

## APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS ENGLISH PROVERB

Spring in the Mile High City is an ephemeral window where your sock, hat and gloves are carefully laid out right next to your sunglasses and sandals. Such was our experience as we prepared for the 52nd annual St. Patrick's Day parade. We woke to a brisk 36 degrees and a lingering layer of hardy frost, and yet by the time we made it to the parade staging area, all but the darkest shadows had betrayed the chill, and the sun smiled down on us.

The St. Andrews Society of Colorado marches in the parade every year, and they welcome all of the Clans to join them in an effort to raise awareness and interest. With 250,000 spectators and viewers, it seemed like a great opportunity to mingle with our fellow clansman, while laying the groundwork for the many festivals and games scheduled for this year. And so it was, after 2 1/2 hours of waiting in our designated staging area, and approximately 1-1/4 mile from the start of the parade route, we slowly, **very slowly**, made our way to the official starting point. The parade had been going for 3 hours by the time we rounded the corner and met the crowd for the first time. There were people 10 deep packed into sections of what is billed as the largest St. Patrick's Day celebration west of the Mississippi, and as we passed through the steel barricades that lined the mile long route, I could not help but wish that we were surrounded by a mighty Clan of Kennedys, rallying the masses with a hearty "Up the coast of Ballantrae, Through the Ancient kingdom of Carrick, Beware! The wild and mighty Kennedy's ARE HERE!"

But alas, silenced by an unstated expectation of tradition that the clans were seen and not heard, we marched and waived but nothing more.

By the time we reached the end of the "Green Mile", we were sunburned, tired, and disappointed. What could have been an opportunity, was really just an empty exercise in pageantry. We marched down the center of the road, waving, and smiling, and flying our flags high... but never saying much more than "Happy St. Patrick's Day", or "Thank you for coming out" and always staying a safe distance from the crowd. Don't get me wrong, we had some personal connections with both the public and the

clans that made the event meaningful, but as a Clan activity it was a flop.

We were irrelevant and disconnected....

Those two words should strike fear in all of us. We were "dressed to the nines", and yet we were completely invisible to the very people we were reaching out to. How does that happen? How can we avoid that in the future? These are the questions that haunt me now. As a Clan, how do we remain relevant to our members and potential members? How do we honor our critical traditions and practices, while integrating new and applicable activities that appeal to our target audience? Somehow I don't see this as a "build it and they will come" type of environment, but rather a "show me the" relevance to my life organization. Keeping at arms length, nodding and waving, flying a flag with our lips closed makes for a spectacle, but not for a society. So I ask you.... Is your Kennedy Society of North America relevant in your life? What value do you gain from your membership in return for your commitment and annual dues?

If you are proud to be a Kennedy, and wish to see our Society stay relevant and connected, then the responsibility is yours. Reach out. Connect with your fellow members. We are a huge group of volunteers who have a desire to connect with friends who share a mutual connection.



*"The smiling Spring comes in rejoicing,  
And surly Winter grimly flies;  
Now crystal clear are the falling waters,  
And bonie blue are the sunny skies.  
Fresh o'er the mountains breaks forth the morning,  
The ev'ning gilds the ocean's swell;  
All creatures joy in the sun's returning,  
And I rejoice in my bonie Bell..."*  
R. Burns, My Bonie Bell



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There is room for everyone, and everyone has a room. People are attracted to what is happening now, not what we hope to do in the future, so the time to act is here. It's Spring! We are laying out the schedules and timelines for our entire summer. From West coast to East coast, from the smok'in hot South to the frozen chosen North, we have Kennedys there. Our clan, our Society can be as large and as active as we want it to be. Most people agree that the name Kennedy is within the top 30 most popular surnames in the world.... That gives us a rich pool of recruits in every walk of life, in ever social circle, and in every society in the world. My challenge, and yours, is to keep our Clan/Society "real", and to make sure that what we do is relevant to life. We must honor our shared past, but never forget how to connect to our future.

Ed and Krissy Kennedy  
Rocky Mountain Region Chieftain



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



First, on a personal note regarding a fond remembrance of Lord Charles ... Several years ago, shortly after Ann and I joined the KSNA and met LC for the first time, we were camping in the Smoky Mountains with my 8 year old grandson Jon before attending the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. We had told Jon that our clan chief from Scotland would be at the games, and that he lived in a castle and owned another one nearby. When we arrived at the Kennedy tent, LC was not yet there. After a while, Jon asked "Where's the guy with all the castles?" In the meantime, LC had come into the tent behind Jon and heard his question. LC put his hands on Jon's shoulders, turned him around, and said "I'm the guy with the castles. I have two castles and an island." Needless to say, after being introduced to Lord Charles, Jon was briefly (short preteen attention span) awestruck. Jon, now age 22, is presently consumed with college and baseball 24/7. But my younger grandson, Will, is taking up the slack by celebrating his Scottish heritage.

