



The Spectator

The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Winter/Spring 2019

President's Message – Winter/Spring 2019

Lads and Lassies,

As we finish up this edition of the Spectator our President Doug Burns has entered the hospital for major back surgery and may take two weeks to recover. We ask for your thoughts and prayers for a successful operation and a quick recovery.

The Society has been busy and productive so far this year. Below you will find the details, with articles and photographs of Burns Night, Tartan Day, the Kirking of the Tartans, Founders Day, Flowers of the Forest and a membership application. None of these events could have been run so smoothly without the guiding hand of our President

Yours aye,

Marshall Thomas , editor.

Burns Night January 19, 2019

The Society's Annual Burns Supper was held January 19, 2019 at the Fort Magruder Hotel. It was a full house and a terrific gala event. Kathy Kasley welcomed guests with her harp and Mistress of Ceremonies Holly Yohe, the Williamsburg Pipes and Drums, and Society President Douglas Burns greeted everyone. The color guard presented the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A hearty Scottish dinner followed with the presentation of the Haggis by Chef Rocco Colafrancesco and Lynn Newcomer piping it in. Douglas Boller addressed the Haggis and then killed it and paid the piper. Haggis and dinner were excellent. Roger Ferguson spoke on the Immortal Memory, Jane Hansen sang Red Red Rose and My Heart's in the Highlands, and numerous toasts were made. Jim Murphy recited a Burns poem while Douglas Boller did a great rendition of Tam O'Shanter. The Lads and Lassies were both roasted and toasted by Michael Thompson and Nancy Keane. David Gardner conducted a fiddle concert and also led the Williamsburg Strathspey and Reel Society in concert. The raffle and Auld Lang Syne ended the evening.

A good time was had by all!





Doug & Lianne Boller





David Gardner



Will Phillips & Roger Ferguson



Williamsburg Pipes & Drums (above) , Doug Boller (below)





Holly Yohe

Tartan Day, April 6, 2019

Tartan Day was held on April 6 at Lewis Hall of Bruton Parish House. At noon the Williamsburg Pipes and Drums did an outdoor concert to serenade the guests and Society President Doug Burns greeted all at 1230. Douglas Boller was Master of Ceremonies. Grace and lunch followed, with a very tasty and varied buffet meal.

Douglas Boller spoke on the history of the Declaration of Arbroath which later served as a model for the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Catie Burgess dazzled us with her highland dancing, backed up by piper Alan Curran. Duncan McIver spoke on the history of Tartan Day and on how the original document came to be stored in Williamsburg. Dr. John Turner

is a master of the Scottish fiddle and gave us a wonderful fiddle concert with fascinating historical commentary. Did you know that a fiddle and a violin is the same thing?

The event was well attended and closed with a reading of 'The Tartan,' remarks by Doug Burns and all singing 'Auld Lang Syne.'



Williamsburg Pipes & Drums



Doug Boller (above), Catie Burgess (below)





Dr. John Turner

Kirking of the Tartans, April 28, 2019.

The Spring Kirkin of the Tartans was held on April 28, 2019 at Historic Christ Church in Kilmarnock VA. The Society color guard led the procession into the church. Rev. John Thomas, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church and Rev. Scott Parnell, Chaplin of Christchurch School conducted the service to bless the tartans. The Kilmarnock & District Pipe Band attended and played an outdoor concert after the service. Christ Church is always a wonderful venue for the kirking. Anyone who has not experienced it in person should do so.

The Society Color Guard



Rev. John Thomas, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church (center) and Rev. Scott Parnell, Chaplin of Christchurch School (right)



Photo by Doug Walker, ExecDir Christ Church



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The Color Guard



Founders Day, May 18 2019

The 51st Anniversary of the Society's Founders Day was celebrated with a luncheon meeting at Le Yaca on Saturday May 18. Attendance was fine with more than forty guests. The Le Yaca luncheon was superb. President Doug Burns greeted the guests and piper Charles Perry conducted a door-side concert. After lunch the highlight was a speech by Jack Baxter, one of the original founders. He brought the past back to us with his memories from an earlier time when the Society was founded and we were all considerably younger. It was funny, fascinating, and amusing. Here are some photos from the event.

