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216th Anniversary Banquet A Grand Tradition



The 216th Anniversary Banquet was held on Wednesday 30 November 2023 at the spacious and luxurious Boumi Temple in Rossville, MD. This event celebrates the founding of our beloved Society, giving testament to the on-going dedication to our Society by members and friends present that evening and also those that because of duty or distance could not attend.

The evening opened with the Baltimore City Pipe Band playing a medley of traditional Scottish pipe and drum tunes. The first part of our program steeped in tradition with introductions, toasts and to honor Them That's Awa'

Every other year the "Spirit Award" is presented to a society member who performs outstanding service in their first ten years. This much coveted award was presented to James Hanna. Well done and well deserved!

One of the highlights of the evening, the "Address to the Haggis" delivered so eloquently by none other than bard, Arthur McAra followed up by a delicious meal. After coffee and dessert we were entertained with Celtic Tunes by The Maryland State Boy Choir Alumni.

We were so honored with presence of several dignitaries from other societies in the area. Sadly, as the Baltimore City Pipe Band played a final medley as the Banquet came to a close. Thank you all who assisted in the organization of this event.

Robbie's 262nd Birthday Celebration

The St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore members and guests attended the 43rd annual Burns Nicht Supper on January 21, at Columbus Gardens to celebrate the 262nd birthday of Robert Burns. Though Robbie Burns was not with us in person we were united with Scotland's national poet in joyous spirit.

Following a reception with delightful Hors d'oeuvres the assembly was called to supper by the piper with Society President Ernie Brandt and his Lady Donna lighting the ceremonial Burns Candle at a special table set for two and a single red rose, Robert Burns was with us as the table was set for two because Robert would want to welcome a bonnie lassie to join him for the supper.

Master of Ceremonies, BILL kommalan, led us through the program, beginning with heartfelt toasts. Rev. Linda Boyd gave the invocation that must be judged very effective as evening was successful in all ways.

The meal began with "Address to the Haggis" delivered by Branson Kommalan, followed by "Bring on the Meat." No one went hungry as an entrée of prime rib and a salmon fillet was also served.

Chris Wilson delivered the Toast to the Immortal Memory that was a wonderful lesson on the life and times of Burns. Geoffrey and Linda Boyd gave the entertaining toasts to the Lassies and the Laddies reminding all that love and affection prevails over our flaws.





President's Wee Word

Best wishes to all in the New Year. I hope everyone was able to spend some time with family and friends during this joyous holiday season. It seems the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's gives us so many opportunities to overindulge in food especially with the sweets after which, the resolutions to eat less, lose weight and exercise more abound but rarely do we succeed with these. What if we made some resolutions with which we could surely succeed as a way to start to our new year? I highly recommend everyone spend fifteen minutes on Youtube to watch Admiral McRavens commencement speech on resolve and accomplishments. He tells the graduating class if you want to change the world, one of the most important things that should be done first in the morning is to make your bed. Successful in the first task of the day and already we have a sense of accomplishment. So perhaps we too should take on some easy tasks giving us a similar sense of accomplishment like making sure all our vaccinations are up to date. Many of us have gone through lifestyle changes and need to do a checkup of our beneficiaries; easy enough to do in just an hour or two. Keep a glass by the kitchen sink to remind yourself to drink more water and take a daily vitamin. Call you dentist to schedule an appointment with the hygienist for a cleaning. Yes, right now and while the phone is in your hand also call and schedule your annual physical.



The St. Andrew's Society along with many others was on board the WHEC-37 (USCGC Taney) to commemorate the December seventh 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Damp and cool was the day but the lad's spirits and camaraderie were warm. A genuinely moving service with Mr. Mike Betts performing the Reverse on Arms, Mr. Scott Hinson bringing flags and equipment and the event being coordinated by Bill Kommalan. A satisfying lunch afterward provided by Mission BBQ.

Mr. Jack Gordon has offered a bylaws amendment to remove the word "male," from membership requirements. Having attained the requisite signatures and being favorably voted by the Board of Managers to be presented to the membership for a vote. Once published in the Pibroch, ballots will be mailed to each member, tallied with results at the next Stated Meeting on 9 March.

