



The Highland Fling

November 2024



Chris MacKenzie, President

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Fellow Scots,

Contrary to what Mr. Robinson said in *The Graduate*, the future is not in plastics. It is in marketing. And that is where our Society struggles. We don't get our message out as much as we should. Don't get me wrong, Shelby and our communications team does a great job but we should be doing more. As much as I dislike the growth of "influencers," I will admit that they are grabbing hold of the overall society's attention and getting their message out. I don't think we need to go that far, but we do need to make inroads into social media in a way we have not before.

Leading up to the Games, I do what I can taking pictures and posting them to Instagram in order to bring attention to the event. I am not very good at it but I do what I can. And I don't believe that I have posted since then. This needs to be a year-round endeavor. I was approached at the Highland Tea last month by a new member who would like to have a hand in, if not take over our social media. This is great and the direction we need to go. I asked her to work with Shelby on the details and see if we can't grow in that direction to keep our Society on top of the algorithms all year. Gone are the days where we relied on The Fling mailed to our homes once a month. We need to push further on Instagram and Facebook to reach those future members we have been missing.

But this cannot be all. At this year's Irish Fest I was amazed at the large collection of sponsor signs they had around the festival site. This means that they have a team of members approaching businesses throughout the area to make a small donation to keep their festival going. We need a marketing team that can work on broadening the reach of our society as well as garnering support for our Games. If this is something you are interested in, reach out to me or someone on the executive board and we will set up a meeting.

And one more thing...We have a national election coming up, actually the day after our next meeting. Let's all plan on not bringing up the topic of elections or electors during the meeting or the social hour prior. We are brought together for a common good, let's not corrupt that with divisive talk about either candidate. This country's laws give us the right to our own opinions, but true wisdom comes in knowing when to share them.

As they say in the homeland "HAUD YER WHEESHT".

Thank you.

Christopher Robert Fraser MacKenzie
President, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit



2024/2025 SASD CALENDAR

November 2024

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
11/4	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting	A' Toirt Taing Potluck	Marine Toys for Tots	Veterans Support Center - Vietnam Vets Macomb	Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs
11/9	Decorate the Kilgour, Kilgour, 10:00 a.m. to Noon				
11/10	History of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, Low Library Lecture Series by Bruce Gray, Kilgour, 2:00 p.m.				
11/11	Low Library Book Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/12	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/14	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/15	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
11/16	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/18	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/19	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/24	Kirkin' of the Tartans, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 10:00 a.m.				
11/27	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/28	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/30	St. Andrew's Day 175th Gala, Kilgour, Doors open for Dinner Guests at 5:00 p.m., Dinner served in the Burns Room at 5:30 p.m., Doors open for Entertainment guests at 6:30 p.m., Heritage program in the Great Hall begins at 7:30 p.m., Band begins at 8:30 p.m.				

December 2024

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
12/2	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Election of Officers/ Trustees & Vote on 2025 Budget	Potluck	Trees for Life - Scotland	COTS Detroit – Coalition on Temporary Shelter	National Trust for Scotland
12/10	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/12	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
12/16	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/17	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/20	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				

2024/2025 SASD CALENDAR

December 2024 (cont'd)

12/21	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
12/25	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
12/26	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

January 2025

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
1/4	Undecorate the Kilgour, Kilgour, 9:00 a.m. – Noon				
1/6	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting & Installation of Officers & Trustees	Chili Cookoff	South Oakland Citizens For The Homeless	TBD	Port Huron Museums Highland Evening And SASD Honour Guard
1/9	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/14	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/17	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
1/18	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/20	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/21	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/22	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/23	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/25	Burns Night, Kilgour, TBD				
Calendar Subject to Change					



[CLICK HERE](#)
[to see our photos of](#)
[October 2024 Events](#)



Lynette McLeod
Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences

Charity

Marine Toys for Tots



At the November Meeting we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Program for distribution as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. Please donate the same type of gift you would give to your own children/relatives/friends, up to age 12. Toys for Tots does not accept realistic looking weapons or gifts with food.

50/50 Raffle



Veterans Support Center - Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #154 in Clinton Township provides nourishment, clothing, blankets, toiletries and pantry items to local veterans and their families. The raffle donations will support the chapter's Operation Christmas delivery of toys and food to veteran households in crisis.

Benevolence



The Society is making a \$1,000 donation to the **Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs**. This organization works to improve independence and quality of life to disabled veterans and others. Dogs are trained to help individuals with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury symptoms, and seizures.

The Alma College Pipe and Drum Band Sends Congratulations on the 175th Anniversary



The Society has supported the Pipe and Drum Band over the years through the St. Andrew's Society Highland Arts Scholarships. The Alma College Pipe Band had a solid start to the season at The Gourrock Highland Games (Inverclyde, Scotland) in May 2024.



Emily Wigodski
Cultural Activities Director

Cultural Activities

*Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be Thankit!*

— Robert Burns

As I left the Kilgour after our October Membership Meeting, I was overcome with gratitude for all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make that meeting a success, simply by asking, “What can I do? How can I help?” and boy, did I have answers for them all! It is such a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Cultural Activities Director.

