

The Highland Fling

October 2025



Chris MacKenzie, President

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Fellow Scots,

Another month has come and gone, and the wool kilts become a bit more bearable than in the heat of the summer. There is a lot in the works, but I will let each team leader tell you what is going on themselves. We have had crews of members out twice in the past month to clean up our building and surrounding area. Thank you all.

And we have elections coming up in December. Something that has been a long time coming is changes to the By-Laws regarding the elections. Our Trustees are elected to staggered 3-year terms, but our Executive Board are all elected annually. This doesn't really make sense, so we have a committee working to add language to stagger longer terms for the Executive Board. This should make things smoother going forward.

Don't forget that we never stop working on our "main events". Our Fish Fries and our Highland Games. We are still looking for someone to take over the Fish Fries from me. Anyone? Anyone? Bueller? And we are looking for some new Games chairs. We desperately need a Food Vendor chair. Do you like food trucks? Want to talk to the owners and get them to show up? You can help. We didn't have one this past year and that was a weak spot at our Games. Every little bit that our membership does makes everything go smoother.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting in October.

Give a Dram for the Kilgour



The Kilgour Centre Fund Drive

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

2025 SASD CALENDAR

October 2025

Date	Food		Charity	50/50	Benevolence
10/02	Panera Bread Fundraiser, 5569 Crooks Rd Troy, MI, Troy, MI, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.				
10/6	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.				
	Membership Mtg & New Member Initiation	Shepherd's Pie Potluck	Forgotten Harvest	Spina Bifida Association	Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs
10/9	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
10/14	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/18	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
10/20	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/21	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/22	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/23	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
10/25	Whisky Tasting, Kilgour, Mission BBQ Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Tasting following (SOLD OUT!)				

November 2025

Date	Food		Charity	50/50	Benevolence
11/3	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Potluck		USMC Toys For Tots	Vietnam Veterans Macomb	Penrickton School for Blind Children
11/10	Low Library Book Club, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/11	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/13	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/15	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/17	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/18	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/22	Deck the Hall, Kilgour, 9:00 a.m. to Noon				
11/23	Kirkin' of the Tartans, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m.				
11/26	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/29	St. Andrew's Day Party, Kilgour, More Info soon				

2025 SASD CALENDAR

December 2025					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
12/1	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 2026 Budget	Potluck			
12/06	Winter Holiday Craft Fair, Kilgour, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Tentative)				
12/09	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/11	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
12/15	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/16	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/20	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
12/24	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
	CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE				



[CLICK HERE](#)
[for our September](#)
[2025 Photo Album](#)

REMINDER: At an SASD event? Take photos! Send them to
flingeditor@detroitscots.com!



Beth Frahm
Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences

It is great to be back to our monthly meetings after having the summer break. Thank you for the generous donations to St. Vincent de Paul in September. We had two SUVs full of items to be delivered!

At our October 6th meeting, we will be collecting food items for **Forgotten Harvest**. Please bring non-perishable items to the meeting. See the flyer on the next page.

If you prefer a monetary donation for the charity of the month, we can accept PayPal online at [DetroitScots.com/donate](https://www.DetroitScots.com/donate). You must indicate it is for the charity of the month in the note and ask for it to be matched if you would like to do so. Checks and cash are always collected at all monthly meetings. Checks are to be made payable to the *St. Andrew's Society of Detroit* with the name of the charity in the Memo line.

Please register for the Mutt Strut! We support **Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs**. They train and provide service dogs to veterans in need. Their mission is to prevent suicide by veterans. Twenty-two veterans attempt suicide every day. They have been remarkably successful since they started the non-profit 15 years ago. This year they are holding a nation-wide Mutt-Strut, Oct. 10-22nd to raise money and awareness. We have our own St. Andrew's Society Team! You don't need a dog to participate. And, you can choose how far and how often you want to walk. We are not gathering as a group. The SASD has been given a discounted registration fee of \$30 which includes an official T-shirt. Use the QR code on the flyer or go to www.themuttstrut.org click register now and enter the promocode *STANDREWDISC2025* after you have registered join a team. Select St. Andrew's Society in the drop down. If, the code is not accepted let me know as they will allow us additional registrations at a discount. Please share this with family and friends!

