



The Spectator

The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Summer/Fall 2019

President's Message – Summer/Fall 2019

Lads and Lassies,

Holiday Greetings to all, and I'm pleased to offer my first introduction of The Spectator as SASW President. This Summer/Fall 2019 issue includes summaries and pictures of our major events, beginning with our Ceilidh at Ford's Colony Country Club. It was a lively and fun evening with dancing to music by Poisoned Dwarf, singing with Howard and Carolyn Topp, and enjoying a Williamsburg Pipes and Drums performance and a picnic buffet in the pavilion.

Then in late November, we returned to our local tradition of a fall Kirking of the Tartans during a morning service at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. It was great to note a large turnout and a service that included Scottish liturgical traditions. We then convened the Annual General Meeting after enjoying a delicious spread of food and beverage at the Windsor Forest Clubhouse. The Society approved a by-laws change to reduce the SASW Board members' service terms from four years to three. Four new Board members were then elected to these three-year terms: they include Mott Robertson, Sherri Cornoni, Russ Madigan, and Rod McGillivray. The AGM concluded with our traditional scotch tasting, led by Mott Robertson.

The year's social events concluded with an overflow group meeting for our Christmas luncheon at LeYaca in mid-December. Charles Perry played the pipes outside the restaurant as we arrived, and then gave a small pipes

performance after lunch. The event was highlighted by a typically-interesting and witty presentation by Holly Yohe about her life in Scotland. She graciously presented each couple with a Scottish popper she recently brought back from the Land of Cakes and Ale.

At the luncheon, Michael Thompson was presented with his well-earned 2019 Scot of the Year award. This year will be remembered for the swelling of the Society's membership ranks. This increase was due largely to the monthly Pub Night gatherings in downtown Williamsburg, which Michael spearheaded at the Amber Ox. Many of these new faces adorn this issue of the Spectator, and we ask everyone to welcome them into our Society and encourage their participation. We hope to continue this momentum into the New Year and beyond.

Finally, I'll conclude by noting the Society's new slate of officers, approved by the Board at its December meeting. Mott Robertson will serve as Vice-President, Jimmy McCarter as Secretary, and Doug Burns will revise his role as Treasurer, after two commendable years as President. Bruce Buchanan will remain as our lead Quartermaster. This is an excellent slate, and we're excited for the New Year to begin. This year, we plan to gather for more active, fun events, beginning with Burns Night on Saturday January 25th, at Ford's Colony Country Club. See you there!

Yours aye,

-Tim Cordle



Fall Dinner/Ceilidh

The Society held a gala Fall Dinner/Ceilidh on September 29 at Fords Colony Clubhouse. It was a festive affair with 53 guests. Williamsburg Pipes and Drums put on their usual amazing show, a Ceilidh band added more exotic sounds, and Doug Boller supervised an instant Scots dancing training session with delighted wives and terrified husbands claiming they do not dance. They danced! Bagpipes, dancing, sing-alongs, and lots of audience participation – great fun! The pulled pork barbecue and chicken and cole slaw was wonderful. Our thanks to all who organized and assisted in making this event a great success. Here are some photos of the event, see the website gallery for all photos.



Williamsburg Pipes & Drums





The gang's all here



Fall Kirking of the Tartans and Annual General Meeting

The Society's Fall Kirking of the Tartans was held on Sunday November 24 at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. The service began at 11:00 AM with the Society's traditional procession into the church behind the Williamsburg Pipers and Drums. Following the blessing of the tartans and the recessional, the band performed a short concert on the sidewalk outside the church. The kirking is always a fun event.

Following the kirking, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) convened at 2 PM at Windsor Forest Clubhouse. Circa 37 members attended and most socialized while the dinner table was set. Lunch was a very nice spread of food, and all present expressed their approval. Doug Burns began the meeting as most were finishing their meal.

The minutes from last year's meeting were approved. Doug then gave a summary about the past year's events, noting that the Society did not formally participate in the Highland games. He also discussed the Board's proposed change of Board Members' service terms to 3 years from 4. The primary reason for the change was to attract more members, especially younger ones, to serve. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Doug then offered the names of four SASW members who had agreed to serve on the Board: Mott Robertson, Sherri Cornoni, Russ Madigan and Rod McGillivray. All four prospects were unanimously approved. Doug discussed planning for next year, which includes a Kirking Ceremony in Bruton Parish Church for Tartan Day, instead of the usual visit to Christ Church in the spring. Tim Cordle spoke briefly about Burns Night, and was asked specifically if Poisoned Dwarf, our band for the Fall Ceilidh, will be playing. They will. The meeting concluded with the traditional scotch tasting, administered by Mott Robertson and Tim Cordle. Five labels from the Speyside and Highland regions were sampled and enjoyed. (AGM comments by Tim Cordle).



