

# The Highland Fling

January 2021



Emma Velasco, President

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Dear Fellow Society Members,

## Happy New Year!

I think everyone is looking forward to 2021 with more anticipation than usual, with only one thought for the year to come: let us all stay safe and healthy.

Our membership meetings will resume on January 4, 2021. We will continue to meet via Zoom until further notice – we will only resume gatherings at the hall when safely allowed to do so within the State guidelines. If you have not joined the Zoom meeting before, the January meeting will be a great time to jump in – we are installing our newly elected officers, trustees, and appointed positions. Much of our success rests with our officers and trustees, and I send my heartfelt thanks to them for their time and dedication.

I'd like to pay special tribute to our outgoing Trustee Chairman John Cherry. John served as a trustee for six years and he has been chairman for most of that time. His leadership and vision served us well, and his dedication to the advancement of Scottish culture and history helped keep our organization on the map as we hosted the North American Scottish Leadership Conference multiple times. John's sense of fairness and structure goes well beyond what he learned in the political arena – it is the mark of a man with a keen mind, a benevolent spirit and a big heart. Thank you, John, for your dedication to The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

I am typically at the office on Thursday afternoons – if you need me for any reason, that is my on-site day. Otherwise, I am best reached via email, and I try to respond within a few hours.

Again, Happy New Year to all as we turn the page, march forward, and face the future with the strength and courage that flows in our Scottish blood.

May this be a blessed year for all of us. Yours Aye,

Emma Velasco, President



President Emma Velasco with former Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Annual Highland Games. Benny was a great supporter of the Highland Games and especially our Tug O' War Competition. Sheriff Napoleon passed away in December of Covid-19.





Lynette McLeod,  
Benevolence Chair

## ***Our Benevolences Page***

Our December 2020 Charity was the **Marines' Toys for Tots Fill-the-Box** fundraiser. I am happy to report that the good and generous members of SASD donated \$1,110.00, which was matched by the Middlemas Matching Fund for a total of \$2,220.00.

***“And so, as Tiny Tim said, 'A Merry Christmas to us all; God bless us, everyone!’”***

**Our January Charity**, to support the homeless and needy, is the [Detroit Rescue Mission](#):

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries has served Detroit's most in need, including the homeless and hungry, since 1909. To anyone in need, Detroit Rescue Mission will provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, plus education and youth programs. Shelter Residents stay overnight and are provided meals and the opportunity to shower and receive new clothing items. Shelter Counselors do an assessment with each resident, encourage, and help residents apply for services and take steps to help them meet long term needs, and assure that clients receive emergency medical or counseling needs.

**As we cannot gather for our January meeting to hear from representatives of this group and to bring items needed by shelter residents, please consider making a donation toward this worthy mission.**

**Check:** You can mail a check, payable to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, with the name Detroit Rescue Mission in the Memo Line to: Kilgour Scottish Centre, 2363 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI 48083.

**PayPal:** (1) Click on the Button below to go to our Donate page. (2) Click the **“PayPal Donate Now”** button. (3) Scroll down to the box that says “(Optional) Use this Donation for” (4) Drop down to select **January Charity - Detroit Rescue Mission**.

**Matching:** St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Member donations are matched (up to the \$100 per member per year, to however many charities you contribute throughout the year) from the SASD Middlemas Matching fund.

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The January Benevolence is \$1,000.00 for the **St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band**. Check out the pipe band at [DetroitScots.com/Pipe-Band](http://DetroitScots.com/Pipe-Band)

cùm sàbhailte – Keep Safe, Lynette



# St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021

January 2021			
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
1/4	Membership Meeting & Installation of Officers & Trustees 6:00 pm (ZOOM)	Detroit Rescue Mission	St. Andrew's Pipe Band
1/12	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)		
1/14	Open Library Hours 10:30 am-3:30 pm		
1/14	Virtual Trivia Night, 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
1/16	Open Library Hours 10:30 am-3:30 pm		
1/19	House Committee Mtg 5:00 pm (ZOOM) Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)		
1/23	Virtual Robert Burns Dinner, 6:00 Happy Hour (ZOOM)		
1/28	Open Library Hours 10:30 am-3:30 pm		
February 2021			
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
2/1	Membership Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)	TBD	Charles S. Low Memorial Library
2/9	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)		
2/11	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
2/16	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (ZOOM) Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)		
2/20	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
2/25	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
2/27	NEW member breakfast (ZOOM) Time TBD		
March 2021			
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
3/1	Membership Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)	TBD	Erskine Hospital Veteran Services - Scotland
3/9	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)		
3/11	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
3/16	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (ZOOM) Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)		
3/20	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
3/25	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
	CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE		





