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MARCH CEILIDH

Cèilidh Fhèill Phàdraig (St. Patrick's Day Cèilidh)

We have another cèilidh dance slated for Saturday, March 14th, around St. Patrick's Day. It will take place at the Capitol Hill Community Hall, 1531 - 21st Ave NW near Confederation Park. Doors will open to the public at around 7:00pm, with dancing to start at 7:15pm. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members (renewals are \$15). Dance instruction will be provided by Drs Adam Dahmer and Dhanya Baird.

Come out, shake off the dull winter and have a great evening.



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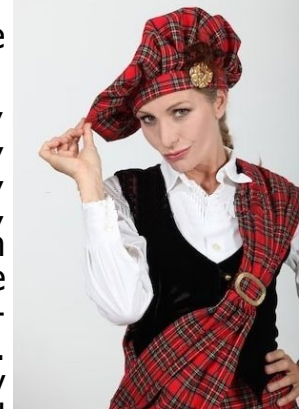
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Tartan Day 2026

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2026 with a social get-together at the Cat and Fiddle Pub, 540—16th Avenue NW on Saturday, 4 April, starting at 4:00pm. There's parking behind the pub, lots of room and good space for dancing. Plans include: membership prizes, Caledonian Singers, Scottish word puzzle, Gaelic Song Circle, highland dancing, Caledonian Pipers, singing, Scottish Country Dancing, the Mayor's Proclamation, and more. Come and enjoy good company, good food, and good entertainment. Members should wear their tartan and tell their friends—all are welcome.



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St Andrew's Ball 2025

The Society's 140th St. Andrew's Ball was well attended with 90 members and guests gathering on Saturday, 22 November 2025 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre Main Hall. The program started 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 with their song selections, and then the Gaelic Song Circle with their unique songs.



The served 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 (Part 2); Margot Aftergood, Director, toasting Calgary; Marshall & Life member Andrew Joo, toasting Canada, and; Drew McNicol, 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. We were without a dance band for this event, so recorded

music was played. There were six sets for most dances 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.



KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN

Society members gathered Sunday, 23 November 2025 at St. Giles Presbyterian Church for a Kirkin' of the Tartan. The service began with the choral piece 'Be Thou my Vision' by the Society's Caledonian Singers followed by the Caledonian Pipers who played the tartans in with 'Highland Cathedral'. The service was led by Rev Chandra Mannix and attracted about one hundred people with many Society members present. The proclamation revoking the law against highland dress was read and the tartans were blessed. Dr Dahmer presented the 23rd Psalm in Gaelic in a most impressive fashion followed by communion, 'Hallelujah', and the service concluded with the Pipers and 'Amazing Grace'. A social time followed where the congregation was most welcoming and hospitable. Plans are being formulated for another Kirkin' in 2026.



MOBILE BURNS 2026

The Society's year began on a cool somber morning when the Mobile Burns Unit entertained just over 1000 seniors on 26 January at 27 facilities. 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: AgeCare Walden Heights, Canyon Meadows Retirement, AgeCare MacKenzie Towne, MacKenzie Towne Independent, Providence Care Centre, AgeCare Glenmore, and Mayfair Care Centre; the east team at: Monterey Seniors Village, Templemont Place, Newport Harbour Care Centre, Bethany Riverview, Clifton House, Carewest George Boyack, and Spruce Lodge, and: the west team at: Glamorgan Care Centre, Extencicare Spruce Cliff, AgeCare Bow Crest, Carewest Col Belcher, Manor Village Garrison Woods, and Trinity Lodge. Members of the Society who participated as bards were: Murray McGilivray, Andrew Joo, James Matheson and Bill Mulloy; singers were: Ken Perrson, Jim Weisert, Erika Innes, Margot & Jonathan Aftergood, and Sandra Child; pipers were: Dave Stott, Marion Owen, Eric MacConnell, and Robert Henderson; and the highland dancers were: Alison Carey, Andie & Leia Edelshaim, Carmen & Tessa Gafuik, Halle Ingram, Abi & Charlie Resch, Addy Robertson, Savannah Salisbury. 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.



Calgary Tartan Sales

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

Calgary Tartan Note Cards: \$5

Calgary Tartan/Society coffee mugs \$15

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*

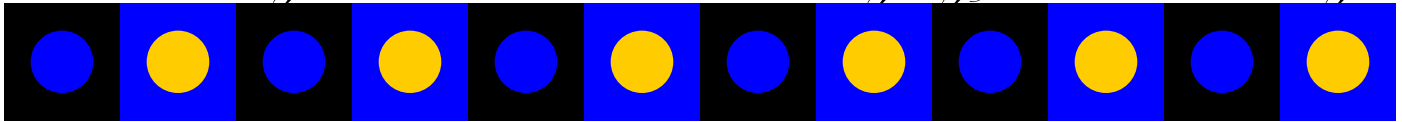
& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$60 *\$77*

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 has two openings. The Board of Directors is looking for members who would like to get involved with the operation of Society events and activities, particularly one in Sales and one as a Festival Director. 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. The Board appreciates your consideration.. Andrew Joo

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Society Casino 2026

The Society's next casino will be Monday, 28 December & Tuesday 29 December 2026 at the Ace Airport Casino, 40 Aero Crescent NE,. Their website is: www.acecasinos.ca and they are located off Deerfoot Trail & Airport Trail just off Aero Drive NE between the Clique Hotel and Westin Hotel. There is great parking at the front door and the food is tremendous. We will be 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.

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

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