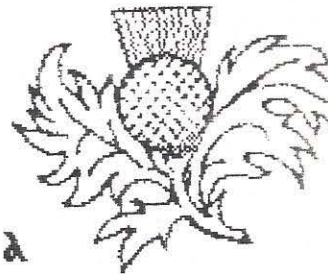




THE WILLIAMSBURG SCOTSMAN

SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY
OF WILLIAMSBURG VIRGINIA



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A Hundred Thousand Welcomes to Our
Newest Members:

LTG George Cantley [Retired]—
Williamsburg
Weldon MacDonald—Williamsburg
Peter Stephenson—Williamsburg

Get Away Weekend: The Saint
Andrew's Society of Washington, D.
C., has extended to us an invitation
to join them for their Get Away
Weekend in Richmond, 13
February 1988. They are staying
at the Jefferson Sheraton Hotel.
Rates are \$85.00 a night. The
dinner will cost \$30.00 a person.
Contact George Haviland, who is a
member of both Saint Andrew's,
for reservations/details:

Mr George Haviland
3750 Cogbill Road
Richmond, VA 23234
[804] 271-9225

Membership Luncheon: Jack Kane
and Woody Woodward are working
on having a membership daytime
luncheon in March 1988.

SPRING CEILIDH: The date has not
yet been set, but the Naval
Weapons Station Officers Club
again appears to be a likely locale.
More information will be
forthcoming.

RECENT EVENTS AND NEWS:

Eighteen members and wives again
gathered in Alexandria for the
Annual Christmas Walk and had
high praise for the event and the
hotel. It was again a cold day.

Bill McDougal, a long-time Society
member and Board Member, has
left for Florida. The Board has
presented him with a plaque for
his 9 years of service to the Board.
Sam Redd, who returned to us
from Florida, will fill out Bill's
unexpired term on the Board.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Latest [last] summary review of
Scottish-American organizations.

The Rampant Lion Flag
controversy!

Rabbie Burns page...New officers
and Board members.

COSCA:

The "umbrella" clan organization is The Council of Scottish Clan Associations, Inc., currently headquartered in Houston, Texas. Founded as a non-profit, tax-exempt educational organization in 1974 by the late Dr. Herbert P. MacNeal in New Jersey, its logo appeared in the Scottish-American Press at various times, but it did not take an active part in much before 1985, from the available evidence. It appears that prior to that time, it was essentially another Games committee concerned with the social aspect of those events. In 1983, at Grandfather Mountain, it made a "substantial" donation to the Scottish Tartan Society and Museum, from its then memorial Herbert P. MacNeal Scholarship Fund, though it could not yet afford scholarships (an promising musician, MS Christie Saunders of Little Rock, was awarded a harp that year, also). Then President Reverend Ronald Carr of Richmond, Virginia, [tragically murdered at the end of the year] announced in a clan newsletter that there would have to be a major change in focus, towards supporting the cultural and educational aspects of the Scottish-American scene, if the organization was to survive, have meaning, and prosper. This new focus was stated late that year as a set of purposes:

a. To develop and maintain a library and a museum.

b. To conduct periodic regional exhibitions.

c. To provide study grants to serious students of Scottish history.

d. To provide grants for cultural exchange.

e. To provide direct assistance to any organization of Scottish interest.

f. To provide quarterly bulletins.

The fruit of such endeavors was quickly sown. In early 1986, a Council flyer announced an ambitious joint effort in special classes and encourage for clan society newsletters, all centering around the massive Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in western North Carolina (held on the campus of Lees-McRae College) for July, 1986:

a. A course, Gaelic for Beginners, taught by Dr. Phillip Smith, West Chester University (4 days).

