



The Spectator

The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg
Fall/Winter 2013

President's Message – Fall/Winter 2013

Lads and Lassies,

Saint Andrews' Society's fall activities featured three major events. On 17 November the Society sponsored a well attended Kirking of the Tartans at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Richmond Road. There were approximately 40 Society members and guest as well as the Williamsburg Pipe and Drum Band. The Society conducts at least one Kirking in greater Williamsburg each year and like to rotate the Kirking among various churches in the greater Williamsburg area. The Society's next Kirking is scheduled for 27 April 2014 at historic Christ's Church located between Irvington and Kilmarnock, Virginia. The 17 November Kirking was followed by the Society's Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM) at The Dog Street Pub. During the AGM, the Society members voted on and approved the minutes from the Society's 2012 AGM, approved by voice vote the slate of officers who will lead the Society in 2014. In addition, the membership approved by voice vote four new members for the Society's Board of Directors. After enjoying Society fellowship, a good Pub lunch, and compliance with IRS requirements for 501c3 charitable organizations, the AGM for 2013 was officially closed. On 21 December, the Society enjoyed a well attended Christmas luncheon at the Williamsburg Lodge. For this gathering there were over 70 Society members and guests who enjoyed good fellowship, a bountiful buffet, and various forms of Christmas entertainment. Mrs Anne Korff and her committee planned and orchestrated a superb gathering to close out Society activities for 2013.

I ask that readers keep in mind that Society activities will get under way for 2014 with Burns Night 2014 on January 25th. Invitations for this event will be mailed as soon as possible after the 1st of January 2014. Because of time restraints and food purchase requirements, the response date for these invitation will be 18 January 2014. I regret the short window for these responses but time is not our friend this year. The venue is the same as last year, The Colonial Heritage Club, located at

6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23188. While the address may be Williamsburg, The Colonial Heritage Club is located in Lightfoot, Virginia across Richmond Road (Route 60) from the Williamsburg Pottery. We hope to see as many of you as possible on 25 January 2014.

The various Activity Committees maintained by the Society's Board of Directors remain focused on finding or developing Scottish activities that are of interest to the general membership of the Society. Planning for 2014 activities is under way. Feedback from Society membership is always most welcome. Please provide the Board member with ideas and suggests for those activities that promotes our Scottish heritage and culture. As the various Activity Committees pull an event together, members in good standing are notified via mail/e-mail and event details posted on the Society's web site. To increase membership participation in these events the Board will make timely appeals via the telephone.

By design, Society events are self-financed with little or no impact on the Society's ability to continue charitable activities that sustains our 501c3 status under IRS regulations. Dollar amounts granted by the Society are not large but recipients over the years have demonstrated their appreciation with feedback to the Board of Directors and presentations to Society memberships at various gatherings.

While the Society's membership remains fairly stable with new membership offsetting attrition, Society membership participation in our scheduled events remains somewhat uneven for various and personal reasons. Nevertheless, the Board of Directors remains committed to providing Scottish activities to all members of the Society and welcome suggestions, recommendations, and planning/participation by all members.

The Society follows a general format for events each year that includes: Burns' Night in January; Tartan Day in March/April; Spring Kirking at Historic Christ Church near Kilmarnock also in April/May; a Spring Luncheon in May/June; a Summer Luncheon in August; a Ceilidh & picnic in the fall; Fall Kirking at a local church in October/November; and the Christmas Luncheon in December. Dates and locations do vary from time-to-time, but this is the general array of events. Throw in an occasional social time at a local pub and we have the basis for fellowship with our fellow members, all in the spirit of our Scottish heritage. You are encouraged to participate in these events. Be sure to visit our Society website (<http://www.scotsofwmbg.org/>) to see what is happening and exchange thoughts on our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Andrews-Society-of-Williamsburg/202981426431383>).

