

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA:

Here's hoping that all of you enjoyed a very Blessed Easter Season of 40 days. May the Risen Christ be with you and your loved ones now and always.

Aye,
Fr. David C. Kennedy,
Society Chaplain



39TH ANNUAL CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES JANUARY 15-17, 2016

With her infectious personality and beautiful smile, Lady Rosemary Kennedy Cadell made everyone she met feel welcome while her late father, the 8th Marquess of Ailsa, himself graced the cover of the games program. Lady Rosemary attended as the family representative for her uncle, the 9th Marquess of Ailsa. She traveled with and was escorted by the Hon. James Padgett, family friend and godfather to her eldest son. This was truly a special weekend for Honored Clan Kennedy and all who attended, with two days of beautiful, sunny skies culminating a year of honor and remembrance for Lord Charles.

The festivities began Friday night with the whiskey tasting event at the Hilton, the host hotel. Lady Rosemary was escorted to this event by Chieftain of the Honor Guard, Captain Frank Canada, joined by the Hon. James Padgett and Suzanne Canada, and joined at the table by other Kennedys. Art, Michelle & Billy of the Central Florida Whiskey Cabinet presented a special selection honoring Lady Rosemary and Clan Kennedy: very rare 37 year old Ladyburn from the Kingdom of Carrick, specifically Girvan, Ayrshire, distilled in 1975 and bottled in 2013. Only 162 bottles of this whiskey were ever produced, making it truly an honor for all Kennedys present to sample it. Lady Rosemary, not being a whiskey drinker, found the Ladyburn to be very smooth and delightful!

The reception followed, with plenty of good food, friends old and new, entertainment, and of course, piping hot haggis. After the reception, most Kennedys were on the

tired side and retired, but a few with energy pulled from some unknown source stayed at the lounge area for more shared stories and jokes.

Saturday was extremely busy from 11:00 on as one event flowed right into the next. Lady Rosemary was escorted by Chief Leo Kennedy to the parade field, lined with spectators four deep, and stood at the stage while Rosie O'Grady's Highlanders and the Titusville Fire and Emergency Services Kennedy Honor Guard marched out into position. "Highland Cathedral's" beautiful and moving notes flowed from the bagpipes and surrounded all present as four lovely young daughters of Honor Guard members walked up to Lady Rosemary in pairs, dropped perfect curtsies (much to her delight!) and presented her with bouquets of blue and white flowers. Lady Rosemary inspected the band and honor guard, exceptional and gracious in her traditional and important role. This was the first time Lady Rosemary had been able to officially meet all of the members of the Kennedy Honor Guard, which was quite an honor for all!

The Parade of Tartans was next, the Honor Guard leading Clan Kennedy onto





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the field as Lady Rosemary, James, and Standard Bearer Neil Brussard watched from the stage. The Honor Guard, after exiting the field, immediately got in position for the official opening of the Games and presentation of the national colors. Captain Canada brought the Guard onto the field, presenting the colors of the United States, United Kingdom, Scotland, and Canada. Lady Rosemary spoke briefly to the large crowd, thanking all for hosting her and making her feel so very welcome.

Everyone then returned to the Kennedy tent where Lady Rosemary was honored with a traditional Scottish welcome toast offered by Chieftain Frank Canada, followed by a moment of silence and remembrance for her father. Lady Rosemary addressed everyone, saying how she hoped her presence at these games would give closure to many. This was an emotional moment, as most everyone present must have been thinking about one year ago....when the planned fun, festivities and toast for Lord Charles were transformed into a dignified memorial.

The Saturday night Clan Kennedy dinner at the Hilton was attended by 30 or more and the stories and laughter surrounded us all. This was a truly great time for everyone to connect with each other and relax. Chief Leo Kennedy presented awards to recipients of the Order of the Dolphin Award, who are pictured in another article here in the newsletter.

Chris and Sue Kennedy honored Frank and Suzanne Canada, recognizing them for organizing this year's games events as well as 2015 and 2014 – all three years having been extremely busy. Frank was presented with a beautiful weathered tartan plaid and flashes, and Suzanne with a gorgeous Tain pottery thistle vase.

Sunday was a fun day, with the only commitment for Lady Rosemary being the opening ceremonies. We all had time to sit and chat, share more stories, and relax a bit. As with all games where a member of the family from Scotland



Honored Clan



Brie Vaknin and Nicole House with flowers for Lady Rosemary



Lady Rosemary receives flowers while Chief Leo, Deputy Chief Lynn and James look on



Lady Rosemary reviewing the clans while standard bearer Neil Brussard and James Padgett look on



Kennedy Chiefs with Honor Guard



The Toast



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attends, it was a particularly eventful weekend, and the “down time” was welcome!

Central Winds Park (NOT an honorary name...) received high winds overnight both Friday and Saturday which left 20 or more clan and piping tents uprooted, tossed around, and bent into interesting new shapes. A couple of tents were actually up in the trees! By Sunday morning there were at least four “art” installations around the grounds consisting of piles of bent tent frames! The Kennedy tent was a 20 X 20 heavy canvas, and survived the onslaught.