**St. Andrew's  
Society of Detroit's  
Giving Tuesday...**

Fundraiser by St. Andrew's Society  
of Detroit •

Donate

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Facebook

We would like to thank those who donated to our recent Facebook Fundraiser on #GivingTuesday which was December 1st. On Facebook alone, we received donations of over \$600. In January, we will find out how much of that money will be matched by Facebook.

Do you use Facebook? During this year especially, Social Media has become a major tool for keeping in touch with our friends and loved ones.

As a recognized 501(c)(3) charity, you can create a fundraiser for the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. Pick it for your birthday fundraiser or choose it for #GivingTuesday, Facebook allows you to create a fundraiser for your chosen charity. If you see that the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is having a fundraiser, share it on your Newsfeed. This allows your Facebook family to contribute or share to their family.

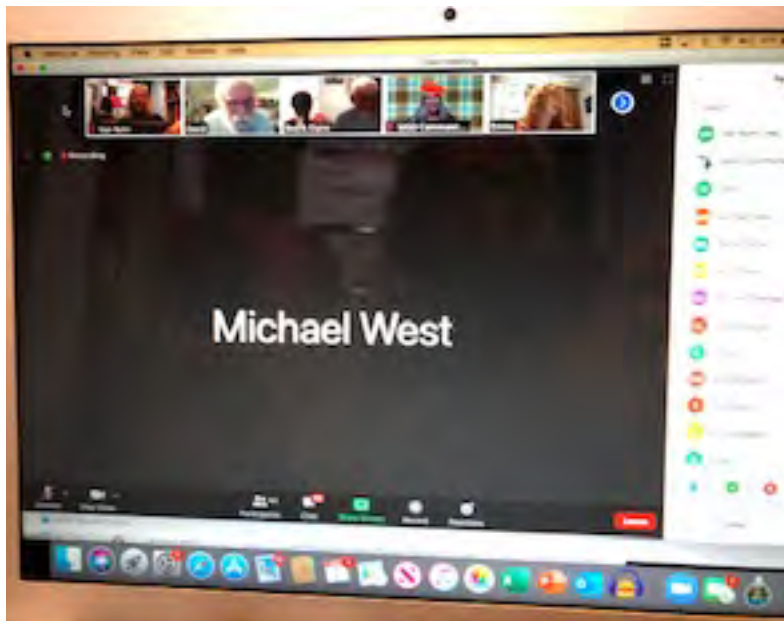
The more that you share our Facebook posts, the larger our followers grow. People love our posts about Scotland's heritage, landscape, and food! You can find us on Facebook at [@detroitscots](https://www.facebook.com/detroitscots).

I would like to thank Facebook Editor extraordinaire, Mary McClain. Mary's dedication to bring interesting items to our attention has helped our audience grow! She also wishes each of our members a Happy Birthday on their special day.

*Auld Lang Syne*

## **December Membership Zoom Meeting, Dec. 7, 2020**

### **Do you recognize this name?**



**Michael West is a former President of the SASD (2011-2011).**

**He is currently residing in Saudi Arabia. Michael joined our December Zoom Membership Meeting! That means that Michael woke up at 3am to join our meeting!**

Our December 7th Zoom Membership Meeting was well attended. The important event of the evening was the Election of Officers & Trustees. We would like to congratulate our 2021 Executive Committee and our Board of Trustees!

