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ANNAPOLIS 2016!

*LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
2016 NORTH AMERICAN MANX
ASSOCIATION CONVENTION?
DID YOU REMEMBER TO BOOK!!!??*

Preparations are underway for the 2016 NAMA Convention in haven't yet signed up, yet still want to come, you should email Jim Kneale right now! (jim.kneale@gmail.com) as he will need to update numbers for meals, tickets, mementoes, etc. You can also check the website www.northamerican-manx.com for up-to-date details. This is going to be a GREAT convention!



If Jim has received your registration, you should have gotten an email that listed what you were signed up for. If you haven't and it was mailed more than a few days ago, please contact Jim at the email or phone number on page 2.

Be sure that you book your room at the hotel before May 20th, which is when the last block of rooms will be released to others and the price will go up. Call the hotel to book, and ask for the NAMA Convention group rate, which is deeply discounted.

Sometimes life is not predictable. If for some reason you would still like to join us at the last minute, we would love to have you. The O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel (410) 263-7700 will likely be booked up, but there are others outside of the historic area that would be available at a reasonable price for this region. If you are intending to stay before or after to tour Washington DC, you might to do that anyways, because the group rate is only for the convention dates.

The number of people registered so far is lower than average, which is a bit worrisome. If you have any questions, or are looking for suggestions for things to do in the area to make it enjoyable for other members of your family, let me know The 2016 convention program has something for everyone! From inspiring workshops on Manx heritage - to hoisting the sails of a schooner. Make your way to historic Annapolis next June for our semi-annual celebration of all things Manx.

ITINERARY

Thursday, June 23rd

Afternoon: Board Meeting

Evening: A musical gathering in the hotel's John Barry Restaurant.

Friday, June 24th

Morning: Explore the maritime heritage of Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay. We pick up one of two optional cruises at the city dock. The first option is an accessible air-conditioned luxury yacht for a scenic river cruise.

The second option is aboard a beautiful 74-foot wooden schooner for a true sailing experience. See more at: <http://www.schoonerwoodwind.com> to find out if it's for you. They sail rain or shine.

Lunch: Marriott hotel's Pusser's Caribbean Grille dockside bar and restaurant.

Afternoon: Explore the historic areas of Annapolis, take a walking or trolley tour, or wander around the waterfront of America's Sailing Capital.

Evening: Buffet dinner and General Meeting which will include the election of officers and a vote on any decisions from the Board. At the hotel.

Saturday, June 25th

Morning: Optional guided tour of the US Naval Academy. This walking tour is approximately one mile over an hour and 15 minutes. Followed by an optional lunch at the Academy's Drydock restaurant. Note that everyone 18 and older must have a government issued photo ID to enter the grounds, and passport if you are not a US citizen.

Afternoon: Optional Manx workshops including some basic language, culture and music workshops. Have some fun, meet some local experts and take some of your heritage back to your local society.

Evening: Saturday Presidential Banquet includes a guest speaker and the Installation of Officers.

Sunday, June 26th

Morning: Naval Academy Chapel for church service and Memorial Roll with Chaplain Stephen Schaitberger.

REMEMBER

Annapolis was chosen because of the array of activities within walking distance, but "walking distance" can vary from person to person. We will be renting a full-size passenger van to ferry those members that need a lift to the activities. In addition, there is a circulatory bus service that stops near the hotel, the city dock, and other points of interest. For those who are unfamiliar with east coast traffic, note that driving in Washington DC works about as well as the government. If you want to add a trip to the Smithsonian to your visit, use the Metro or a tour bus to get into the city rather than attempting to drive within the beltway. Try to avoid rush hour!

