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BOOK NOW FOR ANNAPOLIS 2016!

MESSAGE FROM 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT JIM KNEALE
ORGANIZER OF THE 2016 NORTH AMERICAN MANX
ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

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 biennial celebration of all things Manx.

ITINERARY

Activities begin on Thursday, June 23rd as people begin to check in to the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel and the Board holds its annual meeting. Nothing is planned aside from a friendly gathering in the hotel's John Barry Restaurant with some local musicians playing Celtic music. There are many other dining options available nearby.

Friday is the day set aside to 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 aboard an air-conditioned luxury yacht for a scenic Severn River cruise. There is a snack bar and outdoor space to enjoy the breeze as well. This option offers a stable and accessible vessel for our members who haven't got their sea legs.



The second option is aboard a beautiful 74-foot wooden schooner for a true sailing experience. Help raise the sails, steer the boat, or simply sit back and relax as Woodwind sails from the historic Annapolis waterfront, past the Naval

Academy and cruises into the Chesapeake Bay - See more at: <http://www.schoonerwoodwind.com> to find out if it's for you. Note that they sail rain or shine unless the captain deems it unsafe to go out. Free ponchos are available.

Nearby you will find the Marriott hotel's Pusser's Caribbean Grille dockside bar and restaurant, which was thoroughly vetted by the NAMA board last year. Explore the historic areas of Annapolis, take a walking or trolley tour, or wander around the waterfront of America's Sailing Capital. Later that evening we meet back at the hotel for a buffet dinner and our General Meeting which will include the election of officers and a vote on any decisions from the Board.



Annapolis is the home of the US Naval Academy, and on Saturday we offer an optional guided tour. The tour is a leisurely walk of approximately one mile over an hour and 15 minutes. It highlights life at the U.S. Naval Academy past and present. This tour includes Lejeune Hall, Bancroft Hall, Tecumseh Court, Herndon Monument, Main Chapel, and the Crypt of John Paul Jones, the Revolutionary War hero. After the tour an optional lunch is available in 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.*

After lunch, we return to the hotel for an afternoon of all things Manx 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.

Saturday evening 's dinner will, naturally, include a chance to enjoy Maryland Crabcakes or Filet Mignon, followed by the Installation of Officers.

On Sunday morning we return to the Naval Academy Chapel for church services arranged with the help of our own Chaplain Stephen Schaitberger, who is retired military.

LOGISTICS

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.

We request that the registration forms be returned by St Patrick's day, March 17th. If there are more or fewer room registrations that estimated, we need to adjust them by a deadline shortly thereafter. We have a block of rooms reserved and summer weekends are the high season. When making reservations, call the hotel and make sure that you say you are with the North American Manx convention. The block of rooms will be released by May 20th and any nearby hotels will likely be booked on Saturday and significantly more expensive.

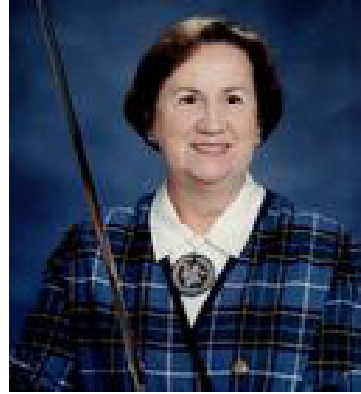
As the date draws closer, additional details will be posted to the website or included with future newsletters. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact jim.kneale@gmail.com or 443-285-9844. There will be an official photograph taken. Details to follow.

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 3)



MARY KELLY

*TRIBUTES ARRIVED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
AND ESPECIALLY HER BELOVED ISLE OF MAN.*



Mary Frances Kelly, 75, of Platteville, Wisconsin, died on Monday, November 16, 2015 at Agrace Hospice Care, Fitchburg. Mary was born on October 11, 1940 daughter of Maynard and Frances Doris (Browning) Kelly at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dodgeville. Mary graduated in 1957 from Dodgeville

High School at the end of her junior year. She attended the Wisconsin State College, Platteville, Layton School of Art, and the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; she was awarded a B.S. from UW-Platteville in 1964, a M.S. in 1970 and the PhD. in 1990 from UW-Madison. For more than 20 years she taught art and design in Jefferson, Monona and the UW-Madison.

She traveled widely, making eight trips to the Isle of Man in the U.K. to learn more about the birthplace of her paternal grandfather. On Tynwald Day, July 5, 1981, she became one of the founding members of the Wisconsin Manx Society. From 1996 to 1998 she was the President of the North American Manx Association, and beginning in 2004 she became a member of the UW-Platteville Museum Committee. In that capacity she helped to create the only permanent Manx Museum in North America that opened August 11, 2012.

In February 2013, Mary began making presentations about the Isle of Man to local historic groups. Both the Dodgeville Chronicle and the Democrat, Mineral Point, papers covered it.