November 3rd Meeting - We will be collecting unwrapped gifts for children for the annual **USMC Toys for Tots**.

December 1st Meeting - **Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS)**, Toiletries, dental hygiene, feminine hygiene pads, twin size sheets, pajamas (children through adult), wash cloths, coloring books, board games, baby formula (ready-made), diaper rash cream



HEALTHY FOOD DONATION LIST

Food drive items must be unexpired, undamaged, and unopened. NO GLASS PLEASE. Items can be dropped off to our warehouse at 15000 W. Eight Mile Rd., Oak Park, MI weekdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Please note, we do not estimate monetary value of donated items but can provide a donation receipt upon request indicating total pounds donated.

- Peanut, almond or cashew butter - reduced sodium and low-sugar
- Canned soup, chili, pasta and stew - reduced sodium
- Canned vegetables and beans - reduced sodium or water packed
- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken or turkey - reduced sodium or water packed
- Pasta, barley, rice
- Pasta sauce or canned tomatoes - reduced sodium and low-sugar
- Canned fruit -100% juice or lite syrup packed
- 100% juices
- Dried beans, peas and lentils
- Whole-grain cereal - unsweetened or low-sugar
- Oatmeal and Cream of Wheat
- Nutritious snacks - dried fruits, nuts, trail mix and granola bars

Food drive items are always appreciated but a monetary drive is another way to help those in need! Just \$10 provides \$70 worth of groceries for area families in need and \$100 provides 500 pounds of nutritious fresh food for area families in need.



In 1990, we set down roots in the greater metro Detroit area and began rescuing food surpluses from grocery stores, markets, restaurants, caterers, and more. We took donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, and delivered it free-of-charge to emergency food providers in the metro Detroit area. Our work has since expanded to include Forgotten Harvest Farms, where we grow our own fresh food for those in need.

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Julie Bartoy
Membership Secretary

Membership Secretary

It is a busy time of year for Society Membership. At the September membership meeting, our members present elected 17 applicants. As we move into October, we have 22 elected members who are planning to attend the initiation at the October 6th meeting. I hope you can help me welcome them into our Society by attending the meeting. I am looking forward to a delicious Shepherd's Pie potluck dinner to celebrate.

As Fall arrives, I'm beginning to look toward 2026. Part of my responsibility as Membership Secretary is to keep an accurate and current membership list and directory. This is done through the Fall membership renewal process. All members, including Life Members, will receive an email in November requesting that your membership be renewed. Life Members are not charged a renewal fee, but must communicate to me their decision to continue their membership. For all non-Life Members, the Board of Trustees has voted to keep all the membership costs the same for 2026. The 2026 costs for members that must pay their membership dues are Regular (\$65), Family Bundles (\$65 + \$32.50 for each family member), Associate (\$25), and Honorary (\$15) members. The Family Bundles are renewed through the Regular Member's Wild Apricot membership account.

If you are interested in a Life Membership, there are two ways that Regular Members may be eligible for this membership status:

1. Those members who have reached the age of 70 years with continuous membership for at least 20 years.
2. Those members who have reached the age of 50 years with continuous membership for at least 10 years. These Life Member candidates must pay a one-time fee of \$650.

If you believe that you are eligible for Life Member status and are interested in pursuing it, please email me at membership@detroitscots.com. I hope to see you at our October initiation meeting.

Our Bard Alerted us of a Heroic Scot to be Proud of

Society Bard Elliot MacFarlane delivered a fascinating talk at our September membership meeting. He told about members of the U. S. military who had won a Congressional Medal of Honor, but were not born in the United States. He said a significant number of them had been born in Scotland!

Among them was James Harper McDonald who served in the U.S. Navy. McDonald was a rescue diver, instrumental in a spectacular effort to save 33 submariners trapped 200 feet underwater off the coast of New Hampshire in 1939. Words can hardly convey the impact of his heroism.

