



# THE DEFENDER



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## *Madam Arabella's Column*



Fellow Kincaids, Kinsfolk, Friends,

I was in Edinburgh last month for an Executive meeting of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. I always find it a joy to step off the train at Edinburgh Waverley station and start up the steps out onto the street! I look forward to our meetings which are always interesting and varied. I have been reading recently a bit about the history of the Council and found in an old book that:

*"The Council was founded in the reign of King George VI by the Lord High Constable of Scotland on the advice of the late and great Lord Lyon Innes of Learney to deal with the problems arising both from the growing bureaucracy of the Crown and from the increase in world-wide Clan Societies, among other matters."*

I have had a wonderful time reading about the different categories of Chiefs and about some of the privileges and responsibilities that came with the Chiefship amongst other things. I have so enjoyed my foray into the subject that I am resolved to write an article for the next Defender with a little more information which I hope will be both informative and will include some fascinating historical knowledge!

On a current rather than historical matter, and bringing things a little closer to home, Angus has been cast this term in one of the lead roles in a new musical adaptation of Great Expectations. He will be playing the part of Abel Magwitch for those who are familiar with the Charles Dickens Classic. It is running over a week at school at the end of November and then next summer, all being well, the plan is for it to be running for a week during the Edinburgh Festival 2016. Details of the venue and dates can be provided nearer the time if anyone is travelling through Edinburgh during the Edinburgh Fringe next summer (August 2016) and interested in going along!

I am hugely looking forward to the Kincaid Clan Gathering that Patrick Kincaid and James Brisbin are organising in Colorado next September, especially since this will be my first Scottish Festival in America. I have heard such wonderful stories of the big festivals and always enjoy James's reports after his visits to the various Games and I am particularly

looking forward to having time to meet and get to know as many Kincaid Kin as possible. I remember my Grandmother telling me at length about the first Games she came to in Virginia and how much she enjoyed the whole experience.

Here we are almost at the beginning of Advent again. I love Advent and the lead up to Christmas. At this time of year, when most of us are mixing up Christmas Cakes, my Grandmother used to make 'Black Bun' and always made one to give to the Vicar for Christmas. I must confess I have never made one, usually opting for a traditional Christmas cake with the fruit first soaked in Whisky overnight.

I have just been sourcing glittery Advent Calendars for the children with beautiful pictures and bible verses behind each door (harder to find than I always think it is going to be these days). Then the fun of the Christmas shopping begins! However it is also such a thought-provoking time, especially now with the refugee crisis in Europe. Thousands of people are fleeing from their homelands every week, often with nothing, in search of safety. I heard recently that an average of 42.5 thousand people move home every day to be safe and that at the end of December 2014 there were 59.5 million displaced persons in the world, I imagine the number will be higher again at the end of this year...

Then we remember that Jesus wasn't just the baby in the picturesque hay filled manger on the front of Christmas cards but became a displaced person himself in the early part of his life. It is difficult to know how to respond in the face of such overwhelming upheaval in the world as we know it, and I am thankful for the blessings of family - both close and extended - which is such an anchor in our lives, and thankful too for Emmanuel; God with us, God who understands the challenges of our humanity this Christmas time and throughout our lives.

With warmest wishes for a Happy and peaceful Christmas full of love and joy.

*Arabella*

### *Annual General Meeting*

*An Annual General Meeting of Clan Kincaid Association International will be held electronically starting February 15, 2016. The agenda will include the minutes of our February, 2015 meeting, the Treasurers' report, and announcements from members of the Board of Officers. Requests for additional item of discussion should emailed to President Kincaid at [dkincaid1956@aol.com](mailto:dkincaid1956@aol.com).*

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## President's Report To The Membership



As this year comes to a close and we look back in reflection we realize that 2015 has been another outstanding year for Clan Kincaid.

In August at the Livonia, Michigan Games Clan Kincaid was named the Honored Clan.

The official Games program featured a full-page article on the history of Clan Kincaid accompanied by our clan crest. Clan Kincaid led the Parade of Clans as befitted the honor bestowed as Honored Clan and so noted at the Grandstand.

In addition, Barbara Kincaid, MI Commissioner, sponsored our Clan Kincaid tent on Clan Row and won the Livonia Games Nesbitt Award for Best Tent. A trophy was awarded and the name of Clan Kincaid is etched in brass on the trophy as 2015 winners.

It is unusual for a Clan to be awarded both Honored Clan and also win the Best Tent award in the same year. The St. Andrews Society of Detroit presented me with a medallion on a lanyard stating that, as President of Clan Kincaid, I was the Honored Guest of the St. Andrews Society Highland Games 2015. I wore the medallion proudly during the entire Games. Plaques were also given in recognition of these presentations.

We were told there were 10,000 in attendance at the St. Andrews Society Detroit Games.

Clan Kincaid was also the Honored Clan at the Indiana Games, held in September in Columbus IN. Our thanks to member Joe Kincaid of Illinois for stepping up to represent Clan Kincaid at the Indiana Games 2015.

As reports from our state commissioners indicate, our Scottish Games held around North America

in 2015 were deemed successful and rewarding, which resulted in some instances in gaining new members as well as creating further awareness and interest in Clan Kincaid Association International.

This year we also learned that our Chief, Madam Arabella Kincaid of Kincaid, has graciously agreed to attend the Estes Park Games to be held in Colorado in September of 2016. What a wonderful opportunity for Clan Kincaid members to personally meet our most esteemed and gracious Chief. May I encourage you to plan to attend this Clan Kincaid Gathering 2016 in Estes Park, CO. Madam Arabella's dedication and support is a blessing to our organization, for which we are most grateful.

