

The Highland Fling

October 2026



Chris MacKenzie, President



Fellow Scots,

The other night at the ballgame—Comerica Park, Fifth Third Park, Tiger Stadium, wherever we were! —it was fantastic seeing so many Scots out for Scottish Heritage Night. Hopefully, we made enough of a splash that they invite us back next year.

We weren't even on the original schedule at the start of the season. They actually approached us halfway through, which I'm guessing was thanks to all the buzz generated by Team Scotland in the World Cup. Whatever the reason, I'll take it—just invite us along!

It was great catching up with long-time members, welcoming new faces, and making a few new friends along the way. These days, it's increasingly rare to find events that bring our entire community together. We definitely have a bit of a divide—let's call it "The Old Guard" versus "The Wee Bairns." I know I'm exaggerating a bit, but the struggle to find that middle ground where everyone has a good time is real.

That's why I want to give Emily Bissell, our Cultural Events Chair, a ton of credit for stepping up, trying new things, and making events like this happen.

Slàinte,



Chris MacKenzie, President, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

Ann Campbell heard this from the Tartan Weaving Company: We are working on your tartan, unfortunately our looms have been back logged all year. I appreciate you have been waiting a long time for the Michigan tartan.

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2026 SASD CALENDAR

October 2026					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
10/5	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.				
	New Member Initiation	Potluck with Shepherd's Pie	Forgotten Harvest	Spina bifida	Maggie's Center - Scotland
10/8	Michigan WW2 Legacy Memorial – The Spirits of '45, Kilgour, 6:30 p.m.				
10/8	Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.				
10/13	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/16	Scottish Artist Jim Malcolm in Concert, Kilgour, Doors open 6:00 p.m.				
10/17	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.				
10/19	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/20	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/22	Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.				
10/28	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/30	Whisky Tasting, Kilgour, Dinner by Mission BBQ at 6:00 p.m., Whisky Tasting following				
November 2026					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
11/2	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting	Potluck	USMC Toys for Tots	Vietnam Veterans - Macomb	Penrickton Center for Blind Children
11/7	MSU vs Michigan Football Game & Fundraiser, Kilgour, TBD				
11/9	Charles Low Library Book Club, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/10	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/12	Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.				
11/14	Deck the Hall, Kilgour, 9:00 a.m. till Noon				
11/16	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/17	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/20	St. Andrew's Day Party, Kilgour, Doors open at 6:00 p.m.				
11/21	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.				

2026 SASD CALENDAR

November 2026 (cont'd)

11/22	Kirking of the Tartans, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave, Detroit, Check-in at 9:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Service
11/25	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
11/26	Happy Thanksgiving Day!
11/30	Happy St. Andrew's Day & Happy Birthday St. Andrew's Society of Detroit!

December 2026

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
12/7	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting & Election	Potluck	Coalition on Temporary Shelter	Focus Hope	National Trust for Scotland
12/8	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/10	Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.				
12/15	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/19	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.				
12/21	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/23	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/24	Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.				
12/25	Merry Christmas to all!				
12/31	Happy Hogmanay!				



[Click Here to see the
September 2026
Photo Album](#)



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 a completely packed SUV full of items to be delivered!

At our October 5th meeting, we will be collecting food items for [Forgotten Harvest](#). They deliver 144,000 pounds of food five days a week to local charities that distribute food to those in need free of charge. Please bring non-perishable items to the meeting. Some suggestions: canned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit, breakfast cereal and bars, oatmeal, powdered milk, dry pasta, pasta sauce, soup, and peanut butter. Please do not bring any food items in glass jars.

If you prefer a monetary donation for the charity of the month, we can accept PayPal online at 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. All members are allowed to have donations matched by the SASD up to \$100 per year. Checks and cash are always collected at all monthly meetings. Checks are to be made payable to *The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit*.

Our 50/50 Drawing will be shared with the [Spina Bifida Association](#).

[Maggie's Center Scotland](#) will receive our benevolence check. They support families of patients with cancer.

Planning ahead on the calendar, we will be supporting the following groups:

November - **Toys for Tots**, unwrapped gifts for children.

December - **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.



