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

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Autumn's cooler weather is here, and a review of the Society's recent and upcoming events needs to be put in perspective. Your attendance at our events is needed and certainly appreciated. We have recently had a very successful hospitality tent and Friday evening dinner at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. In August the St. Andrew's Society conducted its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines. This well-attended service is highly anticipated and appreciated by the congregation. In October we were once again at the Scotland County Highland Games in Laurinburg. These games are well attended, and the Society has an excellent position on the field. In November all members are encouraged to attend the dedication of the Cape Fear Scottish Immigration Memorial at Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site below Wilmington. The Society is a major contributor to the Memorial and the dedication will be a momentous public occasion. Lastly, our St. Andrew's Day annual dinner will be in Greensboro December 6. Complete your registration!



Sláinte,  
Carr McCaskill, President

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## DEDICATION OF CAPE FEAR SCOTTISH IMMIGRATION MEMORIAL

Mark your calendar! After six years of fundraising and bureaucratic maneuvers, the Cape Fear Scottish Memorial has been completed. Almost 300 years ago Highland Scots began immigrating into the Cape Fear region while Scots-Irish came down the Great Wagon Trail from Pennsylvania into Piedmont and western NC. This permanent memorial stands as a tribute to their courage, resilience, and lasting contributions to the history and development of NC and the nation.

The dedication will be November 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site below Wilmington.

Visit [capefearscotsmemorial.org](https://capefearscotsmemorial.org) for more information.

For a thorough discussion, enjoy the Chicago Scots lecture presentation by Bob McLeod, president of the memorial organization.

Click this box to go to the video.

### Save the Date!

Nov 14, 2025

2:00 pm

Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson  
State Historic Site

8884 St. Phillips Rd SE  
Winnabow, NC 28479



Scott Cromarti and Bob McLeod at Memorial Cairn



## GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES JULY 9-12

The Society had its usual high profile tent site among the scores of clan and organization sites arrayed around the great oval McRae Meadow. The SAS tent was well attended on Friday and Saturday. The annual dinner was held Friday night in the Meadow Brook Inn in Blowing Rock. Flooding damage from the disastrous Helene storm was repaired and the Games proceeded as usual.





## KIRKIN O' THE TARTANS

The annual Kirkin o' the Tartans was conducted August 17 at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines. The large audience was greatly appreciative of the festive kirkin', and many stated they always look forward to the next performance. Bill Caudill was the piper and John Monroe performed the Blessing of the Tartans.

The following Society members were participants:

William Caudill, Piper

John Monroe, Blessing of the Tartans

Donald McKenzie, Steven McLean, Daniel Pate, Robert Boykin, James Graham, Greg Allen, Wayne Jourgenson, John Ramsey, Edward Monroe, Clement Monroe, Larry Mercer, Richard Young, H. McLeod Fowler, Dirk Tharpe, David Wall, Thomas McPherson, Trey Bolton, Donald McGlohon, Brian Grisham, Randy Fraser, Gordon Still, Donald McLeod.

Photos courtesy of Kathy McPherson and Debbie McKenzie.





## PORT CITY HIGHLAND GAMES

The 4th Annual Port City Highland Games were held May 31 in Wilmington, NC. The Games were well attended with a growing number of clans and organizations participating. A dozen or so SASNC members also belong to the Scottish Society of Wilmington, as depicted in this photo.



## SCOTLAND COUNTY HIGHLAND GAMES

It was a perfect sunny, cool day with a slight breeze. Over 4000 attendees, in every manner of dress, enjoyed the occasion. Eighteen pipe and drum bands, 112 solo pipers and drummers, 66 Highland dancers and 55 athletes set the beautiful field. A world record was set on the 48 lb. weight over bar at 24 feet. Visitors strolled through the many clan tents, food vendors and organization displays. Easy access to the games allows inspection of the historic John Blue farm complex.



SASNC Tent at Scotland County Highland Games October 4, 2025





Massed bands marching at Scotland County Highland Games on October 4, 2025

#### BIRTHDAY DONATIONS GIVEN IN FY 2024-2025

Alexander, Jr., Hugh Q.  
 Allen, Gregg Oliver  
 Allison, William Locke  
 Allison, William Melville  
 Armstrong, John R  
 Barham, James McNeely  
 Berry, Jr., Richard D.  
 Bolton, Thomas M.  
 Boykin, J. Robert  
 Boyles, Waynes R.  
 Brown, Kenneth Bradbury  
 Burns, David Lee  
 Burns, Keith David  
 Cameron, Roy  
 Carmical, James Stanley  
 Collier, James B.  
 Crow III, Ekron Cheslun  
 Cunningham, Charles E.