I want to thank James Brisbin and Patrick Kincaid for their diligent and outstanding work in planning and collating this auspicious and important upcoming event, which has a past history of 70,000 in attendance.

We are fortunate to have members who are dedicated to making Clan Kincaid an outstanding clan. Our volunteers include, but not limited to, an outstanding web site under the direction of our Webmasters, Grant and Marian Kincaid; a very thorough and informative newsletter run by its diligent editor and Communications Director, Robert T. Kincaid, Jr.; an efficient and conscientious Wee Shopper manager, Rick Kincaid, "minding the store" in a superb manner; and a membership department with a dedicated manager, Stephen Kincaid, providing us with a state of the art operation.

If you look within our publication, The Defender, under "Your Clan Team" you will see all the names of every person who deserves our thanks and gratitude for their volunteer and professional efforts proudly supporting Clan Kincaid. I extend my personal thanks to you all.

Clan Kincaid tents at many of the Scottish Highland Games are inval-

uable in promoting our Clan and its history throughout North America. Our commissioners, under the direction of our Chief Commissioner, Suzanne Hakeos, are greatly appreciated for their efforts and dedication in Clan Kincaid promotion and presence among fellow Scots.

James Brisbin, the Energizer Bunny of Clan Kincaid aka Past President, is present at many of the Scottish Highland Games throughout the U.S. and Canada. His camaraderie and jocular manner is known throughout the various clan communities and many ask about him each year. He is known at the Games as "that Big Kincaid with lots of stories". He can draw a crowd of old and young alike and a sea of Scots from the many clans represented at the Games, all eager to share a story or a "wee dram" with James. James's knowledge is invaluable as a mentor, advisor and historian. He is a valued member of Clan Kincaid and our deepest thanks is extended to him for his many contributions.

Be sure to visit our very informative Facebook page, updated by our Facebook administrator, Robert T. Kincaid III, where one picture speaks a thousand words.

Each member is valuable to our organization. Your support through membership keeps our Clan vibrant and ongoing. I would like to encourage our members to become involved in our organization and share their talents, which further enhance Clan Kincaid. Volunteer to be a part of our mighty Clan Kincaid. Your efforts will be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated. We have many great guides and mentors to help in every area.

In kinship,  
**David R. Kincaid**



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## ***Election of Clan Kincaid Board of Officers***

In keeping with of the Clan Constitution (Section 402, Elections) the membership of Clan Kincaid are hereby notified that an election for the Clan Kincaid Board of Officers will be held in June 2016. Newly elected Board members will take their positions 1 January 2017. Following provides the process for this election.

### **Election Specifics.**

#### ***Board of Officers to be elected.***

- President (Incumbent David Kincaid)
- Membership Secretary (Incumbent Steve Kincaid)
- Secretary (Incumbent Linda Hoskins)
- Treasurer (Incumbent Paul Wood)
- Communications Director (Incumbent Robert T. Kincaid, Jr.)
- Chief Commissioner (Incumbent: Susan Hakeos)

***Term of Office.*** Newly elected officers will serve a term of four years beginning 1 January 2017. Note: The term of four years changing to three years is under review of the Board of Officers at this time).

***Eligible to vote.*** Any Clan Member in good standing on 1 January 2016 will be eligible to vote. The Membership Secretary will identify those Clan members eligible to vote in the election.

### **Application Procedures.**

***Letter of Intent.*** Potential candidates must submit a letter of intent for a specific position. The Letter of Intent shall include a personal biography and statement of their goals if elected. Letters of intent shall be limited to 500 words and shall be deemed to be public domain and authorized for publication in the newsletter and on the website.

***Letter of Intent Due Date.*** Clan members must submit their Letter of Intent to the Secretary of the Association no later than 1 May 2016. Letters arriving later than 11:59PM, 1 May 2016 will not be accepted.

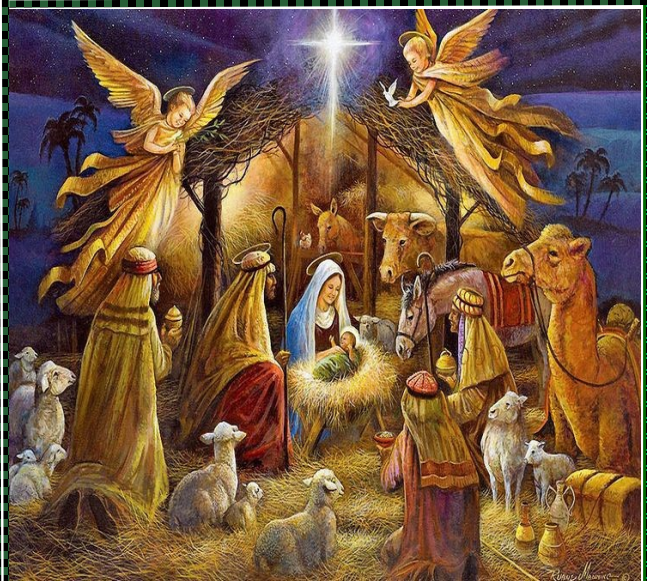
### **Ballot Procedures**

***Ballots provided the Clan Membership.*** Ballots with Letters of Intent and voting instructions will be provided to the Clan Membership in the June 2016 Defender.

***Completed Ballots.*** Completed Ballots must be arrive the designated individual no later than 1 September 2016 however, ballots arriving between 1 and 15 September **bearing a 1 September 2016** post mark will be counted. Any ballot arriving after 15 September will **NOT** be counted.

**New Board Member Announcement.** The Clan Kincaid President will announce the new Clan Kincaid Board of Officers in the Decem-

***If you desire a copy of the Clan Kincaid Membership List, please contact the President at [president@clankincaid.org](mailto:president@clankincaid.org)***



***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year***

***NEWS FLASH. CLAN KINCAID IS NOW A 501(c)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. A great thank you to those who have worked hard to make this happen.***  
***The Editor***

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**A Story from the Clan Shennachie (StoryTeller)  
Brig. Bill Kincaid (L-96)**



### THE CAPTURE OF EDINBURGH CASTLE

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1313, “Randolph, Earl of Moray took by assault the Castle of Edinburgh which had been in the possession of the English since 1296. This celebrated fortress, which before the invention of artillery, was deemed impregnable ... but, among Moray’s soldiers was one named Francis whose father had been keeper of the fortress. This man, strong, active, prudent and skilful, was well acquainted with the castle rock, which he had often scaled in his youth while engaged in a love affair in the city. The earl selected thirty men and during a very dark night they proceeded to scale the rock ... They fixed their ladder and Francis, their guide, ascended first, after him came Sir Andrew Gray and Randolph himself was third, followed by the rest of the party. A desperate combat ensued. Taken by surprise and not knowing, in the darkness, the number of their opponents, many of the garrison fled over the walls. Not one of Randolph’s party appeared to have been killed.”

Most Kincaids will know this family legend which (much abridged above) is told in William Anderson’s *The Scottish Nation*. This description is, in essence, likely to be true but, despite the assertions of various family researchers, there is no hard evidence that the guide Francis, or anyone else in the storming party, was a Kincaid. So what evidence exists?

The birth-brieve of Andrew Monteith in 1646 testified:

*“... that he is sprung from ... the ancient family of the Barons of Kinked ... which family, on account of the brave deed in saving the castle of Edinburgh from the hands of the English under the armies of Edward I [actually Edward II], deservedly became constable of the same castle, the honour of which remained in the same family up to the memory of our grandfathers ... and has to this date been preserved by the public granting of a ‘heraldic castle’ as an addition to their family coat of arms ...”*

However, in the 1960s I was in contact with Olivia Brisbin, who did so much excellent research into Kincaid family history. She wrote that she had had a letter from Sir James Ferguson, Keeper of the Records of Scotland, which said:

*“The office of Captain or Constable of the Castle was not heritable. Several holders of it are record-*

*ed in the Register of the Great Seal, the earliest being Symon Reed in 1367. No Kincaid is mentioned in the Register as holding the office except in the birth-brieve which you quote, and birth-brieves are well known to be unreliable on historical facts anterior to their own date.”*

As Olivia wrote: “It is discouraging to have a lovely tradition blasted.”

But Ferguson’s discouraging letter is not the end of the matter. There are references in *The Accounts of the Lord High Treasurer of Scotland* to two Kincaids who were Constables of Edinburgh Castle – Thomas in 1511 and again in 1513, and his son David Kincaid of Coates House in 1543. It is the latter who is the first in the list of Constables of Edinburgh Castle in *Memorials of the Castle of Edinburgh* by James Grant.

This list goes no further back than 1542 so, in addition to Thomas, there may well have been Kincaid Constables before this. If so, why is there no record? The simple answer is that records in Scotland are scarce before the middle of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century and records of Kincaids between 1280 and 1447 almost non-existent. These were times of turmoil, internal strife and wars with England.

David Kincaid is recorded as Constable in 1542 and 1543, but the next is not listed until 1560. However, David died in 1555, so either records are incomplete or there was an interval when no Constable was appointed.

There is an intriguing letter from William Grey to Lord Somerset dated November 1547. Henry VIII had died in the January of that year and a young boy, Edward VI, was his successor with Edward Seymour, Lord Somerset, as Protector. England then was weak and threatened by the French king who had “one foot in Calais and the other in Scotland”. William Grey held the castle of Norham which commanded a vital ford over the River Tweed, the border between England and Scotland. In November of that year, the first year of the boy king’s reign, Grey wrote to Somerset:

*“A Scotsman Patrick Kinkayde came this day to me showing great displeasure to the Governor and the Captain of Edinburgh, for expelling his master captain of the castle in the late King of Scotland’s time [James V] and his own kinsman then constable under him, from their offices ... In revenge he offers to deliver the castle, captain etc by means of the porter his familiar and fellow under the old captain, who is ready on notice, to open the gates to any band of Englishman he brings. He asks for reward 1000 crowns.”*



## *The Capture of Edinburg Castle (Continued)*

The letter gives details of the suggested plan but ends with the plaintive sentence: "I am often doubtful in my proceedings for your grace does not answer my letters." Perhaps this is not surprising because Somerset as Protector would have had many problems to deal with, not least his own position, which had little foundation in law or precedent. There were plenty of rivals for his position.

So who was this Kincaid kinsman who had been expelled from the post of Constable? We know that Thomas Kincaid is recorded as Constable in 1511 and 1513, the year that James V of Scotland ascended the Scottish throne. We also know that his son David Kincaid was Constable in 1542, the year in which James V died. Was it one of these? Very possibly. But Thomas died around 1530, which seems a little too anterior to spark Patrick Kinkayde's visit to Grey for revenge. A more likely candidate is David Kincaid who was Constable in 1542, which is only just "in the late King of Scotland's time" as James V died that year. Or was there another unrecorded Kincaid who was Constable between these two? Perhaps.

So, what hard evidence do we have to back up the Kincaid legend? We know that several Kincaids were Constables of Edinburgh Castle. We also know that Kincaid coats of arms bear a castle from the earliest records in 1506 and 1521. That is all. However, we can conjecture that, if the 1646 birth-breve is accurate in its assertion that two major honours were bestowed on a Kincaid for "courageous work in the Castle of Edinburgh during that assault", then it must have been for something rather more than just being a member of the assault party – maybe for guiding the party to the top. So was William Francis a Kincaid? If he was, why did he not use the name Kincaid? A possible explanation is that surnames as we know them today were not in widespread use at that time.

