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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Your Society, the SASNC, was founded to perpetuate Scottish traditions, to promote social intercourse, and to dispense charitable and educational assistance to fellow Scots. Thank you for participating in

our founding principles by wearing the kilt, becoming better friends with other members, by recruiting new members and contributing birthday dollars to our foundation. These are simple and effective means to support SASNC.

On December 1st our Society celebrated its 47th annual feast in honor of Saint Andrew. Eleven new members were recognized during the traditional evening of haggis, toasts, piping and presentations. The venue was handsomely appointed and 120 members and guests enjoyed the hospitality at the Pine Needles Golf and

Country Club in Southern Pines. The golf event and Lassies Dinner were enjoyed by many.

Our next major event is the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 11-14. The Society will host two tents with a Saturday picnic at the games and an evening dinner at the Blowing Rock Country Club. This is a great Scottish weekend and the kilt is appropriate throughout. Mark your calendar.

Our website (<u>standrewssocietyofnc.org</u>) has been greatly enhanced with our history, calendar, apparel suggestions and information on other organizations, historical links and news sites. There is a members section with a roster of members and membership application information. As your contact information changes please forward data to Mrs. Terry Smith at SASNC1972@gmail.com.

Best wishes in our 48th year! Charles King, President

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47th SAINT ANDREW'S DAY DINNER

A great evening was enjoyed by members and guests at our 47th annual dinner at the Pine Needles Golf and Country Club in Southern Pines. President Charles King introduced persons at the head table and guided many toasts and songs throughout.

James McCallum delightfully gave the Address to the Haggis, a ceremony now done worldwide as a tribute to Robert Burns on Saint Andrew's birthday.

Michael Newton, PhD, from Chapel Hill gave an update on the Gaelic Lectureship now in its first year at UNC Chapel Hill. Dr. Newton is an internationally known Gaelic scholar and author of several Scots Gaelic histories.

The thrill of the evening was the performance of five young pipers and drummer, led by William Caudill of Saint Andrews University in Laurinburg. The SASNC awarded scholarships to four youths to attend an advanced piping school last summer in Valle Crusis, N.C. The lads piped mightily and were given a standing ovation. These scholarships will pay decades of dividends and James Graham, chair of the scholarship and awards committee, remarked this may be our best spent money ever.

Auld Lang Syne closed out the night.



James McCallum addressing the haggis



Richard McDermott presenting the first SASNC Texas Scramble Golf Award to William Allison and Sherrill Deaton



L-R William Caudill, Director, Daniel Caudill, Miles Murphy, Lucas Norton, Andrew Robertson, John Caudill



Traditional evening closing singing Auld Lang Syne



Robert Boykin, III inducting new members

MILL PRONG CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

On December 2 the Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. held its Christmas Open House which was attended by several SASNC members. The recent hurricane Florence toppled one of the 225 year- old twin chimneys (left of photo). The several dozen attendees enjoyed period music and delicious recipes from the Mill Prong Cookbook. The Mill Prong Annual Meeting will be held Sunday April 14 at the plantation site.

Insurance will aid in chimney replacement but donations to Mill Prong Preservation, Inc., P.O. Box 32, Southern Pines, N.C. 28388 will be appreciated. Mill Prong is a 501(3) (c) corporation.



Chandler Stewart, Jack McLaughlin, Donald McLeod, Daniel Pate, William Gellatly and David Gellatly.

ROBERT BURNS DINNER HOPE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

A sterling Burns Nicht Dinner was held at the Hope Valley Country Club in Durham Saturday, January 26. Organized by several SASNC members, 80 enthusiastic lads and lassies attended this inaugural event at the well appointed HVCC. Keith and David Burns were the hosts and ably assisted by Glenn Davis, James Graham, Charles King, Randall Fraser, John Ramsay, Cameron Seely, Donald McLeod Randall Madry and William Neustadt.

Tiber Falzett, an academic Gaelic speaker, piper and singer delivered the traditional presentation on the "Immortality of Robert Burns." Dr Falzett is fulfilling the first Gaelic Lectureship in the English Department of UNC Chapel Hill. SASNC is providing funds to help support this unique program in

American higher education.

Lookout for next Burns Birthday!



Randall and Stagg Madry



Keith Burns



Glenn Davis & John Ramsay



Hope Valley Country Club Burns Dinner



Tiber Falzett, Gaelic Lecturer, UNC Chapel Hill



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