### **2021 Executive Committee**

Office	Name
President	Emma Velasco
First Vice President	Doug Reith
Second Vice President	Kim Martin
Recording Secretary	Kelly Hemmerling
Membership Secretary	Rosemary Newton
Acting Treasurer	John McCulloch
Cultural Activities Director	
Communications Director	Shelby Rohr
Society Piper	David Martin
Highland Games Chair	Cathy Hasse
Society Bard	Elliot MacFarlane
Chaplain	Fr. Scott Hunter

### **2021 Board of Trustees**

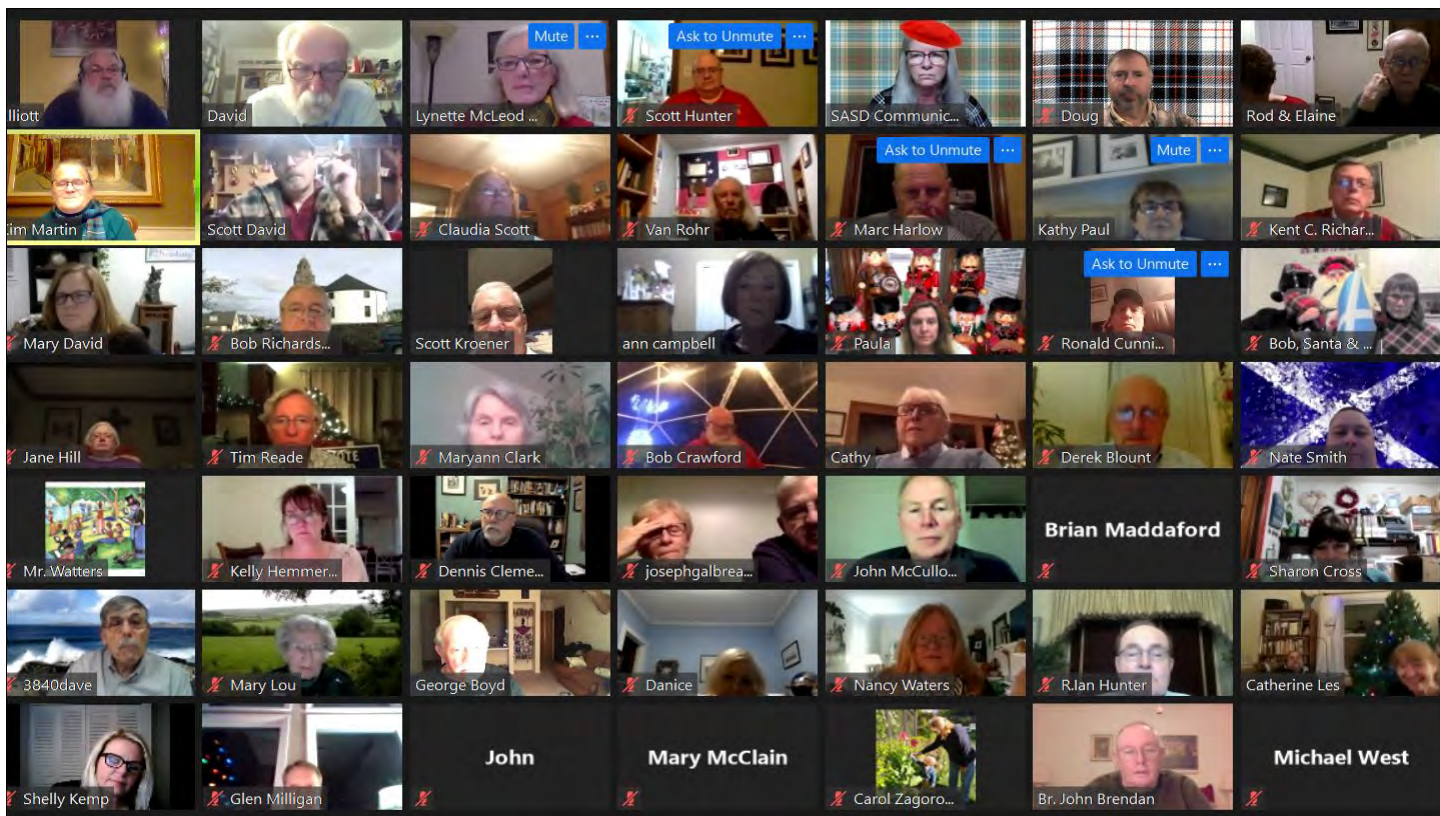
Trustee Name	Term of Office
Ron Cunningham (Co-Vice Chair)	2020 - 2022
Jerry Beasley (Co-Vice Chair)	2019 - 2021
Lynette McLeod	2019 - 2021
George Boyd	2019 - 2021
Stuart Kennedy	2020-2022
Clifford Les	2020-2022
Nancy Fromm	2021-2023
Scott David	2021-2023
Kent Richards	2021-2023

