

**David Campbell, President**

*April 2017*

## President's Report

Dear Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco:

It's been an eventful month—let's get started... It's not every week that one gets to have breakfast with a Head of State. Well, that was my honor this week during First Minister Nicola Sturgeon's Bay Area visit—timed around Scotland week and Tartan Day. FM Sturgeon spent parts of a couple days in and around Palo Alto and Stanford early last week. Her Stanford visit was a tribute to the good and impressive work that the Scottish universities (Strathclyde, St. Andrews, Heriot-Watt, Glasgow and Edinburgh) in collaboration with the Stanford Photonics Research Center—are doing on the science and technology front—with a nod specifically to their SU2P partnership.

Speaking of Tartan Day...thanks and kudos to 2nd VP Allen Cary who helped put on his first event for the Society—the East Bay Scot's sponsored Tartan Day Faire at Ardenwood in Fremont. It was an enjoyable, lovely Spring afternoon; and

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## King James V of Scotland

**By Irené Waldman Costello, Bard**

In April we commemorate the birth of King James V of Scotland.

King James V of Scotland was born on April 10, 1512. King James V began his rule of Scotland around 1528. The teenage King had a challenging job as he had to rebuild the wealth of the Crown. In 1542, he refused to meet with King Henry VIII, his uncle and ruler of England, to discuss breaking Scotland away from the Roman Catholic Church. Much to his uncle's disappointment, James's refusal propelled the Anglo-Scottish relationship again into battle.



**King James V of Scotland**

Later that same year, the Battle of Solway Moss took place, near the River Esk on the English side of the Anglo-Scottish border, pitting 3,000 Englishmen against 15,000-18,000 Scottish forces. The Scots were soundly defeated due to being unprepared and shoddy leadership, with 1,200 taken as prisoners and hundreds drowned in the River Esk.

News of the defeat slung James V into suffering a nervous breakdown, eventually causing his death in Falkland Palace only one week after the birth of his daughter Mary, who became the new Queen of Scots.

On a lighter note, here is a poem about King James written by William Topaz McGonagall. McGonagall was a Scottish weaver and a well-known author of terrible and dismal poetry. In the Harry Potter books, author J.K. Rowling (also notable Scots

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quite well attended...perhaps even a little too well-attended, as I heard from more than one source that the lines to get in were quite long. Our Society turnout was fair...Tony Becker & Cecilia Fabos-Becker were stalwarts at our tent, helping to staff our presence for a good part of the day. Laurien Fiddes was on hand and helped staff an afternoon shift, as well—thanks Laurien! 1st VP Francesca McCrossan and Irene Waldman & Brian Costello stopped by as well to visit.



**Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon (on right) at a Stanford University breakfast event.**

Recapping our March meeting briefly—we were delighted to have two new members voted in: Rory Gammell and Jack Ryder. We look forward to getting to know them better, and putting into service their many interests and talents...congratulations Rory and Jack! Irene Waldman has accepted the position of Bard, and was also initiated into that role. We'll look forward to hearing more from Irene too on a regular basis. Big thanks are in order to Tony Becker, Cecilia Fabos-Becker, and their special guest "Celtic events maven" Gayle Wayne for their well-received talk entitled *AmeriCeltic: Celtic Cultural & Educational Opportunities* (Bay Area). We were also honored to have with us University of Edinburgh Professor of History & Dean International (North America) Frank Cogliano—who provided us with a Capital Cities scholarship update. Lastly, a fitting tribute was paid to Piper Jek Cunningham who presented to the Society as a gift—a fantastic portrait of himself in full piper's regalia. Thank you Jek for your many



**Portrait of SAS Piper Jek Cunningham**

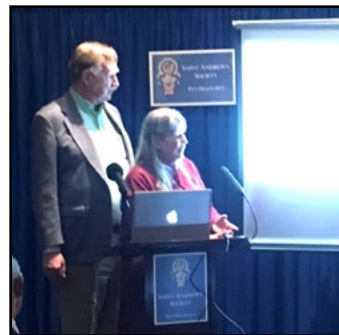
years of service...it will be an honor to have your likeness gracing our firehouse wall!

The Caledonian Club's annual Tartan Ball was held on Saturday, March 25th—and our Society was well represented in attendance. Joining us were: David & Francesca McCrossan, Tony & Celia Becker, Roger Weed, Laurien Fiddes, and Susan Goodier. Thanks All for keeping us in good company!



