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SASB participates in Dedication of National Scottish Monument

Submitted by Greg Scott

On October 8th a group of our members spent the afternoon in Philadelphia participating in the dedication of the National Scot's Memorial. This memorial was erected in honor of all Scottish immigrants and their descendants who have made this country what it is today. The location is also one of historic significance; it is within the historic section of Philadelphia and has been erected on the spot once occupied by the Tunn Tavern 18th century.

Our Society played a financial roll by making a donation by the foundation, individual donations from members and the matching of those member donations when made through the foundation. Thank you all who made a donation through our foundation.

Our own Mike Betts was asked to marshal the Philadelphia St. Andrew's Society Color Guard as the program got underway. At the last moment since our Society flag was present in the crowd we were asked to also have it be a part of the color guard, of which it was. Speeches were made by Society officers, city officials, the artist, state and national representation spoke. The most impressive speaker was the Duke of Argyll who also became a financial major sponsor of this monument. It was obvious the pride he takes in members of his clan and all Scotsmen who emigrated here to make this country what it is today.

After the dedication a small reception was held on site with toasts and folks getting to know each other from the various groups in attendance. A few of our members attended the formal dinner and I understand it was magnificent. Those of us that opted not to attend this function held our own celebration of dinner and adult beverages in a local Celtic pub.

If you have the opportunity to be in Philadelphia it is worth a few moments from your schedule to visit this wonderful monument to our ancestors who had a major role in the founding of our great nation.

*The Monument looking towards the "New Land"
and away from the Delaware River*



*Sculptor Terry Jones
Describes the meaning
of each character in the
monument*



*Members of SASB with sculptor Terry Jones
* base of monument*



President's Wee Word

It is both humbling and exciting to know that you the Society's members have the faith and confidence in electing me President of the Society. For this I thank each of you and I trust that I can count on your assistance and advice throughout the next 2 years. I look forward to working with you to lead the Society to meet its goals and objectives that have been established by those before me.



To prepare for this, my first article as President of the Society, I reviewed the Society's original Articles of Incorporation written in 1806. These records are kept in storage by the Maryland State Archives and are available for review via one's personal computer and the internet. It's interesting to note that these Articles were written on November 24, 1806 and here it is November 26, 2011. What's amazing to me is that the Society's original objectives are continuing to be carried out 205 later. The original goal of the Society was "to raise and keep money available to help Scottish immigrants, seamen and descendants of Scots in times of need; and to maintain Scottish heritage and traditions". We continue to keep and provide funding through the St. Andrews Society Foundation. These funds come from charitable donations to the Foundation and are managed by the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

I joined the Society in 1983 through the encouragement of my father, Reverend Donald C. Kerr who was one of the Society's chaplains for many years. This year marks his 50th year as a member of the St. Andrews Society of Baltimore and now he becomes an Honored Life Member of the Society. My father, Don Kerr, Sr. currently lives with my mother, Nora in Sarasota, Florida and they are both in remarkably good health at ages 96 and 90 respectively. If you are ever in Sarasota you should give him a call, he'd love to hear from you and he'd probably remember your name.

As I plan for the next few years it is my intent working with the Board of Managers and you our members to increase our membership, provide social functions for our members and guests, continue our capital preservation of funds, provide benevolence to those in need and carry on the traditions of all things Scottish. Just remember the Board of Managers is here to serve the membership's wishes. If you would like to get involved, learn more about the Society or just develop new friendships, I encourage you to contact a member of the Board of Managers or just give me a call.

Christmas, the Holidays and the New Year are quickly approaching and I wish everyone and their families a wonderful safe season. I look forward to seeing you at our next social event, Burn's Night Supper on January 21, 2012 held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple in Baltimore.

Donald C. Kerr, Jr.
53 President



"Good wine needs neither bush nor preface to make it welcome."

— *Sir Walter Scott*

Scottish Trivia Question

The most popular sport in Scotland during the 18th century was . . . ?

- a) Caber Toss
- b) Horseracing
- c) Cock Fighting
- d) Soccer

Answer on page 7



The Almoner's Report

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

**"A friend is ne'er
keener .till he's
needed."**

It's true. A true friend is not really known until he response to our need. I assume we all have discovered "who our real friends are" by the support they have given us in times of need.