Fortunately, there's a dramatic video – just 11 minutes long – that does tell that story in gripping detail. Do yourself a favor and watch it—it will make you proud of this brave fellow Scotsman.

View it from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society video library at <https://vimeo.com/1028906310>



James Harper McDonald
(Congressional Medal of
Honor Society photo)

2026 Officer & Trustee Election

December Membership Meeting
Monday, December 1st at 7:00
pm

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

**Consider
Running for
Office!**

Officers

Trustees



The Kilgour Centre Fund Drive

Saving our Kilgour Scottish Centre

Donations are coming in! Since September 1st, \$3160.56 in donations were made, raising our total donations to \$9239.96. Our donors are appreciated!

The Kilgour Centre Fund Drive's goal is to raise \$60,000 in one year from September 1st, 2025, through August 31st, 2026. Every member is urged to participate in the Kilgour Centre Fund Drive by giving \$200. You could choose to donate \$16.67 monthly, \$50 quarterly or, make a one-time donation of \$200. If donating at that level is too high right now, any size donation would be greatly appreciated.

Your donation can be made by logging into Wild Apricot and going to the "Members' Only" homepage or, through the QR code on the Kilgour Centre Fund Drive business cards located by the front desk inside the Kilgour. If you'd prefer to write a check, make it out to *St. Andrew's Society of Detroit*, write *Account #40507* in the memo line, and mail it to:

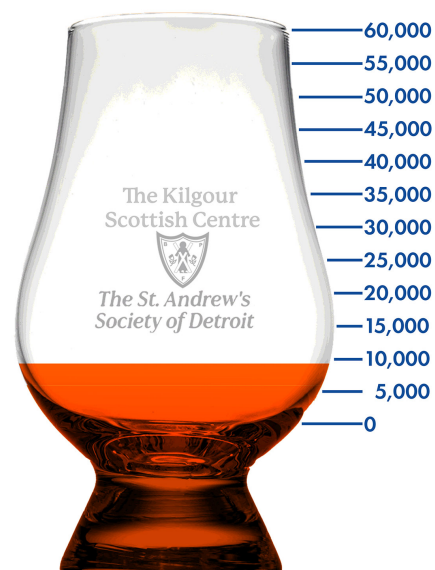
St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
c/o Kilgour Centre Fund Drive
2363 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI 48083

Thank you to our donors and for everyone considering contributing to the Kilgour Centre Fund Drive! Through the *Fling*, you'll gain monthly financial updates, news on other Kilgour fund raising events, and Kilgour projects.

Don Hiruo & Van Rohr
Kilgour Fund Development Committee

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Balance September 22, 2025
\$9239.96



The Kilgour Centre Fund Drive



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

Preserving Our Legacy: The 2018 Oral History Project

As the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit looked ahead to its 175th anniversary in 2024, the value of our collective history came into sharp focus. In 2018, a special initiative was launched to preserve the memories and stories of our members who lived the Society's mission and traditions. As part of the Library Committee heading up this project, Van Rohr dedicated countless hours to interviewing members, meticulously recording and editing their comments with unwavering commitment. That year, 13 members were interviewed to share their personal reflections. These oral histories offered heartfelt insight into the Society's culture—stories of friendship, family ties, service, and, of course, Scottish pride. You will find these interviews here: <https://detroitscots.com/library/history-project/>

From tales of the Highland Games to behind-the-scenes glimpses of our annual events, the interviews brought depth and color to our legacy.

Written Stories: Personal Perspectives

In addition to recorded interviews, Mary David contributed her written accounts capturing the unique and personal moments that have shaped her experience in the Society.

A Foundation for the 175th Anniversary Book

The 2018 project laid essential groundwork for what would become the 175th Anniversary Book in 2024. The voices and memories collected were instrumental in shaping the tone and narrative of that publication, ensuring our members' lived experiences were honored and preserved.

