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63rd Ligonier Highland Games September 17, 2022

The Ligonier Highland Games was held at Idlewild Park on Saturday, September 17, with the most perfect fall-like weather. Since the amusement park was open as well as the Scottish event, we had a pretty good crowd all day.

This being my fifth year of convening a tent for the Kennedy Society at this event, I felt like it was finally coming together properly. In order to make my tent more welcoming, I moved the registration table back which gave guests more room to come inside; it is easier to visit when everyone is out of the sun. We shared homemade Oatcakes with a choice of chutney or ginger curd, Scottish Tablet (kind of like fudge) and Balvenie Scotch. Many people were interested in sampling and there was a steady stream of visitors. By the way, there is a good recipe for Scottish Tablet in the previous Kennedy Gazette.

My information table also benefitted from an upgrade. I added a new display on Quintin Kennedy to share some local French & Indian War history. You can read more about him in an article by David Carrick in the Spring 2021 Kennedy Gazette. Or come visit us at Ligonier next year!

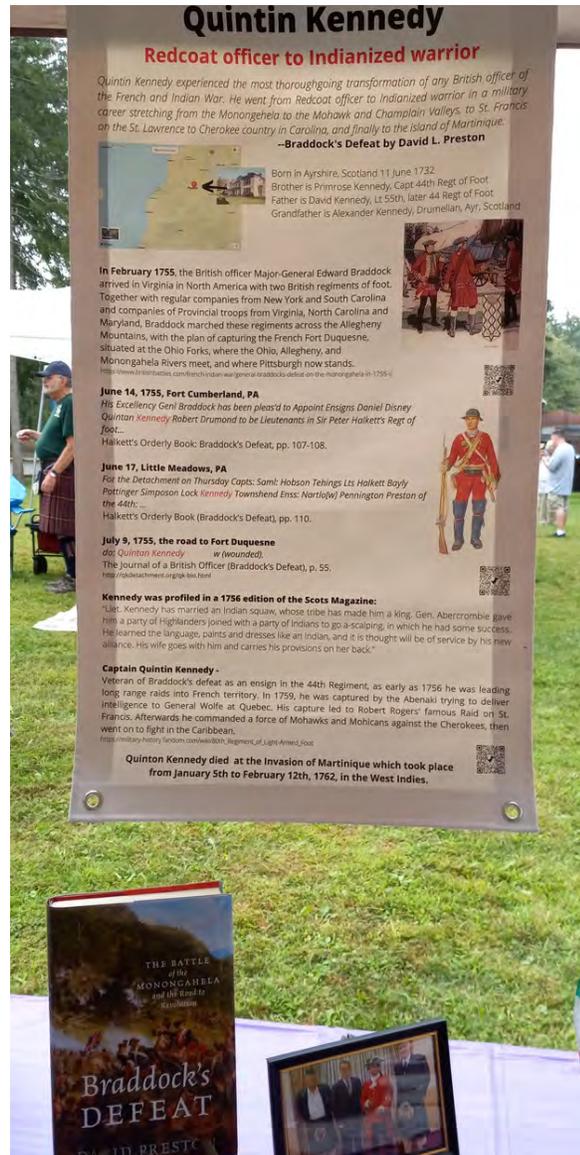
Ligonier Continued:

I learn new things from other clan conveners at every event I attend. Popular this year were badge stickers instead of rubber stamps for the children's passport books. And did you know that some clans are so large that there are "cadet branches"?

Many thanks to my husband, Dan, my sister-in-law, Beverly, and cousin Dana who are now experts at set-up and break-down of the tent. I couldn't do it without them.

Until next year!

Colleen Caldwell



Quintin Kennedy Display



Delicious Food Display!

A Message from the Chief



This past year has been a very busy year for the Kennedy Society, much of it behind the scenes. Of course, everybody has visited the new website and can see the results. However, most don't know the work that has been required to build it nor realize how many changes have occurred because of it.

First was the construction of the website itself. In addition to new content and graphics, the original plan was to incorporate an existing member management program that also included newsletter capabilities. However, it was quickly realized that this route was neither simple nor as advertised regarding cost. The monthly fee was one thing, but when licensing and other fees were included it was quickly concluded that a different tack was necessary. Fortunately, our web designer (Blue Renegade) stepped in and created a custom package.

