

May 2021



Emma Velasco, President

A Message from our 1st VP, Doug Reith

Dear Society Members,

It is with profound sadness we share with you the passing of Greg Velasco, the husband of Emma Velasco, our President. Greg was killed in a motorcycle accident on April 6, 2021.

Since my coming to St. Andrews only a while ago, I've learned and witnessed how much Greg has done over so many years for our Society, our Kilgour Centre, our Highland Games and, in his constant support for our Emma. More recently, numerous Society members have shared stories about how Greg helped them personally. This wonderful man truly gave of himself in so, so many ways. What an incredible loss he will be to all of us.

As I'm writing this before Greg will be memorialized this Friday at the VFW Park in Royal Oak, I know there will be an outpouring of love for Emma and her family by all of our Society members present there as well as those who could not be there. Our hearts are with Emma and her loved ones.

Throughout the year 2020, and now into a new 2021, we have seen how resilient the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit can be! Despite all the restrictions placed in our way, we have still managed to stay active and vibrant with our virtual gatherings, Highland Games Picnic, and more recently, the opportunities we've had to be face-to-face again. Just this year, we've done so much from our Burns Night Event to Book Club, from Portofino events to Pub Nights, and from Livonia to Wyandotte! Our thanks to all who made all these events happen!

Looking forward, there's much more to come! On Saturday, May 1st, at 9:00 am, please come join us at the Kilgour Centre as we do a spring clean-up in our gardens. Then the following Monday, May 3rd, we'll hold another virtual Membership Meeting, where we'll gather again to learn more about Highland Dancing from Kate DeGood, hear of Scottish Adventures from our Bard, Elliot McFarlane, and learn more of the ongoing activities of our society from our new Cultural/Social Director, Patty McKinnon. We will also learn more information about the upcoming Highland Games from our Games Chair, Cathy Hasse, about the Library Committee's activities from Dennis Clements, and our traditional closing song from our Piper, David Martin.

And, don't miss our upcoming Virtual Pub Night on May 14 at 7:00 pm, as well as our Trivia Night on Thursday, May 27, at 7:00 pm. Our thanks to the Communications Team (Shelby Rohr, Mary McClain, Rod Harris, and some other dude) for maintaining these fun opportunities.

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**Lynette McLeod,
Benevolence Chair**

Our Benevolence Page

Our May Charity is the Shower of Love

Our May Charity is the "Shower of Love" for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Clothes Closet, which collects donations of new clothing and items for children being cared for at the hospital.

This year you will have an opportunity to make donations of items at the Kilgour Scottish Centre parking lot on Saturday, May 15th from 1 to 4 pm, or you may make a financial contribution. Please see Cathy Hasse's article about the Shower of Love and how you can help support the needs of the Clothes Closet on the following page.



How to Make Financial Donations

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

PayPal: Click on the "Click Here" Button on the left, or (1) Select the Donate Link on the St. Andrew's Society website. (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 **May Charity - - Shower of Love**.

Matching Contributions

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. This year, your financial contributions to the Shower of Love are **not** subject to the Middlemas Matching Fund's annual per member \$100 limitation.

Our May Benevolence is the Alma College Scottish Arts Scholarship

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is pleased to make a donation of \$5,000 to the Alma College Scottish Arts Scholarship. Alma College awards Scottish Arts Scholarships to students with a demonstrated high level of skills in highland dancing, drumming, fiddling or piping. In the more than 130 years since its founding, Alma College has stayed true to its roots by keeping its Scottish heritage alive.



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Children's Hospital of Michigan's Clothes Closet And the Shower of Love

Twenty-one years ago, three ladies that I have been friends with since first grade and I decided to give a 'Baby Shower' for needy children. We searched around to see what the best way would be to do this one-time event. We chose to associate with the Clothes Closet of Children's Hospital of Michigan for many reasons. Every indigent baby who is discharged from the hospital is given a complete layette to help them get started and older children are given new clothes to take home.

We started planning our event, The Shower of Love. The first year we had about 50 friends and family members there to support our project. We asked each guest to bring an unwrapped item for the babies we were helping. Many came that first year with more than one item from a list of suggested items that we sent them. As the guests left that evening they all said, "see you next year"... so our one-time event was now going to have a 2nd Annual! The volunteer staff at the Clothes Closet was delighted.