Yours Aye,

Wm. Ernie Brandt
58th President



2023-2024 Past Presidents' Heritage Scholarship Program

The Saint Andrew's Society Foundation and the Benevolence Committee of the Society are offering \$5,000.00 to the highest ranked applicant for the Past Presidents' Heritage Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. Scholarships in lesser amounts will also be awarded to other qualified applicants. Each award will be divided into two equal installments payable for the first and second semester of each winner's freshman year only. Completed Scholarship Applications will be accepted beginning February 1, 2023, and must be postmarked by March 15, 2023. For complete information and to download an application, please see the Society Website at (standrewsbaltimore.com/foundation/scholarship/).

Trivia Question

In March 1328, the First War of Scottish Independence ends with a declaration document, under which the English Crown recognizes that the Kingdom of Scotland is fully independent. What was this document ?

- a) Treaty of Berwick
- b) Treaty of Dunkirk
- c) Treaty of Moray
- d) Treaty of Edinburgh / Nottingham

Answer on page 7



First war of Scottish independence

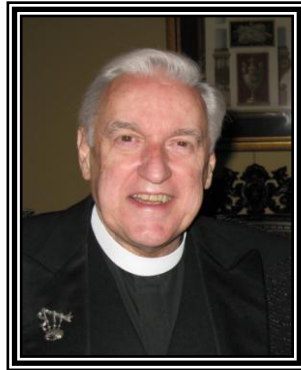


The Almoner's Report

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Something to try _

I've been inserting events in my 2023 calendar. You may be doing the same thing. There may even be some events you haven't done before. Others you may have done, but are just too good to pass up.



Have you been to the Colonial Scottish Games in May? If you haven't, don't miss the opportunity in mid-May.

Have you been to the recent Burn's Night dinner celebrating Scotland's national poet and the man who made "Auld Lang Syne" world famous? Put it on the calendar next year.

How about attending the 4th of July parade in Towson, or even better marching in it?

Have you thought about taking bagpipe lessons? I did several years ago and it was well worth the effort!

A great way to enjoy the friendship and support of fellow Scots is to volunteer to be on one of the St. Andrew's Society committees.

How about attending a Kirkin' O' Th' Tartans? These are held at various churches. Maybe you may want to have one at your church! It comes with a pipe band and members of the Society in kilts.

Did you ever win the raffle at a stated meeting? Attend and give it a try.

How about attending our Annual Dinner!

Here are two things to bring you satisfaction: 1) Contact a fellow member who is ill or who you haven't seen in a long time, or 2) bring a guest to one of our events.

I encourage you to give one or more of these a try!

Yours aye,
George

Flowers of the Forest

Henry C. McDonald

Our brother Henry was called from his labors and is now with his beloved Margie and Jesus his Lord and Savior. Henry suddenly passed to the Land of the Forever Young on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at his home in his 87th year.

He was born on March 29, 1935, lived in Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia before moving to Maryland. He was a member of Clan McDonald, proud of the Scottish heritage of both Margie and himself, and joined the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore in 1989. Henry was also very active in Masonry having served as Master of Concordia Lodge multiple times, trained many men in Masonry, as well as in the Scottish and York Rites where he held many positions over his lifetime.

I think Henry came to the Lord in his youth as many times he would tell me, "Margie was a Northern Presbyterian and I was a Southern Presbyterian and we had to go to Sunday School." I had no idea such divisions existed. In any case, for many years they would attend the St. Andrew's Community Christian Church, now no longer in existence, that Rev. Ernest Smart ran on Roland Road. Back around 2010, Margie and Henry began attending the Anglican Church of the Resurrection on Greenspring and Kelly Aves. in Lutherville, which they eventually joined.

Henry's daughter Melissa lives in the area with her husband Jason and children. Kindly lift up Melissa and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

William C. Ermatinger

Age 88, of Glen Arm, Maryland passed away on July 1, 2022 at Glen Meadows Retirement Community in Glen Arm, Maryland. William was born on June 4, 1934 in Ashtabula, Ohio. He was the son of the late Alexander Eugene John and Shirley Marie Ermatinger. He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Mary Jeanne Ermatinger.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore since 1990 and the Men's Garden Club of Baltimore. He was a bereavement facilitator for the Charleston Retirement Group, the GBMC Hospital, and SIDS, and served on the board of The Compassionate Friends.

He could be found enjoying Gardening, Genealogy, Reading and creating in his Woodworking Shop at Owl Branch Lane.

