennedy Gazette newsletters between 1990 and 2005.

Are there any long-time members out there who have saved their newsletters?

If this is you, please contact Colleen Caldwell. She would like to borrow them to scan and add to the website. There are still a few gaps between 1990 and 2005.

We are looking for these specific issues:

1991 Spring volume 15 number 1
1991 Summer volume 15 number 2
1994 Summer volume 18 number 2
1998 Fall volume 22 number 3

1999 Winter volume 23 number 4
2003 Winter volume 27 number 4
2004 ALL ISSUES

Winter Recipe

Black Bun

This is another traditional Hogamany and New Years recipe that will pair wonderfully with that steak pie from last edition!

INGREDIENTS

For the Pastry

- 300 g Plain Flour
- 150 g Butter or Margarine ((cold, cubed))
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 4 tbsp Cold Water
- 1 Free-range Egg ((beaten - for glazing))

For the Filling

- 200 g Plain Flour
- 450 g Dried Fruit ((currants, raisins, sultanas))
- 1/2 tsp Ground Ginger
- 1/2 tsp Ground Cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp Mixed Spice
- 1/4 tsp Ground Black Pepper
- 100 g Light Brown Sugar
- 100 g Mixed Peel
- 50 g Flaked Almonds
- 1/2 tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
- 2 tbsp Whisky or Orange Juice
- 1 Free-range Egg
- 3 tbsp Milk

INSTRUCTIONS

For the Pastry

1. Sift the flour into a large bowl and rub in the butter/margarine with your fingers, until the mixture resembles bread crumbs.
2. Add the salt and 3-4 tablespoons of cold water and mix into a soft dough you'll probably need to use your hands).
3. Knead the dough together and form a ball. Wrap in cling film and place in the fridge whilst you make your Black Bun filling.

For the Filling

- Pre-heat your oven to 180°C (160°C for fan assisted ovens or Gas Mark 4). Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin (or a 7 inch round cake tin) with greaseproof paper. Set aside.
- Mix all the filling ingredients in a large bowl - it should be of a sticky consistency. Set aside.
- On a lightly floured surface, roll out 2/3 of the pastry thinly. Drape into your pre-lined tin and press up against the sides.
- Spoon in the filling to the pastry-lined tin and push down with the back of a spoon.

Winter Recipe!

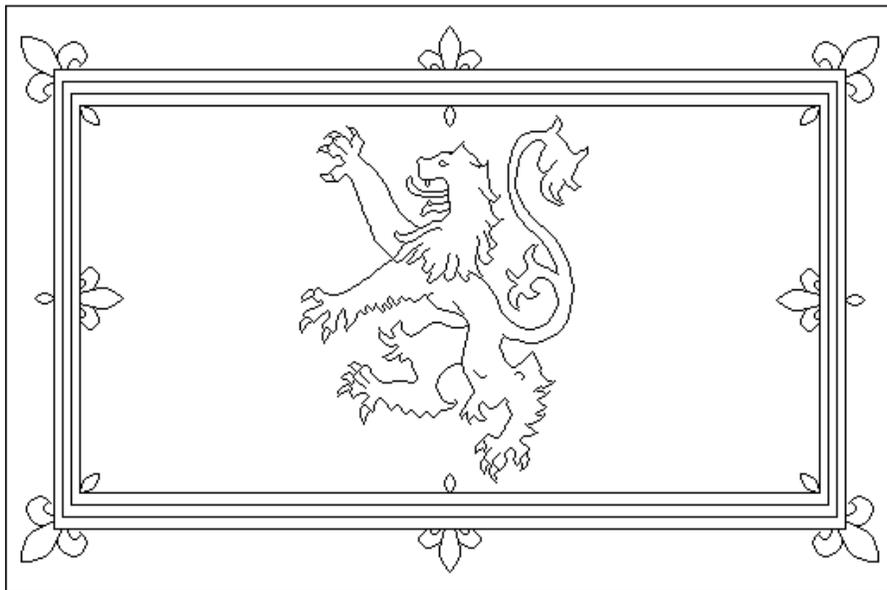
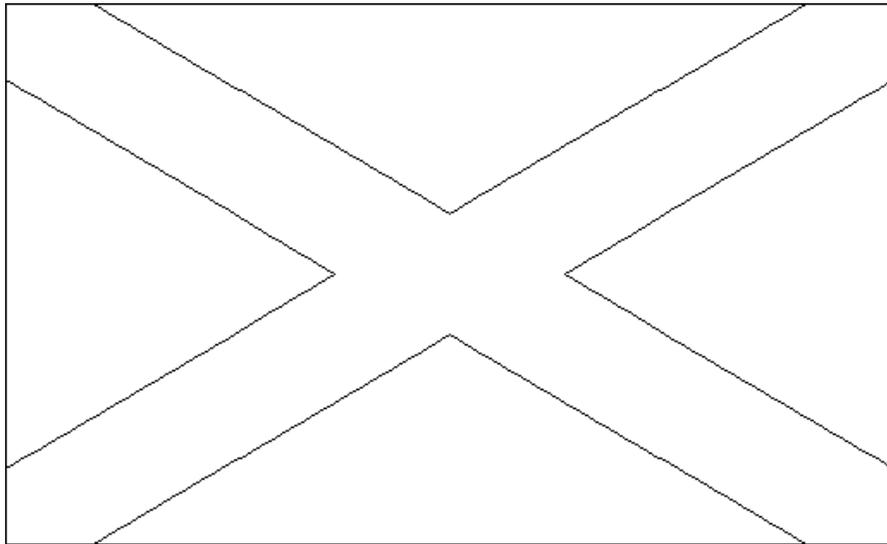
Black Bun

- Roll out the remaining pastry to the same thickness as before, large enough to cover the top of your tin. Brush the edges of the pastry with a little water and press on top of your black bun to seal. Trim the edges and crimp with a fork to finish.
- Glaze with a beaten egg, prick some holes in the top of the pastry and bake for 2 hours. If you feel your black bun is looking a little brown on top, cover with a sheet of tin foil half way through the bake time.
- Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely in tin before turning out to cut and serve.



Kid's Corner for the Wee Ones!!

Scotland's Flags, or Not



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Two flags are associated with Scotland. One flag is the Saltire. The other flag is the Lion Rampant.

Some people think they are both Scotland's flags.

The Saltire has Saint Andrew's cross on blue. St Andrew was a disciple, a follower, of Jesus. He got in trouble because he told people about Jesus. The rulers decided to crucify Andrew just like they did to Jesus. Andrew's cross was turned on its side so it looked like the letter "X." That cross is known as St Andrew's cross. Some people believe that having something that belonged to a saint would make things go well for them. Very, very long ago someone got some of St Andrew's bones and took them to Scotland. One time the Scots were fighting the Picts (another group of people who lived in the same area as the Scots lived). The night before a big battle the king saw the St Andrew's cross in the sky.

The next day the Scots won the battle. The king believed that St Andrew helped the Scots win the battle. The saltire with the St Andrew's cross on became Scotland's flag.

The Lion Rampant represents the monarchy, not the country, of Scotland. Ordinary people in Scotland use the Saltire as their country's flag, but they would get in a lot of trouble if they used the Lion Rampant. The Lion Rampant is a royal banner of Scotland, and ordinary people aren't royalty.

Who is the monarch? The monarch is the reigning king or queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. When you were born Queen Elizabeth II was the queen. When she died in 2022 her oldest son became King Charles III. Now you know about two important flags – one you can use and one you shouldn't use.

Spring 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 March 4th 2024
