

Francesca McCrossan, President

June 2019

## President's Message

Dear St. Andrew's Society,

### A Society for the 21st Century—not all Shortbread and Bunnets

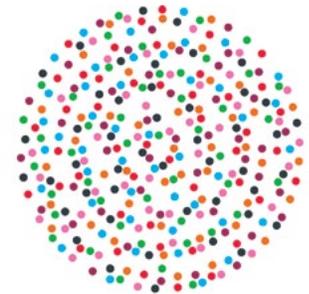
I've been using this phrase quite a lot in the past few months, and even before then as I talked with people about how the Society had changed since I joined 10 years ago. I'd used it so often that it occurred to me that I should explain a bit about what kinds of things can be packed into that phrase.

For one thing it presents a challenge. In building a Society for the 21st Century, we want to continue the good work the Society does, honoring our Scottish past and the history of Scots in America, and helping preserve and celebrate Scottish culture in the many forms it takes. Yet by honoring the past, we don't want to look only to the past, because an organization that is static, never grows and flourishes.



Since our mission is a benevolent one that includes stewarding the Society into the future, that means that we need to keep things fresh and contemporary as well. This can mean everything from new perspectives on Scottish history, to understanding life for Scots today. One example of that contemporary perspective is trying to understand Brexit and the impact it might have on Scotland. Even though no one knows for sure, we've had very good speakers give us their perspective on the biggest political movement in Britain since the Scottish referendum on Independence.

It means learning about the Scottish entrepreneurial spirit by looking at business developments in the country. We're doing this in several ways. The Society is supporting the **Saltire Scholar Internship Programme**, a program of **Entrepreneurial Scotland**. Specifically, we help underwrite the cost of a group of interns who have positions in the Bay Area during the summer. We get to meet them, hear about what they're working on, and give them some contact with a Bay Area Scottish cultural organization. The Society provides some financial support and in return we get a snapshot of the work and study of some of Scotland's best and brightest. And I think that's the best end of the bargain!



Entrepreneurial Scotland...

Along those lines, we've had the good fortune to be involved with the **Scottish Business Network**, another entrepreneurial organization. Russel Dalglish, co-founder of the organization, recently reached out to let us know he'd be in the Bay Area in the fall and we are hoping we'll be able to feature him in our occasional Speakers Series. As we talked, we told him how excited we were that the Society is not only getting new members,

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but members from many of the Scottish diaspora countries, and of course, more women. The Scottish diaspora refers to all the places Scots have come to live throughout the world as they, or their families, ventured out across the world.

I said I thought it was partly due to seeing for themselves that the Society is not a static, exclusive, historically bound club, but had turned itself toward the present and future, while honoring the past. And our 2nd VP, Irené Waldman pointed out that we were reaching out through social networking and other current meeting tools, thus being able to reach new audiences and even more new perspectives. Social Networking didn't really exist 10 years ago, and now it's becoming an integral way we can reach Scots and other cultural fans of Scotland, around the world.

I've also had new Scottish members, often ex-pats who have been in the area for a few years or even longer, tell me that they were reluctant to get involved because they were afraid they'd run up against a romanticized view of the culture, both past and present. They tell me they were very pleasantly surprised to feel so welcomed into a Society that felt contemporary and fun, not stodgy and stuffy. We take this as a big compliment, and we intend to keep that going and growing.

Scotland is not all tartan and bagpipes, and Scottish culture in America isn't stuck in a romanticized past. The growth, outreach and change in the Society is a snapshot of the larger culture not only of Scottish Americans, but Scots at home as well. The cheeky phrase that comes to mind is, we are not all Shortbread and Bunnets. And, rather than explaining what that phrase means, I leave you with the challenge of finding out for yourself, which will give you another perspective on contemporary Scotland.

Warmly,

**Francesca M. McCrossan**

President, St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco



**Nigel Heath, the National Treasurer and Western Division Chairman of the American Priory of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John speaking to the SAS-SF members during the May '19 monthly meeting.**



**John Grimes, President of the San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club, introduced himself and gave his 1st reading, adding that the club would not exist without the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco. It was founded in 1901 and is in Golden Gate Park.**

*EVENT REMINDER*

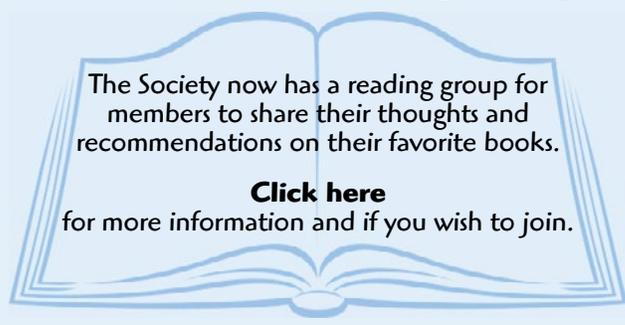
**Summer Ceilidh**  
at the  
**Encinal Yacht Club**  
**Saturday, July 20, 2019**



**Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco Reading Group**

The Society now has a reading group for members to share their thoughts and recommendations on their favorite books.