There is one other point that might support the family legend – the relatively short space of time between the assault and Kincaid records. From 1313 to the first certain record of a castle on a Kincaid armorial bearing in 1506 is less than 200 years, so a young man in 1506 might have heard his grandfather in, say, 1450 talk about the assault which he had heard from his grandfather in, say, 1380. Such a family story would then have been as recent as the Second World War is to us today.

Nevertheless, our family legend must remain just that – a legend, but with a little more solidity than the letter from Sir James Ferguson to Olivia Brisbin suggested.

*Bill Kincaid  
November 2015*

## *A Law Review by the Clan Legal Advisor Robert T. Kincaid III (*

Hurley v. Kincaid  
285 U.S. 95 (1932)  
Argued: Jan 4 and 5, 1932.  
Decided: Feb 23, 1932.

As has been oft discussed in the pages of The Defender, Kincaids have always made an impression and left their mark on the histories of their respective communities. As with any family, not all such impressions and marks are good, but for the Clan Kincaid, most of our family's characters appear to have been for the better. This article will review a seemingly ordinary event in the Kincaid family history that ended up reaffirming some old takings law doctrine within the United States legal system.

In the late 1920s, the federal government wanted to implement the "Mississippi River & Tributaries (MR&T) project," which was authorized by Congress in the 1928 Flood Control Act. This Act followed a massive 1927 flood, which had "demonstrated that the confined channel along the Mississippi River did not have the capacity to pass great floods without considerable increase in the height of the levee system..." which "...contained five floodways that were intended to safely divert excess floodwaters past critical reaches in the levee system..." The resulting federal program provided a "comprehensive and unified system of public works..." which "...would provide enhanced protection from floods while maintaining a mutually compatible and efficient Mississippi River channel for navigation." A 2007 Army Corps of Engineers info paper describes the Boeuf Floodway as one of "...five floodways [comprising the Mississippi River & Tributaries Project]" which "...were the Birds Point-New Madrid floodway in southeast Missouri, the Boeuf floodway through the Boeuf basin in southeast Arkansas and northeast Louisiana, the East and West Atchafalaya floodways paralleling the Atchafalaya River, and the Bonnet Carré floodway located 30 miles upriver from New Orleans.

The federal government was statutorily obligated to compensate landowners within the floodways whose property rights were injured by "...additional destructive floodwaters that will pass by reason of diversion" from the Mississippi River, per Section 4 of the 1928 Flood Control Act." This statutory right is a different right than the right to just compensation afforded a property owner whose private property is "taken" by the federal government for a public purpose under the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment.



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## *A Law Review (Continued)*

In what later became known as the “Floodway Battle,” R. Foster Kincaid and numerous other landowners stood to suffer from future floodwater diversion through their lands once the MR&T project was completed. The gist of the Supreme Court case, *Hurley v. Kincaid*, is simply that Kincaid owned 160 acres of farmland in Boeuf basin, also called the Boeuf Floodway, one of the five major floodways formed by the 1928 MR&T project. Kincaid’s farmland was about 125 miles away from the actual point of floodwater diversion. Through about “...a dozen senators and congressman from lower Mississippi Valley...,” the landowners sought to stop the MR&T project until the issue of compensation could be resolved. Kincaid commenced suit in the “...Federal District Court of Western Louisiana seeking to halt the awarding of contracts for the construction of containment levees within the floodway.” In December 1929, the Federal District Court ruled for Kincaid, finding that “...the creation of the Boeuf floodway would subject Kincaid’s land to additional destructive flood waters; that the Act required the government to condemn, or otherwise to acquire flowage rights over, the property before proceeding with the flood control project in the Boeuf basin, and that, by starting work before acquiring such rights, the defendants were proceeding in violation of both the Act and the Constitution.” The Federal District Court thus issued “...an injunction restraining the...commence[ment of] any work on the floodway until it had acquired the land and flowage rights either through purchase or condemnation.” The

decision affected at least one other floodway, and so was a major setback for the federal government’s flood protection plans. The federal government had no choice but to appeal and so the case eventually ended up at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice Louis Brandeis wrote the majority opinion for the Court, describing the issue as follows: “[Kincaid] alleges that the project will expose his property to additional destructive floods, and thus subject it to a new servitude; that the mere “setting apart [of] this property as a flood way and diversion channel and . . . advertising for and receiving bids for . . . construction of the guide levees” casts a cloud upon his title; and that the government is proposing to commence the work without having instituted condemnation proceedings. He charges that the acts of the defendants in advertising for bids for the construction of the guide levees, to be followed by the letting of contracts, without having taken proceedings to condemn his land, will mean the taking by the United States Government of complainant’s lands and properties without due process of law and without just compensation.”

**Robert T. Kincaid III**  
*Attorney At Law*

*Editors Note: This is part I of the review, Part II, The Judgment, will appear in the March 2016 edition of the Defender.*

## *A Word From the Communications Director, Robert T. Kincaid, Jr. (760)*



It has been three years since I started this adventure as the Editor for the Defender and it has been great fun. I look forward to next year as it should be exciting with the Clan Gathering and election of Board members.

In this issue, I hope you find the story from the Clan Shennachie, Bill Kincaid and the legal review of “Hurley vs. Kincaid” provided by our legal advisor, Robert T. Kincaid III. I sincerely appreciate the inputs Clan members have provided me and I truly hope that many more of you will contribute in 2016. This is the Clan Newsletter and it is only as good as the inputs received. If you have something you want to share with the Clan membership, send it to me.

