



# The Highland Fling

February 2024



Chris MacKenzie, President

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Fellow Members,

What a braw night we had last week at the Burns night celebration. It was good to see everyone enjoying themselves listening to tunes by Tara and the recitation of "Tam o' Shanter" by Bruce Gray. My thanks to all that made it happen.

In addition to the Burns Night festivities, we had a table set up selling the first of our 175th Anniversary Swag. There were Glencairn glasses, lapel pins, CDs, and slate coasters. From what I understand, sales went well, and more than a few people were using their new 175th whisky glasses for toasts throughout the night. There are also order forms for 175th wearables such as golf shirts and long sleeve t-shirts. There should be a table selling all this merchandise at our meetings as well as all the Fish Fries.

Speaking of Fish Fries, many of you may have heard that our head honcho when it comes to the Fish Fries, Stuart Kennedy, will be leaving us. He has taken a new job which means relocating. This means that, beyond missing having him around, he will not be at the last Fish Fries this year and will not be setting up the field for the week prior to the Games. He will be greatly missed.

Twice recently I was reminded of what we do and why we do it. Most notably I received a call from a member I had not spoken to for some time. Due to some lingering health issues, this member can't attend the monthly meetings but enjoys reading the Fling and the various emails from our communications team. We talked over several subjects, and I found out that no other members had attempted to make contact with this person in the past several years. I'm disappointed in myself as this is someone I am familiar with and I plan to do better in the future.

I've been reflective lately on the history of this Society. Of the humble beginnings and of the time that it happened.

## 1849

- 13 years after the Battle of the Alamo- Texas is still a land of forts and Comanche raids
- California Gold Rush started the year before in 1848
- 1848-49: Year of Revolution- series of revolutions throughout Europe (Ireland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Denmark, etc.)
- 1/23/1849 First woman awarded an M.D. in the USA.
- 3/3/1849 Minnesota Territory is established.
- 6/6/1849-Fort Worth Texas is founded.
- 9/17/1849 Harriet Tubman emancipates herself
- 10/7/1849 Author, Poet Edgar Allen Poe dies
- 11 years before the beginning of the Civil War
- 24 years before production of the Colt Single Action Army (the "Peacemaker" famous throughout the Wild West)

We have many interesting events coming up so be sure to pay attention to your inbox. And remember to follow us on your socials!

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Christopher  
MacKenzie, President

## 2024 SASD CALENDAR

February 2024					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
2/2	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
2/5	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Business 7:00 p.m.				
	General Meeting		St. Ephrem Food Pantry	SASD Flower Fund	St. Andrew's Honour Guard
2/8	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/10	Pub Night with McSpillin Band, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
2/11	Macbeth's Scotland, Low Library Lecture Series by Bruce Gray, Kilgour, 2:00 p.m.				
2/12	Low Library Book Club meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/12	175th Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/13	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/16	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.				
2/17	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/19	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/20	House Committee Mtg, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Mtg, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/21	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/22	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/22	175th Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/23	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.				
March 2024					
No Tartan Trivia due to Friday Fish Fries					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
3/1	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.				
3/2	New Member Breakfast, Kilgour, 10:00 a.m. to Noon				
3/4	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner served 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation	Shepherd's Pie with Sides Potluck	Turning Point / Secondhand Rose	Easter Seals Dreams Unlimited	Seedlings Braille Books for Children
3/8	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.				
3/9	Curling with Detroit Scots, Detroit Curling Club, 7:30 p.m.				
3/9	A Highland Evening & Whisky Tasting, Carnegie Museum, 1115 Sixth Street, Port Huron, Noon to 7:00 p.m.				
3/12	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/14	Open Library Hours 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm				

## 2024 SASD CALENDAR

### March 2024 (cont'd)

3/15	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
3/16	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
3/16	SASD marching in St. Pat's Day Parade, Royal Oak, Noon
3/18	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
3/19	House Committee Mtg., 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
3/20	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
3/21	175th Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
3/22	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
3/28	Open Library Hours 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm
3/29	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Reservations only)