For our November General Membership Meeting, we are planning another potluck, this one with the theme “A’ Toirt Taing,” or “Giving Thanks” in Gaelic. We will also have the opportunity to view the special 175th Library Tent display from the Highland Games that Kellie Beveridge had on display at the Highland Games.

Captain Michael Grabowski of the Royal Scottish Honour Guard has requested some extra hands to carry flags at our November meeting, in honor of Veterans Day. If you are a veteran or are currently serving in the military, you are eligible for this volunteer opportunity. Please indicate your branch of service and rank in the notes section on [SignUp Genius](#).

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Those bringing dishes for donation should have them there by 6:15 if possible.

GALA ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

We have about 30 tickets remaining for the 175th St. Andrew’s Day Gala on November 30th, at a price of \$40/person. As a reminder, the Entertainment Tickets include:

- *Cultural Heritage Program featuring bagpipes, Highland Dancers, and Scottish Country Dancers.
- *Performance by Bluewater Kings Band, specializing in high-energy music for weddings and parties. They infuse every event with energy and fun and pride themselves on filling dance floors.
- *Champagne toast and cake.

This is a fantastic opportunity to share our culture and the Society with new people! Maybe you know someone who just might wonder what this St. Andrew’s Society is all about. Please engage with your community, and if you are on social media please like, share, and comment on our event posts so we can reach even more wonderful Scots.

Other upcoming events I’d like to highlight include:

Saturday, 11/9/2024, 10 a.m. to Noon: Deck the Hall

Many hands make light work! Come join us as we enjoy some light refreshments and get the Kilgour ready for the holidays! Don’t forget to add **1/4/2025** at the same time to tidy everything up again.

Friday, 11/15/2024, 7:00 p.m.: Tartan Tavern Trivia hosted by Laurel Paterson. Teams limited to no more than 8 people per table. \$5 at the door. Cash Bar.

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Saturday, 1/25/25, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.: Burns Night Supper

We will once again be celebrating The People's Poet with an intimate traditional Burns Supper, complete with haggis, whisky toasts, poetry, music, and other performances, all in honor of Robert Burns. Chef Roy and his staff are returning, this time serving up their delicious Scottish fare family style to your table. The price will remain the same as last year: \$90 per person Early Bird pricing for members and their guests (through 12/21/24) and \$100 public price. Tickets go on sale on 11/15/24.

More events are being added to our calendar all the time. Make sure to visit [our tickets page](#) to stay up to date on all our upcoming events!

Find volunteer opportunities at our [SignUp Genius landing page](#).

Do you want to get involved in the Cultural Activities Committee? We are always welcoming new members! Our committee meets on the third Monday of the month via Zoom. Please contact me if you want to be added to the committee email list.

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 and questions to ewigodski@detroitscots.com.



Ackroyd's Bakery Now delivered to the Kilgour!

Would you like some meat pies for the holidays? For the next two months we are going to try something new. If you place an order from Detroit's own Scottish bakery, Ackroyd's, we will have it delivered to the Kilgour Hall the day of our November and December meetings to save on the shipping charges. This is a trial run to see how much participation we get. If you would like to place an order follow the directions below:

1. Go to ackroydsbakery.com. In the lower left corner a small triangle will appear telling you to "Get 20% off". Wait a moment and this will likely open into a pop-up requesting your email address and phone number. Once entered, you should get a discount code allowing you 20% off on your order.
2. Order what you want, the coupon code does not have a limit (I think).
3. Once you are done adding all your haggis, meat pies, and shortbread to your basket, pay for your order specifying "STORE PICKUP". Pick a date, either November 4th or December 2nd. I don't believe time will be an issue, but let's say a pickup time of 3:00 p.m. on that day. Enter the name "Chris MacKenzie-SASD" as the person picking up your order.
4. Show up to the monthly meeting and your order will be there waiting for you. Be sure to show up as we will not be able to deliver it.
5. If we have enough participation, we will continue to do this into next year, but wait for our notice before ordering for January.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to cmackenzie@detroitscots.com.



DETROIT SCOTS
The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, est. 1849

2025 Officer & Trustee Election

December Membership Meeting
Monday, December 2nd 7:00 pm

All Executive Officers &
3 Members of the Board of Trustees
are eligible for Election

Consider
Running for
Office!

Officers

Trustees

St. Andrew's Society Leadership

Our Society has two management groups:

- The Board of Trustees - 501(c)(3) fiduciary responsibilities and asset management, including Kilgour Hall and benevolence decisions
- The Executive Committee - plans and implements the annual membership and activities calendars, as well as the general office management

The officer and trustee election will take place at the December meeting. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your membership, please get in touch with Emma Velasco at emma.velasco@hotmail.com.

Job descriptions are published in this and upcoming *Fling* newsletters.

[An excerpt of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's Bylaws regarding the election can be found on Page 22.](#)





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

Are you a WWII fan? How about WWII fiction, written as comic books (aka graphic novels)? Well, some time ago we received a 75-book collection of Commando Comics comic books, “War Comics for Action and Adventure”, starting with #4615 and ending with #4902. Ours are all about WWII, with one for Waterloo.

