



THE SPECTATOR
ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY
OF
WILLIAMSBURG

PRESIDENT' CORNER

I sincerely appreciate the honor and opportunity to serve you as your President during 1991. This year the Board of Directors and I will continue working to find new ways to improve our society and increase member participation in our events. We ask that you support our efforts by attending as many of our activities as you can. We would like to see the same great level of attendance as we enjoyed at the recent Burns Nicht and the Kirkin held last November. Please let us know your ideas on how the Society can improve, and any changes to our activities that you would like to see implemented. Look forward to us trying a few different things this year! We also request your help and personal involvement in recruiting new members. We need future members who will become involved in the Society's activities and foster its purposes and objectives.

You who were not at the 1991 Burns Nicht dinner in January at Fort Eustis really missed out on a great evening. There was plenty of good food, fellowship, and Scottish music. I hope all of you will plan "right now" to attend the 1992 dinner.

Over the past few months, your board of directors has been quite busy on your behalf. One of their more recent actions was to submit a request to the Internal Revenue Service requesting tax exempt status for the Society's charitable and educational fund. Another was to establish a telephone committee to insure all members receive the notices of our social events and remind members to inform the Society of their planned attendance at the event. Additional actions were to invite the members of other Scottish organizations in our area to attend our functions, aggressively seek new members during 1991, hold the Tartan Ball following the Balmoral Reception held on Friday evening of the Williamsburg Scottish Festival, and publish annually a calendar of events.

Ev Tucker, President

THE PATRON SAINT

Why should Andrew, a Greek fisherman, who never set foot in Britain, become the patron saint of Scotland? A good question to be sure. One of Christ's apostles in the 1st century A.D., Andrew taught the gospels in Scythia, Epirus, and Achaia, and was crucified in Patras where he preached for two days to 20000 people before he died. Crucified in Roman fashion, upside down on an X

shaped cross, his martyrdom is symbolized on the Scottish flag.

Relics of St. Andrews were kept, and, according to legend, in the 8th century, St. Rule was in charge of them. In a dream, an angel told St. Rule to take them to Scotland, which he did, to a site later called St. Andrews. To enshrine them he built a church of which he became its first bishop.

GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the society was held in conjunction with the Burns Night dinner on January 26, 1991. Brief reports were given by President Sam Redd, Secretary Bill Weaver, and Treasurer Byron Adams. Afterwards, the members voted in the new directors for 1991-1994: Thomas Ferrier, IV, Taylor Fraser Jr., Bruce Schoch, and Charles Short. Also, the members voted to change the Society's constitution to increase the annual dues from \$15 to \$20, effective in 1992.

ALEXANDER SELKIRK, THE REAL ROBINSON CRUSOE

Born in Largo in Fife in 1676, Alexander Selkirk was a young troublemaker. To escape from the fallout of his dastardly deeds, he took to sea on a privateer destined to maraud French and Spanish shipping in the south seas. But he developed a hatred for the captain and demanded to be put ashore; and he was, on the desert island of Juan Fernandez in January 1704. All he had were his clothes, some bedding, crude navigational instruments, books including a bible, a kettle and his musket.

Selkirk must have had foresight, because a few months after he had been deserted, the ship was captured by the Spanish and the crew was jailed in a Peruvian prison for seven years.

An enormously stubborn Scot, Selkirk was a survivor. He lived in a cave, found a way of feeding himself, and would not give in to his isolation. After four years on the island, Selkirk was rescued by Captain Woodes Rogers, another rascal who made his living raiding pirates. Selkirk carried on as a seadog for three more years, and returned to Britain in command of his own ship, the Increase. Finally in 1713, he returned to his native Largo but went back to sea some months later. In 1720 Selkirk became a lieutenant on HMS Weymouth. He died on board this ship in 1721 off the coast of Africa. Only 45 years old, he had become a legend in his own time.

Daniel Defoe told Selkirk's story in one of the greatest adventure novels of the English language, Robinson Crusoe. Although Defoe chose another name for his hero, Selkirk the rebellious Scot was the real castaway.

"Fules mak feasts and wise men eat 'em, my lord." so said to a Scottish nobleman on his giving a great entertainment, who readily responded; "aye, and wise men make proverbs and fools repeat 'em."

A TASTE OF SCOTLAND-SOUPS [MONY COOKS NE'ER MADE GUDE KAIL]

Hot soups are great fare for cold damp weather, that type weather of Scotland. And Scots are proud of their reputation for good soups, and Scottish housewives take the making of soups very seriously. Scottish women believe that many soups would not be worth eating were it not for the stock. Some Scottish soups are traditional, such as bawd bree, cullen skink, and powsowdie, served at St. Andrews or Burns Night dinners. Others are of French origin, dating from the days of the Auld Alliance. Try the following recipe, go ahead, do it.

COCK-A-LEEKIE

Lang may ye live, an' lang enjoy
Ilk blessing life can gie,
Health, wealth, content, and pleasure,
An' cock-a-leekie.

This is a traditional soup which is usually the first course at a Burns Supper or St. Andrews Night Dinner. It is usually made with an old rooster[cock], but an old fowl can be substituted.

1 old cock or fowl	2 tblspoons rice
2 qts cold water	1 tblspon chopped parsley
1 teaspoon salt	salt & pepper to taste
6 shredded leeks	

Draw and truss the fowl in the usual way, then place in a large saucepan with the cold water. wash giblets and add salt. Bring to boil. Skim thoroughly. Simmer gently for two hours, skimming as necessary. Rinse and cut leeks into 1/2 inch strips. add leeks and rice. Simmer gently till the fowl is tender. Remove the fowl and giblets and any grease from soup. add parsley and salt and pepper to taste. Soup serves four to five people. serve the bird as a separate course.

