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The Newsletter of the
St. Andrew Scottish Society of N.A.

Website: sassnm.org/

February 2018

Although there are no SASSNM activities scheduled, please check out and join us for the activities of our associate organizations listed on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter, AND be sure to plan on joining us for the SASSNM Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections at 11am on Saturday, March 24, 2018

SASSNM President's Message

Greetings members,

I hope you are all well and happy. Well I am very happy to say that our Burns night dinner was a huge success and I hope as many of you got to attend, because if not you missed a great time. I look forward to this March and our annual meeting, please be sure to come. This will be your chance to vote for new board members or become one yourself. This is very important as it gives you your voice in what happens in our society. I hope I will see you all at the games this year. If you do come, stop by the Society tent and visit a while. Until next time I hope you will be well and safe.

Bruce

Upcoming Events

REMEMBER: SASSNM is an associate organization of and has partnership benefits with the Irish American Society (IAS), the Edelweiss am Rio Grande German American Club (GAC), Hungarian-American Club (HAC), and Jazz Society, including dances and events! The GAC is located at 4821 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

There are no SASSNM activities scheduled for February 2018, but be sure to check out and join us at the below events of our associate organizations

Damen Ball, 5:30pm on Sat, Feb 10, 2018, at the GAC, Music by Jim Brauer starts at 7pm. Dress is formal. Meal is Normandy Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Roll/Dessert Meal Served from: 5:30 to 6:45PM Meal \$10.00 per person, Please make meal reservations by Feb 8th by calling 505-888-4833 between 4 and 9pm

Kehraus, 5:30pm on Tue, Feb 13, 2018, at the GAC, Music by Walter Kirsch/Derek Swenson. Ceremony is at 7pm. Dress is casual. Meal is Rouladen with noodles and gravy, Vegetable, Roll, Dessert, for only \$10.00, No reservations needed, First Come First Serve

Jazz Sunday Dance, at the GAC, Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Join the Jazz Society for a Sunday Dance!

Cigar Evening, Friday, February 16, 2018 at 4:00 PM at the GAC
If you like cigars, this is your night. **(Conversely, if you do NOT like cigars, this is NOT your night at the GAC)**

Roaring 20's Dance, 5:30PM, Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the GAC, Music by Hit Squad.

Hungarian Celebration at the GAC, 1pm, Sunday, March 11, 2018

The Annual IAS St. Patrick's Day Party, Saturday, March 17th, 2018, 6:00-10:00 PM, at the GAC, \$10 Adults; \$2 Children 2 - 12 (under 2: free) (The door admission charge pays for hall rental and entertainers. If you're not eating dinner, you can pay admission fee at the door with cash). Door prizes
Featured Entertainment:
6:00 PM: Celtic Band Saoirse
7:00 PM: Audience Participation Ceili Dancing with Norita
7:30 PM: Celtic Steps Irish Step Dancers
8:15 PM: NM Fire & Police Pipes & Drums
9:00 PM: Music by Jim Brauer and Derek Swinson
Dinner (served 6 to 8 pm): Corned Beef & Cabbage (with potatoes, carrots, onions, roll & butter) \$10.00
DINNER TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th!
You can purchase tickets online (for both dinner and admission) at www.irishamericansociety-nm.com or you can pay by cash or check at the Irish February 9th meeting at the GAC.

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Join the Jazz Society for a Sunday Dance!

SASSNM Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections, 11am, Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, 7521 Carmel Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113
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Western Night Dance at the GAC, 5:30pm on Saturday, March 24, 2018, Music by Street Scene

Cigar Evening, Friday, March 30, 2018 at 4:00 PM at the GAC

If you like cigars, this is your night. **(Conversely, if you do NOT like cigars, this is NOT your night at the GAC)**

30th Annual Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games, May 19th & 20th, 2018

Balloon Fiesta Park, 5000 Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

(entry from the north gate, only), More information to come

For more information, please visit <http://www.celtfestabq.com/>.

NOTE:

A message from the German-American Club (GAC): The Edelweiss Am Rio Grande GAC is a private club and, as such, cannot solicit, by advertising or otherwise, participation its events and activities to the general public. As the SASSNM is an associate organization of the GAC, listing events here does not constitute advertising but, rather, is a notice for associate members as to events that will occur.

Local Scottish, Irish, and Celtic Musicians and Performers

Many of us wonder who among us in New Mexico are furthering our cultural background through music and other performances.

Here is a list of locals we can support and who, in turn, help fuel our passion to connect with our roots.