### April 2024

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
4/1	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Business 7:00 p.m.				
	General Meeting		Lighthouse	Lighthouse	Alma College Highland Arts Scholarship
4/6	Tartan Day Cèilidh, Kilgour, (TBD)				
4/8	Low Library Book Club meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/9	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/11	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
4/15	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/16	House Committee Mtg, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Mtg, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/17	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/18	175th Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/19	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
4/20	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
4/21	Highland Clans, Low Library Lecture Series by Bruce Gray, Kilgour, 2:00 p.m.				
4/25	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
	Calendar Subject to change				



Lynette McLeod  
Benevolence Chair

## OUR BENEVOLENCES

### CHARITY

#### St. Ephrem Catholic Church Food Pantry

Located in Sterling Heights, the Food Pantry has been in operation for over 40 years. The Pantry provides donations of food and goods to over 70 families a week. We are asking for donations of items at the February meeting to support this need.

The Pantry is grateful for everything received, but cannot accept perishable or frozen items or household items. The Pantry currently has a surplus of canned vegetables.

The Pantry is in most need of::

Cereals  
"Chunky Soups"  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Ramen Noodles  
Peanut Butter  
Rice  
Pancake Syrups  
Jellies And Jams

### BENEVOLENCE

The Society is making a \$1,000 contribution to the Detroit St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honour Guard.

The St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honour Guard was formed in 1995 by ten men and women of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. They were determined to fill a need for formal and dignified representation at Society events. The Guard act as formal representatives of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit at monthly meetings, events, and the Society's annual Highland Games. In addition to these, the Guard participates in weddings, funerals, and Kirkin' of the Tartan ceremonies. <https://detroitscots.com/honour-guard/>

### 50/50 RAFFLE

Detroit Scots Flower Fund



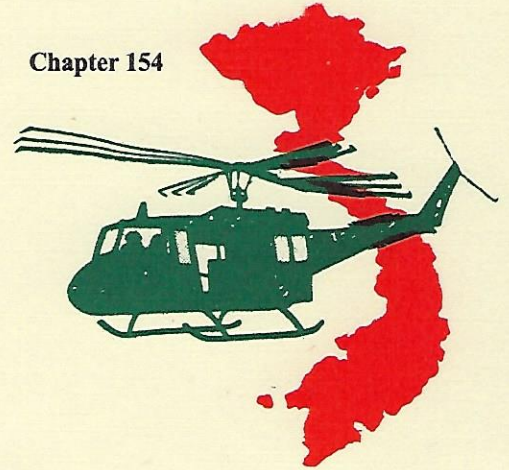
[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE  
PHOTOS OF OUR  
JANUARY EVENTS](#)



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**

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Clinton Township, MI 48035  
Phone: (586) 776-9810  
Fax: (586) 776-9683  
January 8, 2024

Chapter 154



St. Andrews Society of Detroit  
2363 Rochester Road  
Troy, MI. 48083

Our President and Board of Directors have asked me to write and express our sincere thanks for your generous donation of \$595 for our "Operation Christmas" program. That wonderful gift helped fill Santa's sack with Christmas food and toys for families of veterans in crisis. Indeed, without your caring support many families would have had very little to be merry about.

Saint Andrews Society of Detroit has for several years been a strong part of our Christmas outreach project. Again this year it meant a Christmas family meal and food for the following week plus new toys for the children. And more important, it lets veteran families know that their neighbors are thinking of them. Generosity like yours warms the heart. It is important to us that you know how very grateful we are.

We get no taxpayer support. In fact everyone here is a volunteer. So we depend on open hearted businesses and people of the community to support and expand our various veteran's services.

We like to keep in mind these sentiments from long ago. **"Christmas is that time of the rolling year when abundance rejoices and want is most keenly felt"**

We send you our most sincere "Thank You".

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael V. Jacobi".