In Kinship,  
**Bob**

## *A Word From the Membership Director, Stephen Kincaid (L-123)*



The 2016 dues letters went out the first week of October. Only those members who will owe dues for 2016 were sent a letter. Payments are due by January 1 2016. If you didn’t receive an invoice but

think you should have, please contact me at [membership@clankincaid.org](mailto:membership@clankincaid.org).

Are you looking for a last minute gift or stocking stuffer for the holiday season? What could be easier or more meaningful than giving a membership to Clan Kincaid International? Applications are on our website for both annual and Life memberships, or contact me and I’ll mail you a copy. I still have a limited number of “suitable for framing” certificates for new Life Members signed by our Clan Chief, Madam Arabella Kincaid of Kincaid. Make sure you get yours.

We have two new annual members this quarter: Annalisa Kincaid of California (1229) and Bonnie Kincaid of Florida (1230)

**Steve**

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## Clan Kincaid Gathering – North America - 2016

Clan Kincaid Gathering  
September 8 – 11  
Long's Peak Scottish Irish Festival  
Estes Park, Colorado  
Featuring an Official visit by our Clan Chief  
Madam Arabella Kincaid of Kincaid

This is one of the Premier Scottish Events in North America with as many as 70,000 people in attendance. There is so much to offer with Pipe Bands and Piping Competition, Scottish and Irish Dancing, Full Armour Jousting, Re-enactment Communities, Heavy Event Competition, Dog Trials, Scottish song and storytelling, a Scottish Tattoo and Ceilidh, a huge Parade, scores of Clan Tents and of course a full array of vendors dispensing a multitude of Scottish souvenirs and food. All this in the beautiful setting of the Gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. You can see details at: <http://www.scotfest.com/>

Clan Kincaid will be a Featured Clan and will have a huge Clan Tent awaiting your visit. It will be your home place during the entire festival. Madam Arabella is most eager to meet many of her Clan. Our own "Wee Shopper" will be available to provide Kincaid items. A team of knowledgeable people will be available to answer questions about Clan History, Heraldry, our DNA Project, Clan and Scottish Protocol and more. You will have a chance to meet many of the leadership team and discuss the future of our Clan Association at an informal Annual General Meeting.

The Clan Kincaid Association International will host a Gala Formal Banquet honouring our Clan Chief on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>. There are a limited number of tickets available for this dinner party so you will want to book early to ensure your place. The cost of the Dinner Ticket is \$75.00. As a special incentive, Colorado Commissioner, Patrick Kincaid, has donated two return airfares on Southwest Airlines. A draw for these tickets will be held June 1, 2016 from among those who have reserved for the dinner. Draws for additional prizes will take place at the Gala. You can book your place at the Galaby sending your check/money order payable to Clan Kincaid Association International and note it for Gala Reservations to Patrick Kincaid, 1280 Humbolt Street, apartment 5, Denver CO 80218.

Your Association has committed to assisting in this special visit by our Chief. If you would like to assist in this effort, you are invited to make a donation of whatever you feel appropriate. Please send your cheque/money order made payable to Clan Kincaid Association International and note that it is for Support of Chief's Visit. Please send your donation to our Treasurer: Paul Wood – 816 Covington Avenue, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103-4912. Your assistance in this project

will be most appreciated.

**Visitor Alert:** This event draws huge crowds. There is a large variety of accommodations in Estes Park but they do fill up quickly. Some may elect to stay in Boulder or Loveland only 45 minutes away. Those planning to attend are advised that early booking is highly recommended.

James Brisbin

## Greetings from the Colorado Rockies

We Colorado Kincaids are looking forward to hosting Madame Arabella and the Clan this year at the Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival and Kincaid Clan Gathering!

The Gathering will be held in Estes Park and will be during the Festival's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The town goes out of its way to support us - the local police even wear kilts. Estes Park is the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park which has been a treasure of the Park system for over a century. The scenery is spectacular, the air fresh and at night you can see a sky full of stars! The town itself is not very big but there are hotels, motels and lodges as well as campsites and other accommodations. Be sure to make your reservations early. It is also home to herds of majestic Elk who have calmly settled in and go anywhere they want. For you Stephen King fans, the "Overlook Hotel" from the Shining is based on the Stanley Hotel, it is a stately, elegant place that looms over the town and is open to visitors.

The Games are one the largest Scottish Festivals and between 70,000 and 80,000 people attend. The Events field is just outside town and is huge, well laid out with ample room and amenities for all. You have never seen so many redheads in one place! There are numerous vendor booths displaying all kinds of goods from goblets, kilts and swords to haggis, scones and shortbread; events include tossing the caber, jousting, dancing, Celtic music all day, lots of other Clans to visit and the occasional wandering Druid and bagpiper. This is in addition to the special events slated: The Tattoo each evening, the Parade Saturday Morning, the Kincaid Gala Dinner Saturday night and the Kirking of the Tartan on Sunday. <http://www.scotfest.com/>

The Games/Festival go on for 3 days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9 - 5) but we encourage you to take some time to explore Rocky Mountain National Park too. There are many hiking trails, and drives you can do to take in the amazing scenery and learn a little Colorado History too. There is also an excellent Visitor's Center which is a great resource. <http://www.visitestespark.com/>

My personal experience of staffing our Clan table has been richly rewarding! It is fun to stamp the souvenir books for the children who collect Clan Stamps – candy is involved - I've met other Clans, signed up Kincaids to our membership and genuinely had a great time. and work out a convenient time for you.

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### Greetings From The Rockies (Continued)



Please, come to our Gathering! You will be glad you did and have happy memories to savor for a lifetime! If any of you want to get in on this we would be happy to add you to our roster of volunteers and work out a convenient time for you.