It seems to me that in this season of giving we have the wonderful opportunity to be the ones who members of the Society come to know as real friends by the attention we direct to them through our emails, call, and notes.

Here are some folk to keep in mind and to whom we can reach out his time of year. While up and about and appearing among us "Stonie" Maxwell disguises well his second attack of Lyme's disease. Gordon Turner is doing nicely after a mild stroke. Rob Catlin's hearing loss appears to be more permanent than previously thought. David Rankin is recovering from surgery. Keep in mind, Jeanne Gourlay, care-giver wife of Jack, who has developed health issues herself. Mourning the death of his daughter, Lisa, is the Rev. John Brown, who a year ago lost his wife, Gloria.

These give us the occasion to show ourselves as true friends.

Yours aye,
George

Scottish Humor

A Scots lad came home from school and told his muther he had been given a part in the school play. "Bonnie Good," says the muther, "What part is it?" The lad says "I play the part of the Scottish husband!" The muther scowls and says: "Go back and tell your teacher you want a speaking part."

2012 Past Presidents' Heritage Scholarships

At the November, 2011 Board of Managers Meeting, the Saint Andrew's Society Foundation and the Benevolence Committee of the Society announced that for qualified high school seniors of Scottish descent planning to attend a four-year college or university starting in the fall of 2012, three scholarship awards will be available: \$2,500 for the first place winner, \$1,500 for the second place winner; and \$1,000 for the third place winner. Each award will be divided into two equal installments payable for the first and second semester of each winners' freshman year only. Completed **Scholarship Applications** must be **postmarked by March 15, 2012**. For requirements, additional information, and to download an **Application**, Please see the Society Website [standrewsbaltimore.org/Scholarship Information](http://standrewsbaltimore.org/Scholarship%20Information)

2012 Supplemental College Scholarships

In addition, the Saint Andrew's Society Foundation and the Benevolence Committee of the Society are pleased to announce that for the 2012 Calendar Year, a total of \$2,000 in additional supplemental scholarship funds will be available to those students who: (1) are currently enrolled in a four-year college or university undergraduate program of studies; (2) will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year in college in the fall of 2012; (3) have received prior scholarship funds from the Foundation; (4) maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA at the end of their prior freshman, sophomore, or junior year, as the case may be; and (5) are related to a current member of the Society. The allocation of the \$2,000 additional funds will be determined by the Benevolence Committee during the summer of 2012. To be considered for these additional scholarship funds, please contact Ken Pennell, Chair of the Benevolence Committee, (kenpenn@verizon.net) during the month of June, 2012. Please provide a copy of your cumulative college transcript through your most recent completed college year ending in May or June, 2011, and a short note describing your college education experiences to date, your plans for the coming college year, and the reasons why you should receive a portion of these additional scholarship funds.



Robert Burns the young lover

Burns loved and lived to love, notwithstanding all the evil and misery it had caused him, and might with Byron sing that he was,

"In spite of tortures ne'er to be forgot,
The slave again of love."

A selection of Burns love poems

Burns wrote to a friend, Alexander Cunningham, on 24 January 1789, the day before his thirtieth birthday: I myself can affirm, both from bachelor and wedlock experience, that Love is the Alpha and the Omega of human enjoyment. All the pleasures, all the happiness of my humble Compeers, flow immediately from this delicious source. It is the spark of celestial fire which lights up the wintry hut of Poverty, and makes the cheerless mansion, warm, comfortable and gay.

There is no doubt that Burns was attracted to the lassies. It could be argued that, for him, it was a fatal attraction. However, the legacy is a remarkable canon of love poetry that spans the gamut of emotions from the celebration of physical intimacy, through uxorial joy, to the pain of loss and separation to the celebration of enduring relationship. From the joys of a romp-in-the-hay to the dizzy heights and strains of Platonic love, from the complications of divided loyalties to the lament at fates cruel twists, Burns traveled far and wide in the realm of the heart during his brief 37 years.

Jean Armour, Burns wife, bore him nine children in 10 years, the last born on the day of the poet's funeral. So, it is not surprising in the chronological selection below that even though he had been through the mill of emotion and experience his first and his last love poems celebrate the joy of physical union.

Love inspired Burns to write: 'For my own part I never had the least thought or inclination of turning Poet till I got heartily in Love, and then Rhyme and Song were, in a manner, the spontaneous language of my heart.'

