

# The Carolina Piper



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## NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Donald McLeod with MacLeod's Tables and village of Dunvegan in background, Isle of Skye, Scotland 2014

Fellow Scots, we are ending another fiscal year of the SASNC June 30 and due to the sustained efforts of committee chairs and members and members-at-large it has been a productive year. The membership committee, chaired by William McIlwain, has approved 19 new members and still counting. The finance committee, Chandler Stewart, chair, has marshaled well our funds and endowment, of which we are fortunate. The scholarships and grants committee, chaired by James Graham, has been very active in identifying several outstanding recipients of our charitable giving. The communications committee, chairman John Ramsay, (*cont. page 2*)

### CHARLES D. KING, PRESIDENT ELECT

Charles D. King of Raleigh will be installed July 14 as the new President of the SASNC at our annual dinner at the Blowing Rock Country Club. This dinner is held in conjunction with the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and you have received a registration form for the dinner and hospitality tents at MacRae Meadow. Charles is a retired wholesale distributor of paper products and now maintains a Christmas tree farm in the mountains. He has been a SAS member for 9 years and has served as secretary.



Charles D. King, President Elect, with wife, Becky McKinnon King and daughter, Gracie Colby at 2017 annual dinner

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has been busy with plans for website redevelopment and newsletter (The Piper) issues. The nominations committee, Daniel Pate, chair, has an excellent slate of board nominations to be presented to the board in July.

I have appointed a by-laws committee to begin an evaluation and rewrite of the Society's rules of governance. The last amendments were made in 2009, but many current practices are not in the by-laws and some items are not adhered. Daniel Pate of Southern Pines will chair this committee with Neil Whitford of Morehead City and Donavon Munford of Raleigh assisting. Yes, we must use our lawyers. A goal of October 1 has been set to submit a rewrite to the board.

The website is currently under redevelopment and this effort is being led by Glenn Davis, a Raleigh physician. Volunteers are needed to aid this effort, particularly those with interest in Scottish-related history and social media applications. Now don't you old guys start complaining about socialism or Cambridge Analytica; we have many younger members that use social media programs and like to communicate. To use a Scottish religious analogy, we need content for the "auld lights as well as the new lights". A member-only section will contain expanded member information, by-laws and board and committee appointments. I would like the historical section to contain links that would constitute an honors course in Scottish and Scottish-American history and Gaelic culture.

Let me assure you I have enjoyed my two years as president of the St. Andrew's Society of North Carolina and I am excited about our future. We have tremendous talent in the organization and we simply need to channel it.

Donald C. McLeod  
President

## SCOTS AND LUMBEES GATHER AT MCNAIR MONUMENT



McNair Monument with Lumbee Dancers  
Bobby "Chicken" Williamson and Mable Moses,  
SAS president Donald McLeod and  
Lumbee tribal member Raymond Cummings.

*Photo by Mark S. Moses, The Robeson Journal*

Scottish and Lumbee Indian cultures are closely connected in Robeson County. The McNair monument honors Duncan McNair II and wife Catherine McCallum who immigrated to Rennert on Great Marsh Swamp in 1786. Numerous graves are at the site, some of the older marked with simple longleaf heart pine planks. On April 28 the second annual McNair gathering, organized by Society member Thomas Hall of Fayetteville, was held. Duncan McNair was the first ruling elder of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church founded in 1799 and was one of the many Highland pioneers in the area. The strong Lumbee participation in the event recognizes the interdependence of Scots and Indians in Robeson County. There are an estimated 40,000 Lumbees in the U.S. with the epicenter in Robeson County. Tommy Hall is already planning next year's event.



## TARTAN DAY RALEIGH APRIL 6

National Tartan Day was celebrated at the N.C. Museum of Natural History, as well as other cities including Fayetteville and Wilmington. A dozen SAS members were in attendance for the festivities. Members should encourage local restaurants and brew pubs to sponsor Tartan Day dinners and make this a more prominent occasion.



SAS members Donald McLeod, Cameron Seely, Randall Frazier, James Graham and Charles King at NCSU Faculty Club

## SCOTTISH GAELIC LECTURESHIP UNC CHAPEL HILL

A thousand years ago Gaelic was the language of most of the current Scotland land mass. The incursion of Anglo Saxons and Britons into the lowlands of Scotland resulted in the gradual extinction of Gaelic except in the Highlands. Irish Gaelic, closely related, withstood narrowly, the English onslaught. The thousands of Highland Scots emigrating to the Carolinas, predominantly the Cape River Valley and nearby rivers (Lumber and Pee Dee) spoke Gaelic as their first tongue. In the necessary transition to English, much of the folklore and traditions of Gaelic society has been obscured or

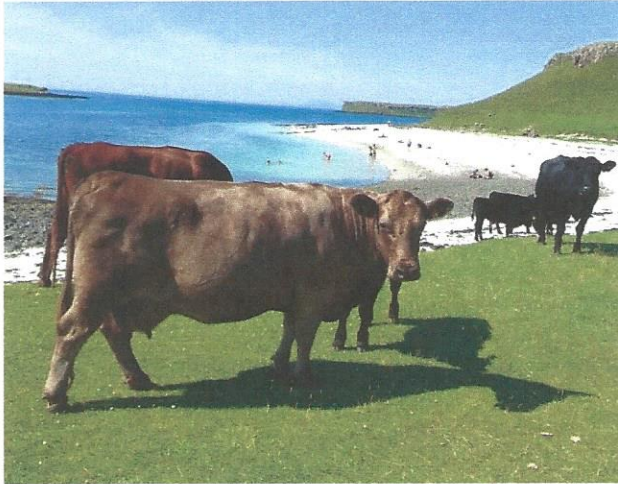
lost. Now about 70,000 Scottish Highlanders use Gaelic as their first tongue along with 2000 in Nova Scotia. Gaelic is a Celtic language, but quite distinct from Welsh, or the Celtic dialects in Brittany or Galicia, in France or Spain, respectively. The Biblical Galatians refers to a Celtic people in Greece and Turkey. Caesar's Gallic Wars evidences a Celtic predominance in the heart of Western Europe more than 2000 years ago.

