



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Society Suspension 2020

In light of the growing number of infected Calgarians, and in order to assist civic officials in containing the current viral outbreak, the Society will: suspended all activities and events indefinitely, assess the situation weekly, and advise all members when activities will resume. Thank you for your patience and consideration.



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## Society Membership Assistance Program

The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society has survived one pandemic (1918-19) and the social bonds of membership will remain strong during the current one as well. Those bonds have led to expressions of concern for members and offers to help those in need.

The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society is forming a Member Assistance Team. Please contact Robert at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514 with your postal code and most easy to contact phone number:

If you would like to give direct assistance (helper) to a Society member within your postal code area (ie T3C), such as getting groceries or taking them to the doctor's office. Volunteers will always have the option to decline a request. Assistance protocol will be given to each volunteer to minimize social contact.

If you would like to regularly (every four to five days) contact Society members (caller) who are in the vulnerable group to check on their condition. In addition to asking simple questions, this may involve chatting to re-assure anxious members, and also contacting Robert if a member requires assistance.

If any member is in need of assistance

In order to facilitate this program, your personal information, (name, phone number, email and address) will be shared with other Society members who will contact you. These members are contacting you to see if you need help and you can withdraw from this program at any time by telling the caller, or contacting contact Robert at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514 with your postal code.

This pandemic will take its time and once the 'all clear' statement is made by health officials, this program will cease.

Regards,  
Robert Henderson  
President

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# Burns' Night 2020

We had our largest Burns' Night in recent memory with 162 attendees! Robert Henderson gave the Immortal Memory and Dave Stott gave our toast to the Lassies with the reply being given by Wendy Wilson. Our pipers Addressed the Haggis due illness on the part of one of our members. Entertainment was provided by our Society's Gaelic choir and pipers as well as Highland Dancers from Wendy Wilson's school of Highland Dance. A big thank you to Nonie Sundstrom for the floral table arrangements and to the many helpers who assisted with set up and take down.

## Kilt Skate 2020

We had a much better year in 2020. The weather was much more pleasant, +2C (you will recall last year's -36C)! Lots more people came, we served over 100 hot chocolates. We also had several pipers and various Kilt Skaters. We had our traditional St. Andrews-Caledonia Scottish Society Choir signing O' Canada, in English and Gaelic. We



also



had Greg MacLean MP Calgary Centre join us, bring greetings and put on a pair of skates to take a twirl on the ice. Finally we enjoyed a nice warm fire with Hot Chocolate throughout the afternoon. A good time was had by all at the 6th annual Calgary Kilt Skate. Here are a few pictures for your to use at your discretion. Warm regards & stay safe. *David Aftergood*

## AGM 2020/BannockburnBQ

Our AGM will be held this year at the Winston-Heights Mountainview Community Centre (520 27 Ave NE, Calgary) on Saturday, June 27 starting at 3 pm. Should circumstances permit, we will combine the AGM with the Bannockburn Bar B Que. See the May 2020 Saltire for further details or check the Society website.

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for one full term 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 usually the first Wednesday evening of the month. 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 Andrew Joo at [andrewjoo@msn.com](mailto:andrewjoo@msn.com) via an email indicating their interest, or if they are proposing someone as a candidate, then please supply a contact telephone number and/or email address for follow-up with that individual. Thank you. *Andrew Joo*



**Calgary**

Naheed K. Nenshi, Mayor

### PROCLAMATION

One of the most important symbols of Scotland and Scottish culture, the Tartan is an emblem for those of Scottish descent around the world. *Tartan Day* is a day to celebrate the Calgary Tartan, and the vibrant and influential role of Scottish immigrants and their descendents in our community.

Whereas: Calgary has a distinguished Scottish past and character with Scots bearing a significant responsibility for the city we have today;

Whereas: The Calgary Tartan was adopted by Calgary City Council on July 14, 2003 and is a community symbol of identity;

Whereas: The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society is entrusted as guardian to promote and manage this symbol of Calgary.

On behalf of City Council and the citizens of Calgary, I hereby proclaim April 6, 2020 as:

#### “TARTAN DAY”

**NAHEED K. NENSHI  
MAYOR**



Tartan Day Celebrations will be held once circumstances allow.



# Calgary Tartan Sales



The Society is offering the following items (*non-member prices in italics*):

Calgary Tartan Note Cards: \$5

Ladies Sash \$75 *\$80*

Mini Rosette Sash \$25 *\$30*

Calgary Tartan Wool Scarf - \$22 *\$27*

Calgary Tartan Lambswool Wrap \$145 *\$155*

Calgary Tartan Long Tie \$18 *\$23*

Calgary Tartan Bow Tie - \$17 *\$21*

Calgary Tartan Cummerbund \$45 *\$50*

**Calgary Tartan wool yardage (per yard)**

Calgary Tartan 11 oz double wide. \$55 *\$70*

& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$50 *\$63*

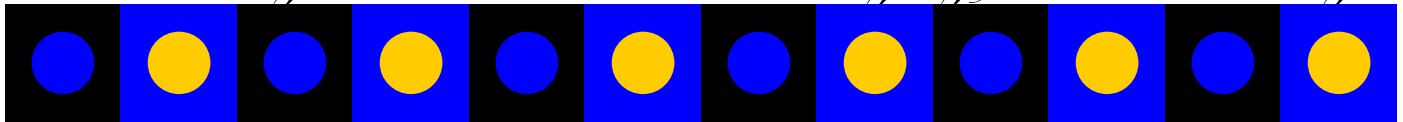
Watch the Society website Merchandise tab at [www.standrewcaledonian.ca](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca)

# Thistle Shop

The Society has received several donations in the last year and wishes to make members aware of the items currently in the Thistle Shop. General categories are: badges, belts, books, DVDs, flags, ghillie brogues, headgear, hose, kilts, ladies long kilts, great kilts, pins, miscellany, plaques, scarves, sporrans, ties and yardage. At the moment, the Thistle Shop has one or more items for the following clans: Bruce, Cumming, Douglas, Gordon, Government, Graham, Henderson, Little, MacCallum, MacDonald, MacEwan, MacFarlane, MacPherson, Malcolm, Powell, Stewart, Stuart & Wallace. Funds from the sale of these items assist the Benevolent Fund. Members can contact Robert Henderson [oberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:oberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514 to inquire about items currently in the Thistle Shop and he is willing to bring specific items to Society events for members who are interested.



*Celebrating Scottish Culture in Calgary for over a century*



## Bylaw Changes Filed

The Society has received notice that the Bylaw amendments, presented and approved by Society members at a meeting specially called for that purpose on Saturday, 14 September, were filed by Service Alberta on 26 September 2019. The amendments were part of the scheduled five year review and added a clause regarding a Code of Conduct, establishment of a Nominating Committee with defined responsibilities, definition of Member spending authority, limits of director liability, a change in the period in which the AGM is held, and details on the election process as some members had previously demonstrated confusion on that process.

## 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.

## A Coat without a Home

Please have a look in your coat closet as a coat was left behind at the 2019 St. Andrew's Ball in the Polish Canadian Club coat room. It is a black London Fog Bianca, 3/4 length. Size 12 regular, black satin lined with red trim, front slash pockets, and three buttons on each sleeve cuff. Contact Robert Henderson at [reberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:reberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514 to claim.

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