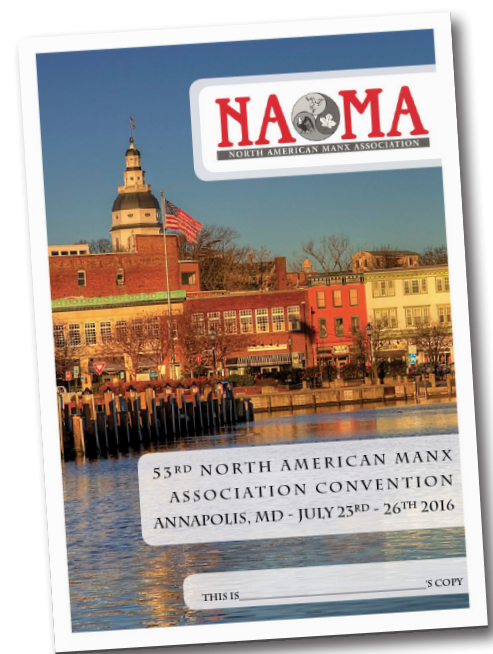
BWI Airport is 25 miles away and a fairly direct route down I-97 to Annapolis

Ronald Reagan National Airport is 37 miles away. The traffic can be tricky in DC if you chose to rent a car there.

Dulles International Airport is 55 miles away. Traffic can be miserable during rush hour.

If you chose not to rent a car, the hotel recommends either a taxi or two airport shuttle services - www.supershuttle.com or www.theairportshuttle.com.

As the date draws closer, additional details will be posted to the website or blog <http://namanx.blogspot.com>. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact jim.kneale@gmail.com or 443-285-9844. There will be an official photograph taken.



PLEASE CONSIDER AN AD IN THE CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Whether it's to promote your society, to celebrate an important occasion, to wish the 2016 Convention good luck, to remember a family member, or to sell a product, please consider taking an advertisement in our convention program. It's an expensive item to produce and we try to make it break even. Send your artwork, PDF or Word file, or just what you would like to have appear to Kelly@mustgoto.com.

Dimensions and price:

Full page ad:

5.25in wide x 7.25in high (133.35w x 184.15h) - \$70.00

Half page ad:

5.25in wide x 3.625in high (133.35w x 92.075h) - \$35.00

Third page ad:

5.25in wide x 2.4in high (133.35w x 60.96h) - \$20.00

Please look at the cover of this newsletter, above your name and address; if it says "please pay" and either \$15 or \$20, make your check payable to NAMA and mail it to John Prendergast NAMA Treasurer, 10251 S. Bell Ave., Chicago, IL 60643-1901 (The form is on page 4)



53rd Convention
 June 23-26, 2016
 Registration Form

Name(s) of those attending:

Street:

City, State, Zip:

Phone: _____ email: _____

Make Room Reservations at O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel at (410)263-7700. Ask for North American Manx Convention rate of \$149/nt Hotel will fill up - don't delay	Cost	# tickets	Total
Convention Registration - Pick one: Day and Evening programs: Workshops, Friday and Saturday evening events. Saturday dinner: ___ Crab Cakes ___ Filet Mignon	\$130		
Saturday daytime workshops only	\$15		
Optional Friday Activities - Pick one: Scenic Severn River Cruise (powerboat)	\$24		
Schooner Woodwind Cruise – age 0-12	\$30		
Schooner Woodwind Cruise – age 13+	\$44		
Optional Saturday Naval Academy Tour	\$10		
Optional Lunch at Naval Academy - Pick one: Roast Beef Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$9		
Tuna Salad Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$9		
Sliced Deli Turkey Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$9		
Veggie Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$9		
Sliced Deli Ham Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$9		
2 slices of Cheese Pizza, soda, and dessert	\$5		

Make checks Payable to: **North American Manx Association** Total

Mail to: Jim Kneale

6408 Silent Moon Run
 Clarksville, MD 21029

Activities need final counts in
 early June – please mail soon

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NAMA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

PROMOTE AND PROTECT OUR MANX HERITAGE

Join now and make sure you keep receiving your newsletter and don't forget to mail us if you change your address!

Please print your information and mail with your check to John Prendergast at the address below.

