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FROM THE CASSILLIS KENNEDYS:

LORD AILSA and his mother, the MARCHIONESS send their greetings to our far flung Kennedy family and wish everyone a happy and healthy season. LORD AILSA has been very busy with his business activities, but looks forward with eagerness to his visits in September to the Highland Games at Estes Park and Loon Mountain. He says that he hopes to see many of our Kennedys about whom he has read in the Gazette, but has not had the opportunity to meet.

FROM THE CHIEF AND EDITOR:

Another Spring and the the start of my 20th year of attending Highland Games and my 14th year as Chief of the Kennedy Society. Each year is a new begining and another chance to meet and greet old and valued friends and to make new ones. I have done many exciting and satisfying things in my life, but nothing has given me more pleasure and fulfillment than these years of association with our cherished Kennedy family.

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CEUD MILLE FAILTE

One hundred thousand welcomes! We greet our new members:

A renewal. Welcome back, VICKI JEAN HAGEN of Uvalde, Texas. VICKI is an Historian in Uvalde. Her Kennedy connection is through her maternal line: her gr, gr, grandfather was ALEXANDER KENNEDY of Monaghan County, Ireland.

PAMELA R SAN MARTIN of Alpharetta, GA. is an art Teacher in Dekalb County, GA. She descends through the Carrick line. LORD AILSA told her she was related to all of us because of her lineage.

EUGENE ARTHUR KENNEDY of Mauldin, SC. is an Educator and was born in leager, W. VA. His Kennedy connection is his father CALVIN KENNEDY.

JOHN ANTHONY FRANCIS KENNEDY of Brookfield, CT. is a firefighter/EMT His connection is his 3rd G. Grandfather from Marion District, SC.

JOHN NORMAN KENNEDY of Lindsay, Ontario is in the trucking industry. His wife ALICE LOUISA is a ClerkTypist. They have one child, JOHN LESLIE CHARLES KENNEDY. His connection is JOHN's father CHARLES KENNETH KENNEDY (dec'd) of Lindsay, Ontario.

WILLIAM KENNEDY of Nesconset, NY is a Licensed Practical Nurse. He and his wife THERESA, (now deceased) had two children; BRUCE WILLIAM and TERESE ELISE. His connection is his father HENRY KENNEDY of Worchester MA His mother, MARY AIRD was born at Newhills, Scotland.

DAVID SCOTT KENNEDY of Colfax, NC is an Aviation Mechanic. He and his wife CAREY have two children; JASON and CLAUDIA. His father is HEARTH KENNEDY of Trinity, NC.

PAMELA LOUISE SPARGUR of Jacksonville, FL is a Financial Coordinator. Her husband KEVIN is in Technical Support. They have three children; JEFFREY, KEITH, and COURTNEY. Her connection is her Gr Gr Grandmother CYNTHIA KENNEDY TODD.

WILLIAM STEPHEN HILL of Winterville, NC is in Materials Control. His wife DIANNA is an Administrative Assistant. They have one child, JASON. WILLIAM's connection is his 4gr grandfather WILLIAM KENNEDY of Cullean, Ayrshire Scotland.

In the interest of privacy, the addresses of our new members are not listed. If another member recognizes a possible connection and wishes to write, please contact the editor. There have been complaints of people using clan listings for commercial purposes!!

PLEASE GIVE US ADDRESS CHANGES PROMPTLY. IT COSTS THE KENNEDY SOCIETY DOUBLE POSTAGE TO RE-MAIL YOUR GAZETTE, AND YOU RISK MISSING A COPY.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES; if you have an e-mail address, please send it to the Editor, and tell us if you do not want it published. I will update the list as required. The editor's e-mail is:

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

We recently received word of the death of FREDERICK ELLIS ANDERSON on the 15th of October 2001. He resided at Hubert, NC. He was descended from JOHN KENNADY (1735-1802) of Nelson County, KY.

We regret the error in the obituary in the last issue, of member JAMES D. McDONALD of Roseville, CA. We include the proper obituary.

Member JAMES D. McDONALD of Roseville, CA died June 18, 2001 after a long illness. JAMES was a veteran of WWII, having served primarily in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife of 56 years PHYLLIS EMRY McDONALD; a son JAMES E. McDONALD, a brother, grandson, brother-in-law and nieces and nephews. He was a graduate of California College of Arts & Crafts, and earned a Master of Fine Arts from San Francisco State College.

Our sympathy goes out to all the families and friends.-----

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

We recently saw an item in our local newspaper which referred to a member of the Kennedy Society who died May 3, 1997. It referred to the DAVID V. STIVISON Appalachian Scholarship Fund for Year 2002: applications now available at all area high schools and vocational schools in Guernsey, Monroe and Noble counties in Ohio.

The scholarship is for \$500, however, applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible: 1 Be a resident of the 30 county COAD service area in Appalachia for at least one year. 2 Reside in a household with a total annual income at or below 200 % of the federal poverty guidelines. 3 Have obtained or will obtain a high school degree or GED. 4 Show proof of acceptance by an accredited 2 year or 4 year institution." Our late member DAVID V. STIVISON had the goal of helping Appalachian youth to get ahead. He knew what they were up against, since he came from a small town in Appalachian Ohio and managed to get his education and go on to law school. DAVID V. STIVISON exemplified the best of the precepts of caring about others.

