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

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As I enter the last couple of months of my Society presidency, I realize the many things for which we are thankful. At the top of my list is William Caudill, Director of the Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg. The St. Andrews Pipe Band has performed magnificently at numerous SASNC functions over many years. Bill has personally provided excellent performances, particularly these past two years during restricted pandemic times. The Charles Bascombe Shaw Scottish Symposium at St. Andrews University, held each spring for 33 years, is a major academic and cultural

achievement. The Scottish Heritage Center specializes in Highland Scot history in NC, but is a resource for all things Scottish. You may contact Bill for an arranged visit to the center.

In the last issue of [THE CAROLINA PIPER](#), I discussed the relationship the Society is developing with Ayr Mount in Hillsborough and the Scottish collection in the rare book room at Barton College in Wilson. The Society's scholarship and grants committee is supporting these two Scottish cultural assets, in addition to other programs in the state. Additional information on scholarships and grants will be in the summer issue of THE CAROLINA PIPER.

There are many historical stones that need to be turned over. There are many Scottish connections in the records of the Jamestowne Society (1607-1699) and the Order of First Families of NC Directory (prior to 1739) The early North Carolinians were largely migrants from Virginia, many with Lowland Scot ancestry.

Member recruitment is a constant need. Survey your family, friends and colleagues for their alignment with the goals of the St. Andrew's Society of North Carolina. I am honored to be your President and look forward to various roles in the coming years in.

J. Robert Boykin, III  
President

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## 246TH ANNIVERSARY THE BATTLE OF MOORE'S CREEK BRIDGE

The site of the Battle of Moore's Creek is a National Battlefield maintained and staffed by the National Park Service. This event was the first Revolutionary War battle in NC and pitted Gaelic-speaking Highland Scots, recently immigrated Loyalists, against established Patriots. It was a quick and decisive victory for the Patriot militia and prevented the Loyalists from joining British forces occupying Wilmington and the lower Cape Fear.

The anniversary day was cool and pleasant, contrasted to the cold, wet, foggy morning of February 27, 1776. The year 2026 will be the 250th anniversary and will be a bucket list occasion. Several members of the SASNC and the Scottish Society of Wilmington enjoyed reenactments, special events and barbecue and Brunswick stew.



Patriot Militia



Loyalist Reenactor



Lloyd McAskill, Sandy and Bob McLeod, Don McLeod, Kathleen McLeod and Jack McLaughlin at Loyalist Monument

### MILL PRONG PRESERVATION OPEN HOUSE

The annual meeting of Mill Prong Preservation will be held at Mill Prong House May 1, 2022 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The plantation house, built by Scottish pioneer John Gilchrist in 1795, has weathered two hurricanes in the past few years and is ready for major outside renovation. Fortunately, significant grant and insurance has been obtained to allow work to begin and be completed. One hurricane toppled one of the two 225-year old twin chimneys. There was a huge pile of handmade brick and an unwelcome breezeway smack through. The historic interior is well preserved, however, and festive occasions can now be envisioned.

Members and guests are heartily welcomed to the annual meeting to renew acquaintances and revive cultural ties languished these past two years. Mill Prong information and directions are available on the [website](#). Mill Prong is in a bucolic area located at 3062 Edinburgh Rd, Red Springs, NC.



2018 Mill Prong House

## Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Saturday, July 9

### St. Andrew's Society Dinner

5:30pm Pre-dinner Reception & Cash Bar

6:30pm Dinner

Evergreen Room, Chetola Resort, Blowing Rock

*Dress - Scottish Kilted Evening Attire  
or Cocktail Attire*

Cost: \$75 per person

*Reservation information coming in the mail soon.*

Friday, July 8

### St. Andrew's Society Board of Directors Meeting

2:30 – 4:30pm

Equestrian Board Room,  
Chetola Resort, Blowing Rock

*All members are welcome to attend*

### St. Andrew's Society Tents Saturday & Sunday, July 9-10

We will have two tents: one on the track-front for viewing and another behind it for dining. Light lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring a folding chair for your seating and any "special beverages" you wish to share.

*Get your GMHG admission tickets at: [www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.org)*

# SAVE THE DATE

## SASNC 50th Anniversary Celebration

Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst Resorts, Pinehurst, NC

Dec. 2-4, 2022