**Click here**  
for more information and if you wish to join.





# Long-lost Lewis Chessman found in Edinburgh family's drawer

**A medieval chess piece that was missing for almost 200 years had been unknowingly kept in a drawer by an Edinburgh family.**

**T**hey had no idea that the object was one of the long-lost Lewis Chessmen—which could now fetch £1m at auction.



**The 8.8cm sculpture is made of walrus ivory.**

The chessmen were found on the Isle of Lewis in 1831 but the whereabouts of five pieces have remained a mystery.

The Edinburgh family's grandfather, an antiques dealer, had bought the chess piece for £5 in 1964.

He had no idea of the significance of the 8.8cm piece (3.5in), made from walrus ivory, which he passed down to his family.

They have looked after it for 55 years without realising its importance, before taking it to Sotheby's auction house in London.

## **'Jaw dropped'**

The Lewis Chessmen are among the biggest draws at the British Museum and the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.

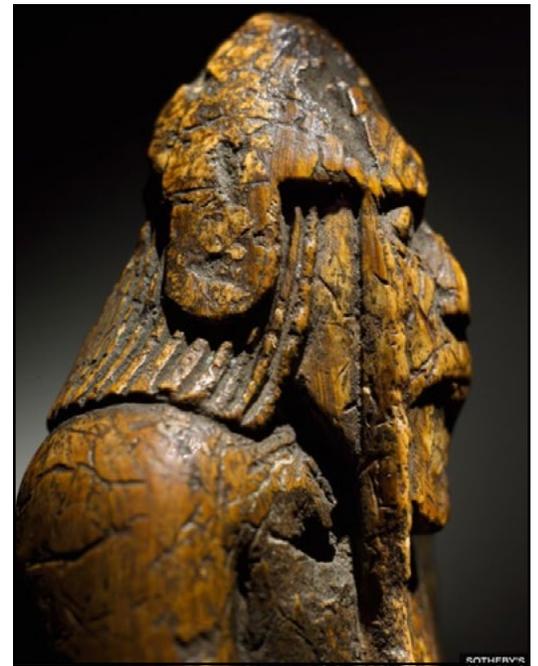
They are seen as an "important symbol of European civilisation" and have also seeped into popular culture, inspiring everything from

children's show *Noggin The Nog* to part of the plot in *Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone*.

Sotheby's expert Alexander Kader, who examined the piece for the family, said his "jaw dropped" when he realised what they had in their possession.

"They brought it in for assessment," he said. "That happens every day. Our doors are open for free valuations.

"We get called down to the counter and have no idea what we are going to see. More often than not, it's not worth very much.



**The chessmen are thought to have been made in Scandinavia, possibly Norway.**

"I said, 'Oh my goodness, it's one of the Lewis Chessmen.'"

Mr Kader, Sotheby's co-worldwide head of European sculpture and works of art, said the family, who want to remain anonymous, were "quite amazed."

"It's a little bit bashed up. It has lost its left eye. But that kind of weather-beaten, weary warrior added to its charm," he said.

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# Chessman

## ‘Magical significance’

Despite not knowing its significance, the late 12th/early 13th Century chess piece had been “treasured” by the family.

The current owner’s late mother believed it “almost had magical qualities.”

A family spokesman said in a statement: “My grandfather was an antiques dealer based in Edinburgh, and in 1964 he purchased an ivory chessman from another Edinburgh dealer.

“It was catalogued in his purchase ledger that he had bought an ‘Antique Walrus Tusk Warrior Chessman.’



**The Lewis Chessmen were found on the Isle of Lewis in 1831 but the whereabouts of five pieces have remained a mystery.**

“From this description it can be assumed that he was unaware he had purchased an important historic artefact.

“It was stored away in his home and then when my grandfather died my mother inherited the chess piece.

“My mother was very fond of the Chessman as she admired its intricacy and quiriness. She believed that it was special and thought perhaps it could even have had some magical significance.

“For many years it resided in a drawer in her home where it had been carefully wrapped in a small bag. From time to time, she would remove the chess piece from the drawer in order to appreciate its uniqueness.”

## ‘Immense character and power’

The Lewis Chessmen set includes seated kings and queens, bishops, knights and standing warders and pawns. Some 82 pieces are now in the British Museum and 11 pieces held by the National Museum of Scotland. As well as the chess pieces, the hoard includes 14 “tablemen” gaming pieces and a buckle.

Since the hoard was uncovered in 1831, one knight and four warders have been missing from the four combined chess sets.