"No Scot is at home until he's abroad"

Anon

BURNS NICTH DINNER

On January 26, 1991, 136 members and guests turned out to honor the 232nd anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. The Society's Annual Burns Nict was again celebrated at the Ft. Eustis Officers and Civilians Club.

Past President Howard Topp regaled the assemblage with a stirring and humorous address tae the haggis, and toasts were offered to: the President by Jack Kane; the Queen by Scottie Haviland; The Lassies by Gordon Duffus; and the Laddies by Cindy Duffus. Remarks on Robbie Burns and a toast was made by Bruce Schoch. Outstanding Scottish entertainment was provided by Kay Zentz,

Burt Mitchell, and a group of talented musicians.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the society's annual "Scot Of The Year Award" to Henry Wann of Clan Rose. The presentation and remarks were made by past President Paul Ritchie, who commended Henry for his long years of dedicated service to the society and support of all the good things that the society stands for. Of special note was Henry's achievements in fostering support for educational scholarships and other charitable activities.

The annual Burns Nicht was also the occasion of the investiture of new directors and society officers for the new year. Joining the Board of Directors were: Taylor Fraser, Jr., Thomas Ferrier, IV., Bruce Schoch, and Charles Short. Outgoing President Sam Redd presented incoming President Ev Tucker with the president's medallion. Also recognized as officers for 1991 were Bill Weaver as Vice President, Byron Adams as Treasurer, and Doug Mclean as Secretary. Following a few general remarks to the members, Ev Tucker thanked outgoing President Sam Redd for his excellent term of office and presented Sam with his past president's medallion. Ev also expressed sincere thanks to the outgoing directors: Ken Burns, George Haviland, Jack Rouzie, and Sam Redd.

Special recognition and thanks to Bob Davis and Bruce Schoch, committee chairmen for the Burns Nicht function, and to all those who worked to make it such a success. OUTSTANDING!

Ev Tucker, President

'Jean, I'll be mair thought O' a hundred years hence than now"
Robert Burns to his wife

THE ARMSTRONG CLAN

Gilbert, Steward of King David, and Ambassador to England in 1363; the first Armstrong to appear in Scottish records. Originating in Cumbria, the Armstrongs moved north in the 1300's, and became reivers and hit men for border nobility, especially the Maxwell lords. the 15th century saw the Armstrongs as principal settlers of territory from Gretna to Langholm. blackmailers, murderers, and racketeers, the Armstrongs could mobilize 3000 horsemen by calling on the Elliots, the Corsers and the Nixons.

The Scottish government tried to curtail the activities of the Armstrongs with drownings and mass hangings. On one patrol, James V hanged reiver Johnie Armstrong at Carlanrig Chapel. The criminal aspect of the Armstrongs has been buried under the more romanticized heroic exploits in the border ballads and stories. the most famous example of this was Kinmont Willie, an Armstrong freebooter who was sprung from Carlisle Castle in 1596

Once the crowns of England and Scotland were united under James VI, policing the middle shires became easier. Armstrongs who would not pledge to be nice guys were shipped to the colonies

or Ulster. Fitting then that a border family descendant should be sent to a far off place and be the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

Attending luncheon on Mar 11-----Call Chuck Hunter at 229-5868
Scottish country dancing-----Call Paul Ritchie at 229-8832
Strath James Pipes & Drums-----Call Jay Close at 564-0838
St. Andrews Soc. of Wsmbg-----Call Ev Tucker at 898-8151
Williamsburg Scottish Festival---Call Bob Davis at 229-5653
Scottish American Military Soc---Call Russ Scott at 887-2803
Scottish highland dancing-----Call Mary Adams at 220-0310
Piping lessons-----Call Jay Close at 564-0838
Scottish antiques-----Call Don Dixon at 898-1404

SCOTTISH BOOKBINDERS IN AMERICA

In 18th century America the absence of wealthy collectors restricted the production of elaborate bindings in America, and those few that have survived were the work of immigrants and were typical of their native countries rather than their adopted home. There was a strong influx of binders trained in Scotland, and two very typical Scottish bindings, one with a "herring bone" and the other with a "wheel" pattern, were probably produced in Williamsburg between 1736 AND 1744. Later in the century the best known bookbinder in America was another Scot, Robert Aitkin, who was active in Philadelphia as a printer and publisher as well as a binder. His most elaborate efforts include three bindings in the Chinese Chippendale style on the Blair's "lectures" he published in 1784. Eventually new wealthy book collectors began to increase in number in America and hand-binding thus was kept alive. And one of the most skilled practitioners at this art was William Matthews [1822-1896], from Aberdeen.

CEUD MILE FAILTE-WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS DURING 1990

Rob Roy Begland	Bill Galloway(Hon)	Gordon Bond
Robert MacCubbin	Willard Haskins	Willys Monroe
Joe Patterson	Russell Scott	Dennis Watts
Douglas Williams	Robert Williams	Sidney Driscoll
Sinclair Louttit		

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Russell Morris of Cincinnati. The only one so far to have donated two different yards of tartan for our banner collection, he also contributed a Piper's plaid in the Royal Stewart tartan to be sold to raise funds to purchase more material for banners. He

will be missed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr/May Spring Ceilidh (Flyer will be mailed)
Mar 11 Luncheon, Mulberry Inn, Rt 60 & Ft Eustis Blvd
Apr 27, 28, 29 British & Irish Festival, Waterside, Norfolk
Jun 22 Tidewater Scottish Festival, Norfolk Botannical Gardens
Sept 27 Williamsburg Scottish Festival, Williamsburg Winery
Sept 27 Tartan Ball & Balmoral Reception, Holiday Inn Patriot, Williamsburg

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