Kennedy Society dignitaries were in full force with many present and past officers in attendance: President Leo & Sandy Kennedy, Vice President Lynn Grant, Great Lakes Regional Chieftain Kona Gant, District Directors Neil Brussard and Chris Kennedy (past President), Scholarship Chair/Newsletter Coordinator Sue Kennedy (past Secretary), and several Kennedy games representatives. Hosts for the games tent were Frank and Suzanne Canada.

New members welcomed over the weekend were: Scott Dickie from Auburndale FL, Debra Kane from Orlando FL, Michael Kennedy from Stuart Florida, and Reid Rapport from Orlando FL.

Submitted by Frank and Suzanne Canada
Tent Conveners



New member Scott Dickie



New member Mike Kennedy



Frank and Suzanne Canada pictured with Lady Rosemary



New member Debra Kane



New member Reid Rapport

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Annabel Jean Cantley was born December 14, 2015 at Hampton, VA to Sean and Sarah (Caldwell) Cantley.

She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz and was 20.86 in. long.

The proud grandparents in the photo are Dan and Colleen (Kennedy) Caldwell of Morgantown, WV.





A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA



I always seem to start my message to you with a note about the weather. This one will be no different. It's official, Scotland has had the wettest winter on record for over one hundred years!

However before I make more mention of our weather I am well aware that the United States has

had its own fair share of extreme weather events, one such was the sudden snow storm that swept up the north east of America. My niece Alicia sent me photographs of deep snow drifts near her apartment in New York while only a few weeks before an acquaintance from San Antonio had told me of the really warm December weather in Texas.

We had a bit of a disaster here, during one of the very wet spells the culvert beside the main road choked and the result was that our grain sheds were inundated with floodwater so now we have to be very careful when outloading the grain and make sure that none of the wet base layer gets into the haulage wagon.

We had a lovely and lively family Christmas here at Morriston before all going over to Edinburgh to attend the wedding of my sister Elizabeth's youngest daughter Marie Claire.

Marie Claire and Angus were married on the 19th December in St Giles Cathedral on the Royal Mile. It was a wonderful service followed by a very joyful reception. The whole Kennedy family was there amongst hundreds of guests and relations. I had the pleasure of driving the bride and her father to the church and then once the service was over I drove the bride and groom to the reception. Marie Claire had requested the old Rolls Royce but the weather was so stormy and wet and the old car is a bit leaky so she had to settle for the Porsche Panamera.

We brought in the New Year at a splendid dinner party with a group of friends here in Ayrshire and then in no time Kitty and Archie were off south again.

The shooting season finished on the 1st February and Tommy our gamekeeper is now catching up the hen pheasants to take to the breeder who supplies us with our day old chicks in June for us to rear for the coming season. We had a very good year with all of our regular customers booking days to shoot on the Estate again.

I was delighted that my niece Rosemary was able to attend the Central Florida Highland Games as the Honoured Guest and represent the Kennedy Family at the games. She came back full of praise and was very keen to tell me how kind everyone had been.

My wife Anne and I spent some time in Havana in February. We had planned to go a year ago but had cancelled due to the untimely death of my brother Charles. Havana is glorious in a rather rundown way. The Cubans are very friendly and have shown a great deal of skill and ingenuity in keeping the thousands of forties and fifties American cars going for sixty or so years. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing all these wonderful old cars still being used for everyday transport and had the opportunity to ride in a lovely old convertible Pontiac for an architectural tour of the city. It is also a testament to the build quality of American cars of that period.



We also spent some time touring the interior of the country which is sparsely populated and where the main form of transport is by horse and cart. They have a great mix of agriculture including sugar cane, guava, bananas, avocado, mango, black beans, rice, and tobacco and I'm sure a few other crops that we did not see.

During our stay in Havana I was interviewed by Mike Opelka for a Blaze radio programme, he was keen to get my take on the old cars and all things Cuban. For those of you who may want to listen to the brief interview I will provide a link to the segment.

My new and last Landrover Defender has arrived and as I mentioned in my previous message production of these ▶



A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA (continued)

iconic vehicles has now ceased. I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to the Landrover factory last November and witnessed the wonderful production line where they were still hand building these vehicles.

My passion for motorised transport also extends to motorcycles and alongside my old Brough Superior and modern Hondas I have been developing a “mixed breed” café racer. I have shoehorned a late eighties Harley Davidson Sportster engine into a fifties Norton wideline featherbed frame. The bike has valanced alloy wheels with stainless spokes, clip-on handlebars, rearset footrests and I am having a five gallon Manx racing tank made for it. With a bit of luck I might have it roadworthy before the end of the summer.

The very wet autumn meant that we did not manage to harvest the beans and the maize until the 14th of December, this is the latest we have ever been. We are now starting to prepare for the spring seeding on the farm, once the soil temperatures start to warm up we will get on

with sowing beans and then proceed to sow spring wheat then barley and finish up with maize and fodder beet.

Both Kitty and Archie will be home soon for the Easter break. Kitty is finding her job within publishing very rewarding but is looking forward to a few days at home. Archie has just been awarded a first for one of his History of Art essays at York University. Anne and I are both very much looking forward to having them back at Morriston.