Seven of the best

Of A the Airts the wind can Blaw or I Love my Jean
Written in 1788 this is the most fetching of all 14 poems Burns wrote about his wife, Jean Armour, in which he states that she is the lassie that he loves best.

However, a year later he writes one of his loveliest poems, Afton Water, in memory of Mary Campbell who died three years previously.

In 1790, Burns wrote John Anderson My Jo one of his most touching lyrics, written from a wife to her husband in old age in celebration of enduring love.

In 1791, Burns wrote the beautiful Ae Fond Kiss at the end of his liaison with Agnes McLehose and a final parting. The affair was intensely passionate but never physically consummated and it was only in parting that Burns expressed his anguish in the words: Ae fond kiss, and then we sever! Ae fareweel, and then for ever!

Whether the desolate The Banks o Doon, written in the same year, was inspired by the same source is unsure, though its quite probable his own feelings of resentment crept into the poems emotion.

The affair with Agnes and the tragedy of Jenny Clow over, still married to long-suffering Jean, Burns wrote Highland Mary in 1792. The golden hours on angel wings, Flew oer me and my dearie; For dear to me as light and life, Was my sweet Highland Mary.

Maybe she, of all his lassies, was the love of his life. And was she his only luvie in his most famous love song of all, A Red Red Rose, written in 1794? It is certainly written to someone from whom he is parted and whom he hopes to meet again one day, however great the separation.

Burns last love song/poem, Comin thro the Rye, written in 1796, the year of his death, echoes the earlier, earthy lyrics of love amongst the haystacks, and still, after all the trials and tribulations of the heart he had experienced, he asks: Gin a body meet a body, Comin thro the rye, Gin a body kiss a body, Need a body cry?

In saying yes to love, despite all the thorns and messy entanglement, Burns expression of it has found a place in the hearts of countless millions around the world.



Heritage Events

Submitted by Bud Howe

The fall & winter season is upon us & in general we have responded well. October 16th St Andrews Christian Community: We attended the service conducted by Rev. Ernest Smart assisted by Rev. Dr. George Toole. The tartans were presented by Al Schudel & our president Greg Scott gave an update to those assembled on "the state of the society". We had about 20 members present & only one no show. Piping was performed by our society piper Ed McFarland.



October 30th First & Franklin Presbyterian Church: We attended the service commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the church. The service was conducted by the pastor Rev. Alison Halsey & the tartans were presented by Al Schudel. We had 10 members present. We received a very kind letter from the pastor thanking us for our participation in their celebration & she stated that she would like us to do the kirkin on an annual basis. Piping performed by the Baltimore City Pipe Band.

November 11 Veteran's Day Commemoration @ the Korean War Memorial: We participated in the ceremonies with 11 members present & had two no shows. After the ceremony we adjourned to various local eateries in Canton for lunch & refreshment. We were led by our Colonel Al Schudel. Piping was performed by our society piper Ed McFarland.

November 13th Perry Hall Presbyterian Church: We again attended this Kirkin with 8 members & three of Alice Winslow's grandsons (Brandon, Matt, & Chris) participating. The service was conducted by the pastor & Rev. Dr. George Toole gave a "First Person Sermon" entitled "Meet David Livingston" (of Dr. Livingston I presume fame). Piping performed by the Baltimore City Pipe Band. After the service we adjourned to the church hall for refreshment by the ladies of the parish. The food as usual was great! You did not have to go anywhere for lunch.

Please either call Bud Howe or Al Schudel to let us know if you cannot make a function that you have signed up to attend. Also please let us know in advance if you will attend a function that you did not sign up to attend.

Remember, whenever you find three or four Scots gathered, you're sure to find a Single Malt



"Kirkin" St. Andrew's Christian Community Church
October 15th



Escort to the Colors

Otherwise known as the "E.T.C.," the Escort to the Colors is the unofficial "face" of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore.

ETC Coming Events

Alexandria Christmas Walk

Saturday, December 3

Pearl Harbor Remembrance

Wednesday, December 7

* Details of all events

"Calendar of Events – Men in Kilts" INSERT

Some of the events ETC proudly participates are church going as well as memorial events. They make up most of the members attending "Kirkins" throughout the year.

