

December, 2018

Expanding Our Scottish Roots

Dear Friend,

It's going to be a big year for the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit! A year of celebration, highland games and more Scottish programming than ever before!

Founded in 1849, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is the oldest benevolent organization in the State of Michigan. Our mission is to aid fellow Scots and to encourage the love of Scotland through its history, customs, music, literature and national games. In 2018, over \$30,000.00 in benevolences were awarded to both Scottish cultural organizations and worthy organizations within our local community.

The Society moved into its current home, the Kilgour Scottish Centre, in 2010. Since that time, Society activities and public events have grown to include private hall rentals, public fish fry dinners during the Lenten season, monthly happy hour pub nights and premier whisky tastings and an outstanding Scottish library.

In 2019, you will be offered more public programming such as cooking classes, costuming workshops, genealogy research, history lectures ... the Skye is the limit! The Society plans to offer classes to expand the exposure of both the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and the Kilgour Scottish Centre, a lovely rental venue for weddings, parties and corporate events.

This year, we need your help with the OUTSIDE of the building.

The landscaping is overgrown, the shrubbery is poorly placed and there is no sprinkler system. Our estimate of \$7,000 to clear out, move some existing shrubs and replace others will result in a cleaner, more attractive and balanced first appearance of our building. The proposed plans were created with low maintenance and high curb appeal in mind – the aim is to be appealing to both visitors as well as potential event renter.

What you can do...

Your donation will pay for plants, shrubs and professional labor to complete Phase One of this project – the front of the building and the south side (next to the Burns Room). These are the most visible areas to start improvements. Your donation will be used to:

✓ Clear out overgrown vegetation	✓ Design a curb-friendly, low maintenance plan
✓ Move plants or shrubs to better locations	✓ Purchase appropriate plantings
✓ Place and plant all items	✓ Install a basic watering system

Your gift of \$25.00 or more will go a long way toward the completion of this project. Your name will be listed on a recognition poster inside the foyer near the historic doors from the original St. Andrew's Hall and you will be able to enjoy the beautiful results of your donation for years to come. (You are welcome to donate in memoriam or as a gift for someone else.)

Please help beautify our Hall as we take the next step in the long history of The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.
Thank you!

John D. Cherry
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Chair, Sponsorship Committee
St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

✂ Cut Here ✂

Please accept my donation of \$ _____ to be used toward the restoration and beautification of the grounds of the Kilgour Scottish Centre.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name on recognition poster: _____

(please list exactly the way you wish it to be written)