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# The Highland Fling

November 2026


Chris MacKenzie, President

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Scots,

As we head into November, our thoughts naturally turn to cider, donuts, vibrant fall colors, and crisp autumn air. Looking just ahead on our calendar, we have a wonderfully busy season with the Kirkin' o' the Tartan, Thanksgiving, St. Andrew's Day, and decorating the Kilgour Scottish Centre for Christmas.

This time of year always inspires a spirit of giving. Whether it's donating toys to the Marines, volunteering at local soup kitchens, or collecting food and blankets, our members consistently step up with generosity and kindness. You truly embody what our Society stands for, and I couldn't be prouder to lead this group and see everything we accomplish together.

On a quick housekeeping note: during recent meetings, we've had the occasional wanderer step through the front door. While no one has been a safety concern, these drop-ins can be distracting for our Secretary, Alison Coates, who is already hard at work trying to transcribe all of my ramblings and bad jokes.

To help out, we are resurrecting the role of **Sergeant-at-Arms**.

For now, this will be an informal roster of volunteers who wouldn't mind greeting folks at the front podium during meetings, directing visitors, and letting Alison focus on her notes. The job is simple: hang out, welcome guests, and look reasonably formidable!

We are looking for volunteers to cover the next four meetings (The incoming president could appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms for a two-year term, as referenced in the Bylaws.) If you're willing to take a shift, please drop me a line at president@detroitscots.com.

*(Note: Fancy uniform not included, though we might be able to find you a sword if you ask nicely!)*

Slàinte,

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

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# 2026 SASD CALENDAR

## 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** | **Marine Toys for Tots Foundation** | **Vietnam Veterans - Macomb** | **Penrickton Center for Blind Children** |
| 11/7 | Green / Blue Football Tailgate Party, Kilgour, Time to be announced | | | | |
| 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)<br>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.<br>Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | | | | |
| 11/22 | Kirkin' o' the Tartan, 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

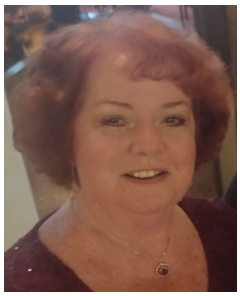
| Date | Event | Food | Charity | 50/50 | Benevolence |
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| **12/7** | **Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.** | | | | |
| | **Membership Meeting & Election** | **Potluck** | **Coalition on 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)<br>Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom) | | | | |
| 12/19 | Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.<br>Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | | | | |

# 2026 SASD CALENDAR

| December 2026 (cont'd) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12/21 | Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom) | | | | |
| 12/23 | Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom) | | | | |
| 12/25 | Merry Christmas to all! | | | | |
| 12/31 | Happy Hogmanay! | | | | |
| **January 2027** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Food** | **Charity** | **50/50** | **Benevolence** |
| 1/1 | Happy New Year! | | | | |
| 1/2 | Kilgour Holiday Takedown, Kilgour, 9:00 a.m. to Noon | | | | |
| **1/4** | **Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.** | | | | |
| | **Membership Meeting** | **Chili Cookoff** | **South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (SOCH)** | **SASD Flower Fund** | **Volunteers Assisting the Disabled** |
| 1/12 | Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom) | | | | |
| 1/14 | Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | | | | |
| 1/16 | Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.<br>Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | | | | |
| 1/18 | Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom) | | | | |
| 1/19 | House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)<br>Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom) | | | | |
| 1/23 | Robert Burns Night, Kilgour, TBD | | | | |
| 1/27 | Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom) | | | | |
| 1/28 | Open Library Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | | | | |
| 1/29 | Scottish Heritage Night with the Red Wings, Little Caesars Arena, 7:00 p.m. | | | | |




**Click Here to see the October 2026 Photo Album**



Beth Frahm
Benevolence Chair

# OUR BENEVOLENCES

It is great to be back to our monthly meetings and witness our membership expanding! Thank you for the generous donations to Forgotten Harvest in October. Tim Reade delivered 293 pounds of food that was collected at our meeting. It's a little less weight than last year but, maybe more quality items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those less fortunate than ourselves.

We have another opportunity to help people with food insecurity at our **November 7th Tailgate Party at the Kilgour.** Bring pantry items and put them on the MSU or UM table to vote for your team! **St. Ephrem's Food Pantry** in Sterling Heights will receive the items.

At our November 2nd meeting, we will be collecting new toys, games, and books for the **Marine Toys for Tots Foundation**. Please DO NOT gift wrap the items. We have a long-standing relationship with the Toys for Tots program and our donations continue to grow each year! Thank you!

If you prefer a monetary donation for the charity of the month, we can accept PayPal donations 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. 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 for the **Vietnam Veterans – Macomb**.

Our Benevolence for November is the **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**.

Looking ahead on our calendar we will be supporting the following charities in the coming months.

December 7th - **Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS):** Please bring 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.