Michael V. Jacobi, Treasurer  
Chapter 154 Vietnam Veterans of America







Emily Wigodski  
Cultural Activities  
Director

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

*"Some hae meat an canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it;  
But we hae meat, and we can eat,  
And sae the Lord be thankit."  
~Robert Burns*

Our 175th Anniversary Year activities are well underway! At our monthly membership meeting in January, we had our 10th Annual Frank Hasse Chili Cook-off. Mary Ann Carmichael won the Judges' Choice, while Matthew Mintz took home the prize for People's Choice. Our judges were Chris MacKenzie, Kevin Hayes, and me. Thanks to all these members who competed: Shelby Rohr, Diane Raymond, Mike Simon, MJ York, Bruce Sherwood, Sue Clements, Paula Lupi, and Mark Somerville. Thank you to Cathy Hasse for donating some cheese to top our chili.

On Saturday, January 20th, we held our annual Burns Night Dinner and celebrated the Bard of Scotland, Robert Burns. Chef Roy Zettlemyer prepared a true Scottish feast. Special thanks to Elliot MacFarlane, Chuck Simmons, Tara, Seth & Julie Palmer, Rev. Scott Hunter, Carol Zarowska and her friend Debbie Bishop, Moe Schoof, Chris MacKenzie, Amy Grice, Shelby Rohr, Van Rohr, Bruce Gray, Ann Campbell, Dan Nelson, Bruce & Tonya Gray, Michael Grabowski, David Martin and the Highland Dancers, and Henny Groshoehme for helping to make this evening a great success.

Our Trivia Night in January unfortunately had to be canceled due to inclement weather. Our next Trivia Night will be held on February 2nd. It's \$5 cover and it's a fabulous way to meet new people! Julie Palmer and I will be hosting, and it's my birthday so expect some extra fun!

On February 10th, we will be treated to a pub night featuring the Celtic band McSpillin. Claudia and Cliff Scott are hosting and have generously donated the cost of the performance. Cover charge is only \$5, so come out and have a great time with us!

Fish fries will commence on Friday, February 16th and run every Friday through March 29th. Kevin Hayes and his crew will return this year for one of our most popular fundraisers. Volunteer or just come enjoy the best fish dinner in Metro Detroit.

Saturday, March 9th we are holding an event at the Detroit Curling Club in Ferndale. Member Kellie Evans has helped organize this members' only event. Tickets for curlers are priced at \$25, and spectators are \$15. Space is limited so get your tickets today!

Coming up, we are looking forward to the Tartan Day Ceilidh on Saturday, April 6th. Tickets will be \$40 for member and guests presale and \$50 once we open registration to the public. We have contracted with the Celtic band Wakefire to provide our entertainment, and our very own Chef Matthew Mintz will be catering a barbecue dinner. More details to come!

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## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SAVE THE DATES! Looking ahead, we will be holding an event on the anniversary of Robert Burns' death, Sunday, July 21st, that will include a trip downtown to his statue in Detroit. More details coming soon.

Saturday, September 14th, is the rescheduled date for our Scot-urday Night Comedy Club night that was originally planned for last November. We were able to transfer our deposit on the event and now have time to make it even better than it would have been!

Our St. Andrew's Day Celebration this year will be held on Saturday, November 30th, which is both St. Andrew's Day *AND* the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's 175th anniversary. We are still in very early planning stages, but as that is over the holiday weekend, I wanted to make sure we get the word out early.

I want to welcome anyone and everyone who would like to help with our cultural activities to let me know you would like to volunteer for our team. Many hands make light work, and we can always use an extra pair! I will work with each individual to find the opportunities that interest them most.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Got an idea for an event you'd like to see? Want to host an activity? Want to get involved and don't know where to start? Please email your ideas to [ewigodski@detroitscots.com](mailto:ewigodski@detroitscots.com).