Name _____

Spouse _____

Street _____

Phone _____

City _____

email _____

State/Prov _____ Zip/PC _____

Individual Membership	Dues	Amount
Annual	\$15	_____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP		
Under age 50	\$250	_____
Age 50-59	\$175	_____
Age 60 and over	\$125	_____
Junior (age 1-18 yrs, no bulletin)	\$2	_____

Family Membership	Dues	Amount
Annual	\$20	_____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP		
Under age 50	\$325	_____
Age 50-59	\$235	_____
Age 60 and over	\$200	_____

To become a NAMA member, or to renew your membership, please send this form and your check made out to North American Manx Association or money order to John Prendergast.

Total Remittance
(in U.S. Dollar or equivalent amount) _____

ONLY SEND MONEY TO: **John Prendergast**
NAMA Treasurer
10251 South Bell Ave.
Chicago, IL 60643-1901 USA

Please advise John if you change your address.

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NAMA YOUTH

Scholarships are available for four NAMA members under 30 years old who wish to attend a Convention. Four scholarships of \$250 will be awarded to cover Convention Registration fees. Apply to Bradley Prendergast at brad@lawyerbrad.com.

The North American Youth Award came about in 2002 when the Isle of Man Department of Education announced that it created an award to be given every two years at the North American Manx Association Convention. The award recognizes young people living in North America for their contribution in maintaining an awareness of the Isle of Man and its culture. The Department of Education and Children aims to encourage young people with Manx connections growing up in North America to perform Manx Music, learn the Manx language, or learn some other aspect of Manx culture and history. The NAMA Youth Award for under-21s includes a \$250 prize. Send your nominations for the NAMA Youth Award to Kelly@mustgoto.com.



CONNECT WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

Website: www.northamericanmanx.org. You can check this website to find links to Manx Societies across America and Canada as well as recipes, Membership details and random Manx facts. Also a great source of information for the next Convention.

The NAMA Members Only area of our website is password protected and can only be accessed by paid-up members of NAMA. Type in these passwords when prompted. **User Name:** nama **Password:** tynwald

Regular updates Our blog is used to update members on events of interest to Americans of Manx descent. Guest authors from the Isle of Man make regular additions. You should visit often! <http://namanx.blogspot.com>.



We're on Facebook at North American Manx Association.

WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?

If you have news you'd like to share with the members of the North American Manx Association, please email Kelly McCarthy at Kelly@mustgoto.com.



A LETTER FROM PEEL CATHEDRAL

I am the Organist & Director of Music at St German's Cathedral in Peel, on the Isle of Man. I have been in post since 2012 and have successfully built up a significant Cathedral Music programme.

One of my tasks is the replacement of the Cathedral's small and ailing pipe organ.

The task is a great one as the new instrument has to support the developing Choral Programme, it has to play a major and impressive part in Diocesan and National Island services, as well as provide an exciting opportunity as a concert and more importantly teaching instrument. It is the very centre-piece of the Cathedral Music Programme, and an impressive piece of art for our beautiful Cathedral.



ST GERMAN'S CATHEDRAL, PEEL

ORGAN CASEWORK CONCEPT DESIGN
PHOTO-MONTAGE

KARL SCHUKE
BERLINER ORGELBAU

The brief is very narrow. However 6 builders were chosen, shortlisted to 3 with a firm favourite No. 1. The cost of such an instrument is around £600,000 (\$865,000). Although it looks on paper a high cost, it actually is very reasonable for an instrument of the size we need (*See the impressive first design of a case!*).

As you can imagine, it is a huge amount of money to raise for a small island community.

I am looking for a Philanthropist/ College or University / wealthy family or individuals with an interest in the Isle of Man to help us achieve this project. We would offer absolute naming rights over the instrument – for example 'The McCarthy Organ'.

Renowned American Organist Dr Gail Archer gave a recital here last year and is a great source of support for the development of the music programme and organ at the Cathedral.

Have you any thoughts?

Any help you can offer would be appreciated.

