



# The Spectator

The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Summer/Fall 2018

## President's Message – Summer/Fall 2018

Lads and Lassies,

It is with pleasure that I take to pen to introduce the Summer/Fall 2018 issue of the Spectator, the newsletter of the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg. Summer is normally a down time for the Society, with many members on vacation or out of town. We caught up on events during the Fall and were quite active.

This issue begins with interesting information from Duncan McIver on Gaelic USA dated in July. Our Fall gathering was held on October 7 at Kingsmill Resort and was a lot of fun. Then we have an article on piper Charles Perry, one of our Ken Graham Scholarship recipients. Next is information on Pub Night which has been active and very successful. In late October the Society participated in Richmond's Celtic Festival and Highland Games, a great event that gave us good publicity. The Fall Kirking of the Tartans was celebrated on November 11 at the historic Wren Chapel of William & Mary. Our Annual General Meeting followed on November 17 at the Windsor Forest Clubhouse, and Douglas Boller was awarded Scot of the Year. Our last event was a combination St. Andrew's Day/Christmas Luncheon on December 8 at Le Yaca restaurant, with a record 63 guests. All these events are described in this issue.

2019's activities will begin with Burns Night on January 19. Don't miss it!

Aye,

Doug Burns

## Gaelic USA Student Essay Contest

We recently received a note from Duncan McIver:

As you know, I am on the Board and the Saint Andrews Society of Williamsburg is a member of GaelicUSA. It is with pride that I can announce they have selected the winner of the Student Essay contest, named after Evander “Scotch Ever” McIver, one of my family who emigrated to North Carolina from the Isle of Skye in 1802. The following is the announcement from the GaelicUSA website:

### 2018 MacÌomhair Undergraduate Student Essay Competition Winner

Posted on July 4, 2018. GaelicUSA is pleased to announce the winner of the [2018 MacÌomhair Scottish Gaelic Studies Undergraduate Student Essay Competition](#): Wilfried Zibell. Wilfried is originally from Noorvik, Alaska, but wrote his essay as a freshman student at Harvard University for the course “CELTIC 188: Songs of the Highlander,” taught by Dr. Natasha Sumner.

Wilfried’s essay is a study of two Gaelic song-poems about the Highland Clearances, composed by natives of the Scottish Highlands as these events were unfolding:

- “Cead Deireannach nam Beann” by Donnchadh Bàn Mac an t-Saoir (“Duncan Ban MacIntyre,” 1724-1812), composed during the last walk he took on Beinn Dòbhrain (“Ben Doran”) in 1802.
- “Còmhradh Eadar Dùn Bhrusgraig Agus Fear-Turais” by Iain Òg MacCòrcadail (“John MacCorkindale, Junior”) of Islay (later immigrated to Ontario), composed in about 1850.

It is fitting that his essay is published on July 4th, given that this history forms the backdrop of the massive emigration from the Scottish Highlands to North America.

Here is Wilfried’s essay in whole. We hope you enjoy it.

Please click on the following link to view the essay:

<https://gaelicusa.org/2018-maciomhair-undergraduate-student-essay-competition-winner/>

## **Society Fall Gathering**

On October 7, 2018 the Society gathered at Kingsmill Resort for a buffet dinner and general good time. Attendance was heavy and enthusiastic. It was terrific to see so many old friends. The buffet dinner was delicious and even had Scottish food! Douglas Boller gave us a surprise slide presentation asking 'Who was Braveheart?' The answer was surprising! This was a glorious good time. A few photos are below. Please see the full photo album in the website album:

<http://www.scotsofwmbg.org/gallery/fall-gathering-oct-2018/index.html>

### **Happy Couples**



Vernal & Duncan Sutherland



Amanda & James McCarter (above). Ana & Douglas Burns (below)



## Society Scholarship

St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg's President, Doug Burns is seen congratulating Charles Perry, a recent recipient of the Society's Ken Graham Scholarship. Perry, a Junior at Bruton High School, attended the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming in Valle Crucis, NC in July and received several notable awards. Additionally, Charles is an active member of the Williamsburg Society's Pipe Band under the leadership of Lynn Newcomer. For many years, Williamsburg's St. Andrew's Society has provided educational scholarships to support studies related to an area of Scottish culture including music, dance, history, genealogy, language and religion. Recipients in recent years have included students at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Cambridge Universities in the UK, Gaelic language students in the US, and the Scottish Pipe Band at St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC. Scholarship guidelines and applications can be found in the Society's website.



## Pub Night!

### Lads and Lassies of the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg:

The Society continues gathering at the Amber Ox for pub night! These fun sessions are enthusiastically attended. Bring friends, enjoy a draught, a wee dram, and have a bite to eat. As this is open to all with an interest in "things Scottish", it's a meet and greet and an opportunity to introduce people to the Society and its activities! You're needed to be ambassadors!

