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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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Kilt Skate 2025—New Date

The 11th Annual Calgary Kilt Skate will take place at the new University District outdoor public ice skating rink on Monday Feb 17th 2025 beginning at noon until 3:00pm. As you know the new venue is nestled in the new University District next to the University of Calgary and the Calgary Children's Hospital (see map below). It boast a large public skating rink with 3 separate gas fired outdoor fire pits, for skaters to warm up. It includes an outdoor stage and has a ice skating rental shop, in addition to being surrounded by several local bars and restaurants.



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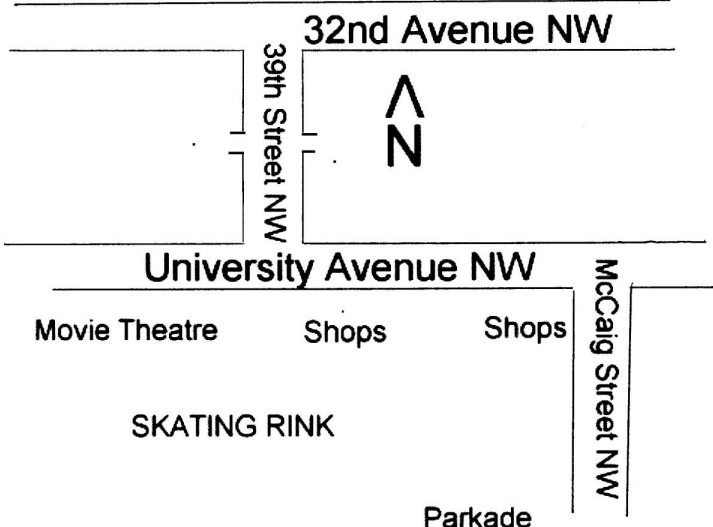


To access the district, take either Shaganappi Trail or 32nd Avenue NW. From 32nd, turn on to 39th Street and go down to University Avenue which is a 'T' intersection—turn left on to University Avenue and first right turn on to McCaig Street. From Shaganappi, take the Children's Hospital exit to University Avenue. Go past 39th Street and take McCaig Street and the underground parkade is on your right. Three hour free underground heated parking must be validated at a nearby merchant.

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Our planned program is to begin the festivities at noon with a welcoming statement, followed by the Calgary Caledonian Choir singing O' Canada in English and Gaelic. Thereafter, the choir will sing a selection of favourite Scottish folk songs. Then the Scottish Highland dancers from the Wilson School of Highland Dance will perform, followed by a performance of the Society's Pipers. As always free hot chocolate will be provided to the public during the skate.



Tartan Day 2025

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2025 with a social get-together at the Dorset Pub, 1637 — 37th Street SW, 5 April, starting at 4:00pm. Plans include: membership prizes, highland dancing, piping, singing, Scottish Country Dancing, the Mayor’s Proclamation, and much more. The Dorset has a good menu and parking on the north side plus an empty lot behind. Members should wear their tartan, tell their friends—all are welcome.



St Andrew’s Ball 2024

The Society’s 140th St. Andrew’s Ball was well attended with 106 members and guests gathering on Saturday, 23 November 2024 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre Main Hall. The program started slightly differently with the pipers and highland dancers from the Wilson School of Highland Dance presenting piping selections and dances and were followed by the Society’s Caledonian Singers. The dinner started with a tossed green salad, then on to Alberta Prime Rib, Roasted Mixed Vegetables, Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce and Roasted Potatoes, finishing with Peach Melba. The dinner portion concluded with the President toasting our King; Adam Dahmer, Director, toasting St.

Andrew; Dr. Kathryn Hannah OC, Member, toasting Calgary; Vice-President Andrew Auchterlonie toasting Canada, and; Andrew Joo, Marshall and Life Member, toasting Scotland. The speeches were all well received after which the company sang Auld Lang Syne. A short intermission followed before the Grand March and then into the Scottish Country Dance program. Originally, GlenMorin was to play the music for this event, but the large snow fall prevented them from making the trip up from Medicine Hat, so recorded music was played with several encores.