At the fourth Annual Shower of Love, I invited a few fellow members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. By this time, the attendance at the Shower was about 120. The members of the St. Andrew's Society were so impressed with our shower, they asked the asked if they could 'piggyback' on to the shower and hold a mini-Shower of Love at a general membership meeting. Those members also petitioned the Trustees and the Benevolence Committee to provide matching funds from the Middlemas Matching Fund program to any member who made a cash donation. The St. Andrew's Society has held a mini-Shower of Love for the past fifteen years. The Society will match any cash/check donation that members donate to the Shower of Love. This is done through the Middlemas Matching Program of the Society. Each year at the main Shower of Love, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is recognized and honored. It makes me so proud to be a member of both groups.

This year we are trying something new!

I know that many of you like to shop for this event instead of writing checks. Clothing for babies is so appealing to many and the sales in the stores and online are fantastic. Also, many of the members of the SASD like to knit or crochet for the babies. So, this year those members who would like to shop or use their talents to make something for the children, you can drop off the items at the **Kilgour Scottish Centre** on **Saturday, May 15th from 1 to 4 pm**. You can just bring it to the hall and there will be someone in the parking lot ready to accept your donations. You will not need to go into the hall or have any close contact with those accepting the items.

The Clothes Closet of Children's Hospital of Michigan has over 10,000 requests a year from nurses, social workers, and doctors. Yes, 10,000! Despite the Pandemic that we have all lived through the past year these requests keep coming. The needs of the children and their families are still there. The requests are not only for babies, but for children up to the age of 17. Through the years the stories that we have heard from the medical staff and the social workers about how much the parents of these kids appreciate the items, are heartwarming. Sometimes we hear the thanks from the kids themselves. Those thank you's are amazing.

The Clothes Closet is just that at the Children's Hospital of Michigan. It is a room (closet) filled with all kinds of clothes for children. There is everything from winter jackets to sweatshirts and sweat pants for older kids, underwear, outfits for newborn children, play clothes, sweaters, hats, mittens, dresses, slacks, and everything else that kids need. The medical staff on the floors with the kids assess the needs of the kids and informs the Clothes Closet staff of what is needed, size wise. Then the kids get the items, frequently with a teary eyed parent watching.

For many of you the easiest way to donate is to go to the SASD Website and donate directly through the easy process that has been set up for you. If you would like to send a check, please **make your check out to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit,** with ***Shower of Love in the Memo line*** and send it to **Kilgour Scottish Centre, 2363 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083**. Giving through the St. Andrew's Society can double your money.

Thank you for your support and kindness.

Cathy Hasse (248-760-9252, if you have any questions.)

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

2021 3 Month Calendar

May 2021			
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
5/1	Cleanup the Kilgour Gardens 9:00 am (In Person!)		
5/3	Membership Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)	Children’s Hospital – Shower of Love	Alma College – Scottish Arts Scholarships
5/11	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)		
5/13	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
5/14	Pub Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
5/15	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
5/18	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (ZOOM) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)		
5/27	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
5/27	Trivia & Games Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
June 2021			
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
6/4	Pub Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
6/7	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation 6:00 pm (ZOOM)	Baldwin Center	William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship Program
6/8	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm		
6/10	Open Library Hours 10:30-3:30 pm		
6/15	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm		
6/19	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
6/24	Open Library Hours 10:30 – 3:30 pm		
6/24	Trivia & Games Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
July 2021			
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
No membership meeting No Executive Committee meeting No Trustees meeting No House Committee meeting			
7/8	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
7/17	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
7/22	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
	Calendar Subject to Change		

A Message from our 1st VP, Doug Reith

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Our Benevolence this month is: **Alma College Scottish Arts Scholarship** and our Charity is: **Shower of Love for the Children's Hospital of Michigan**. Thanks to our Benevolence Chair Lynette McLeod and the Benevolence Committee for all they do. You are always welcome to donate from our website to our wonderful causes!

If God's willing, and the river doesn't rise, we look forward to gathering again this Fall at the Kilgour Centre in September to be together again. Our thanks, to our Kilgour House Manager, Kathleene Thomson, for keeping the home fires burning, in anticipation of that day.

