

# The Carolina Piper



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

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Many Society members participated in the various events at the Scotland County Highland Games October 4-6. It was an enjoyable weekend with a whisky tasting, the games, a Jennifer Licko Highland Echoes concert, Kirkin' o' the Tartans at Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church and a reenactment of the preserved text of a 1791 Gaelic sermon by the Rev. Dugald Crawford. Mark your calendar for next year and rouse up other SAS members.

An ad hoc bylaws committee has completed the task of rewriting the 1972 bylaws and these are now posted in the public area of the website (<https://standrewssocietyofnc.org/>). The SASNC board will put these to a membership approval vote at the Saint Andrew's Day Annual Dinner December 7. More information will be coming.

The Gaelic Studies Lectureship at UNC Chapel Hill is in its second year and has proven popular with students. Many of you have met Tiber Falzett, PhD, at various SAS functions. A fundraising is underway to assure the permanence of this unique program in American higher education.

Mark your calendars for the December 7 Annual Dinner at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club and the concurrent Lassies Dinner at Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club. The Raleigh group will host a Robert Burns Night January 25 at the Carolina Country Club in Raleigh.

Charles King  
President

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## KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS IN SOUTHERN PINES

Kilts and tartans abounded as 23 Society members participated in the kirkin' at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church September 15. Peter McArthur, the piper, was accompanied by Michael Howe on the organ. Donald McLeod led the blessing of the tartans. The Society participants enjoyed a luncheon at the Pine Needles Country Club afterwards. Special thanks go to the many members traveling from Wake and Scotland counties. Robert Boykin, from Wilson, won the long distance award. Photographs are by Steve McLean.



James Graham, beadle, leads Rev. John Hage into sanctuary.



## SCOTLAND COUNTY HIGHLAND GAMES

The SCHG in Laurinburg, held October 5, were blessed with weather deemed excellent in Scotland-clouds but no rain, cool in the morning and wind velocity 3 on the Beaufort Wind Scale (look it up) .A whisky tasting, Highland Echoes concert, Kirkin' o' the Tartans at Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church and reenactment of a 1791 Gaelic sermon by Rev. Dugald Crawford encased the games. The parade of clans, piping and harp competition, Gaelic language sessions, fiddling exhibits, sheep dog trials and dozens of athletes in competition were highlights.



*SAS members Participating in Kirkin' at Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church*

*Front row: Chandler Stewart, John Stewart, Phillip McRae  
Middle row: Daniel Pate, Donald McLeod, Alan Livingston  
Back row: William Hamel, David Gellatly, Beecham McDougald, Steve McLean*



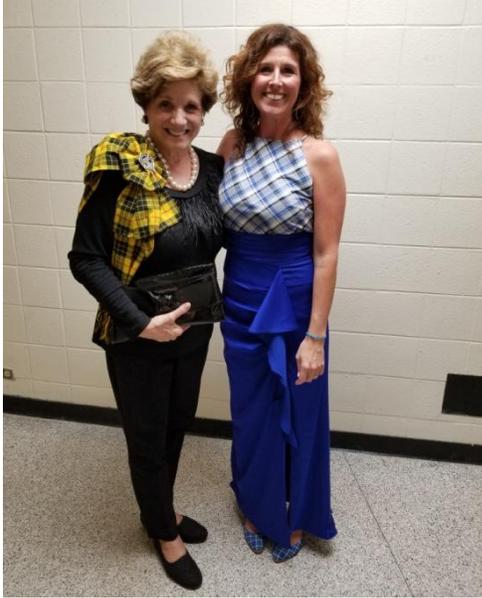
*Piper William Caudill in Old Laurel Hill P.C.  
Organized in 1797, current building 1856, pre-Civil War*



*Robert Currie, Commander of the Currie Learned Kindred and William Cassidy of the Potomac Regional Gaelic Group reenacted the 1790 Gaelic sermon of Rev. Dugald Crawford at Raft Swamp Presbyterian Church The reenactment was at Old Laurel Hill P.C..*



*Carlton Mansfield, SAS board member, Jennifer Licko and William Caudill after Highland Echoes performance. Jennifer and the band and dancers conducted an excellent concert well attended at Scotland County High School, home of the Fighting Scots.*



*Priscilla McLeod and Jennifer Licko backstage at Highland Echoes concert. Priscilla hosts the Lassies Dinner each Saint Andrews Day*



*Highland Echoes Dancers*



*Thomas Hall and Charles King*

## **AMY KING - N.C. HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND NATIONAL FINALIST**

Mrs. Terry Smith has been our administrative life-line since 2002. She needs no introduction but her daughter, Amy King, does. Amy is a graduate of Meredith College and NCSU with degrees in history and social studies. She is a National Board Certified Teacher. She teaches now at Chatham Central High School where she was teacher of the year 2017. Amy is currently N.C. History Teacher of the Year and is a national finalist. She creates a "flipped learning" atmosphere where history is correlated to students' lives through oral history projects analyzing current events and creating Socratic discussions. Amy is married, has 3 sons and lives with her husband in Bear Creek, N.C.



Terry Smith and her husband Julian are to be congratulated for their loving and exemplary parenthood.

### **Save These Dates!**

**December 7, 2019 SASNC Annual Dinner  
at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in  
Southern Pines**

**January 25, 2020 Robert Burns Nicht  
at Carolina Country Club in Raleigh**