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Here Comes St. Andrew's Day!

"Dinner Is Served!"

And at this year's **St. Andrew's Dinner Dance** evening, coming up on **Saturday**, **December 3**, dinner will indeed be served promptly at **7 p.m**. We invite you to join us!

That evening, the Scottish Society of Dallas will join the annual worldwide *cèilidh* of Scottish associations & groups & honor the **Patron Saint of Scotland, St. Andrew**. It's an evening of kilts, Celts & clans, so mark the date on your calendar, & make ready to don those gents' kilts, your & lasses' arasaids.

The Dallas Scots' annual St. Andrews event will once again return to the Wyndham Hotel (Park Central) in Dallas that evening, with a cocktail hour beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7p.m., followed by the evening's entertainment program of the North Texas Caledonian Pipes & Drums & the Dallas Highland Dancers, under the direction of Fiona Alpaugh.



The hotel is located at 7800 Alpha Road, on the northeast quadrant of Coit Rd. & I-635, the LBJ Freeway. It is accessible from Westbound I-635 feeder road or from Alpha Road. (The hotel's web link includes a detailed map which can be found at www.wyndhamdallashotel.com)

And of course there'll be plenty of traditional Scottish country dancing, so get out your woolen hose, straighten those flashes & put on your Ghillie brogues for a fun evening!

Here's What You Need To Know:

<u>Tickets:</u> Buy your tickets & make your reservations at the next Scottish Society of Dallas meeting this **Sunday, Nov. 20th.** Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$17.50 for children ages 3-10. A beef entrée is the usual main entrée offering; however, chicken or vegetarian choices may also be substituted. If you are unable to attend the November meeting of the Scottish Society of Dallas, please call **Myra Ballantyne** at **972-279-9684** or **Margaret Aitken** at **972-924-3008.**

<u>Scots' Raffle:</u> Have your wallets & purses on hand that evening because our annual St. Andrew's raffle will offer a *tremendous* selection of Scottish whiskies & other Scottish-related gifts, all to be raffled off to lucky winners that evening.

Included in those gift donations with be a specially created hamper of Scottish gourmet foods & treats, donated by the **ScottishGourmetUSA** folks, with a value of \$100.

Feeling particularly Scottish this year? Then we encourage you to donate a bottle of your favorite *uisge beatha* (that's Scottish Gaelic for "whisky"). We ask you to please arrive early that evening with your donation (unopened, need we mention?), which some lucky attendee will win.

And we've got a special hotel room rate! Don't feel like driving home after the big evening? The Wyndham Hotel is offering a special "St. Andrew's" hotel room rate of \$89 + tax per night that weekend for St. Andrew's Dinner Dance attendees.

For reservations, call the hotel directly at **972-233-7600** & ask for the **St. Andrews Special Room Rate**. Deadline for reservations is **Sat., Nov. 19**th.

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The St. Andrew's Dinner Dance Banquet is the biggest fund-raising event for the Scottish Society of Dallas, so please know that all profits from the evening will help support our vital & ever-growing North Texas group of Scots & Scottish-Americans.

And, as always for this formal event, dress is traditional Scottish attire; so, gents, be sure to pick up your tartan kilts at the dry cleaners; & lassies, put on your best tartan formal!

In true Highland fashion, let's support the Scottish Society of Dallas & make this year's cèilidh another grand Scottish evening. Aye!

Message from the President ...

Céud míle fàilte!

October was a busy month for SSOD members. On the last two weekends we celebrated our Scottish heritage with Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan services at several area kirks. Each service began with the posting of the Tartan banners down the center aisle to the front of each sanctuary by SSOD members & members of the congregation; & it ended with the retiring of the tartan clan banners.

Bagpipe music at the Kirkin' service at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas was provided by the North Texas Caledonian Pipes & Drums. The traditional posting & retiring of the clan banners was complimented by children with smaller, kid-sized tartan banners. Kirkin' services were organized by SSOD member Evelyn Darden.

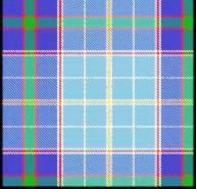
November 6 saw the Kirkin' service at Corinth Presbyterian Church in Parker, when SSOD member Beth Anne Meriwether played the bagpipes. These services were organized by SSOD members Margaret & John Aitken.

Included with all of our Tartan Banners representing the various Clans is one

representing the State of Texas. The colors of the Lone Star Texas Tartan owe their selection to our state flower, the bluebonnet. The flower changes color with the passing of time, the brim becoming flecked with wine red.