We have books from the Gold Collection, the Silver Collection, The Home of the Heroes, and For Action and Adventure. These include subgroups of The Eastern Front, Air War, Special Forces, Foreign Legion, War at Sea, Desert War, and more.

If you’ve never heard of Commando Comics, the company was launched July 1961 by D.C. Thomson of Dundee, Scotland (hence our Scottish connection). At the time it was named Commando War Stories in Pictures. They all have a 68-page format, with the books being 7 by 5-and-1/2 inches. Each book is a complete story, with no ties to other books. It is the longest running war comic. The books aren’t just WWII books, either, but also include American Civil War, WWI, Korean War, Vietnam, Iraq War, and others.

From their website:

“Suitable for ages 8-80, these epic self-contained stories pack in 63 pages of classic black and white adrenaline-filled comic artwork set against global military backdrops. Celebrated for its renowned artwork, with interiors and covers from British and international comic legends such as Ian Kennedy, Cam Kennedy, Gordon C Livingstone, Jordi Penalva and Jose Maria Jorge, the story illustrations are a crisp black and white, while Commando covers are always filled with explosive colour. Beautiful artwork combined with Commando’s unaltered digest-sized format make it the ideal comic for collectors.”

Please come and look these over. You can even check them out of our library!

By the way, Commando Comics is still in business, with “four issues every two weeks - two all-new issues and two classic reprints from the Gold and Silver Collections.”

You can subscribe to these, either print or digital, plus get more info, at commandocomics.com You can even get a free issue! And you can find interesting info at Commando Comics on Wikipedia.

—Sharon Cross, Charles S. Low Library Committee Member since October 2013

Library Hours

3rd Saturday of every month - 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

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

Email: 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.



Julie Bartoy
Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As we head toward our 175th anniversary celebration at the end of the month, it is a great time to become a member. At the October business meeting we initiated 14 people into Society Membership: Robin Boyd Demarest, Kimberly Enders, Cindy Lawler, Lynn McGartland Rehahn, Irwin Moyna, Eileen Pattinson, Cathy Ragan, Amber Sitko, Kenneth Ray Smith, John Tuba, Nancy Vida, Bill Willcock, Coleen Willey, and Alex York (son of member MJ York). It was a wonderful ceremony and please be sure and give them a warm Detroit Scot welcome when you see them. At the meeting Heather Remo became a Life Member after 20 years of dedication to the Society, congratulations Heather. Our membership also elected Chris Sherwood, son of Bruce and Suzanne Sherwood. He is eligible for our March initiation ceremony, the beginning of a St. Andrew's Society of Detroit legacy family.

November begins our membership renewal season. All members, including Life Members, will receive an email in November requesting that your membership be renewed, and your 2025 annual dues are paid. So, please watch for it. If you do not have email, you will receive a paper renewal notice. All members need to take a moment to review their membership profile and contact information. Life Members will not be charged any renewal dues but need to renew their membership and review their information. Anyone who is not a Life Member can pay through the membership system with a credit card. All member renewals are due by January 1, 2025.

There are two ways to become a Life Member:

1. Initiated into the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit on or before January 1, 2005 and have reached the age of 70 years.
2. Initiated into the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit on or before January 1, 2015, have reached the age of 50 years, and pay a one-time fee of \$650.

If you believe that you are eligible for Life Member status, please email me at membership@detroitscots.com.

DONATE TO THE FLOWER FUND



Fellow Scots,

As 2nd VP of the executive board, one of my duties is to care for the Flower Fund. It was brought to my attention that many people do not carry cash and therefore cannot contribute to the Flower Fund at the monthly meetings. Our wonderful tech person has set up a QR code for those members to make a donation without using cash. The QR code will be on the Bible stand. The Flower Fund is an important part of our program, helping to recognize those fellow members in a time of loss or suffering. It is our way to let them know we all care for them. I hope this new option is beneficial to those who wish to utilize it.

Slàinte,

Jean MacLeod Wingblad
Second Vice President



Julie Palmer,
Highland Games Chair



176th Annual Highland Games

As the temperatures drop and the veil thins, I find myself reflecting on the bygone days of our Annual Highland Games. Did they ever have a year full of both fear and delight? That bizarre mingling of opposite emotions as one looks toward a goal that is most desired yet feels insurmountable.

My dear Society family, this is where I am right now. You've heard from me on multiple occasions that our list of open committee chairs looms large. Our financial state is unhealthy as we have lost sponsors that we used to rely on. Inflation is our albatross. You've also heard the words come from my own lips: "Not on my watch."

The secret to our 175 years of success is based on one single thing: the collective grit of our members. The reason our own Brigadoon rises for one magical weekend is because each one of us, over 175 years, never gave up.

So I ask of you, as the clocks turn back and we enter the darker, colder months, please don't abandon us. The work is hard, yet infinitely more rewarding. The work is fun, because we're side by side, sweating with our friends and family. The work is necessary to create an experience that delights and nourishes our guests. Friends, it also delights and nourishes us.

Please look within. Where can you put your time and talent to use? You'll never have to go it alone. We need you.

