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## Loch Norman, North Carolina Games



*We count this picture as 1,000 words testifying to the fun and fellowship that happens whenever Kennedys gather at a Scottish event. Left to right, Lynn Grant, Nomon Kennedy, Sherry Frady, Ann Key, Chris Kennedy, Bill Kennedy, Lord Ailsa, Paul Key, April 19, 2008. —Editor.*

## Lord Charles is your host to Scotland

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*Left, Nannette and Lord Charles, see more tour photos at <http://www.lctours.net>*



# From the Chief



The **Loch Norman Games** followed by **Kilt Night** a week later has produced a tired, worn out Chief. But more than anything it has caused Nan & I to see, feel & touch some of the creative juices that are flowing through the Kennedys. We have had a slow winter that has burst into a fast-blossoming spring.

Thanks for all the prayers for our Great-Grandson. He is having fewer & fewer seizures. Of course Grammy doesn't get to see him as much as she would like.

I am very proud to make some mid-term promotions and appointments and they are as follows: **Mike & Sherry Frady are promoted to Chieftains**, with **Gene & Linda Kennedy to Vice-Chieftains for the South East**. The Fradys are taking over for **Chris Kennedy** who was elected to the **Vice-Chief** position at the Loon Mountain AGM. I ask every member in the S.E. region to give them a helping hand at a game, festival or nearby function, to promote KSNA.



Above left, new co-Chieftans Mike and Sherry Frady with Nan Kennedy, and right, tent hostess Lynn Grant; at Loch Norman.

## How to Renew Your KSNA Membership

Visit the **Kennedy Society web site**,  
<http://www.kennedysociety.org>  
 To find a membership form, news, pictures, calendar, more.

### Kennedy Society Yahoo! Group

Join the [kennedy\\_society](http://kennedy_society.groups.yahoo.com) group at [groups.yahoo.com](http://groups.yahoo.com) to keep up with the latest news and activities.

Another position I have wanted to fill for 3 years has been made a reality. With a hearty recommendation from the Vice Chief, **David Kennedy is appointed to the position of The Kennedy Society Chaplain**. David is a Floridian, which we are not to hold against him. His duties are varied but for now send all wedding, christening/baptism and flowers of the forest announcements to him, for inclusion in the Gazette. David's email is [frdkennedy@aol.com](mailto:frdkennedy@aol.com).

The Society has a need for a web store developer. We wish to offer products for sale on the site both new and used. The products offered must come from a member of KSNA and can be sold to the general public, with a percentage of proceeds going into the coffers of KSNA. Please contact Bill Kennedy or myself if you can help. The pay is in the 4 digits, \$0000.00 and the thank-you is ready. Another need is for someone to look into getting KSNA designated as a 501c to allow membership dues & gifts to be tax deductible. If you know someone, or if you have the expertise please contact me.

**2008 AGM in Fergus.** Be there if at all possible. Canada will never be the same after the "Wild & Mighty Kennedys" return south. **Chieftain John A. Kennedy** needs to hear from you ASAP for the party reservations. Check the KNSA web site for links to the Fergus Games, or see page 8 for full information.

**2009 AGM** will be held in Estes Park Colorado, and **Chieftain Randy Peterson** will be getting the information out soon. Remember that lodging goes fast at this game so don't procrastinate, or you may have to double up with myself or LC!

—Nomon

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# Lord Charles Tours takes you to The Gathering 2009

See p. 1 for details and to reserve your seat.

## Scottish Highland Tour – July / August 2009 Provisional Itinerary

Day	Date	Details	Overnight Stay
1	Thurs. 23 July	Arrival day. Welcome reception & Dinner.	Dundee Area
2	Fri. 24 July	Morning, St. Andrews. Afternoon & Evening in Edinburgh.	Dundee Area
3	Sat. 25 July	<b>The Gathering, including the Parade up the Royal Mile and the Highland games in Edinburgh.</b>	Dundee Area
4	Sun. 26 July	<b>The Gathering</b>	Dundee Area
5	Mon. 27 July	Travel to Inverness, stopping for lunch at Pitlochry/ Killiecrankie then on to Tomatin Distillery before arriving Inverness late afternoon. Evening free to explore Inverness.	Inverness Area
6	Tues. 28 July	Morning, the Battlefield of Culloden. Stones Picnic Lunch. Afternoon Moniak Winery, on to Fort William stopping at sights of interest on the way to look for NESSIE. Scottish Dinner at McTavishies.	Fort William
7	Wed. 29 July	A day to relax and explore Fort William. Possible trips on the steam railway, or boat trip on Loch Ness or visit Nevis distillery, lots to do and see.	Fort William
8	Thurs. 30 July	Travel to Ayr, visiting The Wallace Monument & Bannockburn on route. Arrive Ayr late afternoon. Evening free to explore.	Ayr Area
9	Fri. 31 July	A Day Exploring Burns Country and <b>Culzean - The Seat of The Wild &amp; Mighty Kennedys</b> . Evening Gala night at Culzean with Maybole Pipe Band & Fiddlers.	Ayr Area
10	Sat. 1 August	Depart for journey home.	N/A