In Kinship,  
**Patrick D. Kincaid**  
Clan Kincaid Colorado Commissioner

### A Word From the Clan Treasurer, Paul Wood (L-83)



Receipts for the quarter starting August 16th and ending November 15th were \$1,875.31. Expenses for the quarter were \$1,578.62. The largest expense was the printing and shipping of the quarterly newsletter at a total cost of \$932.77. Reimbursements for shipping costs were \$310.82. And there was also \$15.00 in bank fees. This leaves a balance of \$5,732.67 as of November 15th. Receipts were strong as everyone renewed membership for the new year. The Life Fund Account had receipts of \$250.00 and we transferred \$2,500.00 into the Life Account rather than keeping the Life and General Fund in the same account. This leaves a balance of 2,750.13 in the Life Account.

### A Word From the Chief Commissioner, Suzanne Hakeos (1118)



#### Happy Holidays!

I wanted to wish you and yours an amazing holiday season! I wanted to also thank our wonderful Chief Madam Arabella, our Board members and our Commissioners for all of their hard work in 2015. I am truly proud to be a part of an amazing Clan.

I wish you all a wonderful 2016. May your year be blessed!

**Great Good Luck to the House.  
Good Luck to the Family.  
Good Luck to every rafter in it,  
and to every Worldly Thing in it.  
Good Luck to the Horses and Cattle  
Good Luck to the Sheep  
Good Luck to Everything  
and Good Luck to all your Means.  
Good Luck to the Good-Wife  
Good Luck to the children  
God Luck to every Friend**

### and Good Fortune and Health to all.

"Scottish folklore chant" said to be "carved on a Memorial marking one of Scotland's best known drovers' trails". Retrieved from [http://www.rampantscotland.com/know/blknow\\_toasts.htm](http://www.rampantscotland.com/know/blknow_toasts.htm).

Suzanne

### Indianapolis Highland Games and Festival

The Kincaids were the honored clan at the Indianapolis Highland Games and Festival held on Oct. 10, 2015. The Clan Kincaid tent was hosted by lifetime member Joseph P. Kincaid and co-hosted by his siblings.

Our tent staged a variety of heritage objects. Visitors enjoyed Kincaid hospitality in the form of fine Scottish whiskeys, toffees, and a gourmet spread of goods from Scotland. Framed photos of Madam Arabella Kincaid of Kincaid, the Kincaid House Hotel, and the Kincaid lands were of interest to visitors as well as a clan map and many items adorned with our tartan. A large "flat" ancient Kincaid in full regalia was propped up outside the tent- a real standout admired by many!

The clan tents were situated along the sidelines of the games allowing for a great view of the competition. One athletic family member was inspired by the games and he vowed to pursue training to become a heavy games competitor.

One of the highlights for our family from Illinois was meeting our Midwestern kin from Indiana and Ohio. These Kincaid visitors were happy to see the clan represented at this event. They learned more about their Scottish heritage and shared stories of their ancestors' passage to America.

At the closing of the games, the Kincaids led the parade and shouted, "Aye, Kincaid!" as the procession of clans began across the field. It was a moment filled with gratitude for the lives of our forebears, allowing us to be present at this time. The Clan Kincaid banner was held by the sons (Sean and Bobby) of Robert E. Kincaid of Waukegan, Illinois with other Kincaid family members, relatives, and friends following along. The group included lifetime member Joe Kincaid of Naperville, Illinois; his older brother Robert (Bob) Kincaid; his sisters Mary Ann Sullivan of Glenview, Illinois; Teresa Corcoran of Wilmette, Illinois (with daughter Tara and son-in-law Adam Smiley); and Meg Kincaid of Evanston, Illinois. The flat ancient Kincaid was carried along for the parade. With our banner held and our ancient one with us, we felt blessed to represent the clan.

While there seemed to be a consensus (at least among Kincaids) that we staged the best-looking and most hospitable tent, it was our responsibility to select the prize-winning one and to speak before the clans at the closing ceremony. It was a great way to connect with the other clans in attendance.

It was a fun day for the Kincaids and we are looking forward to our next clan event.

In Kinship,  
**Joseph P. Kincaid /Meg Kincaid**



Kincaid Men at Indi Games





## THE DEFENDER



### *Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival Maryville TN*

I left Exeter, Ontario on Thursday morning and drove to the home of Suzanne and Mike Hakeos in Swanton, Ohio to pick up additional brochures and a banner for Barbara Kincaid to use at the Alma, Michigan Scottish Festival this coming weekend. I then drove to Batavia, Ohio in time to be greeted by Beverley Kincaid and Chris Smith who provided me with a wonderful meal, great conversation and a comfy bed for the night. Beverley and Chris are moving to Florida and I suggested the possibility of Beverley becoming the Commissioner for Florida. She indicated that she would give it serious consideration and agreed to receive the appropriate literature from Suzanne and to open lines of communication on the topic. The first of several positives for the trip.

Departed Friday morning and drove the remaining distance to Maryville, Tennessee in time to check into a pitiful motel - UCK!!!! then head to the College and set up my tent and tables saving the Kincaid display material for set up the next morning (security). I met with several other clan hosts and vendors and enjoyed the company, jokes and information about other games they attend. This is one of the great joys of hosting a Clan tent - sharing with others and making new friends.

Saturday morning early I was on site and set up for what was to become a very busy day. The weather forecast was for a high probability of rain but we only had one brief (1 minute) shower all day. The crowd was large and I was busy all day. The Elliot Clan next door was very cordial and we shared lots of humour and drinks. Just before noon Hugh Kincaid from Kingsport, Tennessee arrived in his Kincaid Kilt. We had a lovely reunion. Hugh's membership had lapsed and he indicated that he would renew but

would get a Life Membership this time. Not having his check book with him he took an application and said he would forward it to Steve forthwith. I discussed the possibility of his becoming the Commissioner for the State of Tennessee if he could share the responsibility with Shirley Kincaid Davidson. He indicated his willingness and would be most agreeable to getting together with Shirley to discuss the future. He was disappointed in not being able to meet Shirley.