Now then, it goes without saying that the recent sudden death of Lord Charles hit us all very hard. He had been a personal friend to many of us, and a shining light to the KSNA. He will be missed. We send our profound condolences to his family. I thank those of you who were able to represent the KSNA at his funeral in Maybole, Scotland.

But, now it is time to regroup and proceed with business. All of our chieftains and directors are working hard to organize the upcoming games in their regions. Preparations are being made for in-the-tent memorial displays of photos and other memorabilia from LC's visits with us. Similar plans are also being made for the AGM and its banquet. Hopefully, the latter will be on a lighter note. As LC often said, "We didn't come to plunder, we came to party." We hope you will take time to stop by, sign in, and look over the displays. So let the wake begin!

Slainte', Paul



## CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES JANUARY, 2015

The 38th Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs was eagerly anticipated by Lord Charles, the Titusville Fire and Emergency Services Kennedy Honor Guard (TFES), Fire Chief Michael Woodward, and all the members of Clan Kennedy. A formal presentation of the Guard to Lord Charles and Chief Woodward was planned for Saturday morning, and was to be carried out with even more pomp and circumstance than in 2014. With deep sadness and determination to honor their Chief, the Honor Guard instead presented a very moving and respectful memorial service. Chris and Sue Kennedy were attending Lord Charles' daughters, Lady Rosemary and Lady Alicia, assisting with arrangements, and unfortunately were not able to be at the ceremony.

A memorial was created, with Lord Charles' Glengarry resting atop a podium completely draped in Kennedy ancient tartan. His cane, with his large round red bell,

leaned gently against the front. A beautiful large wreath of white carnations, white daisies, and baby's breath sat on a stand in front. A claymore, wrapped in Kennedy weathered and blade in the earth, was beside the podium. Lord Charles' standard and three tartan flags were set in a semi-circle behind the podium. It was a lovely memorial to our beloved Chief.



Chief Paul Key, Chief Michael Woodward of TFES, Kona Gant, and Chaplain Fred Sanford, the Henderson Clan chaplain, each delivered words of comfort. Matthew Hutchinson and Rosie O'Grady's Highlanders played Highland Cathedral, and with fifty-plus persons in attendance, there were no dry eyes.

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## CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES (continued)



The Honor Guard members marched individually to face the memorial, and saluted with great respect. Captain of the Guard, Chieftain Frank Canada presented Lord Charles' Glengarry to Chief Paul Key, in a symbolic gesture.

After the service, it was time to march out onto the parade field. The Honor Guard opened the Games and Clan Kennedy had a place of honor in the Parade of Tartans, immediately behind the honored clan. Standard Bearer Neil Brussard led the Kennedy procession, carrying Lord Charles' Standard in a horizontal position, the folds rolled and gathered up, with black ribbons trailing from the finial. Chieftain Kona Gant followed immediately behind, holding Lord Charles' Glengarry proudly out in front of his chest. It was a very moving procession indeed.



The Kennedy Clan was out in force for the weekend, with an attendance list that read like royalty: President Paul Key and Secretary Ann Blackmore Key, Fire Chief Michael Woodward, Chris and Sue Kennedy – retired Kennedy Chief, Neil & Janet Brussard – Florida District Director, Kona Gant – Great Lakes Region Chieftain, Harry Gant, David and “Sam” Kennedy, Lynn Grant – Kennedy Membership Chair, tent conveners Frank & Suzanne Canada, and The Titusville Fire & Emergency Services “Kennedy” Honor Guard.,

We welcomed wonderful new members Nathan Carrick and his fiancé Sarah, who will soon be a Carrick as of next October, and wish them every happiness as they approach their upcoming wedding.



Kennedy Society members, Patti and James Carlan brought a beautiful vase of flowers to our tent Saturday morning, and were one of the first to offer condolences. Despite the grief resting in our hearts, we Kennedys rallied together with shared stories, laughs, and toasts to Lord Charles, as we all knew he would have wanted. All manner of visitors stopped by both days to offer comfort and share memories of our wild and mightiest of Chiefs. Lynn Grant made beautiful black ribbons for us all to wear, held in place by KSNA pins, and black armbands for the Honor Guard.