Lastly, don't forget to "sign" our website "book", leave a candle, flower, or story in our virtual memorial for Prince Philip.

Have a fun and safe Spring!

Doug Reith

1st Vice-President



St. Andrew's Society of Detroit – The Detroit Scots – is hosting a Memorial Website in honor of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Please join us in honoring this true Gentleman by leaving a Tribute or Story on our Memorial Website:

<https://www.forevermissed.com/prince-philip-duke-of-edinburgh/>





172nd Annual Highland Games

Plans for the 172nd Annual Highland Games to be held on Saturday, August 7th at Greenmead in Livonia are still rolling along. Your Games Committee is watching the news daily and checking the latest reports of what is allowed and permitted and keeping all safety and health restrictions in mind. You know that these restrictions and limitations are changing and changing and changing. It is hard to know what will be permitted tomorrow, let alone in August. Trust us; we are planning for the best and the biggest Games we will be allowed to offer, at the same time knowing we want all in attendance to be safe and healthy.

The best we can ask you to do at this point is to reserve August 6th and 7th on your personal calendars, think about how many extra Raffle tickets you'll be needing, plan on where you might want to volunteer and start thinking positive thoughts about the weather.

As plans become more concrete, we will definitely keep you informed through the Games Website, e-blasts from the Communications Team and future articles in the FLING. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, please feel free to call Cathy at 248-760-9252 or email her at hassehouse2@gmail.com.

Cathy Hasse, Glen Milligan, and Jerry Bealey

Information about the 2021 Trip to Scotland with Elliot MacFarlane

Our SASD Heartland Tour of Scotland is ready to go in late August. Conditions and rules for travel to Scotland in late summer will not be known until June (as we have been told). Currently it looks like U.S. citizens may be among the first to be able to travel as we lead the world in vaccinations (please get one soon if your turn has come up). Our tour company, Villas and Vines, is confident we will be going!

If you are planning to go, make sure you keep good records of your vaccination dates - type - place. Obviously we cannot go if there is still a 10 day quarantine upon arrival, but that is to be lifted on a country by country basis starting in June.

All of the major tourist stops in Scotland are open and most of the smaller ones. The status of some hotels and restaurants is yet unknown. There may be a couple of adjustments to the published schedule and itinerary due to closures still in effect, but we have plenty of alternatives available and in place if needed.

Questions about trip specifics can be sent to me. Questions about reservations and travel arrangements should be addressed to Villas and vines.

This trip already has a number of people signed up and is limited in size so if you are interested please contact Villas and Vines directly, and soon.

For more information, contact:

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Nine days of History, Heritage, and the Highlands

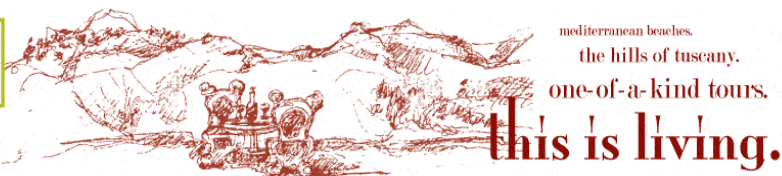
Hosted by Elliot MacFarlane
August 26th – September 4th, 2021

Travel to the Heartland of Scotland with Elliot MacFarlane, the Bard of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and with thirty years experience of Scottish travel.

Sponsored by the *St. Andrew's Society of Detroit*, this trip features much of what you want to see in Scotland, and none of what you don't. After years of hearing about what friends wanted to see, or wished they had, Elliot has put together a trip for people who want off the granny bus. Working with St. Andrews members and Tour Director *David Geen* of *Villas and Vines*, this tour of Scotland will drive past the tourist shops and linger at the spots where memories are made. Come see Scotland as the descendants of Scots have always wanted to see it.

The trip features **nine nights at only three different hotels**, with breakfast and one other meal included every day. The small group of 16 or less will travel the Scottish Heartland with Guide Elliot and Tour Director David accompanying you every wonderful step. Every day features stops at some of the most famous places in Scotland, and some of the places you have never heard of – but should have. Glorious castles and palaces, beautiful churches, moving battlefields, breathtaking gardens, puffing steam trains, magnificent mountains, unique distilleries, deep lochs, and the footsteps of *Mary Queen of Scots*, *Bonnie Prince Charlie*, *Robert Burns*, and *Robert the Bruce* – it all awaits. Great meals in unique restaurants, admission to all sites, and personal insight from the Bard of St. Andrews included. You will not just be buying a seat on a bus; you will be going to Scotland on a tour designed by the travelers.

