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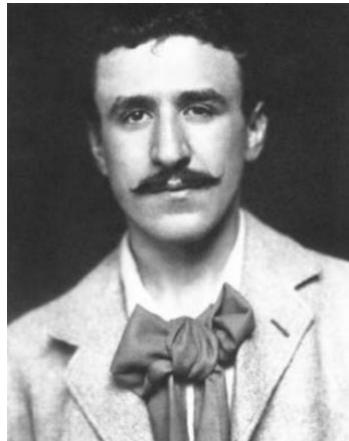
Scottish Heroes IX

Sunday, November 14, 2021 5:00 PM

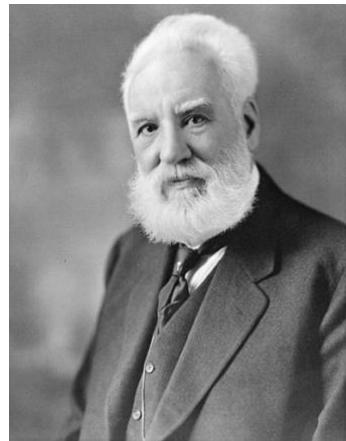
The Caledonian Society's *Scottish Heroes*, has been one of the most educational and informational series we have ever done. We've had reports on known characters throughout history such as Archibald Cleghorn, Andrew Carnegie, and David Douglas. Lesser known characters have been Kirkpatrick Macmillan (a blacksmith), Sir James Mirrlees (a Nobel economist), and "Black" Agnes Randolph (a 14th C. wife who held back the English army at her castle gates for five months before they gave up).



James Anderson King



Charles Rennie Mackintosh



Alexander Graham Bell

On Sunday, November 14th, we continue with *Scottish Heroes IX*. Adrienne King will tell us about James Anderson King (who arrived in Hawaii in the 1860's and created a family legacy here), Susan MacKinnon will talk about Charles Rennie Mackintosh (a pioneer of the Art Nouveau movement in the early 1900's), and Kevin Bogan will discuss Alexander Graham Bell (who invented the telephone). Please join us via Zoom at 5:00 PM to learn more about these men who contributed so much to our world.

Contact Kevin Bogan at kevin.bogan@gmail.com to be on the list to receive the Zoom information.

"The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, also known as **Carnegie Hero Fund**, was established to recognize persons who perform extraordinary acts of [heroism](#) in [civilian](#) life in the [United States](#) and [Canada](#), and to provide financial assistance for those disabled and the dependents of those killed saving or attempting to save others. Those chosen for recognition receive the **Carnegie Medal**^[1] and become eligible for scholarship aid and other benefits. A private operating foundation, the Hero Fund was established in [Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania](#), in 1904 with a trust fund of \$5 million by [Andrew Carnegie](#), the Scottish-American [industrialist](#) and [philanthropist](#)." From *Wikipedia*. Member Brian Bellah reported on Andrew Carnegie at the Scottish Heroes V on March 20, 2021.

Chieftain's Column: From the Craig



On Wednesday, December 29th, we will have a pre-Hogmanay event, that is, an early Scottish New Year's Eve Celebration to highlight what the Scots find so important as the year ends. Remember that Hogmanay is more important to Scots than Christmas. We also will have our Scottish Heroes presentation #10, which marks just over a year since our events have been in the virtual realm. As previously announced, Burns Night 2022 on January 29th, is currently being planned as a virtual event, and we hope to increase our attendance over last year. We will be reaching out to members to participate in the various parts of the evening. Member support, both in attendance and in active participation, is what makes our organization so relevant to the Scottish community.

Slàinte, Bruce bemacewan@gmail.com

Member News

November Birthdays George Allan, Pam Asbury-Smith, Linda Campbell, Lillian Cunningham, Leanne Davis, Bonnie Judd, Elspeth Kerr, Jim Redmond, Karen Thompson, and Helen Wynn.

December Birthdays Jeannie Ferrier, Reiko Harris, Arik Harris, Bob Lormond, Susan MacKinnon, Larry Phillips, Jane Redmond, Keene Rees, and Andrea Snyder.

