



# The Highland Eling

December 2024



Chris MacKenzie, President

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As you read this, we are just days away from what is a peculiar holiday to the rest of the world as it is only held in Canada and the U.S. It is a celebration of the harvest. What started out as a gathering to acknowledge what the land has provided to the first settlers has morphed into family, football, and friends (can you say Friendsgiving?).

Likewise, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit started 175 years ago at the back of a small grocery by 38 men to help fellow Scots in need. As the years have gone by, our spirit has grown, and we have adapted our goals as well as our ranks. From its humble beginnings, it has blossomed into a vibrant community focused on helping others and fostering friendships.

While November has been relatively quiet, with events like Bruce Gray's 4th lecture, Kilgour decorating, and Scottish Sunday at Jefferson Ave Presbyterian Church, we're gearing up for our 175th Anniversary Gala on November 30th. This event, months in the making, promises to be a highlight of the year.

However, we face a challenge. We urgently need volunteers to step up and fill crucial chair positions for the Highland Games. The dedication of our past chairs has been invaluable, but with their retirement, we risk losing vital expertise.

Let's ensure our Highland Games will continue to thrive. Your involvement is essential to maintaining the quality and success of this event.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you.

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

To determine whether the SASD needs to have more members AED or CPR certified, we are asking our members if you are certified for either or both. When responding, please indicate which area you're certified in and when your certification expires. Please send an email response to Kent Richards at [kentrichards1031@gmail.com](mailto:kentrichards1031@gmail.com). Your help is appreciated!

## 2024/2025 SASD CALENDAR

### December 2024

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
12/2	<b>Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>				
	<b>Election of Officers/ Trustees &amp; Vote on 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Potluck</b>	<b>Trees for Life - Scotland</b>	<b>COTS Detroit – Coalition on Temporary Shelter</b>	<b>National Trust for Scotland</b>
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)				
12/21	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
12/26	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
12/31	<b>Happy Hogmanay &amp; New Year's Eve!</b>				

### January 2025

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
1/4	<b>Undecorate the Kilgour, Kilgour, 10:00 a.m. to Noon</b>				
1/6	<b>Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>				
	<b>Membership Meeting &amp; Installation of Officers &amp; Trustees</b>	<b>Chili Cookoff</b>	<b>South Oakland Citizens For The Homeless</b>	<b>SASD Flower Fund</b>	<b>St. Andrew's Honour Guard</b>
1/9	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/14	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/18	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	<b>Burns Night Supper 2025, Kilgour, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.,</b> <a href="#"><u>(\$90 Members &amp; Guests Tickets on Sale until 12/20)</u></a>				

## 2024/2025 SASD CALENDAR

February 2025					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
2/3	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting	Potluck	Capuchin Soup Kitchen	Michigan Motor City Mitten	St. Andrew's Pipe Band
2/10	Low Library Book Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/11	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/13	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/15	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/17	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/18	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/26	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/27	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
	Calendar Subject to Change				



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



Lynette McLeod  
Benevolence Chair

## Our Benevolences

# Trees for Life

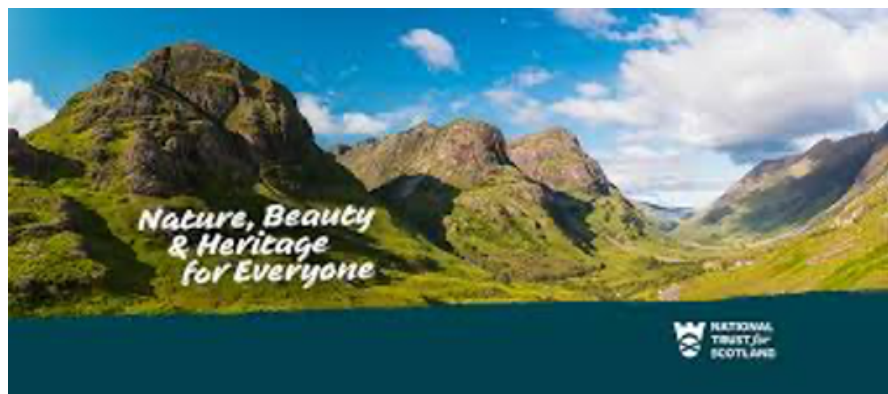
*This Christmas, the Society is giving thanks to our members in gratitude for all of your charitable donations, and your contributions of time and involvement made over the years to support one of the Society's guiding principles – making benevolent contributions to qualified charitable, literary, or educational organizations, to relieve the distressed and unfortunate, and to foster a love of Scotland.*

On behalf of the Members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, and to commemorate our 175th Anniversary, the Society is starting a grove of trees in Scotland to help revitalize wild forests in the Highlands. Our grove of trees will help create a beautiful, wild forest. Bare hillsides will be transformed into healthy young woodlands, rich in wildlife and protected for future generations.