Shenanigans, Celtic and American Folk with a twist using a variety of instruments and vocals
Contact Kathy Wimmer for more information: 505.249.7012 or kmillewimm@comcast.net.

Rye Creek, Folk, Irish, Western, and good-old mountain music
For more information, contact Terry Ryan Axline (505.293.894 or neomexicana@hotmail.com), contact Tron Trellue (505.362.2551 or trellue@swcp.com), or visit www.myspace.com/ryecreeknm.

Saoirse ("seer shih," Irish for "freedom")
Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, and Galicia, spiced with jazz and world beat.
Contact: Harlow Pinson at hpinson@indepthl.com or 994-2135.

Celtic Coyotes, Traditional music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Brittany
Contact Doug Cowan for more information: 505.710.0583 or celticcoyotes@yahoo.com.

The Anslowers, Teenage performers
Emily, John, and Jamie on violin, guitar, and upright bass
Contact John and Lorraine Anslower for more information: anslovernavy@comcast.net.

Friends Forever, Michael Coy, Donna Coy, and Chris Nelson play Celtic, Folk, Cowboy, and Original music
Contact Michael Coy for more information: 505.296.2017, 505.250.4429, or mmcoy3@msn.com.

Carol Benson, Strolling café fiddler, vocalist, Suzuki teacher, and symphony violist
Contact Carol Benson for more information: 505.268.0906 or carlbens@gmail.com.

Eagle's Whistle, Michael Coy, Donna Coy, Chris Nelson, and Andy Moss play Celtic, Folk, Cowboy, and Original music with the addition of whistle and concertina. Contact Michael Coy for more information: 505.296.2017, 505.250.4429, or mmcoy3@msn.com.

A Jug of Punch, Triple-Distilled Irish-American Fun featuring flutes, accordion, mandolin, violin, and guitar
Contact Cleve Sharp for more information: 505.507.9915 or clevelans@comcast.net.

The Singing Coyote Sisters, Donna Coy and Michelle Palmer perform Celtic, Folk, and Gospel music as well as Sing-A-Longs
Contact Michael Coy for more information: 505.296.2017, 505.250.4429, or mmcoy3@msn.com

Michele Buchanan and Shanachie Harpers
Contact Michele Buchanan for more information: 505.765.1288 or tmbuchs@gmail.com.

Clan MacDuff

Clan MacDuff or **Clan Duff** is a Lowland Scottish clan.^[5] The clan does not currently have a chief and is therefore considered an Armigerous clan, which is registered with the Lyon Court.^{[5][6]} The early chiefs of Clan MacDuff were the original Earls of Fife, although this title went to the Stewarts of Albany in the late fourteenth century. The title returned to the MacDuff chief when William Duff was made Earl Fife in 1759. His descendant Alexander Duff was made Duke of Fife in 1889.

History

Origins of the clan

The Clan Duff claims descent from the original Royal Scoto-Pictish line of which Queen Gruoch of Scotland, wife of Macbeth, King of Scotland was the senior representative.^[5] After the death of MacBeth, Malcolm III of Scotland seized the Crown and his son, Aedh, married the daughter of Queen Gruoch.^[5] Aedh was created Earl of Fife and abbot of Abernethy.^[5] The early chiefs of Clan MacDuff were the Earls of Fife. Sir Iain Moncreiffe wrote that the Clan MacDuff was the premier clan among the Scottish Gaels.

^[7] Today, the Earls of Wemyss are thought to be the descendants in the male line of Gille Míchéil, Earl of Fife, thought to be one of the first Clan MacDuff chiefs.^[7] Gille-michael MacDuff was one of the witnesses to the great charter of David I of Scotland to Dunfermline Abbey.^[5]

14th and 15th centuries



The round tower of Abernethy, built for the Celtic abbey of which a branch of Clan MacDuff were hereditary Abbots.

In 1306 during the Wars of Scottish Independence, Duncan MacDuff, Earl of Fife was as a minor, held by Edward I of England at the coronation of Robert the Bruce as his ward while Duncan's sister, Isabella MacDuff, placed the golden circlet upon King Robert's head.^[5] As a result, when she fell into the hands of King Edward's army, she was imprisoned in a cage which was suspended from the walls of Berwick Castle.^[5] Duncan MacDuff later married Mary, the niece of King Edward, and threw in his lot against the Bruce.^[5] However, he was captured and imprisoned in Kildrummy Castle where he died in 1336.^[5] The Earldom later fell into the hands of Robert Stewart, Duke of Albany, however, although the MacDuff family lost their rank, they continued to prosper.^[5] In 1384, the earl of Fife was described as *capitalis legis de Clenmcduffe*, meaning *chief of the law of Clan MacDuff*.^[8] In 1404, David Duff received a charter from Robert III of Scotland for lands in Banffshire.^[5]

