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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Even though warmer temperatures are lingering well into October, Fall is upon us. Seeing tree leaves change into an array of beautiful colors brings thoughts of fireplaces burning brightly and families gathering to reunite and enjoy an iconic Thanksgiving dinner. And of course, a post meal dram of your favorite Scotch just hits the spot!

We have had a busy start to the fall season with the 2024 Scotland County Highland Games now in the books. For those of you who were able to attend, you saw a real family-gathering of like-minded people from across the southeast coming together to celebrate their Scottish



heritage The weather was superb and the fellowship with old and new friends alike was exceptional. I hope you will all put this very well-run event on your calendar for 2025! Congratulations to Bill Caudill for once again chairing this event!!

Speaking of exceptional fellowship, I am looking forward to seeing you at the St. Andrew's Dinner on Saturday December 7 at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro. Details are on the website, invites have already been sent, and we need to hear from you as soon as possible so that proper planning can be completed to ensure a memorable evening. A couple of quick program notes. Members of the NC State Pipes and Drums Band will be performing, and we have a speaker to enlighten our minds and underscore our Scottish pride. I and the Executive Board and Directors look forward to seeing you on December 7!

Slainte, Carr McCaskill, President

SCOTLAND COUNTY GAMES OCTOBER 2024

The Games experienced excellent weather as several thousand visitors enjoyed clan tents, commercial Scottish sales, pipe bands galore, Highland dancing and numerous athletic events. Clan MacLeod was the honored clan this year. The St. Andrew's Society tent was well attended and there was a tasty lunch and a dram for all. Carr and Kay McCaskill were gracious hosts. Attendance at games allows time to meet new members and experience enough relaxation to savor the memories. See you next year!





Massed Bands at SCHG

Glenn Davis, new member Roy Cameron, and David Gellatly



St. Andrew's Society

Dan and Sarah Jane Pate, Don McLeod, Carr and Kay McCaskill, Ann and Neil Whitford Page 2

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS BROWNSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Society's Kirkin' o' the Tartans was once again held at this Southern Pines kirk where the practice was started by Rev. Hal Hyde when he was SASNC president. The congregation expressed many thanks for the occasion enjoyed by all. Our 20 banners could easily be used at other kirkin' events if a couple of members would take the initiative to establish church contacts and organization to recruit banner bearers and host the kirkin'.

Thanks are extended to the following special members who came to Southern Pines and enabled the successful and popular kirkin': John Monroe (blessed the tartans), Pat Henderson, James Graham, John Armstrong, Greg Allen, Randy Fraser, Carr McCaskill, John Ramsay, Robert Boykin, Edward Mercer, Trey Bolton, Vernon Pike, Keith Burns, Rick Young, Mac Fowler, Don McLeod and Carlton Mansfield. Bill Caudill was the exceptional piper that has long been the Society's famed performer. An enjoyable lunch was provided by the Society at Table on the Green afterwards.





John Monroe and Bill Caudill exiting the Kirkin'

Annual St. Andrew's Day Dinner

December 7, 2025

6pm

Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC

Purchase tickets on our website

KENNETH BLACK CEMETERY DEDICATION IN SOUTHERN PINES

The Moore County Historical Association, on July 20 before a crowd estimated at 150 people, dedicated the restored Kenneth Black family cemetery. Black, a Highland Scot Loyalist from the Isle of Jura, honored his immigration oath to the British Crown, and paid the fatal price. He harbored Flora MacDonald after her husband was imprisoned after Moore's Creek Battle and their plantation on Cheek's Creek ransacked. He was a friend of the Loyalist leader David Fanning. Phillip Alston, Col. of the local Patriot militia, was an unpopular figure who hated Highlanders in a largely Scot community. He shot Black and then bashed the wounded man's head. Fanning sought revenge and the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe followed.

House in the Horseshoe 288 Alston House Rd.

Sanford, N.C. 27330

Hours

Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, and most major holidays

The Alston House is currently undergoing investigative research. It is recommended that you call the day of your visit to ask about guided tour availability.





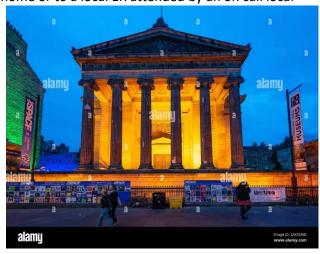


EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN SOCIETY

If one had a major automobile accident in the 1940s or 50s, an old driver in a funeral home hearse would likely show up, sometime, and decide to take you to the funeral home or to a local ER attended by an on call local

physician or surgeon. Things have improved! Emergency medical services have developed tremendously since the 1960s and the American College of Emergency Physicians achieved specialty status in 1n 1979. There are now about 50,000 specialty ER physicians.

James Manning, M.D. and Fellow in the ACEP, is an emergency physician at UNC Chapel Hill. Jim, a SASNC member, shared his pioneering experiences with the Society. US-UK emergency physician research meetings began in Edinburgh in 1990 and are continuing. Jim now participates in these ongoing research meetings and will be at the London Trauma Conference in December. This is time travel from the days of the hearse driver. Interestingly, EMS developed in the Napoleonic Wars to aid battlefield casualties but lay dormant until the 1960s.



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Major General Tim Hodgetts, Surgeon General of UK Armed Forces, James Manning, MD and David Yates, first UK professor of emergency medicine, in Fellow Library of Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland