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RITCHIE ELECTED PRESIDENT

At the February Board of Directors meeting a familiar face returned to the office of President. Paul Ritchie was elected the President of the Society without opposition...except from Paul! In addition to Col. Ritchie, the following slate of officers were selected: John Ferguson as Vice-President, Mark Ferguson as Secretary, and Ed Campbell as Treasurer. Col. Ritchie retained his adjunct position of Society Historian.

A BONNIE WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

First I would like to commend Howard Topp for the outstanding guidance and leadership he gave to the Society. Through his efforts great strides were made in the field of public relations by the society's participation in many diverse areas. Our support of the highland games at Grandfather Mountain, Norfolk, Atlanta, Alexandria, and Ligonier, Pa. far exceeded our efforts in the past. Although the 14th of June Army Birthday at Fort Eustis really was our pipe band's show under the splendid direction of Pipe Major Pittman, still the society reaped a substantial harvest of good will.

Secondly, in concern with the other members of the Board of Directors, I feel a great personal loss in the retirement of those leaving the Board in 1976. "Mac" MacGillivray has served the society with distinction for five years, during which he served as the 1975 vice-president, has chaired several Ceilidhs and Kirkin's, he developed the procedures in the church which are now traditional in presenting the tartans at the altar, served as color guard and not only was available to serve in any other capacity....he violated a basic military axiom....he would volunteer! In passing I would like to go on record by admitting that any time he agreed with me I considered it a personal victory. Tom Magruder served four years as an elder statesman and a close personal friend. His primary interests have been the relationship of the society with the local community, establishment of a Scottish library, and support of our pipe band. I feel that Tom will continue to give us the great support we have come to expect from him. Doug Lindsay served four years as liaison director in the Newport News, Hampton, and Norfolk areas, he chaired the Kirkin' at the First Presbyterian Church in Newport News and the breakfast at the Warwick Yacht Club. This was the day when Bob Duncan and the late David Shepherd, in full highland dress, were changing a flat tire when three teenagers stopped to help the two old "women" change their tire! We will miss Doug's guidance and council. Jim Armstrong, whose tour was terminated by an Army transfer, was one of our most colorful members. He only served two years, but had his hand in everything we did, he chaired or co-chaired almost every activity we held at Fort Eustis, all of which were highlights. He will be remembered best for the excellent program of our last Burn's Night, which to many members was our finest. The Tartan Ball in Washington will never be the same without Jim.

For the first time we will have a full sixteen member board pending the replacement for Alan Morledge who just resigned. There is no question that the society has elected five new eminently qualified to serve. We welcome Byron Adams, John Baxter, Rob Roy MacGregor, "Mac" McDonough and last but far from least the founder of our society "Bob" Duncan to the Board.

Our 1976 program should insure a great year for the society. In addition to the traditional activities, plans are being made to assure a greater participation in all the highland games, a tour of Scotland under the sponsorship of the University of Saint Andrews has been firmed; we will host an overnight bed and breakfast caper for the fifty member boys choir of the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary, Edinburgh, Scotland. The choir will perform at the College of William and Mary and at Bruton Parish July 10th and 11th. (See Mac McDonough's article, page 4). Additionally this year, because of the great pleasure enjoyed by the members who have been entertained by our very talented dancing youngsters, we plan to contribute to a Scholarship fund to the Mary Adams School of Scottish Dancing.

The program for 1976 is yours to enjoy and the Board not only welcomes any suggestions you may have for the betterment of the society but solicites them, so please let us know of your wishes.

In closing, for their cooperation, patience, support, and the hospitality of their homes for our board meetings, I would like to express my appreciation to the long suffering wives of our retiring board members....Carolyn Topp, Bland MacGillivray, Anne Lindsay, and Joy Armstrong.

Yours aye,

Paul Ritchie

KIRKIN' HELD WITH METHODISTS

Gathering at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church on the 30th of November, the lads and lassies of the Society joined with the congregation for the 11:00 A.M. worship service. The event was the annual "Kirkin' o' the Tartan". The actual Kirkin' and the service was conducted by the Reverend Howard Peters. Although the members were a bit concerned that Saint Andrew was not incorporated in the sermon, the membership enjoyed the opportunity to worship together.

In true Scots' tradition, the multitudes assembled at the Hospitality House for a sumptuous feast after the service...and a few lads were noted to have a wee dram too. As usual, the activity was well orchestrated throughout, due to the efforts of Mac MacGillivray.

