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President's Message

Lads and Lassies,

The heat continues.

Following a warm winter and spring, summer temperatures of 95 degrees and above for weeks on end are doing damage to lawns and nerves of area residents. Thank goodness for Willis Haviland Carrier! (Was he a Scot?)

The refreshing trend in greater participation of Society events is well received. The Spring Luncheon had 40+ attendees and the Summer Luncheon held just yesterday had a great turnout of 62. The recently initiated SAS Night Out Socials on Sunday evenings at local taverns have proved to be enjoyable and have had good participation. Thanks to all of you who are re-energized and making an effort to participate. Upcoming events for the Society include the Fall Kirking and Annual General Meeting in October as well as the ever popular Christmas Luncheon in December. Also remember the Scottish Games at various locales during the remainder of the summer and into fall. The Association of Scottish Games and Festivals, www.asgf.org, has a schedule of events by state and month.

To paraphrase one of Howard Topps's comments several years ago, forty-four years have passed since the founding of the Society in May of 1968. But remember this one essential fact: Today, as then, this society is dedicated to accomplish something of critical importance - that our Scottish identity and the heritage and culture of the Scots remain relevant to the generations that will succeed us.

This edition of The Spectator looks like another winner for Marshall.

Yours Aye,

Harold Maxwell, Clan Maxwell



Scotland Trip

In June 2012 Anne Korff of SAS led a Brightwater tour group of 22 enthusiasts on a ten-day bus tour of Scotland, from 20 to 30 June. Six of us were SAS members. The tour covered Edinburgh, Inverness, the Orkney Islands and numerous sights such as Hollyrood Castle, a country fair, a canal barge trip, Lochleven Castle where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned, Cawdor Castle, the Culloden Battlefield, the ancient Clava Cairns and Loch Ness. There was rain, rain and more rain for an authentic Scottish flavor. On the way to the Orkneys we stopped at Dunrobin Castle and the Castle of Mey which was the Queen Mother's favorite. We took the ferry to the Orkneys, an ancient treeless land of stones and swamps where the sun made an appearance to cheer us on.

In the Orkneys we visited the prehistoric past, crawling into a tomb at Maeshowe, viewing the mysterious Stones of Stennes and the Ring of Brodgar and then visiting the stone village of Skara Brae which predated the pyramids of Egypt. Later we visited the Scapa Flow, viewed the Churchill barriers and the amazing Italian Chapel which was built by Italian POW's in WWII. We also found time to visit two Scotch whisky distilleries and did some retail therapy as well. On the last day we returned to Edinburgh and viewed Edinburgh Castle.

St. Andrew's Society members included Anne & Arthur Korff, Jim & Joyce White, and Marshall & Kim Thomas. Most of the other participants were from Williamsburg and environs and they were a friendly, helpful and fun-loving bunch. Our thanks to Anne, our local guide Ian and our amazingly skilled bus driver George who handled our giant tour bus like a motorcycle. I learned later that he was a skilled motorcyclist.

For your editor, this was my first trip to Scotland, and I was impressed. Edinburgh's historical buildings are hundreds of years old and made of large blocks of stone. They appear to be solid and eternal, huge buildings set amidst narrow streets. Everywhere I went, Edinburgh or the smallest country town, everything was neat and clean with people washing windows, painting storefronts and cleaning stone. Nowhere in our travels did I see any litter – not a single candy wrapper or discarded coke can, How do they do it? Everything was displayed perfectly, like some miniature Disneyland. I was reminded of an idealized dreamy English landscape with everything functioning perfectly, but there were no English here – only Scots. Maybe that was the difference.

In Inverness my wife and I were returning to the hotel around 9:30 PM, and at that latitude it was still light outside. We passed a pub where a group of young people were gathered outside, two of them raising their voices and pushing at each other as the rest of the group took sides. They were clearly upset about something important –

probably football. Within two minutes a police car pulled up to the curb to investigate. I was impressed again.

I guess the Orkneys impressed me the most. It was almost like time travel, crawling into an ancient tomb and viewing runes carved into the wall by Viking raiders who were looking for treasure in tombs too ancient for them to imagine. And later touching the Stones of Stennes and feeling that ancient heartbeat, still reverberating after all those centuries. What a kick! Following are some pix from our visit. To see more than 600 trip pix, click on:

http://www.mstomas.com/Gallery_Scotland_Trip_2012.html



Jim & Joyce White and Kim Thomas begin the journey.



Arthur & Anne Korff. Without them, there would have been no trip. Below: A small boat through stormy weather to Lochleven Castle. Luckily nobody drowned.





Stones of Stennes : Marshall & Kim Lien

Stones of Stennes: Anne Korff teleports into the past





Ring of Brodgar



The tour group prepares to leave the Orkneys. Thanks for the fun, Anne.

SAS Social Night Out

Amana Katora reports on the SAS social scene: On Sunday, June 3rd from 6 to 8pm, SAS members met at the Green Leaf Cafe in downtown Williamsburg. They enjoyed drink specials (the Leafe runs a "mug" special on draft beers every Sunday) and a few appetizers while engaged in company and conversation. A few men wore their kilts and some whiskey was passed around. It was a wonderful way of getting to know other members a bit more and casually hang out with each other. A second "SAS Social Night Out" is planned September 2nd. The society would like to make this a regular event, occurring on the first Sunday of the month from 6-8 pm, where members can get together to socialize.

