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From the Chiefs

This year has been very busy so far, with organizing visits by Kennedys and other clans from the U.S. I had the pleasure of opening two games. The first was Sumter in the swamplands of the Carolinas. It was a very small games, good fun, but very cold. Nomon, Nancy and Chris helped on the clan tent. Karen & Nannette were at LCTours tent and we received a lot of interest. It was also an honor to have Jack Grayville carry our colors at the church service on Sunday. I was informed that I was the first Lord to have been invited back since Lord Cornwallis during the American ware if independence.

The second was the Gatlinburg games in the Smokey Mountains, a much bigger games with over 15.000 attending. It was a lovely setting although it was very wet in the evenings making the field nice and muddy. Again, Nomon, Nancy, Chris, Sue, Karen and Nannette attended along with Paul Key carrying the colors. The Clan also

fielded a large team for the haggis throw, which out of our team Karen won! Her throw of 48ft 3inches wasn't enough to win all, as the overall winner had a distance of 53ft. But, well done to you all - however more practice needed!

Next yrs games are still being planned so if you have any ideas contact your society Chief. LC Tours are planning a Scottish trip in May and a tour of North & Southern Ireland in July 2007 – please contact Nanette for more information.

On a personal note – I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful sporran set I received for my 50th birthday. I will wear it with pride!

Lord Charles

Spring has brought more pollen than I can recall for East Tennessee. Nan & I both have been fighting allergies and upper-respiratory issues all spring. At one time we both were

encouraging the other to prepare the chicken noodle soup. Clean air is on the way and so are the games of summer. We attended the Sumter, SC Festival to support Lord Charles who was the honored guest for the games. Also attending were Karen, our society photographer, Nannette, the Chief's tour contact, and of course Chris, the tent host and last minute games representative.

I had a pleasant conversation with long time Chief-tain, Sid Kennedy from the northwest coast. He and his wife Dorothy are doing well. This society owes a lot to Sid and the founders of the K.S.N.A.

I have had email from Denise Canady requesting the following be placed in the Gazette. "Our son, James, returns from a 2 year mission to Brazil on July 5 so we will not be doing any traveling. Many people know James as he was very active in games (and the kilted mile) before he left.

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Gillian Bradshaw—
granddaughter of John Kennedy—walks away with some heavy hardware from a dance competition in Ajax, Ontario.

Kennedys Worth Singing (or dancing) About

Her trophies weigh nearly as much as she does—but that doesn't stop Gillian Bradshaw from toting her recently won hardware proudly.

Gillian, the granddaughter of John A. Kennedy, Canada Chieftain, and daughter of Diane and Ray Bradshaw, is eight years old, in grade 3, and has been dancing for almost three years now. Her biggest desire is to highland dance. Gillian regularly attends dance class in Brace-

bridge at the Jenn Low School of Highland Dance and competes in dance competitions in and around the Ontario area. She has won many medals for individual dances and her best was recently where she was the star of the show in Ajax, Ontario. Gillian won two gold medals and a bronze for her fling, sword and sean trusse dances. Along with the medals she won trophies for the best in the beginner division, and tied for most promising dancer of the day, and best dancer of the day.

Since last September Gillian has learned four Scottish national dances and will be competing with these dances as well as her highland dances this summer.

Gillian is extremely dedicated to highland dancing, and when asked what she wants to be when she grows up, her usual answer is to be a highland dance instructor!

Three Cheers for Gillian—an amazing Kennedy!

Upcoming Games & Festivals

Following are the games coming to your area soon. Please come out and show your support OR offer to become a games representative in your area by contacting Nomon Kennedy.

June 1-4—Glasgow, KY Highland games—Glasgow, KY

June 3—Southern NH Highland Games—Jaffrey, NH

June 9-11—Blairsville Scottish Festival—Blairsville, GA

June 17—Campbell Highland Games—Campbell, CA

June 24—Western Massachusetts Highland Games—Greenfield, MA

June 24—Ohio Scottish Games—Loraine Country Fairgrounds—Loraine, OH

July 6-9—Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and

Festival—Linville, NC

July 15—Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival—Florence, MA

July 22-23—The Highlands of Durham Games—Elgin Park, Uxbridge, Ontario

August 4-5—Glengarry Highland Games—Maxville, Ontario

August 5—Spokane Highland Games—Spokane, WA

August 11-13—Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games—Fergus, Ontario

August 19—Maine Highland Games—Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick, ME

For direct links to all the games, please visit the Games Calendar page at our web site—<http://www.kennedysociety.org/calendar/games.htm>.

The above games are games/festivals at which a Kennedy Society tent will be manned.

If there is a games near you, and it is not listed, volunteer to man (or woman) a tent by contacting your local Chieftain or Chief Nomon and we will get you the information needed to become a part of the Kennedy Society's highly paid (its all volunteer), highly respected (only by your fellow members), and highly regarded (that one is true), volunteer staff.

