

<u>Membership</u> shall be open to anyone age 18 years or over who possesses a positive attitude, good character, and a willingness to actively participate in the mission and activities of the Society.

Membership is a long-term commitment, neither quickly acquired nor lightly relinquished. We are a Scottish organization which through its membership camaraderie expects that all members of the Society will join in promoting a deeper appreciation for Scottish culture. Membership requires honesty and integrity in the pursuit of promoting the Society's mission. Each person admitted to membership must demonstrate through active participation, a commitment to the Society in its events, its operations and recruiting.

<u>The Membership Committee</u> conducts a careful screening and interview process to find the best individuals to become members, thereby, being confident both the individual seeking membership and the Society members will form a necessary mutual bond of fellowship. The principal considerations in selecting members are:

- 1. Written support from applicant's sponsors Pages 4 and 5 are for your Sponsor's recommendations. Please have them fill in the form and **email or mail to the Chairman of the Membership Committee**.
- 2. An application letter should explain:
  - a. Applicant's desire to become a member of the Society listing specific interests in Scottish culture and membership in other Scottish or Celtic organizations.
  - b. Information about involvement in other charitable, military, religious, hereditary organizations and/or volunteer organizations that support a commitment to the community.
  - c. A statement of what they foresee giving to and receiving from the Society in terms of involvement, time, and interest.
  - d. Any other information the applicant feels will be helpful in the review of their application.

The Society invests membership upon only those individuals who deport themselves in an honorable and noble manner, who will be committed to the Society's values and precepts, and who are proud to be a participant in keeping the Scottish culture alive.

The Society is more than just a heritage organization. The California Capitol as well as other areas in the United States were shaped by individuals of Scottish heritage. Daniel W. Carmichael, born1867 in Scotland, came to California in 1885. In 1909, he developed the now unincorporated area known as Carmichael as Carmichael Colonies 1 and 2 with acres of land purchased from Mexican Land Grants. Our Scottish legacy is encouraged through the Society's charitable efforts, cultural activities, tradition, and fellowship. You will be expected to share in these efforts by volunteering your time, donating your services, paying your dues on time, and participating in Society events.



<u>Membership Process</u>. The first step for you is to submit an applicant package to the Membership Committee. During the process, the Membership Committee will meet with you to review your application and answer your questions. During the process, you will be invited to selected events to give you an opportunity to get to know other members. Also, your information may be circulated among the membership for comments. When the Membership Committee finds your application package is ready, it will be submitted to the Board of Directors for a vote. Once the Board votes you will receive a results letter from the president.

**For Consideration of Membership**, please complete the Application attached and provide the following:

- 1) Application for Membership Personal Information and Sponsorship: Before applying, you are encouraged to attend a Society event and meet current members who may be willing to sponsor you. You may provide sponsors from other such societies or others you know of good character. Please contact us and we will provide further guidance in this matter.
- 2) *Cover letter:* Please include a one-page letter that explains your desire to become a member of the Society, indicates your specific interests in Scottish culture, includes your membership in other organizations, provides a brief summary of your career, and any additional information that you believe will be useful in our assessment. You should emphasize what you foresee giving to and receiving from the Society in terms of involvement, time, and interest. Have your two sponsors fill in their recommendations on the attached form. They may provide one recommendation form with both signatures or each may submit their own form.
- 3) *Check to Cover Application Fee*: Please make your \$50 application check payable to the Saint Andrew's Society of Sacramento. If your application is accepted, this will cover the cost of your current year of membership and the cost of your individual Investiture dinner. You are encouraged to bring family and friends to the "piping in" ceremony at the per person cost of the event. The application fee is nonrefundable.

#### Mail all three (3) items named above to:

Membership Chairman St. Andrew's Society of Sacramento 6941 Ellsworth Circle Fair Oaks, CA 95628

For more information email: **SASS.Membership@gmail.com** 



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Please type or print*. This information shall be treated as confidential by the Saint Andrew's Society of Sacramento and becomes the property of the Society. Therefore, please keep a copy.

Date

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#### FIRST SPONSOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The undersigned sponsors the applicant into the Society, believing them to be eligible, and that they will, if elected and invested, be a desirable member. Please refer to the Saint Andrew's Brochure, if you received one, or the web site to understand our Mission. The Membership Committee may ask for additional detailed information from the sponsors about the applicant. Thank you for agreeing to be a sponsor.

As a sponsor, you may send a letter of support or use this form; whichever is more convenient. And if necessary, you may use additional space on this page or additional pages.

SASS Applicant's Name:				
Years known Applicant and in what capacity or relationship:				
RECOMMENDATION:				
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First Sponsor (please print name)	Signature of First Sponsor	Date		
First Sponsors Email Address and Contact	Phone Number:			

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Second Sponsor (please print name)	Signature of Second Sponsor	Date		
Second Sponsors Email Address and Contact	ct Phone Number:			

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