

2019 AGM FOR THE KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA APRIL 12-14, 2019



April 12-14, 2019 at the Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville, NC, will be the scene for the 2019 AGM for the Kennedy Society. This is the first AGM held at Loch Norman. The Kennedy Society will also be the Designated Clan at the games. Our tent will be on the opposite side of the field this year and will be double the size!! For ticket information go to their website <http://www.ruralhill.net> and click on the Scottish Game tab. Friday evening is a reception that is mostly for tent conveners and honored guests. Then following the reception as it gets dark, we move to the bleachers for The Clan Calling. This is a most moving ceremony!!



For those in need of lodging we are using the Fairfield Northlake hotel again. Rooms have been selling out quickly. Call the hotel at 704-509-0123 to inquire about availability. The cutoff date is March 12, 2019. The hotel is nice and does have breakfast every morning, mix of hot and cold items.

On Sat April 13th, we will have our AGM meeting in the large building you pass as you enter the games. It has been scheduled for 2-3pm. So far I have not had any other events at the games for us sent to me. We will have

the information posted within our tent.

We will have more chairs this year but remember to bring your own just in case we run out!! There will be food and drink in the tent supplied by members, and it is usually a wonderful selection of food!! Feel free to bring something if you wish!!

Sat April 13th at 6:30 pm, we will gather at the Hickory Tavern off Harris Blvd, just behind the hotel for our banquet. This restaurant has taken care of us for the past 4 or 5 years and I know it will be great. We will have a buffet, special dessert, awards, and of course wonderful comradery. We will be in the side room, so just tell them you are with the Kennedy Group. The charge for the meal is \$16 per person. As the KSNA has to pay one ticket -- please send your checks made out to KSNA to Lynn Grant 458 Country Woods Drive, Hillsville, VA 24343. This way we will have an idea of how many will be present. Alcoholic beverages will be purchased separately.

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM. And being the regular tent convener for this game I look forward to showing off the Loch Norman Games. The parade of Clans is usually done on Sunday around 11 or noon.

If you need other information, please feel free to contact me either by email mylyn919@yahoo.com or phone 704-661-9583.

Mary Lynn Grant





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

This will be my last message as the Chief of the Kennedy Society of North America. My term of office is over and I have had a wonderful four years. I did not make as many games or events as I had originally wanted to, but did travel to about eight games a year and enjoyed visiting with the many members of the KSNA that I have met. I think, or hope, that I have formed many lasting relationships within the membership. My thanks goes out to the whole Kennedy Society family for all that you have given to me. I am not departing from the Society. I will still be traveling to events and still setting up at games here in New England.



Not all went as smoothly as I would have liked. We had two of the members of the KSNA step down from leadership positions this past year. William Bill Kennedy of VA has announced his resignation from the Chieftain position in the KSNA effective Dec 31, 2018. Lorraine VanFossen of FL also stepped down as District Director in December. We thank them for their efforts to help the Society!

The future of the Kennedy Society of North America looks bright. A new leadership team will be stepping up and I have the utmost confidence in their ability to steer the Society on the right path. You will be hearing from them soon and I look forward to the new and exciting Team.

Please remember that our AGM will be in Loch Norman, Huntersville, NC on April 12-14, 2019. You will find info here in the Gazette and on our website for the AGM. I look forward to seeing many of you there next month!

As always - Please visit our website for the newest Kennedy items for sale. The new 2019 Kennedy Challenge Coin is in and we are also offering a limited collection of all 4 coins for only \$50. Take advantage of this before they sell out.

Please visit and support the Kennedy tents at the following games: we will be at Loch Norman, NC, Apr 12-14 - AGM; Savannah, GA, May 4th; Smoky Mountain (Maryville, TN) May 18-20; Greenville, SC, May 24-25; Old Orchard Beach ME, Jun 1; Rhode Island, June 8; Pikes Peak, CO, June 14-16.