After Hugh departed for the drive home, Steve Kincaid of Maryville arrived with his wife Amanda and new son Sawyer. After learning more about the Association he decided to join and completed an application and made payment for the year. Small world - Steve remembered meeting me at the Long's Peak Scottish Festival in Estes Park Colorado last year. I will forward the application and payment to Membership Director Steve later today (along with others). Later in the afternoon I was serving an interested visitor to the tent a 'wee dram' when I was approached by two gentlemen who had obviously made several trips through the beer tent. They indicated they wanted a free 'wee dram' and wanted to join Clan Kincaid even though they were not Kincaids. They willingly gave me \$20.00 each and filled out the application form. I spoke to them again later and they assured me their intentions were true so I am forwarding their money and forms as well. I was also visited by the Chief of Clan Skene who came to these games from his home in the Shetland Islands. He sent a lovely greeting to Madam Arabella.

Sunday morning dawned with storms threatening. I set up only a portion of the tent while keeping the rain drops off valuable 'stuff'. The rain came and went several times during the day and thus the crowds were significantly smaller. After a breakfast of haggis and eggs I returned to the tent to find Shirley

Kincaid Davidson had arrived to assist me in hosting for the day. It was a most welcome relief for I could now venture out on my own (as could Shirley) to enjoy some of the games activities. Out tent backed onto the athletic field so we could watch some of the heavy events from the comfort of the tent. I had long conversations with Clans McKinnon, Ramsay, Munro and McLeod sharing experiences in Scotland and working with our various Clan Associations. The Ramsay DNA project was particularly impressive. I discussed the prospect of Shirley becoming a co-commissioner for Tennessee and she agreed to pursue the possibility with Hugh. I shall ask Suzanne to open lines of communication with Shirley and Hugh and provide the appropriate paperwork and guidance.

One 15 year old gal approached and advised that her best friend was a Kincaid. I gave her a picture of the Clansman, a decal, an application form and my card. Who knows - maybe another member. We were then approached by Brian Kincaid of Knoxville. He also took out a membership after learning much about his Scottish and Kincaid Heritage.

We began packing up shortly after 3:00. I bid Shirley good-bye with gratitude and then I drove back to Batavia to the home of Beverley and Chris for the night. In my weekend absence, they had sold their home and are now starting the process of packing for the move in June. Beverley has decided to sign up another member of her family but we did not complete the paper work as we got on another topic and I forgot to pursue the issue.

In Kinship,

*James Brisbin*



## Portland Highland Games

Clan Kincaid is ALIVE and well in Oregon! Co-Commissioners Joanne Kincaid Lloyd and Charlene Kincaid Johnson, were honored and pleased to have hosted former International Clan President James Brisbin.

James was a wonderful addition to our Parade this year. He rallied our Family to join him in repeating "AAAA... KINCAID" three times, as we marched in front of a huge crowd in the stands. Our Clan representation in the Parade of Clans has increased to 16. Everyone was dressed in their finest Kincaid Tartans and we proudly carried the Clan Banner.

During the day, several Family members came by the Tent and are prepared to join us next year in the Parade. The Portland Highland Games has strict dress rules for Parade attire. Just a heads up – WEE SHOPPER stock up! We've got some proud people who will want to look their best in all things Kincaid!!!

We also had many who could not join us this year, but are planning on 2016! Joining us also was former Oregon Commissioner Roger Kincaid. He proved to be invaluable with his knowledge of protocols and hints.

For our Tent, every year we add something new to enhance our displays. This is our third year and we invested in a purchase of Kincaid Tartan yardage which became 3 tablecloths. Our Tent area looked great. James Brisbin brought several books for the table, large flags for hanging, children's games, and lots of laughter and smiles to many who walked by our Tent. He shared his vast knowledge of Scotland and Clan Kincaid with a great deal of people.

We added 3 new Clan members to the roster! A fourth took a sign up for her father who is a Kincaid. We will follow-up and make sure they feel welcomed. We added a former member (from many years ago), a security guard who was working on the campus, and the third new member has a brother and a sister that are feeling the pull to be part of this special group of Kincaids. So we're not done yet!!

*Charlene Johnson*



## Washington Commissioner Report

All though all the events are done, I still feel the excitement of being a commissioner and what the future brings. This year was different, being a new commissioner is a bit difficult. Finding events and gather supplies for tents. I will say it's also quite invigorating and exciting. I loved meeting the people. It's going to be difficult here to get the Kincaids in Washington to come back because of the lack of them knowing we are here but I am ready to take on the new year with a Kincaid bang!

This year was great and thrilling. The Tacoma highland Games were a thrill. It was my first highland game as a commissioner. With my best friend Tammy in tow we set off to my grandmother's house. We got there stayed the night then set off with our things. The day began with a cold morning and then warmed up with some coffee. Tammy and I walked back to our tent and helped Clan Macnaughton set up their tent. I got to see my favorite Kincaids and more. Tammy was wondering if she was Scottish as well and went to a booth to figure out what clan and to our surprise she was a Macnaughton! That was funny to hear. The day progressed and I went and watched my favorite event, the Caber Toss. Tammy was excited to see all the vents since she has never been to

