

*The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia*  
(Organized 1747)



**Prospective Member Application Packet**

Dear Prospective Member,

We are delighted to send you an application to The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia at the request of a current member. Our Society is the oldest, fastest growing and most vibrant hereditary Society in the country. We are pleased that you are interested in joining what we refer to as "our beloved Society."

Enclosed in this packet please find:

1. An application for membership.
2. A description of The Society.
3. Photos from Annual Events of the Society.
4. Copies of The Chronicle, the Society's newsletter.
5. A sample genealogy.
6. The Society's brochure regarding The Foundation of the St. Andrew's Society.

Please complete the enclosed digital application, print it out, and then sign it. Also attach your family genealogy which shows your direct descent from a native-born Scot, as is illustrated in the enclosed sample. An application will not be sent to the Elective Committee by the Membership Chairman until the application is complete and your genealogy is confirmed.

Election to our Society is a two-step process. The first step is to have your name "Read Aloud". When your application is approved by the Elective Committee, your name will be "Read Aloud" before the membership present at a Quarterly Meeting and Dinner of the Society. The second step is the actual election. This takes place at the following Quarterly Meeting and Dinner. If your election is favorable, then you will become a full member of the St. Andrews Society of Philadelphia with all rights and privileges bestowed.

When you have completed and signed your application, please send that along with your genealogy to the following address:

John F. McDonald, III – Secretary  
245 Willow Avenue  
Wayne, PA 19087  
mcdonald@ksmarchitects.com

Best Regards,  
St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia Membership Committee

*The Land Title Building, Suite 1117  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103*

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia

FROM THE CHARTER - ARTICLE III

To be qualified for membership in this Society an individual must have been born in Scotland or must be the descendant of one or more persons born in Scotland. The Society shall have the right to elect honorary members, but no honorary member shall have any right to take any part in the management of the business of the Society, nor shall such members be called upon to contribute to its support.

FULL NAME (Do not use initials) .....

RESIDENCE ADDRESS .....

TEL. # ..... EMAIL .....

BUSINESS ADDRESS .....

VOCATION .....

PLACE OF BIRTH .....

DATE OF BIRTH .....

NAME OF FATHER .....

WHERE FATHER WAS BORN.....

NAME OF MOTHER (maiden name) .....

WHERE MOTHER WAS BORN.....

WHERE AND WHEN EDUCATED (and degrees and honors, if any).....

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QUALIFICATION

Give name of Scottish ancestor (male or female). State, if possible, place and date, or approximate date, of birth of ancestor and date of arrival in America.

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My descent from this Ancestor is traced as follows:

(Attach additional pages as necessary)

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1. If married, where ..... Date .....  
To whom (give maiden name).....

2. Names of children.....  
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3. Business or professional work, past and present  
(Include officer or directorships) .....  
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4. Give ecclesiastical, civil, military or political offices, or positions  
held, with date of appointment or election and term of service .....  
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5. Fraternities, societies or clubs in which membership is held.....  
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6. Religious affiliations .....

7. Members of your family currently or formerly members of The St. Andrew's Society.

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Place here the title of any book or article (printed or written) of which  
you may be the author.

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I declare that the facts above set forth are true to the best of my knowledge and belief,  
and that if elected to membership I will observe the Constitution and By-Laws and  
promote the welfare of the Society.

(Signature of Applicant)..... Date .....

(Print Name) .....

We the undersigned, propose the above applicant for membership to the Society,  
believing him to be eligible, and that he will, if elected, be a designated member.

(Signature of Proposer)..... Date .....

(Print Name) .....

(Email) .....

Signature of Seconder)..... Date .....

(Print Name) .....

(Email) .....

Both Proposer and Seconder must write letters as informative as possible about the  
candidate's background, family, business and neighborhood reputation. These must be  
sent, with the Application, to the Secretary at the Society's address.