**Tartan Ball—dancers accompanied by Prince Charles Pipe Band**

I was honored to be invited to join our friends at the British Benevolent Society last week for their Annual General Meeting. Always a well-run event—a friendly and lively group; and they also know how to throw a good party! British Consul General Andrew Whittaker was in attendance and spoke briefly to the assembly. Congratulations to outgoing President Kathleen Kimura for her successful five-year stint, and to Karen Thomas



**Tony Becker & Cecilia Fabos-Becker**

who will be stepping up into her new role! Congratulations also to Jennifer Baker who was confirmed into her new position as Executive Director. Great work BBS!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the (Caledonian Club) Craighead family after Geoffrey's recent sudden and unexpected passing. David & Francesca McCrossan represented us at his April

8th memorial service. A floral arrangement was provided for on behalf of the Society to help memorialize Geoffrey's life.

A brief reminder of the upcoming annual John Muir Day celebration in conjunction with Earth Day—which will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at the John Muir National Site in Martinez. It's a lovely site, and the day a fitting tribute to a great Scotsman. Please come join us—see 2nd VP Allen Cary who will be coordinating our participation...and will happily get you signed up to come work a shift at the booth!

Lastly, ending on a positive note...I'm looking forward to our

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St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco  
**Member's Meeting Minutes**  
*March 20, 2017*

**Piper, Jek Cunningham** opened the meeting.

**President, David Campbell** called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**Chaplain, Laurien Fiddes** gave the blessing.

Guests and new members were introduced. **Gail Wayne**, guest of new members **Tony** and **Cecelia Becker**. **Capt. Jack MacKennon** was also introduced. Second readings were given by **Rory Gammell** and **Jack Ryder**. They were unanimously voted in.

**David Campbell** gave the President's report. The March newsletter is now out. He was happy to announce that past **Pres. John Allison**, is now cancer free after over a year of chemo therapy. He is now able to enjoy being back on the golf course. David proposed **Irene Waldman** to be the new Bard. Approved by unanimous vote. David also met with officers about student scholarships. The Membership Roster has now been updated by Susan Goodier. **Alasdair Frasier**, renowned Scottish Fiddler, will be performing at the Freight and Salvage in Berkeley, on April 6 and April 26, 2017. A picnic at the Robert Burns statue in Golden Gate Park has been proposed for May this year.

**1st VP Francesca McCrossan**, announced **Tartan Day at Ardenwood Farm** on Sat. April 1. The Society will have a table there. Four complimentary tickets are available before 11 A.M. **John Muir Day** is on April 22 in Martinez at the John Muir House and park. The Board of Relief needs to reevaluate possible direction for the future. To that end, Francesca and Laurien (Bard) will look into various possibilities. A suggestion was put forward that help for students who fall on hard times might be included.

**2nd VP Allen Cary** reminded the group of Tartan Day on April 1. The Society will have a booth there from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Any assistance in setting up and taking down is appreciated. The Society will also have a table at the John Muir Day celebration in Martinez on April 22. The Summer Ceilidh will be held either on July 8 or 15, at the Ensenal Yacht Club. It is jointly sponsored.

**Ian Baird** gave the **Treasurer's report**. The Society net worth (book value) is \$1.79 million. (an increase of \$90,000 from the previous month). This does not take into consideration the increased value of the Society property. Net income was \$21,000, in Feb. 2017. Wells Fargo checking a/c as of February, 2017, is \$22,500. The Society subsidizes the Burn's Supper by \$6,000. Bottom line, the Society is solvent.

**David McCrossan** gave the **Board of Trustees Chairman report**. The budget has now been adopted. It will be \$9000 less than last year. The plan is to "tighten the belt" on some of the events. Scholarship and Cultural Donations have been increased. Expenses for Firehouse improvement will be less as much of the work has been done. Education Funds (St. Andrew's Society SF Scholarship, Edinburgh/San Francisco Capital Cities Scholarship fund) will increase. Students will be sponsored up to \$30,000, payments being made directly to the institution for the student. Also discussed helping the intern program of the Saltire Foundation. The St. Andrew's Society and the Foundation will each donate \$2,500, for a total of \$5,000. The Society received a clean bill of health from the National Historical Society for the Fire House.

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**Executive Administrator, Susan Goodier** reported still working on calling for dues to be paid and updating the Membership Roster.

**Roger Weed, Caledonian Club Envoy** reported the Caledonian Tartan Ball will be held at the San Ramon Marriot Hotel on April 1. All encouraged to attend. He also announced the sad news of the sudden passing of Geoffery Craighead, Past Chief of the Caledonians.

**David Walker, Envoy of the University of Edinburgh** attended two events. First, a recruitment and presentation event in San Francisco for prospective students; second was a reception for University of Edinburgh Alumnae in Palo Alto. Professor O'Shea addressed the group

**Piper, Jek Cunningham** presented to the Society a large oil portrait of himself, done many years ago. It was very appreciated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Macdonald Allen, Recording Secretary  
St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco*

# Saint Andrews Society at the Ardenwood Tartan Day Faire

By Allen Cary, 2nd Vice President

Ardenwood Historic Farm is a beautiful setting for any event, and on Saturday April 1 it was a gorgeous day for the Tartan Day Faire; bright, sunny and perfect temperature. The Society was well represented at our booth, spreading the word about the Saint Andrews Society of San Francisco and helping folks to find their roots. Tony and Cecelia Becker brought extensive information and knowledge about Scottish, Scots-Irish and Irish heritage to share with the visitors to our booth. President David Campbell, 2nd VP Allen Cary, Jean Cary, Chaplain Laurien Fiddes and 1st VP Francesca McCrossen were also on hand to staff the booth.

Our location was further enhanced by its proximity to the music stage, where we heard concerts from Trio of One (Michael Mullen), Golden Bough and Peter Daltry. Our friends in the Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers, who will be our program this month at the April meeting, were also performing on another stage on the grounds. Of course there were bagpipers to be heard all around the park.

All in all it was a very pleasant way to spend a beautiful Spring day in the Bay Area.



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next gathering—this month's meeting coming up on Monday, April 17th. Please note the scheduling change of Judith Paul who was to speak to us on the topic of Scotsman Sir David Brewster—physicist, mathematician, astronomer, and inventor of the kaleidoscope. Judith will instead join us in September, and will bring us her message on Sir Brewster at that time. This month then we will be delighted to have Shauna Pickett-Gordon, Colyn Fisher, and the Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers join us for a lively musical performance and impromptu Ceilidh. So, bring along your dancing shoes! We can also look forward to Scottish country dancing instruction from Fred Macondray, and Rory Gammell—who is eager to help out on the culture and Ceilidh front.

Thank you for your collaboration and all your effort on behalf of the St. Andrew's Society...it is an honor to serve!

Yours in service,

**David Campbell,**

President

# King James V

author), named the Professor of Transfiguration, Minerva McGonagall, after William Topaz McGonagall because she loved his surname!



## **“An Adventure in the Life of King James V of Scotland” by William Topaz McGonagall (March 1825 – Sept. 1902)**

*On one occasion King James the Fifth of Scotland, when alone,  
in disguise,  
Near by the Bridge of Cramond met with rather a disagreeable  
surprise.*

*He was attacked by five gipsy men without uttering a word,  
But he manfully defended himself with his sword.*

*There chanced to be a poor man threshing corn in a barn near by,  
Who came out on hearing the noise so high;  
And seeing one man defending himself so gallantly,  
That he attacked the gipsies with his flail, and made them flee.*

*Then he took the King into the barn,  
Saying, “I hope, sir, you’ve met with no great harm;  
And for five men to attack you, it’s a disgrace;  
But stay, I’ll fetch a towel and water to wash your face.”*

*And when the King washed the blood off his face and hands,  
“Now, sir, I wish to know who you are,” the King demands.  
“My name, sir, is John Howieson, a bondsman on the farm of  
Braehead.”  
“Oh, well,” replied the King, “your company I need not dread.”*

*“And perhaps you’ll accompany me a little way towards Edin-  
burgh,  
Because at present I’m not free from sorrow.  
And if you have any particular wish to have gratified,  
Let me know it, and it shall not be denied.”*

*Then honest John said, thinking it no harm,  
“Sir, I would like to be the owner of Braehead farm;  
But by letting me know who you are it would give my mind  
relief.”*

*Then King James he answered that he was the Gudeman of  
Ballingeich.*

*“And if you’ll meet me at the palace on next Sunday,  
Believe me, for your manful assistance, I’ll you repay.  
Nay, honest John, don’t think of you I’m making sport,  
I pledge my word at least you shall see the royal court.”*

