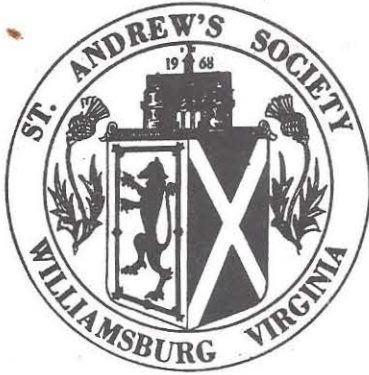




THE SPECTATOR
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SAINT ANDREWS SOCIETY
OF
WILLIAMSBURG

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My thanks to the 42 members and guests who attended our July luncheon. It was great to see so many of our members, especially the new and prospective members who attended. Our THANKS to Scottie Haviland who gave us an excellent talk on Scotland!!

During the August Board meeting, Henry Wann was elected to fill the remaining term of Paul Ritchie. We all welcome Henry to the Board of Directors.

At the July Luncheon, I announced that the Internal Revenue Service had approved both the Saint Andrew's Society and the Saint Andrew's Benevolent Association as tax-exempt organizations. This means that your dues and donations to both organizations are eligible as deductions on your 1991 and future income taxes. It took us a lot of effort to provide the IRS with the necessary information, but it was worth it!

In place of the luncheon scheduled for October, we will be holding a "Gathering of Members" on Thursday evening, October 24, at the Ft. Eustis Officers Club. This will be a gathering of the members (only) and male guests consisting of a social hour followed by dinner, a brief presentation, and entertainment. I hope that no one will be offended or misunderstand our limiting the attendance at this function. The purpose of the Gathering is to promote fellowship among the members and to provide an opportunity to meet and to get to know each other. Other St. Andrew's Societies hold this type of function on a regular basis and have found that these gatherings are very well supported and do a lot to strengthen their society. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR- A flyer will be coming out soon. On the flyer we will ask members if they are willing to pick up and drive our members who have difficulty in driving at night. We will also ask those members who need a ride to note it on their reservation.

One last item: we need the support of members to attend our 1991 Tartan Ball on September 27th, 9:15 to 12 PM, at the Holiday Inn Patriot, Williamsburg. Fliers were sent to all members and the response so far has been very disappointing. This year the Ball is truly a 'GOOD DEAL'. Dancing and Scottish entertainment for only \$10 a person-true Scottish value! If you haven't sent in your reservation, please do so. If, by chance, you didn't get a flyer, call Bill Bierwirth at 877-3228. We hope

to see you there.

Ev Tucker, President

SCOTS REGIMENTS IN OPERATION DESERT STORM

According to an article from The Family Tree, Scots in uniform were well represented in Desert Storm. While 40% of the British Army were Scots, 80% of the three RAF squadrons based in Scotland, and which went to the desert, were Scots.

Historic Regiment

Serving In Gulf War As

Royal Scots (1st)	Royal Scots
Royal Scots Fusiliers (21st)	Royal Highland Fusiliers
Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons)	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
Kings Own Scottish Borderers (25th)	Kings Own Scottish Borderers
Highland Light Infantry (71st & 74th)	Royal Highland Fusiliers
Seaforth Highlanders (72nd & 79th)	Queens Own Highlanders
Cameron Highlanders (79th)	Queens Own Highlanders

War makes thieves and peace hangs them.

Scottish proverb

SCOTTISH COMMUNITY WELL REPRESENTED

Our thanks and appreciation to the members of the Scottish-American Military Society (SAMS), Patrick Henry Post 76, from the Tidewater Area who have represented the local Scottish community with distinction by participating in a growing number of public events. Recently, the Post's Color Guard Unit participated in the July 4th "welcome Home" Parade at Newport News-Williamsburg Airport, the August 2nd "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Presentation" at the War Memorial Museum, and the August 17th "Yorktown 300 Year Celebration Parade". Their appearance at these events was received by outstanding applause from the crowds and did much to increase awareness of our Scottish heritage and the contributions of Scots in our nation's defense. The SAMS welcomes membership from both men and women who served or are serving in the US or British military forces. For further information on membership, call Al Cowan at 587-8913 or Russ Scott at 887-2803.

