



Saint Andrews Society of the Eastern Shore
The Bagpiper

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Officers

President	Jack Moore
Vice President	Leo H. Foulds, III
Secretary	Paulette Johns
Treasurer	Mike Sheridan
Membership Secretary	Barbara Sheridan
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Coulston
Immediate Past President	George Dixon

Members at Large

Randy Gregory	2011
Randy Welch	2011
Elizabeth Foulds	2012
Marie Martin	2012
Tom Orem	2013
Carl Widell	2013

Chaplains	Leo H. Foulds, III Rev. Paul Winters
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Almoner	Martha Nelson
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St. Andrews Society of the Eastern Shore is a social and benevolent organization which offers educational and charitable assistance to Scottish men and women, their descendants, and their widows or widowers. Membership in the Society is available to both men and women of Scottish birth or ancestry. The Society is an independent organization and is not affiliated with any religious or secular group. Our aim is to perpetuate Scottish culture and traditions.

Upcoming Events 2011-2012

Nov 1	Stated Meeting and Covered Dish Christ Church Parish Hall, St. Michaels MD
Nov 19	Annual Dinner Harbourtowne Resort
Dec 3	Annual Christmas Walk Old Town, Alexandria VA
Dec 6	Board of Managers Meeting
Jan 3	Board of Managers meeting

For the latest information on SASES events and other local events of interest, check www.standrewseasternshore.org/calendar

The President's Corner....

Our first combined Kirkin/Picnic was a big success. After the Kirkin o' the Tartans at historic Christ Church in St. Michaels and ice cream provided by the Highland Creamery on the church lawn, it was on to Sam Freeland's beautiful property for an afternoon of great food and drink, Scottish games, raffle prizes and more pipes and drums.



Thank you again to Sam Freeland for his hospitality, to Leo Foulds for organizing the picnic, and to all those who helped to make it a wonderful afternoon of Scottish fellowship, especially George Dixon, Mike and Barbara Sheridan, Cliff Fleenor and Gerry Hughes.

Thank you, as well, to our Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums for the stirring performances at the church service and the picnic. The wonderful sound of the snare drum accompanying the pipes is especially noteworthy. The Band's snare drum heads were recently replaced and upgraded with money from our Society's Pipes and Drums Fund. The new drum heads will enhance the Band's performance in competitions ...and we will enjoy them at our events!

Our **Annual Meeting/Covered Dish Supper** will be **Tuesday, November 1** at Christ Church Parish Hall in St. Michaels. Please come out to hear about developments in our Society, to give us your thoughts and ideas, and to show your support by voting in our annual election.

Our **Annual Dinner** will be **Saturday, November 19** at the Harbourtowne Resort in St. Michaels. Same great food and drink, same great pipes and drums, same great Scottish fellowship, same great price! It will be another terrific evening.

See you at the Annual Meeting/Covered Dish Supper. As always, family, friends and prospective members are welcome.

Yours Aye,
 Jack Moore

Stated Meeting and Covered Dish Supper Election of Officers and the Board

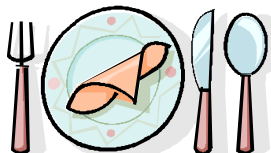
Tuesday, November 1

Christ Church Parish Hall, St. Michaels MD

6:00 pm Meet and Greet - 6:30 pm Dinner

Please join us for this important membership meeting.
Show your support for the 2012 Board by coming out
and voting. And be sure to bring a dish and your ideas!

Family, friends and prospective members
are always welcome....



Nominations Officers and Board of Managers 2012

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	Term Expires
Elizabeth Foulds	2012
Marie Martin	2012
Thomas Orem	2013
Carl Widell	2013
Donna Cantor	2014
Janet Raitt	2014

*Many thanks to our Nominating Committee, led by
George Dixon, for all their efforts in putting this slate
together and to our nominees for their willingness to
serve. Please plan to come to the annual meeting
and show your support!*

You Are Cordially Invited

41st Annual St. Andrew's Dinner
November 19, 2011

6:00 PM

Harbourtowne Resort
St. Michaels, MD

*This special celebration of our Society
and our Scottish heritage will include:*

A Gala Dinner

*Address to the Haggis
Silent Auction*

And Music by:

*The Chesapeake Caledonian
Pipes and Drums*

*Highland Dress or Black Tie Requested
\$55.00 per Person*

*Invitations will be mailed
to SASES members*

Family and Friends Are Welcome!



