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FROM THE CHIEF OF KENNEDYS:

It has been a dull and gloomy couple of months here in Scotland. However, March has brought warmer weather and longer days. I am very much looking forward to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this year and hope to see you all there as we are The Main Clan and this is our 30th Anniversary.

THE CHIEF OF THE KENNEDY SOCIETY

Our 30th Anniversary AGM will be at the Chiefs Tent on Saturday July 12, 2003. Directions will be in the next Gazette. We hope to see you there!

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MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



CEUD MILLE FAILTE

One Hundred Thousand Welcomes. We greet our new members:

DONNA KENNEDY from Raeford, NC is a High School Principal. DONNA and her husband JAMES have two children: KRISTY and BRANDON.

DAVID J. WEST who lives in Baton Rouge, LA is a computer consultant. He and his wife ROXANN have two children: IAN ALEXANDER and ERIN KATHERINE. His grandmother is member NANCY WATKINS. DAVID's Kennedy connection is listed as MARY KENNEDY, his gr grandmother. He is descended from GILBERT KENNEDY 3rd Earl of Cassillis.

AMY McDONALD from Dover, NH is a cosmetologist. She has a son TYLER. AMY's Kennedy connection is her mother, SUSAN KENNEDY. She has sent her genealogy. In the early 1700's the name was CANADY but was changed to KENNEDY two generations later. As one CANADAY to another CANADY; welcome.

MARGARET A. MURPHY lives in New York City. She is descended from MARGARET MARY DOWD KENNEDY, her Grandmother. The family came from Donegal, Ireland.

NANCY GRACE ELWOOD from Santa Monica, CA is a retired Secretary. Her Kennedy connection is THOMAS CARRICK, her Grandfather. She is descended from ROBERT CARRICK, born 1780 in Northern Ireland and emigrated to Philadelphia, PA in 1831 with his family.

MOLLY KENNEDY GREATHOUSE from Tucson AZ was born in Comber, County Down, Northern Ireland. She and her late husband, Paul had six children: SUSAN, BETTY, ESTHER, PAUL, Jr, MARK, and JAMES. Her Kennedy connection is ROBERT KENNEDY of Comber, No. Ireland.

ANN KENNEDY DATTOLA of Cheswick, PA. is a retired business owner from So West Pennsylvania. She and her husband, ELMER have three children: PAULA, RICHARD AND CHRISTOPHER. Her Kennedy connection is her father ALEXANDER WHITAKER KENNEDY who also was from Cheswick, PA

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

RAYMOND STAROSTKA of Silver Creek, Nebr died June 6, 2002. He was the husband of member KATHLEEN STAROSTKA. He was active in the agribusiness and was associated with W R Grace, as was your chief. Their son was honored by the Nebraska Agribusiness Association in 2001. Our sincere sympathy KATHLEEN.

We have learned of the death of longtime member THOMAS STIRLING KENNEDY of Havertown, PA. He died January 1st 2003 after a short illness. THOMAS was 92 years old. He was born in Bells-hill, Scotland. He was a retired tool & die maker and joined the Kennedy Society in 1979.

NEW ARRIVALS

LES and JOYCE SCHROEPPPEL of Ivins, Utah report a new addition to the family. Great-grandson BRANDON ANDREW REDFORD was born January 31, 2002. He lives in Orem, UT. Son DOUG and his WIFE KIMBERLY have a new son, JACOB CLIFFORD, born February 6, 2003. They live in Pleasant Grove, UT.

News from SUSAN & ROGER BAKER in the UK. They have had a great year, capped by the arrival of MATTHEW HENRY BAKER on January 12, 2003. Mother and son doing fine, father and big brother MICHAEL (aged 2) surviving. Grandparents are WILLIAM F. (Jr) and BARBARA CANADAY SHELLEY of Romney, W. Va.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES GO OUT TO THE PROUD PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!

----- THIS 'N' THAT -----

There is a program for checking DNA, which some of the other clan societies are using. It is non-invasive, and only requires a cheek swab of a male genetical Kennedy to test for specific markers in the Y chromosome. It can help those with uncertain family histories who hope to connect with other Kennedys to whom they may be related. Family Tree DNA, 1919 North Loop West, Suite 110, Houston, Texas 77008.