While this has been a work in progress and has at times been frustrating to create, there are many more plusses because of it - particularly in that we are not confined to the limitations of a cookie cutter program. This has allowed for us to have flexibility with what we can do, especially in refining processes and fields.

Secondly, it has impacted two functions significantly: Membership and Newsletter. Where much of what was done by Colleen was manual and on spreadsheets, it is now largely automated. This includes, but is not limited to, generating renewal notices, the ability to join or renew on line, and allow member access to other members' contact information. As for Samantha, it means being able to create the newsletter in-house versus having to employ a desk top professional. The last newsletter was the first one done in this manner, and it was not without challenges - especially in learning how the software worked.

This is why it took longer to get the last newsletter out than usual. Colleen and Samantha deserve a lot of credit for learning how to make these transitions, as well as our thanks.

On a personal note, Sean and I have spent countless hours related to all phases and workings of the website, especially in regards to Zoom calls. Other areas that have taken a lot of time include attending games and planning for the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy Society. Although the celebration will begin in January and continue throughout the year, the official celebration will occur at the Smoky Mountain Games next May. Please make plans to attend what promises to be a very special occasion.

Sincerely,
David Carrick

Our Word of Prayer!

We have but one life , for how long , God only knows. Every moment that goes by shortens our gift of life.
Spread joy, love and happiness , your gift to others.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

GOD BLESS , Tom Kennedy, Chaplain

FOR GOD
SO LOVED
THE
WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
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JOHN
3:16



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Southeast Alabama Highland Games



Convenors Dave and Amy Carrick

Held in Daleville, the Southeast Alabama Highland Games took place on Saturday, September 17. There were about 15 clans and societies present as well as many food vendors. Also in attendance were four pipe bands from the Florida panhandle. An interesting wrinkle was that for \$55 per person, one could take a ride on a restored 1970s vintage Huey helicopter. The sound of the chopper taking off, flying, and landing was omnipresent throughout the day. The Kennedy tent was next door to the organizers' tent, and they had a Harris's hawk and a goshawk. The Society gained a new member, Scott Kennedy of Enterprise, AL. Dave and Amy Carrick were the tent convenors, substituting for Matt Kennedy. Matt, unfortunately, tested positive for covid earlier that week. This was the second year at this location, and the final report was that it had significant growth from the previous year.



New Member Scott Kennedy and Chief Dave Carrick

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games



After a major storm in 2019 washed us out, and 2 years of Covid, the Minnesota Scottish Fair is finally back. It came in the form of the Minnesota Scottish Street Party which took place at the Celtic Junction in St. Paul Minnesota on August 12th, and Clan Kennedy was there! Fortunately for us we had a table indoors because a big rain shower came along hoping to wash us out again.

Currently, Clan Kennedy in Minnesota consists of Allison Lares-Stavrakis, Laurie Lares, Terry Kennedy-Lares and Robbie Briody and his wife Nelle. Don't let the last names fool you, we are all brothers and sisters whose mum was born and raised in Ayrshire and became a "war-bride" after meeting our father who had been stationed near Culzean Castle during WWII. My mother, and grand parents may have immigrated to America, but mother passed her proud Kennedy heritage down to us, her children.

Part of the preparation for any clan event, of course, is food, and since I have been experimenting with shortbread recipes, sister Allison volunteered me for the baking detail. Not knowing how much we would use up, I made 4 batches. Oops! Well, we ended up feeding ourselves, the Twin Cities Scottish Club, and several neighboring clan booths as well.

The "Street Party" was small but well attended and then very well attended when my sister-in-law Nelle's 15 relatives showed up. It was a great time and we got to see old friends in the Scottish Community and meet some new ones as well. We had several people stop by the booth to check into information about Clan Kennedy and The Kennedy Society of North America. We ended the day dancing to some great jigs and reels Played by a local group "the Gunn Singers".

We are looking forward to a revived Minnesota Scottish Fair next year, and expect to have our full booth set up out doors in 2023!