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Emily Bissell
Cultural Events Chair

CULTURAL EVENTS

*The Highland Road's been sung before and will be sung again,
So long as bards give thanks for good in the way of honest men;
And let who will be contrary, the lave will yet agree,
And cry again, 'The Highland Road, the Highland Road for me!'*

Hilton Brown

General Membership Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2026

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026. We hope you'll join us for an evening of fellowship, Society updates, and a potluck meal. Being an Initiation meeting, we always appreciate donations of Shepherd's Pie!

If you'd like to bring a dish, please [sign up in advance](#). Can't bring food? Donations to our general fund are always appreciated and help cover the cost of coffee, paper goods, and other meeting supplies. A collection box will be available at the front desk.

Recent Events

Scottish Heritage Night with the Detroit Tigers - Monday, September 21

It was a wonderful time at the old ball park as we celebrated Scottish Heritage Night at Comerica Park as the Tigers took on the Washington Nationals!

Upcoming Events

Jim Malcolm – Award-Winning Scottish Folk Singer - Friday, October 16

Enjoy an evening of traditional Scottish music with acclaimed singer-songwriter Jim Malcolm. Let's show Jim a real Scottish/American Welcome!

- \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door
- Doors open: 6:00 p.m.
- Concert begins: 7:00 p.m.

Known for his engaging performances and masterful storytelling, Jim Malcolm is widely regarded as one of Scotland's finest traditional singers. Cash Bar; outside food welcome. Food will not be served or sold at this event.

Whisky Tasting - Friday, October 30, 2026

Our always-popular Whisky Tasting is back! Join us for an evening of great food, fine whisky, and good company.

The evening begins with a delicious dinner catered by Mission BBQ, served at 6:00 p.m., followed by the whisky tasting. Our very own Whisky Wizard, Elliot MacFarlane, will guide us through the evening and share his knowledge and appreciation of Scotland's national spirit.

Tickets are \$100 and will go on sale October 1, 2026.

This popular event is sure to fill up, so be sure to get your tickets early. We hope you'll join us for another memorable evening of good food, great whisky, and Scottish fellowship!

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(Cultural Events continued)

St. Andrew's Day Party - Friday, November 20

Join us for a fun, casual evening filled with live Scottish music, good food, drinks, and great company!

This year, we're putting a fresh, relaxed spin on our St. Andrew's Day celebration—think more Scottish pub party than formal dinner. Enjoy live music from Roane, grab a drink at the bar, and spend the evening celebrating Scottish culture with friends, family, and fellow members of the Society. Cash bar; food will be available for purchase at the event.

Come dressed in your best Scottish attire—or just come ready to have a good time! Whether you're a longtime member, a friend of the Society, or simply interested in Scottish culture, everyone is welcome. Come celebrate St. Andrew's Day with us—raise a glass, enjoy the music, and have a little Scottish fun!

Be sure to check our [Events page](#) regularly. New events are added throughout the year!

Get Involved - Volunteer with the Society

Looking for other ways to help? Visit our [SignUpGenius page](#) to see current volunteer opportunities. Have an idea for an event or activity? We'd love to hear from you! Email us at culturalevents@detroitscots.com.

Interested in joining the Cultural Activities Committee? Our next meeting is Monday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. New members are always welcome!

Zoom Meeting ID: 878 6259 4600

Passcode: 723223

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)





Want a voice in voting for SASD leadership? Then plan on attending the December 7th Membership Meeting at the Kilgour! Three three-year positions on the Board of Trustees and three two-year Executive Committee positions—President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer—are up for election.

The newly elected officers and trustees will begin their terms at the February 1, 2027, Membership Meeting, following the swearing-in ceremony.

If you are considering running for office or would like to nominate someone, please email me, vanrohr@gmail.com. For more information or if you'd like to speak to someone about any position you may be interested in, please reach out to me or any of the other Election Committee members, Paula Lupi, Glen Milligan, Ann Campbell or Ray Swetman. Our email addresses and phone numbers are accessible via Wild Apricot. We presently have a good number of candidates but, if you have ideas for the SASD, you're encouraged to run.

Should you choose to run for office or a position on the Board of Trustees, your next step is to prepare a one-page candidate profile and email it to vanrohr@gmail.com for publication in the November issue of *The Highland Fling*.