Marshall's management of the Spectator remains exemplary. However, since this is overall a Society endeavor, please assist Marshall by providing your input, photographs of interest, Scottish tidbits, Scottish genealogy or any items you think are of interest to the membership of the Society.

As the Society calendar dictates, I will vacate the Presidency on Burns' Night, passing the baton to the very capable hands of Marshall Thomas. Please support him in 2014 as you have supported me this year.

My very best wishes to each and every one of you in 2014.

Yours Aye, David Lowery, Clan MacLaren

Kirkin' of the Tartans and Annual General Meeting

On Sunday November 17 a large Society contingent showed up to attend the Kirking of the Tartans at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Richmond Road. It was wonderful seeing so many members, clad in their highland finest. The Williamsburg Pipes and Drums piped our group into the church and the service and the blessing of the tartans were both inspiring. Our thanks to Williamsburg Presbyterian and Pastor John Morgan and Associate Pastors Harold McKeithen and Lindsey Santamaria. The church choir was spectacularly good.

Following the service the Williamsburg Pipes and Drums performed on the sidewalk. The group then proceeded to the Dog Street Grill for a tasty lunch and the Annual General Meeting (AGM). We filled up the downstairs room where the Society was founded in 1968. The Dog Street Grill is famous for their beer and sandwiches. Your editor had a griddled hot dog which proved to be a spectacularly delicious feast. Everyone else appeared to be enjoying their meals as well. After lunch we listened to a fascinating presentation on the Gaelic language by Connie Austin Smith. President Dave Lowery then addressed us, announcing new Board members and conducting other new business.

This was a wonderful Sunday! Our thanks to Kathy Kasley and Amana Katora who made the arrangements. Following are some photos.



The Gang's all here!





Williamsburg Pipes & Drums

The Dog Street Pub



Clan Donald AGM, by Duncan McIver

Clan Donald USA completed a highly successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Williamsburg, Virginia over September 26 - 28, 2013. The meeting was headquartered in the Woodlands Hotel of Colonial Williamsburg.



Attendees were from all around the United States. This AGM was organized and sponsored by the Mid-East Region organization of Clan Donald, led by Commissioner Stan Darroch, shown during the final banquet at the Woodlands Conference Center.

Clan Donald is one of the oldest and largest Scottish Clans in the world. There are

almost 4000 families identified as members of the Clan in the USA. The Clan's history extends back to Somerled, who founded the Clan in the 12th century. The Clan once controlled vast areas of Scotland that formed the “Lordship of the Isles”. At the beginning of the twentieth century Lord MacDonald owned over 130,000 acres on the Sleat Peninsula on the Isle of Skye off the west coast of Scotland. Today the Clan Donald Centre and the Museum of the Isles is located there.

AGM activities included: visits to historical Yorktown and Jamestown; a skeet shoot; and a visit to a microbrewery. Workshops were held on Clan Donald genealogy and a related DNA project. Friday night featured a dinner and tour at the Mariner's Museum. A lone piper is shown welcoming the guests to the museum. There was a three-hour AGM where Clan issues were discussed and plans reviewed for the 2014 AGM that will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona. The final banquet was held at the Woodland's Conference Center. One event was the blessing of the Haggis shown in the photo. Attendees seemed to really enjoy the fellowship of their Clan Donald and the hospitality and sights of Williamsburg. Duncan McIver, a member of the Williamsburg SAS Board of Directors and a life member of Clan Donald, participated in the AGM and wrote this article. Alastair MacDonald of Williamsburg, also a member of Clan Donald and the Williamsburg SAS, also participated in the AGM. The Clan Donald USA website is located at: <http://clan-donald-usa.org/CDCMS/>



Commisioner Stan Darroch

The Lone Piper (below)



Blessing of the haggis (below)



SAS Holiday Luncheon, December 2013

As promised, the Society Holiday Luncheon at the Williamsburg Lodge on December 21 was a rousing success, filling the venue with good food, good friends and great fun. Arthur and Anne Korff's efforts once again paid off big time as it seems most everybody was there. The buffet was delicious and door prizes and gifts from Santa were distributed to all. Doug Boller gave the blessing, Christmas crackers popped wildly, and President Dave Lowery bravely addressed the hungry crowd. An audience sing-along with traditional Christmas songs was guided by Jan Specner, Anne Korff and Doug Boller. All was well with the world! Please see some photos below from the event; others are posted on the Society website, scotsofwmbg.org.