Charles Perry serenades the guests





Founder Jack Baxter (above)





Flowers of the Forest

Anne R. Korff (1933-2019)

Our beloved Anne Korff has passed away and left an admirable legacy and plenty of warm memories for all who knew her. She was a long-time Society member who led many memorable tours to Scotland. She was a dynamo of activity within the Society and was awarded Scot of the Year. We will all miss her presence.



Anne Roberts Korff died Saturday March 30, 2019. Although Newport News was her home for over three decades, her heart was linked to Scotland where she was a tour escort as well as Savannah, Georgia where she spent her early years. She was predeceased by husbands Christopher Earl Roberts, Charles Cavanaugh Murphy and LCOL Arthur Daniel Korff. Survivors include both natural born and adopted children Michael Roberts (Newport News); Philip Kevin Murphy (Mexico); Elizabeth Harrison (Boston); Cary Herold (Florida); Philip and Nick McIntosh (Maryland); Tony Murphy (Georgia); Karen and Christine Korff (Washington DC). There are eight grand and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Poquoson Military Wives Book Club, Ladies of the Scottish Rite and various clubs of Hilton Village, the Peninsula Song Birds and the St. Andrews Society. Mrs. Korff was a [Korean War](#) Navy Veteran. She worshipped in St. Timothy and Anglican churches in Poquoson and St. Andrews Episcopal in Newport News. A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home 2551 N. Armistead Ave Hampton, VA 23666. A funeral mass will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2019 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church 45 Main Street Newport News, VA 23601. Interment will follow at Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery with Military Honors and NNPD pipe band in attendance. Friends are encouraged to visit www.parklawn-woodfh.com to share memories and offer words of condolence with the family.

Funeral Home

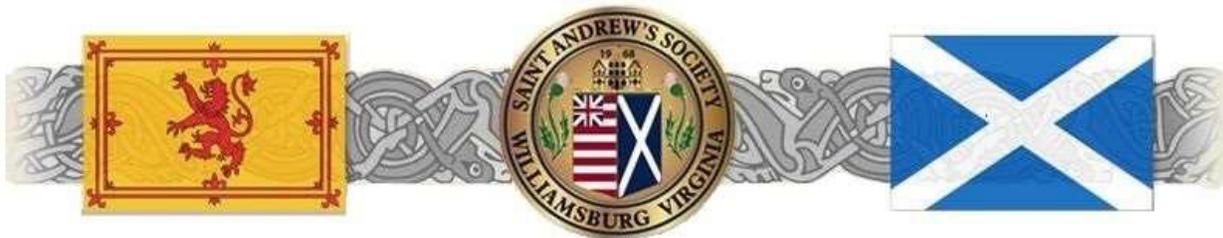
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Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

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Application for Membership

Full Name: _____

Are you applying as a new Active Member, or as a Spouse, Son, Daughter, in the same household of a current Active Member, (check one)?

(Active membership is limited to individuals who were born in Scotland or who are lineally descended from a native of Scotland. This is not required for Associate membership.)

Active Member's Name if you are a spouse/son/daughter: _____

Address: _____

Telephone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Schools/Colleges: _____

Business or Profession: _____

Spouse's Name (if not a member): _____

Names and Ages of Children: _____

Nature of Scottish Ancestry: (Not required for Associate Membership.)

Clan Affiliation or Membership: (Not required for Associate Membership.)

Scottish Interests: (History, Literature, Arts, Clan Affiliation, etc.)

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

To the best of our knowledge, the above applicant is of sound character, over the age of 18 years, and is entirely suitable to membership in the Society. Applicant will actively participate in the functions of the Society as circumstances allow and will perform conscientiously any duties undertaken.

Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Co-Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Checklist for Membership:

Initial Individual Active Membership in a Household – Initiation Fee (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$45.00), Total of \$65.00.

Additional Active Membership within same household – Initiation Fee (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$25.00), Total of \$45.00.

Individual Associate Membership – Initiation Fee (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$45.00), Total of \$65.00.

NOTE: All memberships are individual and only one applicant per application.

Submit your completed application with address, phone number, and e-mail address to your sponsor or the address above. Include your check made out to "St. Andrews' Society of Williamsburg", as well as a small photograph of yourself suitable for digitization.