January 4th - **South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless**: They have an extensive Amazon wish list to choose from that I will provide details on next month. They can always use new underwear, socks, and sports bras.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE
TOYS FOR TOTS

Penrickton Center for Blind Children

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
CHAPTER 154



Emily Bissell
Cultural Events Chair

# CULTURAL EVENTS

## A Little Scottish Spirit to Warm the November Chill

The night tinkles like ice in glasses.
Leaves are glued to the pavement with frost.
The brown air fumes at the shop windows,
Tries the doors, and sidles past.

I gulp down winter raw. The heady
Darkness swirls with tenements.
In a brown fuzz of cottonwool
Lamps fade up crags, die into pits.

Frost in my lungs is harsh as leaves
Scraped up on paths. – I look up, there,
A high roof sails, at the mast-head
Fluttering a grey and ragged star.

The world's a bear shrugged in his den.
It's snug and close in the snoring night.
And outside like chrysanthemums
The fog unfolds its bitter scent.

~Norman MacCaig

November is here, bringing chilly evenings, shorter days, and plenty of reasons to gather with friends! We've got some fun things planned at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, and I hope you'll join us.

**Deck the Halls with Telly's!**

We're partnering with Telly's Greenhouse for a holiday greenery fundraiser benefiting the Society. It's a great opportunity to get a head start on holiday decorating while supporting a good cause! There's an order form a little bit further down, and we will have forms available at the November meeting.

Orders are due Monday, November 2, at our General Membership Meeting. If you can't attend, email me at **culturalevents@detroitscots.com** and we'll work something out. Your greenery will be available for pickup at the December 7 meeting.

**St. Andrew's Day — A Little Less Formal, a Lot More Fun!**
**Friday, November 20 | 6–10 p.m. | Kilgour Scottish Centre**

We're shaking things up for St. Andrew's Day this year! Think Scottish pub night rather than formal dinner, with live music from Roane, delicious food will be available for purchase from Oak & Stone Celtic Kitchen, and a cash bar.

We're also having a little fun with the decorations, inspired by Glasgow's famous traffic cone-topped Duke of Wellington statue. Expect a bit of Scottish silliness!

Tickets are $30 for members and guests and $40 for the public. Bring your friends, wear your tartan, and come enjoy a relaxed evening celebrating Scotland's patron saint!

Tickets and details are available on our **Events** page.

**Scottish Sunday and the Kirkin' o' the Tartan**
**Sunday, November 22, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.**
Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church
8625 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit

Join us for this cherished St. Andrew's tradition, featuring the presentation of tartans by attendees alongside the St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band and Royal Scottish Honour Guard.

A lively Cèilidh follows downstairs, with Highland dancers, bagpipers, refreshments, and Scottish treats!

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*(Cultural Events continued)*

**Would you like to present your tartan?** Contact Randall Cain at **313-884-8881**. Presenters should arrive by 9:00 a.m. with a tartan swatch. Highland dress is encouraged but not required.

**Coming Soon — Burns Night!**
**Saturday, January 23, 2027**
It's never too early to start looking forward to Burns Night! **Chef Roy is returning** to prepare our traditional Scottish supper, and we're putting together another wonderful evening celebrating Rabbie Burns. More details to come but be sure to save the date!

With so much happening, I hope we'll see plenty of familiar faces and a few new ones, too. After all, celebrating our Scottish heritage is always better when we're together!

**General Membership Meeting**
**Our next General Membership Meeting is Monday, November 2, 2026**. Join us for fellowship, Society updates, and a potluck meal!
Please sign up in advance if you'd like to bring a dish. If you can't bring food, donations to our general fund are always appreciated to help cover coffee, paper goods, and meeting supplies. A collection box will be available at the front desk.

And don't forget — **November 2 is also the Telly's fundraiser order deadline!**

Check our **Events** page for upcoming activities and our **SignUpGenius** for volunteer opportunities.

Have an event idea? We'd love to hear it! Email **culturalevents@detroitscots.com**.

**Cultural Activities Committee**

Interested in getting involved? Our next meeting is **Monday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.** Everyone is welcome!

**Meeting ID: 878 6259 4600**
**Passcode: 723223**
Join Zoom Meeting

Slàinte mhath!

Emily
Cultural Activities Committee

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# TELLY'S HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

**Customer Order Form • Prices**

**Customer name:** _____ **Order date:** _____
**Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Choose your items below and enter quantities. Prices are shown for each product.