I think we are all looking forward to one or two chocolate eggs!

I wish you all a Happy Easter.
Ailsa

[Link to the radio interview:](https://soundcloud.com/pure-opelka/prime-cut-scottish-lord-david-kennedy-calls-from-havana-to-talk-cars-in-cuba-and-more)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Winter is leaving New England, although truthfully, we have been enjoying a very mild one. Temperatures have set records from -7 to 64 with many days about 40. Hard to believe, but we have been enjoying it. We did travel a little and went to Florida for a family visit and the games.

The Central Florida Games went very well, with the strong winded weather holding out to the evenings. Lady Rosemary seemed to have a great time visiting with the Kennedys; I know I enjoyed visiting with her. The Kennedy tent was well attended and with the presence of so many Kennedys it helped make things go very well. My thanks go to everyone who was there and helped and especially to Frank and Susanne Canada for hosting the tent. Sandy and I feel we met and made new friends there.

It was my first time to meet all the members of the Kennedy Honor Guard – what a great job was done by them in all the many tasks they were asked to perform. I was very much impressed by their professionalism and can-do attitude. They add a lot to the Society.

Bill Kennedy is promoting a Kennedy tour of Scotland. Information will be post on our website once we complete the tour package – please look for it soon! It should be a great trip and another chance to visit Scotland with like minded friends.

Let's not forget about the AGM in Charlestown this September. A lot of work is being done by Dave Carrick to ensure a fun time to be had by all. The games will be on the 16-18 of September, please mark it on your calendars –I am looking forward to seeing you there.

We have upped the amount for our scholarships. We will now offer two to three scholarships up to a total of \$1000

per year. If you have a Celtic dancer or musician known to you that fits the requirements, visit the web site or contact Sue Kennedy for more information. Let's support these people that are advancing our heritage.

Sandy and I will next be traveling to Savannah for the St Patrick's celebration. We went a few years ago and had a great time. Not only are there Irish pubs but a Scottish one as well! Molly MacPherson's is a great time with good Scottish foods, great servers and a GREAT scotch selection – over 120 single malts. I hope to have enough time to try a few.

When things are slow and you are looking for something to do, why not visit the Kennedy web site. The merchandise link has our new, limited edition, challenge coins as well as other great Kennedy items and the sales help support us. We want to keep the site fresh and be interesting for all of the Kennedys. Feel free to make any comments back to the officers for additions you might like to see.

Have a great spring and enjoy the good weather. Visit some games where a Kennedy tent will be set up - enjoy the great company of the Kennedys at the games this year. Come out and support, maybe even assist at a tent. You are always welcome.

slàinte mhòr,
Leo Kennedy, Chief



NOTE FROM NEIL BRUSSARD:

Denis Snowdon stopped by our tent and spoke with us about his radio show that he has been doing for the past 50 years each Sunday afternoon – A Little Breadth of Scotland.

His show is now available on Podcast and a new podcast is released each Sunday. If you would like to avail yourself of these weekly Podcasts, check out his website for more information: www.denisnowdon.com.





THE ORDER OF THE DOLPHIN AWARD PRESENTED AT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA GAMES

About two years ago at the Greenville AGM I was asked to create a new award for the Kennedy Society. I was given the name of the award, The Order of the Dolphin. I assembled a team consisting of Virginia Bill Kennedy, Neil Brussard and Frank Kennedy.

We started with a blank slate taking into consideration ideas received from our membership about what the award should look like. First we needed to establish the criteria for the Order of the Dolphin award. In doing so we found that we needed to adjust the criteria for all of the three KSNA awards.

(Find the criteria for all three of our awards in a separate article).

We then moved on with the design taking a good look at all of the ideas submitted. We finally narrowed it down to three possibilities and presented them to the board at the Virginia AGM in 2015. A vote was taken and the final design was approved for production. This medal was designed to look as close as possible to Lord Charles cap badge.

However we ran into a snag with the cost of production for the medals - the funds were not available.

Frank and I felt it had taken so long already to just to get the OK for the production that we didn't want to wait any longer. So Frank and I split the cost of the production for the medals.

Awards are normally given out at the AGM. But with Lady Rosemary coming in to the Central Florida Games for Lord Charles' memorial tribute, and this being the first time this medal could be awarded, I felt that it would be wonderful if Lady Rosemary could be part of the presentation ceremony of this new award together with Leo.

Those three individuals receiving the Order of the Dolphin award for the first time are: Kona Gant, Virginia Bill Kennedy, and Neil Brussard. Congratulations to each of you!



If you know anyone that you feel deserves recognition and you would like to nominate them for any of our Society's awards submit their names to your area Chieftain or District Director. They will submit your recommendation to the Board.



SARASOTA HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL JANUARY 30, 2016

This was Sarasota's 22nd Highland Games & Celtic Festival. It was a typical Florida winter day, temps in the mid 60s with slight breezes. It was a welcome change to the previous days of heavy rains and strong winds.

