



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Society Burns Night 2022

The Society's Burns Night is being re-scheduled to a future date at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre with a full program of singing, dancing, piping and Burns poetry. Check the Society website, standrew-caledonian.ca, for full details and ticket purchase.



## Society Activity Update

Society activities and events have once again been suspended until the current virus has run its course. Time will tell if it is to be followed by another variant and its level of severity. Members of the various activity groups will be contacted before activities resume and an update will be published on the Society website, standrew-caledonian.ca. Members are asked to show proof of double vaccination with at least two weeks since the second shot, and masks are also required. Classes are being held in their usual locations and check with your teacher about 2022 will be a critical year for the community in general and we wish all our members safety and health in the New Year.

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## Ceilidh Dancing Group

Starting in March, at 7pm, the Society will be offering FREE weekly two-hour Scottish cèilidh dance lessons at the Northmount Baptist Church in Calgary led by Adam Dahmer and Dhanya Baird.

Cèilidh dancing is a fun, simple, energetic style of social folkdance with roots in the Scottish Highlands that is today one of the world's most popular styles of Scottish dance. If you've ever been Scottish Country dancing, you can think of cèilidh dancing as its rowdier, more care-free cousin – enthusiasm is half the dance!

The classes will teach the dances most popular at cèilidh dance events in Scotland, so that, if you happen to attend a cèilidh dance while visiting *An t-Seann Dùthaich* (The Old Country), you'll be ready to join right in!

Although the steps are simple, cèilidh dances have quite varied patterns – couples' round dances, square

dances, facing four-couple sets, and long lines – so you'll feel stimulated without feeling daunted; and the dances include steps from other styles of folk and ballroom dancing – like waltzes, reels, and polkas – so that cèilidh-ing can be your gateway to a veritable world of dance!

Cèilidh dances are good physical and mental exercise for people of all ages, and for families as well as couples and individuals – so feel free to bring your friends and family members!

You'll have the chance to learn the names of the dances in English and Gaelic, and – if you're interested – to try your hand at dance-calling, so that you can eventually set up your own cèilidh-dance events!

Come one, come all, and have a ball: *Bidh sinn a' dèanamh fiughair ri ur faicinn!* (We look forward to seeing you!) Check the Society website for the start date.



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## St. Andrew's Ball 2021

The Society came together on Saturday, 20 November 2021 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre to celebrate St. Andrew. Sixty seven members and friends enjoyed the music, the food and the dancing. The evening started with the Society Pipers playing Scottish tunes and the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance performing crowd favourites. Grace, read by Cindy Clark, was followed by a superb dinner of prime rib, roasted vegetables, and Peach Melba. The President made the toast to Queen Elizabeth; Kathryn Hannah OC, member, toasting St. Andrew; Stuart Clark, Director of the Society toasted Calgary; David Aftergood, member, toasted Canada, and; Jason Lychak, Director for the Society, toasted 'The Homeland', Scotland. Following 'Auld Lang Syne', the dance started with the Grand March from the pipers and the excellent sounds of Ron Krug and Scott Duncan. The dance program, a most enjoyable group of dances, was designed and called by Ann Vanderwal which made the evening a very memorable experience. The company was entertained during the intermissions, the Calgary Fiddlers with the Bow Valley Fiddlers and a stirring Gaelic song from Adam Dahmer which rounded out a terrific evening.

## Caledonian Billiard Table

The Society acquired a 1940 Brunswick Manchester, 8 leg billiard table many years ago and has recently set it up in the basement of Northmount Baptist Church. The table is the responsibility of a group of trustees who contribute to its upkeep in return for user privileges. Trustees are issued deeds which record the funds contributed and can sell their deed to another Society member whenever they like. Trustees meet once a year to check the condition of the table and test their skills. Any



member who is interested in becoming a trustee can contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com).

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## Society Casino

The dates for the Society's casino are Sunday, 17 April and Monday, 18 April 2022 (Easter Sunday and Monday) at the Cash Casino, 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE. This casino has free parking in the lot on the north side and escorts for casino workers upon request. Cash Casino has been recently renovated and player numbers are good so it's very much business as usual. Currently, everyone is required to be vaccinated, have their QR code and wear a mask. 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 and Count Room Staff (2230-0330hrs). 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 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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