From Terry Kennedy-Lares

Scotland County Highland Games

Saturday, October 1, was to be a record day of clans and attendance at the Scotland County Highland Games in Laurinburg, NC. Unfortunately, Hurricane Ian had other ideas, and its course went directly through the area. The games were cancelled on Tuesday, as no one was really sure at the time what the exact path was. However, it was the correct call as a state of emergency was declared for September 30 due to, among other things, 50 mile an hour winds - which would have made short work of tents, wares, and clan tent kits. The cancellation was major news as it headlined the local newspaper on Wednesday. Not the hurricane itself or the damage that it did to Florida, but the games. This shows not only how much support and interest that the games have in the community, but also the economic clout and cache that it carries. The games board took all of this in stride, as they are already planning for 2023. See you there next October!

Quechee Scottish Games & Festival

The Quechee Scottish Games and Festival returned after an absence of several years due to a reorganization plus the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a beautiful day! We didn't sign up any new members, but we were happy to welcome renewing member Brian Penney, who has hosted the Kennedy tent at the Quechee games in the past.

Brian Penney (center) with Chief First Class Retired Leo Kennedy (left) and Northeastern Chieftain Nina Eppes (right)



New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival



Tent convener and Northeastern Chieftain, Nina Eppes,
with Chief First Class, Retired, Leo Kennedy

The Kennedy Society returned to the New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival for the first time since 2018! We weren't able to attend in 2019, and the 2021 games were a reduced event after being cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the New Hampshire Games returned in full force, and it was great to be back! Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17 saw beautiful weather, and the forecasted rain on Sunday, Sept. 18 held off until about 3:00 pm. We signed up three new members and welcomed a current member we hadn't seen in four years!



New member Owen Kennedy
(center) of Winthrop, Maine with
Leo Kennedy (left) and Nina
Eppes (right).

Owen is a 17-year-old fiddler,
and he took first prize, among
other awards, at the New
England Regional Open Fiddle
Championship that day! Check
out his website at
www.fiddlerokennedy.com.

New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival Photos



New member Barbara Newman (center) of Westford, Massachusetts with Leo Kennedy (left) and Nina Eppes (right)



New member Lou Kennedy (center) of Kew Gardens, NY with his wife (left) and Northeastern Chieftain Nina Eppes (right)



**Nina Eppes (left), current member Mary Jo LaFreniere (center), Leo Kennedy (right)
(Photo taken inside the tent due to rain)**

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games



Fergus Canada welcomed back the Fergus Highland Games Aug 11th thru 14th, 2022 after a two year hiatus obviously due to Covid.

The event was held at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex grounds and was a great success. The attendance was stellar this year as I am sure people were happy to see the games back and fortunately the weather cooperated.

The Kennedy Tent was on display at Clan Row and had great support. We set up Saturday morning and saw a steady, very large crowd throughout the day. Thankfully I have a great supportive family to help out which allow for a few shifts through out the day for breaks!

We participated in the Opening Ceremony parade with a handful of those on hand and ready to support.



Fergus Continued...



My older brother Mark Kennedy carried the Kennedy name banner up front, and myself (Lydia Kennedy) and sister Joyce Creighton hoisted the modern tartan flag and the Kennedy crest flag accompanied by another sister Adele LaFond - always a proud moment!

We had visitors from throughout Canada, Unit States and even UK come by to visit, chat and share stories. Andrew McMurtry, the Kennedy Society's CASSOC delegate, graced us with some history and interesting knowledge during his tent visit. Hopefully we see some new Kennedy Society members, as I did distribute that information with our visitors. So nice to hear the pipes and drums again, I'm looking forward to next year's event already!

King Regards,

Lydia Kennedy

Membership Updates



Colleen Caldwell Membership Chair

FALL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

What drew you to the Kennedy Society website or the Kennedy tent in the clan village that first time? Was it curiosity about your Kennedy heritage that prompted you to join the Kennedy Society? When I talk with other Kennedys, who are not in my immediate family, I find that we still have much in common. It is like having family that you haven't met before! Get out to an event and visit a Kennedy tent. There are a lot more family members to meet!

“According to the data [of the 2010 census], Kennedy is ranked #146 in terms of the most common surnames in America.”
<https://namecensus.com/last-names/kennedy-surname-popularity/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions,
Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Membership



A big WELCOME to all of these new and returning members of the Kennedy Society!