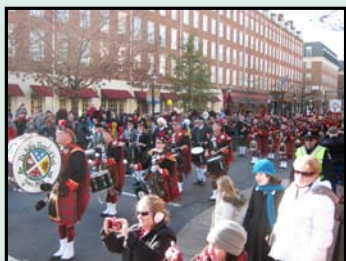
Scottish Christmas Walk

Old Town Alexandria, VA

Saturday, December 3, 2011

10:30 AM

Rain or Shine



This is always a great way to start the holiday season by joining in the revelry in Old Town Alexandria with your fellow Scots. A number of SASES members attended last year and reported a wonderful time was had by all. If there is enough interest, we will get together as a group to participate. Please contact Randy Gregory (*see roster*) if you wish to be part of the fun. Or for general information about the walk and the day's activities, go to <http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com/>.

Kirkin o' the Tartans and Annual Picnic a Great Success

SASES members enjoyed a day of pageantry and fun (not to mention that ice cream by Highland Creamery) at the first combined Kirkin and Picnic on Sunday, September 18.



Photographs contributed
by Elizabeth Foulds

A' Guisin' We Will Go!



The Scots have been responsible for many contributions to our country and our culture, but did you know that we owe our Halloween customs in large part to our Gaelic forebears? The mass transatlantic migration of the Scotch and the Irish, starting at the end of the 18th century, was instrumental in popularizing Halloween in the U.S.

It all started with the ancient Celtic festival dedicated to the harvest and the dead, SamHuinn. Celebrated on November 1, it was the first day of the Celtic New Year and represented the struggle between the living earth of Autumn and the barrenness of Winter. The ancients also believed it was the day when the spirits of the dead were free to roam the earth.

It is still the custom in some areas to set a place for the dead

at the SamHuinn feast, and to tell tales of one's ancestors on that night. Something to think about as we enjoy our covered dish supper together on November 1!

The Gaelic custom of wearing costumes and masks on the eve of SamHuinn (our Halloween), was an attempt to placate the evil spirits that were abroad. In Scotland, the dead were impersonated by young men, called "guisers", with masked, veiled or blackened faces, dressed in white. Candle lanterns, carved from turnips were part of the traditional festival. Large turnips were hollowed out, carved with faces, and placed in windows to ward off evil spirits. To this day, Edinburgh celebrates Halloween with a spectacle of fire and dance.

Source: Wikipedia



Auction Items Needed

We need your contributions to make our silent auction at the Annual Dinner a success. In addition to adding fun to the event, the proceeds from the evening will go to support local charities.

Here are some suggestions:

Gift Certificates or Gift Baskets

Art, Craft or Artisan Work

Collectibles

Jewelry

Timeshare or Vacation Home Use

Tickets to Concerts, Theatre, or Sporting Events

Scottish Goods or Memorabilia

Volunteering a Skill or Talent

Please contact Perry Foster (see roster) with any questions or to make arrangements to donate.

Thank you, in advance!



The Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums Band has new upgraded snare drum heads, thanks to a contribution from our Society's Pipes and Drums Fund.

Here, President Jack Moore, center, congratulates Chuck Powers, left, snare drummer, and Drum Sergeant Jock Binnie, base drummer, for their recent performances at the Kirkin o' the Tartans and the Annual Picnic.

The Band participates in parades, concerts and competitions throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and will perform at our Annual Dinner.

*Contributed by Marcia Moore
Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth Foulds*

Starting to think about your holiday gift list? Remember that Irish Traditions is offering a 5% discount on any purchase made by a SASES member in 2011. In addition, they will make a donation of 5% of the proceeds from the purchase to the Society.



Did you notice the handsome fellow gracing "The President's Corner"? That is Jack Moore's grandfather, also named Jack Moore. Do you have an ancestral photo you'd like to share? Or an interesting story about your Scottish heritage? Send it to the editor at communications@standrewseasternshore.org.

**Don't Miss Our Annual Dinner on November 19
Watch Your Mail for Details....**

