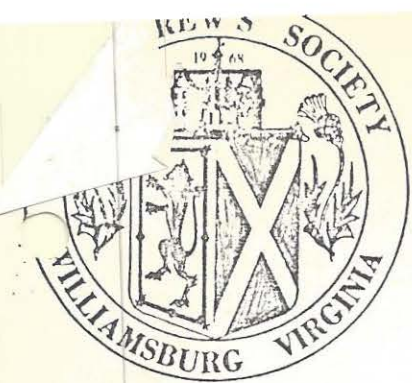




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SUMMER 1972

The Kirkin o' the Tartan

, the Scottish annual religious ceremony which is being perpetuated by Scots all over the world, will be held by the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

ON

Sunday, November 26 at the 11 a.m.
Service of Bruton Parish Church, Duke of
Gloucester Street in Williamsburg.

Members will form outside the Church 30 minutes before the Service - 10:30 A.M. You are requested to wear your kilt or trews, if you have them.

Every member is urged to be there. Let us have a good showing. Following the service, at 12:30, a special Brunch-Bufferet will be served in the Lamplighter Room of the Howard Johnson Restaurant on Richmond Road for the members and their guests. Drinks will be available if desired. The price for the meal will be \$1.75.

*Reminder:
We hope you
can be there.*

Ricks Wilson, Committee Chairman

The President's Letter

The Spring and Fall Ceilidhs

The Spring Ceilidh, chaired by Raynor MacGillivray, and the Fall Ceilidh, chaired by Edward Campbell, were most successful, both were blessed with wonderful weather, large attendance and outstanding entertainment. It is at the Ceilidh where members and their guests have a splendid opportunity to meet and socialize in a most relaxed surrounding, perhaps no other event in our calendar permits this to such a degree. Entertainment at the Ceilidh was furnished by our own St. Andrew's Pipe Band under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Alex Matheson, and it is impossible to describe the pleasure and pride we feel when our own band plays "Scotland the Brave." In the Fall Ceilidh, Colonel Matheson, with great pride, introduced a program of solos by members of the band to include a drum solo by Rob Roy MacGregor's lad, Ian, and the highland dancing of MacGregor's lass, Robyn, who made her first public appearance and is a most promising Scottish dancer. Professionally, our group singing leaves much to be desired but the enthusiasm and enjoyment knows no peer.

The Grandfather Mountain Scottish Games

For many years our past president, Mr. Robert Duncan, has endeavored to increase the society's participation in the Grandfather Mountain Scottish Games and this year his efforts bore fruition as we more than tripled our attendance at the games; perhaps one of the largest trips made was by Sid Maxwell and his son, traveling nonstop from California to North Carolina to be with us. Your society has supported the games by being a sponsor and by furnishing a permanent trophy for the mile race, in addition Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mody (Mrs. Mody is Robert Duncan's daughter) have contributed several summers on the administration staff of the School of Scottish Arts, Lees-MacCrae College which is closely associated with the games. Our society is well known in the games winners circle, having had one of our youngest members, Robert Duncan Mody, as a 1969 first prize winner in piping, his sister, Charlotte, as a first in 1972 Highland Dancing, and Ian MacGregor as a drummer winner in 1971. Members interested in attending the games may call me for further information.

The Tartan Ball

Our fourth Tartan Ball, chaired by Captain Howard Topp, was held in the Middle Plantation and Jamestown Rooms of the Williamsburg Colony Motor Inn October 14th and, in my opinion, it was our best ball, and I am not alone in this opinion as we have received many complimentary remarks from our members and their guests. For the first time we had facilities for dinner, a well appointed and decorated ballroom, and plenty of time to dance and enjoy ourselves. The dance band, under the direction of Ken Bradby, was excellent and able to answer all requests, even those from the old timers. Again, our Pipe Band stole the show with an excellent concert with several solos. And again, we enjoyed Ian and Robyn MacGregor. We even had eight couples take a turn at Scottish folk dancing.

In answer to so many inquiries as to why the MacMillan Tartan was draped below the St. Andrew's sign, it was to honor our senior member, General Sir Gordon H. A. MacMillan, Chief of Clan MacMillan. As a point of interest, Sir Gordon called the last time he was in the area and sent his best wishes to the society.

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Coming Events

Reserve the 26th of November when the Kirkin o' the Tartan, chaired by Ricks Wilson, will be held during the 11:00 services at the Bruton Parish Church. All members are urged to attend the Kirkin and the brunch immediately following the services.

January 27, 1973, will be Burn's Night so please mark the date on your calendar and while you are at the calendar, please make an entry for the 12th of May when we will hold our Birthday Tartan Ball.

The above events will complete the most successful social calendar the society has ever enjoyed. All these events were or are being planned by your Board of Directors for your participation and pleasure, but members will not receive the enjoyment available unless they participate, and this is directed toward those members who rarely or never join in the many planned activities, so come out and join us and have some fun with your fellow Scots at the "Kirkin" and at Burn's Night.

Unfortunately, several members have reluctantly moved from Williamsburg and terminated their membership thereby reducing our numbers to the point that a membership drive is in order. Our motto is "Every member get a new member." Application blanks are enclosed with this Highlander so give your Scottish friends a real break--sponsor them to the Society.

Yours aye,

Paul J. Ritchie



Well, Jock, we haven't heard much out of you about
Scottish Nationalism since you've seen Home Rule at work
Thanks to PUNCH