## EVERGREEN PRODUCTS

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|---|---|---|---|
|  | **22" Wreath with Red Velvet Bow**<br>ens<br>Price: **$20** |  | **22" Wreath with Bow & Pinecones**<br>ens<br>Price: **$25** |
|  | **18" Holiday Door Swag with Bow**<br>Price: **$20** |  | **Holiday Greens Arrangement**<br>ens, ribbon & pinecones<br>Price: $30 |

**Evergreen product totals** — Wreath with bow $20 × qty: _____ = _ | Wreath with bow & pinecones $25 × qty: _____ = $_____
Door swag $20 × qty: _____ = $_____ | Greens arrangement $30 × qty: _____ = $_____

## POINSETTIAS

Premium florist-grade poinsettias; green pot covers included. Available in red, pink, and white. Please order poinsettias at least two weeks in advance.



| Size / style | Price | Red qty | Pink qty | White qty | Line total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4½" pot • Single stem | $7 | _____ | _____ | _____ | $_____ |
| 6½" pot • Single stem | $15 | _____ | _____ | _____ | $_____ |
| 7½" pot • Double stem | $20 | _____ | _____ | _____ | $_____ |
| 8½" pot • Triple stem | $30 | _____ | _____ | _____ | $_____ |

## ORDER DISTRIBUTION

Orders will be delivered at our December General Membership Meeting on December 7, 2026.
If you cannot attend and would still like to order, email Emily at culturalevents@detroitscots.com to make arrangements.

# Kim's Korner - The Legacy Society

I spoke at the October monthly general membership meeting about how we can often have the desire to give charitably, yet do not have the current financial situation to do so….and this is where planned giving comes into play. Should you wish to name SASD in your will, trust or beneficiary designation, here is the information you may need:

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
2363 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 526-1849
EIN: 38-1312689

Best,
Kimberly Enders
kimenders@yahoo.com



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members in need of healing thoughts & prayers:

- Members Michael Grabowski and Emily Bissell and Michael's mother Cece
- Member Mary Kafarski
- Member Doug Reith's sister, Alice
- Member Br. John Brendan
- Life Member Rod Harris
- Life Member Karen Cogswell
- Member Trixie Nicholson

- Claudia Ralston, wife of member Gary Ralston, passed away on Saturday, October 17. Claudia was a volunteer in the Wee Bairns area at the Highland Games for many years. Gary is a co-chair in the Wee Bairns area. Please keep Gary and family in your prayers during this time.

**Obituary for Claudia Ralston**

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
HIGHLAND GAMES

Greetings all,

The 178th Annual Highland Games are starting to take shape. We have received many suggestions and ideas to add to our event. The list is large and we are working on what can fit in the field, at the right time, and in the budget. Some thoughts have come from other Games and festivals that are fun and interesting. Some are coming as a blast from the past. The stories of long time members and attendees are so much fun to hear. It is important to remember our heritage and explore our traditions. We learn about our prior venues at Belle Isle, Ford Field, University of Detroit, Historic Fort Wayne, the Eleanor and Edsel Ford House in Grosse Pointe, and our most recent home in Livonia.

Randall Cain is a name you may hear if you attend the opening ceremonies of the Games. His history is more than as a Master of Ceremonies. Randall is a Past President of the Society and a Life Member. He says that his claim to fame may be that he was the one that helped get us into the Ford House location, and the one that was asked to leave. In reality the Games grew to more than the caretakers anticipated. Randy's grandfather, Seymour Jenks, was one of the chauffers for the Eleanor and Edsel Ford family, and especially their children. Randy's father, Albert Cain, sang our national anthem at the Opening Ceremonies at Historic Fort Wayne and once at the Ford House. We all join looking to find out about our heritage. That was living history for Randy.

There are other fun stories. Did you know that we had a "Best Knees" contest at the Games? A member by the name of David Thomson won the contest one year, which was an achievement for someone with a wooden leg! David also received the President's Award one year. He might also be remembered as the father of our Pam Thomson.

Putting the Highland Games together may be a large job, but we are finding that it also provides us with stories and fun.

Thanks for all of your help!

Claudia Scott Doug Reith Glen Milligan
Co-Chairs of the 2027 Annual Highland Games


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

By Kellie Beveridge

# When AI Rewrites Our Scottish Folklore

*Preserving the stories, voices, and traditions that make our heritage unique*

Scotland has never been short on a good story. From the mysterious kelpies lurking beneath the water to the fairy folk of the Highlands, folklore has always been an important part of Scottish culture. These stories weren't simply entertainment. They reflected the beliefs, fears, humor, and wisdom of the people who told them.

But what happens when those stories begin to change, not through generations of storytellers, but through artificial intelligence?

Today, when we search the internet, we're often greeted by an AI Overview, a computer-generated summary that attempts to answer our questions without requiring us to visit the original sources. While convenient, these summaries aren't always accurate, particularly when it comes to regional history and folklore.

## When a Legend Loses Its Meaning

One example that caught my attention involves the River Sligachan on Scotland's Isle of Skye.

A popular version of the legend promises that dipping your face into the river's waters will grant eternal beauty. However, Scottish actor and playwright Kenny Boyle recently raised concerns about how this version has overshadowed a traditional story involving the warrior woman Scáthach, her daughter, and the wisdom needed to end a dangerous conflict.

The beauty story existed before today's AI technology, but when AI summaries repeat popular accounts without exploring their origins, they can unintentionally give questionable versions greater credibility.

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/t3lAG8pjycc

And that raises an interesting question. How many other Scottish traditions could gradually lose their original meaning?

## The Value of a Good Storyteller

Last Friday, we had a wonderful reminder of what makes traditional storytelling so special when Jim Malcolm performed at our hall.

