



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Burns Dinner for the Homeless

The Society's 17th Annual Burns Dinner for the Homeless will take place on Sunday, 20 January 2019 at the Calgary Drop-In and Rehabilitation Centre, 423 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E. Please wear tartan or plaid. We require people to kitchen serve and table serve. Kitchen staff is a priority position, tartan aprons will be provided and you can bring your own head wear. The DI staff will direct the kitchen serving. Car pooling is suggested and a map is attached. Volunteers should arrive at 10:30 a.m. and proceed to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor to get settled into work groups. This is a Funday, we begin the morning's activities with the kitchen helpers going down to set up the kitchen. Then the entertainers go down to start the Robbie Burns Show at 11:30 a.m. The show consists of piping, singing, highland dancing, poetry reading and the Address to the Haggis. Once the address is finished, the entertainers are piped to the kitchen and the serving begins. It takes about 40 minutes and we serve 900 plus people depending on the weather and the 110lbs of haggis the Society supplies is eagerly anticipated by many of the clients. When all the dinners have been served; please stay for your own dinner upstairs. The dinner we provide is one of the most anticipated dinners of the year and the clients "mark" it on their calendar! Thank-you very much for donating your time for this worthy cause. : Margot After-good



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## Mobile Burns Unit 2019

The Society is looking for drivers, bards, singers and pipers for the 2019 Mobile Burns teams that will be entertaining seniors and shut-ins on Friday, 25 January 2019. We will have four show teams, one for each quadrant of the City, to perform for over 700 seniors. The performances include an Address to the Haggis, Burns songs and poems, highland dancing, & piping. The performances were much appreciated by the seniors and staff at the various venues. It's both fun and rewarding. If you'd like to join one of the teams for 2019, please contact Robert Henderson at [robthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:robthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514.



# Society Burns Night 2019

Join us for an evening to celebrate Robbie Burns' 260th birthday! We will gather to enjoy Burns' poems and songs as well as other entertainment from our Society pipers, drummers and choir. GlenMorin will be our dance band for this fun-filled event. The dance program will feature dances for everyone to enjoy whether they are seasoned veterans or have never danced before. This year's event will be held at the Polish-Canadian Cultural Centre (3015 15 St NE, Calgary) with the doors opening at 5 pm on Saturday, January 26. Tickets will be available at all Society classes, local dance classes and online at <http://standrewcaledonian.ca/upcoming-events-2/>.

Want to learn the dances on the program? Join us on Tuesdays (Jan 8-22) at Northmount Baptist Church Hall (451 Northmount Dr NW, Calgary) from 7:30 to 9:30 pm to learn all the dances on the program!

Contact Ann Vanderwal (403) 968-7866, [annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:annvanderwal@shaw.ca) for more information or to book tables of 8.



## Kilt Skate 2019

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Canadian Calgary Kilt Skate will be celebrated this year on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Olympic Plaza 228 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE from noon to 4 PM. As in previous years, this is a free event open to the public. We will be providing free hot chocolate and birthday cake to mark this celebration of the birthday of Canada's 1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister and the country's Scottish

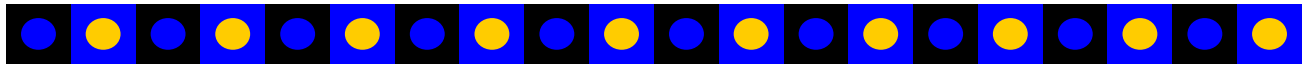


Heritage. This is a cross Canada event being hosted in 7 of Canada's major cities. We will have the Scottish Society's St. Andrew's Caledonian Gaelic Choir kick off the official ceremonies at 12:30 pm with the singing of O'Canada in Gaelic and English. This will be followed by a few remarks and then the reading of a proclamation provided to us by the Rt. Hon Prime Minister of Canada. Thereafter, weather and schedules permitting we plan to have entertainment provided by the St. Andrews' Caledonian pipers and the Springbank Highland Dancers. As well we expect a visit from a special guest the Calgary Flames Mascot Harvey the Hound to help entertain the public. Throughout the event we will have free public skating with or without kilts! *David Aftergood*