Why this discourse? No American university has a Scottish Gaelic studies program, but this is changing. [GaelicUSA](#) and UNC Chapel Hill have entered into an enormously historic and important contract to create a Visiting Lectureship in Gaelic Scottish Studies during the 2018-19 academic year. Dr. Douglas Kelly, president of [Scottish Heritage USA](#) has announced his organization will fund the entire first year expenses for salary support and travel. Dr. Kelly is a long-time member and chaplain of SASNC.

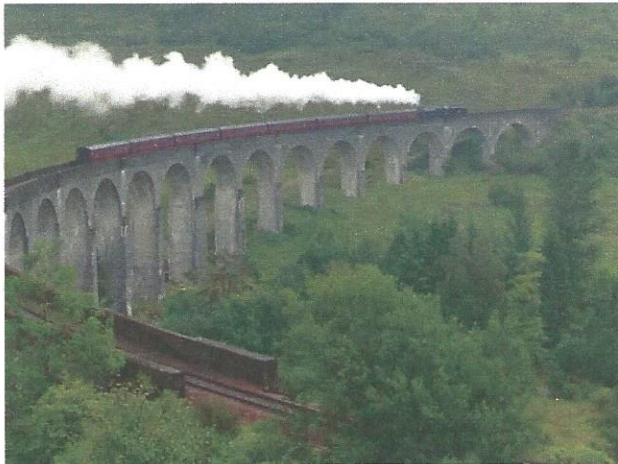
The 2018-19 visiting lecturer has now been selected. Tiber Falzett, PhD is currently in the history department at the University of Prince Edward Island. He has a PhD in Scottish (Gaelic) ethnology, Celtic and Scottish studies from the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Falzett is known as an innovative teacher and has many refereed publications. As the program develops at UNC, SASNC members will be informed.

**63rd Annual  
Grandfather Mountain  
Highland Games  
July 12 -15, 2018  
MacRae Meadows on  
Grandfather Mountain near  
Linville, NC**





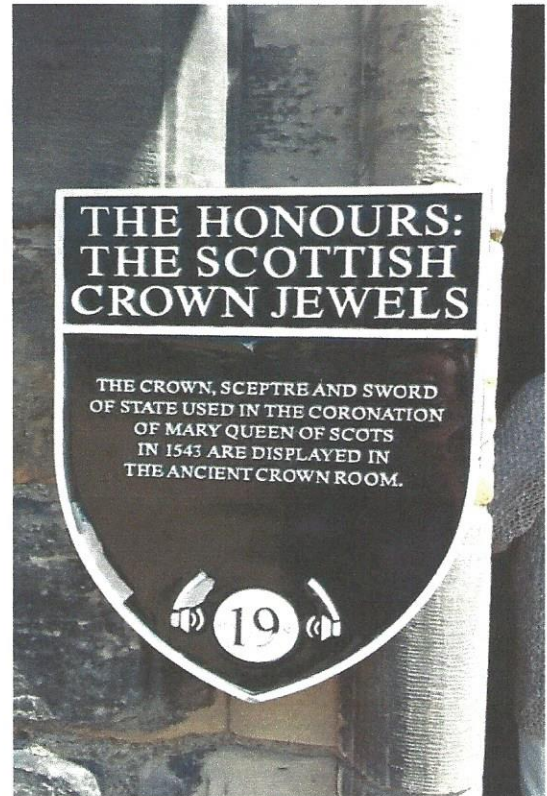
The Caribbean? No, Isle of Skye, Scotland



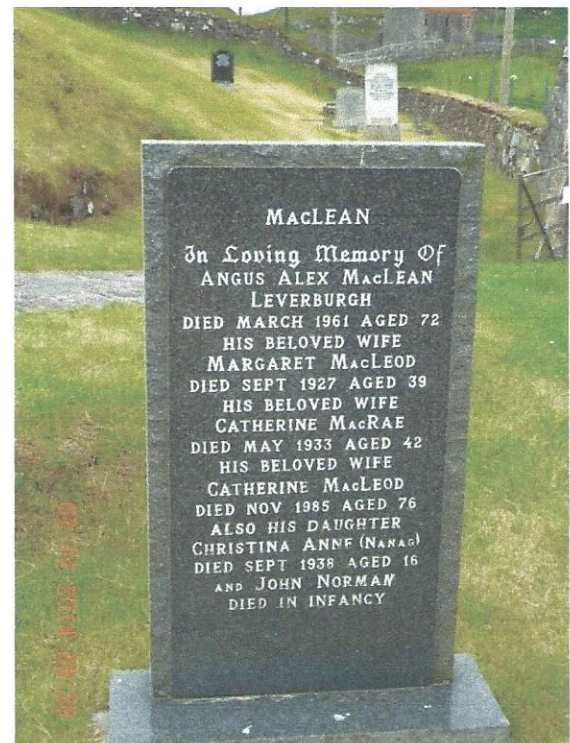
Glenfinnan Railroad Bridge, Scotland  
Headed to Hogwarts in Harry Potter Movie



Standing Stones of Callanish, Isle of Lewis, Outer  
Hebrides, Scotland



The Scottish Crown Jewels, Edinburgh Castle



Persistent Scot, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides, Scotland