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A VISIT WITH BERNIECE CANADAY

While visiting my daughter Lynn and her family in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, I took a day drive to Cambridge, Ohio to visit with a dear friend, Berniece Canaday. Berniece, as many of you know, was married to Don Canaday, the 4th Chief of the Kennedy Society of North America. Don and Berniece served for 14 years as Chief and First Lady and they were most certainly the driving force behind the Kennedy Society during that time. We talked of past times and I caught her up on all the Society's present "doings".

Berniece Canaday (formerly Berniece Riply) will be 83 years old in February. She was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska and met Don at the University of Nebraska. They dated for nine months and were married on 11/21/45. Don was born in New Castle, Indiana. He served in the Air Force in World War II, and in the Army in the Korean War. Don spent over 35 years in the Agricultural Chemical industry.

Don and Berniece are the parents of three children: Duffy of Nierstein, Germany; Laura of Newport News, Virginia; and John of Georgetown, Indiana. They have five grandchildren. Don passed away on 9/20/03 and is sorely missed by all his family and friends. His funeral was attended by many individuals wearing their kilts. John Kennedy, from Canada, carried the Kennedy Society Banner, and the service was from the

Episcopal Scottish Book of Common Prayer.

Berniece told me that Don was the 4th Kennedy Society Chief. Serving before Don were: John Flowers, Hugh Kennedy, and Bill Kennedy.

Don and Berniece visited Scotland five times. Among her favorite memories include their visits with Lord and Lady Ailsa (Lord Charles' parents) Don and Berniece visited Cassillis House and attended a birthday party for Lady Ailsa, and visited with Lord and Lady Ailsa several other times.

Berniece also has fond memories of visiting her clan, the McMillans, located at Finlaystone Castle in Inverclyde. Finlaystone is especially known for its exceptional gardens.

Don and Berniece 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.

In closing, Berniece reminded me of how much Don and she "loved the Kennedys", She said, "everyone was so friendly and the Games were so much fun"! Well Berniece, the Kennedys return that love right back to you! On behalf of the whole Kennedy Society of North America, we wish you good health and much happiness in the New Year!

—Sue Kennedy

Below, Sue Kennedy and Berniece Canaday.



From the Chief



We are slowing down during the winter months and as I get older, I enjoy the slowness of the winter, and looking forward to the Christmas and New Year holidays, and sharing the season with family and friends. A time to **reflect** on the past year of Great Fun from very busy year of Great Highland Games. It's also a time of **anticipation** for next year's activities.

Reflecting, I remember great times at Loch Norman NC, Gatlinburg TN, Grand Father Mt. NC, Greenville SC, Blairsville GA, Fergus Canada and of course Stone Mt. GA. Meeting the new members, renewing old acquaintances.

The rain at some, the heat at some, the Irish Coffee (sorry), the late night beer. The conversations of politics, faith, and oh yes, family. The new appointments and promotions within the society.

Anticipation has already grabbed me and I can hardly wait until next year, for 2009 looks like a great time in our KSNA family, bringing a new chain of Command. Look for some wonderful changes ahead for the Kennedy Society, 2009 will be a banner year. Your Society is always bending, turning and twisting to become a better family for all its members.

Lord Charles has accepted an invitation to attend the Glasgow, KY highland games May 28-30, 2008. <http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com/>, where the Kennedys will be the Honored Clan. The Games are honoring one of our own, Lorette M .Kennedy who passed this year. Lorette was a great force for

the Kentucky Games as well as the KSNA. I ask as many as can to attend this special occasion.

Make your plans for the 2009 AGM at the Estes Park Long's Peak Scottish Irish Festival <http://scotfest.com/>.

There is always room for expansion, new games to be hosted, new Kilt Nights to be planned. Volunteers are always needed and are welcomed. There are tent kits that contain everything you need to host a tent. We'll help you with everything to get you started. Contact your Regional Chieftain listed on page 1 or myself.

I must at all times give a big "THANK YOU" to all those that have given what it takes to get the job done, from the longest hours to the smallest of assistance; at the wettest, the coolest, the driest and the hottest of games. You that attended, you that

worked, you that have supported us with your dues, THANK YOU.

Being the true Scot that I am and with the postal fees what they are, I wish to use this great medium, the Gazette as a means to WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A SPECIAL HAPPY NEW YEAR.

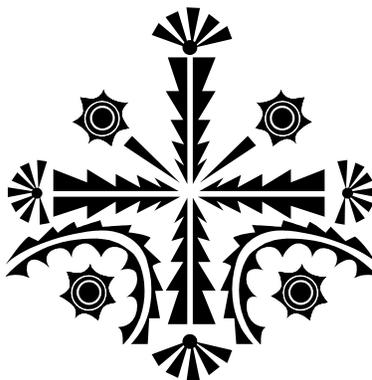
Remembering the reason for the season is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. From Our House to Yours

May the Lord Bless You.