Janet and I were joined by Bill & Terry Kennedy from Yorktown, VA. Bill & Terry were on a vacation and stopped in Sarasota to attend our games before heading down to the Keys. Bill & Terry spent the better part of the day helping out as co-conveners.

It is with incredible excitement we welcome new lifetime member, Robert Francis Carniaux and his wife Kathleen, from Sarasota, Florida.

Alan & Liza Cribb arrived just in time to join us in the Parade of Tartans. The Kennedy contingent took to the field for the Parade of Tartans joined by Alan & Liza Cribb and Bill & Terry Kennedy with a special guest appearance by Dallas (Bill & Terry's yellow lab). Dallas carried a bottle of Scotch under his chin to the delight of all onlookers!

Submitted by Neil & Janet Brussard



Neil and Janet Brussard welcome Terry and Bill Kennedy to the Sarasota Games



Terry and Bill Kennedy with Dallas, Neil Brussard and Alan and Liza Cribb

2016 KENNEDY SOCIETY AGM SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 in CHARLESTON, SC

Historic and scenic Charleston, SC will be the location of the 2016 AGM as the Kennedy Society attends the 45th Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Games on 9/17 at Boone Hall Plantation. Arrangements have been made with the Courtyard Mount Pleasant at 1251 Woodland Avenue at a rate of \$149.00 plus 12.5% tax for a block of 25 rooms for Friday, 9/16 and Saturday 9/17, with 10 for Sunday night, 9/18. The telephone number to make a reservation is 843-284-0900 and you will need to indicate that you are with the Kennedy Society. The link for the Courtyard is <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chscm-courtyard-charleston-mt-pleasant/>, but it will only allow for Friday-Sunday bookings. Longer stays will require a phone call and the rooms rates will be held until Friday, 8/19, 2016. After the games, the Kennedy Society will gather at the Liberty Taproom at 1028 Johnny Dodds Blvd. (only minutes from the hotel) for fun and frivolity – and food! Other information, such as tickets, patrons' packages, dinner, etc, will be forthcoming. Charleston offers a unique blend of beach, culinary, tourist, cultural, and historic options for everyone – especially families. Plan to attend!





A HISTORY OF CARRICK BURNS CLUB ESTABLISHED 1893

Carrick Burns Club is one of the oldest Burns Clubs in Ayrshire and indeed Scotland. It was formed at a meeting of interested parties in the McKechnie Institute, Girvan, in 1893. The Club's objectives were **"to cherish the name of Robert Burns, foster a love for his writing and generally to encourage a taste for Scottish literature."**

From its inauguration the club had many notable Patrons but the very first and perhaps the most notable was Archibald Kennedy the Most Noble the third Marquess of Ailsa whose family have maintained a close relationship with the Club to this day. The late Lord Charles Kennedy 8th Marquess of Ailsa was the Club Patron and attended many of the Club's annual Suppers until his untimely death in Florida in 2015. The Club Committee is delighted that Lord Charles younger brother Lord David Kennedy has now become Patron of the Club and attended this year's annual Burns Supper at Malin Court Hotel Maidens in the Club's 123rd year.

Another important connexion with the Kennedy family took place at the Club's centenary supper in 1983 when the then 7th Marquess of Ailsa lord Charles and Lord David's father proposed the toast to "The Carrick Burns Club"

Carrick Burns Club have always tried to advance the work of Robert Burns beginning in 1894 when a Grand Essay Competition was organised and 150 posters printed one of which survives in the Club's records. To this day the Club sponsors annual book prizes for Burns competitions held in various local schools. These include Girvan Primary School, Sacred Heart Primary School and the Primary Schools at the villages of Ballantrae and Colmonell.

Unlike many Burns Clubs, "The Carrick" has had the ladies present at our Burns Supper since 1906. This was agreed on a motion by Baillie W. Campbell Parker supported by Mr Scott Valentine and Provost Johnstone. Whether the acceptance of this "New Idea" was due to falling membership or a genuine good grace towards the ladies we will never know! However it is a decision of which the Club is rightly proud.

Over the years many famous persons have proposed the Principal Toast to "The Immortal Memory" at Carrick



suppers. These include Lt. Col. Dalrymple Hamilton in 1921, Rev. R. Smith McIntosh in 1924, James Brown MP in 1928, Lord Birsay, Sheriff F. Middleton in 1956, the Earl of Elgin (Lord Bruce) Sir David McNee, (Metropolitan Police Commissioner) the Rt Honourable William Ross, (Secretary of State for Scotland) Sheriff J. Irvine Smith and many others. At the Centenary Supper the unique Carrick Toast to "My Scotland" was proposed by none other than Baron Von Richthofen (Great Grandson of the WW1 Fighter Ace the Bloody Red Baron) who was then West German Ambassador to Great Britain.

It is interesting that the writer of this article Mr Denis W. Reid although a former President is now the longest serving Secretary with over 25 years in the post. Mr Reid's Great Grandfather Mr Thomas Reid who was a town councilor and operated a Joiners and Builders business in Girvan was a founding member of the Club in 1893. Mr Reid was a close friend of Lord Charles Kennedy and indeed his Master at Arms and historian. They took great pleasure in the fact their forebears had been so heavily involved in both the founding and continued operation of the Carrick Burns Club which continues to go from strength to strength now under its latest Patron Lord David Kennedy 20th Earl of Cassillis and 9th Marquess of Ailsa.