Your editor promised President Lowery that I would throw this picture away and not show it to anybody. But I lied.

Joyce Memorial

On December 8 the Society monthly Board meeting took place at Jim White's residence. It was a special occasion as it was the birthday of our beloved and recently departed Joyce White, and wives were invited to enjoy a wonderful holiday feast in her honor. Following are some photos from the event.









bed-and-breakfast-scotland.jpg

Visit Scotland!

2014 is definitely the year to plan to visit the UK. It is another "homecoming year" for Scotland with many interesting activities planned. Contact your favorite travel agent or go online.

ALSO: Arthur and Anne Korff are escorting another tour this summer concentrating on the Borders and Lowlands including Sir Walter Scott's home.

Brian Dunn's wife Kathy is now a travel agent and has news about a grand tour of England, Ireland and Scotland. Contact the Korffs or the Dunns for more details or plan to go on your own, but you should DEFINITELY go to Scotland this year.

Andrew O' Donnghaile Reports from Cambridge

From one of the Society's latest sponsored students, we have an excellent report on life at Cambridge. The Society provided Andrew with a one-year educational scholarship to Cambridge University.

Cambridge: A Convening of Elements, Nations, and Disciplines

The town of Cambridge, situated in the fenlands of East Anglia and most immediately around the River Cam, has much to offer. Despite its flat landscape (except for a hill upon which a Norman castle once lay), it holds a wealth of medieval and early modern architecture within its borders and fine country estates outwith. The climate is not quite the same as eastern Scotland, where I have previously studied. While it still rains often and also has frequent sun, it is more heavily settled and neither is the air as fresh nor does it feel as *wild*. Certainly plentiful birds still sing in trees and swim in the river, yet rabbits and deer do not abound as in St. Andrews. Regardless, the weather is still more dynamic than most places in Virginia; sun, rain, clouds, and high winds might coalesce in less than half a day. The flora resemble areas in both Virginia and California (my last residence), most notably in species of willow, oak, and beech, remnants of the northern forests that once spread across a single connected landscape of present-day Europe, Asia, and North America.

The University of Cambridge originated as an offshoot of the medieval monastery and under the auspices of a group of scholars in 1209. Various colleges were founded over the centuries as endowed fellowships of scholars, hence the current collegiate organisation of the university. My college, St. John's, was founded in 1511 by Lady Margaret Beaufort and named for St. John the Evangelist, and since has trained saints, princes, archbishops, government officials, and more recently foreign prime ministers and nine Nobel Prize winners. It is essentially the progeny of its monastic forbears, with its enclosed courts of stone, catering and administrative services, libraries, and, of course, the elaborate College Chapel and prominent Master's Lodge. Dining in Hall (an exquisite building with fantastically carved rafters and stained glass windows) is a premier formal event in College, and

can take place as often or occasional as desired, so long as one dons the emblematic college gown. As a graduate, I do not live in the College proper, though—my accommodation is a short distance from St. John’s Backs (the lawns beyond the college buildings), in a house refurbished as a graduate hostel. In my house live two doctoral students in my Department—Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic, which is quite surprising, given the small size of the department among the large populations of St. John’s and the University as a whole. Essentially, my College is the centre of administrative support and social activity. Cambridge has a reputation for bringing together people of remarkably different backgrounds and fields of study, and it does so in part through the college system, convening its international community through receptions and dining events in Hall.