## Highland Games 2018 Report

The highland games season ended on a cool note with chilly mornings and overcast weather. Calgary Highland Games, 1 September, were well attended at a new location - the Calgary Rugby Union field on Shepherd Road. The Society Choir sang 'Oh Canada' in English and Gaelic in the Opening Ceremonies. Canmore Highland Games, 2 September, were cool to start and finished fair. The Society Pipers participated in the massed bands at both events. A

big thank you to Mona Baker, Bill & Jody Charney, Eric Connell, Debra Henderson, Frank Henderson, Andrew Joo, Jeannie McCauley, Scott McKenzie, Gavin More, Joanne Robertson-More, David Stott, Nonie Sundstrom, Sylvia Woods, and all the others who assisted in looking after the tent and greeting visitors. Over the period of the games, about 30 new members joined the Society and many renewed their membership



# Annual Budget Meeting 2018

The Society's meeting to consider the budget for 2019 was held on cool Saturday afternoon, 15 September 2019, at Capitol Hill Community Hall. The budget was presented by the President as the Treasurer was away, and discussion followed. The Society has benefited significantly from casino funds allowing the Society to expand its Scottish cultural programs across Calgary and

area. The 2019 budget was passed and the company then enjoyed a bar-b-que, ably managed by Scott McKenzie, with all the fixings, an aerial video of Scotland, and pleasant conversation. Thanks to all who brought salad and dessert items to share as well as to everyone who joined in to BBQ the burgers & hot dogs, tend bar and clean up. *Ann Vanderwal*

## Scots Gathering 2018

The Scots Gathering was held 5-7 October in Canmore and while the weekend was shortened by one day, with a subsequent reduction in costs, the numbers were down as well. Everyone who was there enjoyed the varied offering of classes, great meals, excellent instructors, and the comments were most encouraging. The So-

ciety will be offering the 2019 Scots Gathering on 11—13 October in Canmore with new classes, the Three Sisters Ceilidh, Lady MacDonald Lunch, the Wild Rose Ball, great teachers and good company. Watch for full information on the Scots Gathering website [www.calgaryscots.org](http://www.calgaryscots.org)



## Calgary Tartan Sales

Make the Calgary tartan part of your Christmas giving with the following items (*non-member prices in italics*):

- Ladies Sash \$75 *\$80*
- Mini Rosette Sash \$25 *\$30*
- Calgary Tartan Wool Scarf \$35 *\$40*
- Calgary Tartan Lambswool Wrap \$180 *\$185*
- Calgary Tartan Long Tie \$25 *\$30*
- Calgary Tartan Bow Tie \$25 *\$30*
- Calgary Tartan Cumberbund \$45 *\$50*
- Calgary Tartan wool yardage (per yard)**

Calgary Tartan 11 oz double wide. \$70 *\$75* & Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$50 *\$60*

Watch the Society website Merchandise tab at [www.standrewcaledonian.ca](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca)



## Provincial Tartan Shields

The Society acquired a second set of provincial tartan shields from Ceilidh Revue in 2012 when that organization dissolved. The shields had been mounted on heavy rubber and as the rubber deteriorated, they have been re-mounted on canvas. The shields will be displayed at Society events and highland games, and the collection will be augmented as other tartans become available. Special thanks from the Society to Pat Purvis and Nonie Sundstrom for their work.





# Hogmanay 2018

In conjunction with the Airdrie Scottish Dancers, RSCDS Calgary Branch will be hosting a New Year's Eve celebration. It will feature easy ceilidh and locally familiar dances with the GlenMorin Scottish Dance Band. Non-dancers and beginners welcome. Ticket price includes a light buffet, tea/coffee, squares and Prosecco at midnight. Prizes for the best New Year's Eve hats!

Time: doors open at 8 pm and dancing starts at 8:30 pm

Location: Mount Pleasant Community Centre (602 22 Ave NW)

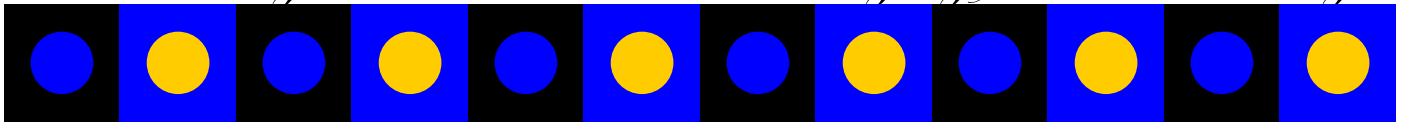
Tickets \$20 (buy online <http://www.rscdscalgary.org/events-2> or contact Ann Vanderwal)



Dress: Semi-formal (cocktail dresses, kilts or suit trousers)

Contact: Ann Vanderwal  
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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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