## EARLY BIRD MEMBERS' TICKETS GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 2ND!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024**

# TARTAN DAY CÈILIDH



**Tickets:**  
\$40 Early Bird Members & Guests  
After 3/1:  
\$50 Everyone

6:00 Social Hour, 7:00 Dinner  
Kilgour Scottish Centre  
2363 Rochester Road  
Troy, MI

[detroitscots.com/tickets/](http://detroitscots.com/tickets/)

**FEATURING  
CELTIC BAND  
WAKEFIRE**







*Nowhere beats the heart so kindly as beneath the tartan plaid!*

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The banner features a green and white plaid background. In the top left corner is a logo for 'The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 175th Anniversary' with the website 'DetroitScots.com' and the years '1849-2024'. The main text is in large, bold, yellow letters on a red banner: 'Returning in 2024!'. Below this, in a yellow arrow-shaped box, is the title 'The Detroit Scots' Friday Fish Fry'. Underneath, in another yellow arrow-shaped box, is the schedule: 'Beginning Friday, February 16 through Friday, March 29' and '4:30 pm until 7:30 pm'. In a third yellow arrow-shaped box, is the location: 'Kilgour Scottish Centre', '2363 Rochester Road, Troy, Michigan', and '248-526-1849'. At the bottom, in a small white box, is the text: 'A Scottish Benevolent Society founded in 1849 and an IRC 501(c)(3) charitable organization'.

**Returning in 2024!**

**The Detroit Scots' Friday Fish Fry**

**Beginning Friday, February 16 through Friday, March 29**  
**4:30 pm until 7:30 pm**

**Kilgour Scottish Centre**  
**2363 Rochester Road, Troy, Michigan**  
**248-526-1849**

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***Do You know that it takes  
30 volunteers each Friday Night?***



**[CLICK HERE TO  
VOLUNTEER AT OUR  
FRIDAY FISH FRIES!](#)**



## Our 175th Anniversary Committee

By Jack Ruby, Chair

### *"What came ye here to do?"*

Membership in the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit means you already have a vested interest in Scottish culture and heritage, but what can you do? There are so many events and activities run by our volunteers going on at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit (SASD) that it might at times seem like you don't know where to begin or where you might help out. Hardly anyone joins a Society just to hear the minutes read from the previous meeting. Your enjoyment and participation is only limited by what you are comfortable with.

Getting more active and involved with SASD can be as simple as sharing our event notices with your family and friends. Share the events on your social media, a few simple clicks and you are helping to spread the word about our events. Raising awareness of our activities is a good thing, and we never know just who might be interested in our programs.

Attending our wide range of events is probably one of the most important things you can do as a member. SASD activities and events are put on for our membership, and their continued success is largely based on the levels of attendance and participation we get from our membership and guests. Come on out and join the party!

Volunteer your talents. We all have talents that we could share with SASD that can contribute to our programs and committees. We are always glad for help at our events which are all put on by our own members, and that can be you! Even seemingly simple things can help. Can you carry plates to a table? Volunteer at the Fish Fries. You have a knack for website design? Volunteer on the Communications committee. You can take notes at a meeting? We always need someone who can take notes for various meetings and committees. You don't have to fear being put in charge of things unless you want to, there are a myriad of simple, background type positions where you can help out. It is important that we provide opportunities for our members to be actively involved in our activities at whatever level they are comfortable with. You can tell us what you like to do, and we can find you a fit. We want you to enjoy an active and rewarding experience with SASD.

The Highland Games are of course our biggest event of the year and a lot of work goes into putting them on. This is a great opportunity for you to help out and enjoy a great day at the Games. There are a wide range of volunteer roles for you to choose from, and many different levels of engagement are possible. Plan on spending some time volunteering at the Games and help us to carry on with the longest continuously running Games in the nation.

As we are celebrating our 175th Anniversary this year, you might ask yourself how have we been around this long? It comes down to people sharing a common interest in our St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and caring and supporting each other through our various activities and events. When you join SASD, you join a community that works, lives, and celebrates together. Some of the most rewarding times in our lives are when we help others, and at SASD, we all look to help one another. Come out, be active, and throw in a little help here and there. Who knows what may happen, you might even enjoy yourself, and after all isn't that what we are about?



## Click the flyer for more information:



*Elliot MacFarlane*

*in collaboration with Villas and Vines  
presents*

The *Detroit Athletic Club* and the *St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's*

## **Whisky Journey through Scotland**

*Discover the Secrets of Scotland's Most Storied Drink in all 5 Whisky Regions*

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



The 175th Anniversary Committee is pleased to announce the sale of some wonderful Anniversary merchandise.