New Members:

Norma Longo of Durham, NC
Katie vonCannon of Winston Salem, NC
Jean Ann Chatelain of Atlanta, GA
Jennifer Watkins-Jones of Stevenson, AL
Maria Kennedy Mungo of Charleston, SC
Letitia Marie Short of Greenville, SC
Robin Lee of Raleigh, NC
Jean Karpowich of Sparta, NJ
Chet Allen of Newland, NC
Joseph Stranger of Harrogate, TN
William Kennedy of Teaneck, NJ
Carl Kennedy of Centennial, CO
Owen Kennedy of Winthrop, ME
Barbara Newman of Westford, MA
Joan Hinterlang of Butler, PA

Returning Members:

Rebecca Lee of Chapel Hill, NC
Brian Penney of Dunbarton, NH

Our Newest Lifetime Members:

Aaron Kennedy of Boulder, CO
Andrew Braman of Richlands, NC
Kim Hageman of Spruce Pine, NC



**ATTENTION ALL KENNEDY MEMBERS FAR AND NEAR!
THE KENNEDY SOCIETY WILL BE 50 YEARS OLD IN 2023!**

In 1973, the Kennedy Society was founded at Grandfather Mountain under the guidance of John Flowers, Hugh Kennedy, and Harry Canaday. Next year will be the 50th anniversary, which will be held in conjunction with our AGM at the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games in Townsend, TN.

In order to help make this event even more special, a committee of members have been meeting to plan for and coordinate the various components of the celebration. These include the banquet, fundraising options, and other particulars. The committee is chaired by Leo Kennedy, and includes Bob Davis, Nina Eppes, Matt Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Sue Freshley, and Chris and Sue Kennedy. Information will appear on the website and will also be communicated via email by the end of this year. One thing that can be done now is booking a room at the Hilton Knoxville Airport on Alcoa Highway, 865-970-4300, especially as this is also the host hotel for the games. Clan MacLaren will be honored clan for the games and the hereditary chief of Clan Graham will be the honored guest, so there will be a big demand for the hotel. It is strongly suggested that those planning to go to the 50th be proactive

Questions? Please contact Leo Kennedy by email at hdiviking@aol.com or by phone at 401-447-8445.

Fall 2022 Recipe!



Mince and Tatties Casserole

Ingredients

- 1kg new potatoes, quartered
- 3 tbsp olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
- 2 onions, grated
- 3 carrots, grated
- 2 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 800g free-range beef mince
- 4 tbsp flour
- 550ml beef stock
- 3 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- Handful chopped fresh flatleaf parsley

Instructions:

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6. Spread the potatoes over a large baking sheet, toss with 2 tbsp of the olive oil, salt and pepper, then roast on a high shelf in the oven for 25-30 minutes until golden.

2. Meanwhile, heat the remaining oil in an ovenproof casserole or dish, then fry the onions with the carrots, celery and beef mince for 5 minutes to brown. Stir in the flour, then the stock and Worcestershire sauce. Cook, uncovered, on a middle shelf in the oven for 15-20 minutes.

3. Remove the potatoes and the mince mix from the oven. Toss the potatoes with the parsley, scatter over the mince and serve.

NUTRITION: PER SERVING

CALORIES 573KCAL

FAT 29.6G (10.5G SATURATED)

PROTEIN 31.2G

CARBOHYDRATES 42.1G (9.5G SUGARS)