Please include a photo of yourself along with information about how long you have been a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and the leadership skills and experience you would bring to the position. Highlight your involvement with the Society, such as the Highland Games, Fish Fries, special events, committee work, or other Society activities and meetings. We also encourage you to share your vision for the SASD and what you hope to contribute as a Board of Trustees member or Executive Officer.

Completed profiles are due by Monday, October 12, 2026.

All candidates will be invited to speak at the Monday, November 2, 2026, Membership Meeting. Each candidate will have up to three minutes at the podium to introduce themselves, briefly share the highlights of their profile, and give members an opportunity to put a face with a name.

Joyfully, at your service!

Van Rohr

SASD Elections/Nominations Committee Chair

Introducing the Marketing Committee

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit has a lot going on.

We have cultural programs, social events, the Highland Games, Kilgour Scottish Centre, charitable activities, membership events, and more. We also have more than 177 years of history and some pretty interesting people and stories. The challenge is making sure people know about it all.

That's the purpose of our Marketing Committee: to help the Society better tell its story, promote its activities, and reach both our existing members and people who may not know us yet.

- **What will the Marketing Committee do?** The committee will help coordinate the Society's communications and promotion across our websites, social media, email, and other channels.

That includes planning ahead so we aren't always asking, "What should we post this week?" We want to develop a year-round calendar that helps promote Society activities at the right time, builds awareness of the Highland Games well before August, markets Kilgour Scottish Centre throughout the year, and keeps members informed about what is happening within the Society.

We also want to tell more stories — about our members, our history, Scottish culture, our volunteers and the work being done throughout the organization.

- **What won't the Marketing Committee do?**

It won't replace the Society's other committees or take over their responsibilities.

The Highland Games Committee still runs the Highland Games. The House Committee and Kilgour management still operate Kilgour Scottish Centre. Cultural Activities develops cultural programming. Membership handles membership activities, and our other committees continue doing the work they already do.

- **Marketing's job is to help people know about that work.**

And we'll need those committees to help us. Marketing can turn a great photograph, an upcoming event, an interesting member, or a good story into something we can share —but first we need to know about it.

- **We need some help**

This is a new effort, and we're looking for Society members who would like to be part of it. You do not need to be a marketing expert.

We can use people who enjoy writing, photography, social media, Scottish history, talking with people, brainstorming ideas, or simply helping keep projects organized. Maybe you know Facebook and Instagram. Maybe you take good pictures. Maybe you enjoy finding interesting stories. Or maybe you just have ideas about how we could do a better job of telling Metro Detroit who we are. You also don't have to do everything. In fact, we'd rather have several people contributing what they enjoy and do well.

Our goal is pretty simple:

Tell our story better. Reach more people. Strengthen the Society.

If that sounds interesting, we'd love to have you join us. Contact Bob Richardson at marketingchair@detroitscots.com to learn more or become part of the Marketing Committee.

Kim's Korner - The Legacy Society

September 2026

Topic: A Midseason Game Plan for Generosity

October is an important point in the college football season. The excitement of opening weekend has passed, teams have tested their strengths, and coaches are evaluating what is working and what adjustments are needed for the remainder of the season.

It is also a good time for families to pause and review their charitable game plan before year-end.

For many families, college football is about more than the game. It is a tradition passed from one generation to the next—the same school colors, favorite team, treasured recipes, and Saturday rituals. Charitable giving can become a family tradition in much the same way.

Parents and grandparents often think carefully about the financial legacy they hope to leave. But a family legacy includes more than the assets transferred to the next generation. It also includes the values that shaped how those assets were earned, managed, and shared.

Start by discussing the causes that matter most to your family. Then review the gifts you have already made this year and consider what you would still like to accomplish. Are your contributions supporting the organizations most closely aligned with your values? Is there a cause you intended to support but have not yet addressed?

Children and grandchildren can also participate by researching charities or selecting an organization to receive part of the family's charitable budget. These conversations can teach valuable lessons about money, gratitude, and responsibility.

Just as a mid-season gameplay review can help a team finish strong, an October charitable review can help your family give more intentionally. As we continue through our Year of Abundance, now is the time to make thoughtful adjustments and carry your family's tradition of generosity as we approach the end of the year.