Approved..... Date .....  
Chairman Elective Committee

The applicant was duly elected a member of the Society on .....  
Date

.....  
Secretary to the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia

Deceased .....  
Historian

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**Application Packet Sample Genealogy**

Sample Genealogy for Jeffrey Graham Bartram to Qualify for Membership in  
The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia  
(dates can be approximate)

Generation 10:

Ian MacTavish

b. 1735 in Glasgow, Scotland

m. Colleen MacDougall in Aberdeen in 1755

Generation 9:

Their son, Graham MacTavish

b. Aberdeen, Scotland 9 October 1758

m. Catherine MacPherson in Edinburgh, Scotland 12 November 1788

Immigrated to Northern Ireland in 1803

Generation 8:

Their daughter, Elizabeth MacTavish

b. 9 September 1805, Northern Ireland

m. Clinton Merryman, 22 January 1825, Northern Ireland

Immigrated to Boston, MA in 1826

Generation 7:

Their son, Austin Merryman

b. 30 March 1827, New York, NY

m. Mattie Simpson, 5 February 1847, New York, NY

Generation 6:

Their daughter, Frances Merryman

b. 3 May 1849, New York, NY

m. Bingham Graham Bartram, 12 December 1872, New York, NY

Generation 5:

Their son Bingham Hartsell Bartram

b. 22 January 1873, New York, NY

m. Laura Ingram, 22 May 1894, New York, NY

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Generation 4:

Their son Clayton Graham Bartram  
b. 31 October 1896, New York, NY  
m. Lydia Snooks, 21 June 1914, New York, NY

Generation 3:

Their son Clayton Graham Bartram, Jr.  
b. 30 June 1916 New York, NY  
m. Nelda Swinton, 24 August 1919, Clayton Corners, NY

Generation 2:

Their son Barry Bingham Bartram  
b. 29 March 1925, New York, NY  
m. Nellie Barker, 22 July 1953, New York, NY

Generation 1:

Their son Jeffrey Graham Bartram  
b. 28 June 1955, New York, NY  
m. Rebecca de Wynter, 26 January 1975, Saratoga Springs, NY



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*The St. Andrew's Society*  
*of Philadelphia*  
*215 South Sixteenth Street*  
*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102*

## ORGANIZATIONAL DESCRIPTION

The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia is a charitable, tax-exempt membership organization whose purpose is and has been to provide assistance to persons of Scottish ancestry who find themselves in financial distress in the Philadelphia area. Since most people of Scottish ancestry work assiduously and successfully to avoid financial distress, the Society has developed several additional outlets for its eleemosynary interests. These are described in this brochure.

## HISTORY

The Society, which is named in honor of Scotland's patron saint, Andrew the Apostle, is believed to be the oldest charitable organization in continuous existence in North America. It was organized in 1747 by twenty-five prominent Pennsylvanians of Scottish ancestry to assist the large numbers of destitute Scots who were arriving in Philadelphia at that time. In essence, the Society created a treasury for the organized distribution of funds to these immigrants and a network for providing jobs or transportation for them. Five signers of the Declaration of Independence were among its early members.

Being Scottish, the early members insured that charity began "at home" by scheduling dinners to coincide with the meetings during which business was transacted. Although the bylaws insisted on "frugality" and "neat and plain suppers", surviving records suggest that the Society's founding fathers consumed prodigious amounts of food and drink. Whether this led to larger stipends to indigent Scots is doubtful!

## CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

It is unfair and inaccurate to belittle the charitable activities of the Society during its first two and one-half centuries. Hundreds of Scots benefited from the largesse of the Society's members in the second half of the 18th century. The generosity continued during periods of steady immigration in the 19th century and, particularly, during the Great Depression of the 1930s, when the chief purpose of the Society was to provide food, coal, clothing, and work to scores of distressed Scottish families.

Recently, the Society's Assistance Committee has provided financial assistance to Scottish widows and orphans in this region, as well as to Scottish nationals who have needed legal or medical help. In addition, the Society supports several other projects that are dedicated to the preservation of Scottish customs and traditions. These include piping competitions, Scottish dance groups, and highland games. Members also give lectures to schools and civic groups on Scottish history and culture.

All of this is made possible by members who have generously endowed the Society and have given their time and attention to the plight of their fellow Scots.

## THE FOUNDATION

In 1958, the Society created a separate Foundation, the purpose of which is to provide scholarship assistance to local students who wish to study a year at a Scottish university. The Foundation has grown over the years through contributions of its members and their families and now is able to send five students each year to study at Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Glasgow, and Aberdeen Universities. In



addition, one student from St. Andrews University is brought to the University of Pennsylvania each year.

Local colleges and universities advise us that this is one of the most extraordinary scholarship programs available to their students.