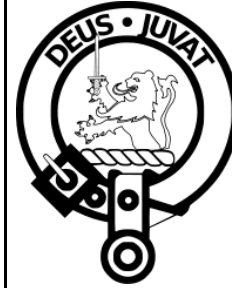
17th, 18th and 19th centuries

In 1626, John Duff sold the lands in Bannfshire which his ancestor had acquired in 1404.^[5] The title of The Fife returned with William Duff, 1st Earl Fife and Viscount Macduff in 1759.^[5] The 1st Earl of Fife's cousin, Captain Robert Duff of the Royal Navy supported the British-Hanoverian Government during the Jacobite rising of 1745 and was involved in the Skirmish of Arisaig.^[9] James Duff, 4th Earl of Fife fought with distinction

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Clan MacDuff

MacDhuibh.



Crest: Red whortleberry (Lingonberry), or Boxwood

Motto Deus juvat (Latin)
(*God assists*).

Profile

Pipe music MacDuff's Lament

Clan MacDuff has no chief, and is an armigerous clan

Historic seat Macduff's Castle^[3]

Alexander William

Last Chief George Duff of Braco,
1st Duke of Fife

Died 29 January 1912

Septs of Clan MacDuff: Duff, Fife, Fyfe, Clan Kilgour (Kilgore), Spence, Spens, Wemyss.^[4]

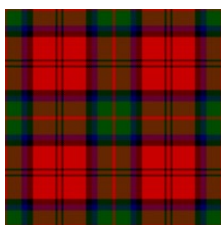
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in the Peninsular War where he was wounded at the Battle of Talavera in 1809 and was later made a Knight of the Order of St Ferdinand of Spain.^[5]

Alexander Duff, 6th Earl of Fife married Louise, Princess Royal, eldest daughter of Edward VII.^[5] Alexander was advanced to the rank of Duke of Fife in July 1889.^[5]

20th and 21st centuries

With the death of the 1st Duke of Fife, the Clan MacDuff had its last Chief. As of 2014, the representative that should eventually succeed to its Headship is, according to thepeerage.com, James Richard Valentine Duff, born on 19 October 1941.^[10]



"Clan Makduff" tartan as published in 1842 in the *Vestiarium Scoticum*.

Law of Clan MacDuff

Clan Macduff was the first Scottish clan to be recognized as a clan by the Scottish Parliament, by legislation dated November 1384.^[11]

The Earl of Fife and the Abbot of Abernethy were both "Capitals of Law of the Clan MacDuff".^[7] The law protected all murderers within ninth degree of kin to the Earl of Fife, as they could claim sanctuary at the Cross of MacDuff near Abernethy, and could find remission by paying compensation to the victim's family.^[7]

The chiefs of the clan had the right to enthrone the King on the Stone of Scone.^[7] When the Stone of Scone was taken to England by Edward I of England, Robert I of Scotland had himself crowned King of Scots a second time, in order to be crowned by a member of clan MacDuff, in that case the Earl of Fife's sister.^[7]

In 1425, the last Earl of Fife, Murdoch Stewart, Duke of Albany, was beheaded. The Clan MacDuff's hereditary right of bearing the Crown of Scotland then passed to the Lord Abernethy.^[7] The current Lord Abernethy, who is consequently bearer of the Scottish Crown, is Alexander Douglas-Hamilton, 16th Duke of Hamilton.

Clan Castles

- Macduff's Castle in East Wemyss, Fife is now a ruinous castle that was once held by the MacDuff Earls of Fife. The property later went to the Clan Wemyss who built the present castle.
- Airdit House in Leuchers, Fife was originally held by the MacDuffs but later went to the Clan Stewart who held it in 1425 when Murdoch Stewart, Duke of Albany (also then Earl and Duke of Fife) was executed.
- Barnslee Castle near Markinch, Fife was held by the Clan MacDuff. One story is that an underground tunnel led from it to Maiden Castle (see below), that was about three miles away.
- Castle Hill in North Berwick in East Lothian was probably held by the MacDuff Earls of Fife who had a ferry from North Berwick to Earlsferry in Fife.
- Cupar Castle in Cupar, Fife, was held by the Clan MacDuff.
- Falkland Palace in Falkland, Fife, there was a castle here that was held by the MacDuff Earls of Fife although it was destroyed by the English in 1337. It was re-built in 1371 and passed to Robert Stewart, Duke of Albany who was then also Earl of Fife.
- Fernie Castle in Cupar, Fife was once held by the MacDuff Earls of Fife.