## Scottish Borders & Ayrshire Tour – July / August 2009 Provisional Itinerary

Day	Date	Details	Overnight Stay
1	Thurs. 23 July	Arrival day. Welcome reception & Dinner.	Dundee Area
2	Fri. 24 July	Morning, St. Andrews. Afternoon, Evening in Edinburgh.	Dundee Area
3	Sat. 25 July	<b>The Gathering, including the Parade up the Royal Mile and the Highland games in Edinburgh.</b>	Dundee Area
4	Sun. 26 July	<b>The Gathering</b>	Dundee Area
5	Mon. 27 July	Travel to Berwick-upon-Tweed via North Berwick and Dunbar, stopping at places of interest on Route. Evening free to explore Berwick town.	Berwick Area
6	Tues. 28 July	Morning – Visit Holy Island (Lindisfarne) followed by afternoon visit to Bamburgh Castle. Evening free.	Berwick Area
7	Wed. 29 July	Morning visits to Chillingham Castle & Farm Falloeden Battlefield (where 1st Earl of Cassillis was killed). Then on to Alnwick & Castle, home of The Duke of Northumberland. Returning to Berwick via the picturesque coast road.	Berwick Area
8	Thurs. 30 July	Travel to Ayr, visiting Gretna & Dumfries on route. Arrive Ayr late afternoon. Evening free to explore.	Ayr Area
9	Fri. 31 July	A Day Exploring Burns Country and <b>Culzean - The Seat of The Wild &amp; Mighty Kennedys</b> . Evening Gala night at Culzean with Maybole Pipe Band & Fiddlers.	Ayr Area
10	Sat. 1 August	Depart for journey home.	N/A

# News from the Southeast

**Mike & Sherry Frady** represented KSNA and their S.A.M.S. Post 1775 with a color guard at the Raleigh, NC St. Patty's Day Parade. They also provided a color guard at the memorial service for the late Irish author, Andrew Britton. He was the son of Annie Nice, general manager of Tir Na Nog Irish pub in Raleigh where Mike & Sherry have been holding Kilt Nights. Andrew was 27 and died suddenly of a heart attack. Prayers be with them always.

Caitlin Frady placed **SECOND** in her age group at the **Loch Norman Highland Games Kilted Mile** for 4-6 year olds. Her best showing yet! BUT ...there are more games a-comin!

The **Wake & District Pipes and Drums**, for which Mike Frady drums, placed **FIRST** in grade 5 competition at Loch Norman. It was the band's **FIRST** competition performance! Congratulations!

*Editor's note: if you read Chief Nomon's report on page two, you know that **more congratulations are in order!***

*At the KSNA board meeting at Loch Norman, NC in April, **Mike & Sherry Frady were appointed as Co-Chieftains of the Southeast Region.***

*They will enjoy the support of **Co-Vice Chieftains Gene and Linda Kennedy**, who are also newly appointed.*

*We expect bigger and better kilt nights, more games hosting, and other exciting events from this region of the country!*



Caitlin recovers from the Kilted Mile Run at Loch Norman NC.

## How a Kennedy Inspired the U.S. Army "Dog Tag"

During the American Civil War of 1861-1865, some soldiers pinned paper notes with their name and home address to the backs of their coats. Other soldiers stenciled identification on their knapsacks or scratched it in the soft lead backing of the Army belt buckle.

Manufacturers of identification badges recognized a market and began advertising in periodicals. Their pins were usually shaped to suggest a branch of service and engraved with soldier's name and unit. Machine-stamped tags were also made of brass or lead with a hole and usually had (on one side) an eagle or shield and such phrases as "War for the Union" or "Liberty, Union, and Equality." The other side had the soldier's name and unit and sometimes a list of battles in which he had participated.