## ANNUAL DINNER

The Society's founding fathers held a formal dinner each year on November 30th, St. Andrew's Day. This tradition has continued throughout the Society's history. In fact, the Society will hold its 250th consecutive annual dinner in 1997! The annual dinner is one of the great social events each year in Philadelphia. Approximately 400 members and their friends convene at The Union League for an evening of pipe bands, toasts, speakers, songs, camaraderie, and Scottish fare. Recent speakers have included Robin McNeil, Lord Airlie (the Lord Chamberlain), Malcolm Forbes, the Duke of Argyll, and Maj. Gen. Robert Johnston (U.S. Marines). The haggis ceremony is always a highlight of the event.

The St. Andrew's Day annual dinner is one of the few Philadelphia traditions that has continued to grow stronger through the years.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS

In addition to the annual dinner, the Society's members meet and transact business at least four times each year. These meetings are generally scheduled for February, May, September, and October. In true Scottish fashion, one of the meetings takes place at a local country club and includes a round of golf before the abbreviated business meeting. Each of the meetings is followed by cocktails and dinner with a post-prandial speaker. Again, these quarterly events are marked by their warmth, generosity, and humor.

## OFFICE AND LIBRARY

Most of the meetings and dinners are held at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia, where the Society maintains an office and library. The library contains several thousand volumes, each of which relates in

some fashion to Scotland or to people of Scottish ancestry. The library is available to the members and the general public by appointment. The office also contains many of the Society's relics, honors, and memorabilia that have accumulated since 1747.

## BURNS NIGHT DINNER

Each January, the Society holds a dinner to celebrate the birthday of Scotland's poet laureate, Robert Burns. This is also the largest co-ed event regularly sponsored by the Society. Hundreds of these celebrations are held around the world, and most follow a prescribed pattern. There is piping, haggis and other traditional Scottish fare, toasting, singing, and several speeches — all in celebration of the life of a remarkable individual.

## THE CHRONICLE

The Society publishes a newsletter, *The Chronicle*, throughout the year to keep members apprised of the Society calendar and other events within the Scottish community.

## THE NEXT TWO YEARS

The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia and its Foundation have continued to broaden and strengthen their programs. The Foundation continues to endow new scholarships; the Assistance Committee provides funds and services to deserving people of Scottish lineage; the Society, through several members, supports a world-renown exhibit of the manuscripts of Robert Burns at the Rosenbach Museum & Library; the library is broadening its program by making many of its most valuable volumes and manuscripts available to the public through The Balch Institute.

The Society's Board of Directors hopes to inaugurate a capital campaign as part of the Bicentinquagenary (that's the 250th anniversary of the Society) to ensure that the Society and the Foundation are sufficiently funded to continue to expand programs during the next fifty years.

# *The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia*

## *Founded in 1747*



**The Alexandria Scottish Walk; guests, pipers and drummers at the Society's Robert Burns Supper;  
the Annual St. Andrew's Day Dinner; the Robing of the Scholars; a whiskey tasting at the annual  
Ceilidh or Scottish Country Gathering.**

The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia is the nation's oldest hereditary society. Today it is one of the nation's fastest growing and most vibrant. Our mission is one of scholarship and honoring Scottish culture, history and traditions. Every year the Society sends six scholars for a year of study to each of the four ancient universities in Scotland and sends a scholar from the University of Edinburgh for a year of study at the University of Pennsylvania. Visit our website at [standrewsociety.org](http://standrewsociety.org) for an introduction to our Society.

*Contact James MacFarlane, Secretary, for information on membership, [jamesmacscot@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmacscot@gmail.com)*





*YES! I would like to be a  
Member of the 1747 Society*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send this information to the Society office,  
and we will be happy to contact you.*

The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia  
215 South Sixteenth Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

## *The Foundation of The Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia*

The Foundation of The Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia was established in 1958 as a non-profit corporation to promote understanding between the United States and Scotland by awarding scholarships to college undergraduates for a year's study in a Scottish university. Society members become voting Foundation members by giving to the Foundation each year.

Study abroad in 1958 was uncommon, and our program was one of the first of its kind. Initially awarded only to men, we opened up the competition to both sexes in 1981, and there have been women scholars in every year since. Delaware Valley colleges are invited to propose a candidate, and from that pool this year we chose six Americans to study in Scotland, and one Scottish student will come to study at the University of Pennsylvania. The grants, \$20,000.00 each, cover nearly all typical expenses. We have scholars at the Universities of Saint Andrews, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Glasgow.

