

The Spectator

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that you have had a pleasant summer. Your society has supported both the Tidewater and Grandfather Mountain Games. The July Luncheon held at the Williamsburg Country Club was well attended and a great success. Our thanks to Charlie Saunders for organizing and providing our speaker, Mr. Alex Andrews. Mr. Andrews was with the State Department in Africa and shared with us his experiences with the African people and the country.

We will miss our departed member retired Rear Admiral Jake Fyfe, Jake had served on the Board of Directors and supported us for many years. He had a great sense of humor and always was entertaining at society functions. Our condolences go to his wife, Dorothy.

Through the Saint Andrews Benevolent Association of Williamsburg, we will be providing financial support for the upcoming Williamsburg Ceol Mor Weekend on 27, 28 and 29 January 1995. The Strath James Pipe Band Ltd. a non profit, educational corporation, has sponsored this event for the past two years and their President Mr. Jay Close has requested our financial assistance. The seminar is an effort to teach about the classical music of the Scottish bagpipe, a music called in Gaelic ceol mor or literally, "great music". Several renowned pipers from Canada will provide the instruction.

The Scottish Gathering of the year will be held September 24th at the Williamsburg Winery. Now is the time to support your Scottish heritage by attending the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. This will be a Scottish Weekend starting with The Balmoral Reception on Friday evening, September 23rd. If you have not attended before, please call Lou Gordon for reservations. The reception always been a fun event for our members and our out of town clansmen. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours aye,

Jack Rouzie, President

New Member

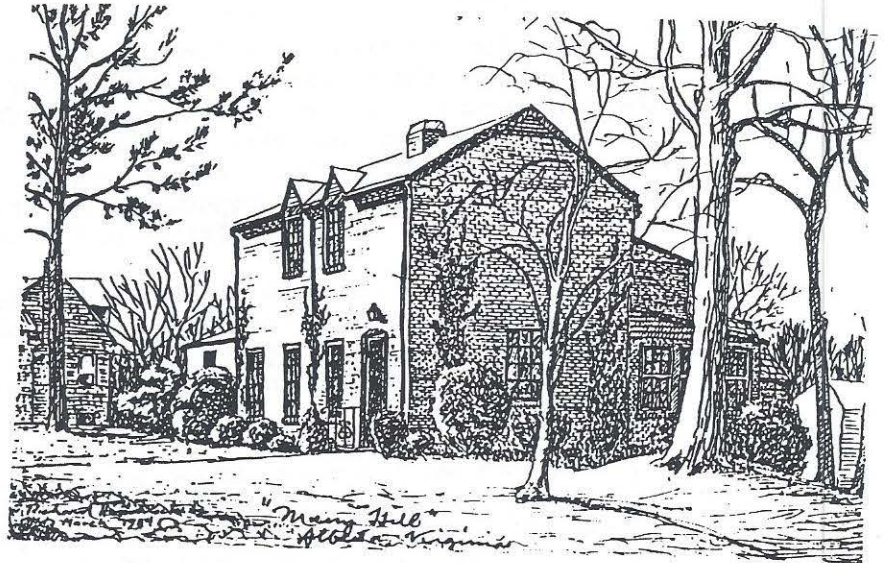
Our newest member is Dr. Randall E. Retan, a native of Dearborn, Michigan. Dr. Retan has set up a Chiropractic practice in Williamsburg where he lives with his wife, Dr. Lisa Marie and 1 1/2 year old Hunter Retan. Randall's clan affiliation is with the MacPhersons.

If you meet Randall and Lisa Marie at the St. Andrew's tent, please give them a hearty welcome to the area and to the Society.

If You Like Old Houses

Our correspondent in Alberta, Virginia: Bob Flinn, has written to tell about a wee Bed and Breakfast that has opened in his hometown of Alberta.

Bob's middle name, Sturdivant, is derived from an ancestral family name. The Sturdivants once dwelt in an early American home (1756) called "Englewood". The building was "modernized" in the 1850's, and rehabilitated again recently by the Richardson family. They have opened the home as a B & B for visitors to historic Brunswick County, Bob writes.



Bob Flinn's own home nearby, "Merry Hill", is also an ancestral place, and is pictured here. Bob, a member of our Society, is planning to visit us at the St. Andrew's tent during the Williamsburg games.

Saint Andrews College

Saint Andrews Presbyterian College is located in Laurinburg, N.C. The college has programs related to Scotland and to St. Andrews University. The articles re-printed below are lifted from the school newspaper.

Scottish Heritage Awards Presented

Royce Neil McNeill received the Scottish Heritage Center Service Award and Catriona M. Parsons received the Flora Macdonald Award when the College held its Fourth Annual Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet March 26.

McNeill, of Charlotte, was recognized for outstanding contributions to the preservation of Scottish heritage, culture and traditions. He has been active in Scottish heritage events and organizations for forty years and serves as president of the MacNeil Association of America.

Parsons, of New Hampshire, one of the foremost Gaelic educators in the world, was honored for her contributions to education. She is on the faculty

of the English department of Dartmouth College, but is teaching Gaelic this year at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Pipe Band Wins At Loch Norman

The St. Andrews College Pipe Band won the Grade IV pipe band contest at the Loch Norman Highland Games April 16-17, competing against the well known Grandfather Mountain Highlanders.