Her interests included: photography, Manx cats and gardening. She will be mourned by her husband of 37 years, Francis B. Evans; daughter, Pamela K. W. (Jonathan) Davis; grandchildren, Evan J. K. and Joel T. K. Halpop; son-in-law, Robert Halpop; and many cousins from the Browning family.

North American Manx Association sent a Manx-themed red and gold floral tribute to Mary which carried these words and the first verse of *Ellan Vannin*:

From your friends, in remembrance of your dedication to the North American Manx Association and your love of all things Manx.

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.

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	Dues	Amount	Family Membership	Dues	Amount
Individual Membership			Annual	\$20	_____
Annual	\$15	_____	LIFE MEMBERSHIP		
LIFE MEMBERSHIP			Under age 50	\$325	_____
Under age 50	\$250	_____	Age 50-59	\$235	_____
Age 50-59	\$175	_____	Age 60 and over	\$200	_____
Age 60 and over	\$125	_____			
Junior (age 1-18 yrs, no bulletin)	\$2	_____			

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) _____

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Please advise John if you change your address.

..... Detach Here

*"When the summer day is over
 And the busy cares have flown,
 Then I sit beneath the starlight
 With a weary heart alone,
 And there rises like a vision,
 Sparkling bright in nature's glee,
 My own dear Ellan Vannin
 With its green hills by the sea."*

Andrew Ravenscroft wrote: Mary was a great force in keeping alive the best of our heritage in other lands. I recognized the spirit in her when I first met her; my grandmother was the same way about the dialect and Manx traditions, although she never left the island.

Mary brought me into the Wisconsin Manx and later the North American Manx when I was only a recent arrival on these shores. I remember her as determined and passionate about her connections to the island, and I learned from her obituary a few things about her past that should not have surprised me, knowing what I did of her already, but which reinforced my understanding of her as a person of uncommon and forceful views.



THE WEATHER'S BEEN BAD AGAIN!



Monsoon level rains pounded the island in December flooding homes, the National Sports Centre, and even destroying roads and bridges. This elderly bridge in Laxey succumbed and took down a bus when it went. Fortunately, no passengers were on the bus and the driver was unharmed. Massive waves pounded the island and millions of pounds of damage was incurred.



WASHINGTON MANX HOIST SAILS, GLASSES - BILL CASSIDY

In anticipation of the Annapolis Convention, a small but intrepid Manx crew joined skipper Jim Kneale onboard the *S/V Dream Catcher* Oct. 10 for a brief sail and nautical cocktails on Maryland's Patapsco River. Martha and Harold Quayle, Kelly and Bill McCarthy and Bill Cassidy set out on a three-hour tour with Jim took us past White Rocks and close to Sparrow Point, not far from Baltimore Harbor.



The *Dream Catcher* is a dream come true for Jim and Faith Kneale, who have worked long and hard to restore the sailboat. We had a beautiful afternoon for sailing. Once gathered at the Fairview Marina, we cast off into Wall Cove, made for Rock Creek and then sailed into the Patapsco, which leads to Chesapeake Bay. We sailed across the river, in sight of Baltimore.



Captain Kneale at the wheel.

On the river, Harold Quayle, Bill Cassidy and Bill McCarthy took their turns at the wheel, steering us past White Rocks and out toward the ship channel. When we returned to the marina, we enjoyed fabulous chili and more drinks, including liberal portions of Captain Kneale's rum. This was a grand opportunity for the Washington-area Manx to spend some fun time together, learn a bit more about each other and plan for future events, including next year's NAMA Convention in nearby Annapolis, Maryland. Our thanks to Jim for hosting us aboard the *Dream Catcher* — Gura mie mooar echey!



STAYING CONNECTED WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

Visit our 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. **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: tywald**

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>.



Like Facebook???? We're on Facebook at North American Manx Association.

WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?

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A MANX PRISONER:

ELEANOR, DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER C.1400-1452



The prediction reached the King's guardians, they also consulted astrologers who could find no such future illness in their as-

Eleanor was once very close to the throne. So close, that if her nephew Henry VI had died, she would have become queen. She, like many others of the day, consulted astrologers to try to divine the future. Her astrologers, Thomas Southwell and Roger Bolingbroke predicted that Henry VI would suffer a life-threatening illness in July or August 1441. When rumours of the

astrological predictions, a comfort for the king who had been troubled by the rumours. They then followed the rumours to their source and interrogated Southwell, Bolingbroke and John Home (Eleanor's personal confessor) and then arrested Southwell and Bolingbroke on charges of treasonable necromancy. Bolingbroke named Eleanor as the instigator so she too was arrested and tried. The charges against her were possibly exaggerated to curb the ambitions of her husband.