Show your support of the Kennedy Society of North America by attending and/or hosting a Kennedy Society tent at your local Highland Games.



Get Connected with Your Ancestors

Following the history of the Kennedy Gazette, we are pleased to re-introduce our ancestral connection. If you are looking for an ancestor, ancestral connection, lost family, etc., please send your information to the editor and we will print your information in the newsletter.

John A. Kennedy CD, FSA Scot, Chieftain—has generously contributed information regarding some of the first Scots to arrive in North America.

“Probably the first Kennedy to come to North America, was John Kennedy in 1635. He landed in North Carolina. Other Kennedy’s to follow were:

- 1678—Alexander
- 1685—John (NJ), David (NJ)
- 1720—Hugh (Boston)
- 1722—Archibald (NY)
- 1726—John
- 1730—Gilbert, Robert & William (NE)
- 1731—Samuel (NE)
- 1738—Hugh (MA)
- 1743—John (Boston)

- 1745—John
- 1746—Patrick & John
- 1747—Matthew (MA)
- 1749—John (Nova Scotia), John (Nova Scotia)
- 1750—William (MA), James (NE)
- 1761—James
- 1763—William
- 1764—Phillip (NE), John (NW), Michael (NW)
- 1765—Christopher (MA)
- 1770—William Edward
- 1771—Mathew, John
- 1772—Samuel, Thomas, Michael, Samuel
- 1773—Patrick, Robert & James, John (MD)
- 1774—Peter (NW)
- 1789—James, Charles, Garrett, William & Alexander (PA), Alexander (NS), Joseph (MD)
- 1791—John, Donald, Murdoch, & Alexander (Inverness, Cape Breton)
- 1797—John F. (MD), William (MD)

In the early 1800’s, approximately 68 Kennedy’s settled in PA. Thousands of Kennedy’s

came during the 1800’s and settled in a number of other states while others settled in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Glengarry County, Ontario. In the book, *The Kennedy’s*, published in 1992, it states a research was conducted of official documents world wide which indicated there were 56,952 households throughout the world bearing the name Kennedy. Over 170 million records, files, and telephone books were searched to collect this information.

My research and other sources tell me that some households were missed which would indicate the number could be even higher.

In Scotland in 1995, of the 100 most common surnames registered on birth, marriage, and death certificates, the Kennedy names registered 58th out of 378 names registered to the above referenced documents.”

John A. Kennedy CD, FSA Scot—Chieftain

“A tale never loses in the telling.”
Scottish Proverb

Games Reports, Updates, and Highlights

Ann and Paul Key hosted the Loch Norman Games where they entertained 13 visitors to the Kennedy tent, and gave applications to three potential new members. According to Paul and Ann, rain threatened to dampen the games on both days and an impending storm forced many to pack up early on Saturday. Included here are a few photos.



L to R: Mrs. Tom Dillon, Paul Key, Ann Key, Blair Kennedy & Tom Dillon



Twelve-year-old Dustin Kennedy, son of Stephanie & Evan of Statesville, NC—captured 2nd place in the children’s highland wrestling.



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Updates, cont'd.

The Kennedy Captain Chairs were ordered. We received enough pre-orders to only order 24 (minimum) of the chairs. We have a very few left over. We may be able to reorder again but these must be pre-ordered by you before we can commit to their purchase from the manufacture.

Please contact Nomon if you wish to order.

At the Chatham, NY Celebration of the Celts, Leo Kennedy reported that they had 14 in the parade and 3 at the tent. According to Leo, the rain held off for most of the day and all who attended had a great time.



Leo Kennedy, So. New England Games Rep., on the left in the kilt and Bill Kennedy, the Vice Chieftain Ohio Valley, in the kilt on the right—at the Chatham, NY Celebration of Celts.)

Chiefs' Notes, cont'd.

If you choose to mention him in a newsletter, here is his address (this only takes a regular US stamp.) He loves mail. Elder James Lyndsey Canaday, Brazil Santa Maria Mission, POB 30150, Salt Lake City UT 84130-0150.

Lord Charles will be the distinguished guest at the Gatlinburg Highland Games (www.gsfg.org). There will also be a special presentation at these games you won't want to miss.

As a reminder to all that host tents, send me a copy of your sign-in guest register. When there is a Kennedy without membership, I write or email them a personal invitation to join. Don't know that it helps but it seems to be a good gesture.

Our Society Needs You! You are needed to represent the KSNA at any function that would be appropriate for our society. Reps are needed all over the country. It's not a difficult task but it does require time. If we all chip in we can really grow our membership. Call your local society rep, Chieftain, or any board member.

The annual general meeting will be held at Grandfather Mountain, Saturday July 8. There are important issues to be discussed and decided. See you there.

Society Chief and President
Nomon R. Kennedy Jr.