A Legacy for Future Generations

This project reminded us that our history isn't just found in meeting minutes or event flyers, but in the memories and relationships we carry forward. The 2018 oral history project remains a cornerstone of our archival efforts and a tribute to those who have kept our traditions alive.

Society members are invited to visit <https://detroitscots.com>, click on the *Charles Low Memorial Library* link, and then select *History Project* to view the recorded and written contributions.

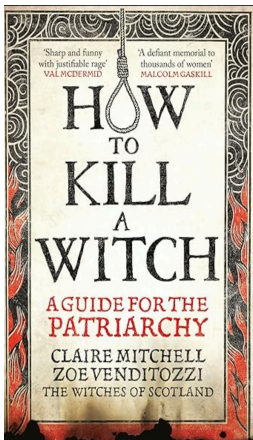
"The history of the Society lives in its people. Every story told keeps our heritage alive."



Charles S. Low Book Club

For our November book discussion, we will be reading *How to Kill a Witch: a Guide for the Patriarchy* by Claire Mitchell and Zoe Venditozzi.

Description:



Scotland, 1563: Crops failed. People starved. And the Devil's influence was stronger than ever, at least, that's what everyone believed. If you were a woman living in Scotland during this turbulent time, there was a very good chance that you, or someone you knew, would be tried as a witch. Witch hunts ripped through the country for over 150 years, with at least 4,000 accused, and with many women's fates sealed by a grizzly execution of strangulation, followed by burning.

During the chaos of the Reformation, violence against women was codified for the first time in the Witchcraft Act—a tool of theocratic control with one chilling goal: to root out witches and rid the land of evil. What followed was a dark and misogynistic chapter in history that fanned the flames of witch hunts across the globe, including the United States and beyond. In order to understand why it happened, they have broken down the entire horrifying process, step-by-step, from identification of individuals, to their accusation, "pricking", torture, confessions, execution and beyond.

This captivating (and often infuriating) account, which weaves a rich tapestry of trial transcripts, witness accounts, and the documents that set the legal grounds for the witch hunts, exposes how this violent period of history mirrors today's struggles for justice and equality. *How to Kill a Witch* is a powerful, darkly humorous reminder of the dangers of superstition, bias, and ignorance, and a warning to never forget the past... while raising the question of whether it could ever happen again.

(The American edition will be published on September 30, but you can get the British edition from Amazon, Alibris, or other booksellers if you can't wait.)

The Low Library Book Club will meet on November 10th at 5:30 p.m. (EST). Contact Cathy McCullough Les at library@detroitscots.com if you have any questions.

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SASD Membership

October Initiation Membership Potluck



SASD Sign-Ups



Contact

SUGGESTED LAST NAME ALPHA SPLIT

A-H DESSERTS

I-P MAIN DISHES

Q-Z SALADS AND SIDE DISHES



Date 10/06/2025 (Mon.)



Time 6:00PM - 6:30PM EDT



Location Kilgour Scottish Centre of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit - Detroit Scots
2363 Rochester Rd
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The Michigan WWII Memorial presents *Whiskey, Wine and WWII*—a tasting tour of major events of WWII by way of whiskey and wine tied to these events. Each course will also feature a complementary cheese or chocolate pairing. Dinner will be provided by Mission BBQ.

When: October 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)

Where: Kilgour Scottish Centre, 2363 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI 48083

VIP Seating: \$125

General Admission: \$100

Sponsorship: Opportunities available on website

Silent Auction: Bid on a selection of wines, whiskeys and a few surprises

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



Clan Crest Plaque Order Form

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Price: \$\$85.00

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

Clan: _____

Tartan: _____

Circle Wood color: Light or Dark



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for your next event!**

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Founded in the year 1849, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is the oldest benevolent organization in the State of Michigan. Our mission is to provide assistance to fellow Scots and to encourage the love of Scotland through its history, customs, music, literature, and national games.

We're on the Web!

detroitscots.com

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Happy October Birthdays!

Xavier Allen

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Note: Our Birthday Wishes are coming from our Membership System for those members who update their profile with their Month of Birth.



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☐ November ☐ December

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