*So on the next Sunday John put on his best clothes,  
And appeared at the palace gate as~you may suppose.  
And he inquired for the Gudeman of Ballingeich;  
And when he gained admittance his heart was freed from grief.*

*For John soon found his friend the Gudeman,  
And the King took John by the han’,  
Then conducted John from one apartment to another,  
Just as kindly as if he’d been his own brother.*

*Then the King asked John if he’d like to see His Majesty.  
“Oh, yes,” replied John, “His Majesty I would really like to see.”  
And John looked earnestly into the King’s face,  
And said, “How am I to know His Grace?”*

*“Oh, John, you needn’t be the least annoyed about that,  
For all heads will be uncovered: the King will wear his hat.”  
Then he conducted John into a large hall,  
Which was filled by the nobility, crown officers, and all.*

*Then said John to the King, when he looked round the room,  
“Sir, I hope I will see the King very soon.”  
Because to see the King, John rather dreaded,  
At last he said to the King, “Tis you! the rest are bare-headed.”*

*Then the King said, “John, I give you Braehead farm as it stands,  
On condition you provide a towel and basin of water to wash  
my hands,  
If ever I chance to come your way.  
Then John said, “Thanks to your Majesty, I’ll willingly obey.*



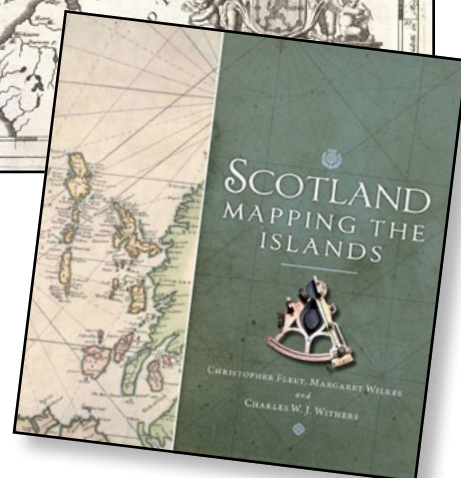


# Early Map Contained Phantom Islands

The authors of a new book, *Scotland: Mapping the Islands*, have revealed that one of the earliest maps of Scotland included “fantasy islands” that never existed. Christopher Fleet, Map Curator at the National Library of Scotland (NLS) and one of the book’s three authors, said that a chart of Europe, created in 1560 by the Italian cartographer Giorgio Sideri, known as Callapoda, shows a number of mythological islands.



The earliest survey of Scotland’s islands began in the 1580s and influenced maps like this 1690 depiction of southern Scotland.



“It names islands that have no connection to any place we know now, and in places where we know they didn’t exist. It was an imaginary, surreal world where the maps showed non-existent features. At Scotland’s northeast tip is the mythical island of Till, which appears like a ‘no entry’ sign. On the west side there is a scattering of islands and names, which don’t bare any relation to the names of the real islands then. Within main-land Scotland you can pick out larger towns like Bernith (Berwick), Donfres (Dumfries) and Donde (Dundee) as well as the rivers Tueda (Tweed), Fert (Forth) and Latam (Tay). So it’s a blend of fantasy and reality which reflects geographic information from at least two centuries earlier that is just being repeated because they had no better information.”

The new book reproduces some of the most stunning and historically significant maps from the collections of the NLS and is published by [Birlinn](#) in association with the National Library of Scotland. It can also be found on [Amazon](#).

*This article was first published in the March/April edition The Highlander magazine.*



*To whom it may concern,*

We are running an archaeological field school in the Scottish Highlands in June next year. Participants will be involved in researching, surveying and recording a series of historical and archaeological sites associated with the Jacobite rebellions and Highland Clearances of 18th Century Scotland. Training will be provided in archaeological recording practices including historical analyses, map regression, archaeological field survey, technical drawing, photography, building recording and GIS. I have attached [full details of the field school](#) and an [application form](#) and would appreciate if you could forward this to your archaeology department mailing list or anyone you think may find it useful. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me, you can find more information on our organisation at [www.harpparchaeology.co.uk](http://www.harpparchaeology.co.uk). I look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes – Ian Hill