Best,

Kimberly Enders

kimenders@yahoo.com



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

The Charles Low Library will not be taking donations of books or other random items until further notice. We do still want to receive archival materials.



It is barely Fall and we are well into planning for next year's Annual Highland Games. Claudia, Doug, and I are excited about all of the support and suggestions. We have quite a list and are figuring out how to incorporate these ideas into next year's Games.. The calendar is being built to keep us on track with the help of the documentation that became electronic last year as well as those pieces that experience has taught us. It is fun to go back through every detail that we can think of to determine if it is something we do for a purpose or just because it was always that way. The unintended consequences work both ways, and we are eager to see what can work for the good of the Games. Every person that joins the Society says that they want to learn more about their heritage and family. We are looking for more ways to pull in the Scottish history, individuals, and events.

Thank you to all who have reached out with ideas, support, and excitement. Thank you to the past chairs and volunteers that can teach us about how things were and what they would enjoy seeing. We look forward to another exceptional event!

On to the Next!

Claudia Scott
Co-Chairs of the 2027 Annual Highland Games

Doug Reith

Glen Milligan



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Member and Trustee, Bob Richardson, is in need of our healing prayers as he had a hip replaced on September 21st. Bob broke his hip in April.
- Members Michael Grabowski and Emily Bissell need healing thoughts and prayers for Michael's mother CeCe Grabowski.



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

Written by Ann Brown

A Gift Restored with Pride — Donated Bagpipes Get a Stylish Makeover from Pipe Major Dave Martin

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit received a beautiful set of Scottish Highland bagpipes as a gift to the Low Library.

The bagpipes are beautifully displayed over the fireplace in the Low Library, but it wasn't until Pipe Major Dave Martin suggested the cord needed to be replaced that I took a real look at them. I've always loved their sound and feel very fortunate to hear them at so many St. Andrew's events but had never taken the time to learn their history or about the role they played in Scottish Society as well as our culture in the US.

I was surprised to learn the origins of bagpipes began in countries far from Scotland and, in fact, originated in countries such as Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Africa amongst others. The exact source of their creation is a topic of discussion among historians, but the instrument has been an integral part of Scottish culture for centuries

Bagpipes are an ancient family of reed instruments. Early forms appeared in the Middle East and were known in the Roman world; by the Middle Ages, many regional varieties were played across Europe. In Scotland, bagpipes are documented from medieval times and became closely associated with Gaelic clan life, ceremonies, dancing, and warfare. The Great Highland bagpipe gradually developed its familiar chanter and three-drone form and later spread internationally through British military regiments and pipe bands. Today, more than 100 bagpipe traditions survive worldwide, although the Great Highland bagpipe remains the best-known symbol of Scottish music and culture. [\[metmuseum.org\]](http://metmuseum.org), [\[britannica.com\]](http://britannica.com), [\[digital.nls.uk\]](http://digital.nls.uk)

DiscoverBritain.com states the bagpipes are "Scotland's de facto national instrument".

From The Met Fifth Avenue, at www.metmuseum.org:

The Met noted the "main instrument that comes to mind when bagpipes are mentioned are, of course, the Great Highland bagpipes from Scotland". They go on to note:

Bagpipes appeared in Scotland around the fifteenth century. They were incorporated into Scottish clan culture, as clan pipers assumed positions traditionally occupied by bards. Clan leaders had personal pipers who had often learned their skills in Ireland, where bardic—and later piping—schools were established. Although Scottish bagpipes are played extensively in civilian contexts, they are known across the world due to their presence in the British military. The use of bagpipes in European military contexts dates at least as far back as the sixteenth century, with examples recorded in Germany, Eastern Europe, and Ireland. In Scotland, bagpipes have been used in military contexts for centuries, but it is in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries that the national imagery was formed, branding the Highland pipes as a national and martial instrument. In the 1980s, the Scottish small pipes were developed, based on eighteenth-century.

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examples found in Scottish museum collections. They use the same fingerings as the Great Highland bagpipes, but are much quieter, and encourage ensemble playing.