The Bluebonnet Tartan was registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans January 15, 1985. It was designed by June Prescott McRoberts, 1922-1999, proprietor of the Thistles & Bluebonnets store in Salado. Texas. The tartan was named the Sesquicentennial Tartan & was officially adopted as the Texas State Tartan on May 25, 1989.

Our October meeting featured our annual Halloween Party for the kids. They showed off their costumes in a parade & then bobbed for apples & played musical chairs & Halloween bingo. Of course, there were plenty of treats for



Texas State Bluebonnet Tartan

everybody. On Saturday, October 22, the Dallas Highland Dancers under the direction of Fiona

Alpaugh danced at the State Fair of Texas at Fair Park. This was a grand opportunity to present our Scottish Heritage to a much wider audience.

The Gathering of the Clans & Highland Games, this past weekend was a wonderful opportunity to meet & share with Scots from all over the state of Texas.

Our November 20, our Society meeting will feature Scottish Country Dancing lessons, taught by our own Fiona Alpaugh. Be sure to attend so you'll be in good practice for SSOD St. Andrew's Dinner Dance two weeks later.

The Society's St. Andrew's Dinner Dance, one of the highlights of the year, is on Saturday, Dec. 3. Please join us for a great evening of fellowship, dining, entertainment & dancing. Finally, our Christmas Party is another annual celebration for bairn & granbairn of all ages on Sunday, Dec. 8. It's the last Society event of the year; then, we're off to a new beginning with the arrival of Hogmanay on Sunday, Dec. **31,** then the **New Year of 2017!** For now, we'll see you on the 20th!



Kudos Korner



October's annual Kids'
Halloween Cèilidh was a
"spooktacular" success as
always, thanks to the hard
work & co-ordination of Beth
Ann Meriwether & Becky
Hopkins & all the Society
members who contributed
delicious refreshments.

Thanks, too, to Margaret & John Aitken for helping to transport the many special decorations to turn the meeting room into a Halloween atmosphere setting, including the Black Dungeon & Scottish graveyard they created.

What's in a Name?

Texas County Names in "Tartan for Me" (... Continued)

An amazing number of counties in the Great State of Texas reflect the rich Scottish influence in our state's history. A little known "factoid" in Lone Star miscellany is the number of counties in Texas either named after a Scottish emigrant or after a direct descendant of a Scottish emigrant. Other counties are named to honor certain towns, districts or distinct Scottish landmarks.

Of the 112 counties in our great state, 254 show the extent of Scotland's influence in our state's history. The Scottish culture & influence is well steeped throughout Texas' history & its Scottish legacy. Scottish Society member & former president Scotty Fischer continues exploring:

Camp County (Tartan =

November Meeting Refreshment Notes

Our thanks to those Scottish Society members scheduled to bring refreshments to the November 20th meeting. As always, we appreciate your generosity & hospitality, not to mention your culinary talents!



If you would like to help out & bring your favorite light finger food dish or perhaps a plate of sweets, etc., please contact **Refreshment Committee Chairman Jean Siegel** at "scotlullaby@att.net, or call her at **817-447-9206**.

Jean also keeps the monthly Refreshments Committee Volunteer names for each of the remaining 2016-2017 meeting months. If there's a particular month coming up when you'd like to share your culinary talents & help with refreshments, Jean's the lass to notify.

November & Thanksgiving always mean good excuses to get in the kitchen & whip up your favorite holiday culinary treats, right? Please get create & whip up something special. (And please, no fighting over the drumsticks or the wishbone!)





October Birthdays

Musselburgh native **John Aitken** was the birthday boy at October's Scottish Society meeting & annual Kids' Halloween *cèilidh*; & he celebrated in true Halloween style.

Ever the kid at heart, John was all gussied up as popular Scottish comedic figure "Jimmy the Scot," complete with matted, disheveled orange hair & tossed askew tartan tam.

It seems that birthdays only make Laird Aitken younger. How does the lad *do* it?!

— Scots Are Cookin', Aye! —

Don't like spending *muckle* (Scots for large or big) amounts of money to Starbucks for that morning caffeine blast? These two Autumn recipes have been especially prepared & tested in our vast & cavernous Dallas Scots' test kitchens, renowned the world (*cont'd*)

Campbell, Cornish National [English]) The third smallest county in Texas, Camp County is located east of Dallas, starting just five or six miles south of I-30, as it passes through the city of Mt. Pleasant. The county is bisected, as is the county seat of Pittsburg, by US-271 (coming south from Mt. Pleasant) & SH-11.