Denis W. Reid
Secretary
Carrick Burns Club
Carrick



KENNEDY SCOTLAND TOUR SEPTEMBER 12 – 23, 2017

The itinerary listed is for people to look at and comment on, if someone had other places that they wanted to visit then the itinerary could stand a chance of being changed. We have put this out far enough in advance so that we can accommodate the wishes of the people going on the trip. This is a work in progress and we are open to suggestions.

Leave USA Sept 12 for Edinburgh Airport and depart from Glasgow Airport on Sept 23

Approximate cost per person:

Depending on the number of travelers (minimum of 20 and maximum of 25) Cost for ground transport in Scotland, tours and meals as outlined in itinerary will range from \$2400.00 to \$3000.00 in US dollars payable in installments.

A \$250.00 non-refundable deposit is required in order to secure your reservation. This deposit will “lock in” the quoted rates.

NOTE: If the pound sterling rate lowers, then your rate in dollars will be lower. If the Pound rate escalates, you will pay the same dollar rate quoted.

Further terms:

Plan A – after paying your initial deposit, you may pay the balance in US dollars with equal installments or pay the entire amount due in US dollars on June 1, 1027

Plan B – if you prefer to pay with credit cards, we will furnish the information for the professional tour company so you may send credit card info directly to them. You will pay us a small fee in US dollars for items not covered by the tour company program.

You will know the exact cost of the outlined tour by June 1, 2016

Airfare:

Airfare is extra as travelers will come from various US locations to arrive in Edinburgh airport and depart from Glasgow Airport. You may use frequent flier points if you like. Rates will be firm on March 2017.

Highlights of your sights:

City of Edinburgh, City of Inverness (Culloden Battlefield and Museum), Glen Coe (McDonald Massacre site) Glenfinnan Monument (Site of standard raising for Bonnie Prince Charlie's arrival), Largs (Former Viking Stronghold), Robert Burns Museum in Ayr (Bridge of River Doon, remember Brigadoon), Majestic Culzean Castle (Castle Tour and Free time to explore surrounding grounds.



What you get for your money:

Round trip ground transport between airports and your hotels, full Scottish breakfast every morning, dinner every evening, welcome dinner and entertainment in Edinburgh, clean, comfortable (double occupancy) lodging in Scottish Hotels with private bathroom, comfortable coach transport to all events and cities, City tour of Glasgow, City tour of Edinburgh, admission to Culzean castle, distilleries and other castles on tour, occasional stops of interest along the way, balance of structured and leisure times, full time services of Scottish tour guides as well as planning and guide service of Anne Korff.

Anne Korff starting in 2000 frequently escort tour to Scotland based on the travelers preferences including lowlands, historic sites, highland and islands and spring gardens, she is currently offering a tour to the Outer Hebrides in June of 2016.

Anne Korff will serve as coordinating agent between the travelers and the tour companies, restaurants and lodging facilities engaged for the tour will keep William Kennedy advised of itinerary details and/or changes. Anne Korff is not acting as an employee of above mentioned companies, restaurants of lodging establishments and will receive no compensation for them nor from 2017 travelers. Anne Korff, therefore is not to be held liable for accidents which might occur on the tour, for changes in airline schedules dictated by weather conditions. Each individual agrees to hold Anne Korff harmless of conditions beyond her control or purview. Anne Korff is responsible for securing group rates for lodging and meals for distributing funds



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previously collected from group members for tours and meals outlined in the guideline. She will represent the group in these negotiations and will inform group participants about each day's events including paid-for meals, tours and admission fees as well as optional tours and activities available. She will also recommend airline schedules for travelers although each traveler makes his/her own arrangements for said airline travel.

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If you are interested and want to be put on an email update list for the tour, email Bill Kennedy.

COIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Part of the effort to build up money in the Kennedy accounts (you're welcome Amy) is by selling a Kennedy Challenge Coin. The coin was an idea to not only add to the treasury, but to have another way to show the pride in the Kennedy heritage and to get to talk about some of our history. The first coin, now for sale on the website, is of Culzean Castle. The coins are a limited edition and my hopes are to produce a new coin each year.

The history of challenge coins goes back many years but is mostly known to have been used in military units. Today, challenge coins are used by many organizations that have fraternal membership and history. They can be used to recognize a good deed, awards, and fellowship.

The history of these coins also includes being in a like group of members (usually military) and slamming a coin onto a bar. Those present must slam their coins onto the bar – if you don't have yours, you buy the round. If all



present have coins, the person who first slammed the coin buys.

Today, many officials have coins, from the President of the United States to heads of large organizations.

Our coins are on the website and listed at \$15 each, shipping included. If you wish to buy a few coins, contact Chief Leo Kennedy and shipping can be adjusted. Remember – these are limited and no more of the 2016 edition will be produced.