The Met Fifth Avenue Hugh Cheape, *Bagpipes: A National Collection of a National Instrument* (Edinburgh: NMS Enterprise Limited, 2008). Contributors *Cassandra Balosso-Bardin Senior Fellow, Department of Musical Instruments and Associate Professor in Music, University of Lincoln, UK*

The Highland bagpipe is built around one clever idea: the player does not blow directly through the melody pipe in the same way a flautist or clarinetist does. Air goes into the bag first. The bag then feeds the chanter and drones while the piper presses it under the arm. That steady air supply creates the famous unbroken sound. There is no easy silence between notes. Once the reeds are speaking, the instrument keeps going. So, pipers use grace notes, cuts, strikes, doublings, throws, and other ornaments to separate melody notes. In plain words: the fingers do much of the punctuation. <https://instrumentheritage.com/highland-bagpipes/>

Part of the broader bagpipes family, the Great Highland bagpipes consist of a bag that stores air, a melody pipe called the chanter, and three drone pipes that produce a continuous harmonic background. The instrument produces a strong, penetrating sound designed to project across outdoor environments, making it particularly suitable for military use, parades, and public gatherings.

From <https://organology.net/instrument/great-highland-bagpipes>, we learn the Great Highland bagpipes are a traditional Scottish bagpipe instrument known for their powerful sound and ceremonial role in Scottish culture. They are the most widely recognized type of bagpipes in the world and are closely associated with Scottish military traditions, pipe bands, and cultural ceremonies.

From <https://organology.net/instrument/great-highland-bagpipes>, The Great Highland bagpipes remain an enduring symbol of Scottish identity and are widely performed in traditional music, ceremonial events, and international pipe band competitions.

Our own Dave Martin traveled to Scotland for many years and competed in many competitions and earned many awards.

During the sixteenth century, bagpipes began to play an important role in Highland clan culture. Pipers served as musicians and messengers for clan leaders, performing music during ceremonies and gatherings.

By the eighteenth century, the instrument had become closely associated with Scottish military regiments. Highland soldiers carried bagpipes into battle, where the powerful sound helped coordinate troops and boost morale.

The design and sound of the bagpipes have evolved over time. Initially, they were simple and used for signaling and communication as in WW1, where they were on the front lines and many pipers lost their lives. During WW2 it was determined to no longer put them out front.

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Following the formation of Highland regiments in the British Army, pipe bands became a formal part of military tradition. The bagpipes replaced the trumpet on Scottish battlefields by the mid 1500's and by the 1600's bagpipes were firmly established as a Scottish military tradition and were associated with Highland warfare and culture. The sound of the Highland bagpipes could carry great distances and could be heard over the sound of the marching soldiers and the combat they encountered. This military connection played a major role in spreading the instrument internationally. There is a fascinating story about a piper named Bill Millin who had mixed feelings about playing the bagpipes as soldiers landed in Normandy on D-Day. Bill was a personal piper to Lord Lovat at the time. He recalled that he "had to pipe ashore in the water up onto the beach" as the Allied forces landed under fire on D-Day". Thousands of troops on nearby vessels cheered him on. He was also informed from captured German soldiers that the reason they didn't shoot at him was because "they thought 'he had gone mad' for walking the battlefield while playing the pipes under fire." From Brittanica.com: Bill Millin's story is a testament to the diverse and often unexpected roles played by individuals during major historical events. His bagpipes became a symbol of hope and resilience amidst the brutal realities of war.

- The production of Scottish Highland Bagpipes involves several steps including gathering the parts which include silver or brass fittings. The main components of a bagpipe are the chanter (the melody pipe), the drones (the sustained notes), and the bag (often made from animal hides).
- Construction: The bagpipe maker, or "bagpiper", carefully constructs each part. The chanter is often made from wood, while the drones can be made from wood or metal. The bag is typically made from sheep or goat hide.
- Assembly: Once all the parts are constructed, they are assembled and each part is tuned to play in harmony, creating the distinctive sound of the bagpipes.
- Finishing: The finished bagpipes are often polished and decorated.

The Scottish Highland Bagpipes are deeply rooted in Scottish culture and have been an integral part of the country's musical heritage for centuries. Today, the instrument continues to be produced in Scotland, with skilled craftsmen keeping the tradition alive. Today the Great Highland bagpipes remain an enduring symbol of Scottish identity and are widely performed in traditional music, ceremonial events, and international pipe band competitions. Our own Dave Martin has travelled to Scotland many times to compete in these and has returned home with many awards! He has many interesting stories about his time in Scotland and his mentors there.