Join us, come to Scotland, and see it as you have always wanted to.



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Single Supplement is \$800

Deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve your place.

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Please return this form with the \$500 per person, payable to:

Villas and Vines
PO Box 131
Douglas, MI 49406

MasterCard and Visa accepted with a 3% surcharge per person added to the final payment.

Final payment is due by June 27, 2021 (60 days prior)

*This tour includes all hotels, ground transportation, bi-lingual tour guide, activities, meals, and wines as outlined in the program. **Air is NOT included.***

Please note this trip begins and ends in Edinburgh.

CANCELLATION: If canceled up to 60 days prior, there is a \$500 cancellation fee. If canceled between 60 – 30 days prior, the penalty is 50% of the total cost of the trip. The trip is non-refundable if canceled within 30 days of departure. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

For more information and reservations, please contact:

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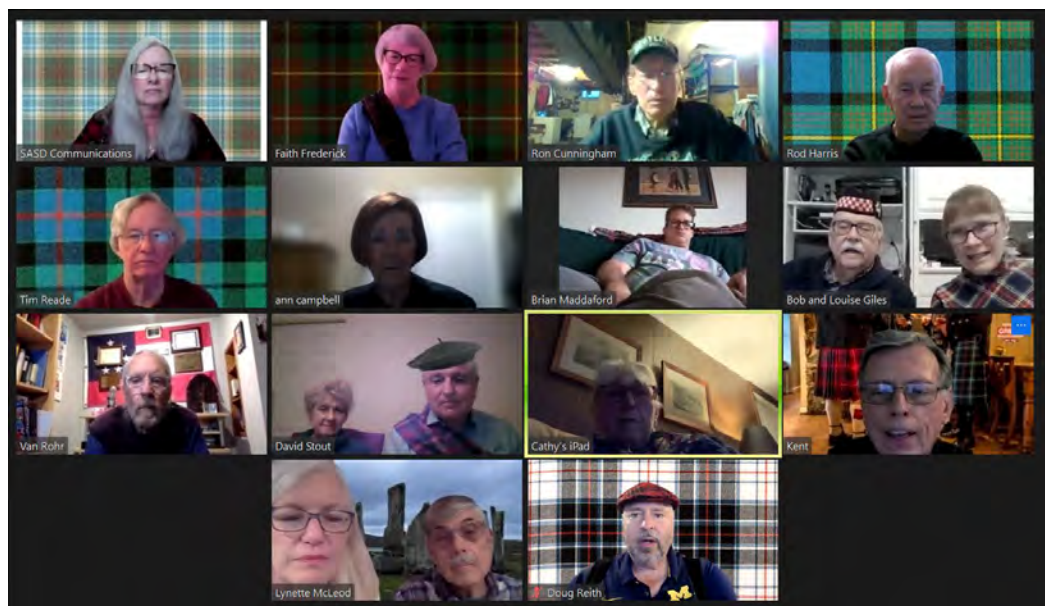
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Do You know the Wee Lad in this picture?



(Answer is on page 20)

Our April Pub Night on Zoom



Detroit Scots Zoom



2021 Dates

~~April 16th~~

May 14th

June 4th

Fridays
On Zoom
at 7:00 pm

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THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM

~~APRIL 20TH~~
MAY 27TH
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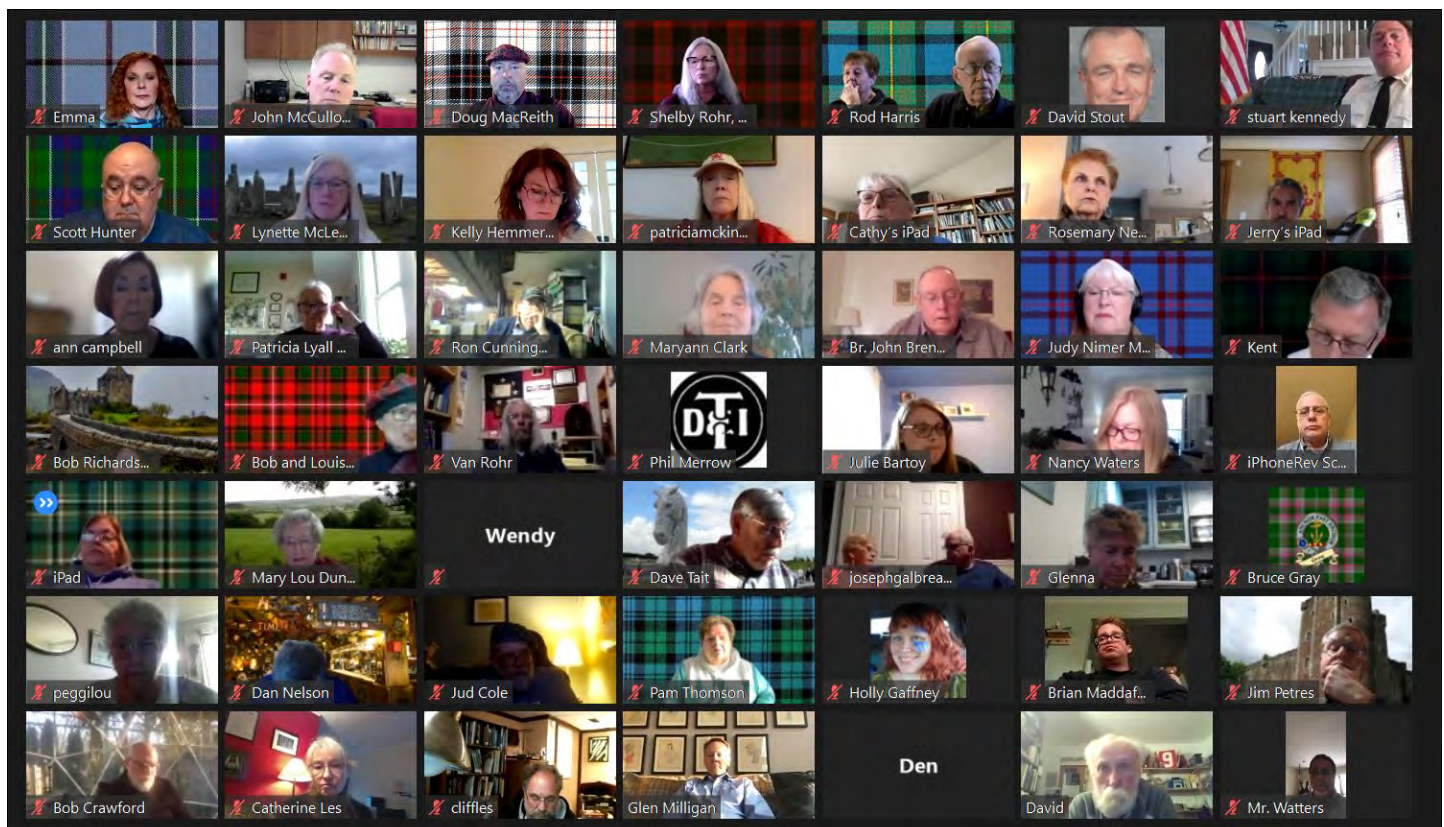
Saturday, August 28th, 2021



SCOTTISH NIGHT AT COMERICA PARK

Find updates on Detroitscots.com

Our April Membership Meeting on Zoom



Scottish Shenanigans at the AOH Scottish Festival!





It is an honor to present this Article by Dr. Bruce Durie Written for The Highland Fling!

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Right of Audience at the Court of the Lord Lyon

Freeman and Burgess of the City of Glasgow

Academician, *Académie Internationale de Généalogie*

Fellow, University of Edinburgh

Fulbright Senior Scottish Studies Scholar, 2015-16

A Coat of Arms – what an achievement!

Increasingly citizens of the USA enquire about the possibility of acquiring an official and legal coat of arms from the Lyon Court in Scotland. **Dr Bruce Durie** explains the process.

You will have seen those ‘Your Family Crest’ adverts on websites, in magazines, booths at expos, Games and Gatherings and the like. They are, at the very least, misleading and in some cases simply duplicitous. The only way to get arms is to apply properly to the correct Heraldic Authority.