TALL STORY

Dad: There's Dave. He's six feet in his socks.

Wee Jamie: Away, faither. Ye'll be tellin' me next that he's twa heids in his hat!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

Scottish Country Dancing-----Call Jack Kane at 898-6953

St. Andrews Society 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
Alexandria Christmas Walk-----Call Bill Weaver at 229-3432
St. Andrews Benevolent Assoc-----Call Henry Wann at 229-2686
Tartan Ball-----Call Bill Bierwirth at 877-3238

RECOVERING

Let us all wish Bill Anderson and Chuck Hunter, both of Williamsburg, speedy recoveries from their recent illnesses. Come on Guys, hurry and get well.

HEALTH

"The healthy know not of their health, but only the sick; this is the physician's Aphorism."

Thomas Carlyle

SUPERSTITIONS IN SCOTLAND--TREES

Mimosa-charms away the 'evil eye'
Rowan-planted near a grave, keeps witches away
Hazel-protects against necromancy and its nuts bring good luck
Ash-a twig in the hat guards against snake bite
Yew-symbol of everlasting life and a power against death
Birch-symbol of spring, protects against lightning, gout and barrenness, (witches made broomsticks of birch)
Apple-symbol of immortality & eternal youth
Elder-bad luck tree
Elm-lightning would never strike an elm
Bay-leaf under pillow will bring pleasant dreams
Myrtle-brings love & peace to nearby house
Holly-brings bad luck if a person trods on its berries

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from The Kirkcaldy Mail, Tuesday, July 25, 1899

A TASTE OF SCOTLAND--CLAPSHOT

1 lb potatoes	1 heaped tblsp butter
1 tblsp chopped chives	salt & pepper to taste
or 4 shallots	1 lb white turnips

Cook the vegetables separately, drain and then mash them very well together, adding all the other ingredients. Season to taste, and serve very hot. Serves four to six people.

UNPAID MEMBERSHIPS

As all members are aware, the St. Andrews Society, its newsletter, events and all associated undertakings are financed in great part by member's dues. Although there are many members who have still not paid their 1991 dues, the Board has elected to list in the newsletter those who have not paid for two or more years. This is to serve as a friendly reminder. Thank you.

Robert Dufus--William Ferguson--Walter Green--William Munro

SCOTCHMAN--HIS CHARACTERISTICS

"His Minerva is born in panoply. You are never admitted to see his ideas in their growth--if, indeed, they do grow, and are not rather put together upon principles of clockwork. You never catch his mind in an undress. He never hints or suggests anything, but unloads his stock of ideas in perfect order and completeness. He brings his total wealth into company and gravely unpacks it. His riches are always about him. He never stoops to catch a glittering something in your presence, to share it with you before he quite knows whether it be true touch or not. You cannot cry halves to anything he finds: he does not find but bring. You never witness his first apprehension of a thing: his understanding is always at its meridian--you never see the first dawn, the early streaks. He has no faltering of self-suspicion. Surmises, guesses, misgivings, half-intuitions, semi-consciousnesses, partial illuminations, dim instincts, embryo conceptions, have no place in his brain or vocabulary. The twilight of dubiety never falls upon him. Is he orthodox--he has no doubts. Is he an infidel--he has none either. Between the affirmative and the negative there is a border-land with him. You cannot hover with him upon the confines of truth, or wander in the maze of a probable argument. He always keeps the path: you cannot make excursions with him, for he sets you right. His taste never fluctuates, his morality never abates. He cannot compromise or understand middle actions: there can be but a right and a wrong. His conversation is as a book: his affirmations have the sanctity of an oath. You must speak square with him. Above all, you must beware of indirect expressions before a Caledonian."