Knowing the economy is on everyone's mind I must preach this little sermon. The Jews were without jobs, money and all apparent means of support but God supplied all their food, water and even their shoes for 40 years. With God all things are possible

Hoping to see you soon at a game, your President & Chief ;

— *Nomon*



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Sue Kennedy, Membership Chair, has for sale a limited supply of lapel pins, money clips and tie bars bearing the KSNA badge.



Contact Sue to order:

Gold Florentine Money Clip \$12.50

Gold Florentine Tie Bar \$12.50

Etched Enamel Lapel Pins \$6.50

(All three for \$30.00)

KSNA Nominating Committee Update

Due to our 'changing of the guard' next September, Regional VP, Chieftain Randy Peterson has assumed Bill Kennedy's seat on the KSNA Nominating Committee. The committee members are: Randy, Nina Eppes, and John A. Kennedy.

Suggestion/recommendations to the committee are requested ASAP. Floor nominations and proxy voting must follow the Bylaws.

The Positions to be filled at the 2009 AGM are President (Chief), Vice-President (Vice Chief), and Secretary. Nominations will be published in the Gazette issue before the September, 2009 AGM.

Nomon Kennedy
President, KSNA

Dear Fellow Kennedys;

I hope all is well with the clan across the pond. I have just spoken to my father (Lord Ailsa) who has been visiting various games over the past few weeks and got a glowing report on the clan's activities, and was pleased to hear all our friends are doing well.

I'm sorry I lost contact with you all after I left my last role at Neoworks, and have missed getting the newsletter and hearing the news and gossip. I am now working for a small International NGO called Right to Sight who are working to eradicate curable blindness in India and Africa .

I am looking forward to seeing everyone who is coming over next year for the big Clan Gathering in Edinburgh next July as it is shaping up to be a great Scottish event.

Please feel free to contact me at any time and if you come to London it would be lovely to catch up with some old friends.

Best wishes;

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Dear Fellow Kennedy Society Members,

I've created a "Share" site at Shutterfly for the Kennedy Society of North America, and I've sent membership invitations to a number of you.

Everyone is welcome to join. Anyone visiting the site can contribute pictures and add comments; members of the site can do a little bit more with the content.

The Shutterfly Share site is:
<http://kennedysociety.shutterfly.com/>

Please check it out, contribute your pictures and comments, and enjoy!

Regards, Nina Eppes

P.S. My pictures from the 2007 New Hampshire Highland Games are now available there. Better late than never!



Above, Ellie Davis and Jordan Cannady jamming at the Kennedy tent at the New Hampshire Highland Games, Sept. 19-21. Nina Eppes was tent host, signing four new members. —Brava, Nina! Above right, Randy Peterson with daughter Rachel and friends Carley and Brian at the Long's Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado, Sept. 4-7, 2008.

Oen Kennedy Wins

My sister Jackie Davis reports that our second cousin Oen Kennedy won the Boston Folk Festival Songwriting Contest on September 13. Oen performed at the Kennedy Society dinner during the NH Highland Games last year and composed a song in honor of the Kennedys. Visit www.oenkennedy.com to learn more about Oen!
— Nina Eppes



KSNA Scholarship Winner Gillian Bradshaw

Gillian Bradshaw, 2008 KSNA Scholarship awardee, took highland dance competitions by storm this summer. At the Durham Highland Games she won 1st for the fling, 1st for the sword dance, 1st for the highland reel and 3rd for the sean triubhas plus an overall trophy for the day!

At the Fergus Highland Games she won 1st for the fling, 1st for the sword plus an overall trophy. She was also advanced to intermediate level competition. We look forward to seeing more great dancing from Gillian at 2009 Games!



Plan Now for 2009 AGM in Estes Park CO

If you are going to attend the Society AGM to be held at the Long's Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado, Sept. 4-7, 2008, be sure to regularly check the festival web site at <http://scotfest.com/> and stay in touch with Chieftain Randy Peterson for updates on scheduling of Kennedy events.



Our New Chaplain, Father David Kennedy

Thanks to Chief Nomon, I have been appointed Chaplain for the Kennedy Society of North America. My name is David Crichton Kennedy, and I am a first generation American. My mother was born in England, and my father was born in Uddingston, just outside Glasgow.

They met and married in Montreal, and moved to New York (Long Island) where I was born. I remember them fighting the Battle of Bannochburn across the dining room table! My grandfather Kennedy was what was called a 'love child' in the 19th century.

