



THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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2025 Mobile Burns

The Society is looking for drivers, bards, singers and pipers for the 2025 Mobile Burns teams that will be entertaining seniors and shut-ins on Friday, 24 January 2025. We will have four show teams, one for each quadrant of the City, to perform for over 1200 seniors. The performances will include an Address to the Haggis, Burns songs and poems, highland dancing, & piping. The performances have been 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 2025, please contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or 403-245-5514.



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Society Burns Night 2025

Join us for an evening to celebrate Robbie Burns' 266th birthday! We will gather to enjoy Burns' poems and songs as well as other entertainment from our Society pipers, drummers and choir. Scott Duncan and Warren Tse 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 5:30 pm on Saturday, 1 February. 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 7, 14, 21 & 28) 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 for more information or to book tables



Society Budget Meeting 2024

The weather was sunny and mild when the Society met on Saturday, 21 September at the capitol Hill Community Centre to review the budget for 2025 and other business. Twenty members were present at 4:30pm and Andrew Auchterlonie presented the budget which was approved. The next order of business was an amendment to a 2007 motion to increase the Highland Games Operating Grant by one thousand dollar. Cost have gone up across society and highland games need the extra, so the Society responded and the grant now stands at four thousand dollars per

annum per highland games. Members contributed \$35 to the benevolent Fund and the meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm. The meeting was followed by a Barbie where members brought salads and desserts to share while the Society provided hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken burgers, vegetarian burgers, haggis burgers and the condiments. Everyone had a good meal and moved on to the Scottish Country dance with Dennis Orr and Glen Morin. Ann Vanderwal put together a great dance program that was enjoyed by those present and finished off a good day for the Society.



Society History—140 years

The work to incorporate the town of Calgary as a municipality had been accomplished when the members of the Calgary Civic Committee received the Town Charter on 10 November 1884 and they turned their efforts to another community cornerstone. The initial meeting of the Calgary St. Andrew's Society was advertised in the Calgary herald and held 19 November 1884 at George Murdoch's shack in what is now Victoria Park. At that time it was determined that there was interest and the organizational meeting was held 21 November with George Murdoch elected President, Archibald McNeil First Vice President, J.G. McCallum Second Vice President, Thomas S Burns was the Secretary and credited with being the driving spirit behind the formation, Joseph Bannerman the

Treasurer, J. Douglas White the Sergeant at Arms, and, George Munro and McLeod the Pipers. The membership fee was fixed at \$2.00 and there were about thirty members. A committee was formed to draft the by-laws and the first dinner set for the Rossin House on Stephen Avenue Saturday 29 November 1884. It was decided to send greetings to the St Andrew's Society of Winnipeg on the evening of the dinner. The first dinner of the Society, for men only, did take place at the Rossin House, Archibald McNeil proprietor, and after the dinner, a great number of toasts were made, songs were sung and the crowd was entertained by piper, George Munro. The event broke up at about 11 o'clock.



Haggis Herders

From the archives comes a rare undated photograph of the Argyll Haggis Herders Gathering. The text goes on to report that Haggis is a prized commodity, rich in vitamins, minerals, and flavour. Herds once roamed across the country but now are limited to remote, secluded areas due their shy nature.



Kilt Skate 2025



Olympic Plaza is undergoing renovation and this includes the ice rink, Kilt Skate 2025 is currently on hold and we are looking for a temporary location to fill in for 2025 and however long it takes to rebuild the Plaza. Keep up to date with current information on the Society website: <http://standrewcaledonian.ca/upcoming-events-2/>.

Glasgow Gaelic School

(Scottish Gaelic: *Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu*) is a primary and secondary school in Glasgow Scotland which teaches through the medium of Scottish Gaelic. This teaching method is commonly known as Gaelic Medium Education. The secondary school catchment area serves the



whole of Glasgow and the primary school catchment is in the west of the city. More than 1300 students are enrolled in the Glasgow Gaelic Schools. The former St James Primary in Calton will be turned into the city's fourth Gaelic school after council planners approved the project. Part of the old building will be refurbished and an extension created.

Calgary Tartan Sales

Hogmanay 2024

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

Ladies Sash \$75 *\$80*

Mini Rosette Sash \$25 *\$30*

Calgary Tartan Wool Scarf \$25 *\$40*

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 metre)

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

& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$60 *\$77*

Watch the Society website Merchandise tab at www.standrewcaledonian.ca We are also looking for an assistant sales director to help with new orders and shipping.

Join us for a fun-filled celebration! The evening will feature easy and popular Scottish Country Dances which are all beginner-friendly so bring your non-dancing friends. We will be serving a light buffet with tea and coffee as well as bubbly at midnight. A cash bar will be available.

When: Tuesday, December 31

Time: 8 pm – midnight (doors open at 7:30 pm)

Where: Mt. Pleasant Community Hall (602 22 Ave NW)

Cost:

Members* and guests \$25 pre-purchase or \$30 at the door (*RSCDS or Airdrie SD)

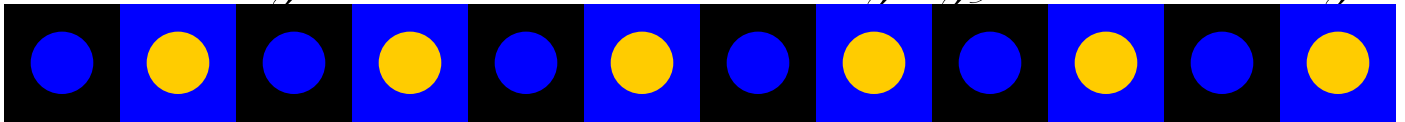
Non-members \$30 (pre-purchase only includes ASD membership)

Music: Scott Duncan's Band

Dance program and tickets:

<https://www.airdriescottishdancers.org/events/>

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Society Casino 2025

The Society's next casino dates are: Monday 21 (Easter) and Tuesday 22 April 2025 at the Ace Casinos Airport, 40 Aero Crescent NE. Their website is: www.acecasinos.ca and they are located off Deerfoot Trail & Airport Trail next to the Clique Hotel. There are currently openings in all days, shifts and positions. We are looking for general managers, alternate general managers, bankers, cashiers, chip runners, Count room supervisors and count room staff. 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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