Telephone: (713) 828-4200 or FAX (713) 868-4584.

Their E-Mail: info@FamilyTreeDNA.com

Our member Elaine Anderson of Sun City AZ sends this information.

This should have been in the last issue, but it was overlooked by your editor. Mea culpa!

J.C. Higgins, of Leneza Kansas, a well regarded vendor of Scottish attire has a special offer. If 16 members of the Kennedy Society were to order their kilts, using the same tartan and back ground color at the same time there would be a savings to each buyer of 10%. Once the order was in, HIGGINS would send the 16 (or more) persons sale certificates and catalogs. They would then mail in the sale certificates. Once the 16 certificates were received by J.C. Higgins, they will order the fabric and make the kilts to the individual measurements. The kilts would be mailed out once finished. Approximate delivery time is 10-12 weeks. Many of you have ordered from Higgins, as has your Chief, and have been pleased with the quality of their merchandise.

DO WE HAVE 16 ADVENTUROUS SOULS WHO STILL DON'T HAVE A KILT?

J. HIGGINS Inc 1-800-426-7268

Here is a quote from the Celtic Heritage Magazine of Halifax, N.S. by DAVID ROSS who lives in Scotland. "*how many Scots know that the blue and white Saltire of Scotland is the oldest flag in the world?*"

I thank the publishers of Celtic Heritage and also DAVID ROSS for permission to print this.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

LES and JOYCE SCHROEPPPEL of Ivins, UT are busy working part-time at the St George Utah Family History Center. They report that it is enjoyable work and it is rewarding to be able to help others trying to find their progenitors.

Member SUSAN SHELLEY BAKER and her husband ROGER will be returning to the USA from her station in Great Britain in June. SUSAN's parents, WILLIAM and BARBARA SHELLEY of Romney, W. VA are eagerly looking forward to seeing them and to meet their new grandson, MATTHEW HENRY, and to visit with MICHAEL their other grandson. Newly promoted LT. COLONEL SUSAN BAKER and family will be stationed at an Air Force Base in Texas where she will take command of a Medical Support Squadron. All the best to this fine family and a salute to SUSAN for her well earned promotion!

MALINDA GLOWA of Meadville, PA sent a nice note with her new address. We are always so glad to hear from our Kennedy kin.

AL & LOIS KENNEDY of Granada Hills, CA. wrote that they are members of the United Scottish Society where they live and attended its Robbie Burns' Night in January. They plan to visit some of the games in the west, especially the one at Pleasanton, CA in this August/September. We look forward to seeing you two and all of our Kennedy cousins then AL & LOIS.

LOUISE KILGORE of Bristol, VA wrote kind words about the Kennedy Gazette and said that she would like to be with us at Grandfather Mountain, but finds that she no longer can walk the rough grounds there. We are sorry LOUISE and wish that you could be with us!

JOHN D. KENNEDY of Houston, TX tells of their visit to the annual Burns supper in Houston. It was sponsored by the Heather and Thistle Society, and is always a grand event with good food and lots of pipers. We Scots know how to put on a good party!

ELINOR & PHILIP KENNEDY of Reading, PA have several graduations coming up this Spring, in PA and Ohio, 2 high school and 1 college. They hope to make them all. They have had some health problems, but feel that may be behind them now. We surely hope so!

PETER J. STELLING of Smyrna, GA writes he hopes for an early end to this weather. He also is planning to get to Grandfather Mountain as well as Stone Mountain. We look forward to that PETER.

BRIAN KENNEDY of Winfield Park, NJ is into a re-enactors group. He sent a picture of himself in his Cameron of Erracht belted plaid with matching waistcoat and hose. He still enjoys singing the Scots and Gaelic songs while performing. He did a great Burns supper on Long Island in January, reciting and singing. BRIAN bought the last of our special tartan buy to make a regular kilt. Good show, BRIAN.

SHARON CHESLOCK of Morgantown, W VA, has been sharing her Grandmother's method of predicting snows. As of the first part of February, according to "Grandma's prediction" Morgantown, WVA should have 5 more snows out of a total of 18 predicted. Let us know how it comes out SHARON but for your sake, we hope that Grandma was wrong this year!

DOUGLAS & ISABEL KENNEDY of Fergus, Ont and Dunedin, Fl report that they are back in Florida again. They said that it is not too warm, but it is sunny and NO SNOW. They are usually back in Fergus by April, although the way this winter is going, there still may be snow up there then.

