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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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131st Annual General Meeting

The Society's 131st Annual General meeting will be held 7:30pm Wednesday, 27 May 2015 at Winston Heights Community Hall, 520 - 27th Avenue NE. The meeting will present the minutes of the 2014 AGM for review and approval, the audited financial statements of 2014 for review and approval, the Annual Report for 2014, a special operating grant proposal, and the slate of Directors for voting. Following the meeting there will be coffee, tea, a light buffet for all to enjoy, entertainment and Scottish Country Dancing.



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Board of Directors Opening

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for one member who would like to get involved with the operation of Society events and activities. The Board is the place for those who would like to make a difference in the Society. Board positions are elected for two year terms and meetings are held at the beginning of the month, usually the first Wednesday evening. A director would be expected to take on a project during their term to determine: 1. the funding required, 2. source of the funds, 3. the member participation and, 4. to bring the project to commencement and/or to completion. Interested members are asked to contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or 403-245-5514.

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TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION

4 APRIL 2015

MURDOCH'S BAR & GRILL

(1935 – 37th Street, SW)

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by the St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

Evening Events:

Society Pipers

Scottish Country Dancing

Society Choir

Wilson School of Highland Dance

Team Trivia – "Scottish Knowledge"

Door Prizes

Special Scottish Menu
Opening Remarks at 5:00pm

Society Casino 2015

The Society's Casino has been set for Monday, 22 June and Tuesday, 23 June 2015 at the Cash Casino, 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE. This casino is noted for their restaurant and volunteer treatment. Ample parking is on the north side and they have night time escorts to the parking area. The Society truly appreciates the members and friends who have stepped up to support this major fund raising activity. The

Society is looking for Count Room Staff (2230-0330hrs) for both days. Interested members should contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or (403) 245-5514 and he will be calling as well. Your participation helps Calgary's Scottish community activities and is greatly appreciated.

SCOTS GATHERING CANMORE 2015

www.calgaryscots.org

The Society, in conjunction with the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society—Calgary Branch, is presenting a Scottish cultural weekend in Canmore, 9 - 12 October 2015. Classes are \$10 each and include: celtic knot artwork, country dance music, country dancing, Gaelic language, highland dancing, cultural lectures, piping, silk ribbon embroidery, singing, step dancing and whisky tasting. Instructors are coming from Calgary, Ontario, California, No-

va Scotia, Regina and Seven Persons. Interested persons can stay wherever they like, but it is recommended that reservations be made early. The host hotel for the Scots Gathering 2015 is the **Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre**, (www.coastcanmore.com), and is offering a basic room for \$129/night. The hotel can be contacted at: 403-678-3625, 1-800-716-6199, please mention Scottish Cultural Weekend to secure the Scots Gathering Special Rate or <http://coa.st/8vyg> for online booking. After 9 September 2015, regular rates will apply subject to availability. Meals are part of the \$140 registration and include a Buffet dinner and the Three Sisters Ceilidh on Saturday night, a sit down Thanksgiving turkey dinner and the formal Wild Rose Ball on Sunday and the Farewell Lunch on Monday, all in the Wild Rose Ballroom. All other meals are at the participants discretion. Full details are available at the website listed above and includes a wide range of links to local activities and sights to see in the Canmore area.



SOCIETY BURNS DINNER

Our annual celebration of the life of Robbie Burns was a great success. We had a record number of attendees at the Austrian-Canadian Club. Over 120 society members and friends enjoyed an excellent roast beef dinner, entertainment by our society choir and pipers, as well as a night of Scottish Country Dancing with the excellent musicians of Glen Morin. Malcolm Stewart gave an amusing address to the lassies and Myrtle Fisher came back with a spirited reply. John Donihee's Immortal Memory speech was very informative, while Doreen Herdman's poems were a treat as was the address to the haggis by Michael Begg. We were also pleased to welcome Highland Dancers from the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance. A big thanks to all who made this night possible and especially to Nonie Sundstrom for her creative decorations. *Ann Vanderwal*



Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Judging purely by the names of its subdivisions and neighbourhoods, Calgary can justifiably claim to be one of the most 'Scottish' of all the Canadian cities. Calgary's place names certainly illustrate the far-reaching effects of the Scottish diaspora, whether through direct immigration from Scotland or through migration from other parts of Canada by people with Scots ancestry. As a result of feedback and further research the article on Scottish-related place names in Calgary, has been expanded. Of the names of the 263 communities and neighbourhoods that have been identified to date in Calgary, 73 (27.8%) can be found in Scotland or are based on Scottish family names or Scottish words.

Of course, some of the names are used in other parts of the British Isles as well but as many as 47 of them (17.9%) are unique to Scotland or are readily identifiable with places in Scotland that are based on the same names. Calgary itself is a Scottish place name, the city being named for Calgary Bay on the Isle of Mull. For more on the Scottish place names in this most Scottish of Canadian cities, see http://www.rampantscotland.com/placenames/placename_calgary.htm



Bannockburn Bar-B-Que

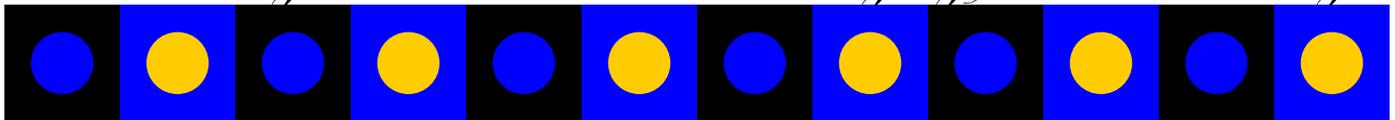
Come and join us in the celebration of the 701st Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. The festivities start at 3 pm at the Highlands Community Centre. A free to members BBQ will be held at 5:30 pm followed by a ceilidh with cash bar at 7 pm. Live music, games, dancing, piping, drumming and socializing all combine to make this event into a Society favourite. Please, register your intent to attend with Ann at Annvanderwal@shaw.ca. All attendees are asked to contribute a salad or dessert. Ann

Country Dancing

The Society's Scottish Country Dance classes meet Tuesday evenings at the Confederation Park +55 Activity Centre, 2212—13th Street NW, starting at 7:30pm, so you should arrive at 7:15pm. Anyone interested in trying out Scottish Country Dancing is welcome to attend. Please contact the teacher, John Bertram, at (403) 585-3842 john_d_bertram@hotmail.com. Janyen Bertram



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MacDonalds of

On the 13th of September 2006, the Lord Lyon matriculated the arms of *Ranald Alasdair MacDonald of Lochaber Mac Mhic Raonuill* as Chief of Keppoch MacDonalds, the first chief of the Keppoch branch since 1848.

The crest incorporates the golden eagle with outspread wings (or "Rising Eagle") wearing a crown. The motto the chief has chosen is "*Air Muir `s Air Tir*" which is the Gaelic for the Latin "*Per Mare Per Terras*", which means "By Sea By Land". The

new chief's surname is an example of the various spellings of the surname. The chief intends "to create a permanent memorial to our ancestors in the historic burial ground of Clan Ranald of Lochaber, the ancient 7th century Celtic burial ground of *Cille Choirill* in the Western Highlands of Scotland. Details at www.clandonald-heritage.com



Member Benefits

Benefits of Society membership include:

- reduced rates for pipers at your function,
- 10% discount on purchases at the Highland Scottish Gift Shoppe,
- Free entry to the Foothills Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Calgary Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Canmore Highland Games.
- Free entry to the Foothills Highland Games,
- \$2.00 reduction in the regular adult admission to the Globe Theatre 617—8th Avenue SW.

Members should consider renewing for several years to avoid missing any activities or events.

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