The competition was St. Andrews' first since the pipe band was upgraded to Grade IV by the Eastern U.S. Pipe Band Association last fall.



Arnott

*St. Andrews
University
Principal
Honored*

Struther Arnott, Principal of the University of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree during a special convocation April 11.

Dr. Arnott has been principal (the British equivalent of president) of St. Andrews University since 1968. He is an enthusiastic supporter of deepening ties between St. Andrews College and St. Andrews University.

The St. Andrew's Society Benevolent Association

Our Society has been organized for social and educational purposes. The educational efforts are served, in part, through the St. Andrew's Society Benevolent Association (SABA) and a portion of our annual budget is dedicated to the SABA endowment. It is recognized by the IRS as a tax-deductable entity.

Funds are available for the support of worthy educational endeavors which contribute to Scottish-American exchanges, Scots history, Scots heritage and Scots customs. If you have a person or program in mind that might be aided or subsidized by SABA, make you needs known to a Board member. SABA has recently provided partial aid to the forthcoming piobaireachd and ceol mor piping workshop sponsored by the Strath James organization, and has sponsored students at William and Mary and other schools.

Over the years, our members have also contributed special gifts to the fund to enhance the endowment. Gifts have come in the form of memorials and as support for the objectives of the fund.

Mark Your Calendar!

All members of the Society are offered a special invitation to attend the 4th Annual Members' Dining Out on the evening of Thursday, October 27, 1994. The event will be held at the Fort Eustis Officers and Civilians Club with a social hour starting at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:30 PM.

The purpose of the "Members Dining Out" is to provide all members a chance to meet our new members, an opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones, and an occasion to bring male guests to an SAS event and hopefully encourage them to become members. It's an evening devoted solely to fun and fellowship. No business allowed!! An outstanding evening is being planned with Scottish entertainment following dinner.

We will also be arranging for rides within the Williamsburg-York County area to Fort Eustis for those of our members who are unable to drive at night.

So mark your calendar on the 27th of October, plan to attend, and watch for the "Members Dining Out" flyer, which will be distributed around the first of October.

Ev Tucker, Chairman



Flowers of the Forest:
Retired Rear Admiral John K. "Jake" Fyfe

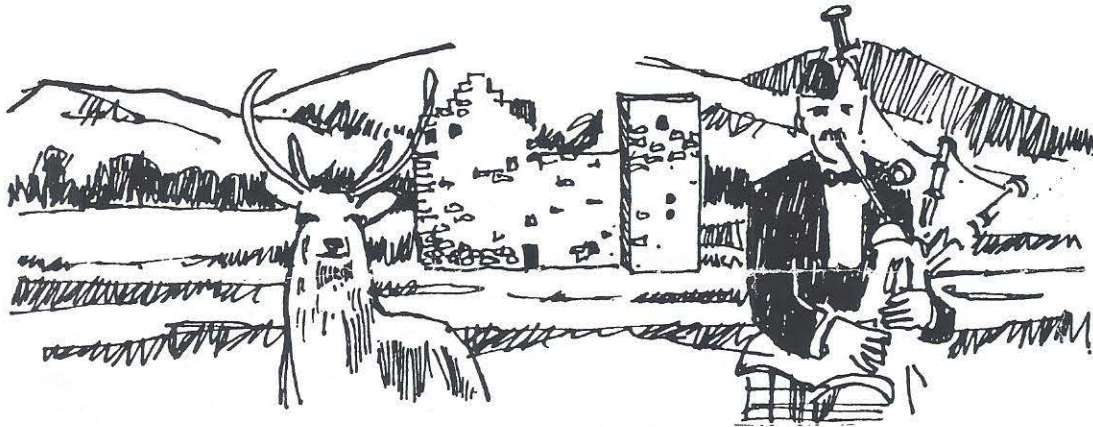


Kilmarnock, Virginia

On October 22, a cool Saturday in Virginia's Northern Neck, The pleasant little town with the Scottish name becomes a transplanted bit of the old country. If you take a scenic drive up Virginia Route 3 past Gloucester Courthouse and over the long bridge at Greys Point, past Whitestone, you will encounter on that day the sights and sounds of Scotland.

Kilmarnock's citizens and merchants have gotten together to take advantage of their community's name and hold an annual festival right in the middle of town. Craft shows, sidewalk sales, antique cars, costumes, pipe bands, games and festive events all take place within the few blocks of the downtown section.

Plenty of kilts are to be found among the locals and visitors, and the autumn weather is just right for their wearing. If you enjoy fall scenery, being near the Chesapeake and an atmosphere that hints of Scotland, you might seek out Kilmarnock on October 22.



Kirkin' O' The Tartan

This annual affair is being planned this year by Ken Garrison. Arrangements have been made to assemble at Bruton Parish for the ceremony, after which there will be a brunch at "1776". Set for late November, the date will be finalized to best conform to the church and holiday calendars, and our members will be notified.

Burns Night

The birth of Scotland's gift to the world of poetry and thought will be celebrated again in January. Bob Davis and Jack Kane are setting up a location and arranging for entertainment that will again be worthy of a ceremony to honor the memory of Burns.