Conversely, my Department forms the heart of academic activity. Small and close-knit, it consists of about eighty undergraduates, fourteen MPhils, and around twenty-five doctoral students. It is an enigma in the world of the academy; while there are plentiful Medieval Studies departments throughout Europe and the United States, there is only one Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic (ASNC). Appended onto the Faculty of English, it is unique not only in its broad-ranging interdisciplinary approach but also in its focus on a particular region, northwestern Europe. Such an approach provides ideal conditions for acquiring a holistic yet specialised understanding of these cultures and regions. The MPhil in ASNC is fascinating, representing a prominent mound in the academic landscape where language, literature, history, philology, and even archaeology might meet. At the same time, it is particularly demanding, requiring me to further hone my skill in Insular Medieval Latin, learn Old and Middle Irish and become familiar with its associated literature, and contribute to a weekly seminar convening the MPhil students to discuss foundation texts of the insular early Middle Ages. Beyond these taught elements, I also have been conducting independent research to examine the foundational scholarship underlying my MPhil dissertation. ASNC brings together a community of scholars as well, featuring a guest lecture series for graduate students (involving lecturers both within and outside Cambridge), with following wine receptions or trips to a nearby pub, which never fails to facilitate further scholarly discussion.

My research concerns a particular set of legal ordinances authored by leading

monasteries in Ireland and on Iona, which were formally promulgated by kings at public assemblies. The jurisdiction of these eighth- and ninth-century edicts varied but sometimes extended into Dal Ríata (Scotland's western isles) and Pictland (most of present-day Scotland). So in the course of the Michaelmas term, eight fast-paced weeks, I have laid the groundwork for my studies in early Irish law, which bears significance for the understanding of Gaelic-speaking peoples (on both sides of the Irish Sea) in the early medieval period. I never take for granted how lucky I am to be able both to study cultures so close to the landscapes where they once flourished and at such a distinguished university. Indeed, during the winter holidays, I plan to visit some friends in Scotland and make a trip to parts of Ireland.

Andrew Ó Donnghaile

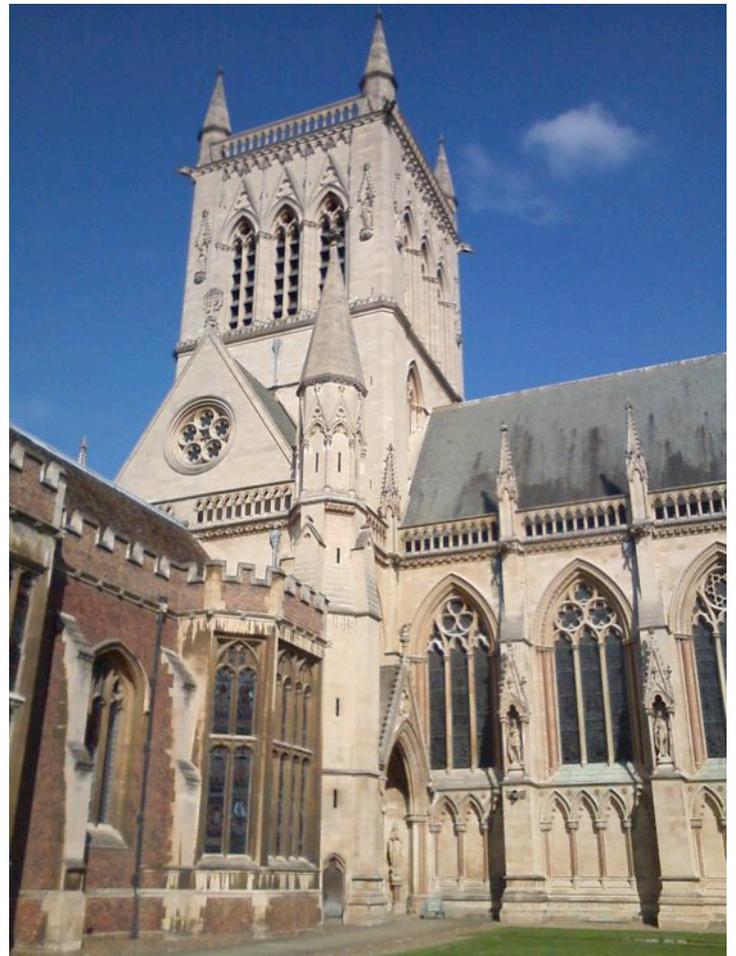


Some fellow Johnians and I (six from the left) in front of New Court.