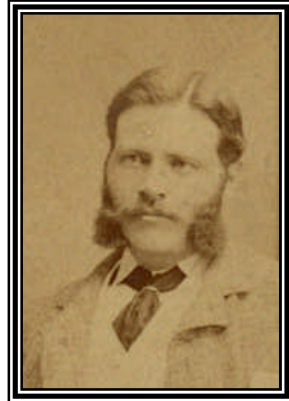
We welcome your joining us in the fun and camaraderie we share, so please contact Bud Howe (410-592-5349 / achowe@verizon.net), Al Schudel (410-828-6140)



Scottish Immigrant

Alexander Arthur

Alexander Alan Arthur (August 30, 1846 – March 4, 1912) was a Scottish-born **engineer and entrepreneur** active primarily in the southeastern United States in the latter half of the 19th century. Flamboyant, charismatic, and energetic, Arthur used his prominent American and European financial connections to fund numerous business ventures, most of which were overly ambitious and ultimately failed. A proponent of economic advancement in what became known as the New South, Arthur played a primary role in the development of the Cumberland Gap area, and in the course of his endeavors established the cities of Middlesboro, Kentucky and Harrogate, Tennessee.^[1] The community of Arthur, Tennessee, is named for him.



Alexander Arthur was born in Glasgow, Scotland, the eldest son of Alexander and Catherine Allen Arthur. While Alexander was still a child, the Arthurs moved to Montreal, Canada, although Arthur returned to Glasgow within a few years to attend school. In 1867, Arthur joined the 167th Highlander Regiment, and during the same period married his first wife, Mary Forrest. Arthur moved several times throughout the following decade, living in Norway and Sweden before immigrating to the U.S. city of Boston in 1879. After the death of his first wife, Arthur married Boston socialite Nellie Goodwin, who introduced him to numerous New England financial connections.

After spending his early life migrating back and forth between Scotland, Canada, and Scandinavia, Arthur moved to Boston in 1879, and accepted a position as the general manager of the Scottish-Carolina Timber and Land Company's American operations.^[1] In the early 1880s, Arthur identified a rich stand of timber in the upper Blue Ridge Mountains along the Tennessee-North Carolina border, and devised a boom system to extract the timber from the difficult mountain terrain.^[3] Later in the same decade, Arthur identified the abundant iron ore deposits in the Cumberland Gap region, and established a multimillion dollar iron production operation in hopes of making Middlesboro the "Pittsburgh of the South."^{[1][4]} While he never experienced great financial success, Arthur's endeavors were a harbinger of the great logging and mining operations that became major economic forces in Southern Appalachia in the early 20th century.

Arthur chose the small community of Newport, near where the Pigeon River exits the high mountains and enters the upper Tennessee Valley, as a base for his logging operations. Arthur built a large house in Newport— known as "The Mansion"— and made plans to redesign the rough frontier village as an ideal community, complete with parks, clubhouses, hotels, a new town hall, and a college. In Spring 1886, a cloudburst dumped torrential rains into the upper Pigeon Valley, and the river flooded, threatening the boom that held the company's stock of logs. Arthur spent 12 hours in the pouring rain directing efforts to save the boom, but it eventually collapsed.

In 1885, Arthur travelled to Cumberland Gap (at the junction of Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky) to report on the feasibility of building a railroad in the area, and was impressed by the abundant iron ore and coal deposits in the Yellow Creek Valley, on the Kentucky side of the Gap. Arthur initially tried to interest the Richmond and Danville Railroad in establishing an iron production operation in the area, but after failing to do so, he took the initiative himself.

Arthur established a new company town— named "Middlesboro" after Middlesbrough, England— in the Yellow Creek Valley, and built furnaces to convert the ore into pig iron, and coke ovens to convert the mined coal into coke. Arthur then formed the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap, and Louisville Railroad.

Believing Middlesboro would one day grow into a great industrial center, Arthur decided to establish a suburb for the city's future elite on the Tennessee side of the Cumberland Gap. He named it "Harrogate" after the resort town of Harrogate in England. In 1888, Arthur built a large house for himself in Harrogate, and American Assoc, Ltd. spent two million dollars developing the area.

Arthur advertised the Four Seasons resort far and wide, but the hotel's remote location and distance from the railroad made it less desirable to the nation's wealthy. At times, the hotel's large staff outnumbered guests by a 15 to 1 margin. After the collapse of its parent company in 1893, the hotel was sold for just twenty-five thousand dollars and dismantled.