a game. They day went by fast and before we knew it the day was over. The drive home was beautiful and Tammy and I still had the sound of bagpipes in our ears. A few months later was the Enumclaw Games. The biggest game/highland event of the year. I was nervous but so excited at the same time. I got there a little late in setting up the tent because Tammy had some car troubles and traffic was a pain. That was behind us and the morning had started. Fresh coffee in hand and a tent to set up I went with my grandmother (Sherrye Dix) and got all set up. The first day was a bit slow and that was nice. I met a couple of new Kincaids. The parade of clans was awesome to walk in because I had my little sister (Maci Shumate) with me and it was us two making trouble. Our banner was made beautifully by my grandmother and aunt. Maci and I walked with Kincaid Pride. The rest of the day was slow and no one came in after 2 pm. but that was okay because our tent neighbor was a lovely guy from cCan Gordon. The day slowly dwindled and then ended with a beautiful torch ceremony that my grandmother, sister and I walked in. The next day was fast paced and full of sun. New Kincaids rolled in and we even had a Lennox. We drew in people with our huge camping chair we dubbed Clifford since it was well, big and red. I walked in the parade of clans once more with pride. I even made a new friend from a neighboring clan tent. That weekend went by too fast. I can't wait for next year when I meet new people and see old friends.

*Chandler Shumate*  
Washington State Commissioner





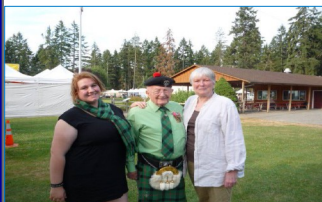
## Washington Games Report

### Tacoma, Washington Highland Games 26-27 June 2015

The sun was shining and it was HOT on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Set up the tent and renewed acquaintances with various members of other attending clans.

Clan Kincaid member Jack Green was the Chief of the Games (a well deserved honor). Clan Kincaid sponsored medals for 4 youth field events (must give encouragement where we can). We missed signing up a new member - he had to hurry back to the pipe band competition before we could sign him up. He said he would see us at the Seattle Scottish Highland Games in Enumclaw.

Not a productive day for meeting new/potential or Clan members, however, Jack did come and rest his weary feet a couple of times.



Chandler Shumate  
Jack Green and  
Sherrye Dix at the  
Tacoma Games

### Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association – Enumclaw, WA venue 24-26<sup>th</sup> July 2015

James Brisbin earlier gave his version of these games. Unfortunately for the first time in 4 years, it rained, therefore, ending our hot weather spell of several months. Friday night is the calling of the clans, which is always well attended. It poured rain later in the evening and the tent collapsed on James side and he was soaked (2am no less). The tent was put up in a hurry and also wrongly unfortunately James was the victim. Saturday was a bit better. It rained lightly off and on and quite a few people stopped by to say hello. James gathered passerby with his wonderful wood puzzles. We signed up three new members (hooray) and while John Hinkle signed up, his cousin Christopher Kinkead watched (unbeknownst to John). Seems it had been 6 years since they had seen one another. Another happy Kincaid (Kinkead) reunion. The three new members are: John Hinkle, Arielle Rea and David Kinkade! Welcome to Clan Kincaid Association International.

Sunday was a bit slower and as we

packed up to leave the heavens opened. Flood time and everyone and everything was soaking wet! A case of just throwing everything in the back of the SUV whether it was packed properly or not. James decided we were too wet and cold to cook dinner. After unpacking the wet goodies and changing into dry clothes, he suggested a nice steak dinner (I did not argue the point). Thank you James. It was a great visit albeit the rain and your two soakings.

*Sherrye Dix*  
Advisory Council



Mary, Queen of  
Scots and her  
Court

## 150th Scottish Highland Gathering

Presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco every year since 1866 This was a very special celebration this year and the best bands and athletes in the world were here. Many Clan chiefs were honored guests as well. The attendance was 18,000 on Saturday and 24,000 on Sunday. We had over fifty friends and clansmen sign our guest book which is double that of any other previous year. We also welcomed back the Marine band of Miramar from deployment in Afganistan. We always have a marine band as one of our two featured bands. Traditionally it has been the #3rd. Marine Aircraft Wing Band- Miramar (California). Several times lately they have been overseas protecting us and other bands such as Twenty-nine Palms (California) have filled in for them. This year our featured Scottish band was the 1st. Battalion Pipes and Drums Scots Guards from the same battalion that performs the changing -of-the-guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace in London.

There were 184 tents for Clans and Scottish societies but some clans who ordered late were not able to get a space. We ordered ours last year and were in our usual space, #2.

Because the grandstand faces a race track we are able to see the whole

course of the runners in the Kilted Mile competition. There are several classes and of course all are wearing kilts.

In addition to all of the band, piping, drumming, and dancing competitions in every corner of the grounds there are a number of heritage groups who have static displays and as well put on roaming presentations all day. One of the largest is Mary, Queen of Scots, and her entourage of courtiers, nobles and warriors. Many eras are represented from blue painted savages through Roman legions, kilted Brave Hearts, armored knights, armies with black powder muskets to WW11 soldiers and sailors and equipment. There are many booths demonstrating the use of and, of course, selling ancient edged weapons.

This year we had a lot of help with the Clan tent. This was a good thing since I was still recovering from shoulder surgery and a hip bursitis and was unable to do much except talk to folks. Ray Zimmerman came from Monterey, CA and spent Saturday and Sunday greeting visitors to the Clan tent. Keith and Elaine Hedlund from Colorado came and stayed with us. They set up the tent and displays. They stayed in the tent and welcomed folks both days. They also packed up everything and returned it to our house. We could not have done it without them. Both the Hedlund's and the Zimmerman's were on the Scotland tour last year and had interesting stories to tell visitors.

The show ends each day with 700+ pipes and drums from all the competing bands playing Amazing Grace in front of the grandstand. It is really something to see and to hear. Here is a picture of Keith and Elaine Hedlund visiting Mary, Queen of Scots.

*Jack Kincaid*





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