Eleanor denied most of the charges but confessed to obtaining potions from Margery Jourdemayne, "the Witch of Eye". Her explanation was that they were potions to help her conceive. Eleanor confessed and she and her fellow conspirators were found guilty. Southwell died in the Tower of London, Bolingbroke was hanged, drawn and quartered, and Jourdemayne was burnt at the stake. Eleanor had to perform public penance in London, divorce her husband and was then condemned to life imprisonment. In 1442, Eleanor was imprisoned at Chester Castle, then in 1443 moved to Kenilworth Castle. In July 1446 she was moved to the Isle of Man, and finally in March 1449 to Beaumaris Castle in Anglesey, where she died on 7 July 1452.



WILLIAM KENNISH – THE MANX ENGINEER

PLEASE HELP
build a memorial to
A Great Manxman

Help descendants and supporters raise £4,000 in 28 days to place a Manx Granite headstone in NEW YORK at the final resting place of William Kennish – Royal Navy Veteran, Inventor, Explorer, Poet and Engineer. (The fundraising deadline is 28th December)

"I hope as many people as possible will support this initiative to install a Manx Granite Memorial at the final resting place of this extraordinary man."
Hon Clare Christian MLC, President of Tynwald

"I trust all true Manxmen and those that love the Isle of Man will support this worthwhile endeavour."
Mr Bernard Moffatt, Director of Information, The Celtic League

www.william-kennish.com/wkm

or email memorial@william-kennish.com for further details.

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Plans are afoot to place a Manx granite memorial headstone on the unmarked final resting place in New York of the Maughold-born Royal Navy Carpenter, Gunner, Engineer and Inventor William Kennish. Although a crowdfunding venture failed, a new one has been started and the North American Manx Association has pledged one hundred pounds towards its construction, should it occur.

William Kennish started his career as a carpenter in Ramsey on South Quay before joining the Royal Navy in 1821. Robert Stimpson, an admirer of his work, has been liaising with William's American and Manx-based descendants to plan for a local granite memorial to be carved on the island and shipped out to New York.

Interestingly, William's son, also William, later supervised the construction of the concrete plinth to the Statue of Liberty. His letter encouraging donations to the plinth was published in the New York Times. He worked on it with Thomas, his younger brother. *The Statue of Liberty therefore has Manx Foundations!*

Please help publicize this non-profit fund-raising project. The project is supported by the President of Tynwald, Hon Clare Christian MLC and also Mr. Bernard Moffatt of the Celtic League. The initiative will be re-launched no later than March 19th 2016 the anniversary of his death in 1862 using a different, more traditional fund-raising approach.

If you would like contribute or to take part in this new fund-raising program which should run until December 31st, 2016, Robert would be very grateful to receive your details to allow him to contact you directly. Please email him at rwstimpson@william-kennish.com.



NAMA 2018 CONVENTION UPDATE

In a continued to effort to reach out to our membership, specifically the Canadian membership, 2nd Vice President Katy Prendergast and Treasurer John Prendergast along with Mary Prendergast sent out postcards to all NAMA members in the Pacific Rim, notifying them that we would be in the area in October 17th.



The family flew to Victoria, BC and was able to meet with Keith and Vera Costain (pictured with Katy and John Prendergast). The five had a lovely dinner and lively conversation at The Grand Pacific Hotel. There was much chatter about the island, and all of the things to do in the area, as well as Keith's childhood on the Isle of Man.

Katy, Mary and John all toured the area, and stayed at multiple hotels over the weekend in an effort to search for potential convention sites for 2018. A city has been chosen by the Chicago Manx Society and will be presented during the 2016 meeting of the NAMA board.

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NAMA 2020 CONVENTION UPDATE - DAVID NIXON

Plans are underway for the 2020 NAMA Convention in Plymouth, Massachusetts, coinciding with the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower. The occasion is important to people of Manx descent, as Myles Standish, who was key to the success of Plimouth Plantation, had Manx connections. Planned events include tours of historical sites, visits to museums and genealogical societies, and outdoor activities in a beautiful setting.

REGISTRATION FORM



53rd Convention June 23-26, 2016

Name(s) of those attending:	
Street:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	email:

Are you intending to stay at the hotel? If so, how many rooms? (in case we need to adjust the contract) _____

Make Room Reservations at O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel at (410)263-7700. Ask for NAMA Convention rate of \$149/nt	Cost	# tickets	Total
Convention Registration - Pick one:			
Saturday daytime workshops only	\$15		
Day and Evening programs: Workshops, Friday & Saturday evening events. Saturday dinner: ___#Crabcakes ___#Filet Mignon	\$130		
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:			
Cold Cut Sub, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$10.50		
Roast Beef Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$10		
Tuna Salad Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$8		
Sliced Deli Turkey Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$8		
Veggie Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$8		
Sliced Deli Ham Sandwich, potato chips, soda, and dessert	\$8		
2 slices of Cheese Pizza, soda, and dessert	\$7		
Make checks Payable to: North American Manx Association		Total	

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