Dinner that Saturday night provided everyone a time to wind down a bit and better come to grips with it all, and to offer support and love to Lady Rosemary and Lady Alicia. The Honor Guard had purchased a beautiful custom cut Stella chalis which was to have been presented to Lord Charles. This was presented to Lady Rosemary and Lady Alicia by Frank Canada. “Lord Charles, 2015, from your Kennedy Honor Guard” was engraved in on one side and “Avisé La Fin” on the other.

Lady Rosemary and Lady Alicia took their father's place on stage Sunday for opening ceremonies, as Clan The



## CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES (continued)

Kennedy marched proudly around the parade field in the same manner as on Saturday. The ladies stayed several hours at the tent, greeting visitors and talking quietly with friends and Kennedy Clan members. They departed mid-afternoon for some well-deserved “sister time” and spent the next two days together before returning to Scotland.

Wednesday afternoon came much too quickly, and suddenly it was time to say our final goodbyes to Lord Charles and his wonderful daughters. The Honor Guard had set a plan in motion for the departure, which began as Lady Rosemary and Lady Alicia were greeted at the British Airways ticket counter by Sgt. Charles Stewart and Ofc. Don Leuzzi of the Orlando Police Department. Suzanne Canada joined the group, and the ladies were then escorted to the departure gate. Meanwhile, Frank Canada and Honor Guard members Bobby Crocker, Shaun Holbrook, Olivier Harper, Jason Lengefeld and Adam Vaknin were clearing security on the tarmac. At the appropriate moment, Ofc. Leuzzi guided the ladies down the stairs from the gate to a position near the awaiting jet. A police escort appeared, leading the Honor Guard van to the area. As the Guard formed up, His Lordship was removed from an airport transport and set upon a loading ramp. The Honor Guard marched into position at the head of His Lordship. The Saltire blew gracefully in the breeze, held with reverence by Firefighter Bobby Crocker.

Capt. Canada gave the commands as the other four Honor Guard members took positions on either side of His Lordship and came to attention. Frank gently laid the Honor Guard flag upon Lord Charles’ coffin and carefully unfolded it. He stepped back and the Guard saluted their Chief. Frank then stepped forward and refolded the flag. The Guard stood at attention once again and



gave the final salute, turned and marched in formation to their vehicle. Frank broke from the Guard and marched to face Lady Rosemary and Lady Alicia. He saluted the ladies with respect and reverence, and turned to rejoin the Guard. Officer Leuzzi then escorted all three ladies to a back entrance to give them time to gather their thoughts. The view here was peaceful and fitting, quiet, with the sun shining over grass and woods and a gentle breeze blowing. Several seagulls called out to each other. The ladies commented how lovely and peaceful it was. Soon enough, it would be time for them to board and escort their father back to their native soil.

The airport ceremony was very well executed, formal, respectful, very emotional, certainly befitting the Marquess of Ailsa. A big thank you to Sgt. Rhonda Huckleberry, Sgt. Charles Stewart, and Officer Don Leuzzi of the Orlando Police Department, Deputy Chief John Williams of the Orlando International Airport Fire Department, Phyllis Bodner, Security for Orlando International Airport, and Tom Draper, Airfield Operations, for your compassion and cooperation!

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Most of you have received your copy of the Lord Charles Memorial Newsletter either by email or regular mail. We had a few of the Memorial newsletters printed on “magazine quality” paper and stapled in the middle for the Kennedy family in Scotland and a few other dignitaries. It is a perfect copy to save as a remembrance. The cost is \$10.00 per copy. If you would like this deluxe copy of the Lord Charles Memorial please make your check out to KSNA and mail it to: Sue Kennedy at 6415 Barberrry Hill Drive Gainesville GA 30506.



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Have you reserved your AGM room  
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**703-656-4512** Ask for the Kennedy Block Rate

Remember, those sheep who snooze, lose!!



As Lord Charles would have wanted it,  
"We've Come Not to Plunder, but to Party!"

one of the most famous philosophies of our late beloved  
MOST WILD AND MIGHTY KENNEDY

Saturday Night, September 5, 2015

Wyndham Garden Hotel, 10800 Vandor Lane, Manassas, Virginia  
directly off of I-66, Exit 47

6:30 to 7:30 Open Bar at Hotel Bar Adjacent to Banquet Hall  
— Raise a Glass of Stella!

7:30 to 9:30 AGM Banquet Dinner  
"Songs, Laughter, Smiles, Fun Mandatory!"