Dr Peter Litman

Organist & Director of Music

Email: music@cathedral.im,

www.cathedral.im



LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

London Manx Society (Yn Cheshaght Manninagh Lunnin)

We shall be at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Southampton Row, London WC1 on Saturday, 7th May 2016 for our annual lunch. If you plan to come, and we certainly hope for a good number again this year, please contact Sam Weller (01223 720607) Dial 011 4412 237 20607 from the States.

Queensland Manx Society

Saturday, 16 April 2016 a social luncheon with Guest Speaker: Mr George Cowin (Topic: "Around Australia") at the Arana Leagues Club, Keperra Q 4054, Australia. RSVP to mannin@queenslandmanx.org.au

The Chicago Manx Society

On March 20, 2016, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the Chicago Manx Society held a meeting at Florence Abbinanti's home. There were eight people in attendance. We had a chicken dinner with strawberry short cake, chocolate cake and many cookies!

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After dinner our meeting that was called to order by Florence as Rich Corrin was absent . The 2016 convention was brought up and everyone at the meeting is going. We then discussed the 2018 convention.

Northern California Manx

The **Northern California Manx** will have their Pre-Convention Spring Cooish on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Where: Kim Parker and Peter Herrera's Home

Please contact Una Reed: Home Email manxcat@aol.com
Home Phone 408-743-5893

Washington Area Manx Society

The **Washington Area Manx Society** enjoyed their annual 12th Night Dinner, complete with the Manx Rice Pudding from the Looney Family of Charlottesville, VA. Aside from our Election of Officers a vigorous game of Ramsey Swap was played for an interesting assortment of unwanted Christmas gifts!

Our new President will be known to many NAMA members as she attended the 2014 Convention on the island as Kearsley Walsh. On February 29th this year, she became Mrs. Waggoner. Also known to NAMA members, Bill Cassidy is now our Social Organizer. Bill, or Illiam as we call him in Manx, is busy working on fun things for us to learn at the Annapolis Convention workshops. He's trying to make it a good blend of Manx culture that's interesting to know, and Manx culture you can learn and take back to share with your local society.

As you can see from the photo, we had a genuine Viking as our qualtagh, (firstfooter) bearing gifts to stave off hunger, cold and want. This Viking, Bruce Blackistone, is a member of the The Longship Company from Maryland.

The Longship Company, Ltd. (www.longshipco.org) is a non-profit educational organization devoted to increasing understanding and knowledge of the life, culture, technology, commerce, and exploration of the early northern European seafarers and those with whom they came into contact. (They are an all volunteer organization -- the "Company" in their name refers to a ship's company of its officers and crew.) Central to the activities of the Longship Company are authentic reconstructions of Viking era ships. The Sae Hrafn (Sea Raven), is a 39' tall ship and the Gyrfalcon named for the hunting falcons of the far northern regions. The Longship Company participates in living history events, contributes to ongoing international archaeology-by-experiment efforts relative to early seafaring and technology, produces educational materials, and supports artistic and scholarly efforts related to the Vikings and their era.



NEW GOVERNOR FOR ISLE OF MAN



The Isle of Man will have a new governor when Adam Wood's five-year term ends in April. His successor will be Sir Richard Gozney (seen here), a retired diplomat.

His distinguished career included being Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda from 2007 to 2012, British High Commissioner to Nigeria from 2005 to 2007 and British Ambassador to Indonesia from 2003 to 2005. He has also worked in Argentina, Spain and Swaziland. Since retiring, he has been non-executive director, a post from which he recently retired.

He says that he and his wife visited the Island a few years ago and, having fallen for it, they are looking forward to moving to Government House and to meeting the Island's people.