Passageway to the 'Bridge of Sighs' over the River Cam in St. John's College.

Belltower of St. John's College Chapel, with Hall to the left.





New Court of St. John's College

Flowers of the Forest

Charles March Hunter

The Society recently lost another long-time member who has passed on to a better world. Several Society members, along with many others, attended Col. Hunter's memorial service at Patriot's Colony on October 4 to say farewell. Our condolences go out to his family.



WILLIAMSBURG - Colonel Charles March Hunter departed this life on Thursday, September 26, 2013. He was 86. His final hours were with his beloved family at his side. Charles (Chuck) was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He married the love of his life, Theresa Eleanor Little Hunter (Terry), on Valentines Day, February 14, 1953. They enjoyed over 60 wonderful years together. Survivors include his wife, Terry; his son, Lieutenant Colonel Charles M. Hunter Jr. of Palm Coast, FL; his daughter, Colonel Eleanor A. Hunter of Williamsburg, VA; his granddaughter, Shannon B. Hunter of Williamsburg, VA; and his nephews, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert S. Little of Columbia Falls, MT; and Selby F. Little III, of Reno, NV. Born in Newton, Massachusetts, he had lived in Williamsburg since January 1976. Chuck enlisted in the [Army](#) during [World War II](#) and spent over 32 years in uniform before retiring as a Colonel in 1976. He was a 1950 graduate of Stanford University, and a highly decorated combat [veteran](#) of Korea and Vietnam. While in the Army, he served state-side in Arkansas, California, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia. His overseas assignments included Germany, Japan, Korea, Panama, and Vietnam. He commanded Field Artillery units during war and peace, and was editor of the professional journal of the Field Artillery, *Artillery Trends*. He was a graduate of the Army War College and served on the Army General Staff. After retiring from the Army, Chuck began his second career in June 1976 as the Safety Director at Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg. His job was to obtain fire safety accreditation for the hospital which he achieved. During his tenure, he also built strong relationships with local, regional and state fire and emergency services officials, making Eastern State Hospital a fully integrated partner in emergency planning and response activities throughout the region. By the summer of 1987, Chuck was completely retired and was ready to spend more time with Terry. Together, they became world travelers. Some of their travels were to visit places and meet people that Terry had identified through her genealogical research. Chuck was able to meet an aunt and first cousin in Newton, Massachusetts who remembered his early childhood. He also met a great uncle in Ireland who treated him like a long lost son; and a second cousin in England who

became a good friend. Chuck and Terry also greatly enjoyed their mountain retreat in Dry Fork, WV. On the day it opened in December 1996, Chuck and Terry moved to Patriots Colony. They each became involved in the community. Chuck joined the library committee and soon became chairman of the magazine donation program: sorting, bundling and delivering donated magazines to the Williamsburg Community Hospital. A great joy in his later life was his precious granddaughter, Shannon. He and Terry spent as much time as possible with her and were thrilled when Eleanor and Shannon moved to Williamsburg in 2010. Shannon always brought a smile to his face and a sparkle to his eyes. Chuck was blessed with an outgoing and friendly personality and was always gracious to anyone he met. He loved and cared deeply for his family and friends. As dementia crept into his memories, we lost our avid reader and Civil War historian who could recall so many facts and describe events in such vivid detail. This gentle man spent his final years with his wife by his side and his daughter and granddaughter nearby. He will be greatly missed and his legacy of love will live in our hearts forever. Chuck was a member of Bruton Parish Church (usher), Eastern State Hospital Retirees Club (past president), Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, Middle Plantation Club, Patriots Colony Foundation Board of Directors (membership chairman), Patriots Colony Library Committee, Saint Andrews Society of Williamsburg, Williamsburg Civil War Round Table (past president), Williamsburg Community Hospital Volunteer, and the Williamsburg Historical Society (founding member and past president). The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to the staff of the Patriots Colony Convalescent Center where Chuck and Terry lived since November 2010; and to the congregation of Hickory Neck Episcopal Church for their weekly visits and sharing of Communion. A special thanks to Comfort Keepers for providing companion care since 2009; and to the many friends and caregivers who gave so unselfishly to make Chuck's struggle with dementia as comfortable as possible. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2013, in the Great Hall at Patriots Colony at Williamsburg. Burial with full military honors will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chuck's memory to Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, 800 Richmond Road, Toano, VA 23168. Online condolences may be offered at www.nelsencares.com.