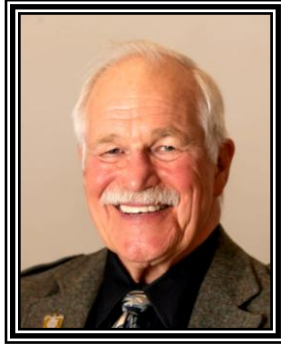


Hospitality

John 'jack' Gordon, MD

Greetings Gentlemen:

Slated for the Stated Meeting on Thursday, 9 March our guest speakers will be Matt and Sarah Dziennik to talk about "Clans, Tartan, and Edinburgh in 1822."



Bios

Matthew Dziennik was born and raised in Kingussie in the central Highlands. He gained a PhD in History at the University of Edinburgh and now teaches British imperial history at the United States Naval Academy. He is the author of *The Fatal Land: War, Empire, and the Highland Soldier in British America* (Yale University Press, 2016) and the forthcoming *Men of All Nations: Colonial Soldiers and the British Empire in the Age of Revolutions*.

Sarah Dziennik was educated at Broadneck High School in Annapolis and at the University of Mary Washington. She completed her PhD in Scottish History at the University of Edinburgh in 2014 where she was the McFarlane Fellow in the Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies. Her work explores the construction of Scottish-American identity in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. From 2016 to 2018 she taught global history at the United States Naval Academy and now teaches history at Indian Creek School in Crownsville.

Birds of a Feather Gathering

What a fine evening on Friday, January 6th at the Birds of a Feather, a scotch bar at 1712 Aliceanna St. in Fells Point which has been there since 1890 and owned by Bill and Alicia Merrit. Bill is a member of the SASB. Led by President Ernie Brandt and joined by nearly a dozen kilted SASB members and hosted by the gracious bartender and co-owner Alicia (Bill is recovering from back surgery). many different and sometimes exotic scotches were consumed, compared and engendered comments. In addition, many of the regular patrons joined these hearty men in dresses to enjoy the evening. Boaf has a wide variety of scotches plus other drinks and is highly recommended. It is open every Friday and Sat from 5-9:30 and is frequented by an international group of regulars. We'll be back soon.

Next on the list is the *Guinness Brewery*, 5001 Washington Blvd., Halethorpe MD., 21227, @ 4 pm and continuing until whenever. Don your kilt, or not, and join SASB members and guests on Friday, February 24. See you there.

Jack Gordon
57th President

Escort to the Colors

T. Scott Hinson

"E.T.C.,"

The Escort to the Colors is the unofficial "face" of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore.

We welcome you joining us in the fun and camaraderie we share,



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

USCGC 37 Pier 5 Baltimore * Wed. 7 Dec. 2022

Event described in President Ernie Brandt's article.

51st Annual

Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk Parade

Alexandria, VA * Sat. 3 Dec. 2022

On Saturday, December 3, 2022. Dozens of Scottish clans dressed in colorful tartans parade through the streets of Old Town, joined by pipe and drum bands from around the region, as well as terriers and hounds.

The SASB ETC had a hardy group including Paul Schofield's wife Janine, son Nicholas and dog Gunner. From my family Angela, Heather, Tommy and our dog Maggie plus members Chris Wilson, Mike Betts and first time marcher James Hanna rounded out group. This year it was nice to see The Kiltie Band of York also have them to escort.

Coming Events

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 12 March 2023

*Check Calendar of Events
> Details on all activities.

As always, your participation is important as part of your heritage and the society's historic traditions.

Best Regards,
T. Scott Hinson
55th President



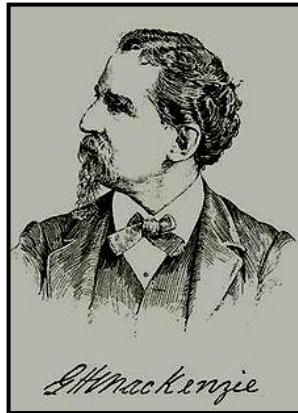
Scottish Immigrant

George Henry Mackenzie

24 March 1837 – 14 April 1891

Scottish-born American chess master.

Mackenzie was born in North Kessock, Scotland and educated mainly in Aberdeen, at the Aberdeen Grammar School and the Marischal College, University of Aberdeen; but he studied in Rouen, France, and Stettin, Prussia, from 1853 to 1855. He was commissioned into the 60th Foot as an ensign in 1856 when he was nineteen years



old. Soon after, his regiment was sent to the Cape of Good Hope, and from there to India.^[1] He traveled to England in 1858, having been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. In 1861 he sold his commission and retired from the army.^[1] Mackenzie began to practice chess in 1853, and in 1862 he won a handicap tournament in London^[1] in which he defeated Adolf Anderssen.

