
Spring 2026

KENNEDY GAZETTE



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The Kennedy tent at Loch Norman

Loch Norman Highland Games

Huntersville, NC

Once again, the Kennedys were represented at the Loch Norman Highland Games at Historic Rural Hill near Huntersville, NC. Convening the tent were Sean Carrick, Society Chief, and his son , Brendan. Also in attendance were: Samantha Dodson, Society Deputy Chief, with Richard Kingston; Dave and Amy Carrick; Karen Kennedy, and; Sherry Short with Roger Cole. The weather was hot and sunny on Saturday, and fortunately our tent was located next to a line of trees and bushes that provided plenty of shade throughout the day. Sunday was cool and started out with about 15 minutes of sprinkles, followed by strong gusts of wind and eventually clearing skies.



**Samantha Dodson, Karen Kennedy, Dave and
Amy Carrick, Sean Carrick**



**Richard Kingston, Samantha Dodson, Dave and
Amy Carrick, Sean Carrick**



**Scholarship candidates Liam and Candace
Whited and Sean Carrick**

Where the trees provided shade the day before, on Sunday they acted as a wind break. Our view of the field was good, but we were near enough the bagpipe competitions that there was only minimal escape from their skirl for the majority of the day. Regardless, it was hoped that this will be our location next year! As usual, Loch Norman was well run and had a significant amount of attendees, along with a strong variety of vendors. Sean represented us in the calling of the clans on Friday night, and led us in the tartan parade on Sunday. It was and is a good game to get the Spring season started!

Lord Archie of, Earl of Cassillis



**Lord Archie, Earl of Cassillis &
Dave Carrick Chief First Class Retired**

Lord Archie will be a Distinguished Guest of the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

We are happy to announce that Lord Archie, Earl of Cassillis has agreed to be a Distinguished Guest at the 2026 Stone Mountain Games so he will be in attendance for our 2026 AGM. We are intending on having a special AGM banquet. I would like to thank David for his setting this up.

We are working on a banquet, with details forthcoming. Members are encouraged to book rooms ASAP at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. per the Stone Mountain Highland Games website. Call the Hilton at (770) 447-4747 and ask for the SMHG rate or use the link [Hilton-Stone Mountain](#).

Please fill out and remit by September 30th 2026. Thirty ballots are required to constitute a quorum!

OFFICIAL BALLOT AND PROXY BALLOT

2026 KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA AGM ELECTION OF OFFICERS

I, David Carrick, in my capacity as Chairman of the Society Nominating Committee, do hereby put forth this slate of officers for election for 2026-2027. Additional nominations can be made at the AGM prior to the election.

President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Sean Carrick, Fort Mill, SC

Vice President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Samantha Dodson, Hendersonville, NC

Treasurer PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Rick Hageman, Marion, NC

Secretary PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Nina Eppes, Nashua, NH

Each nominee has given permission for his or her names to be entered on the election ballot.

PROXY ASSIGNMENT

I _____, not being able to attend the 2026 KSNA election, wish to cast my vote by Proxy. I understand that my vote (one ballot per membership family) will be counted with all ballots cast in person at the Kennedy Society of North America's Annual Meeting to be held at the Stone Mountain, Stone Mountain, GA. games on October 16-18, 2026.

Member signature assigning proxy : _____ Date _____

I give my proxy permission to vote on my behalf for other business that may be conducted at the October 16-18, 2026 annual general membership meeting to (PICK ONE):

- David Carrick, Chief First Class Retired
- Colleen Caldwell, Membership Chair
- Leo Kennedy, Southern New England Chieftain

These names have been chosen as the proxy can only be assigned to someone that will be in attendance at the AGM.

Please return this signed form by September 30, 2026 to:

Dave Carrick
25 Crosswinds Way
Greer, SC 29650

Or scan and send to by August 31, 2025: david_carrick55@yahoo.com

Kennedy Society Scotland Tour 2027

Will you join us for a trip to Scotland?

We are organizing a tour for June of next year for 12 to 18 people. The Relaxed Explorer out of Pittsburgh, PA will coordinate all the details for transportation, accommodations, reservations and such.

Since this will be a customized tour, we are building in some flexibility. Free days at each location will allow individuals to modify the trip to suit their interests. Spend the day at a museum? Or prefer more time at the local castle? Or shopping for gifts? That will be up to you. In other words, we won't spend every day on a tour bus.