What relationships do you have that could turn into sponsor relationships? Are you good at writing grant requests? Help us find new cultural grants. Are you savvy with social media? Help define a new way to share our gifts with the world.

The open committee positions are:

1. Field Captain
2. Food Vendor Chair
3. Technology Lead
4. Tent Coordinator
5. Genealogy Genius
6. Online Ticket Sales Superhero
7. Volunteer Catering Champ
8. Meeting Scribe
9. Counting House General and a crew

I remain as dedicated as ever. I'm not going anywhere. I will do everything I can. Please join me in this unwavering effort. Together we will conquer the mountain between us and the 176th.

Yours Forever

Alba gu Bràth

Julie

New Artifact in the Kilgour Scottish Centre

by Bob Crawford



To the left, is the shield now hanging on the fireplace in the Great Hall of the Kilgour.

Last Spring I walked by St. Andrew's Hall downtown and looked at the entrance and the shield over the door depicting St. Andrew. The shield was designed by the architecture firm Donaldson & Meier and construction began on June 22nd, 1907.



I began to explore if there was a way to replicate the shield for the Kilgour Centre to honor our 175th anniversary. I contacted my friend the artist Greg Delauro to see if there was a way to pull a mold of the original shield. We went down to the Hall to see if that was possible and realized that it had been weathered and damaged over the years, Greg recommended that he could try to sculpt a replica and then pull a mold and cast a new one. He told me he found working with plasticine clay to be the easiest material to use in modeling his pieces. Mostly using lost-wax method to create bronze pieces, "I've also developed the use of epoxy resin plastic in creating finished pieces". (Where bronze casting cost were prohibitive.)



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Greg comes from a family of artists; his father Joseph N. DeLauro was a sculptor and made his living creating works of art for public spaces in and around the metro Detroit area. Greg shares “it’s from his legacy that I draw much of my inspiration”.

His father’s sculpture of St. Andrew will soon be the center of a sculpture garden at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Woodward.



Greg donated his time to create the shield and did a remarkable job bringing the shield back to life. He tried several prototypes to finally create the one that is now in place at the Kilgour Centre above the fireplace in the Great Hall.

I am indebted to Greg for his work and creativity and skill to honor our history.

I hope the membership will enjoy this piece of our history. If you are interested in having your shield created, Greg is able to produce one.



*Scottish Sunday and the Kirkin' of the Tartan
will take place at historic
Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church
on Sunday, November 24th at 10:00 am.*

This magnificent service is truly a St. Andrew's tradition with our members participating in the service and presenting their tartans. St. Andrew's Pipe Band and St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honour Guard will also participate. St. Andrew's members are invited to present their tartans during the service.

Presenters must check in at the church by 9:45 am in Dodge Hall. The church is located 8625 E. Jefferson (at Burns) in Detroit. The service is extremely popular so plan on arriving early. A Cèilidh will be held immediately following the service in the church basement, featuring Highland dancers, bagpipers, refreshments, and Scottish treats.



Presenters must have a swatch of material in their tartan and will, preferably but not mandatory, be in highland dress. If you would like to be a presenter, please call Randall Cain (313-884-8881).





The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

Celebrating Scottish Heritage.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(New! All of our Sign-ups on one page! Click on the Tabs to see the individual Sign-ups)

[SASD Sign-ups to Volunteer](#)



The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
Celebrating Scottish Heritage.

*On St. Andrew's Day, 1849
the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit was founded*

Happy Birthday Detroit Scots!

