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## Nisbet Cemetery Memorial Ceremony

August 21, 2011

Submitted by: Russ Tagg

After the Society's service at the William Wallace Memorial in Druid Hill Park, we traveled on to Nisbet Cemetery in Cockeysville Md. We were joined by the families and friends of members who have passed on during the last year.

With storm clouds gathering in the western sky, we started our service. Herb Glasby welcomed all in attendance. The Reverend Ernest Smart gave a proper and beautiful explanation of the "Cairn of Tears". As family and friends placed stones upon the Cairn, we celebrated the lives of our members who have passed on to become flowers of the forest- as we ourselves will do one day.

This year our blessings were bestowed upon the following members.

Albert Laurence Bartlett II  
 Allan F. Grant  
 William B.M. Hingeley  
 Thomas P. Hinson  
 Capt. John W. Kinnier Sr. USN. Ret.  
 J. Michael Pratt

After retiring and dismissing the Colors, all in attendance enjoyed a lunch on the premises. I would like to thank my co-chairman- Ernie Brandt and my friend Joan Dawson for assisting me in catering and setting up this affair.

Druid Hill Park 21 August

VSASB ETC pay tribute to William Wallace

Scots at base of William Wallace Statue,

Left – SASB Historian Rodney McCaslin

Right – Representing Clan Wallace \* Ralph Wallace



## Celebrating a William Wallace Legacy

August 21, 2011

Submitted by Al Schudel

Early Sunday morning at the William Wallace Statue in Druid Hill Park rain came, "A Scottish Mist", but by 10:00 a light drizzles and by 10:15 it began to clear, thanks to a blessing by Rev. Earnest Smart.

As the pipe band arrived along with the ETC, most of our guests also made their appearance. Our ETC lads gathered in formation with flags preparing for the ceremony, numbering 24 plus our ladies. Ralph Wallace of Clan Wallace was also with us, as was our Historian Rod McCaslin who gave us an inspiring talk on Sir William Wallace. The pipe band played "Scots Wha Hae" as we sang the tune. After the honor to Wallace ended, we marched off; stowed away the flags and left for our Nisbet Cemetery and the ceremony there.





## President's Wee Word

Fellow Members

This will be my last article as president of our Society. Even though my term as President is drawing to a close our activities are not.



In October we have a stated meeting which is also our preparatory meeting (October 13<sup>th</sup>) where the candidates for the future officers will be announced. It is also my understanding we will have an oyster and bull roast as the meal. You should attend if not to see who are future officers may be but for the oysters. Additionally we will be in Philadelphia on October 8<sup>th</sup> for the dedication of the National Scot's Memorial honoring all Scottish immigrants and those of Scottish decent that have made our nation what it is. This will be followed by the Kirkin at St. Andrew's Christian Community Church on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

In November we will have our stated elections meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and our Annual Anniversary Dinner on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Look for announcements, invitations and additional information in the mail and within this issue on all of these events and others.

As I prepare to hand the reins over to another I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all of our membership for honoring me with the opportunity to be your president and the leader of our organization over the past two years. It has been quite a journey, one that has been rewarding and an adventure at times. Without the support of you is membership, the Board of Managers and other elected and appointed individuals this short time would not have been the honor that it has.

Although during this period there have been some sad times with the passing of several members, whom I had come to consider friends, I have also had the opportunity to make additional lifelong friends in the new members I have had the opportunity to get to know. In the future if you have not taken advantage of your membership and participate in many of our events please come out to them, participate and make some new friends with some common interests, our Scottish Heritage.

After I turn the Society over to a new president I will still be around. I will be working with the heritage committee as convener. I hope to still see many of you out a various events we host and participate in.

Once again thank you all and best wishes for you, your family and the Society over the Holidays and future.