Buffet Menu \$30.00 per person

Three Entrees—Sliced London Broil/Mushroom Sauce, Lemon Herb Chicken, Roast Turkey/Dressing  
Fresh Vegetable Medley, Virginia Style Green Beans; Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Noodles; Garden Salad and Dinner Rolls;  
Non-Alcoholic Beverages - Iced Tea, Coffee, Water (You may bring only bar drinks purchased at hotel into banquet)  
Dessert - Lord Charles' Tribute "Birthday" Cake

*Though we will never forget him, we hope that our tears will have been shed, and that we can spend this evening -- filled with good food and fellowship, laughter, tales of Lord Charles at his best, gifts and awards to those who have served the Kennedy Society well, and a special Celtic musical surprise while we dine.*

*Reservations for the Dinner this year will be due in advance. According to our contract with the hotel, there can be NO last minute sign-ups for the dinner at the tent. So, please get your reservations, with payment, in as early as you can. Final reservations with payment are due by August 31, 2015.*

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6:30 to 9:30 PM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

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**Questions, Call Paul at 704-622-2453**





## SARASOTA HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL JANUARY 31, 2015

This was Sarasota's 21st Highland Games & Celtic Festival. This year the weather cooperated, thus making it a good day and a good turnout. After a cool start [not by New England standards] the temperature warmed up to 74 degrees with a steady sailor's breeze of 15 knots.

We had many Kennedy friends and helpers to make it a fun day. We did not sign up any new members, but we sure had a lot of interested Kennedys and non Kennedys. A great day was had by all! Suzanne & Frank Canada along with Andréa O'Neill arrived early and stayed late to help us set up and dismantle the tent. The Kennedys were well represented in the Parade of Tartans, with members Frank, Suzanne, Andrea, Daniel & Tootie Kennedy, David & Sam Kennedy and Alan & Eliza Cribb. Clan Lindsay followed us in the parade and with typical Kennedy fashion gave them their Battle Cry for the day "We are Quality, Not Quantity" – their **One** member shouted to the crowd!

Honorable Mention – we have an emerging star in our Florida Kennedy family, David Kennedy entered the Shortbread Contest as a first time contestant and took 3rd place!! Congratulations David, I'm sure next year will bring a first place ribbon. Watch your local TV channels for a new show starring David – 'Baking with the Kennedys'!!!



Sarasota Tent Conveners Neil and Janet Brussard

Submitted by Neil & Janet Brussard

**Please Reserve Your  
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## **CARRICK BURNS CLUB – ANNUAL SUPPER 2015**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**NOTE:** Many Kennedy Society members attended Burns Suppers in January. A Burns Supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns. We thought it might be appropriate to share a Burns Supper evening in Scotland – more specifically in Carrick. Carrick is a part of the area of South Ayrshire in Scotland where Robert Burns was born and raised. It is also the ancestral home of the Marquess of Ailsa, Chief of Clan Kennedy, and our hereditary Chief. The evening began with the announcement of Lord Ailsa's passing. After a tribute to Lord Charles, delivered by the Kennedy Society's friend, Denis Reid, the evening followed in the general format of a Burns Supper, as the Carrick Burns Club proceeded to honour Scotland's most famous poet.

#### **Carrick Burns Club**

Established 1893

Patron: The Rt Hon. the Marquess of Ailsa

Carrick Burns Club in its 122nd year held its Annual Burns Supper in Malin Court Maidens on Saturday night...

Chairman the Rev. Jim Guthrie welcomed just under one hundred members and then announced that the Club's Patron the Rt Hon. the Marquess of Ailsa had passed away in the United States while attending a Clan Gathering in Florida. Lord Ailsa had been due back to attend the supper that evening.

He called on Club Secretary Denis Reid who paid tribute to Lord Ailsa and praised him for his sterling work in supporting Carrick Burns Club and building bridges between it and fellow Burns Clubs in the United States. Mr Reid also referred to Lord Ailsa's charitable work especially for Diabetes Scotland but also for several other important charities. A personal friend of Lord Ailsa's Mr Reid also made reference to the fact the Marquess's great grandfather had been a founding Patron of Carrick Burns Club and that despite their sad loss Lord Ailsa would have wanted everyone to enjoy the annual Supper as much as he would have done. The Chairman concluded the tribute with a short prayer.

Mr Reid then proceeded to address the haggis in his usual inimitable style.

Following an excellent dinner most efficiently served by Malin Court's outstanding staff, the "Immortal Memory" was proposed by Mr Keith Wallace, Chief Executive of an Engineering Company and a past Chairman of Haddington Burns Club. Keith made mention of many of the Bard's achievements but said many of them were famous



but not immortal. Incorporating two of Burns songs in his delivery Keith concluded by saying that what was immortal about Robert Burns was his dream of equality of man, emancipation of women, the sharing of wealth and freedom for mankind. A dream he said which has yet to be realised in many parts of the world.