Of course, we will definitely visit Culzean Castle. Other locations that we expect to visit, in no particular order, include: Ayr, Glasgow, Falkirk, Edinburgh, Inverness, and possibly some places in between. We intend to visit a number of Kennedy sites as well as Robert Burns sites, the Kelpie sculptures, the Falkirk Wheel, Rough Castle Fort and the Antonine Wall, the Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Center, the Clava Cairns, Holyrood House, and the Royal Yacht Britannia. The exact length of the tour is yet to be determined, about 10-14 days.

What will be the cost? A very rough estimate is \$3500 per person double occupancy. There is often a surcharge for singles due to the hotel accommodations. The final cost also depends on the size of the group. A precise cost will be determined once the itinerary and the number of people are confirmed. Airfare is separate; breakfasts are included; some dinners will be included; others will be on your own. A non-refundable deposit will be due this summer.

Contact Colleen directly if you want to get trip information as it develops. Details are expected to be finalized this coming June.

Colleen and Dan Caldwell
Email: caldwellkids@earthlink.net
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PITTSBURGH TARTAN DAY

On April 11, 2026 we celebrated all things Scottish at the historic Bethel Presbyterian Church in Bethel Park, PA. The Pittsburgh Tartan Day is sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Pittsburgh and includes vendors, Scottish food, workshops, displays, music and dance entertainment, and a basket raffle. We were one of eight clans to participate. A new addition was the Westie Rescue of Western PA, which was a huge crowd pleaser. It is hard to compete with extremely cute and well-behaved dogs!



This event was as much an opportunity to educate the public as it was a celebration of Scottish culture. So, once again, we chose to highlight the Kennedy connection to curling stones. The recent Winter Olympics helped a lot with the popularity of the game of curling; a few folks even recognized Ailsa Craig from the television coverage about it. And this year we remembered to get a photo. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?



Dan and Colleen Caldwell

A Message from the Chief



Spring has sprung in the South. We are now on the other side of the “yellow sea” of pollen that is so characteristic of Southern springs. My cars and nose are so glad!

Highland game season is kicking into overdrive across the US. This weekend is the 32 nd Loch Norman Highland Games at Rural Hill. I will once again be convening the Kennedy tent with the gracious assistance of our Chief First Class Retired David Carrick and his lovely wife, Amy. I look forward to seeing as many Kennedys and friends as possible over the weekend.

Be sure to take a look at the updated website for all of the games at which the KSNA will be convening tents. If you do not see a games in your local area and would like to start convening a KSNA tent, please reach out to any of the officers and we will help train you on being a convenor. It is super simple and so rewarding at the same time. I cannot believe that I have been convening for 10 years already. Convening is also a very easy way to give back to the KSNA and spread Scottish culture.

Many members have been following Tammy’s health very closely either through her CaringBridge site or my sporadic updates on Face Book. We thank you for all of the prayers on our behalf. She had a successful surgery on February 17 followed by a month long stay in the hospital. The tumor is a Grade 3 malignant meningioma, and she is being evaluated for radiation treatments. Your continued prayers on our behalf are coveted.

Up the Coast!
Avisé la fin!

Sean Carrick



Did You Know?

Area: 78,789 sq km (30,420 sq miles) including the islands. About twice the size of the Netherlands and almost the same size as South Carolina in the US. Scotland counts 787 islands from which around 130 are inhabited.

Size: Scotland measures 441 km (274 miles) from north to south. From east to west it varies from 38.8 km to 248 km. The overall coastline including the islands is 10,000 km! (69% of the total UK coastline)



<https://www.scotlandinfo.eu/scotland-facts-and-figures/>

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Future Games

Including the games that have already occurred, the Kennedy Society will be represented at the Upcoming games for the few months:

Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival, 5/16 & 5/17, Townsend, TN, Rob & Karen Kennedy, Dave & Amy Carrick

Gallabrac, 5/22 & 5/23, Greenville, SC, Dave & Amy Carrick

Georgia Mountain Scottish Festival, 6/6 & 6/7, Hiawasse, GA, David and Irene Phelps

West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland Games, 6/20, Beverly, WV, Colleen & Dan Caldwell