In Your Service

Greg Scott 52<sup>nd</sup> President

## The Almoner's Report

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

### *"Infracaninophile"*

*American writer Christopher Morley [1890-1957] must have had a lot of time on his hands to invent this word made up of three Latin words meaning "under", "dog" and "lover"! We are a people noted for our love of the underdog, whether it be in sports, politics, or life itself.*



When we stop to think of it, we have *all* been underdogs and at a disadvantage at some point in our lives. In fact, there are those in the St. Andrew's Society family who are presently in that position. Of course, I have in mind those who are ill, recovering, or grieving.

Our support would be welcomed by Robert Alexander, who is recovering from knee surgery and his wife, Peggy, who is recovering from spinal surgery. Also Charles Aquila, who is being treated for a blood disorder, Rob Catlin, who is dealing with temporary hearing loss, and David Zimmerman, who is recovering from spinal surgery. Grieving are the family and friends of Ian Ferguson upon the death of his wife, Jacqueline, Noreen Johnstone as she mourns the death of her husband, Ian, and Paulline and Norman Gillies as they mourn the death of their husband and father, Alasdair.

Not only do we love the underdog, and on a much deeper level, we extend our prayers and support to them.

Yours aye, George

### **Scottish Humor**

*A Scots pessimist is a man who feels badly when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.*



## Flowers of the Forest

### Thomas P. Hinson

It is with deep regret the passing of Tom Hinson July 25...

Clan MacLaren  
Senior Member of St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore  
Joined the Society in 1990  
Served on active duty as U.S. Navy Corpsman from 1951-1953

### Ian D. Johnstone

Age 81, of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Motherwell, Scotland. Ian emigrated from Scotland in 1955 with former wife, Isabel. He was a master machinist and worked for several machine shops before opening his own shop, Arbroath Tool Specialty. During his last few years, he was a consulting machinist for Del Trans. Ian was a member of Christiana Presbyterian Church in Christiana, DE.

*"Ian Johnstone was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore since 12/4/1996 and one of the founding members with Maclean Macleod of the Scottish Games Association of Delaware, the organization that has been organizing and putting on the Colonial Highland Gatherings at Fair Hill, Maryland for over 51 years. Ian was special to me because of his invitation for me to take Malcolm Dutterer's place as the announcer at the Fair Hill Games. I wish I had lived closer to DE so that I could have gotten to know him better. Seeing him once a month for six months at the organizational meetings where business is transacted just wasn't enough." \* Herb Glasby – August 24, 2011*

Ian fully embraced his Scottish heritage and was instrumental in the formation of the Gordon Heights, City of Wilmington and Ogilvie Highlanders Pipe Bands. He was also associated with the DelMar & District Pipe Band. Ian loved swinging his drum sticks either on the tenor drum or bass drum. His infectious laughter could be heard through many Scottish games over the years. He was blessed to have so many friends and colleagues in the Scottish community. Ian was also the former director of the Colonial Highland Gathering held in Fair Hill, MD, every year. His leadership will be missed.

## 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

### Kirkin' of the Tartans

St. Andrew's Christian Community Church  
October 16

First & Franklin Presbyterian Church  
October 30

Perry Hall Presbyterian Church  
November 13  
Service conducted by Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
November 27

### Memorial Event

Veterans Day Ceremony  
Korean War Memorial  
November 11

*\* Details of all events  
"Calendar of Events – Men in Kilts" INSERT*

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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](mailto:achowe@verizon.net)), Don Kerr (410-879 6502 [donkerr@kerrwoodworks.com](mailto:donkerr@kerrwoodworks.com)), Al Schudel (410-828-6140 & 410-435-5200) to volunteer. Remember, whenever you find three or four Scots gathered, you're sure to find a Single Malt



## Hospitality

Wm. Hay Kommalan

### Stated Meeting

To all SASB members, I have been in charge of the Stated Meetings for almost a year and I am finding it not that difficult to make the arrangements for our programs, however, something is happening which is hard to understand. Our attendance at the Stated Meetings has been declining and I would like to know if there is something to be done about it. I am asking your advice on any and all aspects of the four membership meetings held during the year. The basic problem is lack of attendance and for the event to be on a break even basis your support is needed. We have had a deficit for the last several meetings.



