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

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The 50th Society Anniversary Celebration is now history, but the memories will last a lifetime!

Almost 250 members, spouses and guests convened in the Pinehurst Resorts Carolina Hotel for a Friday reception, hosted by E. Allen James, and the gala Saturday reception and banquet, hosted by Claude Snow, Jr. The guest of honor Friday was the Hon. Mike McIntyre, former U.S. congressman from the N.C. 7th district (Lumberton). The honored guests

Saturday were Stephen Quillen, President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. and Robert Currie, Worldwide Commander of the Name and Arms of Currie. Quillin and Currie were awarded lifetime honorary memberships in the SASNC. McIntyre has long been an honorary member for his sponsorship of the congressional house bill establishing National Tartan Day of April 6.

I profusely thank the 50th Anniversary planning committee for almost two years of activity to plan and communicate the details of the Anniversary Celebration. Don McLeod, chair, and Allen James, Claude Snow, William Caudill, John Huchinson and Neil McDonald were warriors throughout the long endeavor.

The scope and quality of the Anniversary Celebration would not have been possible without the 51 sponsors who donated a total of \$35,000 to support the receptions and other events. A list of sponsors appears as Appendix 1. Special thanks are due to our executive secretary, BJ Shore, for valuable advice, tireless work, and equanimity through it all.

James R. Graham,  
President

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**COMMENTS FROM FOUNDING MEMBER AT 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

President Graham, Head table Dignitaries, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Don McLeod asked me, being the lone Founding Member of the St Andrew’s Society of North Carolina in attendance, to make some pertinent remarks. Being so honored and privileged it behooves me to also be brief and to the point.

Fifty years ago, the first gathering to discuss the formation of this Society was at the Country Club of North Carolina, and our committee of twelve thought it a wonderful endeavor to venerate our Scottish heritage through the formation and nurturing of The St Andrew’s Society of North Carolina.

Our recognized visionary leaders were Larry Johnson and Ted Taws. Ted had been a member of the St Andrew’s Society of Philadelphia for about five years and had an excellent grasp of the desired organizational and celebratory procedures. In fact, Ted took Larry to a gathering of the Philadelphia Society, and they participated fully, which I am sure included drinking a little Scotch, and they came back ready to organize. Larry and Lamonte Brown did most of the writing of our bylaws.

Now, we all had our assignments. I served on the local UNC Morehead Scholarship Committee for years, so my job was in helping form the scholarship program for our Society and serving as Chairman of that committee in the first few years. But the guiding influence in our Society’s formation always came from Larry and Ted. I had hoped that Ted would be here, but when I talked with him a few days ago he

simply said he would be attending in spirit and wished us well.

Now, I want to recognize all of those present here representing our founding members. If you are a relative of one of the founding members listed in the program. Please stand and be recognized.

Being honored to represent the twelve Founders, I propose a toast on their behalf to recognize the formation and preservation of our Society.

So, lift a glass and help me. ---To the first fifty years of The St Andrew’s Society of North Carolina which has cultivated friendships, funded scholarships, and sponsored celebrations of our common Scottish culture, to our ancestors who provided that rich history which we venerate, and most importantly to our progeny who provide our hope for the future. Good Health or in Gaelic, Slainte mhath (Slan-ge-var)

I thank you.

John L Monroe, MD



Exciting kilt skate events in Canada. Click on the image to watch the video.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS

The following links lead to the professional photos of the weekend, which can be downloaded, and prints made.

*(note: see email from President Jim Graham, sent Jan 5, for instructions to download photo)*

- [Friday](#)
- [Saturday](#)



SASNC Golf Tournament Hosted by Rick McDermott at Pinehurst Resort



Sarah & Claude Snow



Mike McIntyre, honorary member, greeted by Alan James



Mike and Joshua McIntyre



Clan Collier: Collier Wiseman, Rob Collier, Will Wiseman



Clan McCaskill: Will & Duval Davis, Susanne & Bill McCaskill, Kay and Carr McCaskill



Clan McKenzie: Wayne & Lindy Morgan, Cliff & Cathie Wiggins, Don & Debbie McKenzie



Bill Caudill piping the Parade of Tartans



Guest speakers, Robert Currie and Stephen Quillin, became honorary members



Peter Wilson addressing the haggis



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversery Planning Committee: Jim Graham, Neil McDonald, Don McLeod, Bill Caudill, Allen James, Robert Boykin, Claude Snow, and John Hutchinson *not present*

**Save the Date**

**July 6 – 8, 2023**

**Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**

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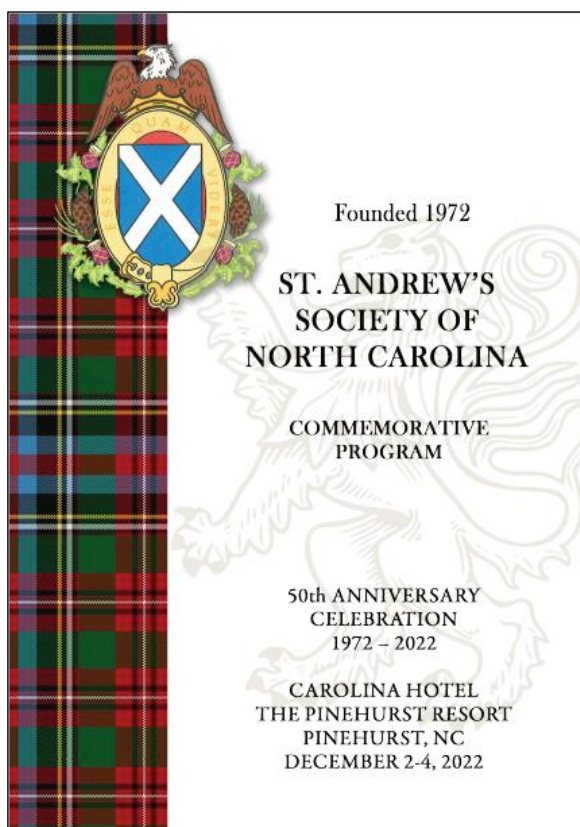
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