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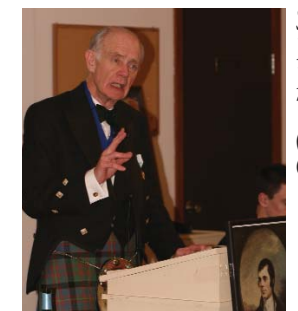
NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Ches Crow in middle. Lord Lyon, Robin O. Blair, top right. Tom Badger, lower right.

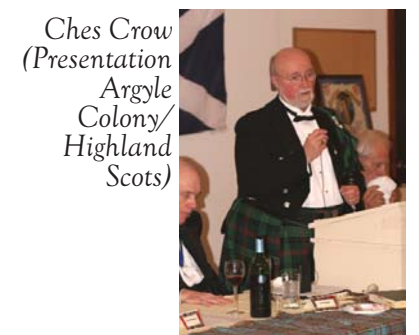
Lyon is that there exist family coats of arms. In fact, only an individual can be granted a coat of arms.

The Lord Lyon King of Arms is the Scottish official with responsibility for regulating heraldry and serving as the judge of the oldest heraldic court in the world still in operation. He is also responsible for overseeing state ceremonies.



St Stephens Burns Dinner - Tom Badger (Master of Ceremonies)

Photo: Geoff Broderick



Ches Crow (Presentation Argyle Colony/Highland Scots)

Photo: Geoff Broderick

A ROYAL VISIT

For the first time, a Lord Lyon King Of Arms from Scotland visits Raleigh. Appointed in 2001, Robin Orr Blair has been to the U.S. before, but never to the Tar Heel state. Lord Blair's trip began in New York with stops in Sarasota, Florida, Savannah and Charleston, before Raleigh.

According to Ches Crow, who along with Tom Badger helped orchestrate the royal visit to

Raleigh, some 50 - 60 people attended the event. He saw people from Greensboro, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Pinehurst. "The event began with a reception for Lord Lyon in the Capitol Rotunda and included entertainment by a piper," says Crow. The assembly adjourned to the Old House Chamber to hear him speak about his office and duties. Crow says one of the myths dispelled by Lord

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Since our last edition of "The Carolina Piper," I have enjoyed the company of many of you at the annual St. Andrew's Dinner held on December 2nd at Mid Pines. What a grand occasion it was! The always impressive and award winning St. Andrew's Pipe and Drums and the music of Ed Miller left me with a great appreciation for what our society

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent in comments, event information and emails. Please keep them coming! Here's one of the emails I received:

Enjoyed our new format for The Carolina Piper. For those who missed the annual St. Andrew's Day Dinner let me assure them that they missed one of the best events we've had in many years. President John Ramsay, Jr. had something going on nearly every minute. Even his long descriptive jokes were good!

Nationally known singer, Ed Miller, entertained us well and didn't go on too long. And it was gratifying to see so many fathers and sons there together. Past President John Monroe even had three of his four successful sons there with him.

It would have been better only if more Scottish friends from Charlotte and other Carolina cities, towns and villages had been there to enjoy the evening with us. We especially miss some of the "old timers." Guess their kilts have grown too tight!

*Fraternally, Jim Dawson
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NEW MEMBERS

**JAMES STEPHEN QUINAN
PROPOSED BY JOHN RAMSAY**

**DONALD J. CAMERON
PROPOSED BY KEN MCARTHUR**

**CHARLES DARIUS MASSEY
PROPOSED BY PAT HENDERSON**

**EMERITUS STATUS WAS APPROVED
FOR DOUG MCPHAUL.**

**GRANTS:
ST. ANDREW'S PIPE BAND - \$1,000 -
AN ADDITIONAL \$4,000 WAS GRANTED
IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTAND-
ING ACCOMPLISHMENTS LAST YEAR.**

**YESTER PARISH CHURCH - \$1,000 FOR
PARISH RENOVATION - GIFFORD,
SCOTLAND**

TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION - \$1,000

**BLUE RIDGE PIPES AND DRUMS -
\$1,000**

HAGGIS UPDATED

Traditional haggis is being served up in new ways, according to reporter Brett Martin with the New York Times. Demand for the Scottish national dish heats up around St. Andrew's Day at the end of November, peaks in late January during celebrations to honor Robert Burns, and lasts through February. Haggis is a large sausage of innards blended with meat, oats, barley and spices and boiled inside a lamb's stomach. It is often presented at Burns Suppers with great fanfare, including the playing of bagpipes.



Now, new government regulations are having an impact on the dish some have described as "kind of really nasty." This year, Ian MacAndrew, owner of Cameron's of Kearny, in Brick, New Jersey is making his haggis with beef and beef liver. In addition to formulating his own recipe, MacAndrew is also using artificial casing. He estimates he has made about 500 pounds of haggis a week since December. The response to his new twist on an old theme has been overwhelmingly positive. MacAndrew claims people are actually surprised to find out how good it tastes. He tells them, "If you want something scary, go eat a hot dog."