KENNEDY ITEMS FOR LADIES

Since Paul and I won't be attending any Kennedy dress occasions except for the AGM dinners, I don't need both Modern and Ancient dress skirts. I have a few extra Kennedy items that I would like to sell to any Kennedy lady who could use them.

Prices include shipping to you. We will take Checks Made Payable to The Heelan' Hound, Visa or Mastercard. Call us with credit info and shipping address. 704-622-2453. First Come-First Served.

Thanks,
Ann Blackmore Key



Modern Kennedy LL Bean Ladies "Scotch Plaid" Flannel Shirt

Worn twice
Ladies XL size
Originally \$44.95

Sale Price: \$20.00



Weathered Kennedy Ladies Scarf

(Brand new, still in packaging)
Retail \$29.95
sell for what we paid for it **\$15.00**

Ancient Kennedy Ladies Long Dress Skirt with 6"x60" Tartan Sash

Worn only once at
Culzean Gala in 2014
Length 36"
Waist 40"
Fully lined. Can be altered to fit.
Original cost (skirt and sash)
\$120

Sale Price: \$60.00



18TH ANNUAL GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAELIC SONG AND LANGUAGE WEEK PRESS RELEASE

The 18th Annual Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Song and Language Week will be held this year from July 3, 2016 until July 8, 2016 at Lees-MacRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. The week consists of Scottish Gaelic language and song classes for all – from complete beginners to advanced speakers. The song classes will cover a range of traditional Gaelic song forms. You don't need to be fluent in Gaelic to learn Gaelic songs! Instructors this year will be Mairi MacInnes, Catriona Parsons, and Joanne MacIntyre. Mairi is from the island of South Uist, Catriona is from the Isle of Lewis, and Joanne is from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. They are all excellent singers with CDs to their credit. Catriona taught Gaelic at Dartmouth College, St. Francis Xavier University, and Cape Breton University. Joanne is a certified public school teacher and she teaches Gaelic at Dalbrae Academy in Inverness County, Cape Breton. The workshop ends just as the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are getting underway down the road at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain. As usual there will be a Gaelic tent at the games, and the North

Carolina Gaelic Mòd (a Gaelic song competition) will take place there on the Saturday. The cost of room and board and instruction for the week are very reasonable, so come and join in the fun! For additional information, see our website at <http://www.acgamerica.org/events/grandfather-mountain/info/> or contact Dr. Jamie MacDonald at 910-703-3990 or John Grimaldi at iainmartainn@aol.com. To register for the week you can go to <http://www.acgamerica.org/registration-for-grandfather-mountain-gaelic-song-language-week-is-now-open/>.



SO WHAT DO I LOVE ABOUT SCOTLAND?

I love its frozen beauty in winter and golden glow in autumn, Isle of Skye with its rolling hills and deep Glens. The breath-taking West Coast scenery with dramatic landscapes. Mountains rising from the sea, jutting coastline, long stretches of beach, secluded coves, sunset's to make you go running for your camera.

I love that Scotland is steeped knee-deep in history, so that it almost comes alive before you. That legends and myths are wrapped around Scotland like a cloak. It's all here on my doorstep I hope to explore much more of this country I call home.

And I'm sure that as I discover more of Scotland, my love can only grow – Alasdair Irvine

SCOTLAND IN MY HEART:

Interesting blog. Each week a different segment of Scottish history, culture, folklore, and Scottish life is discussed.

Check it out: <https://scotlandinmyheartsite.wordpress.com/2016/01/09/about-scottish-people/>

Information of this interesting blog contributed by Ann Key

Picture: Glen Coe





AWARD REQUIREMENTS

THE AILSA CRAIG AWARD

These are guidelines. An individual does not have to complete everything on this list.

1. Be an active member in good standing for a minimum of 2 years consecutively.
2. Convene a tent for at least 2 years.
3. Recruit a new member.
4. Help the tent conveners with setting up and or breaking down the tent, manning the information tables or helping with the refreshments.
5. Submit a story to the newsletter.
6. Serve on a committee.
7. Attend 3 games per year - one being the AGM.
8. Devise and fulfill a special project on behalf of the Society – e.g. be in charge of an AGM, Curling Exhibit, Honor Guard, merchandising items, Society awards, Kennedy Quiz, etc.
9. Host a prominent Society guest on behalf of the Society.
10. Be an Officer, Chieftain or District Director.
11. Start a Kennedy tent at a game where we have not had a tent before.
12. Complete another activity, not listed here, but deemed worthy by the Board of Governors.



The individuals who are awarded The Ailsa Craig award represent the foundation of our Society. Just like the Ailsa Craig Award – They are the rock of our Society! If you know individuals who may qualify for this award please contact any Officer, Chieftain or District Director.

THE ORDER OF THE DOLPHIN AWARD

These are guidelines. An individual does not have to complete everything on this list.