Summer Luncheon

On Saturday August 4 SAS gathered for a festive Summer Luncheon at the Colonial Heritage Club. 62 members and guests attended and a good time was had by all. The gathering was entitled 'A Trip to Scotland.' The lunch was exceptionally good and after dessert we retired to a nearby room to view a slide show about the recent trip to Scotland by SAS members and friends (see above). The photos were by Jim White and Marshall Thomas, and Joyce White did an excellent narration of the trip. Following the slide show Anne Korff, who had led the tour, sang a haunting rendition of a traditional Orkney Islands folk song. Our thanks to Jim and Joyce White who arranged the luncheon. Following are some pix of the luncheon.

All ready for a bar fight





Summer Luncheon: Fun fun fun!



At lunch (above). Joyce narrates the slide show (below)



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Loch Lomond



Loch Lomond. Pix from Flutetunes.com.

We have all heard the song Loch Lomond but I never knew the meaning behind it. Bob and Clarissa Young explain the story behind the words. The source is Why Do We Say it? From Castle, 1985.

Oh! Ye'll take the high road, and I'll take the low road,
 And I'll be in Scotland afore ye,
 But me and my true love will never meet again,
 On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

The 'high road' is the highway, the 'low road' refers to an old Celtic belief that when a man meets his death in a foreign land, his spirit returns by the 'low road.' The song tells of two wounded Scottish soldiers in a Carlisle (England) jail. One of them is to be released; he will take the 'high road' home to Scotland. The other will be executed. He will take the 'low road.' With the speed of a spirit, he will naturally – or supernaturally – be in Scotland before his living friend has tramped the many weary miles of the 'high road' to Scotland. This thought consoles the soldier as he is about to die.

Flowers of the Forest

Dr. Thomas Sale

Tom was a friend and a life member of the Saint Andrew's Society.



Dr. Thomas Wirt Sale Jr. was born on Feb. 26, 1926, in Hampton, Va., to the late T. Wirt and Mildred Fields Sale, who operated the T.W. Sale Pharmacy, in Wythe, in the 1930s and 1940s. Dr. Sale died on June 17, 2012.

He was a member and past vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church. Dr. Sale was a 1943 graduate of Hampton High School and a 1952 graduate of the Medical College of Virginia. After an internship and residency in Boston, Mass., he returned to Hampton in 1957, as a general surgeon, where he practiced until his retirement in 1994. He was on the surgical staff at Mary Immaculate, Riverside, and Hampton Sentara Hospitals. He was a member and past president of the International College of Surgeons. One of the founders of the Virginia Peninsula Poison Control Center, he was active in many local medical societies and organizations. He was a past board member and instructor at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He was a member of the American Heart Association (Virginia Peninsula Chapter) and the American Cancer Society (Virginia Peninsula Chapter).

During [World War II](#), he served in the Fifth Infantry Division of Patton's Third Army. His division fought in the Battle of the Bulge, was involved in the breakthrough of the Siegfried Line, and crossed the Rhine River at Oppenheim in 1945. He was awarded the [Bronze Star](#) and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Dr. Sale is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Woodward Sale. He is also survived by sons, Thomas W. Sale III and wife, Daphne, Carter Woodward Sale and wife, Karen, John Cabell Sale and wife, Melissa; and daughter, Sidney Sale Bland and husband, Richard. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Thomas Wirt Sale IV, Wesley Bland, Anne Carter Bland, and Susan Sale.

He was a member of the James River Country Club, the Hampton Yacht Club, the Hampton Roads German Club, and the Hampton Roads Assembly. As time permitted and during his retirement, Dr. Sale joined many genealogical and patriotic organizations, including: Sons of the American Revolution (past president and surgeon general), Jamestowne Society (past president of James City Company), Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters, Order of the First Families of Virginia, Sons of Confederate Veterans (camp doctor of Magruder-Ewell Chapter), Society of Colonial Wars, American Legion, [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#), Claiborne Society (past president), Bridger Family Association (past president), Society of the War of 1812 (past state president), Military Order of the World Wars (commander of Hampton Roads Chapter), Order of Founders and Patriots of America, Sons of the Revolution, Navy League of the United States, St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, and Tidewater Genealogical Society (past president). He was passionate about history and was a member of local organizations and museums, including: Fort Monroe Casemate Museum (board member),

Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation, Mariners' Museum, Virginia War Museum (board member), and Hampton Heritage Foundation.

Dr. Sale loved his home city and actively raised funds for the construction of the Hampton History Museum. He served as a board member and past president of the Hampton History Museum Association. He pursued a varied array of hobbies. Dr. Sale had a lifelong interest in magic and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (past president, Ring 103, Norfolk). He performed magic for many clubs and organizations, as well as, entertaining his grandchildren and their friends at birthday parties. He was active in the Hampton Roads Postcard Club (past president), the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club, and the Gem and Mineral Society of the Virginia Peninsula (past president).

Dr. Sale loved to travel throughout the world and loved taking trips with his children. He took them hiking on the Appalachian Trail, scuba diving at Key Largo, rafting in the Grand Canyon, and cruising on a steamboat on the Mississippi. He took his family on a 50th anniversary of D-Day tour of Europe. He visited all seven continents and the North Pole.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at St. John's Episcopal Church, officiated by the Rev. Peter Hogg. Internment will follow at St. John's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of sympathy be made in donations to the St. John's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 100 West Queens Way, Hampton, VA 23669. R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

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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.

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