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b. An Advance Gaelic course, taught by MS Catriona Parsons of Iona College, Nova Scotia (4 days). (These two classes and a workshop on kiltmaking had to be cancelled in 1985 due to a lack of funds; the sum of \$2000 was cited as required for the programs in 1986).

c. A course, History of the Scottish People, taught by Dr. W. Reynolds McLeod, President, Unicorn Press LTD--the major American publisher of Scottish Books, and Professor of History at West Virginia University (2 days).

d. A seminar, Editing Newsletters & Journals for Small Societies, by Dr. Donovan H. Bond, editor of *The Scottish-American*, Professor Emeritus of Journalism, University of West Virginia, and retired Director of the West Virginia University Foundation (1 day).

e. A seminar, Fund Raising & Foundation Management, by Dr. Bond (1 day).

f. An award, Newsletter Excellence Award, of \$250, for the best family newsletter, by Royce N. McNeill, Chairman, Herbert P. Mac Neal Education and Scholarship Fund, of Charlotte, North Carolina.

This organization has undergone a major reorganization within the last year, the details of which are not yet available.

Friends of Loch Lomond:

This environmental protection Society was founded in Scotland in 1978 to "focus public attention on the threatened hydroelectric development at Craigroyster on the slopes of Ben Lomond." The Society claims a membership of 1000. The American branch supports the effort of the Scottish founder, Ms Hannah Stirling.

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Scottish Historic & Research Society
of the Delaware Valley, Inc.:

This Ardmore, Pennsylvania
society described itself thusly:

The
purpose of the
Society is to
study, preserve,
and promote
the history,
culture and
traditions of the
people of the
Scotland and
the Isles.

While the statement is a fairly standard preamble of purpose for Scottish-American associations, this one makes clear the distinction between Scotland proper and the historically independent Hebrides and Shetland Islands, ruled for centuries by half-Irish, half-Viking clans. The Society was founded in 1964 with 24 members and has grown to include an Education Committee that puts on free programs to (presumably local) schools. It also has taken credit for popularizing the Kirkin' of the Tartan ceremony in the United States, hosted Scottish artists (fiddler Ron Gonnella, pianist Eric Brown, and producer H. Forsyth Hardy), and providing bagpipes for the Covenant College pipe band. It scheduled a summer picnic, a winter Burns Night, and a spring Tartan Ball (but, significantly, not a Kirkin') in 1984. At least one, in

1984, the Society held a Scottish Cultural Festival at West Chester University.

The Society's principle thrust appears to be in the area of genealogy and local Philadelphia area historical projects. The Society has been involved in the preservation of the Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church in Philadelphia, organizes "Kin Stalker" seminars, and has published a booklet, *Scotland: In Fact and Fancy*.

How can this flag get you in trouble?



See the following article..

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From the Saint Andrew's Society of
Montreal Newsletter, August 1987:

The Sunday Times, January 18,
1987

Who Says We Can't Fly This Flag?

The Lion Rampant invariably gets a good airing on Robbie Burns' Birthday, which falls next Sunday. Beware, though, if you intend to have the Lion Rampant fluttering outside your own but and ben. The Lord Lyon doesn't like it. Indeed, he adds, it could lead to a £100 fine!

A letter from the St Andrew Society, circulated to all district and regional councils in Scotland, points out the only national flag Scotsmen are at liberty to fly is the Saltire--the St Andrew's Cross. Thanks to an Act of the Scottish Parliament in 1672, says the Lord Lyon, the Lion Rampant is the exclusive property of the Sovereign.

The Society says many of us, including councils and corporate bodies, often get it wrong.

We had a word with the Lord Lyon, the ultimate authority on Scottish flags and heraldry. He's Malcolm Innes of Edingight, whose father, Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, was also a well-known Lord Lyon.

"Technically, anyone flying the Rampant persistently--say, from a single pole in his garden--is liable

to prosecution and a fine of up to £100.

"Further use could lead to heavier fines and, ultimately, a prison sentence.

"Football fans and the like needn't worry too much about going to the Tower or some such.

"Waving the Lion Rampant at a match is what we call a 'decorative ebullition'--in other words, a joyous outburst.