1. Be an active member in good standing for a minimum of 5 Years consecutively.
2. Must have already received the Ailsa Craig Award.
3. Convene a tent for at least 5 years.
4. Recruit new member(s).
5. Help the tent conveners with setting up and or breaking down the tent, manning the information tables or helping with the refreshments.
6. Submit a story to the newsletter or write a column for the Newsletter.
7. Serve on a committee for 5 years.
8. Attend 3 games per year, one being the AGM.
9. Devise and fulfill a special project on behalf of the Society.
10. Be a Society Officer, Chieftain or District Director.
11. Start a Kennedy tent or many tents at a game where we have not had a tent before.
12. Bring honor to the Society by winning an athletic, artisan or scholarship award.
13. Complete another activity, not listed here, but deemed worthy by the Board.



The Order of the Dolphin Award will be attached to a Blue ribbon with one Yellow stripe in the center and two White strips on either side of the Yellow stripes.

The individuals who are awarded The Order of the Dolphin represent (just like the Ailsa Craig Award) the foundation of our Society. If you know individuals who may qualify for this award please contact any Officer, Chieftain, or District Director.



AWARD REQUIREMENTS

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THE COMPANION OF THE OAK AWARD

In preparation for the 25th Anniversary of the Kennedy Society of North America, Chieftain Garry E. Bryant of Farmington, Utah suggested that an award be created to honor the founders and others of the Society. Upon permission being granted, he proceeded to design the award to be known as the "Companion of the Oak". To maintain the honor, integrity, and value of the award the following set of standards was established. These are guidelines and are not written in stone.

1. The individual should have rendered exceptional service to the Kennedy Society of North America.
2. Have already received The Ailsa Craig Award and or The Order of the Dolphin.
3. The individual should have been an active member in good standing for minimum of 5 years consecutively.
4. The individual should be of high moral character and show adherence to the family values and standards which have been an integral cornerstone of the Kennedy Society of North America.
5. Those recommended for the award must be approved by the Executive Committee.



The Companion of the Oak Award will be attached with a blue and yellow which are the society colors.

The individuals who are awarded The Companion of the Oak Award represent the foundation of our Society. Just like the Ailsa Craig Award and The Order of the Dolphin, They are the rock of our Society. If you know individuals who may qualify for this award please contact any Officer, Chieftain or District Director. The purpose of the award is to honor merit, not mere popularity.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

John Kennedy (07/31/1962 – 12/05/2015)

It is with deep regret that we make our membership aware of the passing of John Kennedy, age 53, of Jacksonville Florida. John was married to Katy Morrison Kennedy . They joined the Kennedy Society of North America in 2013 when they were residing in Charlotte, North Carolina.

John and Katy were very excited about joining the Society and were quick to volunteer where ever they were needed. They volunteered to become tent conveners at the Scotland County Games in N. Carolina that same year.

They moved to Jacksonville Florida, and it was there where John soon became ill. John will be missed by many in the Kennedy Society.





TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SCOTLAND AND IRELAND CROSSWORD PUZZLE

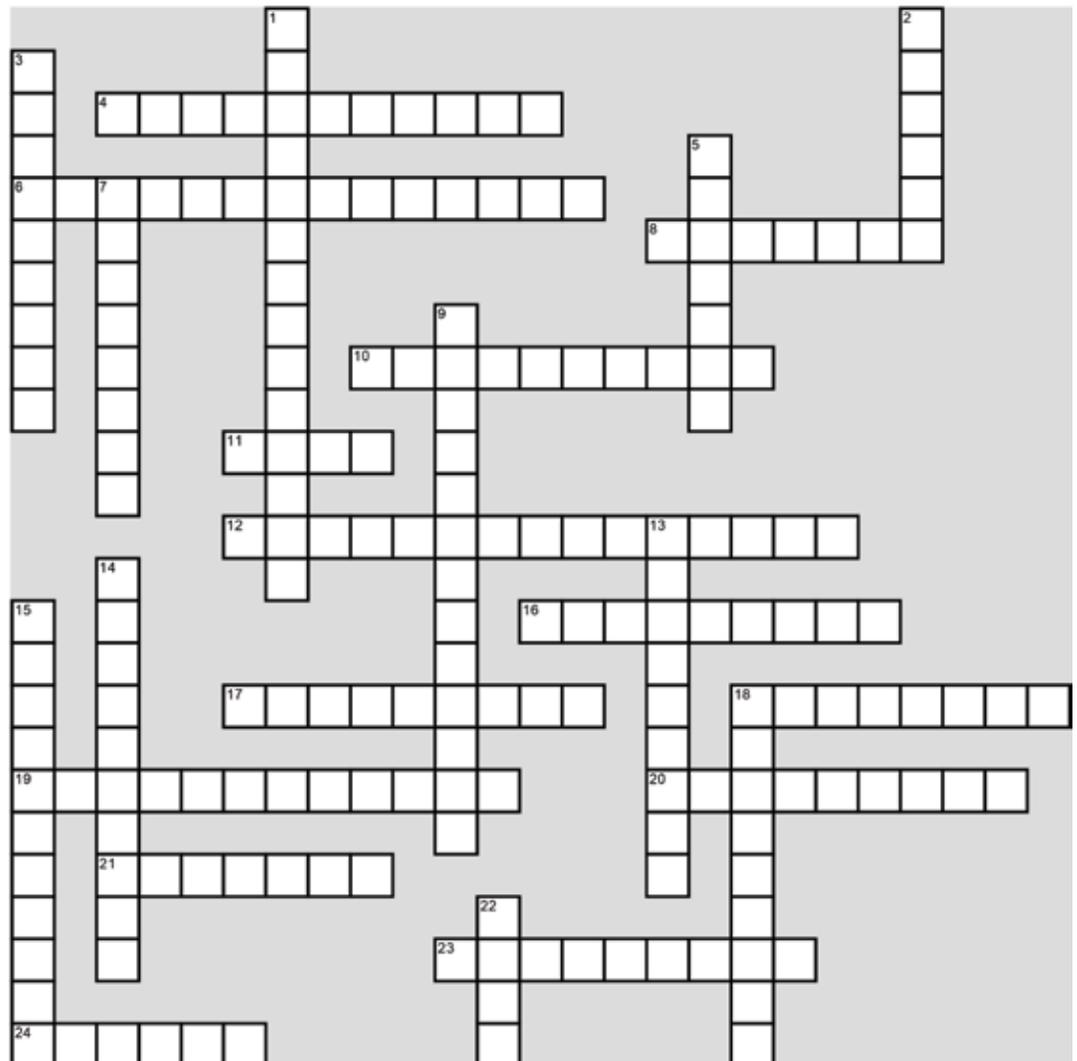
Here is a crossword puzzle for you to test your knowledge of Scotland and Ireland. Some questions are easy, while others may require you using the internet to “pick up a little extra knowledge”. Answers will be printed in the Summer issue of the Gazette. Good Luck!