This whole area is filled with misconceptions. I am often asked:

- ‘*Don’t we already have a Family crest?*’

No, and for two reasons

First, the crest is not the same as the shield. The crest is the element above the helmet atop the shield (Figure 1).

Second, there is no such thing as a ‘Family Coat of Arms’ in Scotland.

- ‘*But I’ve seen arms for my family name, and I can get it from a website*’.

What you’ve seen are the arms of someone of a similar surname, dead or living. In Scottish heraldic law (yes, ‘law’ as in ‘statute’) a coat of arms is the property of one person at a time and inheritable. If you share a surname with arms you have seen on a website or elsewhere, it may be that you have a claim to them, or a variant, but you are not justified in simply adopting and using them, any more than you could drive someone’s car

or live in their house just because your surnames are the same.

Try using them in Scotland, and you find yourself fined and any property with those Arms on confiscated!

- *‘Doesn’t that mean everyone with the same surname has the same arms?’*
Not exactly – it’s an accepted practice that people with similar surnames, including those in cadet branches, will have obviously similar arms. That make arms a bit like a pictorial family tree, but which branch would you be in? (Figure 2)
- *‘Surely you can’t get Scottish arms unless you live in Scotland?’*
Well, there are ways around that – read on!
- *‘Isn’t Heraldry just for the great and the good, or the rich and titled?’*.
Scotland is extremely egalitarian about this. Basic Arms are for the ‘virtuous and well deserving’, irrespective of wealth, social class, title or noble ancestry.
- *‘Isn’t it difficult and expensive?’*
Frankly, it is usually not straightforward and does take time. Professional help from an experienced genealogist and heraldist may be necessary. However, the cost is comparable to a family holiday or a small second-hand car, and the arms can be passed on down the generations.
But if you do decide to go ahead, you will be joining a tradition that stretches back reliably to the time of Robert Bruce and possibly a century before that.
- *‘Great! My grandmother on my mother’s side was a MacDribble. Can I get Arms?’*
Not on that basis. Arms are all about surname, so you need to have Scottish ancestors on your surname side.
- *‘Does it matter if we’re a Clan or a Family?’*
No, these are of equal status and each may have a Chief, recognised by the Lord Lyon as ‘Chief of Name and Arms’. Clans are Highlands and (partly) the Borders. The Lowlands has Families, and there are more Lowlands Families than Highlands or Borders Clans

Getting arms properly.

The Heraldic Authority in Scotland is the Lyon Court, headed up by the Lord Lyon, backed by the full power of statute from the 1500s and still in force. The Lord Lyon is three people rolled into one – head of the Heraldic Authority as a judge in his own court; a Minister of State in the Scottish Government; and the Queen’s representative in matters heraldic and ceremonial. The Lord Lyon matriculates existing arms and grant new ones, with the details added to the *Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland*. The *Register* in its present form goes back to 1672, although the granting and recording of arms is far older.

Strictly speaking, Arms can only be granted to someone within the Lord Lyon’s jurisdiction. The main categories are these:

- if you were born in Scotland, or if you are normally domiciled (a legal concept), mainly live and/or have substantial property in Scotland, you can petition for a new grant of Arms in your own right, or re-matriculate those of an armigerous (Arms-bearing) ancestor;
- even if you don’t live in Scotland, if an ancestor in your surname had Arms granted in Scotland, possibly these can be re-matriculated in your name (if you are the lineal descendant), or with a ‘difference’ (if you descend from a collateral branch);

- if no ancestor had Arms, but your ancestor came from Scotland, Arms may be granted retrospectively, with a cadet matriculation to you and your heirs.

In all these cases you will require a correctly-constructed petition to the Lyon Court in Edinburgh, establish a pedigree, and present a properly-constructed set of proofs.

Petitioning the Lyon Court

Whether you decide to petition for Arms on the basis of the Arms previously granted to an ancestor, or whether you are starting from scratch, you will have to prove that you are a descendant of someone in your surname from Scotland, and whether in the senior line or a cadet branch of that surname. This requires Strict Proofs.