The trees are planted in and around the Dundreggan Forest near Loch Ness. In the future, I will provide information about how you can visit the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's grove.

You can read more about it at [treesforlife.org.uk](https://treesforlife.org.uk)

## Benevolence



Since 2000, the National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA has supported the National Trust for Scotland's work to protect its valuable cultural and ecological sites. From the coastlines of the Hebridean islands to sprawling garden estates, the National Trust for Scotland cares for a variety of places, all of which have something special to share, for example the rich urban history of the Georgian House, the somber reflections of Culloden's battlefield, Scotland's wildlife and more.

You can read more at [ntsusa.org](https://ntsusa.org)

The Society is making a \$1,000 donation to the National Trust for Scotland.

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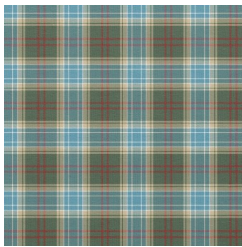
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## 50/50 RAFFLE



COTS creates opportunities for families to collaborate, thrive, and succeed in building strong and stable households, neighborhoods, and communities.

Through partnerships, COTS is able to assist families in reaching their housing, economic, health, education and career goals as they overcome homelessness and break the cycle of poverty for the next generation and beyond.



## 2024 St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Tartan Order Form Round #2

Our members who ordered the Michigan Tartan fabric back in June have been patiently waiting for the delivery from the [Ingles Buchan](#) mill. Ann Campbell has heard from the mill that the material should be run in December. They regretted missing our 175th Anniversary!

So, we now have a second chance to order our Michigan Tartan and any other tartans in fabric or merchandise! There is a short order window, and the cutoff date is **Sunday, December 15th**.

So if you are a brand new member or have been a member for a while, this may be your **Final Chance** to order our beautiful Michigan Tartan!

[Tartan Order Form](#)





Emily Wigodski  
Cultural Activities Director

## Cultural Activities

*I'm gaun to hing a stockin up,  
I'll borrow my big brither's,  
It's bigger nor my sister's ane  
And strang-er nor my mither's.*

— JK Annand

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Or at least the one with the most glitter!

We had a great turnout at our Deck the Hall event. Our volunteers never cease to amaze me! Together, we truly have it all. I hope that many of you will be able to help us take down the decorations on Saturday, 1/4/25 from 10am until 12pm. I know it's not as much fun, but it is really nice to reset our hall for the new year!

For our **December 2nd General Membership Meeting**, I'd like to invite you to break out those traditional holiday dishes that have so much meaning to you!

**[Here is the link to the Signup for the Potluck.](#)**

Suggested Last Name Alpha Split

- A-H      Salads and Side Dishes
- I-P      Desserts
- Q-Z      Main Dishes

**Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Those bringing dishes for donation should have them there by 6:15 if possible.** We will be asking those individuals with special dietary restrictions and/or responsibilities in the Opening Ceremonies to attend the buffet first, then we will dismiss by table number.

### **BURNS SUPPER TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

**Saturday, 1/25/25, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** 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 Members & Guests pricing for members and their guests (through 12/20/24) and \$100 public price beginning on 12/21/24.

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 of Detroit is all about. Please engage with your community and, if you are on social media, please like, share, and comment on our event posts.

Other upcoming events I'd like to highlight include:

**Tartan Tavern Trivia Night at the Kilgour** is canceled for December. We are currently evaluating the future of our Trivia Nights.

**Saturday, 01/04/2025, 10:00 a.m. to Noon: Holiday Decoration Takedown at the Kilgour.** Many hands make light work! Come join us as we enjoy some light refreshments as we make way for a fresh year at the Kilgour.

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**Monday, 01/06/2025, Annual Frank Hasse Chili Cook off** Sign up to enter your chili in our contest or to bring a side item or dessert. Two prizes: Judge's Choice and People's Choice. Winners will receive personalized aprons at our February meeting and get bragging rights for the year!

**Saturday, 03/08/2025, Curling at the Detroit Curling Club** BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!  
More details coming soon.