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- Maiden Castle near Methil, Fife was once held by the Clan MacDuff. One story is that an underground tunnel led from it to Barnslee Castle (see above), that was about three miles away.

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More Celtic Influence!

Need more Celtic influence? Check out the following

Live Celtic Music, Sundays from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

O'Niell's Pub, 4310 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, NM
O'Niell's Pub, 3301 Juan Tabo NE, Albuquerque, NM
For more information, visit: <http://oniells.com/>.

Irish Music Session, Thursdays, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Joliesse Chocolates, 6855 Fourth Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87107
Contact 505.379.3753 or visit <http://celticsteps.org/albuquerque/>.

The Thistle and Shamrock Radio Program, Mondays at 6PM

New Mexico Public Radio, KANW 89.1 FM,
Visit: <http://kanw.com/> or listen on your FM radio.

Irish Book Club, Last Thursday of the Month

O'Niell's Pub, 4310 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, NM
Contact Ellen at 505.307.1700

Celtic and Beyond Radio Show, Mondays at 6:00 PM

Solar Radio, KTAOS 101.9 FM, Visit:
<http://ktao.com/SolarRadio> or listen on your FM radio.

Irish Step Dancing by Coleman Academy of Dance, Saturdays 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Lloyd Shaw Dance Center, 5506 Coal Avenue SE, Albuquerque, NM

Ceili Dance Classes | Wednesdays in May 2017, 7:15 PM, \$3.00 per person

Edelweiss American Rio Grande German-American Club,
4821 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Celtic Steps Arizona/New Mexico, Saturdays

New Mexico Irish Dance Company,
12700 San Rafael NE, Suite 3, Albuquerque, NM
Contact 505.379.3753 or
visit <http://celticsteps.org/albuquerque/>.

SASSNM Membership Application

Please (preferably) complete and mail this form, alternatively you may renew online at sassnm.org/.

Application Type (Please Circle)	First-Time	Renewal	Re-Registration (lapsed registration)	
Type of Membership	Student 18+:	(Annual \$10.00)		
(Please Circle Amount)	Adult Individual:	(Annual \$20.00)	(3 Years \$45.00)	(5 Years \$75.00)
	Family (specify below):	(Annual \$25.00)	(3 Years \$60.00)	(5 Years \$100.00)
Donation:	Annual	\$ _____	One-Time:	\$ _____

Household Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell: _____

Spouse/Partner Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell: _____

Family memberships are only available to those members living in the same household. Please only specify included family members below if they are 18+. (If additional same-household members are needed, please fill out another form and include with this one.)

Family Member #1: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell: _____

Relationship: _____

Family Member #2: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell: _____

Relationship: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. ANDREW SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF NM
MAIL CHECKS WITH COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
 SASSNM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, PO BOX 37288, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87176-7288

Are You Able to Volunteer For (please circle the following, as applicable)...?

Hogmanay (New Years)	Yes	No	Contact Me	Facebook	Yes	No	Contact Me
Burns Night (January)	Yes	No	Contact Me	Managing the Website	Yes	No	Contact Me
Tartan Day (April)	Yes	No	Contact Me	Editor for the newsletter	Yes	No	Contact Me
Celtic Festival (May)	Yes	No	Contact Me	Writing for the newsletter	Yes	No	Contact Me
Celtic Picnic (September)	Yes	No	Contact Me	Serving on the Board	Yes	No	Contact Me
St. Andrew's Day (Nov)	Yes	No	Contact Me	Serving on a Committee	Yes	No	Contact Me
Membership Drive	Yes	No	Contact Me	Other: _____	Yes	No	Contact Me

SASSNM Annual Elections are Getting Close

Our SASSNM annual elections will take place during our annual General Membership Meeting at 11am on Saturday, March 24, 2018. This will be at the North Domingo Baca Multi-generational Center, which is located at 7521 Carmel Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113 (while traveling north on Wyoming Blvd, go one traffic light past Paseo del Norte and turn left/west on Carmel Ave, then go to and turn right at the second driveway).

Please consider this opportunity for you to make a difference by running for a position on our Board. There are a number of positions for which you can run, including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Events, Director of Publicity, and a number of Director-at-Large positions.

Come on out to the monthly Board meetings to get a general idea of how things work and what the extent of your involvement might be.

Please contact President Bruce Green (BEGreen56@yahoo.com), or Vice President Jay Vandersloot (JayVandersloot@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or to let us know of your interest in joining the Board next year

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