Editor's Note: Cameron's Haggis was served at the St. Andrews Dinner in December.



Photo: David Scott, St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia

RAMSAY REMARKS CONT.

makes possible for those of us actively involved with the organization. It is safe to say a good time was had by all, and we hope to see even more of you next December.

On January 27th, Tom Badger, Alan Donaldson, Ches Crow and I participated in the Robert Burns Dinner sponsored by the Men's Club of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Durham, NC. Board Secretary, Cameron Seeley, helped the participants maintain proper decorum in spite of the abundant wine on each table and some scotch bottles alleged to be on the premises.

Sometime in early February, I recovered physically (not financially) from my son Carter's wedding to Margot Rae Rubin of Philadelphia, PA. It was a beautiful event in a beautiful location near Charlottesville, VA. Both Carter and I were properly dressed to "Regimental Standards" in Blue Ramsay Kilts. Carter wore my kilt and I borrowed matching attire from "Cousins" Joe Ramsey and Don Phillips. Don's Grandmother was a Ramsay and he is a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia. Don is married to one of my new daughter-in-law's cousins. Small world indeed!

I believe I mentioned at our December St. Andrew's dinner that I attended the Philadelphia Society Dinner as Don's guest on November 30, 2006. I took a bottle of Rebel Yell to share with our northern brethren. The Philadelphia Society was organized in 1747 with the sole purpose of

providing relief of distressed Scottish immigrants. That tradition continues today. Their scholarship program annually provides grants of \$120,000 to numerous local students for study at Scottish Universities. The Philadelphia society membership is not much larger than ours, but invitations to the annual dinner are highly sought after. Most members bring multiple guests. (I was one of over 400 guests!) That is a practice I hope we will adopt.

Our next official event will be the Society Dinner at the Loch Norman Games. Ken McArthur has made arrangements for another great program at a great location. The official invitation and reservation details were mailed in early February. Plan to join us on April 21, 2007 for good food, fellowship and great entertainment at the Fox and Hound Pub in Huntersville. The Loch Norman Games are convenient to get to and not as crowded as Grandfather Mountain. It is a very kid and grandkid friendly venue. Hey, where else can they learn to throw a battle axe at an English soldier!

Seriously, new members and younger members are the life blood of any organization. Your participation and support of our activities is a great incentive for others to be part of this great organization. Membership matters!

I look forward to seeing you at Loch Norman.

Ora et Lebor
John E. Ramsay, Jr.

HopScotch



The man giving the award to Ted Taws is: Dan Bryson, chairman of the board of BSA Occoneechee Council

A Distinguished Citizen

Edward Town Taws, Jr. receives the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Moore District of the Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America during a banquet held at the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst. Ted Taws was recognized for his years of business, civic and personal accomplishments. His community service on behalf of the Boy Scouts includes tireless work in helping to found Camps Reeves and Durant. Ted is currently active in the BSA's Capitol Campaign to raise funds to improve and expand the camps.

Ken MacArthur speaks at the Official Opening Of The General Douglas MacArthur Memorial

Ken was formally introduced as the Lieutenant to the Chief by

Mr. Arthur A. Diamonstein, Chairman of the Board of The General Douglas MacArthur Foundation. Also sharing the dais with the speaker were Executive Director Col. William J. Davis, USMC (Ret.) and Archivist Charles Knight, who oversaw the arrangement of the many new artifacts.

After introducing his wife, Doris, and and Clan Scrivener Robert McArtor, Ken outlined the rebirth of the MacArthurs as a clan and explained the adoption of the basic name Clan



Arthur by the Lord Lyon. He pointed out the significance of the Chief's flag (pinsel) which flew from a nearby staff and briefly outlined the steps taken to rediscover a bona fide clan chief after a lapse of several hundred years. He pointed out the inclusion of several related clan exhibits in the new gallery.

During the reception, new friends were made and old friends were warmly greeted. while being entertained by several pipe tunes. Refreshments included a huge, white frosted cake with the MacArthur crest.

Scottish Heritage Center



I would like to update you on several important bits of news and information regarding events that have transpired over the past few weeks. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Scottish Heritage Weekend at St. Andrews.

It is with regret that we inform you of the resignation of Dr. John Deegan, Jr. as President of St. Andrews Presbyterian College. We appreciate Dr. Deegan's support for the cause of Scottish Heritage here at St. Andrews, as well as his excellent leadership during a very important period in the college's history. During his 4 1/2 year presidency, the college's enrollment grew significantly (35%), debt was consolidated and reduced significantly, and a number of capital improvement projects began to take place. The college is a better place because of his significant contributions and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Bill Caudill