The toast to "The Lassies" was then most wittily proposed by Mr Struan Stevenson former MEP and now an accomplished author. Struan had an unenviable task knowing that his wife was providing the reply. This did not prevent him from a highly entertaining resume of his knowledge of the lassies, quite a bit of it at his wife's expense much to the delight of his audience.



## CARRICK BURNS CLUB – ANNUAL SUPPER 2015

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The “Reply” was immediate and forthright from Struan’s wife Pat who served for many years as a senior news editor and who is a well respected journalist and broadcaster. This was every bit as entertaining and the ladies in the audience thoroughly enjoyed some very humorous stories quite a few of them at Pat’s husband’s expense.

Carrick’s unique toast to “My Scotland was then proposed by The Revd. Owain Jones formerly of Colmonell and now of Bute. An old friend of the Carrick Club Owain, a Welshman by birth completed his task in a most articulate manner remarking on the blend of Picts, Angles, Irish, Scots, and Vikings from which modern Scotland had sprung. With a fine mix of humour and deeply thoughtful views Owain held his audience spellbound and proved himself a wordsmith of very impressive ability.

The final toast of the evening to “The Jolly Beggars” was proposed by Mr John Kerr of Dundonald. A member of Dundonald Burns Club, John has a remarkable couthy sense of humour and a droll delivery. His beggars consisted of the top table and artistes and he had his audience in stitches as he handed out the most hilarious accolades and abuse to each and every one. It was

obvious that John is a firm favourite with the Carrick club and is sure to return again to regale them once more.

Recitations of the Bard’s work were incredibly well delivered by Mr Stuart McKinlay of Ayr who again proved himself a fine actor and raconteur. His delivery of “Holy Willie’s Prayer” must surely be second to none. Stuart is another firm favourite of Carrick members as indeed is the irrepressible singer and accompanist Mr Willie Stewart of Dundonald who as always held his audience captivated with his performance of Burns’ songs.

Chairman Guthrie finally brought proceedings to a close commenting on the quality of the evening in both food and entertainment and pulling together a hearty rendition of “Auld Lang Syne”

The members left for home once again agreeing that they had experienced another “Grand Nicht at the Carrick”

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## SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2015

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

- \*\* The deadline for scholarships is **May 1, 2015**.
- \*\* To apply, fill out the scholarship application which can be found on the Kennedy Society website at: [kennedysociety.org](http://kennedysociety.org).
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Please feel free to contact Chris with any other questions.





## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

### Archibald Angus Charles Kennedy The 8th Marquess of Ailsa

Lord Charles Kennedy died suddenly on Thursday, January 15, 2015 while in Altamonte Springs, Florida for the Central Florida Scottish Games. He was to attend a small gathering of fellow Clan Kennedy members at the host hotel when he suffered a fatal massive aortic coronary. Memorial services for the hereditary chief were conducted by the Titusville Fire Department Honor Guard and attended by members of the Kennedy Society of North America, other clans and friends. Lady Rosemary Kennedy and Lady Alicia Kennedy transported Lord Charles home to Scotland. Funeral Services were held January 29 at Kirkmichael Church in Ayrshire. A private family burial service followed. Chris Kennedy, Kona Gant and Frank Kennedy attended.

A special tent is being planned at the Loch Norman Highland Games where Lord Charles was to have been a distinguished guest, a memorial display will have prominent positioning at the AGM at the Virginia Highland Games, and a special memorial tribute is planned for Longs Peak Scottish and Irish Festival in Estes Park where he also planned to visit – all these trips showed his customary support of Kennedys in America.

He will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him.

The 8th Marquess of Ailsa, 19th Earl of Cassillis, 21st Lord Kennedy and 8th Baron Ailsa was born in 1956 at Culzean Castle in Ayrshire. At age two the family moved to the former Kennedy seat, the 13th century Cassillis Castle near Maybole, where he grew up. He took his seat in the House of Lords in June 1994, following the death of his father in April of that year, succeeding his father as Chief, Marquess and Earl.

Lord Ailsa was educated in Scotland at the Strathallan School in Perthshire and later studied forestry and farming in Scotland and England and earned his degree - HND (Higher National Diploma). He was the father of two delightful daughters, Lady Rosemary and Lady Alicia, and the proud grandfather of two handsome grandsons.