Dalrymple, Jr., Edwin A.  
 Davis, Jr., Rodney Eugene  
 Deaton, Frederick Sherrill  
 Deese, Linda  
 Edwards, Charles H. W.  
 Fowler, Harold McLeod  
 Fraser, Randall O.  
 Gardner, Graham William  
 Gellatly, David A.  
 Gillespie, Richard Marston  
 Gooden, Michael Dean  
 Goodwin III, William Carroll  
 Graham, James R.  
 Grannis, Charles L. M.  
 Grannis, Edward Whitaker  
 Grant, Edward  
 Grimes, John Wharton  
 Grisham, MAJ Brian Patrick

Henderson Jr., G. Patrick  
 Hoch, Paul Frederick  
 Horner, Jack Douglas  
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 James, Edward Allen  
 Journegan, H. Wayne  
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 Kelly, Daniel IV  
 Kelly, Douglas Floyd Jr  
 Killian, Ray  
 Kilpatrick, W. Kirby  
 Kincaid, Jr., Thomas Lee  
 King, Bruce F.  
 King, Charles D.  
 Lee, Henry Neill  
 Lennon, George Wright  
 Lewis II, W. Paul

Linder, Jim  
 Linton, Charles Gerald  
 Little, Jr., George Lester  
 Long, Henry M  
 MacQueen III, Peter  
 Mansfield, Carlton Murray  
 Marett, Scott Bryant  
 Martin, Jr., Robert L.  
 Masters, John D.  
 McAllister, Jr., Russell G.  
 McCallum, Brown James  
 McCaskill, James Clinton  
 McCaskill, William Carr Jr.  
 McCormick, Robert Edward  
 McDermott, James Richard  
 McDougald, Beacham  
 McDowell, George Whitfield  
 McFadden, Jeffrey Robert  
 McGilvray, III, Benjamin F.  
 McGlohon, Donald C.  
 McIlwain, William C.  
 McKay, Michael Dixon  
 McKenzie, Billy Donald  
 McLean IV, James Dickson  
 McLeod, Donald Claude  
 McLeod, Robert J. Jr.  
 McNeill, Donald Drake  
 McNeill, John Lawrence Jr.  
 McNeill, Walter David Jr.  
 McNiel, Daniel E  
 McPhaul, Julius C. Hobbs  
 McPhaul, Elbert Jr.  
 McPherson Jr., Thomas R.  
 McRae, G. Steven Clay  
 McRae, Walter Philip  
 Mercer, Edward Larry  
 Miller, Stuart N  
 Mode, William  
 Monroe, Edward Cox  
 Monroe, Fred Bethune Jr.  
 Monroe, Fred Bruton  
 Monroe, John Lauchlin  
 Mordecai III, William G.  
 Narron, James Wiley  
 Nealeans, Drew  
 Neustadt, William Arthur

Pate, W. Daniel  
 Patterson Jr., Carl Norris  
 Pendleton, Gary H.  
 Peoples Jr., Kerney Allen  
 Pike, Verner Nightingale  
 Pope, William P.  
 Ramsay Jr., John E.  
 Ramsey Jr., Joseph Bunn  
 Rankin, Thompson Lykes  
 Rice Jr., Charles Austin  
 Rozier Jr., John Charles  
 Ruffin Jr., Dalton D.  
 Ruffin, James Merritt  
 Ruffin, John Lea  
 Seely Jr., Ernest Cameron  
 Seymour, William G.  
 Sherrington, Brian Thomas  
 Sinclair, Allen B  
 Sinclair, James Archibald  
 Smith, Henry Zack  
 Snow, Claude H.  
 Stewart, Alexander McLeod  
 Stewart, Henry L. III  
 Stewart, William Lee  
 Still, James Gordon  
 Sutherland, George W  
 Taws, Edward Town Jr.  
 Taws, John Hartman II  
 Taws, Reed Hartman  
 Taylor, Frederick Harrison  
 Underwood, Jonathan A  
 Ward, Capt. James Gearey  
 Watson III, John C.  
 Watson, William Westbrook  
 Whitford, Neil Brian  
 Wilson, Peter McClelland  
 Wiseman, William M.  
 Wyatt III, William Franklin  
 Young, Richard S



**Birthday  
donations  
support the  
scholarship  
fund**



**More than  
\$17,000  
given  
last year**



**Four \$5,000  
scholarships  
awarded  
this year**



**Remember to  
register for  
St. Andrew's Day  
Dinner Celebration  
on Dec 6, 2025**

**Deadline is Nov 26**