Items will be available at the February 5th meeting and the Fish Fries. We have lapel pins, glasses, coasters, and CDs.

You can also order clothing. Golf shirts, long sleeve t shirts, and sweatshirts can be ordered. See the form on the next page.

Claudia Scott will be taking orders and making one large order which will be picked up at the Kilgour. Any questions, please contact me at [cscott2@mi.rr.com](mailto:cscott2@mi.rr.com).  
Claudia



# The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

*Celebrating Scottish Heritage.*

## 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CLOTHING ORDER FORM

### CUSTOMER INFO:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



Men's Polos



Women's Polos



Unisex Long Sleeve  
Tshirt



Unisex Crewneck  
Sweatshirt

ITEM	COLOR	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
MEN'S POLO	NAVY			\$35 for S-M-L-XL \$40 for 2XL-4XL	
MEN'S POLO	WHITE			\$35 for S-M-L-XL \$40 for 2XL-4XL	
WOMEN'S POLO	NAVY			\$35 for S-M-L-XL \$40 for 2XL-3XL	
WOMEN'S POLO	WHITE			\$35 for S-M-L-XL \$40 for 2XL-3XL	
UNISEX LONG SLEEVE TSHIRT	NAVY			\$30 for S-M-L-XL \$35 for 2XL-3XL	
UNISEX LONG SLEEVE TSHIRT	WHITE			\$30 for S-M-L-XL \$35 for 2XL-3XL	
UNISEX CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT	NAVY			\$30 for S-M-L-XL \$35 for 2XL-3XL	
UNISEX CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT	WHITE			\$30 for S-M-L-XL \$35 for 2XL-3XL	

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_


## SPECIAL EDITION OF TRIVIA, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>!

**TARTAN TAVERN TRIVIA NIGHT**  
SPECIAL BIRTHDAY EDITION W/ EMILY WIGODSKI + JULIE PALMER

**\$5 COVER CHARGE** **KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE** **CASH BAR**  
**2363 ROCHESTER ROAD, TROY**  
**7:00 TO 10:00 PM**  
**FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024**  
**(EMILY'S BIRTHDAY)**

**BRING SNACKS, CHIPS FOR SALE AT THE BAR OR ORDER FOOD TO BE DELIVERED!**

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## HOSTED BY CLIFF & CLAUDIA SCOTT

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit  
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**Detroit Scots Pub Night**  
with Special Guest

**MacSpillin**

**7 pm Saturday, February 10, 2024**  
**Kilgour Scottish Centre**  
**2363 Rochester Road**  
**Troy, MI**  
**248-526-1849**

**\$5 Cover Charge**  
**Cash Bar**

**Bring in your own food**

MacSpillin  
FOLK AMERICANA

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## FREE EVENT! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



### The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit & the Charles S. Low Library

In celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we proudly present a  
2024 Lecture Series

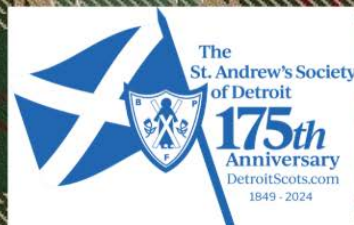
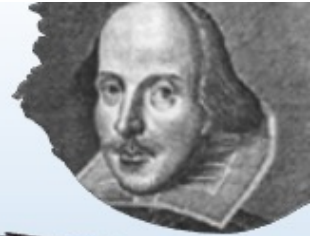
First in the series, Bruce Gray, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit,  
will present:

## Macbeth's Scotland

Was the 11<sup>th</sup> century King Macbeth of Scotland the murderous usurper as portrayed in Shakespeare's play? Or a victim of English propaganda? Learn about the real Macbeth and why Shakespeare's relationship with the newly crowned King of England led him to alter history.

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 to 4:00 pm,  
Kilgour Scottish Center, 2363 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083  
248-526-1849

*free admission*



*New Member Breakfast*

*Saturday, March 2, 2024*

*10:00 a.m.*

Kilgour Scottish Centre  
2363 Rochester Road  
Troy, MI 48083





## Curling with Detroit Scots



**Join our fellow Scots as we learn this Scottish sport or just come and watch!**

**Saturday, March 9th  
7:30 to 10:00 pm**

**Detroit Curling Club  
1615 E. Lewiston,  
Ferndale, MI 48220**

**Members (may invite one guest)  
Players \$25  
Limit 20  
(shoe grippers provided)**

**Spectators \$15  
limit 20**



*Special Thanks to SASD member  
Kellie Evans*

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**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

**Join the St. Andrew's Society as we march in  
the Royal Oak St. Patrick's Day Parade!**

**ROYAL OAK**

**LEPRECHAUNS**

*St. Patrick's Day*

**PARADE 2024**

**Saturday, March 16th @ 12 PM**

**A Family Friendly Event!**

Downtown Royal Oak



SINCE 1906  
**Sullivan & Son**



**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

**RSVP TODAY!**



**THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT  
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ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**



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## Off The Shelf... Celebrating the Charles S. Low Memorial Library

### **Black History Month**

Julie Bartoy, Low Library Committee Member

The Low Memorial Library is recommending the book *As Good as Any Man: Scotland's Black Tommy* written by Morag Miller, Roy Laycock, John Sadler, and Rosie Serdiville for Black History Month (or for any month). The book covers the experiences of Arthur Roberts, a Scottish black serviceman during World War I. Based on Arthur's diaries and research, the book details what life was like for Arthur during the war. It includes his experiences in the trenches and in the Battle of Passchendaele. I found the book enjoyable with descriptions of daily war life to be especially meaningful since my grandfather, like Arthur, was from Glasgow and served in the British military during the Great War.

*As Good as Any Man* . . . was donated to the Low Library by Xavier Allen. Members may recognize Xavier, since he is the Drum Major for the Mass Bands event during our Highland Games opening ceremonies. With the support of Bill Kincaid, he became a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit in April 1994 at the age of 28. Xavier has a passion for history and genealogy. With his grandmother's help, Lillian Gadson, he has been able to trace his ancestry back generations to clans Henderson, Holland, Gordon, and Gadson. His great grandfather, Isaac Gadson, immigrated to the U.S. from the British Virgin Islands after 1900 to be a teacher.

Xavier has embraced Scottish culture. Not only is he an established Drum Major, but he is also a highland dancer, plays the tenor and bass drum, and has served as the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit historian and archivist. Thank you, Xavier, for your long-time membership in St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and for the book donation.

#### Library Hours

3rd Saturday of every month - 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2nd and 4th Thursday every month - 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During Social hour prior to the monthly meeting. Also, by appointment.

Email [library@detroitscots.com](mailto:library@detroitscots.com)

Web Page <https://detroitscots.com/library>

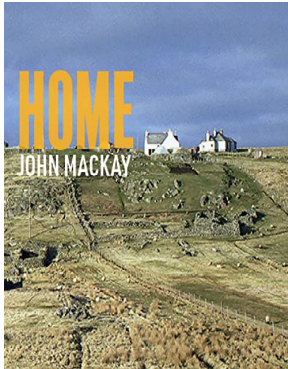


#### Books for sale

Did you know there are books for sale at the Charles Low Library? Check out the library before our monthly meeting and add to your home library.

## Low Library Book Club

The Low Library Book Club will meet next on Monday, February 12th, at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. We will be talking about the novel *Home* by John MacKay. Here's the description:



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The meetings are on Zoom and everyone is welcome. Contact Cathy McCullough Les for the Zoom invitation at: [library@detroitscots.com](mailto:library@detroitscots.com)



## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Member Claudia Scott is recovering from hand surgery.
- Member Stuart Kennedy is recovering from surgery.

New Procedure: You can now contact our officers who need to learn of Thoughts & Prayer Requests on our [Membership Home page](#): Click the link "Report Thoughts & Prayers Needed" and it allows you to fill out a form for notifying the Second Vice President, who is in charge of determining what the Society should do: send flowers, send cards, or make a donation.



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