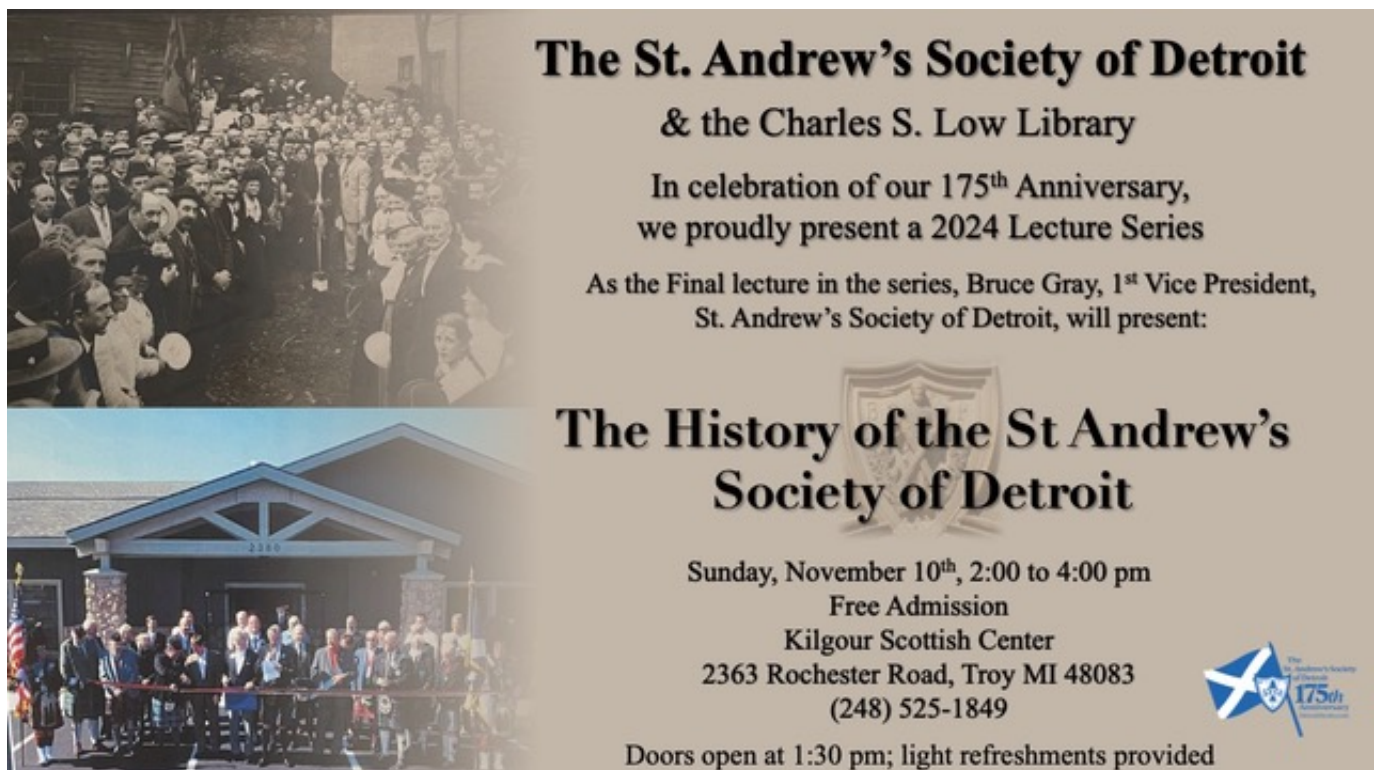


We Need Helpers!

**Kilgour Scottish Centre
Holiday Decoration Elves!**

*Decorate on Saturday, November 9th, 2024
10:00 a.m. to Noon*

*Take Down Saturday, January 4th, 2024
10:00 a.m. to Noon*



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


In celebration of our 175th Anniversary,
we proudly present a 2024 Lecture Series

As the Final lecture in the series, Bruce Gray, 1st Vice President,
St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, will present:

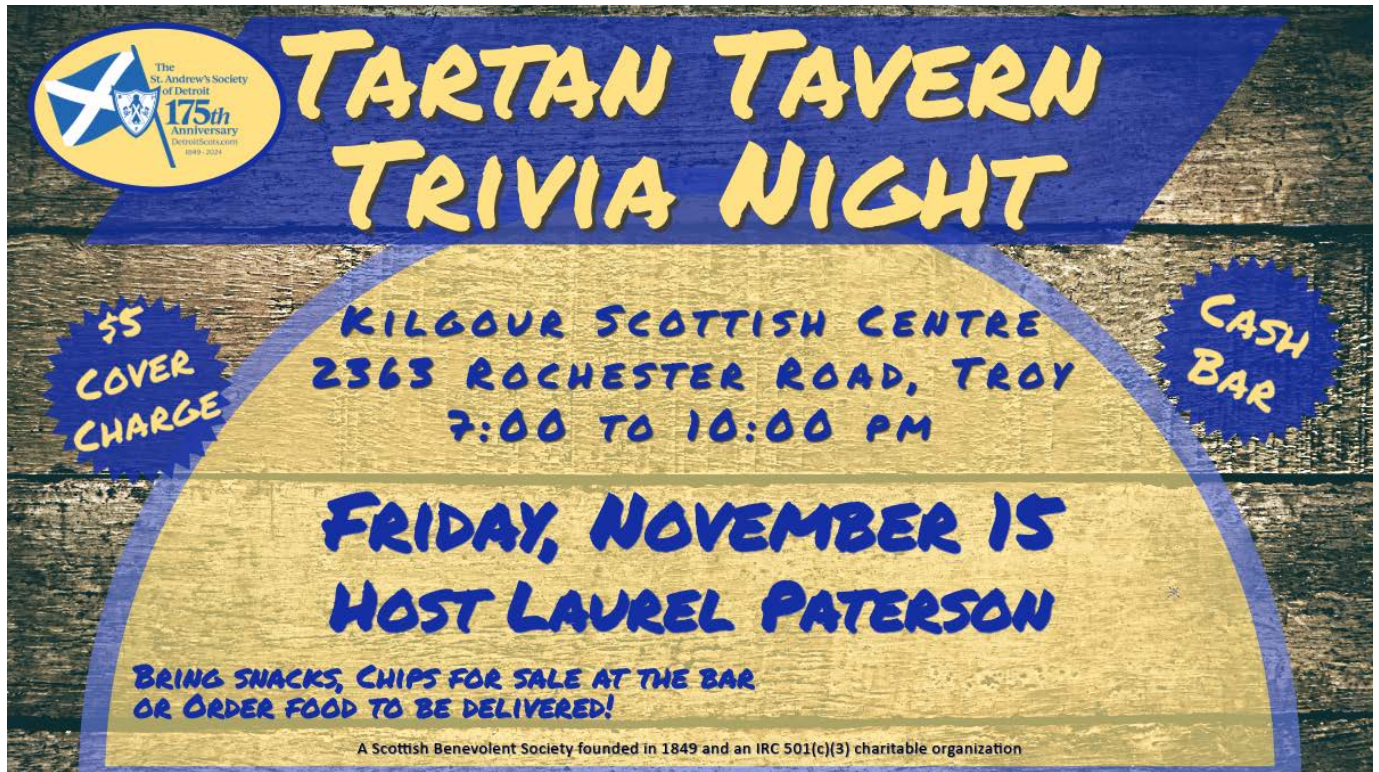
**The History of the St Andrew's
Society of Detroit**