## December Membership Zoom Meeting, Dec. 7, 2020

### St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 2021 Proposed Budget - SUMMARY

**APPROVED**

	2019 BUDGET	2020 BUDGET	2021 PROPOSED
<b>INCOME</b>			
Total Membership Revenue	\$ 19,810	\$ 18,760	\$ 15,720
Cash Account Transfer	\$ 69,600	\$ 105,500	\$ 117,000
Total Activity Income	\$ 134,000	\$ 125,700	\$ 30,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 223,410</b>	<b>\$ 249,960</b>	<b>\$ 162,720</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Operating Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,050
Total Benevolences Given	\$ 34,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 33,000
Total Administrative Expense	\$ 38,750	\$ 39,120	\$ 38,981
Total Kilgour Expense	\$ 118,215	\$ 91,890	\$ 77,745
Total Cost of Sales	\$ 64,850	\$ 70,300	\$ 11,350
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 221,815</b>	<b>\$ 233,810</b>	<b>\$ 162,126</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>16,150</b>	<b>\$ 594</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION - Actual 2019 Amount</b>		<b>\$ 64,200</b>	<b>\$ 64,200</b>





## ***The Night Before Hogmanay***

***By Doug Reith***

'Twas the night before Hogmanay, when all through the  
Kilgour, Not a creature was stirring, not even a small boar;  
The stockings were hung by our chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Andrews soon would be there;

The members had nestled all snug in their beds;  
While visions of Whisky drams danced in their heads;  
And Emma in her 'kerchief, and John in his cap,  
Had just settled their tastes for a long winter's night-cap,

When out on the parking lot there arose such a clatter,  
We sprang from our meeting to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window, we flew like a flash,  
Tore open the Venetian blinds and spilled all the trash.

The moon on the breast of the newly salted road,  
Gave a lustre of midday to Rochester Road,  
When what to our wondering eyes did appear,  
But a miniature Chevy and eight tiny red-deer,

With a little old driver so lively, bemused,  
We knew in a moment he must be St. Andrews.  
More rapid than rampant Lions his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Elliot! now, David! now Rosemary and Cathy!  
On, Shelby! on, Kathleene! on, Kelly and Nancy!  
To the top of the archway! to the top of the hall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;  
So up to the Kilgour the coursers they flew  
With the sleigh full of Haggis, and St. Andrews too—

And then, in a twinkling, we heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As we drew in our heads and were turning around,  
Down the chimney, St. Andrews came with a bound.

He was dressed in a kilt, from his waist to his knees,  
And his clothes were all ruffled by branches and trees;  
A bundle of tartans he had flung on his back,  
And he looked just like a peddler just opening his pack

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a Reith;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly  
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And we laughed when we saw him, in spite of ourself;  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head  
Soon gave me to know we'd soon have some  
shortbread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all our stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his vehicle, to his team played his pipes,  
And away they all flew without any gripes.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—  
"Happy Hogmanay to all, and to all a good night!"



**The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit  
Invites you to**

**A VIRTUAL EVENING IN HONOR OF ROBERT BURNS  
POET, LYRICIST, HISTORIAN, BARD OF SCOTLAND**



**Saturday, January 23, 2021  
Happy Hour begins at 6:00 P.M.**

**More details to follow**

**TICKETS GO ON SALE ON JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
[WWW.DETROITSCOTS.COM](http://WWW.DETROITSCOTS.COM)**

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The poster features a tartan background. At the top is the 'Detroit Scots Zoom' logo, which includes the text 'Detroit Scots' in a stylized font, 'ZOOM' in large block letters, and 'ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT' below it. The letters 'Z', 'O', and 'M' each contain a small cartoon character. Below the logo is a large blue rectangle with the text 'VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHTS' in white, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath that is a green rectangle with the text 'THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH' and '7:00 PM' in white, bold, sans-serif font. To the left of the green rectangle is a small logo for 'DETROIT SCOTS' with a map of Michigan and the text 'The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, est. 1849'.

