



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Kirkin' of the Tartan

The Society will be hosting a Kirkin' of the Tartan at Knox United Church, 506—4th St SW (corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW), on Sunday, 24 June 2018, 10:30am, to celebrate community in Calgary. The service will be conducted by lay members. Participating in the service will be the Society Gaelic Choir and the Society Pipers. Parking is free on the street, \$1.00 in the Barclay parkade 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, and full daily rate at the Impark lot west of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Please arrive by 10:15am to be seated. Members are encouraged to bring their tartan to be part of the procession and blessing ceremony. Members who wish to contribute to the social afterwards can bring baking and take it to the kitchen before the service.



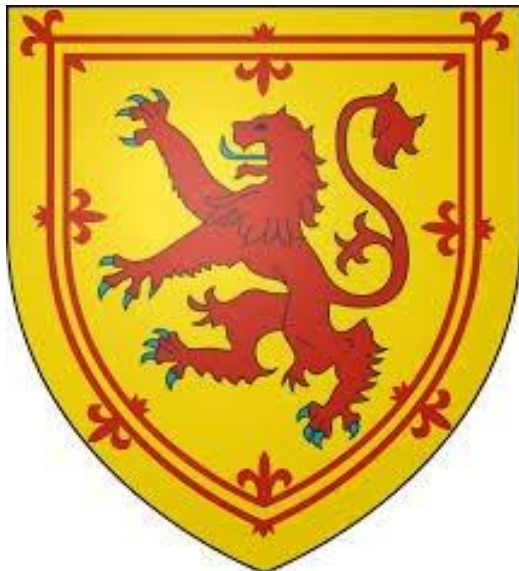
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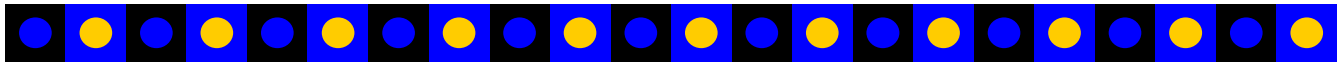
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## Bannockburn Bar-B-Que

Our free annual BBQ to celebrate the 704th anniversary of Robert the Bruce's victory at the Battle of Bannockburn will be held on June 30 at the Banff Trail Community Centre



(2115 — 20 AVE, Calgary). Activities start at 4:00pm and the Society will provide hot dogs, hamburgers & condiments and we ask that members contribute a dessert or salad to the event. We will start off at 4:00pm with games and dinner will begin around 5:30 pm. After dinner we will have a Scottish Country dance with music by GlenMorin. Banff Trail has a lovely patio and garden but remember bring your own lawn chairs! Please let Ann (Annvanderwal@shaw.ca 403-968-7866) know if you are coming so that we know how much food



# SOCIETY GOLF OUTING

The Golf Committee is in the process of putting together the Society's golf outing for members and their friends, so set aside, Sunday 19 August as the possible date at Tooth of the Dogpound Creek Golf Course. Cost: \$99 for members and \$109 for non-members and includes: 18 holes of challenging golf, shared power cart, access to the driving range, steak dinner, and prizes. Tooth of the Dog was the location for the Society's golf outing in 2017 and was very popular with those who attended. Watch the Society website for confirmation of the date, place and registration form or contact Andrew Joo at [andrewjoo@msn.com](mailto:andrewjoo@msn.com)



## Highland Games Season 2018



The Society will be out at the highland games this year starting with the Calgary Highland Games, Saturday, 1 September 2018 at the Calgary Rugby Union, 9025 Shepard Road SE—south of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road, and Sunday, 2 September 2018 at the Canmore Highland Games at Canmore's Centennial

Park. The Society will be looking for members to 'mind the tent' during these events and members who can commit to a two hour shift can contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514 to help.



## Globalfest 2018

The Society will be increasing its presence at Globalfest 2018 with our own special area in the Scottish Pavilion. We will be needing pairs of tartan dressed volunteers for: Thursday, 16 August; Saturday, 18 August; Tuesday, 21 August; Thursday, 23 August; and, Saturday, 25 August. Shift hours are 6:00pm to 9:00pm—you should arrive at about 5:30pm. Parking is a good quarter mile from the gate, but you can drop off anyone you bring at the main gate. Parking and admission passes will be provided for all volunteers. Food is available on site for purchase, you can bring your own (no glass containers), and water will be provided for volunteers. As a volunteer you will be given a pass to enter the festival, and you're invited to stay

and enjoy the fireworks display after the pavilions close. (Parking passes are very limited, we would appreciate car pooling for volunteers) The festival is full of wonderful things to see and plenty of different foods to enjoy, please visit [www.globalfest.ca](http://www.globalfest.ca) to learn more about the event. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions please contact me via email ([raynamoffatt@gmail.com](mailto:raynamoffatt@gmail.com)) I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you, Rayna Moffatt Scottish Pavilion Manager (403) 966-4088