In 1862, a New Yorker named John Kennedy wrote to the U.S. Army, offering to furnish discs for all officers and men in the Federal Army, enclosing a design for the disc. The National Archives now has the letter along with the reply, a refusal without explanation.

Yet *forty-four years later*, the U.S. Army finally authorized the issue of identification tags to all personnel, in War Department General Order No. 204, dated December 20, 1906, *which essentially prescribes the exact specifications recommended by John Kennedy in his proposal!*



"An aluminum identification tag, the size of a silver half dollar and of suitable thickness, stamped with the name, rank, company, regiment, or corps of the wearer, will be worn by each officer and enlisted man of the Army whenever the field kit is worn, the tag to be suspended from the neck, underneath the clothing, by a cord or thong passed through a small hole in the tab. It is prescribed as a part of the uniform and when not worn as directed herein will be habitually kept in the possession of the owner. The tag will be issued by the Quartermaster's Department gratuitously to enlisted men and at cost price to officers..."

The Army changed regulations on July 6, 1916, so that all soldiers were issued two tags: one to stay with the body and the other to go to the person in charge of the burial for record-keeping purposes. In 1918, the Army adopted and allotted the serial number system, and name and serial numbers were ordered stamped on the identification tags of all enlisted troops. (Serial number 1 was assigned to enlisted man Arthur B. Crean of Chicago in the course of his fifth enlistment period.) In 1969 the Army converted to the Social Security number for personnel identification.

—Why not use this strange but true story of a sensible Kennedy and a stubborn bureaucracy in your tent display? Information from Wikipedia.org article, "Dog Tag."

# Midwest & Mountain States NEWS

## Hello, folks!

We have a very active summer ahead of us in the Mid-West!

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** is the Brigadoon Beltane Festival at the Maize Valley Market and Winery, Hartville, OH. This is a charitable event to benefit Pegasus Farm, a therapeutic horse farm for the disabled.

The Kennedy tent will be present, attended by our Mid-West Vice-Chieftain John Snodgrass and his lovely wife Cynde Kennedy. Yours truly will be the MC for the day and Julie is helping with children's events!

See [www.beltanefestival.netfirms.com](http://www.beltanefestival.netfirms.com)

**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** is the Ohio Scottish Games at the Lorain County Fairgrounds in Wellington, OH. We'll be there!

See <http://www.ohioscottishgames.com>

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, The **Annual Highland Games in Livonia** near Detroit sees the return of the Kennedy Society of North America! Lord Charles and a group of Kennedy Society members are planning to come to these game, which are the weekend just before our AGM in Fergus! If you would like to assist in the tent for these games, contact me via phone or e-mail! See you in Fergus!

**Bill Kennedy**  
Chieftain, Mid-West

First cousins Bill Kennedy and Dawn Purse met for the first time at the Loch Norman, NC games in April. Dawn is the daughter of Francis "Skip" Kennedy of New York City. Dawn immediately joined KSNA!



## Hello from the Rocky Mountains!

The festival season is upon us. We hope to expand the number of games attended in Colorado this year. We will have tents at the **Elizabeth Celtic Festival** on July 19-20, and the **Estes Park Highland Games**, held September 4-7. Please join us for the parade Saturday morning at Estes Park..

We would like to host a tent at the **Highland Ranch Games** on Aug. 9-10, but we will need help, as I hope to be at the Fergus Games at that time. We would also like to have a tent at the **Cheyenne, WY Games**, June 27-28.

Please E-mail me at [rprip@comcast.net](mailto:rprip@comcast.net) or call me 303-652-7116 with any questions, tips, suggestions, or to volunteer.

**It is also my pleasure to announce that the Kennedy Society of North America AGM for 2009 will be held in Estes Park, Colorado.**

I will provide details on lodging and events as our planning progresses.

**Randy Peterson**  
Vice Chieftain  
Mid-West

**2009 AGM Host!**



## *Renew Your KSNA Membership*

Don't miss an issue of the KSNA Gazette, now with more pictures, news, and events Also online and in color, in the members area of our web site.



# Chiefs' Briefs

**Far-West Chieftain Mike Kennedy** writes that he met with Chieftain Sid Kennedy in Spokane, Washington a few weeks ago, and both Sid & Dorothea are doing well. All is quiet in California until June, when Mike plans to get some new recruits at the **Campbell Highland Games and Scottish Festival**, June 21 in Campbell, CA, near San Jose.