In 1863, during the middle of the American Civil War, he moved to the United States. During the Civil War, he fought on the Union side, obtaining the rank of captain in the 10th United States Colored Troops Regiment.^[3] However, on 16 June 1864, he was reported as a deserter by the United States Army. In 1865, Mackenzie came to New York, where he wrote on chess matters for *Turf, Field, and Farm*. He won the first prizes at the annual contests of the New York Chess Club in 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1868.

Mackenzie died at the Cooper Union Hotel on 14 April 1891, but the cause of death is a matter of considerable speculation.^[4] *The New York Times* reported on 27 April 1890 that Mackenzie was suffering from tuberculosis, and on 15 April 1891, a day after his death, mentioned that the immediate cause of death was pneumonia,^[4] noting that his condition had worsened from a fever caught while visiting Havana. However, on 29 April 1891, *The Sun* carried a report by Dr. S. B. Minden, who had visited Mackenzie before his death, claiming that the captain had committed suicide by an overdose of morphine, which he had requested earlier to ease the pain from his tuberculosis, but Dr. Minden had refused. The doctor who had attended Mackenzie during his final illness dismissed this assertion as ridiculous, insisting that tuberculosis was the cause of death.

Chess career

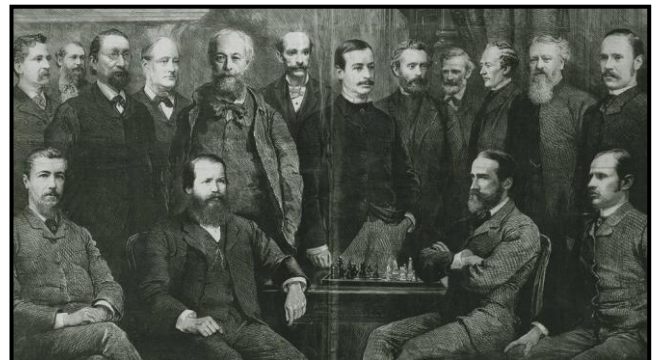
Mackenzie dominated American chess from the time he immigrated in 1863 until shortly before his death in 1891. During a 15-year period, from 1865 through 1880, Mackenzie amassed a record of thirteen straight first-place finishes in tournaments, while winning six of seven matches, with only one drawn. His successes in the U.S. included first place at Cleveland 1871, Chicago 1874, and New York 1880 (the second, third, and fifth American Chess Congresses, respectively). In 1878 Mackenzie began to receive invitations to play in the top international tournaments in Europe.

Subsequently, he played in many tournaments both at home and abroad. In 1878, he tied for fourth–fifth in Paris. In 1882, he tied for fourth in Vienna (Wilhelm Steinitz and Szymon Winawer won). In 1883, he tied for fifth–seventh in London (Johannes Zukertort won). In 1885, he took fourth place in Hereford (Joseph Henry Blackburne won), and took seventh in Hamburg 1885 (Isidor Gunsberg won). In 1886, he tied for seventh–eighth in London.

The best result of his career was winning the fifth German Championship at Frankfurt-on-the-Main 1887, ahead of all the leading players except for World Champion Wilhelm Steinitz: Blackburne, Zukertort, Berthold Englisch, Max Weiss, Curt von Bardeleben, Siegbert Tarrasch, and Louis Paulsen.

He won the fifth Scottish Championship at Glasgow 1888 with a score of +4–0=2. Samuel Lipschuetz replaced him as United States Chess Champion 1890.

While his only international victory was at Frankfurt 1887, Mackenzie was a frequent high placer throughout his career.^[2] In match play, in 1886 he defeated the other top American master of the era, Samuel Lipschutz, by a score of +5–3=5. The same year, Mackenzie drew a match in London with top European master Amos Burn with the final tally +4–4=2. Despite this, Mackenzie was not considered a serious contender for the world title held by Steinitz. His tournament results were below those of Steinitz, Zukertort and Blackburne in the 1880s. His record against Steinitz was +1–6=3



Sixteen leading chess players in the world 1886



"Albannach Cuideachd" Membership

James J. Dawson
* *Membership Secretary*

"Ceud Mile Failte"

A Hundred Thousand Welcomes



There are three **NEW MEMBERS** of the Society to introduce and welcome:

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LAURA

I'm pleased to report that over 80 members of the Society completed some part or all of the **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY** mailed in early November. All responses to the Survey questions and all thoughts, opinions, and ideas about the Society's membership experience – generally and with regard to specific Society events, activities, and programs – have been shared anonymously with the Society's officers, Board of Managers members, and Committee Chairmen. President Brandt will appoint an ad hoc committee to review the Survey results and make any appropriate recommendations to the Society leadership. In the meantime, if any member of the Society would like to see a copy of the anonymous Survey responses, let me know james.dawson1@comcast.net and I'll be happy to send it to you.