# John Tamson's Bairns

Article from the Calgary Tribune, Wednesday, December 7, 1892

On Wednesday, the members of St. Andrew's Society celebrated their anniversary by a ball in the new Masonic hall, Barber Block. The hall is an elegant one, and was warm and comfortable, and notwithstanding the unfavorable weather about 83, or 40 couples responded to the invitations sent out. The hall was very prettily decorated with mottoes, etc, and the floor, although new, was well waxed and made pleasant for the dancers. While the guests were assembling, Mr Dewar, the society's piper, warmed the hearts and feelings of his "brither Scots" with the music of the pipes. About 9:30 the Calgary Orchestra struck up music for the lancers, and henceforth the dances followed in regular succession up to midnight, when a skirl of the pipes announced supper and the company started for the dining room belonging to the hall where Mr. Butcher, of the Bodega restaurant, had an elegant spread prepared that would tempt the appetite of the epicure. After supper dancing was resumed, and it was nearly two o'clock when the programme was finished. The ball was certainly one of the most enjoyable held in Calgary for a long time, and the society are to

be congratulated on providing such a choice evening's enjoyment for their friends on the anniversary day of their patron saint. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of a number of the Sons of England, inclusive of their president, and also descendants of the Emerald Isle, and never, we may say, did the Shamrock, Rose, and Thistle, entwined by the Maple Leaf, blend more happily together than on Wednesday. While the whole committee were attentive to the wants of the guests, the president, Major Stewart, secretary Mr. McGregor and Mr. James Waugh were particularly so. During the evening fraternal greetings were exchanged with sister societies in Montreal, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Regina and other places. Mr. Brisco of the Alberta tannery particularly distinguished himself and showed some of the Scotchmen present how Highland dances could be executed.

The music of the orchestra was of the usual high class, although the accompaniment of a piano was much missed.

The Ball was held Wednesday, 30 November 1892, tickets were \$3 for gentleman and 2 ladies; \$2 for single ticket. The 2018 edition of the St. Andrew's Ball will be held Saturday, 24 November at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre.

## Tartan Day 2018

Once again we had a full crowd for Tartan Day, made up of long time members and even guests who became brand-new Society members! Entertainment was provided by the Society Choir as well as by the Society pipers and drummers. Mercat Cross played for the Scottish Country Dance portion of the event, while Robert Henderson created a challenging quiz that resulted in some fierce competition between teams for some great prizes. A big thanks to Murdoch's Bar and Grill for once again being such great hosts and putting on a great Scottish menu, the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance for their display and all the members who came, enjoyed themselves and



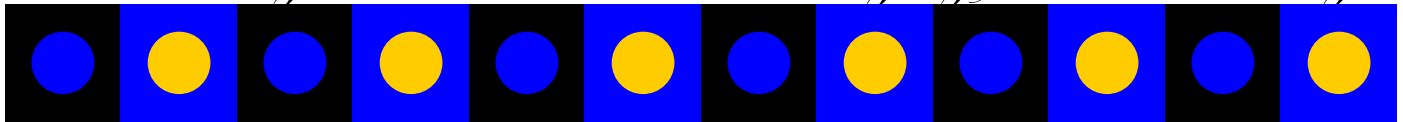


# Scots Gathering in Canmore

The fourth Scots Gathering is scheduled for Thanksgiving 2018, 5 to 7 October, in Canmore. Most classes are \$10 and will include: Highland dancing, penny whistle, Scottish Country dancing, Scottish embroidery, bohran, Celtic Art, Gaelic Language, Scottish Cultural lectures and whisky tasting (\$15). New and returning instructors include: Ken Blackwood, Andy Dunn, Donna Gillespie, Heather Leitner, Mary Murray, Morin Orr, James Stott, and Lucinda Warnock. The Canmore Coast Hotel will be the centre of activities and will be offering preferred rates for the weekend (group code **CCM-GFC3413**). The Three Sisters Ceilidh will start the weekend on Friday evening at the Canmore Seniors Centre. Saturday's events will include the Lady MacDonald Luncheon with the Wild Rose Ball that evening as a Scottish Country dance event

with the fabulous Alberta Scottish Orchestra. The weekend will finish on Sunday at noon. The meal package is required to attend classes and has been reduced to \$80 with individual meals available at \$15 for the Three Sisters ceilidh, \$15 for the Lady MacDonald Lunch and \$65 for the Wild Rose Ball. Information will be posted on the Scots Gathering website [www.calgaryscots.org](http://www.calgaryscots.org) as it becomes available and interested persons will be able to register and pay online through PayPal. Come out and make a family weekend at the Scots Gathering.

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## Casino 2019

The Society's Casino has been set for the fourth quarter of 2019 at Cowboys Casino, 421—12th Avenue SE. This casino has free parking in the parkade west of 3rd Street East on the P2 level 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 Chip Runners, Cashiers, Bankers, Count Room Staff (2230-0330hrs), General Managers and Count Room Supervisors. Interested members should contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## 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.
- \$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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