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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I have been informed my installment as president of the St. Andrew's Society went well. Sadly, I was forced home in Raleigh with a mild case of Covid from which I have recovered. I am honored, and humbled, to be the 25th President of the St. Andrew's Society of North Carolina. The officers, board members and committee participants are an exceptional team promoting Scottish culture in the state.

I would like to first give a shout out of appreciation and thanks to J. Robert Boykin III for his leadership, perseverance and equanimity in a difficult period of pandemic, cancelled events and uncertainty. He has promoted new initiatives, e.g., ties with Ayr Mount in Hillsborough and communications with related cultural societies. Robert will now be busy as a past president and chair of the nominations committee. Thank you, Robert!

A constant Society challenge is growing our membership. Annual dues are waived for a member sponsoring two or more new members in a fiscal year. As President Boykin urged, survey your friends and kin and recruit. Another goal is to increase member participation in our events. We had almost 100 members and guests at our recent dinner at the Chetola Resort. The GMHG were well attended and our tent on the field was crowded. Our members are spread across the state and beyond; local members are encouraged to organize local occasions to socialize and promote fellowship. We often hardly know other members in our own city or county.

Our SASNC endowment has grown nicely over the years. Please consider the Society in your estate planning, Simply contact our office or our new treasurer, Claude Snow.

Our 50th anniversary gala celebration is December 2-4, 2022. Detailed information on activities, registration and sponsorships will be available in a couple of weeks. Get ready!

James R. Graham,
President

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NEW SASNC OFFICERS 2022

After six years in the rotation of president-elect, president and past president, Charles King of Raleigh can now fully participate as a regular Society member. Slainte mhath, Charles!

Greg Allen of Southern Pines has just completed six years of notable service as assistant treasurer and treasurer. Thank you Greg for advancing our fiscal control and handling many banquet and scheduling functions.

James R. Graham of Raleigh is now our president and J. Robert Boykin III of Wilson becomes past president. Carr McCaskill of Winston Salem assumes the president-elect position (Carr, it is six years of fun!). Claude Snow of Chapel Hill is now treasurer and will be assisted by Charles Rice of Raleigh.

Dedicated, diligent and stalwart all!

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Society members and guests enjoyed a very successful GMHG weekend July 8-10. Our two tents on McRae Meadow were continuously busy and often crowded. Special thanks to Julian and Elizabeth McPhaul for hosting and managing the food and beverage offerings. The cooler Blue Ridge Mountain air was a welcome respite from the lowlands.

Almost 100 members and guests enjoyed the Saturday night banquet at the renowned Chetola Resort in Blowing Rock. Robert Boykin, outgoing president, marshaled an entertaining and joyous evening. Claude Snow and Donald McLeod discussed the December 2-4 50th Anniversary Celebration details and sponsorship opportunities. New board members were introduced. Griogair Labhruidh (Lawrie) is a piper and Gaelic singer in the style of the Southern Hebrides and was Gaelic singer of the year in 2015. Our Highlander members were reminded of what we have lost in the disappearance of the once common Gaelic tongue in the Sandhills of North Carolina.



Brad Blair, Claude and Sarah Snow, Suzanne McCaskill



Robert Boykin & John Ramsey



SASNC Tent

SASNC Members Enjoy Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 2022



Julius & Elizabeth McPhaul



Griogair Lawrie
Special Guest Entertainer



Chetolah Resort Banquet



William and Collier Wiseman



Aaron and Erin Byrd

RECENT EVENTS

MILL PRONG PRESERVATION



Jack McLaughlin, dressed as Revolutionary War patriot militiaman, at Mill Prong annual meeting.

Jack demonstrated field equipment, militia tactics and the loading and firing of period weapons.

PORT CITY HIGHLAND GAMES

SASNC members Leon Hicks and Bob McLeod at the Cape Fear Scottish Immigration Trail tent at the inaugural Port City Highland Games in Wilmington. Leon and Bob, also members of the Scottish Society of Wilmington, are promoters of the Cape Fear Scottish Immigration Trail project.



50th

Anniversary Celebration

Dec. 2 - 4, 2022

Carolina Hotel ~ Pinehurst Resorts
Pinehurst, NC

SCOTTISH HERITAGE USA



Are you planning an excursion to Scotland? Do you desire excellent news and historical information on Scotland? Membership in SHUSA is your ticket. Members receive the bimonthly SCOTLAND magazine, free admission to

National Trust of Scotland (NTS) properties in the UK and publications of the NTS. Peter Wilson, Society member, is president of SHUSA. The organization is based in Pinehurst (scottishheritageusa.org).



Peter Wilson is president of Great Scot International in Charlotte, and offers a discount to SASNC members (<https://www.greatscotintl.com/>).

Scotland County Highland Games
Saturday ~ October 1, 2022
Laurinburg, NC

NEW SASNC MEMBERS 2021-2022

New Member	Home	Sponsor	Endorser
William Eaton Urquhart, Jr.	Speed	J Robert Boykin III	Matthew P Garrett
Matthew Paul Robinson	Wake Forest	James R Graham	J Robert Boykin III
Hon. Charles Christopher Bean	Edenton	J Robert Boykin III	John R Harman Jr
Garland Edgar Conley, Jr.	Davidson	E Allen James	John R Harman Jr
Rev. Augustus Ernest Succop III	Davidson	E Allen James	John R Harman Jr
Patrick Wesley McConnell	Gastonia	William Wiseman	R Collier Wiseman
Brandon Scott Hensley	Bahama	James R Graham	John R Harman Jr
David Coats	Raleigh	James R Graham	Kirk Warner
Lauchlin James Monroe	Atlanta, GA	John L Monroe	Edward Monroe
Robert Lee Martin, Jr	High Point	Michael G Martin	Gregg O Allen
John Robert Armstrong	Raleigh	Donald McLeod	Lester A McLaughlin
Daniel Edward McNeil	Bennettsville, SC	William Caudill	Douglas Scott Coley
Ashby Thackston Ray	Raleigh	Allen James	Neil McDonald
Walter Kenneth Bostick	Rockingham	Donald McLeod	John P Hutchinson
John Edward Burns	Winterville	Keith Burns	James R Graham
Allen Blake Sinclair	Greensboro	David L Pope	Carlton M Mansfield
Henry Montgomery Long III	Wilson	J Robert Boykin III	Matthew P Garrett
Ray Allen Killian III	Charlotte	William Wiseman	R Collier Wiseman
Andrew Montgomery Smith	Greenville	Matthew Garrett	J Robert Boykin III

Flowers of the Forest

Member	Home	Date of Death
Joseph Alexander Wright, Jr.	Edenton, NC	8/2/2021
Thomas Badger IV	Raleigh, NC	9/30/2021
John Francis Burns, Jr.	Southern Pines, NC	10/24/2021
Paul Finley Stewart	Columbia, SC	10/28/2021
Rev. John Edward Morrison	Vass, NC	1/9/2022
Alan McIntyre	Chapel Hill, NC	4/1/2022
Eric Duncanson	Southern Pines, NC	4/29/2022
Robert Alan Donaldson	Raleigh, NC	5/3/2022
Charles Kerr III	Pinehurst, NC	11/22/21
Forest Lee Piver	Wilmington, NC	10/12/21