Charles Lamb

CEUD MILE FAILTE-----WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
John Hampton Mills of Weems, Va-----Clan Colquhoun
William J. Macgregor Garrett of Norfolk, Va--Clan MacGregor

Scott B. Logan of Woodbridge, Va-----Clan Logan
William Garrett of Norfolk, Va-----Clan MacGregor
Mark Kirk of Williamsburg, Va-----Clan Maxwell
William Keith Hafer of Williamsburg, Va-----Clan Keith

WILLIAMSBURG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL-28 SEPTEMBER-WILLIAMSBURG WINERY

Now this is it folks, the last reminder you will have before the festival. There can be no excuse for not attending. So don't forget to mail in your Balmoral sponsorship right away. Turn out for a wonderful day and be sure to look for the St. Andrews Society tent. Stop by and visit, many of the Directors will be there. The Williamsburg Winery is located on Lake Powell Road. Call Bob Davis at 229-5653 for more information.

ANDREW CARNEGIE, TYCOON AND PHILANTHROPIST

Only 13 when his family left Scotland for America, he was only 19 when he advised his father to mortgage their home to buy shares in the Pennsylvania Railroad: they made a fortune. His motto was that "the businessman pursues fortune", and so he did. Not afraid to take chances, by his forties, he had steelmills, hundreds of miles of railroads, a fleet of lake steamers, oil wells, and his worth was in excess of 300 million dollars in 1901. Totally unscrupulous when money was involved, he brought in the Pinkertons to quell a strike at one of his steelmills. Ten men were killed, the rest went back to work on half pay.

He advised young men to contribute to charitable works. He followed his own advice, setting up free libraries on both sides of the Atlantic, and set up rich charities to promote peace. Enjoying his 30,000 acre estate at Skibo in Scotland, Carnegie eventually sold his shares in his businesses for tens of millions of dollars.

EPITAPH IN CULLEN GRAVEYARD, BANFFSHIRE

Here lies interred a man o' micht,
His name was Malcolm Downie;
He lost his life ae market nicht
By fa'in aff his pownie.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Walter Williams of Williamsburg, a member since 1988. He will be missed by family and friends.

CLAN CAMERON

The ancestors of the first Camerons were Anglo-Norman adventurers from Cambernon in western Normandy who probably entered Scotland in the 12th century. The name Cameron first

appears near Edinburgh, east Fife and Dumbartonshire. But in 1264, John de Cambrun, also known as Sir John Cameron, one of the first Camerons in history, was sheriff of Perth. During this same time period the family became associated with the Celtic earls of Atholl, which enabled the Camerons to spread their holdings through Strathern into Lochaber. John Ochtery, the first chief of the Camerons, was a warlord who arrived at the time of the Wars of Independence and united several local families.

Lochaber was under the influence of the Lords of the Western Isles and the Camerons tied in with them. This linking assured the Camerons political protection and territorial cohesion. They even fought with the lords of the Isles against the royal house of Stewart in the battle of Harlaw in 1411, but were on the opposite side in the Battle of Inverlochy in 1431. By 1492 Cameron control over Lochaber lands had been restored and the power of the Lords of the Isles diminished. The Camerons of Lochiel were now the principal branch and they weren't in good stead with the Scottish crown. This fact coupled with the Cameron liking for cattle stealing made it unlikely that the Camerons would receive any help if their lands were threatened. Thanks in large part to the Camerons, this part of the highlands had a bad reputation.

A long-lived warrior, Sir Ewan Cameron, who was prominent in the Jacobite campaign of 1689-91, and sent his oldest son to fight for the Old Pretender, James VIII, was the main one who committed the Camerons to the house of Stuart. As a matter of fact, Sir Ewan's grandson, Donald, made the '45 militarily possible. When Bonnie Prince Charlie arrived in Scotland short of men and equipment, the Camerons provided an important part of the fighting strength. A rumor abounded that Donald ate babies; this was probably due to his grandfather having bitten an English officer on the neck while avoiding capture.