The county was created out of the uppermost portion of Upshur County, by the Texas legislature in 1874. One of the leading proponents of the county's creation was State Senator John Lafayette Camp, & his efforts were recognized in the choice of the name for the newly created county.

Born in Birmingham AL, in February 1828, Senator Camp was a graduate of the University of Tennessee – that other school that favors burnt orange & white! Following graduation, he moved to Upshur County where he taught school & grew cotton – the latter quite successfully.

He would ultimately make a name for himself as one of the more prominent attorneys in East Texas. He served with the Confederate army & was wounded twice & captured twice!

After the war, Camp got involved in politics & was a figure on the national scene, as well as in Texas. At one point in his career, he was appointed land office registrar of Arizona (then a territory), by President Grover Cleveland, a post Camp would hold for two years before returning to Texas.

For a small county, Camp County can lay claim to a couple of noteworthy individuals. In Pittsburg, in 1946, one Lonnie "Bo" *Pilgrim* & his older brother, Aubrey, opened a feed store. over for its culinary expertise, practical approach & its brave "gie 'em laldy!" approach to cooking. We hope you enjoy them in a spirit of Thanksgiving.

— Pumpkin Spice Latte Base —

[Editor's Note: OK, we all know Dallas doesn't really have a true winter, except for those 1 or 2 times each year that LBJ Freeway ices over; & then, we're dealing with one North Texas massive Scottish Highlands ice ponds right in our own backyards, eh? However, this rendition of a November pumpkin pie latte base is one for the books, trust us. Great for these semi-chilly mornings!]

1 (15-oz.) can pumpkin purée ½ C. packed brown sugar

2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice 1 tsp. vanilla

2 T. espresso powder

pinch kosher salt

2 T. maple syrup

Combine the pumpkin, brown sugar, espresso powder, maple syrup, pumpkin pie spice, vanilla & the salt in a mixing bowl & mix until completely combined. Transfer to a resealable container & store in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. (You may use the latte base mixture to flavor coffee, tea or to give a pumpkin spice flavor to your favorite autumn recipes & cooking.)

Makes 2 C.

— Pumpkin Pie Oatmeal —

(Serves 1. May be doubled or tripled.)

½ C. old-fashioned oats

1½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice s

1 C. water

1 tsp. vanilla extract

¼ C. (canned) pumpkin purée

1 T. maple syrup

Prepare your oatmeal on the stovetop or in the microwave, adding & mixing in the pumpkin purée, according to package directions.

To the cooked oatmeal, add the remaining ingredients & stir until completely mixed.

Taste, & add more maple if you like your oatmeal sweeter, or more pumpkin pie spice if you like things spicier. Actually, our Scottish cousins prefer to *salt* their oatmeal. If you're a true Scot, you'll shudder at the very thought of adding something sweet to your morning oatmeal. (To a Scot, that'll most certainly blow the wind up your kilt.)

Either way, eat & enjoy both these delights. Then, you'll be ready to go outside & face all that *Baltic* (Scots for "cold") weather this winter. That is, if Dallas *has* a winter this year.

October "Spooktacular" Events



October's SSOD Annual Halloween Party always brings out a rogues' gallery of wee goblins & spooky monsters of all sorts & ages. This is an event not for the feint of heart. This vear's meeting was exception. Even scary characters need to pause to regain their wits & recharge their "trick or treating batteries."

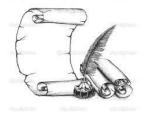
This endeavor would ultimately lead the founding of the "*Pilgrim's Pride*" poultry firm. Although headquartered in Greely Colorado today, the company is still in business 70 years later.

West of Pittsburg, the town of *Leesburg*, is the birthplace of racing legend: *Carroll Shelby*. Born in January, 1923, the family eventually moved to Dallas, where Carroll graduated from the DISD's Woodrow Wilson HS.

Shelby is probably best known for his work with Ford Racing & the Shelby Cobra Mustangs ... which may still be had today if one is willing to "pony" up the money! Fond of chili during his racing days, in his later years he was a founder of the Terlingua International Chili Championship. In the fall, this annual event attracts almost five times the normal population of Terlingua, to the area for the granddaddy of all chili cook-offs!



Ink From Other Pens...



