



The Saltyre

November 2023

Message From the President

Hello,

The Investiture of new members is almost upon us. This year it takes place on November 30th, St Andrews Day. We have seven new members in the Society this year. I hope all of you that are available are turning out for dinner to welcome the new folks into the Society.

An investiture is a formal installation or ceremony that confers the authority and symbols, honors or rank of high office. The word 'investiture' comes from the Latin word for dressing, or robing, in reference to the formal dress with which an incumbent being invested with a high rank might be adorned, as part of the insignia for that role. It is typically held during the investee's first year in office, or at the conclusion of the first year.



For many years the Society has held its Investiture event on St Andrew's Day. St Andrew's Day is the feast day of Andrew the Apostle and is celebrated every year in Scotland on the 30 November. In 1320, St Andrew officially became the patron saint of Scotland when the country's independence was declared with the signing of The Declaration of Arbroath.

On a less happy note, we have lost another member. John Burton died at his home in Carmichael on October 31st. John was a veteran of the Navy and the Marine Corps. He was a 45-year member and a past chief of the San Francisco Caledonian Club and he was heavily involved putting on the Pleasanton Highland Games for many years. John and I didn't cross paths frequently, but when we did he was always fun to chat with.

The memorial service for John will be Saturday, January 13, most likely about noon at the San Francisco Caledonian Club clubhouse in South San Francisco. The Society has donated a dozen trees in John's name to the Trees for Life reforestation project in Scotland. We have a grove where trees are being planted for fallen brothers of the Society.

All the best,

Bruce Locken



St Andrew and St Andrew's Day

As we look forward to this year's St Andrew's Day celebrations, here is a little peek into his life, his work and the Scottish values that we celebrate on St Andrew's Day.

St Andrew has been celebrated in Scotland for over one thousand years, with feasts being held in his honor as far back as the year 1000 AD. However, it wasn't until 1320, when Scotland's independence was declared with the signing of The Declaration of Arbroath, that he officially became Scotland's patron saint. Since then St Andrew has become an integral part of Scottish society. The flag of Scotland is the saltire, also known as St Andrew's Cross, and the ancient town of St Andrews was named due to its claim of being the final resting place of St Andrew.

He has struck a chord with the Scots for centuries and anyone who has visited Scotland can vouch that his spirit is still alive here today. Scotland's desire to help those who are less fortunate is highlighted in the many social enterprises thriving across the country. Scotland is home to more than 6000 social enterprises, adding £2.3bn to the Scottish economy every year. All these incredible companies are dedicated to providing an ethical and more sustainable way of doing business and working towards creating a fairer world.

Despite the fact that St Andrew has stood as Scotland's patron saint for so many years, it wasn't until the 18th century that the popular celebration of his day became commonplace. What might surprise you even more is that the tradition of celebrating on 30 November was not started in Scotland, but by a group of Scots in the USA who were keen to reconnect with their Scottish roots.

It all began with the creation of the 'St Andrew's Society of Charleston' in South Carolina, which was founded in 1729 by a group of wealthy Scottish immigrants. The organization is actually the oldest Scottish society of its type in the world. They became famous throughout the region for their work assisting orphans and widows in that area.

This was followed by another society, this time in New York, which was founded in 1756. 'The St Andrew's Society of the State of New York' is the oldest charity of any kind registered in New York and was founded by Scotsmen who were looking to relieve the poor and distressed in the town. From these first organizations, St Andrew's societies have spread around the world.

Recently, St Andrew's Day has become more special to Scots and is celebrated each year on 30 November, and people across the country gather to celebrate St Andrew and share good times. The day is usually marked with a celebration of Scottish culture, including dancing, music, food and drink, with parties going on long into the cold winter night.



Clan Colquhoun, Rossdhu Castle, and Rossdhu House

In 1241, the time of Alexander II, Malcolm, Earl of Lennox, granted the lands of Colquhoun in Dunbartonshire to Humphrey of Kilpatrick. Humphrey's son Ingram is the first person recorded as taking Colquhoun for his surname. Around 1368, Luss, on Loch Lomond, was acquired by Sir Robert Colquhoun through marriage. From then on the chiefship has been described as of Colquhoun and Luss.

His grandson Iain Colquhoun of Luss married Margaret, the daughter of the Earl of Lennox. When James I returned from English imprisonment a few years later in 1424, one of the people he took his vengeance upon was the unsupportive Lennox. The position of Lennox was decimated and Iain of Luss took advantage of this to win the King's favor by capturing Dumbarton Castle from Lennox.



Remains of Rossdhu Castle built by Sir John Colquhoun in 1457

By 1427 he was Sheriff of Dumbarton and by 1439 he was dead, like his King, killed by those he had treated so badly. By way of compensation, James II made Luss a free barony for Colquhoun's grandson Sir Iain. It remained this way until the Rising of 1745.

Luss was raided by thieving MacGregors in 1603, leading to a bloody battle and defeat of five hundred Colquhoun men, three hundred of whom were on horseback, by four hundred



MacGregor men at Glen Fruin. Over two hundred of the Colquhoun men were lost when the MacGregors, who had split into two parties, attacked from front and rear and forced the horsemen onto the soft ground of the Moss of Auchingaich.