The Society sincerely thanks the outstanding contribution of Ann Vanderwal for conducting the dance lessons prior to the Ball and directing the dance portion during the Ball, and Dhanya Baird for decorating the tables in the Main Hall. The Society also wishes to thank the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre for an outstanding dinner. Overall, everyone enjoyed the food, music, company and dance at this year’s St. Andrew’s Ball.



2025 Mobile Burns

The Society's year began on a beautiful sunny morning when the Mobile Burns Unit entertained just over 1000 seniors on 24 January at 26 facilities throughout Calgary with the north team performing at: Bow Centre Place, Brentwood Care Centre, JE Harris House, Manor Village Huntingdon Hills, Evanston Summit, Edgemont Retirement Residence, and Rivera Scenic Acres; the south team at: Evergreen Rivera, Shawnessy Lodge, AgeCare MacKenzie Towne, Providence Care Centre, AgeCare Glenmore, and Mayfair Care Centre; the east team at: Monterey Seniors Village, AgeCare Sky Point, Newport Harbour Care Centre, Bethany Riverview, Clifton House, Trinity Lodge and Spruce Lodge, and: the west team at: Manor Village Garrison Woods, Extendicare Spruce Cliff, AgeCare Bow Crest, Carewest Col Belcher, Westview Town Suites, and Wentworth Court. Members of the Society who participated as bards were: Murray McGillivray, Andrew Joo, Terry McKinnon and Bill Mulloy; singers were: Ken Perrson, Jim Weisert, Erika Innes and Margot Aftergood; pipers were: Dave Stott, Marion Owen, Ian Lewis, and Robert Henderson; and the highland dancers were: Addy Robertson, Brielle Foster, Amy Gyryluk, Savannah Salisbury, Alice Innes, Leia & Andie Edelshaim. The performers were well met at all locations, some had real haggis, and others gave out cards and snacks. The Society appreciates the assistance of the Wilson School of Highland Dance and the teams had a great day.



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Martian Tartan



This tartan was created by Paul Moffat and registered as a fashion tartan in 2023 to celebrate human achievements of discovery and exploration of Mars from Galileo Galilei who first discovered Mars back in 1610 to the Mars Rover perseverance which landed on Mars in 2020 and ongoing research. The colours are intended to reflect the planetary terrain and minerals found on Mars. This tartan is recorded in The Scottish Register of Tartans and may be the second tartan of this name.

Calgary Tartan Sales

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 Cumberbund \$45 *\$50*

Calgary Tartan wool yardage (per metre)

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

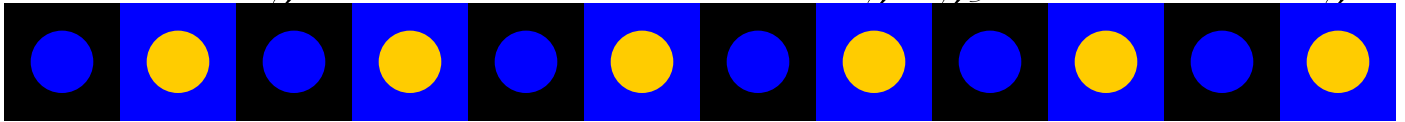
& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$60 *\$77*

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.

Board Member Opportunities

The Society's Slate for the upcoming Annual General Meeting is currently full, however, the Board of Directors is looking for members 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 usually held the first Saturday afternoon 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 via an email indicating their interest, or if they are proposing someone as a candidate, .The Board appreciates your consideration.. Andrew Joo

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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. All positions are currently filled, however, we are looking for members who can come on-call for scheduled members who are unable to take their shift. This would be an Alternate General Manager's position to cover General Managers, Bankers, Cashiers, Chip Runners, Count Room Supervisors and Count Room Staff. You can select the day, shift and position that you are willing to be backup. Contact Robert a roberthenderson@yahoo.com or (403) 245-5514. 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.

Members should consider renewing for several years to avoid missing any activities or events.

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