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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The St. Andrew's Society just had a successful and entertaining annual dinner at the Pine Needles Lodge in Southern Pines with 120 in attendance. The following items highlight this program.

Our next major event is in conjunction with the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 13-15. On Saturday July 14, the Society will have a hospitality tent at the games and an evening dinner at the Blowing Rock Country Club. I hope to see you, your spouses and guests there in mid July. Charles King of Raleigh will be installed as the new president and it will be an enjoyable weekend in the Blue Ridge mountains.

Members interested in serving on committees or the board should contact Mrs. Terry Smith, our administrative assistant. Our members are the source of new members. The membership application is available on our website, under the members section.

Donald C. McLeod
President



FIRST ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY DINNER HELD IN 1972

The first SASNC dinner was held at the Country Club of North Carolina in 1972. Lawrence Johnson was the first Society president and Edward Taws was president-elect. John MacLeod of MacLeod was the guest of honor, being Chief of Clan MacLeod at Dunvegan, Isle of Skye. The "of MacLeod" harkens back to the 15th century when the Chief at Dunvegan held the Isle of Harris, known then as MacLeod.

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The camaraderie must have been great, the whisky plenty and a parson to bless it!



Seated at the head table are, from left, Lindsay F. Johnson, Rev. Martin Caldwell, Lawrence McNeil Johnson, John MacLeod of MacLeod, Edward Taws and H. Clifton Blue.

THE BEADLE

The beadle was an ancient role in the Roman Catholic Church and after the Reformation in Scotland the role of the beadle was retained but reduced in status. The beadle would open and close the church doors and ring the bell calling parishioners to service. In the 17th and 18th centuries the beadle would serve citations on those suspected of lying or adultery to appear before the all powerful Kirk Session. With



serious face the beadle would take the Bible and Psalter to the pulpit before leading the preacher with measured and dignified tread. Beadles were known for their forthright

judgments. Said one to a guest preacher, " If your text had had the scarlet fever, your sermon would not have caught it!" Elders now perform the remaining duties of the old beadles. In the

photo, Robert Tate is serving as beadle at the September Kirkin' o' the Tartans at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines.

W. DANIEL PATE RECEIVES SOCIETY QUAICH

The SASNC on occasion bestows an honorary award, the Society Quaich, to one who has made sustained and meritorious service on its behalf. Dan joined the SAS in 1975, sponsored by the third SAS president, Lamont Brown, a Pinehurst attorney whose firm Dan had joined. Dan has been a past treasurer and is completing in July a six-year rotation as president-elect, president and past president. Remarkably, Dan actually studied the by-laws and has improved significantly the conduct of the SAS board. Dan has a deep interest in Scottish Highland history and is a descendent of several Lumber River Scot pioneers.

The quaich is an interesting Scottish ceremonial drinking vessel. In marriage occasions it may be referred to as a loving cup. It is a two-handled cup, filled with drink of choice, usually whisky, and was used in ancient times to seal a bond between two clans, each leader partaking the cup. The SAS uses a quaich to induct each new member at our two annual dinners. Well deserved, Dan!



Former President John Ramsay presents Society Quaich to Dan Pate

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY STAINED GLASS CREST

A beautiful stained glass production of the Society's crest was formally presented to the SAS members in 1981 at the annual dinner. Robert G. Hodgkin, Jr., a Society member, upon his retirement, took up the hobby of stained glass art. Robert worked six hours daily for six weeks on the crest in a true labor of love for the SAS. The stained glass crest in a lighted display adorns the entrance to the St. Andrew's Day Dinner in early December in Southern Pines. Take a moment and appreciate this work of art at our next annual dinner.

James McCallum, our secretary and master of the address to the haggis, is the grandson of Robert Hodgkin, Jr. Brown McCallum, long-time Society member and former board member, is the son-in-law of Mr. Hodgkin.

Submitted by Dan Pate



James McCallum & Brown McCallum

Photos from December Dinner

photos by Don McKenzie



Officers are piped in by William Caudill



New members are inducted



James McCallum addresses the haggis



Toast to St. Andrew by Peter Wilson

Left to right: John Ramsay, Chandler Stewart, Charles King, Peter Wilson, Don McLeod, Jim Graham, William McIlwain



Random members at reception