Please help us grow our Trivia Nights by inviting friends and family! We would also love to help you develop your own round of Trivia Questions in future events! Just email us at [Communications@detroitscots.com](mailto:Communications@detroitscots.com)

If you are curious about our monthly **Virtual Trivia Nights**, check out our past events on our website! We include the Trivia Questions and Recipes! You can get to the latest event on our [www.detroitscots.com](http://www.detroitscots.com) [home page](#), at the top is a sliding events for links to future events and recent past events. Click on the Trivia Night button on the home page or the button below will take you directly to the December 10th event.

[Click Here](#)

But wait! You really wanted to see Shelby's recipe for Scottish eggs? Was that in October or November? We have a [2020-2021 Events Calendar \(Long Term\)](#) and you can find links to our past 2020 events and our future 2021 events all on one page!

[Click Here](#)



## ***172nd Annual Highland Games***

What are you doing on **August 7, 2021**? Hopefully you and all of the members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit will be gathering at Greenmead to celebrate the 172nd Annual Highland Games. Of course, we will be doing this only if the medical people, government, and scientists say we can gather legally and safely. We realize our beloved Games will not be as large as they were in 2019, but we hope they will be bigger than in 2020. Your Games committee will definitely be keeping their collective eyes on the news and plan accordingly. As in 2020, we will certainly host 'something' to keep our tag-line of 'Oldest Continuous Games in North America' going. The committee will start planning early in the new year with Plans B, C, and D at the ready to be in compliance with all of the current rules and regulations. We will certainly go ahead with the Raffle knowing we will have the support of our members and friends.

Your Games Committee, Cathy, Glen and Jerry are back at the helm with the support and help of the other chairs. The Games do not just happen. They are the result of the efforts of many members and friends. Trust us, we will host the best Games as possible under the circumstances –no matter what those circumstances are.

Meanwhile, we ask all members to circle the date, plan positively, think about how you can get involved and decide on how many extra raffle tickets you'll want/need in 2021.

Cathy Hasse, Glen Milligan and Jerry Beasley

### **From the Games Committee**

For the past umpteen years, Wayne County Sheriff, Benny Napoleon attended the Annual Highland Games. His death from complications of the COVID-19 saddened all of us. He came to the Games mainly to cheer for his team(s) of the Wayne County Sherriff's Tug O' War Teams, but he enjoyed all aspects of the Games. He was interested in the Clan Parade and definitely in the Heavy Athletic events. The traveling Loving Cup Trophy that is awarded to the winning Tug O' WarTeam each year was first presented by the Wayne County Sherriff's Department in 1917 to the St. Andrew's Society Annual Highland Games. Benny loved cheering for his teams and was delighted when they were the victors. We will miss Benny being on stage at the Games. We salute and thank him for his years of dedication and loyalty. Our condolences go to his family and to all of Wayne County. RIP Benny!!



## Scottish North American Community Conference 2020

How Can We Ensure the Enduring Bonds of Scottish North American Friendship, and the Relevance of Scottish Identity in a Globalized World?



By John Cherry, Trustee

On Friday December 4th, John King Bellasai—the President of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations—welcomed the virtual conference participants via Zoom Webinar to the Scottish North American Community Conference. After making the point that Scots have made their mark on every aspect of North American life, President Bellasai introduced the Conference Keynote Speaker, Viscount Dunrossil—Andrew Morrison.

In his remarks, Andrew Morrison introduced the central notion of the conference—Identity. Andrew posed the questions: Who are you? To whom do you belong? He suggested that these questions were at the foundation of what people conceived to be identity. However, he went on to suggest that it was a much more complicated question. For Viscount Dunrossil, it revolved around that age old question that has plagued biologists, sociologists, anthropologists, and historians: Is identity a function of nature or of nurture. He suggested that the complexity was a product of the subjectivity that emerges when you begin to view identity as lying along a continuum with DNA (Nature) at one end and Choice (Nurture) on the other. In that respect, traditions that come from the social choices we make are as important to establishing our identity as are the DNA we inherit from our parents.