Across

4. Nickname for Ireland
6. King of Scots
8. Scottish vs British Battle
10. Island where blue hone granite is quarried for curling stones
11. Invented telephone
12. Another name for Ailsa Craig
16. Ancient Irish Saint
17. Latin Name for Scotland
18. Location of largest gannet colony
19. Rotating boat lift
20. First city to have its own fire brigade
21. Discovered Penicillin
23. Scottish stronghold
24. Famous Scottish Dish

Down

1. Basalt columns
2. Scottish cloth
3. Orkney Neolithic village
5. Fish on Kennedy Crest Badge
7. Scotland's highest peak
9. Famous Irish cliffs
13. Home of Golf
14. Kennedy Society Motto
15. Single malt
18. Ancient Irish King
22. Father of US National Parks





WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT APRIL - NOVEMBER 2016

April 2 Dunedin Games Dunedin, FL
50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Apr 2 Cape Fear Games Wilmington NC

Apr 9-10 Colorado Tartan Day Longmont CO

Apr 16-17 Loch Normon Games Huntersville NC

May 7 Beltane Celtic Fest Norton OH

May 7 Savannah Games Savannah GA

May 21-22 Smoky Mountain Games Maryville TN

May 28 Greenville Games Greenville SC

May 28-29 Alma Highland Festival Alma MI

June 11 Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival
Richmond RI

June 18-19 The Mother Lode Highland Games
Plymouth CA

June 17-19 Pikes Peak Celtic Festival
Colorado Springs CO

July 7-10 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Linville NC

July 8-10 Colorado Irish Festival Littleton CO

July 16-17 Elizabeth Celtic Festival Elizabeth CO

Aug 27 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Kalamazoo MI

Sept 3-4 Virginia Scottish Games the Plains VA

Sept 3-4 Scottish highland Gathering Pleasanton CA

Sept 8-11 Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival
Estes Park CO

Sept 17 Charleston Scottish Games Mt. Pleasant SC
KENNEDY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Sept 16-18 New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival
Loon Mountain Lincoln NH

Sept 17-18 Edgewater Celtic Harvest Festival
Edgewater CO

Oct 9 Scotland Connecticut Highland Games Scotland CT

Oct 15-16 Stone Mountain Highland Games
Stone Mtn. GA

Oct 22-23 Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland
Games Richmond Raceway Complex

Nov 4-6 Moab Celtic Festival Moab UT

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST TOPPER



It is with great sadness that I write to tell everyone of the passing of our cat Topper. You may remember that there was an article about Topper in the fall 2014 Kennedy

Society newsletter. Heather and I were so pleasantly surprised to see our beloved Scottish Fold in these pages. In July, 2015 Topper had a

tumor removed from his jaw that was then diagnosed as a very aggressive form of cancer. We thought we were going to lose him right away but he pulled through and survived weekly trips to the Veterinarian for the next six months. We called Topper the "boomerang" because he kept coming back when we thought the end was near. On Dec 29th 2015 hoping he would make it to the new year, we knew the time had finally come to put Topper to sleep.

Topper was a cat like no other, he loved his humans and often acted more like a dog. He followed us around, came when he was called, slept with us every night, and loved to sit on us during the day. He was with us for only three years but as they say the brightest flame burns the fastest. He is greatly missed.

Heather and Nathan Bishop
Kalamazoo Michigan



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JUNE 17

Please submit copy and pictures for the summer issue no later than June 17th.
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