Since its inception, several members have made important gifts to The Foundation to set up Funds to carry this wonderful scholarship program forward:

- In 1969, two brothers, Robert Lincoln McNeil, Jr., and Henry S. McNeil established The Robert Lincoln McNeil Scholarship as a memorial to their father, a Life Member of the Society. The purpose of this scholarship was to bring a Scottish student to the University of Pennsylvania, to experience the life of an undergraduate at a distinguished American institution. Through a recent happy agreement between Saint Andrews, Penn, and the Foundation, this scholarship now operates as an exchange, with one Penn junior attending Saint Andrews, and one Saint Andrews junior attending Penn.
- In 1992, Commander George C. McFarland donated funds to create The Commander George C. McFarland Scholarship, which each year sends an American to the University of Edinburgh. His family has continued to grow the principal in his memory.
- In 1995, our member William E. Somers, III made a bequest to the Foundation that provides for a Somers Scholarship every other year.

These named endowments within the Foundation make up nearly half of our scholarship budget each year. The balance comes from the generous annual donations and the planned gifts of our members. One hundred per cent participation is our goal.

We are justly proud of our history of volunteerism. We have no paid staff. Our officers serve as volunteers, and consider their work a great privilege and an honor.

We can truly say, just as our Founders could in 1747, that a dollar (or pound sterling) given for a good cause to our Foundation all goes to that intended purpose, one-hundred percent.

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## *The Foundation of The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia*

*Organized 1958*

## Our Mission through 268 Years

It makes sense that our Society was founded by Scottish residents living in Philadelphia in 1747. Just one year after the Battle of Culloden, life in Scotland had turned bleak, with an occupying army to police the strict prohibitions. Every ship arriving from Scotland brought more Scots fleeing the harsh conditions. Immigrants arrived seeking political freedom and economic opportunity. They were serious, and worked hard, but some stumbled and needed help.

The Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia was created to give Scottish immigrants that helping hand, whether it was a cash grant, a chance to find a job, or just good advice. We met quarterly over drinks and dinner, and considered these requests for assistance. We also enjoyed hearing the news from Scotland, sharing a joke or a song, and discussing the current affairs of our new city and nation.

Thousands of immigrants received our help over the next two centuries. We raised the money for this charity through dues, guest fees, and the generous gifts of our members. As good Scots, we accounted for and managed our funds with diligence. The Minute Book records that the Treasurer was directed to put 100 pounds sterling out at interest in 1758. Our members were leaders in their fields, successful businessmen as well as concerned citizens. As members prospered, many left legacies to the Society. One of the first was William McKenzie, who in 1829 left \$1,000, quite a large sum at that time. By the middle of the Nineteenth Century, there was a successful effort to endow our Quarterly Suppers, led by industrialist Charles Macalester, so that members could concentrate their giving to charity. That fund still pays for our Quarterly Suppers today.

After World War Two, with Scottish emigration down to a trickle and social safety nets enacted by Congress, we turned our interest to helping young people. Our mission became the development of leadership through study for a year at Scottish universities, thereby promoting good relations between our two nations. The first Saint Andrew's Society scholar traveled to the University of Saint Andrews in 1957. There have been 262 since then, with six Americans studying in Scotland's five universities in 2013, and one Scot studying at the University of Pennsylvania.

Today, we seek to honor the dedication and commitment of these Members of the Saint Andrew's Society past, present, and in the future by creating The 1747 Society.



*The Tun Tavern*

## The 1747 Society

The 1747 Society recognizes visionary members of The Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia who have made provisions for The Foundation of The Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia through their estate and financial planning. You can become a member of the 1747 Society by naming The Foundation as a beneficiary of a planned gift or estate plan. Gifts can take many forms, based on your financial and philanthropic goals, including:

- Bequest through a will
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Living trust
- Life Insurance Policy
- Gift of Securities or Real Estate
- Other Charitable giving Arrangements

By making a gift you will continue in perpetuity the charitable work of The Society and our Foundation.

The Society's Development Committee will be pleased to discuss The 1747 Society opportunities with you.

Please remember that only you and your advisors will be able to determine how a charitable gift fits into your financial and estate planning. As with any decision regarding legal and financial matters, you are encouraged to consult with your own independent professionals.

If you have already named the Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia or The Foundation of The Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia as a beneficiary of your estate, you are eligible for membership in The 1747 Society. For more information, please contact Robert J. Bruce, Development Chairman, at 610.918.7236, or [rj.bruce@comcast.net](mailto:rj.bruce@comcast.net).