The Society will notify you when the next few sessions are organized.

Be sure to wear your kilt. To help the staff at the Amber Ox plan for our group, please reply to:

[saint.andrews.society.w@gmail.com](mailto:saint.andrews.society.w@gmail.com)



### Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games

The Society had a tent at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games which were held at Richmond International Raceway on October 27 and 28, 2018. The Society participated in the parade of the clans with our banners and flags. The Scottish games were rich in music, food, drink and Scottish culture and was enjoyed by participants and attendees. Please see the photos below.







### **Fall Kirking of the Tartans**

The Society celebrated the Fall Kirking of the Tartans on November 11 at the historic Wren Chapel at William & Mary. The service was preceded by a parade of the Society color guard, Williamsburg Pipes and Drums and Society members marching along the Sunken Garden from Blair Hall to the Wren Building. Chaplain Daniel McClain presided over the service in which our tartans were blessed. This was a fun event and was full of members, new and old. Below are a few photos from the event; please see the Society's website for all photos.





## Annual General Meeting

The Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held November 17 at the Windsor Forest Clubhouse. Excellent deli sandwiches and beverages were provided by the Society while the guests brought plenty of yummy side dishes and desserts. The Williamsburg Pipes and Drums played our favorite tunes in concert. Society business was discussed and voted on. Douglas Boller, Jim and Mary Murphy were voted on to the Board. Jim Murphy told some great stories about life in Scotland. Douglas Boller was named Scot of the Year. Following the formal meeting, a whisky-tasting was conducted. This event was very well attended and a lot of fun.



**Douglas Boller, Scot of the Year**



**Sharon Tucker**



**Williamsburg Pipes and Drums**



**Doug Burns, Doug Boller and Michael Thompson**



**Jim Murphy**



**Whisky Tasting**

## St. Andrew's Day/Christmas Luncheon

The Society hosted a combination St. Andrew's Day/Christmas Luncheon on December 8 at Le Yaca restaurant. An overflow crowd of 63 people filled the room. Piper Charles Perry greeted arriving guests outside and later played a concert inside. President Douglas Burns greeted the guests. A delicious lunch was followed by a speech from Douglas Boller on the history of St. Andrew's Day. Kathy Kasley conducted a gift exchange which is always fun. The closing ceremony included singing Auld Lang Syne. Please see the website gallery for all photos. Here is a short sampling.



**Piper Charles Perry serenades the guests.**





**New friend Andrew Utman attended with his charming commanding officer. Welcome to both!**



## Flowers of the Forest

### Susan Bookless

Saint Andrew's Society Members,

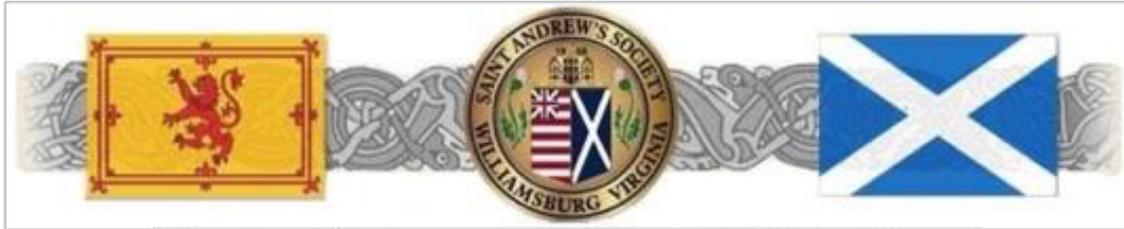
It is with much sadness that I am notifying you of the death of Susan Bookless, who died on Monday, November 5th, following an 18 month long battle with lung cancer and related complications. Funeral services were held at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Williamsburg.



Susan was also a member of the Williamsburg Music Club and the Speakers Bureau Committee. Blessed with a lovely voice, Susan was a member of her church's choir and the music committee, and a member of the Williamsburg Choral Guild.

She is survived by her husband, John; daughters Jody Hampton and Kathy Clarke (Bixter); son, John (Chris) Christopher Bookless and wife Kristi; grandchildren Micah Binns, Stephen, Susan and Sarah Coy and five great-grandchildren.

Cards of condolence may be sent to the family at 3 Clarendon Court, Williamsburg, 23188. Memorial donations may be made to the King of Glory Lutheran Church building fund, 4897 Longhill Road, Williamsburg, 23188 or the 4 Paws Animal Rescue, PO Box 1624, Hayes, VA 23072 or the Heritage Humane Society, 430 Waller Mill Rd., Williamsburg, 23185. Online condolences may be shared at [www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com](http://www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com). Visit [dailypress.com/obituaries](http://dailypress.com/obituaries) to view and also post condolences.



# 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, or as a new Associate 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.