His mother was a Simpson, and her sister was married to a Kennedy, who adopted and raised him. I never met him, and he died before I was born. An aunt told me the story when she was in her nineties. My father was the youngest of 13 children, all of whom went to Canada/USA in the 1920's, except one sister who remained in Scotland. I know almost nothing about the family beyond my father's generation. They were all very proud of their Scots heritage, and I inherited the love of Scotland from them.

The family moved to Coral Gables, Florida where I grew up. I attended the University of Miami, and upon graduation went into the Army where I served as an Infantry officer before going to seminary to study for the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. I graduated from Nashotah House, and served in Lakeland, Florida, at All Saints' Church as Curate. There I met and married Beverly June



Noble and our first daughter, Clare, was born. I became the Vicar and then Rector of Guardian Angels, Lantana, Florida, in 1966, and have been there ever since. Our second daughter, Laura, was born there. My two daughters, both married, have two kids each. They all live nearby so we see them often. I "retired" in 2003, and am now back as priest-in-charge. I am active in the Scottish American Society of Palm Beach County and serve them as Chaplain.

I have been to Scotland three times, most recently in 2006. My first trip to Scotland was in 1975, when I went with my wife and girls, along with my maiden aunt, Jean Kennedy, who celebrated her 93rd birthday at St. Andrew's on the trip! We visited Uddingston to see where the family had come from. We also traveled to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Bridge of Ochry, Oban, and Iona. My second trip, in 1982, was a Cathedral Tour of the UK, mostly of England, but we did go to Edinburgh, and Aberdeen. In 2006 I went to Skye, North Uist, Lewis & Harris, Kinlochleven, Glencoe, the Appin Peninsula, Onich, Inverness, Sterling, Culzean, and Alloway, also Culloden and Bannockburn!

I am happy to serve the Society and her members in any way that I am able.

Love in Christ, Father David ☩



Father David will compose Flower of the Forest notices for the Gazette, and we hope will contribute occasional insights on spirituality and things Scottish. Contact him at Frdkennedy@aol.com

CaptiBn. David's birthday party 2007, l. to r., Alex Morales, Beverly Kennedy, Clare Kennedy Morales, Fr. David, Laura Kennedy Begnoche, and Kenneth Begnoche. Above, grandchildren Bradley Begnoche, Mitchell Morales, Brooke Begnoche, and Matthew Morales.

The North American Chapter of The British Longbow Society

By Dan Caldwell

My wife, Colleen (Kennedy) and I met Bill Kennedy at the Ligonier Games. In 2007, where we talked about the possibility of the Kennedy Society hosting the North American Chapter of the British Longbow Society (NACBLBS) for a demonstration shoot at a Highland Games. I discussed the matter with the NACBLBS members during the annual shoot, held this past September. The members are interested, depending on the location of the games. I thought the Kennedy Society might be interested in hosting a demonstration due to the fact that the BLBS in Scotland organizes several shoots at Culzean every year.

The North American Chapter of the British Longbow Society is a group of men and women who participate in the style of archery that was shot from the Victorian era until the early 1900s. We shoot solely target archery with the classic D-shaped wooden English longbow and wooden arrows.

Our Championship Tournament is held in September around Philadelphia, PA. During the tournament the men shoot the York Round, which consists of 144 arrows at 100, 80 and 60 yards. The ladies shoot a Double National Round, which consists of 144 arrows at 60 and 50 yards.

For those members who are unable to shoot the longer distances, we have a Double Portsmouth Round, which consists of a total of 120 arrows at 20 yards. After the first 6 rounds we break for a sherry toast to the Queen, the President, the arrows, etc. We also break for a catered

lunch and an official meeting. After the completion of the days' shooting we have dinner. Subsequently, trophies and awards are presented to various archers for the days shooting. During this time, members also take the opportunity to catch up on the events of the past year and to discuss archery-related issues. Some of the members are bowyers and fletchers, so this is also a good opportunity to exchange ideas on the sport we all love.

During the year, those members who are eligible (50+) participate in various state senior games. A 900 FITA Round is shot at the senior games, which consists of 90 arrows (30 each at 60, 50 and 40 yards).

During the winter months we also shoot a Postal Portsmouth round, which consists of 10 rounds of 6 arrows. The best two scores for each of the months of November, December, January and February are sent to England, where they are added to the scores of the archers in the UK.

In addition to the above shoots, one of our members has hosted a shoot at Williamsburg, VA. for the past ten years or so. The Williamsburg shoot is usually held in May.