Sunday, November 10th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Free Admission
Kilgour Scottish Center
2363 Rochester Road, Troy MI 48083
(248) 525-1849

Doors open at 1:30 pm; light refreshments provided



RSVP Requested



TARTAN TAVERN TRIVIA NIGHT

55 COVER CHARGE

**KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE
2363 ROCHESTER ROAD, TROY
7:00 TO 10:00 PM**

CASH BAR

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
HOST LAUREL PATERSON**

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

A Scottish Benevolent Society founded in 1849 and an IRC 501(c)(3) charitable organization



*For Auld Lang Syne: A St. Andrew's Day Celebration
Honoring 175 Years of Timeless Tradition*

175th Anniversary Gala

Featuring a variety of traditional Scottish Entertainments and the Musical Stylings of the Bluewater Kings dance band.

<p>Dinner & Entertainment Tickets</p> <p>5pm Entrance</p> <p>100 Regular price</p> <p>\$75 Early Bird through 10/15</p>	<p>Entertainment Only Tickets</p> <p>7pm Entrance</p> <p>\$40 Regular price</p> <p>\$30 Early Bird through 10/15</p>
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SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE, TROY, MI

WWW.DETROITSCOTS.COM

Dinner Tickets are *sold out!* Please come celebrate with us during the Entertainment portion of the evening!!!

[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

BURNS NIGHT 2025

Saturday, January 25th



The People's Poet

\$90 EARLY BIRD Member/Guest

\$100 General Admission
after 12/20/24

6pm Social Hour w/Appetizers
7pm Traditional Burns Supper Program
9:30pm Dessert in Burns Room



**Early Bird Members & Guests
Tickets go on Sale November 15th!**

Members only

12th Annual
Frank Hasse
chili



Cookoff

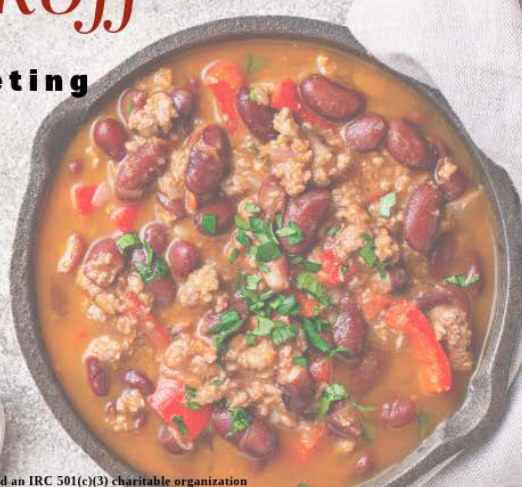
Monday, January 6, 2025
at the General Membership Meeting



Signups end Friday, January 3rd

Bring your largest crockpot filled
with your Best Chili Recipe!
Limited to 10 chili entries.

A Scottish Benevolent Society founded in 1849 and an IRC 501(c)(3) charitable organization



Sign Up now to submit your chili!

Have your Clan join the Wall!



Want your Clan plaque added to our Burns Room display?

Want to showcase your Scottish heritage at home or in your office?

Or perhaps you want to give someone a special gift.

If so, contact Carol Zagorowska at cazago@sbcglobal.net



Clan Crest Plaque Order Form

Name: _____

Email or text info: _____

Donate to Kilgour & verified Clan not displayed in Burns Room: yes

Clan: _____

Tartan: _____

Price: \$\$85.00

Purchase for personal use:

Circle Size: Standard 7x8 (\$85.00) or Large 10x12 (\$130.00)

Clan: _____

Tartan: _____

Circle Wood color: Light or Dark



St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 2024 Executive Officers & Trustees

Executive Officers

Chris MacKenzie
 Bruce Gray
 Jean Wingblad
 Louise Giles
 Julie Bartoy
 Amy Pennybacker (acting)
 Emily Wigodski
 Shelby Rohr
 Dave Martin
 Cathy Hasse
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 Fr. Scott Hunter

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ARTICLE XI – ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

Section 11.01 The Nominating Committee, consisting of three regular members appointed by the President, shall recommend a slate of officers at the October meeting each year. At that meeting and again at the November meeting, nominations for each elective office may be made from the floor. The election shall be held at the December meeting; installation shall take place at the January meeting.

Section 11.02 All trustees and elected officers may stand for re-election to their respective office. When, because of resignation, recall, or other vacation of office, a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees or among the elected officers of the Society, the Chairperson of the Board or the President, as appropriate, shall immediately appoint a replacement to serve until the elected successor takes office.