Yours aye,
Jim Dawson

Book Review

Submitted by S. Blair

Cold Granite

Author: Stuart MacBride

Synopsis

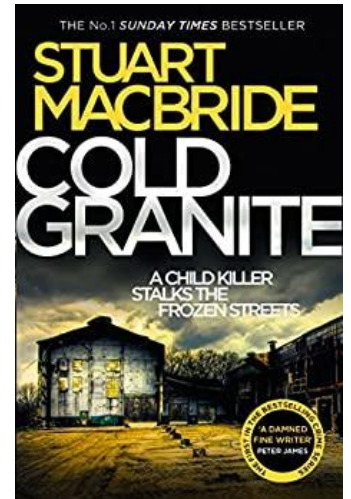
The very first Logan McRae novel in the No.1 bestselling crime series from Stuart MacBride.

DS Logan McRae and the police in Aberdeen hunt a child killer who stalks the frozen streets.

Winter in Aberdeen: murder, mayhem and terrible weather...

It's DS Logan McRae's first day back on the job after a year off on the sick, and it couldn't get much worse. Three-year-old David Reid's body is discovered in a ditch: strangled, mutilated and a long time dead. And he's only the first. There's a serial killer stalking the Granite City and the local media are baying for blood.

Soon the dead are piling up in the morgue almost as fast as the snow on the streets, and Logan knows time is running out. More children are going missing. More are going to die. And if Logan isn't careful, he could end up joining them.



Review

Cold Granite is the debut novel and a great start to Mr. McBride's Logan McRae collection. The setting is Aberdeen, Scotland. What a totally miserable place. It's like chapter 20 and STILL raining. At least it finally stops. When we reach December. Then it doesn't stop snowing. I'll say one thing though--Mr. McBride is such a creative guy that I could not help marveling at how many ways he is able to mesmerizingly describe the never-changing weather. He makes sure we never forget where we are and how wretched an environment it is. Made me feel cozy in my nice warm house with a steaming cup of coffee



Còcaireachd Albannach

Scottish Cookery

Bacon Clapshot

A flavorful, slightly spiced potato dish from North/North East Scotland. Perfect with roast meats, or double up the helpings and serve as a tasty supper.

Prep Time: 20 mins

Cook Time: 30 mins

Total Time: 50 mins

Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 pounds potato, peeled and quartered
- 2/3 pound turnips, peeled and cut into chunks
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 8 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- salt and ground black pepper to taste

Directions

1. Place the potatoes and turnips in a large saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Cook until tender, about 20 minutes.
2. Drain the potatoes and turnips, return them to the saucepan and mash until creamy. Add the butter and milk and beat until fluffy. Stir in the crumbled bacon and season with nutmeg, salt, and pepper.

Scottish Humor

The answer to "Ode to Haggis"

"O Flower of all flavors"

So taken is he with scrapple . . .
that he then breaks into verse:

*"Oh flower of all the flavors, O Queen of all the savors
That e'er to happy nostrils deliciously have rolled!
My soul with rapture shivers when I see the perfect slivers
of kidney blent with livers, the scrapple hot or cold.*

"Stiùradair"

Quartermaster

R. Steve Grant II

Hello from your quartermaster,

Hoping this finds you all well and enjoying the New Year. As I write this I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Burn's Nicht dinner.

I'm happy to announce that at our next stated meeting I will have a complete size inventory, from small to XXL, to try on in order to get the best fit for your new St Andrews Society of Baltimore polo shirt! I will get to the March stated meeting as quick as I can in order to assist in taking your orders.

Slàinte mhath!
Steve Grant
1st VP
Quartermaster
Master Whisky Guide



Website

Society's programs and events have been posted on our website: <http://standrewsbaltimore.com>.

You may find these topics under titles: "Officers", "BOM", "Membership", "Calendar", "Events", "Foundation", "Scholarship", "and Photos."

Face book

Check out SASB latest info, photos, and coming events

Answer to Trivia Question

Treaty of Edinburgh / Nottingham