FIBRE 6.5G

SALT 0.6G

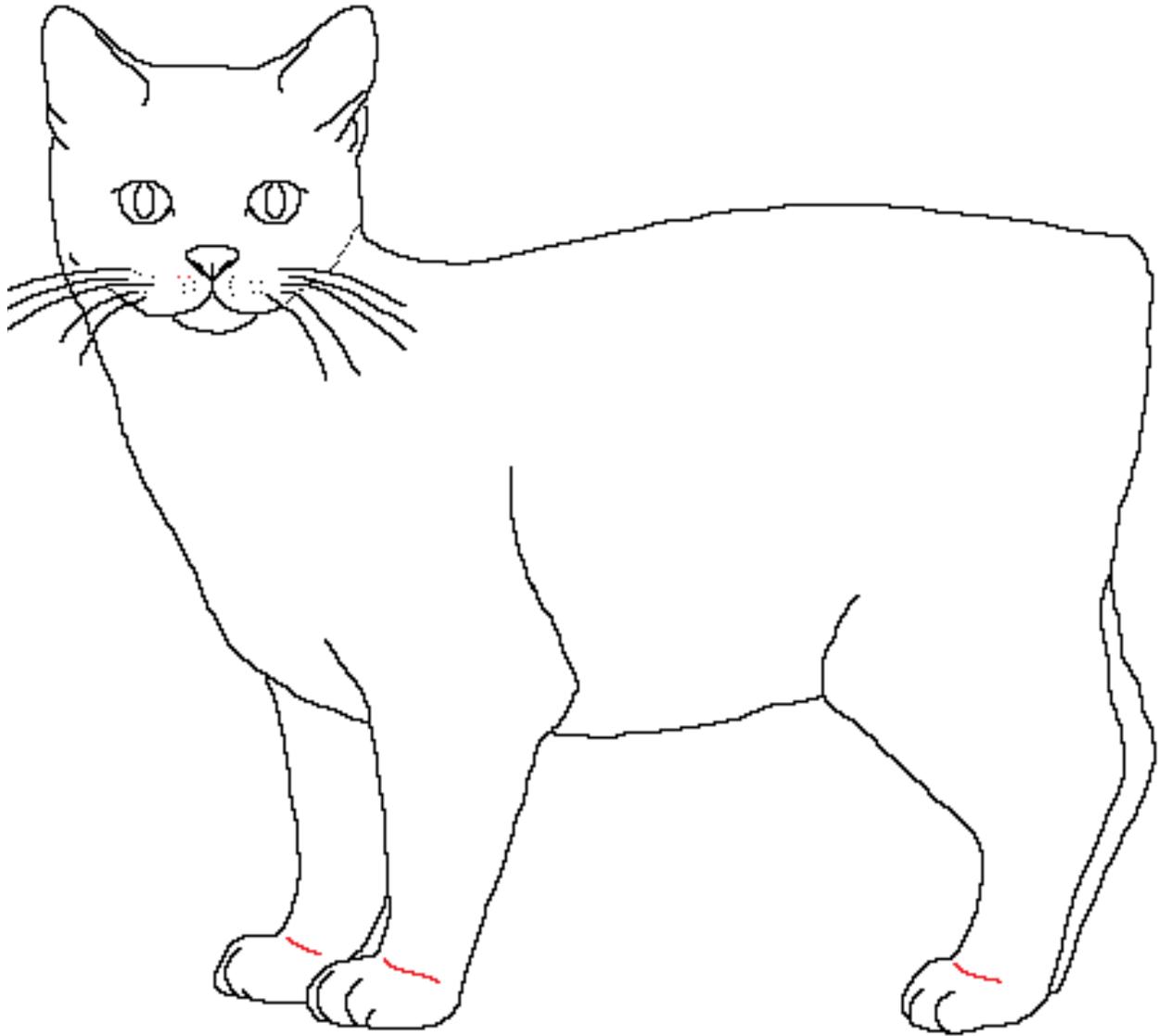
Let us know what recipes you'd like to see!

We're always looking for new ideas, feedback on published recipes or new spins on old classic recipes. Please send all recipe feedback to SamanthaKSNA@gmail.com

Thank you for all your help!

Kid's Corner for the Wee Ones!!

Another Kitty!
The Manx



Manx Cat

Have you ever seen one like this?

Near Scotland there is an island called the Isle of Man. A long time ago the Isle of Man was held by Scotland. The Isle of Man is home to a very old, very unusual breed of cats - the Manx cat. Like the Scottish Fold cat, the Manx looks a bit different from other house cats. The Manx cat is known for not having a tail. My goodness! A cat with no tail!. Actually, some Manx cats do have tails or part of a tail. Manx cats with no tails are called Rumpies. Those with short tails are called Stumpies. Those with longer tails are called Longies. No one knows for certain when the Manx cat breed started, but it was a very long time ago. Manx cats are people cats. That is, they like spending time with people more than many other cats. They are also very smart for cats. They also have very long, very powerful back legs and can jump up very high.

Do you think it would be fun to have a cat with no tail?

Winter 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 December 1st, 2022