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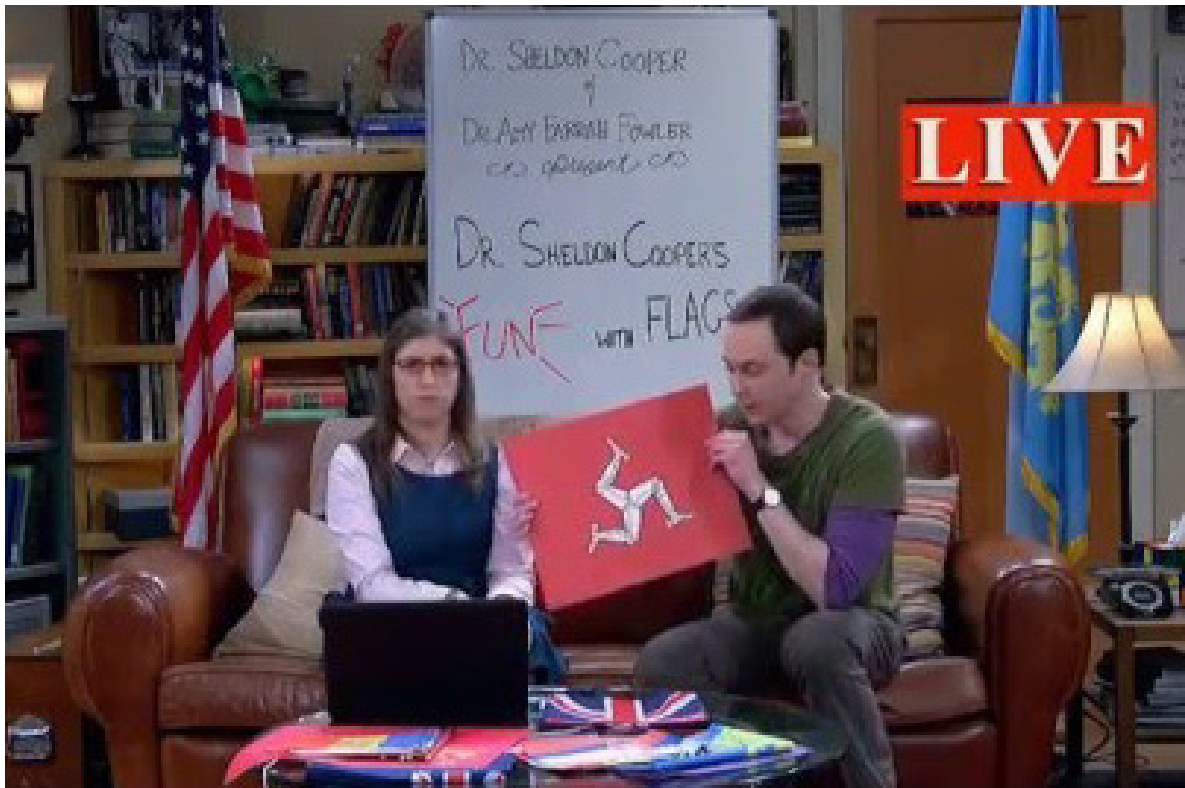


Have you seen this? This magazine was founded in 1986 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. It's called Celtic Life International and it's a global community contemporary Celtic culture. It carries an extensive collection of feature stories, interviews, culture, history, heritage, news, views, reviews, recipes, events, humor, trivia, tidbits and more from across all Seven Celtic Nations and beyond.

Celtic Life International Magazine is published six times a year in both print and digital formats, and is distributed to more than 2.1 million readers around the world. Ewan McGregor, George Clooney, Dame Judi Dench, Kevin Spacey, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Bradley Cooper, Lana Del Rey and Anthony Hopkins are just a few of the big names who have been featured in the magazine in recent years. They also like to shine a light on politicians, business leaders, entrepreneurs, artists, activists and everyday Celts who are making a difference. Their online presence - celticlifecom - is an informative and interactive community that engages millions of Celts from all walks of life each year. They're also on Facebook and Twitter.

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TV's popular sitcom, "The Big Bang Theory" featured the Manx flag in a February 2016 episode. In this show-within-a-show, Dr. Sheldon Cooper's "Fun with Flags" introduced the Isle of Man triskelion. Or as Sheldon calls it, "three legs sharing a weird pair of underpants."