

F.A.Q.

Q: Who is eligible to join the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit?

A: Anyone with Scottish ancestry. You don't have to be born in Scotland.

Q: Can the Society help me with my genealogy research?

A: No. We do have genealogy and clan tents at our highland games who can offer you some help.

Q: How can I become a member?

A: You can go online or call the Society office for more information.

Q: Why are so many Scottish groups names St. Andrew's?

A: St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.

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ABOUT US

Founded in 1849, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is the oldest benevolent organization in Michigan. The group's original mission was to "relieve want or distress of natives of Scotland and their descendants" as they settled in Detroit.

In 2007, the Society became an IRS 501(c)3 organization. Over the years, our mission has evolved and expanded to provide assistance both locally and abroad. Our mission is ***to promote Scottish heritage in Metro Detroit by serving the Scottish-American community and by celebrating both traditional and contemporary Scottish culture.***

We believe in the fundamental Scottish values of benevolence, integrity, civic responsibility, patriotism and respect for other cultures. We nourish the Scottish identity through service, fellowship and the celebration of traditional and contemporary Scottish culture. By honoring Scottish principles and traditions, the Society fosters a spirit of philanthropy, fellowship and volunteerism.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of our Society are to:

- Relieve the distressed and unfortunate, with priority given to those of Scottish lineage.
- Foster and encourage, particularly among the young, a love of Scotland, its history, culture and national games.
- Promote friendly and social relations among its members and among all persons of Scottish blood.
- Foster and promote knowledge of Scottish history, arts and culture and of the contributions Scots have made to North America.

MEMBERSHIP

All persons 18 years of age and older, who are of Scottish birth or descent, are eligible.

MEETINGS

Monthly membership meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, September through June (on second Monday when first Monday is a holiday).

ACTIVITIES

The St. Andrew's Society members celebrate the Feast day of St. Andrew, patron Saint of Scotland on November 30, the birthday of Scotland's most famous poet Robert Burns on January 25th and Tartan Day on April 6th.

The focal point of the year is the sharing of the Highland Games with the community. The planning for this event is a year long process. The Games are one of the few in the Nation that are entirely put on by volunteers. The Highland Games are held on the first Saturday of August. We are proud to be the oldest continuous highland games in North America. A Ceilidh (a Scottish party with music) is held the Friday night before the Highland Games. The Games feature a delightful combination of Scottish history, pageantry, athleticism and good old-fashioned Celtic fun. Some of the many scheduled activities include:

- Bagpipe band competition
- Solo bagpipe/drumming competitions
- Highland dance competition
- Heavy athletics invitational
- Wee Bairn's Games for children ages 3 to12
- Celtic entertainment tents
- Genealogy and clan tents