

# The Carolina Piper

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy New Year fellow Scots and thank you for the successes of the Society in 2019. We just celebrated St. Andrew's Day with our 48th annual dinner attended by 120 members and guests at the Pine Needles Resort in Southern Pines. The golf event was enjoyed by many and the Lassie's dinner was well attended at Mid Pines Resort. Plans will soon be underway for a gala 50th anniversary dinner in 2022. Special thanks are extended to those who have recruited new members, contributed needed birthday dollars to fund our scholarships and grants and participated in our events and activities. Do not

overlook your birthday dollars; they underwrite much of our scholarships and awards.

It is time to begin planning for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 9-12, 2020. The Society will host its hospitality tent on the field and enjoy great food and entertainment at the Blowing Rock Country Club the evening of July 11.

Special thanks go to Daniel Pate, Neil Whitford and Donald Munford for doggedly drafting and redrafting the Society's bylaws which were approved at our St. Andrew's Dinner. The bylaws and many other features are now on our website (<https://standrewssocietyofnc.org/>). Member contact information is updated as new members are approved. Explore the website. Wear the kilt!

Charles King, President

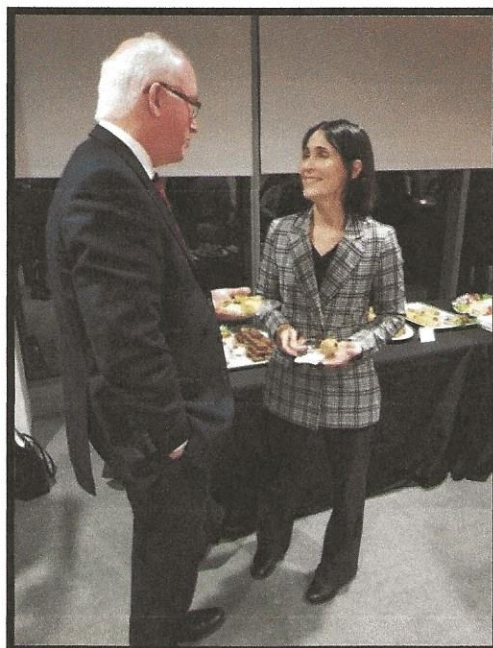
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## GAELIC PROGRAM FUNDRAISER UNC-CHAPEL HILL

The Gaelic Lectureship at UNC is now in its 2nd year and efforts are underway to obtain permanent funding for this unique program in American higher education. Programs exist in Scotland and Canada but not in U.S. higher education. Tiber Falzett, PhD, has established highly popular courses in Gaelic culture and mythology and has made many public appearances on a variety of Gaelic topics. He is a fluent Gaelic speaker and singer as well as a piper.

In October a fundraising event to bring attention to the lectureship was held on the UNC campus. Representatives from several Scottish related groups, including the SASNC, heard from Dr. Douglas Kelly, President of Scottish Heritage USA, William Caudill, Director of the Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg and from Dr. Falzett. Robert Dunbar, PhD, Professor of Celtic Studies at the University of Edinburgh discussed academic efforts in Scotland and Kate Forbes, member of the Scottish National Parliament representing Isle of Skye, highlighted government efforts to promote Gaelic culture and language. Everyone enjoyed fine Scottish treats at the reception.



*Dr. Robert Dunbar of the University of Edinburgh and Dr. Mary Floyd-Wilson, Chair of the UNC English Department and Comparative Literature*



*Prof. Robert Dunbar, MSP Kate Forbes and Dr. Tiber Falzett*



*Charles King, President of SASNC, Kate Forbes member, of Scottish National Parliament and Robert Boykin, President-elect of SASNC*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNER

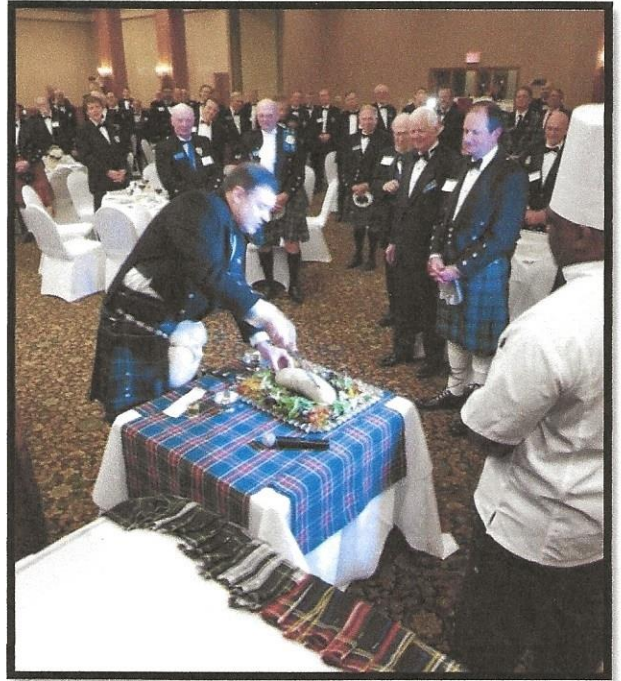
President Charles King was the master of ceremonies for the 48th Annual Dinner at the Pine Needles Resort. William Caudill of the Scottish Heritage Center provided excellent piping and organized entertainment. Toasts to St. Andrew, the President, the Queen and the Armed Forces were interestingly given by Brice Pike II, Eric Larsen, Matthew Garrett and Kerney Peoples, respectively. Dr. Tiber Falzett, the Gaelic Lecturer at UNC Chapel Hill, gave the keynote address. Daniel Pate led a short business session where members approved the new bylaws now posted on our website. Donald McLeod received the Society's Quach Award. Richard McDermott announced winners of the SAS golf tournament. We thank Don McKenzie for the photos of the dinner.