This generous gift arrived in good condition and is a treasured part of our library display. As noted, our own Pipe Major, Dave Martin, kindly volunteered to replace the instrument's worn cord with a newer, more attractive one. The upgraded cord not only enhances the pipes' appearance but also improves handling and durability. Dave chose a design and color that complement the chanter and drones, showing both skill and an eye for presentation.

Per a post on <https://irishscottishroots.blog/2025/12/28/bagpipe-components-design/> Cords and tassels are mostly decorative, but they also help stabilize drones and keep cords from tangling around mounts.

This small but meaningful act by Dave exemplifies the spirit of our Society: members contributing time and craftsmanship to care for our shared resources.

We extend warm thanks to the anonymous donor for the donation and to Dave for the thoughtful restoration.



SASD Membership

2026 Monthly Membership Meetings--Many Hands Make Light Work



Social Chair



Contact

[VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT OUR MEETINGS](#)



SASD Membership

October Membership Potluck



SASD Sign-Ups



Contact

SUGGESTED LAST NAME ALPHA SPLIT

A-H Desserts

I-P Salads & Sides

Q-Z Main Dishes



Date 10/05/2026 (Mon.)



Time 6:00PM - 6:30PM EDT



Location Kilgour Scottish Centre of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit - Detroit Scots
2363 Rochester Rd
Troy, MI 48083

[VOLUNTEER TO BRING A DISH TO THE POTLUCK](#)



As a follow-up to The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial's successful *Whiskey, Wine, and WWII* event last fall, *The Spirits of '45*, will tell the story of WWII events and battles through cocktails and paired snacks, focusing on the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Dinner will be provided by Mission BBQ. There will also be a silent auction where guests can bid on a selection of spirits along with a few surprises!

When: *Thursday, October 8, 2026*

VIP Reception: *5:30-6:00*

Includes an informative talk by Dr. Gregory Sumner, University of Detroit Mercy History Professor and author, on POW camps in Michigan during the war. VIP guests will enjoy the first wine pairing of the night as they learn about this important Michigan story.

General Admission: *Doors Open at 6:15 PM; Program begins at 6:30 PM*

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

Cost: *VIP Admission \$125*

General Admission \$100

THE MICHIGAN
WWII LEGACY
Memorial

Benefiting The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, a 501c3 non-profit organization working to build the state's official tribute to Michigan's WWII heroes. The Memorial is located in Royal Oak's Memorial Park at 13 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue.



www.michiganww2memorial.org

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Presents Acclaimed Scottish Folk Singer

Jim Malcolm

7pm Friday, October 16th, 2026
\$15 presale/\$20 at the door
Doors open at 6pm

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SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026



ST. ANDREW'S DAY
 JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR
Scottish Heritage
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

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 **DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.**

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AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH TRADITION, MUSIC & FRIENDSHIP

Scottish Sunday - Save the Date - Sunday, November 22, 2026



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*Scottish Sunday and the Kirkin' of the Tartan
 will take place at historic
 Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church
 on Sunday, November 22nd 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.

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The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Bylaws

Concerning Election of Officers & Trustees

Article XI – Board of Trustees

11.01 The Board of Trustees shall be the corporate officers of the Society and shall consist of nine members, three elected each year for a three-year term each. The Board shall, by the February Board of Trustees meeting each year, elect from among its members a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be a regular or life member with Scottish ancestry.

11.02 The President and the Treasurer of the Society shall be members of the Board of Trustees and shall have both voice and the right to vote, but neither shall be eligible to hold elective office on the Board.

11.03 The Society shall provide each Trustee with an appropriate badge of office, which shall remain the property of the Society.

Article XII – Duties of the Board of Trustees

12.01 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 nonprofit, 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 VII 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 parttime 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, grants, 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.

12.02 The Chair shall be the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees.

12.03 The Vice-Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair, be the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees. Should the Chair resign, be recalled, or otherwise vacate the office, the Vice-Chair shall temporarily succeed to that office until such time as an election from among its Trustee members can be held.