Jim is a traditional Scottish folk musician, multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, and recording artist, but he's also a wonderful storyteller. Armed with his music, humor, and an enormous map of Scotland, he entertained us while connecting his stories and songs to the places and people that inspired them.

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(Charles Low Library continued)

It was more than a musical performance. It was an opportunity to experience Scottish culture through someone who knows it, lives it, and shares it with others. His stories gave the music context, and that wonderful map helped bring Scotland a little closer to all of us. And as a special touch, he even brought a little taste of home to our very own Queen of Dundee, Ann Campbell!

It's exactly the kind of experience that no computer-generated summary can truly replace.

## Preserving Our Stories

Fortunately, technology can also help protect our traditions. Projects such as *Tobar an Dualchais*, also known as *Kist o Riches*, preserve thousands of historic Scottish recordings, including songs, stories, and oral histories.

The University of Edinburgh's *Opening the Well* project also encourages Gaelic-speaking volunteers to transcribe historical recordings, helping preserve the language and traditions for future generations.

These efforts remind us that technology itself isn't the enemy. The important thing is how we use it.

We can all help by looking beyond AI-generated summaries, checking historical sources, exploring regional folklore, and supporting the people and organizations dedicated to keeping Scottish traditions alive.

As members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, we're already doing our part. Through our Highland Games, cultural events, visiting performers like Jim Malcolm, and our Charles Low Memorial Library, we help keep these traditions alive far from the land where they began.

## Keeping the Human Voice Alive

I don't believe we need to reject artificial intelligence. It's a remarkable tool, but it should never become our only source of knowledge, especially when exploring something as deeply human as folklore.

A computer can summarize a legend, but it can't recreate the warmth of a storyteller, the laughter of an audience, or the connection we felt listening to Jim Malcolm share his music and stories.

Scottish folklore has survived for centuries because people cared enough to remember it, share it, and pass it along.

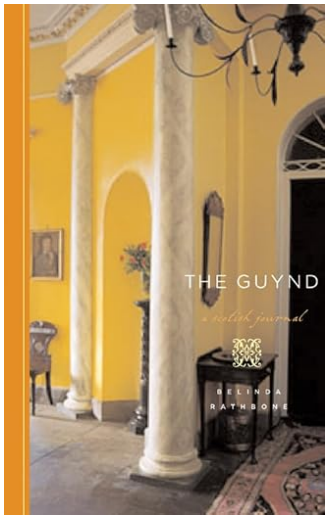
Our responsibility is to make sure the next generation inherits more than a computer-generated version of those stories. They deserve the voices, the history, and the heart behind them.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT Charles S. Low MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## Charles S. Low Book Club

The Low Library Book Club will be discussing *The Guynd: a Scottish Journa*l by Belinda Rathbone (304 p.) at our November meeting.

Here's the description of the book:




This memoir offers an American woman's uniquely privileged view into the pastoral Scotland of today. By turns funny, heartwarming, and occasionally sad, it is the author's account of her marriage to a Scottish landowner and of the years they spent together at "The Guynd," his large ancestral estate. We follow her steep learning curve in dealing with a grand and crumbling mansion still recovering from the effects of two World Wars, as well as an overgrown landscape, a derelict garden, troublesome tenants, local aristocracy, Scottish rituals, and a husband for whom change is anathema.

A son and heir draws the author into an intimate relationship with every tier of the local society, while a visiting American friend heightens the strain of the ever-present culture gap. Alternating between enchantment and despair, Rathbone digs into family and local history in an effort to understand her surroundings and free her husband from the grip of the past.

Like a letter home from a strange land, this book offers a view of Scotland not found in the guide books. The tale of the journey through the wrought iron gates and up the long tree-lined drive into the living past is both wry and poignant, both oddball and deeply reflective of the ties that bind us.

The meeting will be on Monday, November 9, at 5:30 p.m. (EST) on Zoom. Contact Cathy McCullough Les at **library@detroitscots.com** for the link or if you have any questions.

# Membership News



Julie Bartoy
Membership Secretary

We had a special meeting on October 5 at the Kilgour Scottish Centre. We initiated 8 new members into the Society including regular members David Blaine, David Clegg, Brian Hutcheon, Taby Kerr, Diane Krzaniak, Scot Morrison, and Tim Sutherland. Regular member Marilyn Grazioli's husband Joseph was initiated as a Family member. It is wonderful to have these new members join our Society and I am looking forward to getting to know them better and to work with them on our Society activities.

Two of our members achieved Life Member status at our October meeting. Congratulations to one of our past presidents, Michael West. who is member #3827 and initiated on 10/4/2004 and to Cliff Scott who is member #3934 and was initiated on 10/2/2006. We are appreciative of your long-term commitment and support of St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

November begins our membership renewal season. All members, including Life Members, will receive an email in November requesting that your membership be renewed. So, please watch for the email; renewals are due by January 1, 2027. If you do not have email, you will receive a paper renewal notice. All members need to take a moment to review their membership profile and their contact information and then submit their membership renewal.