In his late teens, when embarking on his Forestry training in Morayshire, northeast Scotland, Lord Ailsa joined The Queen's Own Highlanders Territorial Army Regiment. He was attached to the 82nd Army Youth Team, teaching skiing, mountaineering & rappelling in the Cairngorms to young soldiers and other Territorial Army regiments. After receiving his degree, his first job was in South Wales where he was

assigned to the 93rd Army Youth Team based at the foot of the Breacon Beacons mountain range. Whilst in Wales he voluntarily completed seven parachute jumps. Lord Ailsa ended his Territorial Army days with The Ayrshire Yeomanry in his home town of Ayr. The squadron was started by one of his ancestors over 150 years ago.

The Marquess of Ailsa was occupied in sales and marketing for agricultural companies in the UK and Europe, and has spent the last 12 years running a freelance sales and marketing business. As owner of LCTours he designed and coordinated tours to Scotland, Ireland, and Sweden. Lord Ailsa had a great knack for finding little-known secrets to make every tour special and unique.

In 2011, Lord Ailsa was invited to open the Hawaiian Scottish Festival in Hawaii. Sadly, he was involved in an accident, complications of which resulted in the amputation of the lower part of his left leg, and his right toes. This did not slow him down; in fact, it made him more determined to push his body to the limit.

Early in 2014, Lord Ailsa was the first paraplegic to snowmobile through the Swedish Arctic. He and his colleagues completed 200 miles of the Arctic snowmobile trip before finding themselves in the middle of a 150 mile an hour hurricane, the biggest to hit Northern Sweden in 20 years, making the route impassable. After being stuck for three days, the rescue service showed them the way out, taking them under the strong winds. A few months later, against the advice of several friends, Lord Ailsa did a seven line canopy tour in the California redwoods over gullies and rivers, sometimes over 300 feet up.

2014 also brought Lord Ailsa the great Honor of becoming the first Chief of the Kennedy Honor Guard, based in Titusville, Florida. This is the first Kennedy Honor Guard in the States and the first in 250 years of Scotland's recorded history.





## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

### Bernice Canaday

(Margaret) Bernice Ripley Canaday was born to William Ripley and Mildred Allen in 1926 in Omaha, NE. During WWII she attended Georgetown University while employed by the FBI. She attended the University of Nebraska where she met Donald Canaday, an airman from the Lincoln Air Base, and they were married November 21, 1945.

She studied banking at the University of Wisconsin followed by employment with First National Bank (now BancOhio) where she retired as a Vice President in 1982.

She was civically active and dedicated to the city of Cambridge. Bernice served as treasurer for the Ohio Arts & Crafts Guild as well as being a Friend of the Library and Treasurer/President of the Guernsey County Historical Society (10 years). Bernice and others founded the Cambridge Celtic Society and assisted in the popular Robert Burns Night. She and Donald were members of Christ Lutheran Church in Cambridge for nearly 50 years.

Bernice was closely involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Girl Scouts, the MacMillan Clan, the Kennedy Society of North America (national treasurer for 14 years)\*\*, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio (state treasurer 1997-2005; with proven direct descent from 12 Mayflower passengers).

### Donald Herbert Kennedy

My Dad, Donald Herbert Kennedy, was born in Los Angeles, CA, November 30, 1938 to Ralph Walter Kennedy and Catherine Hall Kennedy. He died at his home in Littleton, CO at the age of 75 (two weeks before his 76th birthday). He's survived by five children – Mike Kennedy, Nancy Szilagyi, Jill Richards, Amy Hendrickson and Heather Kennedy, as well as ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His great-grandfather John Kennedy emigrated from Ballantrae Scotland and became an American citizen in 1863.

My Dad worked most of his life as an Americanist educator, and enjoyed fishing, traveling and single-malt scotch whisky. He visited Scotland in August 2008, staying two nights in the Eisenhower apartments at Culzean Castle and visiting other ancient Kennedy castles including Dunure.

She leaves three children, Donald Jr., Laura, and John as well as one sister, Norma, and five grandchildren, Amy (Indiana), Andrew (Indiana), James (California), Terence (Germany) and Stephanie (Germany), and four great grandchildren (Alexander, Gabriel, Jordyn, and Joshua).