Section 11.03 A separate, secret, written ballot shall be taken for each elective office. In the event no one receives a majority, a run-off election between the two top ranking candidates shall be immediately held.

Section 11.04 A nominee who is absent on election night without prior notification to the President shall be ineligible to stand for election.

Section 11.05 All Trustees and Officers shall be elected by the members. Each member present, regardless of classification as a life, family, regular, non-resident or honorary, shall have one vote.

ARTICLE XII – QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE

Section 12.01 Nominees for all elected and appointed offices must be in good standing at the time of nomination and must have attended at least 6 of the previous 10 monthly general membership meetings. It shall be conclusively presumed that a nominee attended a meeting if such attendance:

12.01.1 Is reflected in the Secretary's attendance register.

12.01.2 If the Executive Committee excuses the absence for medical reasons or other exigent reason within 60 days of a missed meeting: or

12.01.3 If the Executive Committee corrects the attendance register based upon a nominee's affidavit certifying their attendance at a specific meeting.

No Trustee or Officer may be installed or appointed who is not in good standing at the time of such installation or appointment.

Section 12.02 To be eligible to serve as a Trustee, a member must have been in good standing throughout each of the immediately preceding 24 months.

Section 12.03 To be eligible to serve as President, a member must have been in good standing throughout each of the immediately preceding 24 months and be of Scottish descent.

Section 12.04 No member shall concurrently hold more than one elected position in the Society.

Section 12.05 At the time of election, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall certify that the candidates for office meet the mandatory eligibility requirements enumerated in Sections 12.01 through 12.04.

Section 12.06 It is desired, but not required, that each of the following officers or committee members possess the qualifications indicated:

- a. Auditing Committee members: Accounting training or experience.
 - b. Chaplain: A clergyman or lay minister.
 - c. Finance Committee members: Accounting training or experience.
 - d. House Committee members: Property management experience.
 - e. Investment Committee members: Investment training or experience.
- Parliamentarian: Knowledge of parliamentary procedure and the rules of debate.

ARTICLE XIII – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 13.01 The Board of Trustees shall:

- a. Hold title to the name, property, and resources of the Society and shall manage its corporate activities. The Board shall also ensure that the Society is appropriately incorporated with the State of Michigan and recognized by federal officials as a non-profit, charitable, and educational association, and maintain all appropriate documentation thereof.
- b. Participate in the development and approval of the Society's budget in accordance with Article V of these Bylaws.
- c. Represent the Society in all legal proceedings.
- d. Develop a general description for each position of employment, establish lines of supervision and authority, and determine the appropriate compensation (salary and benefits) to be provided to each employee.
- e. Approve the employment of individuals by the Society on either a full- or part-time basis. Members of the Society are eligible for employment and, when equally qualified with other applicants, shall be given preference for such employment.

- f. Approve all grants and other aid provided by the Society. Temporary assistance, as distinguished from benevolence, may also be extended to members of the Society
- g. Develop a means by which gifts and bequests can be received and endowment funds established through which these funds can be invested and maintained for the good of the Society and from the interest on which the charitable and educational purposes of the Society can be drawn.
- h. Maintain a Scholarship Fund.
- i. Make regular reports on the decisions and activity of the Board at general membership meetings.
- j. Submit a written report, including the financial condition of the Society at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 13.02 The Chairperson shall be the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees and shall be of Scottish descent.

Section 13.03 The Vice-Chairperson shall, in the absence of the Chairperson, be the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees. Should the Chairperson resign, be recalled, or otherwise vacate the office, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to that office until such time as an election can be held. The Vice-Chairperson shall also chair the House Committee.

Section 13.04 The Secretary shall:

- a. Prepare and maintain an accurate record of each meeting of the Board of Trustees, recording all motions and the vote thereon.
- b. Retain as part of the record copy of those minutes all documents and other materials that are pertinent.
- c. Be responsible for all correspondence concerning gifts and bequests to the Society.
- d. File the annual “Michigan Annual Report – Non-Profit Corporation” and all other reports as required by law.

ARTICLE XIV – DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 14.01 In addition to such duties as may be established in the Constitution, elsewhere in these Bylaws, Governance Guidelines and Operating Procedures Manual, or in the Book of Rituals of the Society, elected officers of the Society shall be responsible for the following duties.

Section 14.02 The President shall:

- a. Implement the policies and programs of the Society as established by the Bylaws, Constitution, and membership.

- b. Ensure that no activity of the Society conflicts with or jeopardizes its accreditation as a non-profit, charitable, and educational association.
- c. Preside at all general membership meetings of the Society, conducting the business of the Society in an orderly and efficient manner and maintaining order and decorum.
- d. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 14.03 The First Vice-President shall:

- a. In the absence or disability of the President perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.
- b. Serve as President following the resignation, recall, or other vacation of the office by the President until the next regularly scheduled election.
- c. Assist the President in the conduct of all meetings and in the maintenance of good order and discipline.
- d. Chair the Membership Committee.
- e. Read the objectives of the Society at a minimum of two general membership meetings each year.
- f. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 14.04 The Second Vice-President shall:

- a. Assist the President and First Vice-President in the conduct of all meetings and in the maintenance of good order and discipline.
- b. Preside, in the absence of the President and First Vice-President, over all meetings.
- c. Chair the Auditing Committee and utilize the Society's Financial Audit Program.
- d. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- e. Manage the Flower Fund of the Society or assign a member to do so.