Anyone who is not a Life Member will owe 2027 annual dues. The membership dues costs are the same as 2026: **Regular=$65, Associate=$25, Honorary $15, Family Bundle (1 regular + 1 family member) = $92.50.** Dues can be paid through the membership system with a credit card. If you prefer to pay by cash or a check, I will be collecting dues at the November meeting, and you can give it to me there. Checks need to be made payable to St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. If you prefer to mail a check, please send it to:

Membership Secretary
Kilgour Scottish Centre
2363 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI 48083

There are two ways for Regular members who are in good standing and have been active in the society to become a Life Member:

1. Initiated into the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit on or before January 1, 2007, and have reached the age of 70 years.
2. Initiated into the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit on or before January 1, 2017, have reached the age of 50 years, and pay a one-time fee of $650.

If you believe that you are eligible for Life Member status, please email me at **membership@detroitscots.com** and I will look into it for you.




The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's Election Season is Here! The 2026 SASD election takes place during the Monday, December 7th Membership Meeting. You're going to want to attend! Members must be present to vote!

To become more familiar with the candidates' positions, please read their bios in this Fling and plan now to attend the Monday, November 2nd, Membership Meeting. During that meeting all candidates will take to the podium for three minutes to share their ideas, plans, and goals for the SASD from the perspective of the offices they each seek. This year, 3 three-year Board of Trustee positions and 3 two-year Executive Committee positions are up for election: President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer. The election results will be announced at the December 7th, Membership Meeting, and the winners will be sworn in during the February 1st, 2027, Membership Meeting.

Nominations remain open till Monday, November 23rd. For information about any position that you or someone you nominate may be interested in receiving, 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 the Wild Apricot Directory.

Joyfully, at your service!
Van Rohr
SASD Nominations/Elections Committee Chair
**vrohr@detroitscots.com**

# OUR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION



**Jean Wingblad – Candidate for President**

Hi, I am Jean MacLeod Wingblad, and I am seeking election for President. I have been a member of SASD for over 4 years, but my family was involved with SASD for many decades. I am a first-generation Scot; my mother was born and raised in Arbroath and my father from the Isle of Lewis. I have served on the Executive Board for two years as 2nd VP. I was the Raffle Chair for the last few years and have volunteered at the Highland Games, fish fry, and wherever needed.

I bring a strong foundation of nonprofit leadership experience to this role, having previously served a decade on the board of another 501(c)(3) organization and treasurer of such for three years. I serve on the finance committee and hope to continue to help guide our funding which helps sustain our benevolences and preserve our beautiful hall. I am well-versed in Robert's Rules of Order and am committed to ensuring they are followed consistently at all monthly meetings and during our board meetings.

Among the things I would like to see happen within our Society are total transparency and communication between the boards, chairs, and members. I would work diligently to make sure this takes place in all areas of concern.

I am passionate about upholding the mission and goals outlined in the Society's constitution and bylaws. If elected, I will prioritize welcoming new members and encouraging their active participation on committees and volunteering, thus helping to build a stronger more engaged Society for the future. Thank you for your consideration.



**Kellie Beveridge – Candidate for 2nd Vice President**

**A Love of Heritage, History, and a Place to Belong**

I joined the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit in October 2019, during that year's Highland Games. I didn't know a single person, but I knew I wanted to be part of an organization that celebrated my Scottish heritage and traditions. I had no idea at the time just how much that decision would come to mean to me.

Of course, my timing could have been better! Just a few months after joining, COVID brought regular meetings and activities to a halt. But I hadn't joined simply to have my name on a membership list. I wanted to get involved, meet people, and contribute wherever I could. As soon as Society activities resumed, I was ready to jump in.

One of my first steps was joining the Library Committee, where I took on the role of Genealogy Chair. I've always had a love of history and family ancestry, so it seemed like a natural fit. Since then, I've enjoyed helping others discover their family stories while promoting the wonderful resources available through our Charles S. Low Memorial Library. Whether it's contributing genealogy articles to *The Fling*, developing resources, or sharing information about the library, I love encouraging others to explore their roots.

My interest in our Society's history also led me to volunteer to create a special display celebrating our 175th anniversary at the Highland Games. Learning more about the generations of people who helped build and preserve this organization gave me an even greater appreciation for what we have today.

Remembering what it felt like to walk into the Society without knowing anyone, I also joined the Membership Committee. I wanted to help new members feel welcome and encourage them to become involved. I especially enjoy attending our New Membership Breakfasts and getting to know the people who are just beginning their own journey with the Society.

Outside of the Society, I work as an On-Site Manager for Nesco Resource, where I've spent the past six years managing employees in the light industrial and manufacturing industries. My work involves supporting employees, building relationships, and helping people navigate the challenges of their working lives. I suppose it's no surprise that those same interests carry over into my volunteer work. I've always enjoyed working with people and finding ways to make a positive difference.