12 Scottish Words You've Never Heard (Words any 18th century Scot

(Words any 18" century Scot would certainly have known!)

Flumgummery - A foolish or frivolous thing or action. It can mean another way to say "tomfoolery."



The State Fair of Texas always means the **Dallas Highland Dancers** make an appearance to dance their dance & strut their stuff, Scottish style.

And yes, the group has already got next year's State Fair performance already on their calendars!

The **Dallas Highland Dancers** take a muchly needed break during their State Fair of Texas annual performance.





Scottish tartan banners were the order for the day in Dallas at the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church with the traditional "Kirkin' O' the Tartans," a traditional Scottish-American tradition." **Boushty / Bushtie-ba** - An old Scottish word meaning 'bed.' The word originates from the French word boiste, meaning 'wooden box.'

Example: "Cum yer wa's, my wee dawtie, an a'll pit ye t'yir bonnie bushtie-ba."

Ferntickle - Freckles, once thought to be a result of being touched by fairies, are often associated The term derives from the Middle English term; tickle also refers to the size of freckles, much like the word farntikylle does.

Sugg - Slovenly / fat or lazy, easy-going & particularly used to describe a woman or child.

Example: "Ye rank amon' the lazy sugs."

Mell - To mix together or mingle.

Rummelieguts - A Scottish word meaning 'windbag.'

Haggersnash - Offal, scraps of meat.

Example: "There must hae been an awfu' haggersnash o' tonaues."

Snowke - To sniff around like a dog.

Penny-wabble - An old dialect word for weak, watered-down beer.

Example: "Hopefully his taste won't be penny-wabble."

Moggan - Old Scottish word meaning a long sock or a stocking.

Pilleurichie - A to-do or hullaballo.

Example: That's an awfu' pillarachie the hens are hadin' this mornin'."

Illwillie - Bad-tempered, illnatured (often used to describe unruly animals).

Example: "An ill willy cow should have short horns."

Heididpeer - To be of equal height.

Jimp - Light-headedness Vertigo, dizziness.

Example: "A cog o' gude liquor May whyles gar the mirligoes dance in our e'e."

(From the Edinburgh "Scotsman.")

St. Andrew - Brave Martyr for a Brave Nation

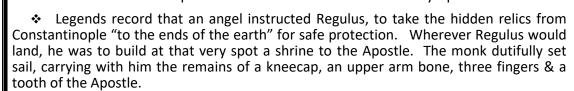
It's fitting, isn't it? The first Apostle picked by Christ was **Andrew**, a strong man who worked diligently & was relentless in what he believed & who this month we honor as the **Patron Saint of Scotland**.

Ours is a small country that is large in spirit & long in its glorious history. Scotland's history is replete with men & women who, not unlike Andrew, also toiled under countless hardships & who endured overwhelming obstacles. Scots have always stood bravely for their beliefs & ideals. Yet, tragically, throughout history Scots have all too often had to sacrifice their lives, just like Andrew, for their cherished beliefs.

We know precious little about **St. Andrew**, about his life, his death & most importantly in these our modern times, just why & how he became the Patron Saint of Scotland. What we *do* know, however, is this:

- ❖ Andrew was a fisherman some two thousand years ago in Galilee, along with his brother **Simon Peter**, later called simply "Peter." He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee; & like most males there he grew up to be a fisherman. When Christ called Andrew first to be a disciple, He also admonished both Andrew & his brother to follow Him & become "fishers of men."
- ❖ When Andrew was sentenced to death as a martyr, he did not believe himself worthy to be crucified in the same position as how Christ was crucified. He requested the cross used for his death be tilted at an angle, the "X" figure we today in heraldry call a "saltire." That word comes from the Middle French sautoir, meaning "stirrup."
- According to legend, Andrew's remains were first preserved at

Patras, in Greece. There, **St. Regulus**, an early monk, was told in a dream to hide the bones of Andrew for safe keeping. The relics were transported to Constantinople around 357 AD & were deposited there in the Church of the Holy Apostles.



- Regulus' ship was wrecked along Scotland's coastline at Fife, north of Edinburgh & today near the small city of near St. Andrews.
- ❖ In 832 AD, early Pictish **King Óengus** led an army of Picts & Scots into a critical battle against Angle warriors near Athelstaneford, in East Lothian. The King's army was heavily outnumbered. However, the night before the battle, Óengus had a vision of clouds overhead in the shape of a tilted "X" in a bright blue sky. (Cont'd)



An Edinburgh Glossary

For such a small country, not only does Scotland have a large number of different accents, different cities & towns have commonly used words & slang that are unique to that city. We have with you words that are derived from Edinburgh.