In retrospect, Viscount Dunrossil's remarks truly set the tone for the Conference. Every subsequent topic over the three days touched somewhere along this continuum that Andrew Morrison defined. For me, it was reminiscent of remarks made a month earlier by history Professor Patrick Griffin of Notre Dame at a webinar held by the Scotch Irish Society of the United States. In that instance, Dr. Griffin asserted that migration was an 'act of imagination.' He further noted that Gaelic speakers were not intimidated by borders. They moved over them and through them unimpeded. Combined with their imagination and their innovation they created an Atlantic community that paved the way for globalization.

A subsequent panel entitled "The Road to Scotland is Paved with DNA," Ken MacGregor of Clan Gregor, Dr. Maurice Gleason (Founder of Genetic Genealogy Ireland), Dr. Robin Spencer (Senior Research Fellow at Pfizer retired), and Susan Miller of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society all painted a picture of the migration paths taken by various peoples into what is today known as Scotland. They talked about the advances in genealogical DNA research, and what it has meant in terms of developing a biological picture of Scottish identity. The picture they painted was one of ethnic diversity. Their discussion was followed by Dr. Bruce Durie a Scottish Genealogist and Heraldist known to many in the American Scottish Diaspora. Dr. Durie built a bridge from this DNA story to the more subjective aspects of Scottish identity when he made the case that 'ethnicity is a special construct.' Bruce Durie's presentation wrapped up Friday's program.

Saturday's webinar was kicked off by Gus Noble, President of the Chicago Scots. Gus a native of lowland Scotland, talked about the role that Scottish identity played in his life and how it has encouraged the St. Andrew's Society of Illinois to embrace those who were Scottish by inclination. Gus introduced Joni Smith—the Scottish Government's Scottish Affairs Counsellor to the United States. Ms. Smith provided a welcome, and noted the Scottish Government's enthusiasm for the Scottish North American Community Conference. Her remarks were followed by Charles, Lord Bruce



## Scottish North American Community Conference 2020 (continued)

who talked about Robert The Bruce and the origins of The Declaration of Arbroath which some have argued was a foundational document in the political philosophies emerging from the Scottish Enlightenment. In a subsequent panel, John King Bellasai made the case that a line can be drawn from the Declaration of Arbroath through the Scottish Enlightenment to the Declaration of Independence. Professor Donna Heddle from the University of Highlands and Islands made the very important point that the Declaration of Arbroath declared Robert The Bruce to be King of The Scots—not the King of Scotland. In that respect, the Declaration of Arbroath was instrumental in creating the notion of Scottish identity separate from geography.

The Rt. Honorable Henry McLeish—the former First Minister of Scotland—built on that through his address entitled “Scotland’s Influence on North America.” In his remarks The Right Honorable traced the path from the Scottish Enlightenment to a broader commitment to the well being of humanity. This was the foundation for his globalist perspective and the need for all of us to reject a narrow nationalist perspective. The final panel for Saturday morning further explored the notion of Scotland’s Influence on North America. In particular, Canadian author Ken McGoogan outlined several pathways by which Scotland has extended its influence to North American. He pointed to the economic influence that Scottish migrants brought to the North American continent—the domination of the fur trade, industrialization through individuals such as Andrew Carnegie, and the Communications revolution spawned by Alexander Graham Bell. He mentioned the influence of the Scottish Enlightenment on both Canadian and US foundational documents, and the extent to which the Scottish migrant influenced culture and the arts.

Saturday afternoon’s conference began with a discussion on how a variety of Scottish North American organizations have tried to cope with the restrictions of our COVID pandemic. The panel was entitled “Our Virtual Presence—The New Normal for the Scottish North American Community.” Kimberly Bradford of the St. Andrew’s Society of Los Angeles, Deb Dalziel of the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Kyle Dawson of the National Tartan Day Committee, Cheryl Gowing of the Association of Scottish Games and Festivals, and both Jane Torrance and Heather Theoret of the Scottish Society of Ottawa participated in the panel. They outlined the different strategies that each of their respective organizations have pursued. The common denominator for all was Zoom and they all attempted to provide a virtual connection for their members. Their panel was followed by a similar panel focusing on Scottish Arts programs.