Over the years, I've also had the pleasure of representing our Society at community events, including the Michigan Renaissance Festival, Irish Festival, and Gaelic Festival. Whether I'm sharing information about the Society, talking about genealogy, or simply striking up a conversation with someone interested in their Scottish heritage, I genuinely love being an ambassador for our organization.

When I look back at the past seven years, I realize that what started as a desire to connect with my Scottish heritage has become so much more. I've learned a great deal, taken on projects I never imagined doing, and met some truly wonderful people along the way.

I joined the Society with a promise to myself that I wouldn't just be a member in name. I wanted to participate, contribute, and be part of something special. I believe I've kept that promise, and I have every intention of continuing.

After all, there's still so much history to discover, so many friendships to make, and so much more to experience. I'm looking forward to whatever comes next!



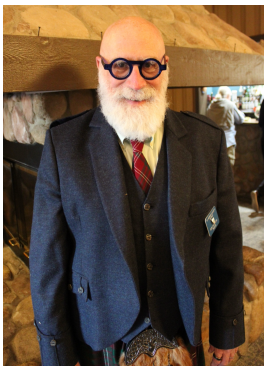
**Jim Adair – Candidate for Treasurer**

With nearly 25 years in higher education and business administration, I have managed institutional finance and human resources for the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Chicago, the University of Detroit Mercy, and currently at Wayne State University as the Director of Business Affairs for Academic Affairs in the Wayne State Provost Office. I also began my career working for Volkswagen/Audi in contract and after-sale management.

During that period, I have also volunteered for, joined, and/or sat on the board of directors for various organizations including Detroit Habitat for Humanity, Ravenswood Community Services (Chicago), The House Theatre (Chicago), Access Contemporary Music (Chicago), New Music Chicago, The Rotary Club of Detroit, the Detroit Rotary Foundation, and the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, where I currently service as acting treasurer.

Outside of the aforementioned, I also perform with several musical groups.

For my official candidacy as the elected treasurer for the St. Andrews Society of Detroit for the 2027-2028 2 year term, I would continue our work on the day to day business while focusing on budget and forecast development for the Society's needs into the future, including general operations, facilities support, and operating support for our various income and expense around the Society's works.



**Bob Crawford – Candidate for Trustee**

After a couple of years helping with the Highland Games, I was sworn in as a member of St. Andrew's Society on 11/05/2019. I was appointed to the board in November 2022 to fill a vacant position. I stood for election in 2023 and was elected to the Board of Trustees. I am enjoying serving on the board and working as a team to meet the Society's mission. My goals are to increase our membership, its presence in our community and to maintain our financial stability.

I am a member of the house committee where we work to main the Kilgour Centre as an attractive facility for today and into the future. I am active in setting up the Highland Games, the Fish Fry, and I am a member of the book club and other volunteer activities. I am a retired high school administrator. I am a licensed social worker and a part-time professor at Wayne State University. I am member of the Board of Trustees with the Motor City Mitten Mission and where I supervise interns doing outreach on the street with the homeless and nighttime crisis line for the City Of Detroit. I am also working with the Detroit Promise through the Detroit Regional Chamber again supervising interns and consulting as we work with first generation college students. My favorite job is that of being grandfather to my two smart and beautiful granddaughters.



**Irin Douglas – Candidate for Trustee**

Fellow members of the St. Andrews Society, thank you for giving me a moment. My name is Irin Douglas, and I've had the privilege of being part of this Society since 2016. Over these ten years, this community has become one of the most meaningful parts of my life.

I've been honored to serve as Cultural Activities Director from 2019 to 2021, where I worked to bring our heritage to life through programs that connected members of all ages. Since then, I've continued to stay deeply involved, volunteering at the Highland Games every single year. The Games are where our Society shines brightest, and it's been a joy to help make that weekend welcoming, organized, and full of Scottish spirit.

In 2021, I stepped into the role of Co-Chair for our Céilidh, and I've proudly held that position ever since. The Cèilidh is one of our most joyful traditions—an evening where music, dance, and community come together—and helping shape that experience has been one of my favorite responsibilities.

Through all these roles, one thing has stayed constant: my commitment to strengthening our Society, supporting our volunteers, and preserving the culture we all care so deeply about.

I'd like to share my intention to serve as a Trustee. I believe my years of involvement, leadership experience, and dedication to our mission have prepared me to contribute at a higher level. I want to help guide our Society's future, support our committees, and ensure we continue to grow in a way that honors our heritage while welcoming new generations.

Thank you for your time, your trust, and the opportunity to continue serving this remarkable community.



**Kimberly Enders – Candidate for Trustee**

Hello! My name is Kimberly Enders, and I have been a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit (SASD) for two years. My grandfather, Douglas Crichton, was a lifetime member until his death in 2004. Our family hails from Aberdeen, Scotland (under Clan Anderson) with documented Scottish genealogy back to the early 18th century. I am running for the office of Trustee.