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Flowers of the Forest

Marion Lucretia "Lu" Gordon

Our friend Lu Gordon worked for years for the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. She was an SAS member and was awarded "Scot of the Year" from the Society. She was also a dame in the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem.

Marion Lucretia "Lu" Gordon, 64, Johnson City, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2013, at the Johnson City Medical Center following a brief illness. She was a Johnson City native who lived in Williamsburg, VA, prior to returning to Johnson City. She was a daughter of Evelyn Anderson Gordon and the late Charles O. Gordon Sr. Ms. Gordon was a field archaeologist who spent her career both at active digs and in the classroom. She was a member of the Scottish Heritage Society, the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and the St. Andrews Society. Ms. Gordon also was former President and Clan Chairperson of the Upper East Tennessee Celtic Society, President of the Williamsburg Scottish Festival and National Convener of the House of Gordon USA. As a result, she was active in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. She participated socially in the Merry Wives and was a passionate supporter of the Humane Society. In addition to her father, Lu was preceded in death by her brother, Jack C. Gordon. In addition to her mother, survivors include: daughter, Lara Marie Arnold, of Williamsburg, VA; two brothers, Chuck Gordon and his wife, Betsy, of Johnson City, and Bob Gordon and his wife, Sherry, of Charlotte; two sisters, Mary Alice Hardin and her husband, Charlie, of Chilhowie, VA, and Evelyn Sexton Gordon, of Greeneville; sister-in-law, Lucy Gordon, of Johnson City; four grandchildren, Evelyn, Elliott, Emily and Emmett Arnold, all of Williamsburg, VA; and several beloved nieces and nephews. The family of Lu Gordon will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Friday, November 15, 2013, at Morris-Baker Funeral Home. A memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 AM Saturday in the Morris-Baker South Chapel. Bishop Richard Looney will officiate. Following the service, family and friends will proceed to Monte Vista Memorial Park for committal services. For those who wish, memorials may be made to The Salvation Army, Charles O. Gordon Sr. Center of Hope, PO Box 1715, Johnson City, TN 37605. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.morrisbaker.com. Morris-Baker Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2001 E. Oakland Avenue, Johnson City, is serving the Gordon family.



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- See more at: <http://www.johnsoncitypress.com/obit/36411/lucretia-gordon#sthash.Qh2TpZqU.dpuf>

Article from Johnson City Press and Virginia Gazette.

We will never forget our immortal Joyce White. Here she is in Scotland, June 2012, with Jim..





Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Application for Membership

Full Name: _____

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

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: _____

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

 Clan Affiliation or Membership: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

To the best of our knowledge, the above applicant is of sound character, over the age of 21 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 Membership in a Household– Initiation (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$40.00). Total of \$60.00.

Additional Membership within same household – Initiation (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$20.00). Total of \$40.00.

Your check made out to: St. Andrews' Society of Williamsburg

A Small Photograph of you suitable for digitization.

Completed Application with address, phone number and e-mail address included.

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