\*\*Among her favorite memories of the Kennedy Society included Don and Bernice's visits with Lord and Lady Ailsa (Lord Charles' parents). Don and Bernice visited Cassillis House and attended a birthday party for Lady Ailsa, and visited with Lord and Lady Ailsa several other times. Bernice also had fond memories of visiting her clan, the McMillans, located at Finlaystone Castle in Inverclyde. Finlaystone is especially known for its exceptional gardens. Don and Bernice would begin their Games-Year with Loch Normon in April, and conclude with Stone Mountain in October. Usually they would convene about 8 games a year. Bernice received the Companion of the Oak for her service to the Society. Her contributions were many over the years. She was the editor of the Kennedy Gazette as well as the Kennedy Society Treasurer. Bernice, you will be missed by the many who loved you.

Attached is a picture of him, myself and my son Joe Kennedy in the Culzean Castle gardens, which he adopted as his favorite place on earth. He attended the Estes Park, CO games several times and was a member of KSNA since about 2001, and much enjoyed the newsletter.

Mike Kennedy





## TOP 40 GREATEST SCOTTISH PEOPLE

Who is the greatest Scottish person? A list of 40 famous Scottish people.

Perhaps the most influential person from a global perspective is David Hume (philosopher) or Adam Smith (economist). From the perspective of Scottish history Robert the Bruce or William Wallace. When compiling this list, there's certainly no shortage of inventors or writers to choose from.

1. Robert the Bruce – (1274 – 1329)  
Leader of Revolt against English
2. Alexander Fleming – (1881 – 1955)  
Discovered Penicillin
3. John Logie Baird – (1888 – 1946)  
Inventor of TV and fibre optics
4. David Hume (1711 – 1776) –  
Philosopher and leading figure of  
European enlightenment.
5. William Wallace – (1274 – 1305)  
Rebel and leader of the Scottish
6. Alexander Graham Bell (1847 –  
1922) – Invented telephone
7. Alex Ferguson – (1941 – ) Football  
manager of Aberdeen and  
Manchester Unite)
8. Robert Burns (1759 – 1796) – Poet  
and Writer.
9. James Watt – (1736 – 1819) –  
Invented Steam Engine
10. Adam Smith (1723 – 1790) –  
Economist
11. J.K. Rowling (1961 – Writer. Born  
England, but lives in Scotland
12. Eric Henry Liddell (1902 – 1945)  
– Olympic athlete in 1924 Paris  
Games. Immortalised in film  
'Chariots of Fire'
13. Andy Murray – Tennis player, first  
British player to win Wimbledon for  
over 70 years.
14. Rev. Patrick Bell (1800 – 1869)  
- Invented the reaping machine a  
forerunner of combine harvester.
15. Billy Connolly (1942 – ) – comedian
16. Sean Connery (1930 – ) – Oscar  
winning Actor.
17. Thomas Carlyle (1795 – 1881) –  
Writer
18. Joseph Black (1728 – 1799) –  
Chemist. Regarded as the Father  
of Quantitative Chemistry.
19. Andrew Bonar-Law (1858 – 1923)  
– British Prime Minister
20. Sir James Dewar (1842 – 1923) –  
Invented vacuum flask.
21. Lord John Boyd-Orr (1880 – 1971)  
– Nobel Peace prize in 1947, as  
Director of the United Nations Food  
and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
22. Robert Stevenson (1772 – 1850) –  
Engineer
23. James Boswell (1740 – 1795) –  
Biographer and Traveller.
24. Robert Louis Stevenson (1850 –  
1894) – Author
25. Jackie Stewart (1939 – ) World  
Champion Racing Driver
26. Robert William Thomson (1822 –  
1873) – Invented the vulcanised  
rubber pneumatic tyre.
27. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859  
– 1930) – Author. Creator of  
Sherlock Holmes.
28. Tony Blair (1953 – ) British Prime  
Minister
29. John Boyd Dunlop (1840 – 1921)  
– Invented improvement to  
pneumatic tyre.
30. Sir David Brewster (1781 –  
1868) – Physicist and inventor of  
kaleidoscope.
31. William Spiers Bruce (1867 –  
1921) – Oceanographer and Polar  
Explorer.
32. John Buchan (1875 – 1940) –  
Author, biographer and politician.
33. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman  
(1836 – 1908) – Prime Minister of  
Britain between 1906 and 1908.
34. Andrew Carnegie (1835 – 1918)  
– U.S. Steel magnate and  
philanthropist.
35. Gordon Brown (1951 – ) – British  
Prime Minister from 2007
36. James Chalmers (1782 – 1853)  
– Inventor of adhesive postage  
stamp
37. James Braid (1795 – 1860) –  
Surgeon and developed process of  
Hypnosis.
38. James Clark (1936 – 1968) –  
World Racing Champion.
39. Bill Shankly (1913 – 1981) –  
Football Manager
40. George Cleghorn (1716 – 1794)  
– Doctor who helped discover  
Quinine as cure for Malaria

