

An Invitation

Are you interested in exploring your Scottish heritage? Would you like to become part of our longstanding tradition of charity? Why not consider joining the St. Andrew's Society of Schenectady? We meet at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of each month (except July, August, and December) at Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner Road in Colonie. Contact information is located on the back of this flyer.

Cead mille failte!

"A hundred thousand welcomes!"

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"Faire sans dire."

...To do without saying

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The St. Andrew's Society of Schenectady is one of the oldest organizations of its kind in the United States. To quote our constitution, written at our founding in 1803, the St. Andrew's Society of Schenectady, "was formed by, and now consists of Scotsmen and their descendants, whose objects are to raise a fund, in order to assist one another in cases of necessity, and such others of their countrymen, as from their recent arrival in this country, have not gained a settlement, and consequently are not entitled to the benefits of the existing laws"

A FOCUS ON CHARITY

Today, the Society continues in its dedication to that legacy of charity by supporting both Scottish charitable causes, charities in Schenectady County, and Scottish cultural arts groups throughout the Capital Region. Local charities we support include the Schenectady Salvation Army Chapter, the Schenectady City Mission, the Schenectady Museum, and Proctor's Theater.

We also work for the preservation and promotion of Scottish cultural art forms by granting scholarship money to young people learning Scottish Highland Dance, the great highland bagpipe, and pipe band drumming.

Our charitable support also extends to Rachel House, a hospice for children in Scotland as well as disaster relief - for example, in Haiti after its devastating earthquake.

Over 200 years as a charitable institution and still going strong!

HONORING OUR SCOTTISH HERITAGE

As Scots and descendents of Scots, we proudly celebrate the unique heritage passed on to us by our ancestors. We participate in many "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" services in local churches, including the Patronal festival at St. George's Episcopal Church in Schenectady's held each spring and the St. Margaret's Day Kirkin' service St. George's Church in Clifton Park's held each November.

We also provide a color guard for local parades, including Scotia's annual Memorial Day Parade.

We are also proud of our partnership with the Schenectady Pipe Band. With the Pipe Band, we have run an annual Scottish night at Proctor's GE Theater each fall and work with the Band to coordinate the Clans and Societies portion of the Capital District Scottish Games.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We also sponsor several social events annually that allow our members an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and honor our Scottish heritage.

Each November we honor our patron saint, Andrew, on St. Andrew's Day with a St. Andrew's Night Dinner. The dinner always features a choice of delicious entrees and premium Scotch whiskies, a featured speaker, a bagpiper, and a performance of Robert Burns' famous poem, "Address to the Haggis" with, as you might guess, haggis for all to share.

Each spring we gather to honor our spouses at a dinner that features traditional Scottish entertainment, a delicious dinner buffet, and the introduction of our cultural arts scholarship winners.