Yours Always,
Leo Kennedy

A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA

While preparing for this edition of the Gazette, Lord Ailsa asked that I pass on his and Lady Ailsa's well wishes to everyone in the Kennedy Society, as he was unable to pen a message for us due to some technical difficulties. We will look forward to hearing from Lord and Lady Ailsa in the next edition!





MEETING THE CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER ROBERT MACNIDER DAVIS, III

I grew up in Hilton Village, Virginia now Newport News. At this writing, Claudette and I have been married for 49 ½ years. We have a son and daughter and four grandchildren. The youngest is Esme (2) who, we all agree, will one day rule the world, that's if she doesn't already. We live in Williamsburg, Virginia.

I graduated from Christopher Newport College with a BA in History. I am a Vietnam Veteran having served with the U.S. Army. I have been in sales/business development for over 40 years. As a defense contractor, I represented several organizations in the areas of data information and biometric integration.

I have been a member of The Sons of the American Revolution, The Jamestowne Society, The Society of the War of 1812, The General Society of Colonial Wars and the Knights Templar (SMOTJ). I have been President of the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg several times and a member for over 30 years. The same can be said for the Williamsburg Scottish Festival, which unfortunately has been discontinued.

Although Claudette is a member of Clan Kennedy by birth, the same cannot be said for me. Several years ago, I met Lord Charles here in Williamsburg. His words still ring in my ears. After reading a short history of my Ayrshire family (Macnider), he told me my family were henchman! Because they were followers of the Earl of Cassilis in the early 1500's, he knew the story well. He then asked Chris to bring me an application for membership for services to the Earl. I told him that I would rather refer to my family as defense contractors than as henchman. I can still hear him laughing.

Both Claudette and I look forward to meeting many of you at Loch Norman in April.



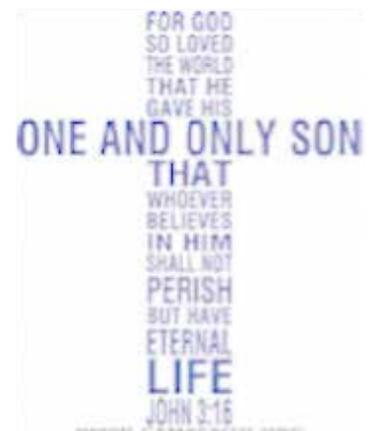
A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA:

Greetings, we are now a few months into our new year and hopefully planning for the AGM in April at Huntersville, NC.

Dear Lord, May we all have safe travels, help us reach our destination, swiftly and safely, always knowing you are with us. Amen

GOD BLESS,
Tom Kennedy. Society Chaplain





OFFICIAL BALLOT AND PROXY BALLOT

2019 KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA AGM ELECTION OF OFFICERS

I, Christopher Kennedy, KSNA Chief First Class Retired, in my capacity as Chairman of the Society Nominating Committee do hereby put forth this slate of officers for election for 2019-2020.

President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Mary Lynn Grant, Hillsville, Virginia

Vice President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

David Carrick, Greer South Carolina

Treasurer PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Bob Davis, Williamsburg, Virginia

Secretary PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Sean Carrick, Ft Mill, South Carolina

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 2018 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 Normon Games on April 13, 2019.

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 13, 2019 annual general membership meeting to: _____

Since several of the Board of Governors are running for election, Proxy Vote Assignment can be assigned to any other Board Member or member in good standing. Please return proxies to Chris Kennedy via email or post at:

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST REID VICTOR RAPPORT



Reid Victor Rapport, 79, of Orlando, FL passed away suddenly on February 14, 2019, with his loving wife, Nancy, at his bedside. Reid was a member of the Yale University (Saybrook) Class of 1961. He also attended Wayne State University, and earned his Master's degree in Hospitality Management at Michigan State University. He served

honorably in the U.S. Army as a Specialist E-4. A Guild-Certified Sommelier, Reid was well known in Central Florida and beyond for his enthusiastic love of wine and fine food. He was a long-standing member of the Alliance of Sommeliers and was the founder of a local single malt whiskey education group. He held teaching positions at Mid-Florida Tech (n/k/a Orange Technical College) and the Disney Institute; always willing to share his vast knowledge. His career included positions with Walt Disney World, two beverage wholesalers, and a partnership in Old Vines Wine Merchants. Reid was honored to be