DAVID & ALICE KENNEDY of Deland, FL report they some health problems, but are better now. We are very glad to hear that. Keep it up FOLKS!

The Kennedy Society was well represented at the Celtic Society of Southeastern Ohio 13th annual Burns Night on February 8, 2003. There were GENEMARIE & PAUL KLINER, No Canton; SHIRLEY & TOM HARTNEY, Akron; REBECCA VEATCH and BERNICE & DON CANADAY all of Cambridge. One of the pipers from the McCallum Pipes & Drums of Canton/Akron formerly wore a

Kennedy kilt and when asked when he stopped doing so, replied, "30 pounds ago!" Sorry about that! BILL & SHEILA KENNEDY of Lancaster OH have never missed our Burns' Nights, but had to miss this year as they had a kitchen fire several days previously. Fortunately no injuries and their house is well on the way to being rehabbed. We missed you two.

MORE FROM BRIAN KENNEDY- (from last issue)

"my mother's side are proud County Kerry Irish. I as a result, am a cross bred Gael of no restraint. I love learning Gaelic songs and specialize in Burn's and seachanties as well. I have spent most of my life trying to bring the Irish and Scots together by pointing out their similarities and ignoring the traditional and historical obstacles. However, on one point I get into trouble with both sides...the origin of the name Kennedy; Cunedda, MacCennetig, O Cinneide, Canaday, and so on." Thanks BRIAN, however I lean to the Cunedda line myself.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE WEST WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND FIRE

Member LEO F. KENNEDY III of Greenville, RI is a member of the Cranston, RI Fire Department. His story:

The fire at the Station Nightclub in West Warwick, RI has been listed as the fourth worst in US history. I was on duty that night in the City of Cranston, where I am a Captain on the fire department assigned to Rescue Squad 3. We are neighbors to West Warwick and were called to help even before all of their apparatus arrived on scene. On arrival, we had over 100 people standing in the street between the nightclub and the Cowesett Inn, a family restaurant.

My job for the initial part of the fire was to work with Captain Peter Giniatt from the Warwick Fire Department and set up a triage area. We made sure the most injured were transported to area hospitals first. We had several rescue units assist in treating them. This was difficult as many people were being brought to us, as well as many people were on top

of cars and in pickup trucks and lying in the snow. Injuries ranged from burns, which were most common, to cuts from diving out windows and muscle/bone injuries from falling. Most burns were critical.

There were over 38 fire department rescue vehicles from almost every community in Rhode Island, as well as 23 private ambulances and one small bus. We sent the injured to 8 different hospitals in the state. One important duty I had was to make sure we never overloaded any of the hospitals. To date, only 2 of the injured that we triaged have died, but 33 more are still in critical condition.

Once we had all of the injured transported, I was tasked to assist in the removal of the deceased bodies. I worked helping place the bodies in the parking lot for the medical examiner. It took us until almost 6 AM before we got the front door cleared of 39 bodies, only to find even more in the rest of the nightclub.

The whole incident was the worst that I have ever seen - a horrible sight. It was a fast moving fire and very few of the occupants ever had a chance. The roof had collapsed early in the fire and no walls remained standing in the building. I was on the scene until 8 AM, when I had 10 hours off before the start of my next shift.

THANK YOU LEO FOR ALL THAT YOU DID. YOU MAKE US VERY PROUD OF YOU, AND PROUD TO CALL YOU ONE OF OURS!



Spring is coming and with the tulips and robins comes the wait for high school seniors for those letters of acceptance to colleges of their choice.

JAMES LYNDSEY CANADAY, Georgetown, IN son of CHIEFTAIN JOHN & DENISE CANADAY and grandson of CHIEF DON & BERNICE, who aspires to one of the military academies, has received four Congressional letters of nomination. They are for the Naval Academy, West Point, and two letters for the Merchant Marine Academy. His father graduated from the Naval Academy, class of 1978, so you know which one we hope for.