The newly-discovered piece is a warder, a man with helmet,

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## How well do you know Scotland?

A monthly quiz brought to you by *Jek Cunningham, Bard.*

### Questions

**1. What are: a) Tanister, b) Brehon, c) Tosheador**

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What woman was chiefly responsible for the demise of the Celtic ways in Scotland?**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**3. A Breton adventurer at Malcolm Canmore’s Court was to become an important part of Scotland’s future. Who was he and what was his role?**

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**4. Who was “Archie Bell The Cat”?**

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**5. Who was “Bloody Clavers”?**

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**6. Who was the “Ettrick Sheppard”?**

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**7. Who was “True Thomas”?**

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**8. What is a “broch”?**

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**9. What is a “crannog”?**

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**10. Name two Scottish signers of the American Declaration of Independence.**

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*Answers can be found on page 8.*

# Creating Scotland's Image

# Rotary International



Photo courtesy Museum of Scotland

Tourists take in the grandeur of the Trossachs and Loch Katrine in John Knox's landscape.

A major new exhibition at the Museum of Scotland will trace the “romantic and heroic” visions of the country created by artists, writers and even monarchs in the 18th and 19th centuries, and how those stereotypes have remained fixed in popular culture ever since. “We will be looking at how the images of a Highlander became a shorthand for Scotland as a whole and how things like tartan, the kilt, bagpipes and a sense of a heroic and tragic history became touchstones for an idea of what Scotland was,” said Dr. Stuart Allan of the museum. **“Wild and Majestic; Romantic Visions of Scotland”** will run from June 26 through November 10. National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh; [www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-scotland](http://www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-scotland).

*This article was first published in the Spring 2019 edition of Scottish Life magazine.*

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## Chessman

shield and sword and the equivalent of a rook on a modern chess board, which “has immense character and power.”

The discovery of the hoard remains shrouded in mystery, with stories of it being dug up by a cow grazing on sandy banks.

It is thought it was buried shortly after the objects were made, possibly by a merchant to avoid taxes after being shipwrecked, and so remained underground for 500 years.

Mr Kader, who has kept the discovery under wraps for six months while authenticating the find, said: “We can safely say that a million pounds will transform the seller’s life.”

He added: “There are still four out there somewhere. It might take another 150 years for another one to pop up.”



In 1921, Edinburgh hosted the first Rotary International Annual Convention to be held outside the US. This poster (shown above) was a welcome from the Scottish Rotarians to their visiting compatriots from Canada. Rotary International was founded in 1905 by a group of businessmen in Chicago to foster honesty and good works in the city. Rotary spread west with the second **Rotary Club founded in San Francisco** in 1908. This was followed by Clubs in Oakland and Seattle on the West Coast. Founder Paul Harris came up with the Four Way Test of all things we say, think or do:

*Is it the truth?*

*Is it Fair to all concerned?*

*Will it build good will and better friendships?*

*Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

The object will go on display in Edinburgh on Tuesday and in London just before the auction on 2 July, with Mr Kader saying it could be bought by, or be loaned to, a museum.

*This article was first posted on [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) 3 June 2019*

# SUMMER CEILIDH

## JULY 20, 2019

Come, put on your dancing shoes and join us for a Summer Ceilidh. A fun evening with good music, good dancing, good friends, good food and a Whisky Tasting.

**Dances led by Juliet Davoren**  
**Music by 3/8 Reel of Seven**

5:00 pm—Registration / No Host Cashless Bar  
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           by Rory Glasgow—Brown-Forman  
 7:00 pm—Buffet Dinner  
 8:30 pm—Ceilidh Dancing



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**Tickets can be purchased online through:**  
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*Tickets will not be mailed—available by will call at the door*  
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# GREAT BRITISH-AMERICAN PUB QUIZ 2019

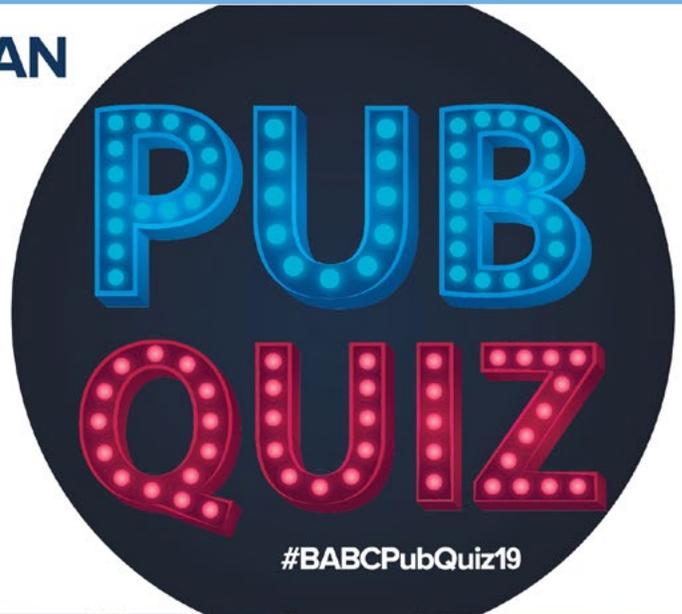
(Hosted by the BABC Young Professionals)