Fall Kirking

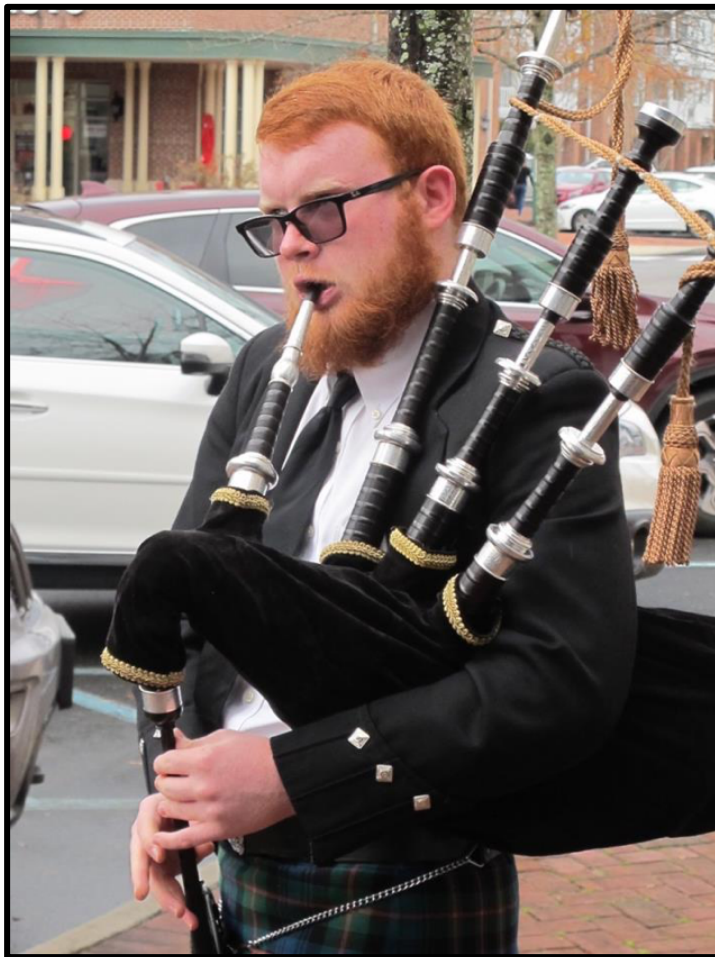


Tartans, kilts and happiness



Christmas Luncheon

The Society Christmas Luncheon was held at Le Yaca on Saturday December 14 and was a rousing, festive success with over 60 members attending. Charles Perry of Williamsburg Pipes and Drums piped in arriving guests who were welcomed by Society President Doug Burns. After an excellent lunch our speaker Holly Yohe related hilarious anecdotes from her life in Scotland. Santa Claus made a surprise appearance with special gifts for Doug Burns. This was followed by the Scot of the Year award presented to Michael Thompson by Doug, for attracting new members through Pub Night. Charles then conducted a small pipes concert indoors. A wild and enthusiastic gift exchange ensued, chaired by Kathy Kasley, and then Doug made the closing remarks and everyone joined in singing Auld Lang Syne.



Charles Perry



Hungry guests (above), Holly Yohe (below)





Santa presents Douglas with adult beverage, Douglas presents Michael Thompson with Scot of the Year Award.



SASW Board Meeting

During the Society Board meeting of 18 December, our four new Board Members attended: Mott Robertson, Russ Madigan, Rod McGillivray and Sherri Cornoni. Also our new slate of officers was approved:

President: Tim Cordle

Vice President: Mott Robertson

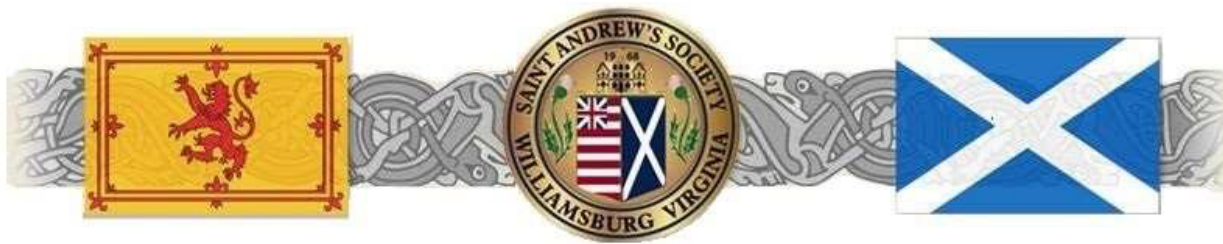
Secretary: Jimmie McCarter

Treasurer: Doug Burns

Quartermaster: Bruce Buchanan.



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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.