The Vice-Chair shall also chair the House Committee

12.04 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 XIII – Board of Trustees Meetings

13.01 The Board of Trustees shall meet at least six times during the calendar year at an announced time and place. A portion of each meeting shall be open, and any member of the Society in good standing shall be permitted to attend and speak with at least 24hour notice to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

13.02 Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the Chair when appropriate. All members of the Board shall be notified of the time, place, and purpose of the special meeting, and no business other than that specified in the call shall be conducted.

Article XIV – Elected Officers and Appointed Positions

14.01 The elected officers of the Society shall be:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Treasurer

The President and First Vice-President must be a regular or life member with Scottish ancestry.

14.02 The appointed positions of the Society shall be:

- Archives and Library Chair
- Bard
- Chaplain
- Color Sergeant
- Communications and IT Chair
- Cultural Activities Chair
- Genealogist
- Highland Games Chair
- Marketing Chair
- Parliamentarian
- Piper
- Sergeant-at-Arms

The President of the Society shall make these appointments with the advice and counsel of the other elected officers and the Board of Trustees.

14.03 The term of office for each elected officer shall be for two years. Terms of office will begin in odd-numbered years for:

- President
- Second Vice-President
- Treasurer

Terms of office will begin in even-numbered years for:

- First Vice President

- Secretary
- Membership Secretary

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- Archives and Library Chair
- Chaplain
- Communications and IT Chair
- Genealogist
- Marketing Chair
- Piper

Terms of office will begin in even-numbered years for:

- Bard
- Color Sergeant
- Cultural Activities Chair
- Highland Games Chair
- Parliamentarian
- Sergeant-at-Arms

14.05 Upon election or appointment, an officer or chair may exercise the authority of his/her office only after publicly taking the oath of office at the February meeting or thereafter.

Article XV – Duties of Elected Officers

15.01 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.

15.02 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.

15.03 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. Serve on the Membership Committee and act as Chair of the Membership Committee, as necessary due to the Membership Secretary's absence.
- 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.

15.04 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.

15.05 The **Secretary** shall:

- a. Prepare and maintain a sign-in record of those attending each Society meeting, including the Trustees, elected officers, and appointed positions.
- 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. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

15.06 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. Chair 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.

15.07 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 cosigned by the President, Chair or Vice Chair 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. Follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and utilize the Accrual Method of accounting for the Society's accounting and financial reporting
- i. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Article XVI – Qualifications for Holding Office

16.01 Nominees for all elected offices must be in good standing at the time of nomination and must have:

- a. attended at least 6 of the previous 10 monthly general membership meetings, or
- b. volunteered at 3 recent events, or
- c. provided services to the Society in a volunteer capacity, or
- d. served as an active member of the Executive Committee or Board of Trustees within the past two years, or
- e. has the skills and experience to perform the duties and has the approval of the BoT

It shall be conclusively presumed that a nominee attended a meeting if such attendance:

- a. Is reflected in the Secretary's attendance register.
- b. If the Executive Committee excuses the absence for medical reasons or other exigent reason within 60 days of a missed meeting: or
- c. If the Executive Committee corrects the attendance register based upon a nominee's affidavit certifying their attendance at a specific meeting.
- d. No Trustee or Officer may be installed who is not in good standing at the time of such installation or appointment.

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

16.03 To be eligible to serve as President or First Vice President, a member must have been in good standing throughout each of the immediately preceding 24 months.

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

16.05 At the time of election, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall certify that the candidates for office meet the mandatory eligibility requirements enumerated in Articles 16.01 through 16.04.

16.06 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.
- f. Parliamentarian: Knowledge of parliamentary procedure and the rules of debate.

Article XVII – Election of Trustees and Officers

17.01 The Nominating Committee, shall recommend a slate of officers at the October meeting each year. (Refer to Duties section) 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 February meeting.

17.02 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 Chair of the Board or the President, as appropriate, shall immediately appoint a replacement to serve until the elected successor takes office.

17.03 A secret, written ballot shall be taken for all elective offices. In the event no individual receives a majority of the votes cast for a given position, a run-off election between the two top ranking candidates shall be immediately held.

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

17.05 All Trustees and Officers shall be elected by the members, except as provided for in Section 17.02. Each member in good standing present, regardless of classification as a life, family, regular, non-resident or honorary, shall have one vote.