BURN'S NICHT ENTERTAINMENT SUCCESS

Nearly 150 guests in Highland evening garb attended the Society's traditional Robert Burns Nicht Dinner at the Bon Homme Richard Inn on the 24th of January. The gathering was the largest ever for the Williamsburg organization.

At the sound of skirling bagpipes, the steaming haggis was brought forth. Dr. Jim Forrester recited Burns' "Address to the Haggis" as Andy Jurchenko thrust a gleaming claymore into the steaming concoction much to the delight of those in attendance.

Honored at the event were Mayor and Mrs. Vernon Geddy; Capt. and Mrs. Charles Blaha, Commanding Officer at Yorktown USCG Station; Major and Mrs. Malcolm Allen, British Exchange Officer, Fort Eustis; Capt. and Mrs. Dennis Collins, Australian Exchange Officer, Fort Eustis; and Miss Sadie Simpson of Glasgow, Scotland.

The speaker of the evening, President Howard Topp, presented a talk entitled "The Immortal Robbie". Topp's talk portrayed Burn's love for the common people, the essential goodness of mankind, and his fierce love of Scotland and freedom for all men.

During the "State of the Society" talk, President Topp honored Jim Armstrong, Tom Magruder, Mac MacGillivray, and Doug Lindsay as they concluded their terms as Directors of the Society. He then gave his own farewell address as President of the Society and member of the Board. Topp stressed the honor of service bestowed upon him by the membership. At the conclusion of the talk the new board members were announced: J. T. Baxter, Rob Roy MacGregor, "Mac" McDonough, Byron Adams, and Bob Duncan.

The evening ended with a fine display of entertainment. Traditional highland dances were danced by Traci and Wendy Teer, Megan Grant, and Janice and Susan Ragan. The lassies were accompanied by Megan's dad, piper Bruce Grant. A fitting conclusion to the evening was provided by the Williamsburg Saint Andrew's Pipes and Drums. Effectively choreographed and arranged by Miss Sandy Yoder and led by Drum Major Mark Ferguson and Pipe Major Bill Pittman, the presentation was received enthusiastically by the members and guests.

The consensus was that the evening was one of the most enjoyable ever for the society. The festivities for the evening had been planned by Byron Adams and master of ceremonies Jim Armstrong.

SCOTTISH CHOIR BOYS TO VISIT.....AND NEED ASSISTANCE

The Choir and Music School Orchestra of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Edinburgh, Scotland, will be visiting the U. S. in June and July to join in the Bicentennial celebrations.

They will be in Williamsburg on 10 and 11 July, appearing at the University Chapel of William and Mary College, and the Bruton Parish Church, for an evening recital and Sunday morning services.

Mr. J. S. Darling, organist at Bruton, is coordinating the visit and has come to the Saint Andrew's Society, naturally, because of our loyal Scottish origins and purpose, for help.

Since the group will not finish at Bruton Parish Church until after 9 P.M. on Saturday, July 19th, and will have to reassemble at the Church by 8:45 A.M. the next morning, only we in the immediate Williamsburg area can get involved.

There will be 19 boys, ages 9 to 18 years, and seven men in the choir; 8 girls and 6 boys, ages 13 to 18 years in the Orchestra; and 10 adults (accompanists and supervisors) including the Provost of the Church of St. Mary; for the grand total of 50.

Overnight accomodations and breakfast are needed. Will those of you living in the area offer to take care of one, two, or three of our Scottish friends in your home? A sampling of members resulted in offers for about twenty. Please get in touch, or we will be contacting you.

This is really a worthy project in the finest tradition of the Saint Andrew's Society. Contact: Dr. O. T. McDonough, Jr.
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Ph. 220-1454

THE BLACK WATCH AND ROYAL MARINES PERFORM IN HAMPTON

The evening of the 5th of February was a night of sheer pleasure for the lads and lassies of the Society. On that evening, one hundred and twelve members, spouses, and friends gathered at the Hampton Coliseum to see the splendor and spectacle of the band, pipes and drums of the Black Watch and the band of the Royal Marines. The precision and sound of the Royal Marines band joined by the spine tingling music of the Black Watch's pipes and drums thrilled the large crowd in attendance.

In keeping with the tradition previously established, the loudest, roudiest group in attendance was the Williamsburg Society. Quite an evening.....after all, how could you ever criticize an organization that ends its presentation with "Scotland the Brave" and in quick succession "Dixie"! WOW!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8th ---- Tartan Ball (see flyer at end of "Highlander" for reservations)

June 5th--- Spring Ceilidh

July 6-11th---- Scottish Military Tatoo, Vienna, Virginia

July 10-11th--- Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina.
Our society is a sponsor of the games and we will have canopy set up as a meeting place for members and their families. Call Howard Topp at 220-1438 for reservation or other information.