Section 14.05 The Secretary shall:

- a. Prepare and maintain a sign-in record of those attending each Society meeting, including the Trustees, elected, and appointed officers.
- b. Prepare and maintain an accurate record of each general membership meeting of the Society, recording all motions and the votes of the membership thereon.
- c. Retain, as a part of the record, a copy of those minutes all documents and other attachments that are pertinent.
- d. Receive all correspondence concerning the Society, forwarding it to the appropriate Society officer or committee.
- e. Prepare and cause to be distributed notices of all meetings of the Society.
- f. Conduct such secret ballots as may be required
- g. Serve on the Membership Committee.

- h. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 14.06 The Membership Secretary shall:

- a. Prepare and distribute to all members requests for payment of annual dues and such other special assessments as may be approved.
- b. Maintain the membership records of the Society, ensuring that application fees and dues are promptly collected and properly credited.
- c. Record and subsequently transmit in a timely and efficient manner to the Treasurer all monies received.
- d. Notify any member when in arrears in dues or special assessments.
- e. Receive and act upon all requests for recognition as a life member or designation as an associate or honorary member.
- f. Serve on the Membership Committee.
- g. Supervise, prepare and maintain a digital mailing list and provide a copy of it to members and committees as requested. This mailing list shall not be distributed outside the Society unless approved by the Executive Committee.
- h. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 14.07 The Treasurer shall:

- a. Have custody of all funds and investments of the Society and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in a manner approved by the Auditing Committee.
- b. Receive and deposit all funds in a timely manner in such depositories as are duly authorized.
- c. Retain on hand in the operating accounts of the Society sufficient funds to meet the operating expenses of the Society.
- d. Pay all bills in a timely manner. Checks of less than \$1000.00 must be signed by the Treasurer or his/her designee. Checks of \$1000.00 or more must be co-signed by the President, Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, as appropriate.
- e. At least quarterly, provide a written report of all financial transactions of the Society at general membership meetings, Executive Committee, and Board of Trustees meetings, providing a copy of this report to the Secretaries of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for retention with the meeting's minutes.
- f. Secure, maintain, and provide for use as necessary the tax identification number of the Society, ensuring that all uses of this identification number are legitimate and proper.
- g. Chair the Finance Committee.
- h. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 14.08 The Piper shall:

- a. Be responsible for meeting or planning for the ceremonial piping requirements of the Society.
- b. Pipe at all meetings and at other affairs of the Society as may be requested.
- c. Be the liaison between the Society and the St. Andrew's Pipe Band.
- d. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 14.09 The Cultural Activities Director shall:

- a. Be responsible for the selection of the facilities, the programs, the arrangements, and the refreshments as are deemed appropriate for initiations, installations, the Robert Burns Dinner, the St. Andrew's Dinner, and other meetings of the Society.
- b. Serve as Chairperson of the Cultural Activities Committee.

Section 14.10 The Communications and IT Director shall:

- a. Be Editor of the Society newsletter and be responsible for preparation and distribution of the Society newsletter.
- b. Oversee all media placement, including print, banners, flyers, and/or promotional pieces as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee and the Trustees regarding all Kilgour Centre media.
- c. Prepare and distribute e-blasts to members when directed by the Executive Committee and the Trustees.
- d. Maintain and update the Society websites.
- e. Ensure that the technology programs support the Society's business objectives and strategies and provide for appropriate data security and data privacy.
- f. Advise the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee on technology-related matters.

ARTICLE XV – DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section 15.01 The appointed officers of the Society shall be responsible for duties as follows:

Section 15.02 The Bard shall:

- a. Be responsible for informing the members of cultural developments in the Scottish world.
- b. Be responsible for preparing and presenting at a minimum of two general membership meetings a program on Scottish arts, customs, folklore, etc.

Section 15.03 The Chaplain shall:

- a. Offer a prayer at the beginning of each meeting and special event.
- b. Visit or arrange to have visited members and their families who are hospitalized or in special need.
- c. Be responsible for sending appropriate remembrances to members of the Society and their families.

Section 15.04 The Color Sergeant shall:

- a. Assist the President in the initiation and installation ceremonies of the Society as prescribed in the Book of Rituals.
- b. Act as liaison between the President and the St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honor Guard.

Section 15.05 The Genealogist shall assist interested members in beginning genealogical research and overcoming obstacles.

Section 15.06 The Parliamentarian shall advise the President and all bodies of the Society on appropriate points of parliamentary procedures.

Section 15.07 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall:

- a. When requested by the President, ensure that only eligible members of the Society are permitted entry during general membership meetings and shall announce immediately after the call to order whether a quorum is present and, should attendance fall below a quorum at any time, immediately call this fact to the attention of the President.
- b. Maintain order and discipline at all meetings of the Society.