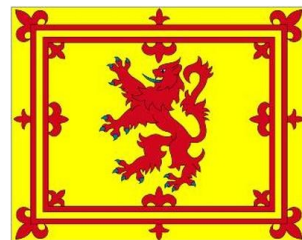




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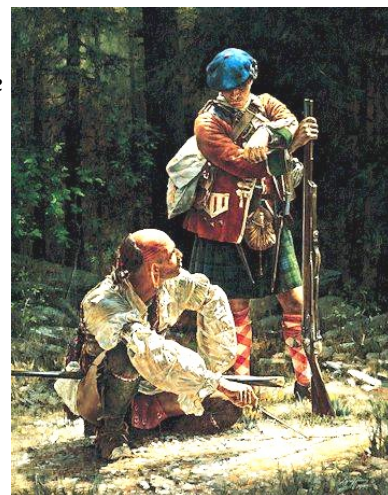
GREETINGS FROM THE CHIEF:

Did you know? Found recently on FaceBook:

The Scottish fur traders arrived in the colonies largely as single men. The Scots were so compatible with the Indians that after 1750 nearly all the fur traders among the Eastern Indians were Highland Scots. They soon aligned with Native American women. These marriages facilitated trade because Native wives usually taught their husbands their tribal languages. It was well acknowledged the key

roles that Native wives played in their husband's operations.

Historically there were a number of parallels between the American Indians and the Highland Scots. The two groups had much in common. The Cherokee admired the Highland Scots whom they considered fellow warriors. Each had fought lengthy battles, stretching over centuries, both against one another and against English speaking invaders. Members of both groups being driven from their homelands deepened the parallel. Both were mountain people with proud, independent, warrior societies who gloried in a good fight, rough games and reckless living. Each had achieved partial, but by no means complete, success in fending off invasions. As indigenous peoples, their social structures



reflected numerous similarities. Each viewed land as essentially a communal resource, not a commodity to be bought and sold for profit. Each identified itself by bands or clans, and since chieftdom descended through lineage, each devised a system flexible enough to allow selection of the best person for the job. Both were clan societies which considered loyalty to the clan their first obligation. An Indian's insistence on vengeance for the killing of a member of his clan was perfectly understood by an 18th century Highlander with a similar custom. There were even parallels between their harvest ceremonies. Both cultures were primarily oral, with folklore and stories passed on to the children containing the distilled wisdom of their people. Finally, the deep wisdom and strength of character that each group has displayed over the centuries has allowed them to endure their calamities with dignity

Richard K. Mason, Chief

THE PICNIC

was a great success, with good food, new friends, old friends, and happy scholars who won the 4 awards we were pleased to be able to give this year:
Robert Burns Award: Jason Burg, Hammondsport
Founder's Award: Lindsey Cunningham, Syracuse
George Cunningham Scottish Essay Award: Casen Weeden, Watkins Glen
Bruce Stewart Memorial Scholarship: Adam Zingler, Painted Post



Note kilt...how could he miss? He made it himself...



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL, AND WE WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS!



Have pipes, will travel. George Cunningham II joins the group...

THE GAMES AT DUNDEE

Once again, we were thrilled to see our band in action first-hand: the pipers' circle was right in front of our stand, so we had great seats from which to cheer them on. Well done, Band!

We met lots of new folks interested in their Scottish heritage, and hopefully some of them will become

members. It was a beautiful day and thanks go out to **Chief Mason, Bill Sitzman, Nedra McElroy, Ian Kostolansky**, for setting up and working the stand. **Ian Mackenzie** lent a hand as well. We made a bit of money for the scholarship fund selling quilt raffle tickets (see next page) and buttons.



Members **Nikki and Michael Sanfratello** brought their canine companion to compete in the doggy costume contest...I think he lost to a tarted up poodle...but didn't he look magnificent in his kilt!



ST. ANDREW'S DAY

The New Testament of the Bible states that Saint Andrew was born in Bethesda and was the younger brother of St. Peter. Both he and Peter were fishermen—until Jesus called them to become “fishers of men.” He is believed to have been at Jesus's Last Supper and is reported to have died on an “X” shaped cross in Greece. St. Andrew has been the patron saint of Scotland since the 9th century. However, it wasn't until 2007 that St. Andrew's Day became an official bank holiday in Scotland.

In Scotland, it is an official bank holiday if it doesn't fall on a weekend. If it does fall on a Saturday or Sunday, then December 1st or 2nd is observed as a bank holiday. It is often celebrated with traditional Scottish food and dancing. It is also often seen as the

beginning of the Scottish winter festival seasons which begins with St. Andrew's Day and concludes with Hogmanay and Burns Night.

Join us in celebrating St. Andrew at our annual



ST. ANDREWS DINNER

Annual Meeting
Election of Officers
FRIDAY, November 15
at the Corning American
Legion
8 River Road.

\$30

Entertainment, Pipes, Kilts!
RSVP Jan Kostolanski for reservations by
November 11th:
368-8385, 962-7726 or e-mail
<jjk35@empireaccess.net.>

QUILT RAFFLE!

Come to St. Andrews prepared to take a chance on winning this incredible bookshelf quilt honoring Scottish heritage and the tartan. There is a key to the tartans used affixed to the back.

Drawing to be held at the Burns Dinner in January, and proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund. Tickets \$2 or 3/\$5.



REST IN PEACE, ALAN



Alan Carr Hutchinson 1935-2019
You will be greatly missed.

EPITAPH FOR A FRIEND

An honest man here lies at rest,
As e'er God with His image blest:
The friend of man, the friend of truth;
The friend of age, and guide of youth:
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.

—Robert Burns

PAY YOUR DUES!

Look at your mailing label. If it says "lifetime," or "benefactor", "fellow", or "comp," you are current in your membership and will remain so. If there is a year above your name, and it is not 2019 or later, you are in arrears. If you are not current with your dues (Single \$10, Family \$15, Patron \$25, Benefactor \$50 or more, Life \$250), please remit them to Nedra McElroy, 4 Lackawanna Ave., Bath NY 14810 straight away.

******Members whose dues are not current for 2019 will be removed from the Society mailing list.******

Thank you for your attention to this important matter! By the same token, if your e-mail or telephone or mailing address has changed, please keep us in the loop. Tell Nedra.



Past Chiefs of the Scottish-American Society of the Southern Tier, Inc.

George Cunningham 1973 to 1985

Don Campbell 1985 to 1991

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Donald Flatt 2000 to 2003

Tom McIntyre 2003 to 2009

Blake Mayo 2009 to 2015

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DATES TO REMEMBER

ST. ANDREWS DINNER AND ANNUAL MEETING:

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!

FRIDAY, November 15

Corning American Legion

BURNS DINNER: January 25, 2020

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