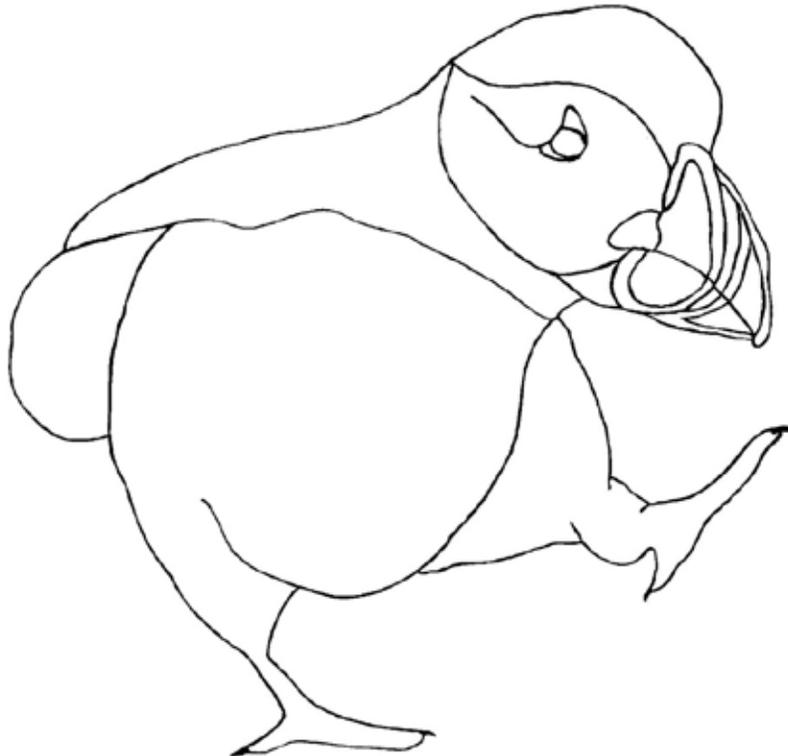


## KIDS COLORING PAGE “STRUTTIN PUFFIN”

Atlantic puffins are birds that live at sea most of their lives. They fly through the air like most birds, but they also “fly” through the water, using their wings as paddles. As they swim, they use their webbed feet to steer, much as a boat uses a rudder.

Puffins eat small fish—such as sand eels and herring—which they hunt underwater.

Well adapted for their home in the water, puffins are also speedy in the air. They flap their wings up to 400 times a minute, speeding along in the air at 55 miles (88 kilometers) an hour—as fast as a car on a highway. (How many times can you flap your arms in one minute?) In the spring and summer, thousands of puffins gather in colonies on the coasts and islands of the North Atlantic Ocean. Pairs of puffins often become mates for life, finding each other at their breeding colony year after year. The pair often uses the same burrow they used the year before. Puffins are found on the Kennedy island of Ailsa Craig.





## **WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT** APRIL - NOVEMBER 2015

- Apr. 11/12 Colorado Tartan Day, Longmont, CO
- Apr. 18/19 Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC
- May 2 Central West Virginia Scottish Festival, Bridgeport, WV (tentative)
- May 2 Savannah Highland Games, Savannah, GA
- May 9 Beltane Celtic Festival, Norton, OH
- May 16/17 Smoky Mountains Highland Games, Maryville, TN
- May 22/23 Greater Greenville Highland Games, Greenville, SC
- June 20/21 Pikes Peak Celtic Festival, Colorado, Springs Co
- June 26/27 Ohio Scottish Games, Wellington, OH
- July 11/12 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC
- July 18/19 Elizabeth Scottish Festival, Elizabeth, CO
- Aug 22 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival, Kalamazoo
- Sept 5/6 Kennedy AGM, Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, VA
- Sept 5/6 San Francisco Caledonian Highland Games, Pleasanton, CA
- Sept 10-13 Longs Peak Scottish and Irish Festival, Estes Park, CO
- Sept 19/20 Niagara Celtic Festival, Olcott, NY
- Sept 19/20 New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, NH
- Sept 19/20 Edgewater Celtic Festival, Denver, CO
- Sept 19 Charleston Highland Games, Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant, SC (tentative)
- Sept 26 Ligonier Highland Games, Ligonier, PA (tentative)
- Oct 3 Scotland County Highland Games, Laurinburg, NC
- Oct 17/18 Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain Park, GA
- Oct 24/25 Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Richmond, VA
- Nov 7/8 Moab Scottish Games, Moab Utah



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