**East Chieftain Nina Eppes** asks you to please get in touch with her at [nina.eppes@gmail.com](mailto:nina.eppes@gmail.com) if you are hosting a tent at an event that's not listed on the calendar at the KSNA web site, likewise if your are NOT hosting a tent at an event that IS listed. Check [www.kennedysociety.org/calendar/games.htm](http://www.kennedysociety.org/calendar/games.htm) for the latest updates.

Nina welcomes your tent-hosting assistance at the **Western Massachusetts Highland Games** ([www.wmhg.org](http://www.wmhg.org)), in Greenfield, MA, June 28; and at the **New Hampshire Highland Games** ([www.nhscot.org](http://www.nhscot.org)), at Loon Mt., Sept. 19-21.

Also, would anyone interested in hosting a tent at the following **New England games** contact Nina?

**Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival**  
([www.glasgowlands.org](http://www.glasgowlands.org)), Northampton, MA, July 19

**Maine Highland Games**  
featuring the Tannahill Weavers, in Brunswick, ME, August 16 ([www.mainehighlandgames.org](http://www.mainehighlandgames.org)) ; or the

**Quechee Scottish Festival**  
in Quechee, VT, August 23,  
([www.quecheescottishfestival.com](http://www.quecheescottishfestival.com)).

## Help Locate a Lost Kennedy

Dear KSNA Members,

I am in search of Bruce Kennedy (no middle name) who was born in Scotland in 1944, and became a naturalized American Citizen.

I have some information about him including the fact that he was a member of the Kennedy Society at one time (I think approximately 1975).

Unfortunately, he seems to have "vanished" and I wish to contact him to relate a death in his family.

Bruce Kennedy was born in Scotland on 07/30/44 and became a naturalized US Citizen in New Orleans, LA on 09/14/62.

I have his original International Driver's License and expired passports, and a DD214 from his discharge from the USAF. His last known mailing address was in Melbourne, FL. Any help you can give me in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any information, or know of someone who might, please contact:

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692 Thomas Jefferson Lane  
W. Melbourne, FL 32904  
[Cfglass@aol.com](mailto:Cfglass@aol.com)

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## KENNEDY ARTISANS

### CELTIC LEATHERWORK

Mike Frady crafts medieval Celtic/Pictish? style belts, pouches, and sporrans. He donates a portion of sales to the KSNA Scholarship fund. Contact Mike at [celticcherokee@nc.rr.com](mailto:celticcherokee@nc.rr.com).

### FOR KENNEDY CANINES

Ann and Paul Keys' **The Heelan' Hound** has beautiful tartan dog collars, leads, and more at [www.theheelanhound.com](http://www.theheelanhound.com)

### MINSTRELSRY

Oen Kennedy's magical music is available for preview and purchase at his website <http://www.oenkennedy.com>.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Karen Kennedy's beautiful pictures of Scotland, featuring Ayrshire and Kennedy castles, may be previewed and copies ordered at her website, **Photo Contemplations**, <http://www.photocontemplations.com>

### WEAPONS SMITH

New member Clint Knupp of Rector, PA crafts daggers, swords and custom jewelry to order. Contact him at [eathrap@gmail.com](mailto:eathrap@gmail.com) or 724-238-6926

Know any talented KSNA members whose goods and services should be listed here? Contact your editor with the information.

# SCOTTISH AND IRISH “KENNEDYS”

by *Carver Kennedy, KSNA Genealogist*

An often-asked question at Kennedy tents at Highland Games (and elsewhere) is “Are the Scot and Irish Kennedys related, and who came first?”

One answer, which seems to be the most accurate one, is that they are not related, except perhaps back 1000 or more years. Ireland and the western and northwestern parts of Scotland were occupied and settled by Celts from middle Europe in the late B.C.- early A.D. time period.