The main purpose of the NACBLBS is to offer the archer a chance to participate in the sport we love, enjoy the feel of a simple wooden bow and watch the arrows fly. The archers who participate in the club's shoots maintain an atmosphere of friendly competition while enjoying the company of like-minded friends and family. So string your bow, grab your quiver and come join us. <http://www.askarts.co.uk/NACBLBS.html>



Ligonier, PA Highland Games Report

Vice-Chieftain John Snodgrass hosted the Kennedy Tent at the Ligonier, PA Highland Games, on Sept. 6, assisted by Clint Knupp, Russell Knupp, and Jessica Grasso. This marks the third consecutive year that Kennedys have returned to Ligonier after a hiatus of ten years. Over a dozen members marched in the Clan Parade, flanked by two sword maidens, followed by Paul Key and Neely, his Black Lab who proudly wears the Kennedy tartan.

Join the Kennedy Table at the 250th Burns Birthday celebration in Cleveland, OH on January 24, a gala event with haggis dinner, entertainment, dancing, pipe bands and good times. Tickets are \$45.00 wkennedyjr@yahoo.com
—Bill Kennedy, Chieftain Mid-West

Left, Jessica Grasso, Clint Knupp, Vice-Chieftain John Snodgrass, Jon Lilley with Chieftain Bill Kennedy's children Reid and Erin. Jon Lilley received a "Kennedy Society Letter of Appreciation" signed by Lord Ailsa for crafting the rosettes worn by the Chief and Chieftains of the Kennedy Society.

Lord Ailsa and New Members at Stone Mt. Games

Chris and Sue Kennedy hosted the Kennedy tent at the Stone Mountain, GA Highland Games, October 18-19, 2008, assisted by Carver & Martha Kennedy, and Ed & Laura K. Pittman

After all-day rain on Friday, Saturday started out cloudy but soon became sunny and cool, as was Sunday. Lord Ailsa, Charles Kennedy, from Scotland was an Honored Guest at the Games and spent much of his time both days at the tent.

KSNA Chief Nomon Kennedy and wife Nancy were delayed, but arrived in time for the informal Clan dinner on Saturday evening. Attendance at the tent was slow on Saturday morning, but picked up and became quite busy just before noon. This was the pattern on Sunday also.

This Games is one of the largest in the southern U.S., we had many visitors both days, some were KSNA members and many were new Kennedy-named individuals. One of the member-visitors was Dick Kennedy, a long-time member from Atlanta who has been very ill for about 2 years but is well recovered. We were all glad to see him back.

We use a tent banner with a large "Kennedy" and smaller names at each side with the various spellings of Kennedy, including those starting with "C". We again found that this results in many Games attendees who are passing by the tent to stop and comment that they did not know about these spellings. We were able to meet these new people, talk with them about Scotland, Kennedy Clan history and genealogy, and KSNA activities, and provide them with

handouts of Newsletter articles and KSNA membership applications.

We had about 30 sign-ins, including members who visited, we had 4 new members join the society, and had comments from several more who indicated they planned to join. We provided snacks, beef stew (provided by Laura Kennedy), and drinks of various kinds for members and visitors.

Lord Ailsa, visiting from Scotland, was a big attraction for us, with many people coming by to see him, renew their contact from a previous occasion, and to have their picture made. During the Sunday Gathering of the Clans parade, we had about 12 Kennedy members marching in the group, including two new members and two children. The encouraging thing was that most were young, only two white heads in the group!

As in the past, these Games were well organized and conducted, with a great variety of the usual Games activities. It was very well attended both days, primarily in the afternoon. One unusual feature was the appearance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pipe Band, They were a big hit with attendees, especially younger women, as their uniforms are spectacular! One new feature was the addition of several areas of activities/games for small children scattered through the Clan tent area. This was a very popular activity.

—Carver Kennedy

Stone Mt, GA. 2008 attendees (l. to r.) Dick Kennedy, Christine Robinson, Lynn Grant, Chris Kennedy, Karen Kennedy, Coleman Cassell, Zarah Kennedy, Joel Cassell, Bethany Cassell, Nancy Kennedy, Noman Kennedy, Lord Charles Kennedy, Carver Kennedy, Lauren Cassell, Laurie Pittman, Ed Pittman, Carly Pittman. Photo by Karen Kennedy.



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Can you make a modest contribution of time to the Kennedy Society? We are asking members to help with newsletter production, a quarterly event. Each of the tasks below takes about 6-8 hours every three months, and will reward you with a byline on the masthead, and the grateful thanks of our Chief and Society! To volunteer, contact Julie Kennedy, juliekennedy1@gmail.com

Writers: Articles about society activities and members, and Kennedy lands, history, and genealogy are always welcome. Articles may be submitted as unformatted text or Word files, or as typed manuscripts.

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At right, Lord Charles with 'the Wenches of Clan Kennedy' pose before the traffic-stopping Kennedy banner; at the Stone Mountain, GA Games, Oct. 17-19. —Photo submitted by Lynn Grant. See p. 7 inside.

