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The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

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From the President

Lads and Lassies,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of you for the wonderful support that you have given to the various society events held during this past year. Our St. Andrew's Society has had an exceptionally successful year due to the significant time and talent contributed by each of you, for which I am most appreciative since it has lightened my load and made my job easier. Thanks especially to those people who provided the leadership and attention to detail in chairing each of the events and to the others who worked on the committees to ensure success. Because of your efforts, our society is able to offer activities and events that give a brief glimpse of the history, pageantry and customs of the Scotland which still live in the hearts of many of us today.

I am particularly pleased with two actions that have taken place during this past year. First, at the Annual General Meeting in October the revision of the society's bylaws was overwhelmingly approved. This action is the perfect example of the determination of the membership to improve the way our society does business. The second reflects the efforts of each of you in doing those things that help our Society to grow in a way that raises awareness of our objectives among the general population of the Williamsburg area. The success of your efforts is evident in that we have dramatically increased our membership during the last twelve months. In that period we have welcomed more than twenty new members, with additional applications to be acted upon by the board in the next few months.

One of the obligations I have is that I am the archivist of the St. Andrew's Society. In

President Howard Topp addresses attendees at the AGM.

Fall Kirkin' and Luncheon

St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg held its 2007 Fall Kirkin' and Luncheon on November 25. The Kirking was at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Richmond Road. The ceremony, service and blessing of the Tartans by Reverend Patrick Willson was memorable and colorful, and attendance was high. Regular church members commented on how much they appreciated the participation of St. Andrew's Society and the ceremony. Rev. Willson also commented favorably. A luncheon followed for members at the Colonial Heritage Club, with excellent service and delicious food. This event was Taylor Fraser's last St. Andrew's function, as he passed away the following day. Taylor seemed relaxed and happy as he held hands with his wife during the Kirking. Please see Flowers of the Forest below.

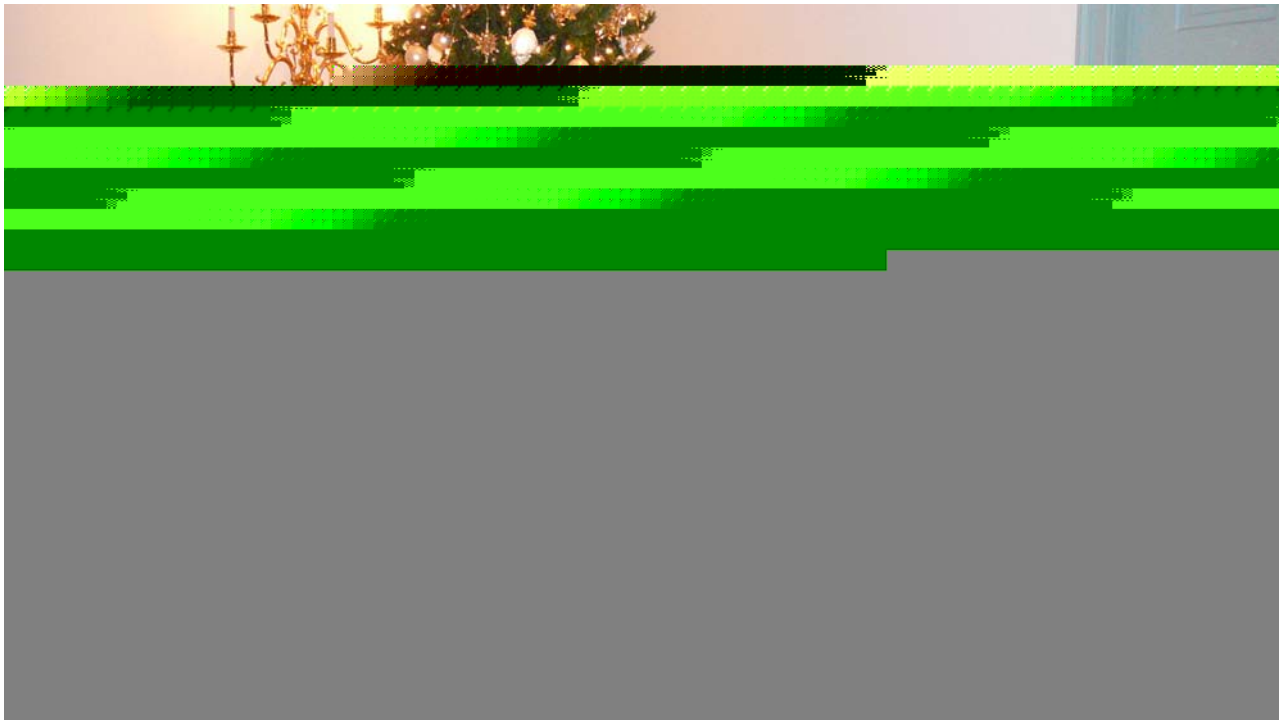
Christmas Luncheon

St. Andrew's Society's Christmas Luncheon was held December 14 at Ford's Colony Country Club and was very well attended. We saw more new members than ever before, including younger people who represent the new generation. The cocktail session was animated and the lunch was delicious. It was a pleasure seeing so many friends, old and new. The Ford's Colony Country Club was a beautiful venue and a good choice. Following are some photos taken at the event.

Bob Flinn rocks on out as the members socialize.

The gang was all smiles as lunch time approached (above).