"It could be construed as a mark of loyalty to the Sovereign."

Though he added wryly that he doubts if the Tartan Army quite sees it that way!

But is flying the Lion Rampant really an offence, as the Lord Lyon declares?

The Sunday Post has a copy of a letter written in 1934 by the Scottish Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Sir John Lamb, to a Glasgow flagmaking firm.

They'd been told by the Chief Constable of Glasgow there was no need to discourage the flying of the Lion Rampant, and that if they were in doubt, to check with the Scottish Secretary.

They did. He said the Chief Constable was correct, adding that so far as he was concerned, there were no objections to flying the flag.

Before that, in 1922, an earlier Scottish Secretary said he actually wanted to encourage people to display the flag.

And the Westminster Gazette of May 25, 1916, said King Edward VII decreed that, as the Lion

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Rampant made up only one quarter of the Royal Standard, it was not the Sovereign's flag and might be flown freely by Scotsmen anywhere!

Before 1603, it's said there was never any claim made by royalty for the possession of the Lion Rampant flag--nor is there now. So by no means everyone agrees with the Lord Lyon. Good luck to all who fly the flag!

The return volley from the Lord Lyon, as reported in the August, 1987 Newsletter of The St. Andrew Society [Edinburgh]:

The Flag Committee also noted an article in the Sunday Post which advised that any Scotsman could fly the Lion Rampant. This was considered quite wrong and the Secretary of the St. Andrew Society wrote to the Lord Lyon on the subject. His reply as shown below left no doubt about the matter or the carelessness of the Newspaper's article:

Dear Colonel Gibson,
I have your letter of 1st February and have carefully noted all you write. My attention had been drawn to the item in the Sunday Post of January 18th. I am not aware, however, of the contents of a letter of the Scottish Secretary of 1922. I am aware, however, of the contents of the Royal Warrant of September 1934. One is rather surprised that the Sunday Post would wish to rely on such

authority as I am sure as vigilant guardians of the liberties of the citizens of Scotland the Sunday Post would be the first to object to a matter being regulated by the fiat of the Sovereign or the Scottish Secretary when the matter was already regulated by a relevant Statute of the Scottish Parliament. One would have expected the Sunday Post to be at the forefront of pointing out that communications from the Secretary of State, or indeed the Sovereign, on a matter that was already governed by Statute contravened the Scottish Statute "The Claim of Right", 1689 C.28 [the Scottish equivalent of the English Statute "Bill of Rights"]. One would have thought they might have been at the forefront in pointing out that ministerial dictates on such matters might be the thin edge of the wedge with regard to the liberties of the citizens of Scotland.

Of course the Sunday Post rather indicate they hardly knew what they are writing about when they illustrate the feature with a Lion Rampant that is not surrounded by the double tressure flory counterflory. As the illustration stands with the background as gold and the lion not within the Shield it belongs to David Wemyss of Wemyss, Chief of the name "Wemyss".

*Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Innes of Edingight
Lord Lyon, King at Arms*



New Officers and Board Members:

1988 Officers:

President: Jack Kane

Vice President: William "Woody"
Woodward

Secretary: Charles Saunders
[tentative]

Treasurer: Henry Wann

New Board Members:

Byron Adams

Alan Geddes

Neil Stevenson

Jack Robinson

As usual, all new Board Member appointments are confirmed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting at Burns Night.

There will also be a vote on two amendments to the Bylaws of the Society at the same time.

Board officers will give their annual formal reports on the state of the Society at this time as well.

New Board Members and new officers will be formally presented to the Society.

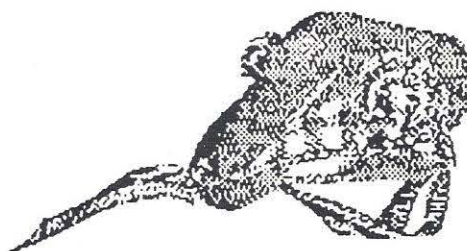
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