His Middlesboro project in shambles, Arthur nevertheless sought to begin anew, and established his small namesake crossroads community along the railroad south of Cumberland Gap, but the lack of financing in the mid-1890s doomed any real chance of obtaining the success Arthur desired. In 1897, Arthur travelled to Alaska to join the Klondike Gold Rush, and eventually settled in New York. After suffering a stroke, however, he moved back to Middlesboro, where he decided to live out his remaining years. He died March 4, 1912, and is buried in a family plot in the Middlesboro Cemetery



“Ceud Mile Failte”

A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

. . . to those gentlemen who have joined the Society since the last Membership Directory and is an effort to acknowledge all who have not been recognized to date.

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Pibroch On-Line

It is a goal of the editor to have the *Pibroch* added to the Society's web-site, so keep checking <http://www.standrewsbaltimore.org> where you can also find more pictures of Society events.

Event Pictures On-Line

David Zimmerman and other photographers have been passing the photos of many events to the Society's webmaster, Jim Wallace, who has been putting them on our website: <http://standrewsbaltimore.org/>. You may find these photos under the "Photo Albums" section or by going directly to <http://standrewsbaltimore.org/photoalbum/index.html>. Each photo will enlarge if you click on it. Enjoy reliving fond moments.

Answer to Trivia Question:

Cock Fighting



The Pibroch

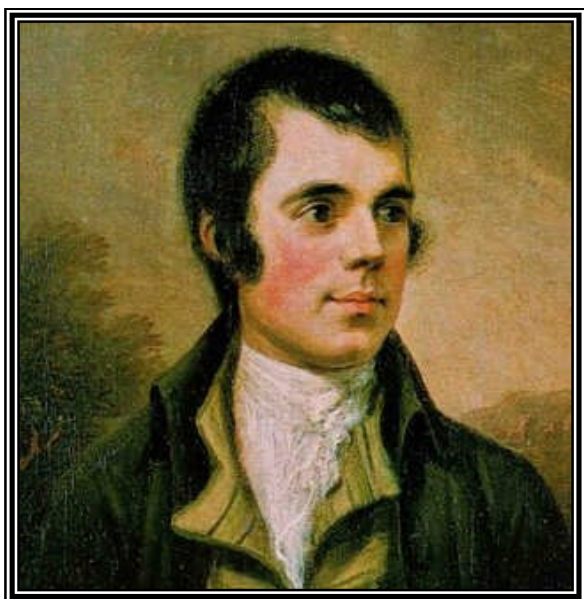
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'Old Long Ago' Love and friendship in times past

The poem Auld Lang Syne by Robert Burns has been immortalised by the tradition of singing the lyrics to Auld Lang Syne at Christmas and New Year parties. Auld Lang Syne is also sung on Burns Night, 25th January to celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns. This musical version of Auld Lang Syne usually consists of the first verse and the chorus. Auld Lang Syne was written in 1788 and the words 'Auld Lang Syne' literally translates from old Scottish dialect meaning 'Old Long Ago' and is about love and friendship in times past. The words in the poem Auld Lang Syne referring to 'We'll take a Cup of Kindness yet' relate to a drink shared by men and women to symbolise friendship. Happy New Year!!!

A poem can stir all of the senses, and the subject matter of a poem can range from being funny to being sad. We hope that you liked this poem and the sentiments in the words of Auld lang syne by Robert Burns.



"A man's a man for a' that"

Mark your Calendar
Saturday January 21, 2012
5:00PM – 9:00PM

St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore

BURNS' NIGHT Supper

Scottish Rite Masonic Temple
3800 North Charles St. Baltimore, MD

\$55.00

Come and celebrate Robert Burns
Good Food, Piping Dancing and the immortal words from Scotland's Bard
A night of Scottish tales and laughter.

- Menu -

Fresh Vegetables * Assorted Cheeses * Mestballs * BBQ Ribbies * Mints & Nuts

Dinner

Beef Barley Soup

Hot Roast Beef in Gravy over French Toast

With 2-3 oz Crab Cakes

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Broccoli & Cauliflower

Asst. Dinner Rolls

Dessert Cake * Coffee / Tea

Open Bar 5PM – 9PM

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