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

Find volunteer opportunities at our [Sign Up 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](mailto:ewigodski@detroitscots.com).



## Ackroyd's Bakery Now delivered to the Kilgour!

Would you like some meat pies for the holidays? For the the month of December, 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 the day of our December meeting 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](http://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 the date November 30th. I don't believe time will be an issue, but let's say a pickup time of 1:00 p.m. on that day. Enter the name **"Chris MacKenzie-SASD"** as the person picking up your order. ***Note - if you do not add Chris MacKenzie as the pickup person, your order may not be picked up!***
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](mailto:cmackenzie@detroitscots.com).



## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Life Member Robert Starnes passed away at the age of 93.
- Life Member Renè Kinwen passed away a short while ago. Renè had been a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit since 1988. She was an instructor of Scottish Highland Dance.

### Healing Thoughts:

- Life Member, Steve Nesbitt, has requested lots of healing thoughts & prayers as he is currently in the hospital - Trinity Health Oakland, 44405 Woodward Ave, Pontiac, MI 48341.
- Member Karen Newcomer is recovering from foot surgery.
- Member Bruce Gray's wife Tonya is recovering from a fall.
- Member Bruce Sherwood has broken some ribs after a fall.

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## 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





**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](mailto:emma.velasco@hotmail.com).

Job descriptions are published in this *Fling* newsletter.

[An excerpt of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's Bylaws regarding the election can be found on Page 23.](#)

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## Candidates for Election to Executive Offices

Elections for leadership positions will be held at the December membership meeting. As a non-profit charity organization, we must continue to meet sound business and administrative standards that include maintaining a solid leadership base. Our members are proud of our Society, and the way we continue making a difference is through a good continuity of operations and management.

All executive positions are open, and we have several incumbents who are nominated to serve another one-year term. Please consider joining this group that meets monthly, via Zoom, to plan Society activities and administer the communications and operations of the office.

Each year, the membership elects three Trustees to serve a three-year-term. Trustees have responsibility for the assets of the Society, including the building, our investments, and our benevolences. They meet 8 to 10 times a year, via Zoom, and the body is currently chaired by Elliot MacFarlane.

Certain requirements exist for these leadership seats - you must be a member in good standing and have a steady meeting attendance record.

If you're interested and want to know more, please contact Emma Velasco at [emma.velasco@hotmail.com](mailto:emma.velasco@hotmail.com), or speak to Dave Martin or Louise Giles at meetings.

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### Candidate for President Chris MacKenzie

As your president these two years, I have done my best to make the Society proud and to manage and represent in the best capacity. I feel I have done a good job guiding the St. Andrew's Society in a good direction to continue another 175 years. I would like to continue to represent the Society in the capacity as President.

### Candidate for 1st Vice President Bruce Gray

I am running for my second term as First Vice President. The main role of the First Vice President is to serve a back-up to the President in his or her absence and to serve as Chair of the Membership Committee. I have been a member since 2021 and in addition to serving on the Executive Committee, I also serve on both the Membership and Library Committees and provide support as needed to the Communications team and Cultural Activities Committee. I have volunteered for Field Crew for the Highland Games since joining in 2021. I also have a strong interest in Scottish history and just wrapped up a four-part history lecture series for the Library Committee as part of the 175th Anniversary celebrations.

## **Candidates for Election to Executive Offices**

### **Candidate for 2nd Vice President**

#### **Jean Wingblad**

I am seeking a second term as 2nd Vice President. The duties of the 2nd VP are to run meetings if the President and 1st VP are not available. The 2nd VP is also in charge of the Flower Fund and to head up the Audit Committee. I have been a member since 2022 and have been attending St. Andrew's Games since I was six months old. I am also the Chairman of the Games Raffle. Both my parents are from Scotland, I was steeped in Scottish heritage, culture, and music. I hope to be able to mentor new members who have not benefited from the Scottish upbringing I experienced. I hope going forward to help promote the Society and all that it stands for.

Respectfully submitted, Jean MacLeod Wingblad

### **Candidate for (acting) Society Treasurer**

#### **Jill England**

My name is Jill England and I am running for Treasurer. I have been a member of the Society since 2020. I have an accounting degree from WSU. I currently work as the practice and financial manager of a large 9-location IVF Center. My financial duties include writing checks to pay invoices, bank reconciliation, bank deposits, and reporting all in Excel and Quick Books for the bookkeeper and CPA as well as contract negotiations. I am looking forward to utilizing my skills to help SASD.