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THE BRITISH ARE COMING.....AGAIN!

A rather exciting experience will be available to the lads and lassies this summer.....a British Tatoo at Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts. Timed to coincide with the State Visit to Washington, D.C. of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh in July. The activity is to be one of the major cultural events of the year.

The contingent of more than 300 performers is the largest ever sent to this country, containing elements of 20 different military units. Of special interest are the representatives of four Guards Regiments and five Scottish Regiments. The American military units joining in this symbolic presentation of our common heritage are the Army Chorus and the Presidential Salute Gun Battery.

The program will be diverse indeed. The segment of traditional and specially commissioned band works will be presented by the Fanfare Trumpeters from the Household Cavalry and the Scots Guards, and by the bands of the Scots Guards, Black Watch, Coldstream Guards, and Queen's Own Highlanders. Dancers from the Queen's Own will be accompanied by the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots, Royal Highland Fusiliers, and King's Own Scottish Borderers. Drums and bugles will be featured with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and the Royal Green Jackets.

The scenic outdoor Wolf Trap theater is located 16 miles from the nation's capital, within ready access for the Williamsburgers who might be interested in attending. We will be providing further information as it becomes available, or you may write directly at the address listed below. Single tickets go on sale in late April.

Peter Grigsby
The Wolf Trap Foundation
1624 Trap Road
Vienna, Virginia 22180

NEWS FLASH

It was reported that a Scots tourist spied a fifty cents piece in the middle of "confusion corner" in Williamsburg. When he stooped to pick it up, he was run over by a C.W. bus. The coroner's verdict was obvious: "Death through natural causes".

There has been significant interest expressed by the lassies of our organization for additional information on the proper wear of the tartan sash. The manner of wearing the tartan sashes has had customary significance for several hundred years. Although there is no legal significance, the typical Scot's respect for tradition has resulted in a general uniformity. The methods described below identify the accepted procedures for wear by ladies of different circumstances as well as common variations. To be sure, they all bear the authoritative approval of the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

I. Style worn by clanswomen. The sash is worn over the right shoulder, across the breast and secured by a decorative pin or brooch at the shoulder (Drawing I). In recent years a more modern variation has come into use: the sash is secured at the shoulder with the end hanging free along the back and without a portion across the breast (Drawing IA). This comfortable style has become a run-away favorite among the lassies! A caution: the sash is NEVER worn across the left shoulder, this practice is restricted to chieftainesses and wives of chiefs.

II. Style worn by ladies who have married out of their clan. If a lassie prefers to wear the original clan tartan another style is prescribed. In this case the sash is worn over the right shoulder with the free ends secured at the left hip by a pin. (Drawing II). An alternative method for this style is the wearing of the pin at the shoulder and the free ends secured by a large bow at the hip.

III. Style worn by country dancers. This style is also worn by lassies who desire to keep the front of their dresses clear of the sashes. It is normally held at the back of the waist by a button, hook and eye, or small belt and secured at the right shoulder by a brooch or pin. The end falls backward freely (Drawing III).

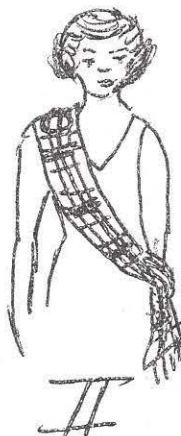
Awright lassies, ye have a' the information ye need....now use it properly. Paul will be checking at the Tartan Ball!

A BONNIE WELCOME TO A WEE BAIRN

Another future Scottish highland dancer was born March 2nd....and to none other than our dance instructor, Mary Adams. Hilary Gordon's proud father is director Byron Adams. Congratulations!

WEARING OF SASHES

..... BY THE LASSIES.



SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY "BICENTENNIAL" TARTAN BALL

LADS!! Do ye know that the time has arrived for our 1976 Tartan Ball! And this year, as befittin' our grand old nation's 200th birthday, it has a "Bicentennial" theme. Ye lads o' grace please note the particulars:

WHEN: 6:30 P.M., Saturday, 8 May 1976

WHERE: Fort Eustis Officers Open Mess
Fort Eustis, Virginia

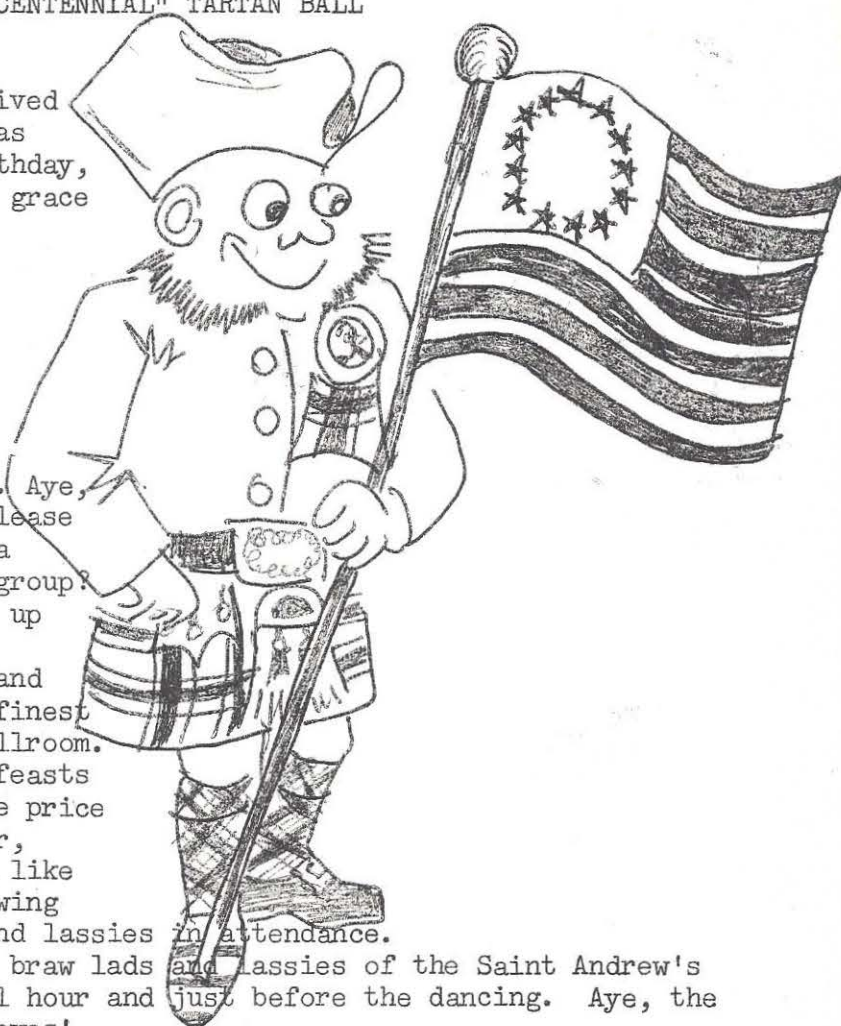
As ye've probably noted...we have a reservation slip at the bottom of this sheet. Aye, so that we can make proper preparations, please indicate your intentions (....and enclose a check if ye can attend). Can ye sit as a group? Aye, if ye let us know, we can accommodate up t' 10 lads n' lassies at a table.

We'll have on hour for sociable talk and sippin' o' Scotland's (...and Kentucky's) finest at one o' the many cash pubs around the ballroom. Ah, then we'll be ready for the sumptuous feasts prepared by the O Club. Ye must agree, the price is proper and reasonable too.....for dinner, dancing, and entertainment! If ye no feel like dancing, ye can be using the time for renewing acquaintances and visiting with the lads and lassies in attendance.

"Tis our pleasure and pride to have the braw lads and lassies of the Saint Andrew's Pipes and Drums to beguile ye at the social hour and just before the dancing. Aye, the sound o' the pipes will bring tears to ye eyes!

The dress....Highland evening, kilt with jacket, military or civilian suit.

Aye, now get your reservations off right awa'! No reservations can be accepted after May 7. Yours for Scotland!!



I will attend the "Bicentennial Tartan Ball" on 8 May 1976. I would like to make reservations for _____ people (_____ Menu I), (_____ Menu II) at \$10.00 per person. Enclosed is a check to cover my reservations made payable to Saint Andrew's Society. If Menu I is selected, indicate "Rare", "Medium", or "Well-done".

MENU I

Filet Mignon with Matre'D Butter
Baked Potato with Sour Cream or Butter
Mixed Vegetables
Tomato Juice Cocktail
Tossed Salad with choice of dressing
Hot Rolls
Coffee, Tea, or Milk
Ice Cream

MENU II

Lobster Tail with Drawn Butter
French Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Tomato Juice Cocktail
Tossed Salad with choice of dressing
Hot Rolls
Coffee, Tea, or Milk
Ice Cream

NOTE: Included with either menu is one glass of wine for toasts. Additional wine for the meal may be purchased separately.

Mail to: Andy Jurchenko
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