After Culloden, the campaign of genocide instituted by William, the Duke of Cumberland, took its toll on the Camerons. Despite this, the Cameron gentry reingratiated themselves and their clan with the British government by raising regiments for imperial service. The Cameron Highlanders, which saw service between 1794 and 1815 in Flanders, the West Indies, Iberia, Egypt, and Scandinavia, was raised by Sir Alan Cameron of Erracht. He attained the rank of major general.

But for the common man, the Cameronian footsoldier, just like his counterpart in other highland battalions, military glory was the alternative to clearance from his ancestral lands.

"The triumph of the truly great is never, never to despair."
Robert Burns

ST. ANDREWS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (SABA)

By now most of you are aware of the creation of the

Benevolent Association, a tax-exempt association that replaces the Charitable & Educational Fund. Recently blessed by the IRS to be tax-exempt, the association's new tax status applies to its parent organization, the Saint Andrews Society, as well. Exact extent of the new status to St. Andrews will be determined by a study of the documents received from the IRS. But is for sure that any donations made to the Benevolent Association from henceforth will be tax-exempt.

The aims of the new association are precisely the same as the old C&E Fund, which had already succeeded in sending a student from the St. Andrews University to The College of William and Mary for the forthcoming academic year. Students from William and Mary will attend St. Andrews for the same period, and the eventual goal is to have a two-way exchange. Miss Elizabeth Watts, from St. Andrews, will arrive in August. Let us all strive to make her stay a memorable one.

With the creation of The Benevolent Association, the dreams and ideas of the original founders of our Society are coming to life. What better way to remember a friend or loved one than a gift in their name that keeps giving in such a wonderful way. Already several such donations have been made in the name of Col. Paul Ritchie, one of our original founders.
contributed by Henry Wann

OF THE GRAMPIANS

"One burnished sheet of living gold
Loch Katrine lay beneath him roll'd.
High on the south huge Benvenue
Down to the lake in masses threw
Craggs, knolls and mounds, confusedly hurl'd
The fragments of an earlier world."

from The Lady of the Lake by Sir Walter Scott

ORIGINS OF THE 'CEILIDH'

"In the Western Islands, many of the customs of the ancient Caledons and Britons are still preserved, and amongst others, the old manner of drinking. In former times, large companies assembled, composed principally of the chief respectable men of the islands. This assemblage was called a 'sheate', 'streak', or 'round', from the company always sitting in a circle. The cup bearer handed about the liquor in full goblets or shells, which the guests continued to drink until not a drop remained. This lasted for a day at least, and sometimes for two days, and in this practice our 'round of glasses' is supposed to have originated. During the revel, two men stood at the banquetting door with a barrow, and when anyone became incapable, he was carried to his bed, and they returned to dispose of the others in the same way."

from Inebriating Liquors, 1838, by Samuel Morewood

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, 1991

Sept 27 Balmoral Reception & Tartan Ball-Holiday Inn Patriot
Williamsburg
Sept 28 Williamsburg Scottish Festival-Williamsburg Winery
Lake Powell Rd, Williamsburg
Oct 9 Coldstream Guards at Richmond
Oct 10 Coldstream Guards at Norfolk Scope
Oct 24 Gathering of Members-Ft. Eustis Officers Club
Dec 1 Kirkin & Luncheon
Dec 7 Alexandria Christmas Walk

THE SPECTATOR is published bi-monthly by the Saint Andrews Society of Williamsburg. If you know someone who might be interested in joining the Society, call me, Don Dixon, at 898-1404 or 868-8745 and I will get them a copy and an application. We welcome criticisms, suggestions, requests, and unused roundtrip tickets to Scotland.

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