inducted into the Orlando Sentinel's inaugural Culinary Hall of Fame. He was an active member of the Stag Club of Winter Park and the President's Club. He was a former member of the original Orlando Rugby Club. In addition to his

wife, Reid is survived by his sister, Anne Vicki Paulet (Adrian), of Dunwoody, GA; cousin, John O'Malley Burns, of Washington, VA ; nieces Anne of Eureka, CA and Cori of St. Paul, MN along with their respective spouses and children. He also is survived by his brother-in-law, Thomas A. Barnette of Pompano Beach, FL and nephew, Craig T. Barnette of Jacksonville, FL along with Craig's family. Arrangements (cremation) will be handled by Newcomer Funeral Home, Orlando. A celebratory tribute will be held at a later date. Contributions in memory of Reid may be made to the charity of your choice.



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NEW 2019 CHALLENGE COINS AVAILABLE!

This year's challenge coin is now available on our website and at select games. Cost online is \$15/each which includes shipping. We also have a very limited supply of our challenge coin packages, which include one of each coin years 2016-2019 for \$50.



2016



2017



2018



A LITTLE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Here are a few things you should know about membership renewals that are fast approaching.

For those of you who are renewing annually, I will send an email reminder in May. If we don't have an email address for you, I will send it by postal mail. The second notices will ALL go out by postal mail in July if I don't hear back from you. Renewing promptly saves us the cost of postage! And, if you have moved recently, please send me your new contact information.

Two years ago was the start of 3-year renewals and many members are now renewing for multiple years. So, some of you won't get a notice from me until next year or the year after that. A lot of re-locating can happen in 3 years! So, again, update your contact information if you haven't already.

The options for renewing will be the same as for last year—\$25 for 1-year, \$60 for 3-years, \$300 for a Lifetime member over 60 years of age, and \$400 for a Lifetime member under 60 years of age. Please check the website for out-of-U.S. differences. A Lifetime membership is not only the best deal but it also helps sustain the Kennedy Society financially.

Please join me in welcoming our most recent Lifetime Members:

- Marcus and Joanne Engelhardt of Des Moines, Iowa
- Sue Freshley of Willoughby, Ohio

Hope to see you at the AGM in April!

Your KSNA Membership Chair,
Colleen Caldwell



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT APRIL - JULY 2019

April 6: Dunedin Highland Games
Dunedin, FL

April 12-14: **AGM** Loch Normon Games
Huntersville, NC

May 4: Savannah Scottish Games
Savannah, GA

May 18-20: Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games
Maryville, TN

May 24-25: Gallabrae
Greenville, SC

June 1: Old Orchard Beach Scottish Festival
Old Orchard Beach, ME

June 8: Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival
Richmond, RI

June 14-16: Pikes Peak Celtic Festival
Colorado Springs, CO

July 11-14: Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Linville, NC

July 12-14: Colorado Irish Festival
Littleton, CO

July 19-20: Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games
Eagan, MN

UPCOMING GAMES: THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS AND GALLABRAE

If you are looking for something to do and someplace to go in May, there are two good vacation spots to consider: the Great Smoky Mountains and Upstate South Carolina. And the best thing is that each will host their respective annual Scottish Games!

The Smoky Mountain Games are held at Maryville College in Maryville, a half hour to "The Quiet Side" of the Smokies and close to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. Knoxville is also an easy option. This is a two day game and will be held May 18 and 19.

The Upstate has become a travel sensation in the past several years in many regional and national travel

publications. Much of this interest is focused on Greenville because of its renovated downtown, foodie scene, and proximity to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Downtown Greenville hosts a parade on Friday night for the games and features pipe bands and clans, while Furman University is the venue for the one-day Gallabrae games. The respective dates for the parade and games are May 24 and 25.

If you require further information, each has a website relative to their site as well ticket purchasing options. Could be time for a road trip or two!

Submitted by: Dave Carrick



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