Because we guarantee a minimum attendance for the caterer, it may mean we will have to reconsider having a dinner meeting or raising the price per person. I am in favor of keeping things as they are, if attendance can improve. Besides the program, the October meeting will announce the proposed slate of officers for the next year and the November meeting is election night. Please help me and support your Society by attending the next two meetings.

### October Stated Meeting

Our first Stated Meeting this Fall will be on Thursday, October 13 at the American Legion Hall, Towson, MD. The doors will open at 5:30 PM for early refreshments, with opening ceremonies at 6:15 and dinner to follow. The evening's program will start at 7:15

Announcements have been mailed and we ask you to contact Stuart Blair to make a reservation. A reservation makes it possible to give the caterer a true attendance figure for them to be prepared. The October meeting will feature an Oyster Raw Bar along with the meal and therefore the price per person is \$25.00. You will not find a better Bull & Oyster Roast price any where else.

For the October Stated Meeting our speaker will be Ralph Wallace. Ralph will present a military over view of the Scottish Battles for Independence at Stirling Bridge and Falkirk. Ralph is familiar to us since he was a speaker at the William Wallace Memorial ceremony in August.

### November Stated Meeting

Our own Chris George will be the speaker to present the Battle of North Point. This is our own local history and beginning in 2012, Fort McHenry will have plans for celebrating its Bicentennial. It is recorded that several of Society members were mustered at Ft. McHenry for the Battle of Baltimore. Chris is co-authoring a book on General Ross, the British leader who was mortally wounded at the Battle of North Point, so he will have the scoop on how the battle took place.

I have been thinking of several themes for program speakers and for now, have settled on two. One; an over view of military battles, both Scottish and others. I don't feel limited to only historic Scottish battles, but will include battles where Scots fought on foreign soil and some interesting American military engagements. The second theme is to have programs about other Scottish Literary artists, such as Robert Louis Stevenson, Sir Walter Scott, or A. Conan Doyle and other not so well known poets. Robert Burns may be our favorite but there are other Scottish poets and writers about whom we know so little.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next two meetings  
Aye, Bill Kommalan  
Hospitality Chair

### Scottish Trivia Question

What Scottish royalty ordered the Sir William Wallace sword to be rehilted in 1505, so that it would be more fitting to Scotland's National Hero?

- a) Robert III \* John Stewart
- b) James IV
- c) Charles II
- d) Mary I \* Queen of Scots

The sword was traditionally kept in Dunbarton castle until 1869 when, of course, it was more fittingly placed in the New National Wallace Monument.

*Answer on page 7*



## **The patron saint of Scotland is more a man of myths and legends than hard facts.**

*\* From the editor's desk*

There are many contradictory accounts about St Andrew's life, death and legacy that have been promoted at various stages in religious history. St Andrew never visited Scotland but centuries after his death it is said that his bones were brought to Kilrymont.

Kilrymont, re-named St Andrews, became a powerful religious centre.

There are many schools of thought on how and why Andrew's bones came to Scotland. What is not disputed is that after the bones arrived, Andrew became the focus of national aspiration.

One explanation is that King Nechtan of the Picts was looking for a way to promote the Pictish kingdom as a powerful stronghold of Christianity. He had already established a bishopric at Abernethy. After Nechtan abdicated in 738 to become a monk he was succeeded by King Angus I.

Whilst Angus was not as pious as Nechtan he was looking to establish a similar sacred centre in the Pict Kingdom as existed in Lindisfarne where St Cuthbert's bones lay and then had Andrew's relics brought to Fife.

A common legend is that of St Regulus, also known as St Rule, who was the keeper of St Andrew's bones at Patras, where Andrew was crucified. Regulus was told in a dream to take St Andrew's bones from Patras and form a church where he landed.

It is said St Regulus was shipwrecked at Fife. This established a direct link between St Andrew and Scotland conveniently ignoring the remaining bones that had earlier been taken to Italy.