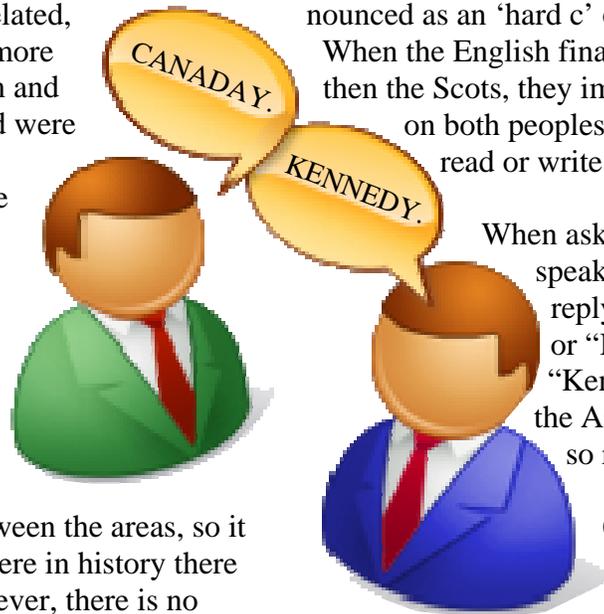
They came by sea, probably from what is now France, and settled in Ireland, Wales and along the western shores of Scotland. There most certainly was travel and migration overland and by boat between the areas, so it is quite probable that somewhere in history there are common ancestors. However, there is no documented proof of such a relationship.

The Celts spoke a common language, Gaelic, and this is probably where the “Kennedy” connection comes from. There is a word in the Gaelic language, “ceannaideach” or “cinneidigh.” There are several meanings of this word, depending on whether you are friend or enemy. One meaning is “Head of the tribe or clan.” Other meanings are not so kind. They include “big-headed”, “grim-headed” and “ugly-headed.”

These terms could have been applied to people in both lands over the centuries. There are few writ-

ten records in the early Celtic societies. Theirs was a spoken history passed down from generation to generation, similar to some U.S. Native Indian tribes, so who was first is unknown.

There were several spellings of the name, as there was no written ‘K’ in Gaelic, and ‘c’ was pronounced as an ‘hard c’ or like the English ‘k’. When the English finally subdued the Irish and then the Scots, they imposed the English language on both peoples. Few Irish or Scots could read or write English (or Gaelic.)



When asked their name by English-speaking record keepers, their reply sounded like “Kennedy” or “Kanaday” or “Canaday” or “Kennady” or other variations to the Anglo-Saxon ears, and was so recorded.

Over the years, as English became the common language, “Kennedy” became the most common spelling, although many of the alternate spellings continue to be used today.

As Scots (and Irish) migrated to other countries, more variations were developed, either due to unfamiliar ears hearing the Scottish brogue, conversion to a foreign language, or personal preference

Thus the probable reason for the Kennedy name occurring in both Ireland and Scotland is not a known common ancestor, but a common original language.

## TRAVEL DOCUMENT REMINDER

If you will be joining us for the KSNA 2008 Annual General Meeting at the Fergus, Ontario, Highland Games, be sure to review the travel documentation requirements for U.S. citizens traveling to Canada at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc\\_2223.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html)

Passports are presently required for travel by *air* to Canada. For road travel, a state-issued ID AND birth certificate as proof of citizenship are required.

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[www.kennedysociety.org](http://www.kennedysociety.org)

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## Northern News : Countdown to AGM '08 and Party



Northernmost Chieftain **John Kennedy** writes that he will be representing the Kennedy society at the Georgetown, Ontario Highland Games on June 14, and at the Durham, Ontario Highland Games on July 26. Visit him if you can!

John also reminds us that the **Fergus Scottish Festival** will be held over the weekend of August 8-10 in Fergus, Ontario, which is just west of Toronto.

The Kennedy Society AGM will be held on site in the Community Centre, and all KSNA members are encouraged to attend. There is a camping available on site from Thursday through Monday.

The web site for the Fergus games is  
<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>

You may purchase tickets online, or e-mail [info@fergusscottishfestival.com](mailto:info@fergusscottishfestival.com) or call 1-519-0019, toll free 866-871-9442.

There are no motels or hotels in Fergus, but there are many B&Bs, a list is provided on the games web site. Guelph is a university town approximately 15 minutes away with all national chains including Staybridge, Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn, Super 8, Days Inn, Ramada, Travelodge, and Hampton Inn.

Also make your reservation ASAP for the **AGM Party** in Fergus, Ontario! The biggest KSNA wingding of the year will be held on Saturday, August 9, at 6 pm. Location and ticket cost are yet to be determined, but a head count is needed to determine the cost, so please contact **Faith Kennedy Jost** if you may attend.

Drop Faith a note at 3505 Kariya Drive, Suite 1106 - The Towne, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada - L5B 3J4.