### **Candidate for Recording Secretary**

#### **Alison Coates**

### **Candidate for Communications Director & IT Support**

#### **Shelby Rohr**

Hello, my name is Shelby Rohr, and I am asking to be re-elected to the office of Communications Director/IT Support. Since joining the Detroit Scots in October 2013, I have been an active member of the Communications Team. I have been serving as Communications Director since 2017. I have also volunteered at the Highland Games every year as well as the Fish Fry.

As Communications Director, my team and I support our three websites, maintain our Social Media, take photos at meetings, publish the Highland Fling Newsletter, and using Wild Apricot for Event Tickets, Membership communications, and so many other activities. Coming in 2025, my team will be updating all of our websites with a fresh look!

# Candidates for Election to Executive Offices

## Candidate for Cultural Activities Director

### Emily Wigodski

I am Emily Wigodski, and I am running for Cultural Activities Director for the 2025 calendar year. I am passionate about sharing our Scottish heritage both together and with members of the public, and I will continue to strive to bring the best of both tradition and innovation to our Society activities. With the help of many wonderful volunteers, I have been able to expand our offerings at membership meetings and other events. If reelected, I will keep working diligently to make sure our Cultural Activities are representative of our Society as a whole and forward our mission to provide assistance to fellow Scots and to encourage the love of Scotland through its history, customs, music, literature, and national games.

## Candidate for Membership Secretary

### Julie Bartoy

Hello, I am the Membership Secretary for St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, and I am seeking reelection for 2025. In 2022, I assumed the responsibility of Membership Secretary from Rosemary Newton, who was unable to finish out her term due to a serious illness. I was then elected in 2023 and 2024. I have enjoyed working in the position as it has given me a unique opportunity to meet and welcome those who are seeking membership. It is wonderful to share my pride in being a member of this wonderful Society and to welcome new members and to encourage and support them as they become integrated into our organization. In addition, I take seriously my responsibility of collecting application fees and membership dues.

I became a SASD member in May 2018 in honor of my grandparents, George and Mary Reid. My grandmother was a great storyteller who loved being from Scotland and certainly valued others who were "off of Scotch" (meaning the person had Scottish ancestry) stating it proudly in her brogue. It looks like I value that, too, and am proud to be among a great group of those from metro Detroit who are also "off of Scotch".

I hope you will consider re-electing me for another year as your Membership Secretary.

Kindest regards,

Julie (Reid) Bartoy

## **Candidates for Election to the Board of Trustees**

### **Elliott MacFarlane**

Please state that I am a Life Member and have belonged to the Society for 30 years. I currently serve on the Board of Trustees and would be honored to serve another term. My primary goals are for the Society to grow its membership, use our wonderful Kilgour building more effectively, and to have more money in the bank when I leave the Board than when I started.

### **Scott Hunter**

Greetings! I have been a part of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit for over eleven years, and during that time I have been honored to serve as the Society Chaplain under three presidents.

Additionally, I have volunteered in several capacities for the Highland Games: assisting with merchant vendor setup and relationships, setup and staffing the Society tent (various years), and serving as the announcer for the pipe band competition. While I'm pleased to be able to do these things, and plan to continue them as various leaders may desire, it is probably my background apart from SASD that best prepares me for service as a Trustee.

I have an academic background in economics, and am a former banker. For thirty-six years, I've been an active Episcopal clergy person (including several terms as a trustee for the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan). In these roles I've help guide multi-million dollar investment holdings, complex property matters, and organizations with significant budgets and budget/operational challenges. Further, experience includes 15+ years on the Board of the Karmanos Cancer Center, where I currently serve as Board Chair. I thank you for your consideration.

### **Diane Raymond**





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

*Submitted by: Julie Bartoy, Library Committee Member and contributor to The History of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, 1849-2024 175th Anniversary Edition.*

At the November 30, 2024, 175th Anniversary Gala, the library committee is proud to release *The History of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, 1849-2024 175th Anniversary Edition*. The book is available to purchase for \$20. Book order requests can be sent to [library@detroitscots.com](mailto:library@detroitscots.com) if you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book.

The Charles S. Low Memorial Library is tasked with maintaining the Society's history. In the fall of 2020, the library committee began collaborating with R. Ian Hunter to write a history book of SASD activities from 2000-2019. Ian helped supply the details of some of the main activities with the names of key members involved during those years. Julie Bartoy did some additional research and wrote a few of the stories. However, the project lost momentum in 2022-2023.