Proofs are not ‘I found a family tree online...’ or ‘our family has always said that...’ or ‘I read it in a book’. You have to prove everything to a judicial standard, and present legal documents to back it up. That usually means finding the birth, marriage, death and other records of that ancestor and everyone else down to you – and that’s originals or legal, certified copy-extracts, not simply downloads or photostats. Yes, it’s onerous but it’s doable – and many do it.

This may mean contacting or visiting local courthouses or other repositories in America, and eventually getting legal Scottish documents. Some people hire a professional genealogist, some like to do it themselves. Many find it easier to have a Scottish genealogist obtain the ones in Scotland, and to search for armigerous ancestors (because you never know!)

Making the petition.

Once the proofs are in hand, it’s necessary to construct a petition written in a particular format, ‘praying’ that Lord Lyon will grant or re-matriculate Arms. This is accompanied by a ‘schedule of proofs’, listing and describing the documents, plus the documents themselves, which will be returned to you after copying by the Lyon Office in Edinburgh.

The Lyon Office requires a Lodging Fee, currently £450 (about \$620 US) as a non-refundable deposit against the full eventual fee if Arms are granted. The final cost for shield, crest and motto – the usual combination – is likely to be in the region of £2,075 (close to \$3,000), barring any extra “embellishments” you may decide to have added to your Letters Patent – the painted vellum scroll that will eventually turn up (Figure 3).

However, it is usually a good idea to have someone experienced to amass the schedule of proofs, construct the Petition, help you design Arms the Lord Lyon is likely to approve, deal with queries throughout the process, and so on. Count on spending at least £3,500 or \$5,000 in total, and be aware the process can take a year or more depending on complexity, the number of requests already in the queue and so on.

What about England, Ireland and Canada?

- If your ancestors are from England, apply to the College of Arms in London (<http://www.college-of-arms.gov.uk/services/granting-arms>) This is more expensive than in Scotland, and has extra strictures, which includes demonstrating that you are a person of ‘eminence or good standing in national or local life’, but that may just be having a university degree, holding political office or just being prominent in your community.

- Likewise, those with Irish ancestors should apply to the Chief Herald of Ireland in Dublin (<http://www.nli.ie/en/applying-for-a-grant-of-arms.aspx>).
- Canada has its own Heraldic Authority, to which anyone living in Canada, or of Canadian ancestry, should apply (<https://www.gg.ca/en/heraldry/apply-coat-arms-flag-badge>)

The first steps

Have your pedigree assessed by a professional genealogist and heraldist in Scotland, who will be able to advise further and pull together the various proofs. You may find you are descended from an armigerous ancestor, or related to someone who has Arms, or that you are starting afresh.

Of course, you could simplify the whole thing by deciding to move to Scotland, or buy some land and a dwelling and live there predominantly – but make sure it's more than five acres, and not some dubious 'souvenir plot'!

And if you can't make the jump back in time and across the pond because of a genealogical brick wall, but your Scottish ancestors were in America before 3 September 1783, you're in luck. The Lord Lyon may find jurisdiction, as that was when Britain stopped pretending it was in charge of America.

Corporate Arms

Scottish interest groups (Clan or Family Associations, St Andrews Societies and the like) may also petition for Arms. But be aware this does not confer any special authority of status as some like to claim ('We're the official Clan MacDribble Society').

Recent Arms granted to Americans

There are example of recent Arms where Bruce Durie was involved at http://www.ancestralscots.com/heraldry_arms.html

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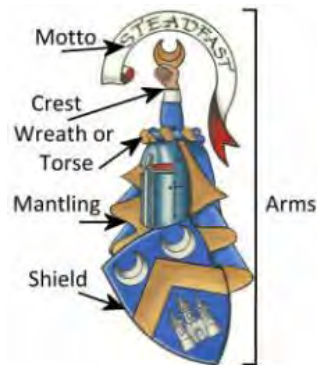


Figure 1. The crest is just one aspect of overall Arms. In Scottish Arms, the motto usually goes at the top.