FROM --SCOTTISH CRESTS AND MOTTOES, by Alexander Polson

The crest of the Clan Kennedy is a swimming dolphin, and Dauphin, the name given to the eldest son of the French kings, is a pun. The dolphin in heraldry is represented as the king of fishes, strong and swift in pursuing other fish, a lover of men and music, and was used to convey the idea of sovereignty. It is said that Ulysses carried a dolphin on his shield and signet ring, because that fish saved his son Telemachus when he fell into the sea. This family originally had the lion as a crest, with lions as supporters. The family subsequently adopted two swans as supporters and a dolphin as crest. This seems to have been first used about 1516, soon after the creation of Earls of Cassillis, and also the motto, "*avise la fin*" (consider the end). David, the son of Sir Gilbert Kennedy, was one of the retinue which attended Margaret of Scotland on her marriage to the Dauphin in 1436, in honor of which the alteration may have been made to the supporters and crest. One of the family became one of Joan of Arc's most trusted generals (Hugh of Ardstinchar) and it may have been because of this that the pun was made, dolphin for Dauphin.

MEET OUR NEWEST CHIEFTAIN



JEANNINE (NINA) EPPES Nashua, NH was appointed to the position last July. She has been doing a tremendous job in the New England area. She joined the Kennedy Society in October in 1991 and with the help of her family, she represented the Kennedy Society at the New Hampshire Highland Games (Loon Mountain) in September 1992. It was the first time for a Kennedy presence at that important game. In addition to the New Hampshire Highland Games, she represents us at the Western Mass. Highland Games, the Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival (also W. Mass.), and the Southern New Hampshire Highland Games at Greenfield NH. She created and maintains the Kennedy Society Web site. She encourages her crew who host tents at other games in New England and always presents a warm & welcoming presence to the world.

NINA grew up in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, about 30 miles northwest of Boston. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where she majored in English. She has worked over 20 years as a technical writer, creating documentation and online help for software applications. She lives in Nashua, NH with her Significant Other of 20 years, JIM KAUFFMAN, who is a computer programmer, and with two cats, Sophie and Sadie. NINA sings in the Nashua Symphony Choral Society and the Nashua Choral Ensemble (a chamber subset of the Nashua Choral Society) as well as in a small group called the New World Chorale. JIM also sings in the New World Chorale, and is a member of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, which is the resident chorus of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops. WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME THIS TALENTED AND ENTHUSIASTIC NEW CHIEFTAIN!!

-----MORE THIS 'N' THAT-----

THE SAGA OF CLAN KENNEDY

The Kennedys were one of the great Ancient Lowland (and some Highland) families of Scotland, and in this book you will read the origins of the Clan. The men of mystery and their colorful history, the royal bloodline, the Earls, the Bishops, the Lords, the Marquess, the leaders and the minors of the great family make up an interesting tale. This is first and foremost a genealogy of Kennedy and branch families. It is in no way a complete record of the Kennedys but it is a monumental and

mind boggling piece of work and the reader will learn much from its pages as the clan's dramatic saga is compiled and retold for easy reading, the first of its kind. Many present families with Kennedy connections are listed.

A limited number were published and they sold out quickly. They had more printed, but I do not know how many are left. For information, contact SUSIE H. KANNADA MOHR, 24 Estates Drive- Orinda, CA 94563, phone # 925-253-1491 Or e-mail - r-smohr@juno.com. We hope you can still get a copy. It is impressive, and I treasure my copy. (Donald Canaday)

TO THE GOLFING KENNEDYS----

Clan Donald - Florida Region is contemplating holding a "Clan Challenge Golf Tournament" in South Florida sometime in the fall of 2004. A fun tournament (with trophies) involving four person teams, in a best ball competition, *benefiting Clan Donald and the Scottish American Society of South Florida*. They are trying to gauge the interest in doing this activity. Although limited to 36 teams (144 players) a clan may field more than one team. If anyone has interest, contact one of the Kennedy Society officers, or contact R. C. McDonald, Converner, Clan Donald, USA So. Florida 7203 NW 80 Street, Tamarac, FL 33321

DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR 2003 and if dues for 2002 have not been paid, they are *PAST DUE!!*
NOTICE: IF YOU WANT A DUES CARD, SEND A STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHECK..



"Dear, it's time to pay the piper again."