The last panel of the day featured a discussion on the “Cultural impact of Scotland on North America—Scottish Studies and Online Engagement. William Petrie, President of the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada moderated the discussion which featured Prof. Kevin James who chairs the Scottish Studies Foundation of Guelph University, Prof. Frank Rennie of the University of Highlands and Islands, Julie Bond of the Gaelic Society of Toronto, and Bob Creighton who serves as CEO of University Innovations. The bottom line: there is plenty of opportunity for anyone to explore Scottish Studies online for degree or enrichment purposes.

The final day of the conference started with an update from Dr. Joseph Morrow, QC, Lord Lyon King of Arms. Dr. Morrow reviewed the activities of the Lyon’s office during 2020. He also spent time outlining those new programs granting arms to the Scottish Diaspora abroad who have distinguished themselves in their personal efforts to promote Scottish heritage. Dr. Morrow’s presentation was followed by a very engaging discussion by Prof. Caroline McCracken-Flesher on “Sir Walter Scott, the Strangeness of Scotland and the idea of America.” Next year features Scott 250 in Scotland to celebrate the 250th birthday of Sir Walter Scott. Prof. McCracken-Flesher talked about the 19th Century American fascination with the novels of Scott, and how Scott shaped American ideals and aspirations.

After Professor McCracken-Flesher, Donald MacLaren of McLaren provides a message from the Standing Council of Clan Chiefs. In his message, Chief MacLaren reviewed the confusion that often exists between the concept of clans, families and communities. He stressed that you don’t have to be a member of a clan to be Scottish. Chief MacLaren’s message was followed by several presentations on tourism with a special message from Lord Thurso, Chairman of VisitScotland.

## Scottish North American Community Conference 2020 (continued)

Lord Thurso's remarks were followed by a panel discussion of Scottish tourism in 2021. Lord Jamie Sempill, Kirstin Bridier of the National Trust for Scotland USA, Gordon Boag of Glasgow Life, and Camilla Hellman of the American Scottish Foundation talked about special events that may be occurring in Scotland in 2021; but the bottom line is that no one knows what will be happening with COVID infections and resulting restrictions. We will all probably be in a holding pattern until at least the later half of 2021.

The Conference concluded with a wrap up panel which I moderated. William Petrie of CASSOC, John King Bellasai of COSCA, Camilla Hellman from the ASF, and Gus Noble of the Chicago Scots all offered their observations on the weekend. We agreed that Scottish influence on the development of Canada and the United States was so foundational that it often goes unrecognized. It could not go unnoticed, however, the variety of pathways that Scots have used to export our culture—political philosophy, music, tourism, technology, education, and our penchant to push boundaries. In that way we have ingrained the Scottish values of democracy, independence, audacity, perseverance, and diversity in Canadian and US society. We also pointed back to the Declaration of Arbroath to recognize that the Scots who pledged loyalty to Robert The Bruce 700 years ago have ignored the geographical boundaries of Scotland and extended their domain across the Atlantic and around the world.

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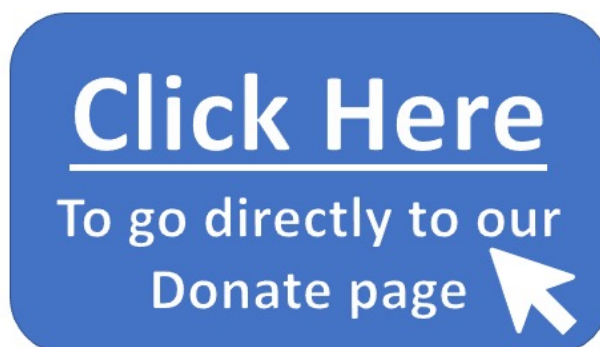
## In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- Member & Trustee, George Boyd, is recovering at home after undergoing Carotid Artery surgery on December 16, 2020.
- Member Andrew (Andy) Richardson passed on November 29th. He is the father of Eve Milligan and Father-In-Law to Glen.

Memorial donations are designated to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit at the request of his wife, Virginia Richardson.

**Donate to our  
Flower Fund here:**





## *Off the Shelf... News about the Charles S. Low Memorial Library*

Happy New Year to Everyone from the Low Library! We as well as all of you are looking forward to a better year as well as a safe one and once again open our doors to the Library!

