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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Society Suspension 2021

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Society activities and events have been suspended. Alberta is currently under restrictions and we are all waiting for the vaccine. Society events and activities will resume once everyone feels safe. Thank you for your patience and consideration.



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## Society Memberships Extended

The COVID – 19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of most Society events and activities since March 2020. The Board has reviewed this unfortunate turn of events and that members have not received value for their Society membership. Therefore, the Board of Directors has approved a proposal to extend every member’s membership expiry date by one year to ensure value for the cost of membership and to ensure that once life returns to normal, all Society events and activities are available to all members. In the meantime, please practise safe health precautions to protect yourself, those in your family, and the Scottish community.

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## Kilt Skate 2021 Canceled

Due to the Public Health restrictions on gatherings, the 2021 Kilt Skate has been cancelled. Keep in formed on the 2022 Events at [www.kiltskate.com](http://www.kiltskate.com)

## Robbie Burns Celebrations

Wendy Wilson is an Honourary Life Member and supplies highland dancers for society functions. Here's a show from the dance school that usually comes around with the Society for Mobile Burns. It's 45 min long.

Happy Robbie Burns Day!

On behalf of the Dancers and Teachers at the Wilson School of Highland Dance, we would like to share with you our 2021 Virtual Robbie Burns Presentation! Pour yourself a cup of tea and grab some short-bread, enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/4b3Zs1K82e0>

See you in person, next year!



# Gaelic Language Workshop

Many of you are aware that the St Andrew-Caledonian Society has offered instruction in Scottish Gaelic over the past few years. Unfortunately, the situation with Covid has prevented in class learning since March of 2020.

The better news is that we are going to have an online learning session for Gaelic. This course will be an immersion session, meaning it is taught using Gaelic. It is primarily for people who have had exposure to Gaelic, but we would welcome people who are wanting to start learning and are up for a challenge. If that is you, we would encourage you to spend some time on Duolingo, or the lessons on [www.learnghaelic.net](http://www.learnghaelic.net) in advance. What we are looking at is a video conference using Zoom on the weekend of May 1st and 2nd. We would have 4 hours of immersion sessions on each of Saturday and Sunday - 2.5 hours in the morning and 1.5 in the afternoon. The afternoon session would be used to reinforce what is covered in the morn-

ing. Given that we have not been able to have classes since early last year, the first hour of Saturday morning will be very basic to help us get back into speaking the language. There would also be a Ceilidh style session on Saturday night, with music and stories! In April, prior to the session, we will offer a Zoom tutorial for anyone unfamiliar with the application. There will also be a note coming out prior to the session with suggestions for prep, including some props that will be used to make the session practical. While the objective will be to use Gaelic only, there will be specific short periods of time to use English where clarification is necessary. We would charge \$40 for the weekend sessions to cover costs. Please contact [stuartclark51@gmail.com](mailto:stuartclark51@gmail.com) to let him know if you interested or have questions about the event. We will be limiting the class size to 15 to ensure all attendees get attention. *Stuart Clark*

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## Bar Manager

The Society is looking for a member to come on the Board who would manage the bar at Society functions. This would involve purchasing and storing inventory, stocking the bar at functions, organizing ticket sales and bartending, balancing the books at the end of a function, and reporting to the Board. The Society currently holds four functions where a bar is desirable: Burns Night, Bannockburn Bar-B-Que, Budget Meeting and St. Andrew's Ball. If any member would like further details, please contact Robert Henderson, [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or (403) 245-5514.



## 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 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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