Pay dues now:

Make checks to: The Kennedy Society

Send to: Mrs. Berniece Canaday, Secretary
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Cambridge, Ohio 43725-1472

GAMES REPORT

The Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games at Mesa, Arizona was held February 21-23. The Kennedy tent was hosted by Games Representatives HEATHER K. FLANDERS of Tucson, AZ and with the help of JEFF KENNEDY of Mesa, AZ and SCOTT KENNEDY of Phoenix, AZ. There were 8 visitors, including an Irish Kennedy a Mrs McLellan, from County Tipperary. She confirmed what Lord Ailsa told about the two families having intermarried. She also told JEFF that 'Kennedy' translated straight across means "helmet headed". It seems that the Irish Kennedys were some of the first Irish to wear helmets during battle.

-KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CELTIC ARTS

Applications are invited for our annual Celtic Arts Scholarships (dancing, piping, drumming, harp, language arts, etc) .

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Financial need
2. Plans to attend a certified school of instruction
3. Must be at intermediate level
4. Student must write to the Scholarship Chairman requesting a scholarship
5. Must send a resume and a letter of recommendation from the teacher
6. Preference goes to Kennedys and relatives of Kennedy Society members; lacking such, others are eligible.

The deadline for letters from teachers is May 1st. GET APPLICATIONS IN EARLY.

Send to:

Zora E. Drake, 3001 Cherimoya Lane
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27616

GENEALOGY CORNER

Member PATRICIA EDWARDS of Hemet, CA writes that her Gr Grandfather KENNEDY and his brother came to New York State in the 1840s and settled in the Finger Lakes region. Her Grandmother KENNEDY married CLAUDE WIXOM, and her brother GRANT KENNEDY, toured Scotland in the 1830s. The KENNEDYS are

still active in New York, and she has attended a KENNEDY family reunion while back there last summer. Her soon to be 96year old mother first corresponded with Chieftain JOHN S KENNEDY.

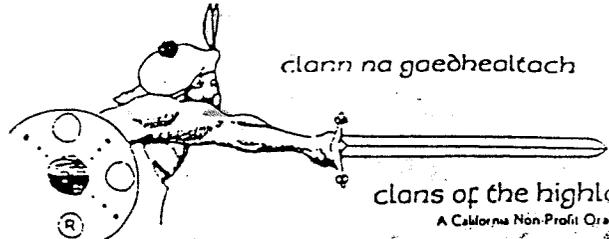
UPCOMING EVENTS 2003

DON'T FORGET TARTAN DAY APRIL 6

- 4/5 TriCities Scottish Festival, Ardenwoods *
Fremont, CA
- 4/11-13 Loch Norman Highland Games *
Huntersville, NC
- 4/12 Dunedin Highland Games
Dunedin, FL
- 4/25-27 Sacramento Valley Scottish Games *
Woodland, CA
- 4/26-27 Culloden Highland Games *
Culloden, GA
- 5/3-4 Loch Prado Scottish Games
Chino, CA
- 5/9-11 Kentucky Scottish Weekend
Carrollton, KY
- 5/16-18 Gatlinburg Scottish Games
Gatlinburg, TN
- 5/29-6/1 Glasgow Highland Games *
Glasgow, KY
- 6/7 Southern N H Scottish Games *
Greenfield, NH
- 6/6-8 Texas Scottish Festival & Games *
Arlington, TX
- 6/7 Modesto Highland Games *
Tuolumne River Park, CA
- 6/14 Campbell Highland Games *
San Jose, CA (Fairgrounds)
- 6/14 Loch Sloy Highland Games ?? ?
Fort Erie, ON (Canada)
- 6/28 Ohio Scottish Games ?
Oberlin, OH

THE KENNEDY GAZETTE

The Kennedy Society of North America, Inc is incorporated in the State of South Carolina as a non-profit social and historical group interested in the history of the Celtic race, particularly the Scots, Scots-Irish, and the Irish Kennedys (however spelled), and the branches of Kennedy and their descendants who immigrated to America. The Society enjoys the patronage of the Most Honourable, the Marquess of Ailsa, Hereditary Chief of Kennedy. This newsletter is the official publication of the Society and is published four times a year, volume numbers beginning with the calendar year. Dues cover the annual subscription and are payable by the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. They are US \$15.00 per year and include spouse and all children under 18 years. New members pay an application fee of US \$10.00 in addition to the first years dues. Dues for members outside North America are US \$20.00 per year because of higher mailing costs.



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