The Library receives many requests from members and from the community asking questions about the Society, information on family members or questions related to our history in Detroit and in the community. At our last Library Business meeting it was suggested that in those instances we were not able to come up with an answer, we would open up to the membership for their assistance. We would like to know if any members can assist Steve on his question: "Can you tell me where St. Margaret of Scotland Guild met in the 1950-60s. I believe it was in a church basement/hall on the west side of Detroit."

You can answer to Steve by sending your response to the Library at [library@detroitscots.com](mailto:library@detroitscots.com) and we will forward to him. Thank you for your assistance.

The Library is always looking for ideas and suggestions on what we can do to provide material and programs for you, the members as well as for the community. In the past, we have received suggestions for purchasing books, programs for the Library to sponsor such as our very successful Outlander event, site visits like St. Andrew's Hall, as well as starting a book club which continues even with the shutdowns this year. Let us know what you would like to see or want from the Library and we will do our best to make it happen.

### **The Low Library Book Club:**

The book for December was **Mermaids Singing by Val McDermid**, the first book in the Tony Hill/Carol Jordan series. It won the Crime Writers of America Award for best crime novel of 1995 and the TV series Wire in the Blood is based on this series. The group decided that although the characters were well developed and we didn't see the surprise ending coming, the very graphic descriptions of the murders was too much for most of us.

**Our next book will be The Game of Kings by Dorothy Dunnett.** It's the first book in her Lymond Chronicles series: Dunnett introduces her irresistible hero Francis Crawford of Lymond, a scapegrace nobleman of elastic morals and dangerous talents whose tongue is as sharp as his rapier. In 1547, Lymond is returning to his native Scotland, which is threatened by an English invasion. Accused of treason, Lymond leads a band of outlaws in a desperate race to redeem his reputation and save his land.

Cathy McCullough Les is the coordinator for the book club. Our website contains information about current & previous book selections including book review by club members: <https://detroitscots.com/library/book-club/> If you want to attend the next Zoom meeting; it will be February 8th at 5:30pm, send an email to [library@detroitscots.com](mailto:library@detroitscots.com) to be included on the invite.

### **Library Hours:**

***Please call or email to see if the Library is open due to the closing of the building.***

Email: [library@detroitscots.com](mailto:library@detroitscots.com) Web Page: <https://detroitscots.com/library/>

### **Library Staff:**

Julie Bartoy, Ann Brown, Maryann Clark, Marge Cowan, Sharon Cross, Faith Frederick, Nan Fromm, Irene Hall, Stuart Kennedy, Maureen Lipovsky, Cathy McCullough Les, Nancy Waters, Dennis Clements (Chair)

**Honorary Member:** Dick Fromm      **Contributors:** Linda Davenport and Diane Raymond



# St. Ephrem

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Monday, November 16, 2020

Dear St. Andrew Society,

On behalf of St. Ephrem Parish, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation to St. Ephrem's food pantry.

Through your generous donation, our pantry received:

- 44 boxes of cereal
- 68lbs. of pasta/spaghetti
- 24 jars of spaghetti sauce
- 12 cans/bags of coffee
- 1 box of broth
- 16 diced tomatoes
- 1 3lb bag of sugar
- 13 cans of peas
- 4 cans of fruit
- 44 microwave popcorn
- 39 bar soaps
- Marshmallow/package of cookies/yeast/baking powder/seasonings
- 2 boxes of oatmeal
- 9 bags/boxes of rice
- 3 pancake syrups
- 3 jars of peanut butter
- 10 canned chicken
- 12 applesauce cups
- 2 bags of stuffing
- 13 cans of corn
- 1 salad dressing
- 1 box dishwasher pods
- 162 boxes of macaroni & cheese
- 1 box of baking mix
- 10 cans of stew
- 13 cans of soup
- 22 canned tuna
- 6 env/8 cups instant potatoes
- 1 shake & bake
- 8 cans of black beans
- 1 grated parmesan
- 2 toothpaste

I wish to express our deepest appreciation for this gift and your generosity to St. Ephrem. Our pantry has seen a great increase in need, serving over 150 individuals and families each month. Your donation will help with the many needs of those in our community.

Please know of my continued prayers for you. Stay safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,



Fr. Arokiaselvam Nithiyaselvam, MSFS  
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St. Ephrem Parish

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