It meant the proscription of the Clan Gregor.

It wasn't until the eighteenth century that the enmity between the clans was laid to rest when, at Glen Fruin on the site of the massacre, the chiefs of the Clan Gregor and Colquhoun met and shook hands.

The 11th Laird of Luss, Sir John Colquhoun, became a Baronet of Nova Scotia in 1625. Seven years later, however, he vanished along with Lady Catherine Graham, his wife's sister. He was accused of using witchcraft and sorcery to woo her and so, wisely, never returned to clear his name.

Today the family is seated in the great mansion of Rossdhu.



Rossdhu House

Located on Loch Lomond 30 minutes from Glasgow International Airport, the fully restored circa 1773 Georgian mansion is the heart of a 660-acre kingdom comprising an internationally ranked golf course, a European spa and fitness center, castle ruins, an ancient chapel, and an historic walled garden. This is Loch Lomond Golf Club. Rossdhu House was built to replace the Colquhoun family's 15th-century medieval castle (the remains of which are behind the house), now serves as clubhouse, providing 43 suites for onsite lodging, a reception area, library, drawing room, dining room, and bar for members.



Flowers of the Forest

Angus Murray	1913-1985	Felix D. Othon	1929-2007
Rob Roy A. MacGregor	1930-1986	George W. Burns	1925-2008
Robert Jeffreys	1918-1987	George Eric Martin	1921-2008
Alec Cowan	1925-1987	BG Harry McIvor Nicolson	1920-2008
Rev. Howard Perry	1921-1989	James C "Jim" Richey	1931-2009
Wallace Gibson Holt	1919-1989	Edison Alva McFarland II	1925-2012
James C. C. Wallace	1926-1989	Morton Bryant Holt	1929-2012
Tom Ross	1917-1989	Donald Calavan-MacRae	1932-2013
Alexander W. McTavish	1906-1992	Charles Preston Thomson	1940-2015
James McCracken	1920-1994	David Mercer	1935-2016
Bob MacDonald	1921-1994	Gary D. Stevenson	1949-2017
Rev. J.P. Edwards III	1925-1997	William "Bill" Leroy Wilson	1929-2017
Sherwood "Shakey" Johnson	1925-1998	Calvert Lawton Crawford	1933-2018
Leroy Coulter Pierson	1913-1999	Walter (Skip) Hastings	1945-2018
Watson Burns	1920-1999	Alasdair Harding	1966-2018
Richard Russo	1916-1999	Gordon Scott	1946-2019
Larry Cameron	1919-2000	Alex Doig	1938-2019
David F. McGeary	1940-2002	Malcolm MacClenaghan	1924-2019
Daniel Stephens	1911-2003	Clyde Le Roy Scott	1938-2019
Sam York	1924-2004	Herman Chambers	1930-2020
George Santrizos	1914-2005	William "Bill" Tubbs	1950-2023
Howard Allen	1906-2005	John Burton	1940-2023
William A. Butler	1943-2006		
Frank M. Clark	1924- xxxx		

The Society donates trees to the Scottish reforestation project on behalf of departed brothers of the Society. Any time you wish you may purchase trees for the reforestation project via this link:

<https://treesforlife.org.uk/plant-trees/grove/5067/>



Charitable giving may help you minimize taxes while supporting the causes that are meaningful to you. Please consider making a donation to the Society when estate planning.



<u>Society Board</u>	<u>Calendar</u>	<u>Society Finances Nov.</u>
<p><u>President</u> <u>Bruce Locken</u></p> <p><u>Vice President</u> <u>Travis Chatters</u></p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> <u>Thomas Melton</u></p> <p><u>Secretary</u> <u>Vacant</u></p> <p><u>Directors of the Board</u> <u>Chuck Meng</u> <u>Doug Walters</u> <u>Ed Moore</u> <u>Tim Mihalakos</u></p> <p><u>Outreach/Sunshine</u> <u>Bob Wyllie</u></p>	<p>*****</p> <p>Nov. Board MeetingNov. 20 Olive Garden Restaurant 5445 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights</p> <p>SASS Potluck/bbq.....TBA</p> <p>Fall Ceilidh.....TBA</p> <p>Investiture.....Nov. 30 Arden Hilton, 2200 Harvard St., Sacramento</p> <p>Christmas Party.....Dec. 9 Chuck & Deb' Meng's House 6617 Taranto Ct., Elk Grove</p> <p>Burns Supper.....Feb. 3, 2024 North Ridge Country Club</p> <p>Spring Tea.....TBA</p> <p>Dining In/AGM.....May 3, 2024</p> <p>Monthly Board Meeting Third Monday of the month, Board meeting locations are currently assigned each month. We meet for dinner at 6pm and the Board meeting starts at 7pm, Open to all members.</p>	<p>Scholarship fund \$5,098</p> <p>Checking \$3,615</p> <p>Savings \$24,568</p> <p>Brokerage account \$10,000</p> <p>Our investment account base is \$10,000. Earnings are put back into the account.</p> <p>Finances published in the Salyre may be one to two months behind current financial numbers.</p>

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