The legend also conveniently circumvents the fact that St Andrew's bones had ever been on English soil. In reality, the bones were most likely to have been brought to Scotland via Hexham by Acca, the Bishop of Hexham, who was a follower of St Andrew.

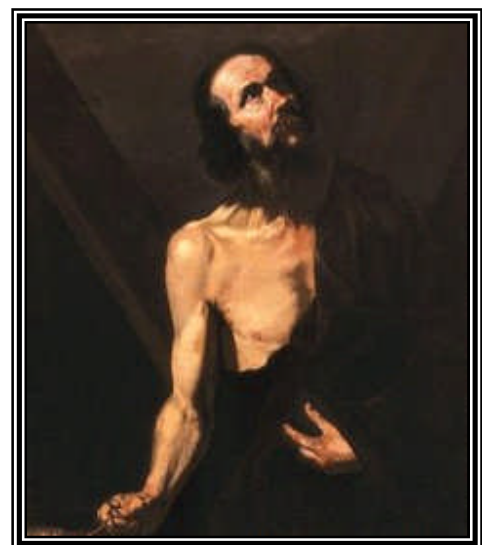
Another explanation is that King Angus II who ruled from 820 to 840 was the founder of St Andrews. Michael TRB Turnbull, author of 'Saint Andrew: Scotland's Myth and Identity' explains: "At the same time St Rule reaches Muckcross in Fife, the Apostle appears to the Pictish King Óengus at the Battle of Athelstaneford and promises victory over his enemies.

"While there is little doubt that a battle or a series of skirmishes similar to Athelstaneford took place at some date and at some place, we are, with the foundation of the church at Kilrymont, on much surer ground, since it refers to an easily-recognisable institution — the site of what eventually became the great cathedral church of St Andrews."

He added: "The battle at Athelstaneford was a water-shed in Scottish history, the symbol and sign of a decisive turning-point where Christianity finally succeeded in winning over the most influential royal, civic and military backing."

***St Andrew's Day is celebrated in Scotland on 30 November each year.***

This is known as the birth date of the saint but probably owes more to the fact that Gregory of Tours (538-594) wrote of St Andrew's miracles and Gregory's birthday happened to fall on 30 November.





## Scottish Immigrant

### Hugh Henry Brackenridge

*First American novelist and founder of the University of Pittsburgh.*

(1748 – June 25, 1816) was an American writer, lawyer, judge, and justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

A frontier citizen in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, he founded both the Pittsburgh Academy, now the University of Pittsburgh, and the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, still operating today as the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.



Brackenridge was born in Kintyre, Scotland, a village near Campbeltown. In 1753, when he was 5, his family emigrated to York County, Pennsylvania, near the Maryland border, then a frontier.<sup>[1][2]</sup> At age 15 he was head of a free school in Maryland. At age 19 he entered the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University, where he joined Philip Morin Freneau, James Madison, and others in forming the American Whig Society to counter the conservative Cliosopic, or Tory, Society. (Today these are conjoined as the American Whig-Cliosopic Society.) Freneau and Brackenridge collaborated on a satire on American manners that may be the first work of prose fiction written in America, *Father Bombo's Pilgrimage to Mecca*. They also wrote *The Rising Glory of America*, a prophetic poem of a united nation that would rule the North American continent from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Brackenridge recited it at the commencement exercises of 1771.

After his graduation, Brackenridge remained another year to study divinity. In 1772 he became headmaster of an academy in Somerset County, Maryland, with Freneau as his assistant. He went back to Princeton for a Master's degree, and then served in George Washington's army as a chaplain, preaching fiery patriotic sermons to the soldiers of the Revolutionary War. He started the *United States Magazine* in Philadelphia in 1778, where he published poems by his friend Freneau, but its

lagging subscriptions convinced him to change his profession. He took a law degree, studying under Samuel Chase in Annapolis, and was admitted to the bar in Philadelphia in 1780 at age 32. Of Philadelphia he wrote, "I saw no chance for being anything in that city, there were such great men before me." Four months later he struck out for the frontier, 300 miles to the west, over the Appalachian Mountains.