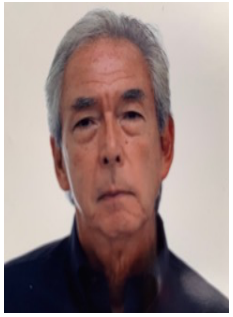
About me: I am a daughter of a police officer, mother of a computer engineer and owner of a national wealth management company. All of which require a lot of patience, discipline, perseverance and knowing/following the rules. Sometimes I'm amazed that I've survived all three at once.

About my education: I hold a BA in Psychology from Michigan State University, a Master Career Development Certificate in Finance from Northwestern University (which allowed me to sit for my CFP Board Exam), CWS marks from Cannon Financial Institute, a Certificate in Blockchain and Digital Assets from the New York Institute of Finance, and seven federal and state licenses. I know a thing or two about budgets….and documentation....I've been doing both for over 30 years.

About my leadership background: In addition to being a leader in the workplace, I have held executive leadership positions in the non-profit space. To name a few: Finance Committee Officer of St Thomas Presbyterian Church, Membership Vice President of AAUW-Rochester and Chairman of the Board of the Shelby Community Foundation. I took a break from community service in 2022 and feel well-rested to step into a leadership role again.

About my time with SASD: I have been an active member since my arrival two years ago. For example: I have washed dishes at Fish Frys, helped tear down at a Highland Games, participated in the thought leadership for capital fundraising, attended a few teas, attended even more general meetings, and helped launch the Legacy Society. But no whisky tastings yet…I really need to get on that.

About my vision for the Society: I believe I can help build a sustainable future for SASD. My primary goal in the role of Trustee is to be a bridge between what has been successful over the past 10, 20 and 30 years of the organization to the next 10, 20 and 30 years. To help create strong financial pathways for our immediate needs while incorporating planned giving for our future ones. The finances of a large organization is an essential yet delicate topic and one that I feel uniquely qualified to assist with.



**Don Hiruo – Candidate for Trustee**

Descendent from the McCollum Clan of Argyll, I've been a member of the St Andrew's Society of Detroit since March 2024, and actively volunteered at the Fish Fry, Highland Games and Holiday decorating for 3-years each. I also co-chaired the Kilgour Centre Fund Drive with Van Rohr raising over $41K, assisted Liz Douglas with her three Craft Fairs and a member of the House Committee.

A staunch believer in helping others, years ago I volunteered with the DESC (Detroit Economic Service Corp); an organization of business people that donated time working with fledgling nonprofits assisting them in developing strategic plans, board reviews, marketing plans, etc. I later transferred my international business background to GII (Goodwill Industries International - Rockville, MD) working as its Director of International Development responsible for assessing and establishing joint work projects with other NGO's such as the PADF (Pan American Development Foundation) in Washington, D.C., the CDPF (China Disabled Peoples' Federation ) and UNIAP in Beijing, P.R.C., the EREF in Seoul, South Korea and The Rehabilitation and Employment Centers for Disabled People in Al Amin, UAE. I also evaluated the overseas affiliates of GII in terms of mission performance and financial health. Most recently I served on The Board of Trustees of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for 4-years and was involved with Cranbrook House and Gardens; initially as a docent and later on its Board as Chair of its Strategic Planning Committee for fiscal years 2023-2026.

I hold three beliefs:

1 - Fund The Mission... For, without adequate funding there is no Mission.

2 - Leadership should always ask the question… "How will this benefit General Membership" since volunteer hours and member donations form the framework of this Society.

3 - Fiscal accountability. Not meant to limit but ensure policies are followed and unauthorized deviations either stopped or corrected asap.

My reason for running for Trustee is not to bring drastic change, but rather the lessons learned from working with other nonprofits to implement gradual change. Improvement stems from the belief there is no such thing as a unique problem and the greatest deterrent to progress is self-imposed… Nothing is impossible.



**Kent C. Richards – Candidate for Trustee**

Hello, I'm Kent Richards, and I have been a proud member of this wonderful organization since 2011. Like many of you, my late wife, Susan, and I first became involved through the Annual Highland Games. We volunteered in the Wee Bairns area, drove Tartan Taxis, sold water, and helped wherever we were needed. Along the way, we were fortunate to make many friends within the Society. Working alongside such good people made every task a joy. We also participated in many of the Society's day-to-day activities and eventually began helping with the Friday Fish Fries.

Our granddaughter regularly performed as a Highland dancer while we served dinners to our hungry guests. I knew our piper, Dave Martin, through other activities, and a love of bagpipe music has always been part of my DNA.

Since my election to the Board of Trustees, the Society has become an even more important part of my life. Founded on the principle of helping fellow Scots, it supported me through a difficult time and inspired me to extend that same kindness to others. I have been fortunate to serve on the Benevolence and House Committees and participate in many Society activities. I have also helped raise funds to sustain our causes. As chair of the House Committee, I have worked diligently to maintain our beautiful facility. Through floods, the pandemic, leaky roofs, and other challenges, the committee has rallied our members to keep the doors open.