In November 2023, Dennis Clements, Library Committee Chair, joined the 175th Anniversary Committee offering the library's support by providing historical information. Salaina Crumb had joined the Library Committee in August 2023. With her background as a historian, she agreed to lead the library activities around our history with the goal of having a 175th anniversary history book published and available for purchase by November 2024. The decision was made to include Fred Wessel's work of *St Andrew's Society of Detroit's History from 1849-2000* and to add SASD historical information from 2000-2024. It is through the tenacity of Salaina and Dennis that the book was completed. Julie collaborated with Salaina and completed some of the stories that had been planned for the 2000-2019 history book. A special thank you to the library committee, R. Ian Hunter, and all of the Society members who played a role in getting the stories written and in publishing the book.

### **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 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.



Julie Palmer,  
Highland Games Chair



## 176th Annual Highland Games

### Gratitude and Community: A December Reflection

As we move through the month of December, it's hard not to notice the multitude of special days dedicated to various causes and celebrations. Did you know that in just this month alone, there are over 370 holidays and observances? For example, December 2nd is Bartender Appreciation Day. I trust that everyone will take a moment to show Kathleen a little extra appreciation at our next monthly meeting.

December 4th is **Extraordinary Work Team Recognition Day**, which inspired me to focus this month's article on gratitude—a sentiment that feels especially fitting during this time of year.

First, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to **Cathy Hasse** for her unwavering dedication to our Games over the last 25 years. Cathy's leadership and commitment to our Scottish community have been invaluable, and I'm deeply honored that she has entrusted me with carrying the baton forward.

Spending the week at Greenmead, witnessing the tireless efforts of our **Field Crew and set up Volunteers**, is always awe-inspiring. There's something truly moving about the collective spirit that comes together to make our Games happen, and I am grateful to every volunteer who gives their time and energy to this magical event.

A special thank you also goes to **Doug Reith**, whose kindness and dedication to documentation and digitization have been monumental. Doug is not only an invaluable resource to our organization but also a dear friend, and I'm truly lucky to work alongside him.

We've also been blessed with new members who bring a contagious enthusiasm to everything they do. **Kathleen Tootell** was an immediate and enthusiastic addition to our team, offering her wisdom and time from Day 1. Her passion and generosity have already made a significant impact.

I've also been so pleased to see **Mark Wilson** mending fences with the local gardeners. It's a beautiful reminder of the power of friendship and forgiveness when someone offers a gift from their garden. And yes, I'm sure some of you are already joking, "Except for zucchini!"—but we all know the thought is what counts.

Looking ahead, December 24th isn't just **Christmas Eve**—it's also **National Last-Minute Shopper's Day**. To help you avoid the stress of the holiday rush, I have a suggestion: Why not give the gift of experience this year? **Annual Highland Games tickets** make a wonderful and unique present for friends and family. Experiences are one of the fastest-growing gift categories, and they don't require storage space or dusting! Instead, they provide a lifetime of memories. If you're interested in purchasing tickets, feel free to reach out to me at [jpalmer@detroitscots.com](mailto:jpalmer@detroitscots.com). I'd be happy to help you play Santa's Scottish Elf.

As we approach the end of the year, I'm filled with gratitude for the support, camaraderie, and hard work of every one of you. Together, we've made this year a memorable one, and I look forward to all the great things we'll accomplish in the year ahead.

Wishing you all a warm and wonderful holiday season! Nollaig Chridheil  
Julie



### The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

Our 175th Anniversary Gala is this coming weekend on Saturday, November 30th! Thank you to those who have made this event the pinnacle of our 175th Anniversary Celebration Year!

As this our 175th year draws to a close and we end with a big celebration, it becomes my pleasure to thank the many, many people who worked so hard this year in several events to make our 175th anniversary year one to remember. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work and cooperation necessary to pull off these special events in addition to our regular calendar, and everyone on the 175th Anniversary Committee pulled together to make this happen. It wasn't just the main committee Zoom meetings, each subcommittee spent time working on their focus to create the many parts that fitted the whole, resulting in continued successes throughout the year. It is the many hours of dedication I would like to recognize them for and extend a collective thanks.

If you have Scottish heritage or just hold Scotland in your heart, you too can join the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. Embrace the culture and celebrate the heritage of the oldest benevolence society in the State of Michigan.

Yours in Service,

Jack Ruby

175th Anniversary Committee - Chair



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# **BYLAWS OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT**

## **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.