



# The Carolina Piper



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## ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY DINNER



*Bob Tate helps the Allison's find the right key*



*St. Andrews Pipe & Drums*



*Alan presents the Haggis*

### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



It has been quite a while since our last *Piper*. We apologize for that, but the Society has had newsletter editor challenges this year. One of those challenges was the acting editor (yours truly) not taking any long plane trips, which provide an opportunity to highlight the Society members' activities.

Much of this addition of the *Piper* is dedicated to the terrific St. Andrew's Society Dinner that we had last December. If the smiles on everyone's face are any indication, a good time was

had by all. If you have not been to one of the Society Dinners lately, you are missing a real treat.

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## ADDRESS TO THE HAGGIS

"Fair fa' your honest,  
sonsie face,"

Thus begins Robert Burns' address to a Haggis.

Each December, the Society's annual St. Andrew's Dinner opens with the ceremonial presentation of a home-cooked Haggis followed by our own Professor Alan Donaldson invoking Burns immortal words from the Address to the Haggis.

For many years, the North Carolina Society has been fortunate to have the eloquent and entertaining Alan Donaldson bring the "Great Chieftain o' the puddin-race" to life before our very eyes.



We are also fortunate to have Society Member Steve Quillin who prepares our Haggis. It is traditional to "season" the Haggis with a wee dram of scotch whiskey to help smooth out the rough edges, but Steve's Haggis is so tasty, I recommend you leave the scotch in glass and consume it separately. "O what a glorious sight, Warm-reekin, rich!"

The full text of Address to the Haggis is in this addition of The Piper. Bring it with you to the next St. Andrew's Dinner and follow along as Alan recites, "But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer, Gie her a haggis!"



Alan Donaldson cuts the Haggis.

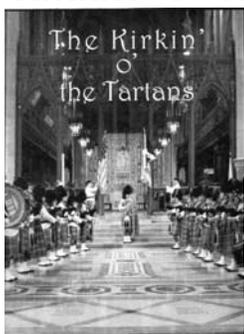


Alan tempts the Piper.

### RAMSAY REMARKS CONT.

Our next Society event is our annual dinner at Blowing Rock, concurrent with the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Bob Collier has once again arranged for the Lake House at Blowing Rock Country Club. The location is beautiful; the food is excellent, and the Montreat Pipes and Blue Ridge Brass will be with us during the cocktail hour. As a special treat, for the after dinner program we will have the Celtic Connection. Don't miss it. Watch for invitations in the mail.

### KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS



In April, the Society was represented at the Loch Norman Highland Games by Bob Collier. The same weekend, Tom Badger and I joined Jim Laughridge and the Montreat

Pipes and Blue Ridge Brass at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC for the annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans, presented by the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC. Believe me, bagpipes in the Cathedral were a thrilling experience!

### ST. ANDREW'S SCHOLARS

We have a terrific group of St. Andrew Scholars this year. We received a thank you note from Ben Stone saying in part, "Attending the University of Stirling is going to be one of the most memorable experiences of my life, and I am truly appreciative that you and the members of the St. Andrew's Society have chosen to support my enthusiasm and fervor for studying abroad. Once again, I want to thank you and also make you aware of how much you and the St. Andrew's Society have influenced by life because of your generosity."

As members, we can be proud of what we do for these students.

Ora et Labora  
John Ramsay, Jr.

## ADDRESS TO A HAGGIS

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,  
Great chieftain o' the puddin-race!  
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,  
Painch, tripe, or thairm:  
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace  
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,  
Your hurdies like a distant hill,  
Your pin wad help to mend a mill  
In time o' need,  
While thro' your pores the dews distil  
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour dight,  
An' cut you up wi' ready sleight,  
Trenching your gushing entrails  
bright,  
Like ony ditch;  
And then, O what a glorious sight,  
Warm-reekin, rich!

Then, horn for horn, they stretch an'  
strive:  
Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive,  
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve,  
Are bent lyke drums;  
Then auld Guidman,  
maist like to rive,  
"Bethankit!" 'hums.

Is there that owre his French ragout  
Or olio that wad staw a sow,  
Or fricassee wad mak her spew  
Wi' perfect sconner,  
Looks down wi' sneering,  
scornfu' view  
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! see him ower his trash,  
As feckless as a wither'd rash,  
His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash,  
His nieve a nit;  
Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,  
O how unfit!

But mark the Rustic, haggis fed,  
The trembling earth resounds his tread.  
Clap in his wallee nieve a blade,  
He'll mak it whistle;  
An' legs an' arms, an' heads will sned,  
Like taps o' thrissle.

Ye Pow'rs wha mak  
mankind your care,  
And dish them out their bill o' fare,  
Auld Scotland wants  
nae skinking ware  
That jaups in luggies;  
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,  
Gie her a haggis!

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY DINNER ~ DECEMBER 2007



Bill Neal, Frank King, Randy Madry & George Lennon



President Elect Hal Hyde, Jr.



Don & Billy McKenzie



Bill Pate, Dan Pate & Rev. Douglas Kelly



Larry Johnson & Tom Allison



Dr. Kirby Kilpatrick, Dr. Pat Henderson & Thomas Williams



Ted Taus, Larry Johnson & John Ramsay



Dr. Pat Henderson, Thomas Williams, Jr. & Alexander McLeod



Lynn McKenzie & Bill Snyder



John Allison, Heyward Armstrong, Tommy Kincade & William Allison



Lynn McKenzie, Bob Campbell, Alan Donaldson & Maurice Robertson



John Burns, Billy McKenzie & Frank McNeil



Judge Bob Collier, Mr. Hobbs and Dr. John Monroe



Dr.'s Clement, John & Ed Monroe



Peter Wilson, friend, Jim Samsel and Cameron Seely



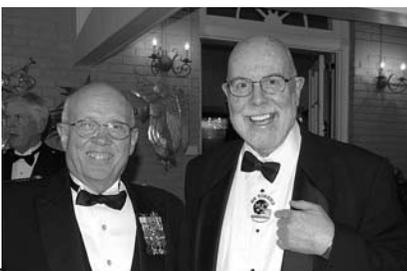
Craig & Homer Pfifer



Sherrill Deaton, Andrew Allison and Tommy Allison



Drouin Sprinkle, Bob Sprinkle & Ralph Sprinkle



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Julius McPhaul & Mr. Hobbs



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THANKS TERRY!



*Tom Badger's Thank You to Terry Smith  
for her exceptional service to the society.*

### FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION:

95 MEMBERS HAVE GIVEN \$6,459.00  
TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
IN HONOR OF THEIR BIRTHDAY  
85 MEMBERS HAVE GIVEN \$5,342.00  
TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### FLOWERS IN THE FOREST:

**MARCUS E. HOBBS**  
DATE OF DEATH 8/12/07  
**LAWRENCE McNEILL JOHNSON**  
DATE OF DEATH 1/28/08  
**HUGH SCOTT HESTER**  
DATE OF DEATH 5/11/2008

### NEW MEMBERS:

RANDALL MADRY SPONSOR: FRANK KING  
ENDORSER: JOHN RAMSAY  
VERNER PIKE - SPONSOR JIM DAWSON  
ENDORSER: SCOTT DAWSON