We recently received from member WILLIAM A. HAMBLEY of Fairfax, VA an article he found in the Smithsonian magazine about *medieval engines of war*. A group of builders were attempting to build a *trebuchet* like medieval warlords used to subdue their enemy during a siege. This took place next to Loch Ness in Scotland. The article showed what they had looked like in the middle ages, and they wondered if they could they build one themselves. They actually built two and both worked. Thank you Bill for a most interesting article.

FLETA and GLENN MATHEWS sent us their schedule for this years Revival Crusade. You have a long hard year ahead of you FLETA and GLENN. May the Lord bless your work, and keep you safe during all your travels.

Our New England Convenor, NINA EPPES wrote to tell of JIM KAUFFMAN and her travels. They visited friends in Germany and Holland. She and JIM were on the European concert tour with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Tanglewood Festival Chorus, and then off on their own for a few days. Congratulations!

A short note from EVELYN AMBROSE of Utica, KY. We don't see you often enough EVELYN. It's time to visit some highland games again. We miss you.

KATHLEEN STAROSTKA, Silver Creek, NE wrote about their son and his work with the Nebraska Agri-Business Association. I got my start in agri-business in Nebraska and I know how important that organization is.

ISOBEL KENNEDY of Fergus, Ontario and Dunedin, FL (Winter address) wrote us. They are glad to avoid winter but miss being with the grandchildren for the holidays.

ALVIN G. KENNEDY Jr sent a short note from Nashville, TN. We hope you can make it to Gatlinburg, or perhaps the Middle Tenn Games, ALVIN.

PATRICIA CARR of Astor, FL wrote to tell us she was going to visit CHRISTEEN KENNEDY in Charleston, SC for a birthday. We send our love to your mother, PAT and wish her many happy returns. She and your late father did so much to build the Kennedy Society.

CARVER KENNEDY of Fayetteville, GA wrote to say that he and his wife MARTHA will be checking out the Scottish Weekend at Moultrie, Georgia. CARVER included information on a game at Jasper, Alabama which he will not be able to attend this year. CARVER & MARTHA are parents of LAURA PITTMAN who adds so much joy to the games.

GERALD J. KENNEDY of Charlottesville, VA. wrote that in December 2001, he marked the 60th anniversary of joining the US Navy along with his brother THOMAS on Dec 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor. GERALD retired on 30 June 1972, brother THOMAS now deceased, left the service in 1947 to begin a career as an attorney. GERALD, you have had an interesting life. You have much in common with our California Chieftain, SID KENNEDY.

ANDREA COBB MASON of Durham, NC writes asking about the dates of Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Yes, they are July 11-14 this year and our Annual Meeting is July 13th. This will be a family affair again like 1998 for our 25th Anniversary meeting. The location and other details in next issue of the Gazette.

GERALD M. KENNEDY of Tabernacle, NJ wrote to tell us of their family get together over the holidays. He says it was a great, but quiet holiday. This is the family of CHIEFTAIN ALEXANDER KENNEDY (now deceased) who did so much for the Kennedy Society in eastern Pennsylvania.

SUSAN SHELLEY BAKER sent a note. She and husband, ROGER are still at PSC 41 Box 1924, APO, AE 09464-1601. Are any more visits planned? The family loved the last visit you made.

DEREK KENNEDY writes from Knoxville, TN. He says keep the news of the family coming. He expects to catch a couple of games this year.

PAULA S. CARRICK of Seneca, SC writes that my goof in hyphenating her name was unnecessary. Her exact words were, when married later in life you can do as you like. Way to go PAULA!

MARIE KENNEDY of Welches, Oregon sent her change of address, and wrote that she still travels to the games on the west coast.

SHARON K. CHESLOCK of Morgantown, W.VA. wrote that she was able to attend the Ligonier Games last Fall. SHARON reports that TONY and wife SARA were home for Christmas. They had a nice time; the snow storm waited until they arrived then dropped a load. Sshe is our official snow predictor using her grandmother's system. She predicts 13 and so for this winter.

A short note from DAVID and MAUREEN KENNEDY of Palo Alto, CA. They are well and enjoying life. He asked for an application for a friend.

in a letter from Chieftain JOHN A KENNEDY CD, FSA Scot of Alliston, Ontario he writes that the Committee of the Halifax, Nova Scotia Games is planning the 2003 Gathering of the Clans and asked for the addresses of the various chiefs. among them that of Lord Ailsa. JOHN attended a St Andrews dinner and dance in New Lowell. The music was provided by KENNEDY FAMILY BAND of Oshawa, Ontario. We remember JOHN'S prowess on the dance floor from the annual meeting in 1998! CHARLES KENNEDY announced JOHN'S name and position over the loud speaker system. You did us proud, JOHN!