Baffies - slippers

Bunker - worktop, kitchen

counter

Dinnae - don't

Foostie - stale

Baffies - slippers

Barry - fantastic or great

bisum - broom, a sweeping

brush

Breeks - trousers

Bunker - worktop, kitchen

counter

Chum - join on a journey (Chumming a friend doon the

road)

Cludgie - toilet

Deek - to take a quick or intense look at something!!!! "deek yon ejit!". You wouldn't say "I'm deekin the paper" - but "I'm leukin at the paper" but "Can I have a deek (i.e quick look) at yer paper?"

Dinnae - don't

Embra - Edinburgh

Feart - afraid of

Foostie - stale

Ming - stench.

Mingin' - Stinking, bad, mediocre, disappointing.

Bam, bampot – idiot (&

plenty of them around) **Dwang** - Horizontal brace

used in timber framing.

Pawkies - mittens

Radge - crazy or

uncontrollable (A person can either be a radge, or 'go

radge')

Reekin' - drunk

Scoobjed - clueless (Scooby Doo is rhyming slang for clue)

Shan - a shame, or

disappointing (A bad day at work could be 'well shan.')

- ❖ It was a sign, he believed, that his army would be victorious; & he vowed that if granted victory, he would name Andrew as the Patron Saint of Scotland.
- ❖ In 1320, the Declaration of Arbroath cited Scotland's conversion to Christianity by Andrew ("the first to be an Apostle"), called by Christ to be the Scots' "blessed protector as their patron forever."

Relics of St. Andrew today can be found at Patras, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh & at the Church of St. Andrew & St. Albert in Warsaw.

So it is that Andrew, then, is the most appropriate figure to become Patron Saint of Scotland & that St. Andrew embodies the very spirit of bravery, fortitude & strength that defines the Scots.



Scotland's National Prayer of Thanksgiving

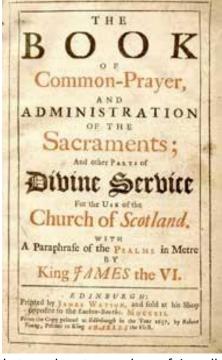
As we remember America's national holiday this Thanksgiving, we also, of course, remember the early Pilgrims. These brave & trusting people came to North American shores not only in search of freedom & domination from the British rule, but also to create new lives for themselves & for their children & families. In doing so, they created a new nation.

Scotland's history, of course, is not one of venturing Pilgrims & early Virginia settlements, but rather as but one part of the United Kingdom's history. There is no national holiday of Thanksgiving as America celebrates.

Nevertheless, the Scottish have always been a thankful people. Two prayers, in particular, reveal the Scots' genuine humility & gratitude. Both are from the Scottish Book of Common Prayer, 1929 Edition.

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we beseech



Thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

For the Blessings of a Bountiful Harvest

O, Lord God Almighty, who hast promised that while the Earth remaineth seedtime and harvest shall not cease: We give Thee hearty thanks for the blessings of the harvest which of thy bounty we have received, and for these and all other Thy mercies we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lords, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*



Calendar of Events:

Sunday, Nov. 20 – Monthly Meeting — Secretary **Fiona Alpaugh** will refresh us on Highland country dancing, just in time for the St. Andrew Dinner Dance Banquet, on Dec. 3. Put on your dancing shoes! There's a Scottish *cèilidh* a-comin'!

Wednesday, Nov. 30 - St. Andrews Day — National holiday in Scotland, also noted as the liturgical Feast of St. Andrew. Banks & schools are closed. With world-wide banquets & celebrations, it is seen as the start of a season of Scottish winter festivals encompassing St. Andrew's Day, Hogmanay & Burns Night.



Saturday, Dec. 3 – Annual St. Andrews Dinner Dance — Wyndham Suites Hotel, 7800 Park Central Alpha Road, Dallas 75240 - Mark your calendars! Cash bar at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. You may purchase your tickets at the October SSOD meeting, or by contacting: Myra Ballantyne at 972-279-9684.

Sunday, Dec. 18 – Monthly Meeting: Annual Christmas Party & Potluck — Rumor has it that 'Ole Fat Santa will be on hand & wearing his Clan McClaus tartan kilt with gifts for those 18 and under.