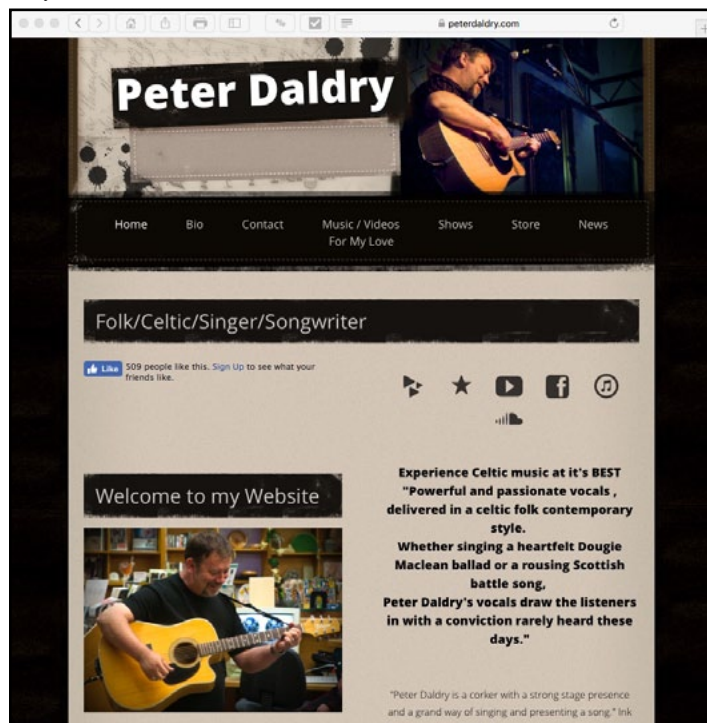


John Muir Birthday / Earth Day Celebration.  
April 22, 2017



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The Peter Daldry Band  
Pacifica Performances  
July 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM



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Information about Pacifica Performances can be found [here](#).

Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Festival.  
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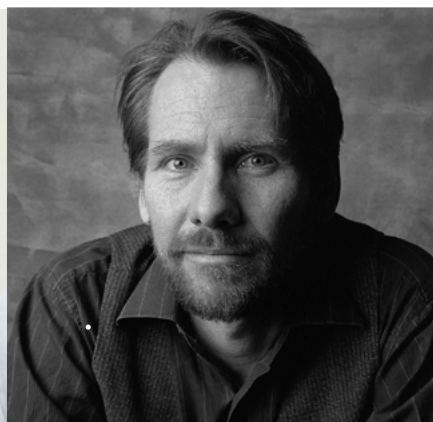
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## Meeting & Events Schedule

Date	Event / Topic	Location / Notes
<b>2017</b>		
Mon. April 17	Member Meeting (Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers) .....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 22	John Muir Day / Earth Day celebration.....	NPS - Martinez, CA
Mon. May 15	Member Meeting (Justine Kelly—Scottish Development International) .....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. June 19	Member Meeting (Jay Harmon—The Stuarts and Traquair).....	1088 Green St., SF
<b>Sat. July 15</b>	<b>Summer Ceilidh at Encinal Yacht Club .....</b>	<b>Alameda, CA</b>
Mon. July 17	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
Mon. Aug. 21	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
Date TBD	University Reception(s) .....	1088 Green St., SF
<b>Sept. 2–3</b>	<b>Caledonian Club's 152nd Highland Games &amp; Gathering .....</b>	<b>Pleasanton, CA</b>
Mon. Sept. 18	Member Meeting (Judith Paul: Sir David Brewster—Kaleidoscope) .....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Oct. 16	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
<b>Nov. TBD</b>	<b>155th Annual St. Andrew's Banquet &amp; Ball .....</b>	<b>Marines' Club, SF</b>
Mon. Nov. 20	Member Meeting (Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers—TBD) .....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Dec. 18	No Meeting due to December 31st. Hogmanay Celebration	
<b>Sat. Dec. 31</b>	<b>Hogmanay Celebration.....</b>	<b>1088 Green St., SF</b>
<b>2018</b>		
Mon. Jan. 15	Member Meeting .....	1088 Green St., SF
<b>Sat. Jan. 20</b>	<b>Annual Burns Supper.....</b>	<b>The Family, SF</b>
Mon. Feb. 19	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Mar. 18	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 7	Tartan Day Scottish Faire at Ardenwood .....	Fremont, CA

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Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 P.M. Light supper served before the meeting. (Free valet parking is provided for members' meetings. MUNI: one block east of Hyde St. cable car).

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