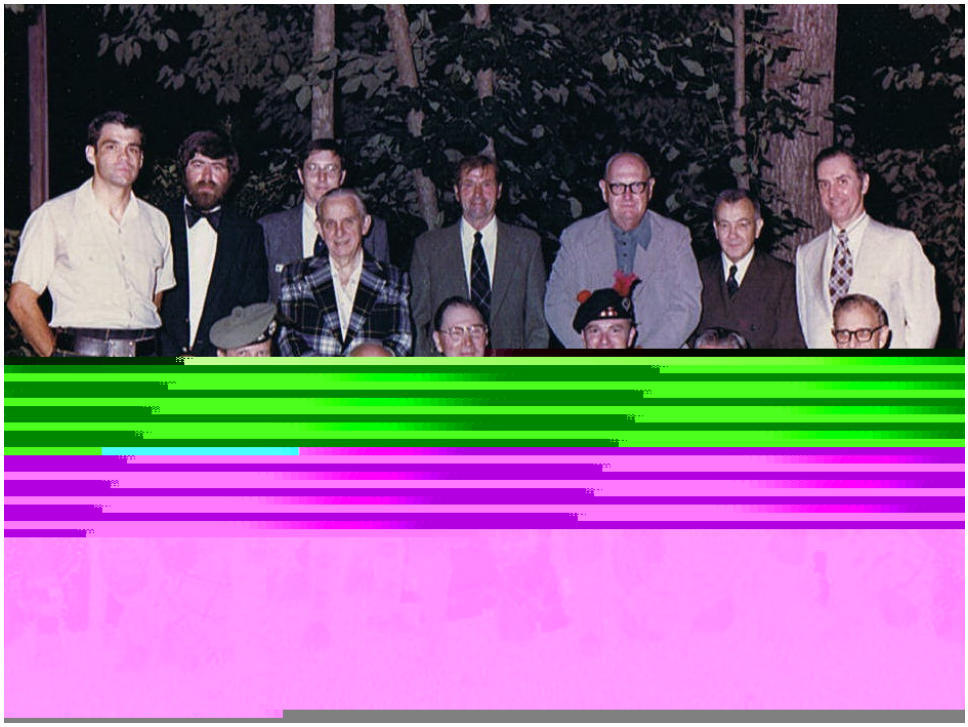
New Members attended the Christmas Luncheon in force (below).



The banquet room is packed as hungry Scots attack their meals (below).

1979 Board of Directors, Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Who are all these young people? See if you can recognize anyone. Courtesy of Howard Topp.

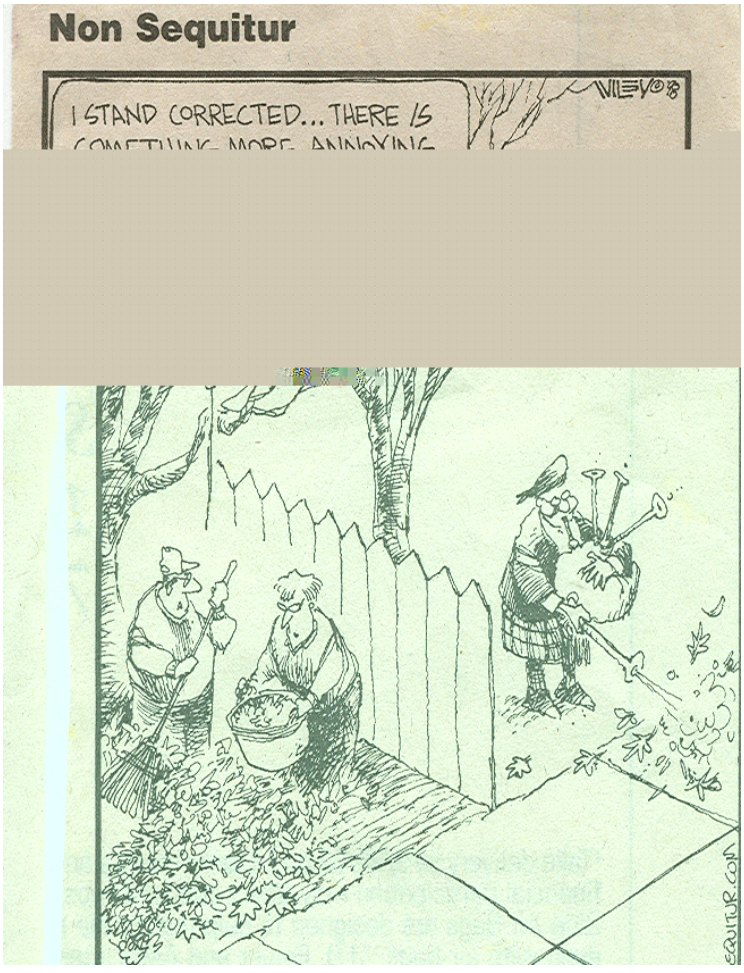


Belted Galloways

Holy cow, this one was new to me! You're wandering around Scotland and you see a field of cows that look like they're draped with white blankets. But it's not a blanket – it's 100% cow. These bizarre critters are called Belted Galloways. Please see the pictures below. This type of hardy Scottish beef cattle are noted for their top quality meat. Some have even been imported into the States. The bottom two picures are tourist postcards from Maine, courtesy of Don Dalrymple.

Scottish Leaf Blower

Thanks to Don Dalrymple



To the best of our knowledge, the above applicant is of sound character and is entirely suitable to membership in the Society. Applicant will actively participate in the functions of the Society as circumstances allow and will perform conscientiously any duties undertaken.

Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Co-Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Checklist

Initiation and First Year's Dues ($60.00) _____
Small Photograph suitable for digitization _____
Current local address and telephone number included _____
Verification of Legacy Member Eligibility _____