A nice note from AL and LOIS KENNEDY of Granada Hills, CA. They are planning to attend several of the old standby games this year. In 2003 they plan to take an ALEX BEATON tour to Scotland.

BARBARA SHELLEY of Romney, WV writes about the family celebration last December. Daughter SUSAN BAKER, ROGER and baby MICHAEL were over from England. Other family members were able to gather for the holidays. BARBARA reports the younger generation is furnishing genealogical info she needs to handle. Keep up the good work.

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

We have had requests to repeat the address of our kiltmaker in Scotland whom we have used for kilts, kilted skirts and trews (trousers). Her work is excellent and her prices are lower than any we have found over here.

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DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR 2002, and if 2001 dues have not been paid, they are PAST DUE!

Make check IN US FUNDS to: THE KENNEDY SOCIETY of AMERICA and mail to:

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Dues are \$15.00 US for members in North America, and \$20.00 for all others.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID, A HEARTY THANK YOU!!

GAMES REPORTS

The Three KENNEDY musketeers of Arizona, SCOT, JEFF and PAT, all visited the Mesa, AZ Games this year to get a feel for the game.. They will be helping HEATHER K FLANDERS this year. We are hoping they will be able to host one or two games in the south of California also. We have a great need for someone to help us in that region. They state that they are only helpers but help is important too. They will host a tent at the Flagstaff Festival at Flagstaff, AZ on July 20, 2002. This will be the first time for a Kennedy presence at this game. Our hearty thanks to all of you!

ALL CHIEFTAINS AND GAMES REPRESENTATIVES, PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHICH GAMES YOU PLAN TO HOST. THANK YOU!

-----UPCOMING

HIGHLAND GAMES & EVENTS

Be sure to recheck dates. We use the dates that are published, but sometimes they are changed.

- 4/6 Tartan Day...At all locations
- 4/27&28 Culloden Highland Games & Festival *
Culloden, GA
- 4/20&21 Loch Norman Highland Games *
Huntersville, NC
- 4/26-28 Sacramento Valley Scottish Games *
Woodland, CA
- 5/4 Mariposa Highland Games and Festival *
Mariposa, CA
- 5/4&5 Loch Prado Highland Gathering & Games
Chino, CA
- 5/10-12 Kentucky Scottish Weekend *
Carrollton, KY
- 5/10-12 Savannah Scottish Games & Gathering
Savannah, GA
- 5/17 & 18 Prince Edward Highland Games *
Picton, ON
- 5/25 & 26 United Scottish Society Gathering
Costa Mesa, CA
- 5/29-6/2 Glasgow Highland Games & Gathering *
Glasgow, KY
- 6/1 Modesto Highland Games
Modesto, CA
- 6/7-9 Texas Scottish Festival & Games
Arlington, TX
- 6/15 Campbell Highland Games & Festival *
Campbell, CA

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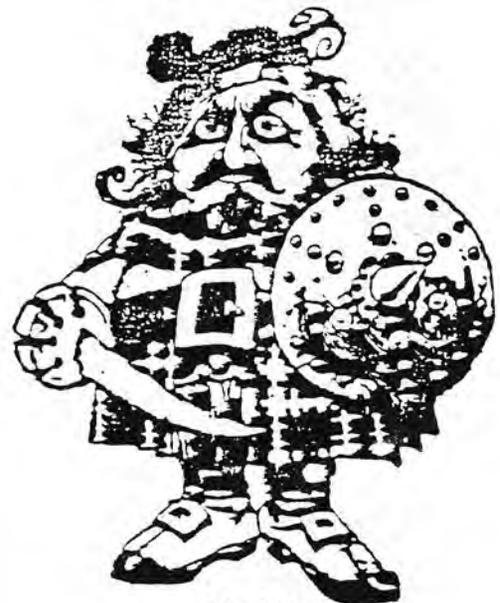
1. Financial need
2. Plans to attend a certified school of instruction
3. Must be at intermediate level
4. Student must write to the Scholarship Chairman requesting a scholarship
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6. Preference goes to Kennedys and relatives of Kennedy Society members;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

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

Send to ZORA DRAKE, 2000 Firth of Tay Way, Raleigh, NC 27603. Telephone-919-829-1851.

WE WISH TO THANK THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

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On the day of her execution, February 8, 1587, dressed in black satin and velvet she entered the Great Hall of the Castle and stepped onto a specially built platform where the block had already been prepared. Two of her closest ladies-in-waiting were the only people allowed to escort her as she walked to her death, Jane Kennedy and Elizabeth Curle. The two ladies, biting back tears, helped her remove her dress. Jane Kennedy moved forward with a blindfold to cover Mary's eyes. Jane first kissed the blindfold. As she did so, Mary took off her crucifix and handed it to her dedicated servant. Jane held the gift in her hands, then gently wrapped the cloth around Mary's eyes making sure that all hair was caught in the cloth, leaving her neck completely bare.

Mary knelt down, placed her head on the block saying her last words, "Into your hands, O Lord, do I commend my soul." Her troubles now over: Mary Queen of Scots was free at last.

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