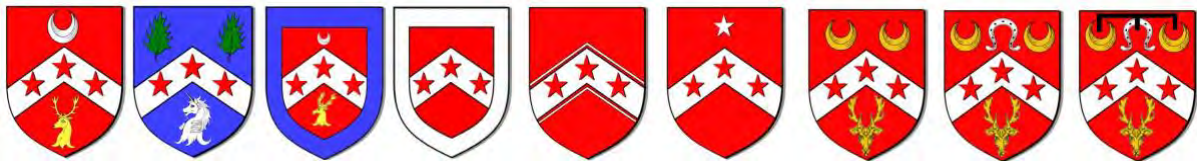


Figure 2. Arms are individual to a person. These are Arms of various people called Ker or Kerr. You can see the overall similarity, and the ‘differences’ indicating cadet branches.



Figure 3. Example of Letters Patent, painted on vellum. This person paid extra for additional ‘embellishments’.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Greg Velasco, you will be missed! Rest in Peace, Dear Friend.

<https://www.lynchansonsoxford.com/obituaries/Gregory-Velasco?obId=20746382#/obituaryInfo>

FLOWER FUND NOTICE



Please remember to donate to the Flower Fund when you can...we cherish our members and want to reach out in times of illness and bereavement. Donations can be placed in the open Bible on the stage when we get back to the Hall, but in the meantime, Donations can be made on our [Donate Website](#).

If you hear of a member in need, please send an email to secondvp@detroitscots.com.

FLOWER FUND ELIGIBILITY & NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Executive Board has agreed to the following:

ELIGIBILITY:

- Death of member or spouse receives flowers at funeral home. If late, send to the home.
- Death of other immediate family members, member receives card (i.e., father, mother, child).
- Member is hospitalized, flowers are sent to the hospital, or, if released, to the home. Spouse receives card if hospitalized. Hospitalization covers surgery, whether emergency or planned; birth of baby; illness.

NOTIFICATION:

- Member or representative should send an email to secondvp@detroitscots.com. Officer (2nd VP or President) will gather pertinent details and determine whether or not member wishes information to be sent out in an Eblast.
- Officer will notify Flower Coordinator, Pam Thomson, who will send flowers/card as appropriate.
- Flower arrangements not to exceed \$70+delivery for a funeral and \$50+delivery for a hospital. If member designates charity in lieu of flowers, Flower Coordinator Pam Thomson will notify the Society Treasurer.
- Officer also will notify FLING Editor (if message is to be Eblast), Society Chaplain, and Membership Secretary for Society records. If event has already taken place, this procedure will still be followed.



Off The Shelf... News about the Charles S. Low Memorial Library

NOTE: The Library will be opening back up in May on the 13th, 15th, and 27th at 10:30am, please feel free and comfortable coming in and checking out that special book, movie, or music. Staff will be available to help out with any questions or information you may be looking for.

The Low Library Book Club: Cathy McCullough Les – Chair: contact library@detroitscots.com

Our next Zoom meeting will be on June 14th at 5:30pm. Nancy Waters filled in for Cathy for the April meeting and provides the following information. We had a rather slim turnout for the April Book Club, but the discussion of **Sunset Song** was lively as usual! The general consensus was that the book deserved its reputation as a Scottish classic and was a good lesson on Scotland during WWI, as the old way of life was making way for the new. Cathy had the new edition with an introduction by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, who describes the book as a "masterpiece" and "one of the finest literary accomplishments Scotland has ever known."

The group decided that for the next book, we would do something light: **Clanlands: Whisky, Warfare, and a Scottish Adventure Like No Other** by Sam Heughan & Graham McTavish (the actors playing Jamie and Dougal MacKenzie in the Outlander TV series). The book is available in hardback, paperback, and Kindle editions and audio, narrated by Sam. Nancy is about 1/3 of the way through the book and says it is a rollicking adventure around modern Scotland with two funny, naughty boys. We hope you enjoy it.

Just so you know, the book is kind of a diary written along the way as Sam and Graham filmed their special series on Scotland, **"Men in Kilts,"** for Starz. Go to the following link for a fun description of the book and the series: [Clanlands: Why the Book is Worth Checking Out Too \(outlandercast.com\)](http://outlandercast.com)

Library Hours:

The 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:30am to 3:30pm

The 2nd and 4th Thursday's every month, 10:30am to 3:30pm

Also, by appointment Email: library@detroitscots.com Web Page: <https://detroitscots.com/library/>

Library Staff:

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Our St. Andrew's Pipe Band is in dire need for new socks!

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