In 1781 Pittsburgh was a village of 400 inhabitants, most Scots, like himself, Scots-Irish, and Germans. His aim, he wrote, in "offering myself to the place" was "to advance the country and thereby myself."

In Pittsburgh he helped establish the first western newspaper, the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, in 1786. He was elected in 1786 to the Pennsylvania state assembly, where he fought for the adoption of the federal Constitution, and obtained state endowments in 1787 for the establishment of the Pittsburgh Academy (University of Pittsburgh), modeled on Benjamin Franklin's Academy of Philadelphia (University of Pennsylvania). He also played a role in the little known Westsylvania dispute, siding with Pennsylvania that the western lands should not become a 14th state. He lost a bid for re-election because he opposed popular sentiment in supporting federal controls, and he also nearly lost his life when he attempted to mediate the Whiskey Rebellion. He ran for the United States Congress, but was soundly defeated by Albert Gallatin. The formation of Allegheny County is largely due to Brackenridge's efforts. In December 1799 Governor Thomas McKean appointed him a justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

In 1815 he completed *Modern Chivalry*, his rambling satirical novel. Widely considered the first important fictional work about the American frontier and called "to the West what Don Quixote was to Europe," the third and fourth sections of the book appeared in 1793 and 1797, and a revision in 1805, with a final addition in 1815. Henry Adams called it "a more thoroughly American book than any written before 1833."

Brackenridge died June 25, 1816 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



**“Ceud Mile Failte”  
A Hundred Thousand Welcomes**

"Our Society was founded in 1806, in the city of Baltimore, not long after the American Revolution. The purpose 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. Our Society has upheld that purpose by contributing to community activities, offering assistance to Scots and by displaying our Scottish traditions and heritage in many forms throughout Maryland and the neighboring states.

**New Membership Renewal Option**

By the end of October 2011 renewing your Saint Andrews Society membership will be easier, faster, and allow you the option to do this through our web site. You can still renew your membership the “old fashion way” by mailing in your updated information and sending in a check to the Membership Secretary, or you can select the option of visiting the Saint Andrew’s Society of Baltimore web site and within a few minutes update your information and keep your membership subscription up to date.

Within the next month you will see a change in the membership page on our web site. Member’s renewing their membership can update personal information that will help the society keep our records up to date. A member can then pay for the membership renewal using the PayPal user interface with their credit card. This secure and safe interface is currently being used worldwide by 94.4 million online customers, and you do not have to be a PayPal member to use this feature.

Membership renewal reminders will be in the mail shortly and via email and the optional renewal should be available in the October timeframe. This renewal option will help our Society be more efficient with membership roster updates and help reduce the labor intensive task of membership updates. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Membership Secretary Roderick Alexander at 410-692-0612.

**Quartermaster’s Locker**

Stuart Blair 410-665-6440 or email: [thistleman@verizon.net](mailto:thistleman@verizon.net)

**Do you have these items? If not, we do!**

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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:*

**James IV**



*St. Andrew's Society  
of Baltimore  
206<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner*

Thursday, December 1, 2011  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Timonium, MD

Cocktails @ 5:00 pm  
Evening Events Begin 6:30 pm  
Dinner @ 7:00 pm  
Menu: Prim Rib or Grilled Salmon  
Cost \$\$63.00  
Black Tie / Highland Evening Wear

*The Baltimore City Pipe Band will be back to provide our entertainment and to pipe in the honored guests, President, Past Presidents, Chaplains, and the Haggis. Invitations will be forth coming.*

Contact; Ed McFarland 410-882-4113

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

Mark your Calendar  
Saturday January 21, 2011

St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore  
Burn's Night Supper

\$50.00 per person

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

Come and celebrate Robert Burns  
Good Food, Great Entertainment, and Wonderful Poetry  
A night of Scottish tales and laughter.

For more information contact  
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