**Date:** Monday, 24th June 2019

**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

**Venue:** Harrington's Bar and Grill  
245 Front Street,  
San Francisco, CA 94111



## Introducing the Great-British American Pub Quiz!

**Monday, June 24th, 2019**

at

**Harrington's Bar & Grill**

The BABC Young Professionals are proud to present  
the Great-British American Pub Quiz!

Bring your best and brightest in teams of 4 to test your knowledge of  
US and UK trivia from the last year.

We're looking for teams of four willing to take up the challenge—but individuals  
and smaller groups are also very welcome (we'll make up a team for you!).

This year teams will compete for the coveted BABC Pub Quiz Trophy, as well as some  
prizes\* for the top teams, and a special prize for the best team name, not to mention  
national pride!

William Goff will be our returning quiz master, this year's Pub Quiz is not to be missed.

Purchase your team's ticket now to avoid disappointment, and come down to  
Harrington's Bar & Grill for a friendly (but competitive!) quiz night, and find out if  
you have what it takes to be a BABC Champion.

Follow the link below to buy your tickets now!

<http://babcpubquiz.com/events/details/the-great-british-american-pub-quiz-2019-hosted-by-the-babc-young-professionals-babcpubquiz19-3826>

*This is a very popular event so don't delay in purchasing your ticket!*

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## Quiz Answers

1. a) Heir to the Lord of the Isles chosen by him, b) judges, c) managers of the lands of the Lordship
2. Margaret, wife of Malcolm Canmore. She introduced the language and customs of the Anglo Saxons to the Scottish Court and allowed no Gaelic to be spoken in the Court.
3. Walter Fitzalan. He became Steward of Scotland, an ancestor of the Stewart Kings.
4. Archibald Douglas earned that name by hanging Robert Cochrane, favorite of James III.
5. John Graham of Claver House, known to his friends as "Bonnie Dundee."
6. James Hogg, poet and protégé of Sir Walter Scott.
7. Thomas Learmont of Erceldoune; 13th Century seer and poet. AKA Thomas the Rhymer.
8. A defensive round tower of the Iron Age, unique to Scotland.
9. Crannogs are man made islands from the Iron Age. eg. Cherry Island in Loch Ness.
10. James Wilson of Carskendo and Reverend John Witherspoon of Gifford.



## Join us on Labor Day Weekend

**August 31 – September 1, 2019**

As we celebrate the very best of Scottish culture, competition, cuisine and entertainment, right here in California. The 154th consecutive Scottish Highland Gathering and Games takes place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

For video highlights from last year's Games and additional information about this year's Games visit:

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[facebook.com/TheScottishGames](https://facebook.com/TheScottishGames)

## Meeting & Events Schedule

Date	Event / Topic	Location / Notes
<b>2019</b>		
Mon. June 17	Member Meeting (Fred Rutledge – WWI Remembrance with a Scottish Lens).....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. July 15	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
<b>Sat. July 20</b>	<b>Summer Ceilidh at Encinal Yacht Club</b> .....	<b>Alameda, CA</b>
Mon. Aug. 19	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
<b>Aug. 31-Sept. 1</b>	<b>Caledonian Club's 154th Highland Games &amp; Gathering</b> .....	<b>Pleasanton, CA</b>
Mon. Sept. 16	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Oct. 21	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Sun. Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Service.....	Grace Cathedral, SF
Mon. Nov. 18	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
<b>Sat. Dec. 7</b>	<b>156th Annual St. Andrew's Banquet &amp; Ball</b> .....	<b>Marines' Club, SF</b>
Mon. Dec. 16	No Meeting due to December 31st. Hogmanay Celebration	
<b>Tues. Dec. 31</b>	<b>Hogmanay Celebration</b> .....	<b>1088 Green St., SF</b>
<b>2020</b>		
Mon. Jan. 20	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD) .....	1088 Green St., SF
<b>Fri. Feb. 7</b>	<b>Annual Robert Burns Supper</b> .....	<b>The City Club, SF</b>
Mon. Feb. 17	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Mar. 16	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 4	Tartan Day Scottish Faire at Ardenwood .....	Fremont, CA
Mon. April 20	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 25	John Muir Day / Earth Day celebration.....	NPS - Martinez, CA
Mon. May 18	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF

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### Membership Meetings

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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