Our heritage directs our movements. Our ongoing culture is shared with others. We've been able to move forward with new activities such as Panera fundraisers which contribute to our sense of community and bring funds for the Society. I look forward to the next steps so that we continue to build our noble Society. I would appreciate your support as we carry on our Scottish traditions and heritage.

Slainte,

Kent




## Bob Richardson – Candidate for Trustee

I am seeking reelection to the Board of Trustees of The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

During my six-plus years as a member of the Society, I have tried to contribute wherever my experience and skills could be useful. I have served on the Membership, Communications & IT, and Bylaws Committees, and chaired the committee responsible for reviewing and updating the Society's bylaws.

Most recently, I spearheaded the implementation of the Society's Marketing Committee and was appointed its Chair. While the committee had previously been established in the bylaws, the goal now is to make it an active part of the Society—helping coordinate how we promote the Society, the Highland Games, the Kilgour Scottish Centre, our cultural activities, membership, and other programs to both our members and the wider community.

Professionally, I own R3 Web Solutions, a web design and development firm that works primarily with small businesses and nonprofit organizations. Over the years, that work has expanded well beyond websites into communications, marketing, databases, and improving the everyday processes organizations use to get things done.

I have tried to bring that same practical approach to my work with the Society: understand what we are trying to accomplish, look for ways to make things work a little better, and help turn good ideas into something that actually gets done.

I believe our Society has tremendous opportunities ahead. We have a remarkable history, the Highland Games, the Kilgour Scottish Centre, a strong cultural mission, and—most importantly—a group of people who care about preserving and building upon what generations before us created.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving the Society as a member of the Board of Trustees and respectfully ask for your support for reelection.

Bob Richardson



## Jack Ruby - Candidate for Trustee

My name is Nicholas "Jack" Ruby, all my friends call me Jack. I am a father, Freemason, Veteran, retired fire fighter, and a proud member of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, and I am running for the position of Trustee. The common thread between my life's activities is my commitment to serving the public. From my military service to my firefighting career, to the various fraternal organizations I belong to, I have years of experience in pragmatic leadership.

In the three years I have been a member so far, I have volunteered and had the pleasure in working with my fellow Scots in many capacities. During fish fries I have been head plate scraper and lead cheerleader keeping spirits up back of house, I am not afraid to get my hands dirty. My Lady Valerie and I attend the meetings regularly, and I have recently accepted an invitation to join the Honour Guard. In the past I have served as the Chairman of the 175th Anniversary Committee and successfully "herded the cats" through a year of successful meetings and activities. This year at the games, in addition to shuttling water and ice all day, I took on the responsibility and coordinated things as the Food Vendor Chair.

My career in public service as a fire fighter lasted 33 years, and now that I am retired, I don't know how I ever had time to work. Additionally, I have 20+ years' experience in my Freemasons fraternal groups, taking active roles in local, regional, and State level leadership.

I take my skills to all my roles, empowering others from the background, and helping organizations achieve their goals through supportive guidance. It is with these aims in mind that I am running for Trustee. Some of the greatest things I have learned from my fraternal experiences are financial transparency and accountability are paramount in organizations. We must follow the constitution and bylaws and be ready to disclose all financial matters to the membership in a timely manner. The group resources belong to everyone, and everyone should know what is going on. With that level of transparency, we can all move forward toward our goal with assurance. That is what I am bringing to the table, and if this rings true with you, I would appreciate your support and vote.




SASD Membership

## 2026 Monthly Membership Meetings--Many Hands Make Light Work

Social Chair Contact

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT OUR MEETINGS



SASD Membership

## November Membership Potluck

SASD Sign-Ups Contact

SUGGESTED LAST NAME ALPHA SPLIT

A-H Main Dishes

I-P Desserts

Q-Z Sides & Salads

**Date** 11/02/2026 (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




SASD Membership

## Veteran Flag Bearers for November Meeting

SASD Sign-Ups Contact

Captain Michael Grabowski of the Royal Scottish Honor Guard has requested some extra hands to carry flags at our November meeting, to help honor Veterans Day. If you are a veteran or are currently serving in the military, you are eligible for this volunteer opportunity. Please indicate your branch of service and rank.

**Date** 11/02/2026 (Mon.)

**Time** 6:30PM - 7:30PM EDT

# VOLUNTEER TO CARRY A FLAG - November 2nd




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# Clan Crest Plaque Order Form

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Clan: _____

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Price: $$85.00

*Purchase for personal use:*

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Clan: _____

Tartan: _____

Circle Wood color: Light or Dark

Return form to Carol Zagorowska email: cazago@sbcglobal.net

# St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
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| Kent Richards, Co-Vice Chair | 2024-2026 |
| Bob Richardson, Co-Vice Chair | 2024-2026 |
| Beth Frahm, Benevolence Chair | 2026-2028 |
| Clifford Les, Secretary | 2026-2028 |
| Robert Crawford | 2024-2026 |
| Diane Raymond | 2025-2027 |
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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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- 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.