*William Caudill Pipes in the Haggis*

### JUDGE COLLIER AWARDED ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

The long leaf pine, *Pinus palustris*, is the N.C. state tree and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine is among the most prestigious awards given by the governor of N.C. The award is given to individuals with proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Judge Robert Collier received the award in 2000 from Governor James Hunt. At the St. Andrew's Day Dinner Judge Collier was presented with a special lapel pin from the Society of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. James Graham announced the occasion.

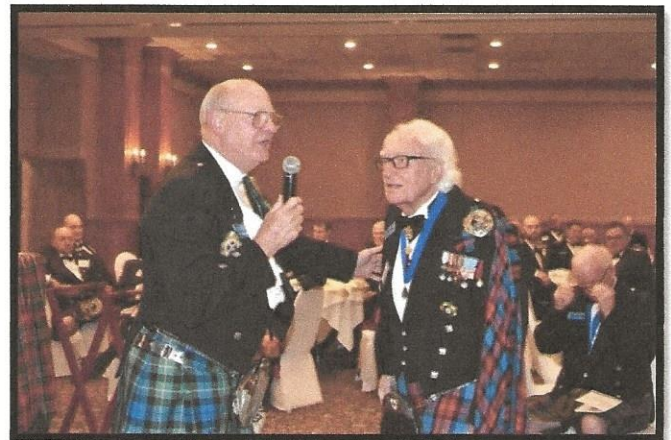


*James McCallum gives spirited Address Tae the Haggis*

**Save the Date**

**Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**

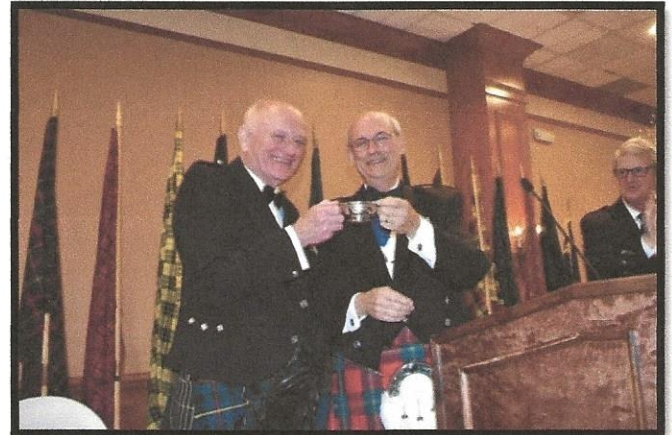
**July 9-12, 2020**



## McLEOD RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED QUAICH

Donald C. McLeod, past-president and editor of *The Carolina Piper*, was presented with the Society's Distinguished Quaich award at the annual St. Andrew's Dinner. McLeod has been active in promoting the SAS participation in Scottish events, i.e., Tartan Day, the Gaelic Lectureship at UNC-Chapel Hill and Kirkin' o' the Tartans. He initiated the recent update of the SASNC bylaws and website improvements. He is active in Clan MacLeod activities and other Scottish-related organizations. I have enjoyed his friendship over many years.

*W. Daniel Pate*



## YOUTH PERFORM LIKE PROS

Under the direction of Pipe Major William Caudill of St. Andrew's University in Laurinburg, these lads and lassies entertained royally. Several of these young musicians attended the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming in Valle Crusis with the aid of SASNC scholarships.



Evening's End--Auld Lang Syne



*Christmas entertainment at Mill Prong, the 1795 plantation home of Scottish pioneer John Gilchrist (property of Mill Prong Preservation Society)*



*William and Linda Hamel at Shaw House Christmas party. (Restored 1821 home of Highland Scot Shaw family in Southern Pines, N.C.; property of Moore County Historical Association. The Shaw House is the oldest existing home in Southern Pines.)*



*Lassies' Dinner at Mid Pines Resort. Each lady holds photograph of Sir Sean Connery, in full Highland dress, stating "I am not an Englishman and never was, I am a Scotsman and always will be." Priscilla McLeod gave a presentation on Harris Tweed home weaving and waulking woolen cloth. Photo by Dorothy Keith*