Grandfather Mountain, 7/9,7/10,7/11, & 7/12 Linville, NC, Samantha Dodson, Rick & Kim Hageman

Ligonier Highland Games, 7/18, Ligonier, PA, Dan & Colleen Coldwell

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland, 7/18, St Paul, MN, Allison Lares

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, 8/7, 8/8 & 8/9, Fergus, ON, Canada, Middle Tennessee Highland Games, 9/12 & 9/13 Hendersonville Tn Bill & Melissa Kennedy

New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival, 9/18,9/19 &9/20 Loon Mountain Resort Lincoln, NH Nina Epps

Scotland Connecticut Highland Games, Brooklyn CT 10/12 Leo Kennedy

Stone Mountain 10/17 - 19 Dave & Amy Carrick

Many games are more than one day. The website only allows for one date to be listed, so the Saturday date is the default listing. The respective game's link will identify the actual dates.

DUES REMINDER

Did you know that you can pay in-person at events where Kennedy Society of North America members host a tent? Check our Events Calendar on the website for locations.

Credit card payments can be made on the website by responding to the automatic email reminder. If that link has expired, or you don't receive one, email me at caldwellkids@earthlink.net.

Paying your dues with a check? Send it to the address below. Please let me know if you are sending a personal check in the mail so that I can watch for it.

Colleen Caldwell
KSNA Membership
278 Reservoir Road
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

Membership dues are \$35 for one year, payable to Kennedy Society of North America.

Spring Membership Updates



Colleen Caldwell Membership Chair

Dear Members,

During the past months, work has quietly proceeded to improve your Kennedy Society website experience. The option to update your profile is back! If you haven't been to the Member Area recently, the new website requires you to sign in and reset your access as soon as possible.

Navigate to My Account and update your Profile, Account, Plan, and Billing information. Your subscription Plan will tell you when your membership is due for renewal. (Note that Hereditary, Honorary, Lifetime, and Military Plans, will not show a renewal date.) Your accurate contact information will help immensely with overall communications.

My Account

Profile

Account

Plan

Billing

Also of note, Cash/Check is not a self-service checkout option. I will still process these manually as in the past. Please check on your renewal date first and let me know if a check is being mailed to me.

Contact me directly if you have questions or problems with the website. That being said, I have already identified some issues that I hope to have resolved by the time you read this.

Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Membership Chair

Welcome to these new Members!

Richard G. Kennedy of Cherry Hill, NJ
Nancy Kennedy of Meath Park, SK, Canada
Renata Canaday of East Aurora, NY
Silas Hall of Dunedin, FL
Sandra Staley of Midland TX



Spring Recipe

Scotch Eggs Recipe



INGREDIENTS

- 1 quart oil for frying
- 4 large eggs
- 2 pounds bulk pork sausage
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 4 cups dried bread crumbs, seasoned

Instructions

- Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Heat oil in a deep-fryer to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
- Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to boil. Cover, remove from heat, and let eggs sit in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, cool, and peel.
- Flatten sausage and make a patty to surround each egg.
- Very lightly flour the outer sausage layer then coat with beaten egg. Roll in bread crumbs to cover evenly.
- Deep-fry prepared eggs in hot oil until golden brown while making sure each side is well cooked.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes.
- Cut in half and serve.

Nutrition

Calories:1489cal | Carbohydrates: 108g | Protein: 64g | Fat: 88g | Saturated Fat:25g
|Sodium: 4278mg | Fiber: 7g | Sugar: 8g

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/9482/scotch-eggs/>

Kid's Corner for the Wee Ones!!

SCOTLAND



Facts about Scotland

Official name: Scotland, Alba

Form of government: constitutional monarchy

Capital city: Edinburgh

Largest city: Glasgow

Population: around 5.2 million

Monetary unit: Pound sterling (GBP)

Official languages: English/Gaelic/Scots

Area: 78,772 km² (30,414 sq mi)

Major mountain ranges: Southern Uplands, Central Lowlands, Grampian Mountains, North West Highlands

Major rivers: Tay, Spey, Dee, Tweed, Clyde

Summer Edition

It's never too early to start preparing for our next edition. Due to recent changes in formatting it's taken a while to get everything put together nicely for you. Please remember that the deadline for the next edition will be June 15th, 2026