Opportunity to Own

We recently received some Buchan stoneware from a member and would like to know if there are any members who would like to own these or to add to a set. There are 5 dinner plates, 5 cups, 4 saucers, 1 small plate, and one creamer. (All to go as a set) Please give a donation to the Caledonian Society. Call or email Chieftain McEwan at 808-538-7077 or bemacewan@gmail.com.



Note: If your birthday is in November or December and you don't see your name listed here, we probably don't have it in our database. We want to celebrate your special month too, so please contact Kevin Campbell Bogan at 778-4697 or by email at kevin.bogan@email.com.

Member Jeannie Ferrier

Our former Membership Secretary has a scooter to get herself around town. Lillian Cunningham & Susan MacKinnon met her at Olive Garden recently. She is doing well with pandemic restrictions but surely wants to get back to Canada to visit her family as soon as she can. Yes, they let her park inside the restaurant!

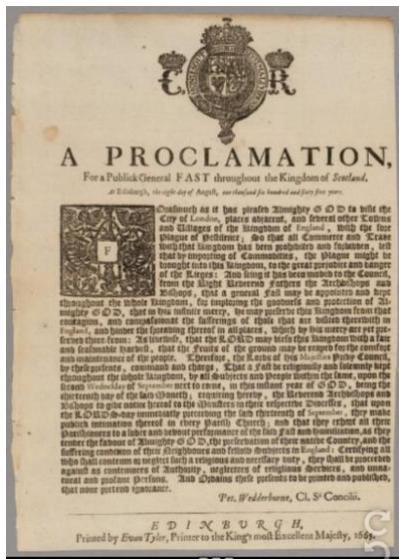


Thanks to Keene Rees

Importance of Education in Scotland

One of the attributes Scots pride themselves on is literacy for everyone in Scotland. This pride in education for all is long standing and of great value to making Scots who they are. Here is some history about how that came to be. From today's standpoint the important 1616 Proclamation unfortunately also included the attempt to erase the Gaelic language in the Highlands and Islands. You will also note in the Act of the Privy Council (The Contemporary View, below) that consistent spelling had not yet been established in 1616.

A School in Every Parish



"A Proclamation," 1665; Privy Council; www.curiosity.lib.harvard.edu

"In 1496 James IV's parliament, to ensure good governance by an educated elite, ordered all barons and freeholders of substance to send their heirs to school and then to college.

"In 1560 Knox and his fellow Reformers' *First Book of Discipline*, mindful that the 'Church here in earth shall be taught not by angels but by men,' planned the 'virtuous education and godly upbringing of the youth of the realm.' A three-layered provision of universal education was envisaged, with elementary schools in each parish, grammar schools in the burghs and a college in each principal town. Education was to be funded through the church but the appropriation of church property by lay proprietors and the post-Reformation turmoil frustrated the accomplishment of Knox's visionary plan.

"In 1616 the Privy Council ordered the establishment of an English school in every parish to promote learning and 'trew religiou' and eradicate the Gaelic language, an instruction Parliament confirmed in 1633.

The Contemporary View

"...that all his Majesties subject, especiallie the youth, be exercised and trayned up in civilitie, godliness, knawledge, and learning, that the vulgar Inglishe young be universallie plantit, and the Irishe language, whilk is one of the chief and principal causes of the continewance of barbaritie and incivilititie amongst the inhabitantis of the Iles and Heylandis, may be aolisheit and removit . . . in everie paroche of the kingdome. . . a scoole salbe establisheit and a fitt persone appointit to teache the same. . .

Act of the Privy Council, 10 December 1616

The Wider View

"State education, however imperfectly implemented, had significant results. Mass literacy was achieved, in the Lowlands at least, by the eighteenth century—for proof see the miners' libraries at Leadhills and Wanlockhead and the literate environment which bred poets like Burns and Ferguson."

From SCOTTISH DATES, by Brian D. Osborne & Ronald Armstrong.

JOKE From *The Scottish Joke Book*, edited by Chris Findlater, Lomond Press.

The pretty Sunday School teacher asked her class, "How many of you want to go to Heaven?"

They all put up a hand except Tommy Mutch.

"Don't you want to go to Heaven, Tommy?"

"I can't go, Miss," he said. "Ma said I was to come straight home or I'd get a licking."

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View of the venue of the Glasgow Climate Conference.

Scary Stories Recap On October 23rd, about 20 Caledonians gathered in a "virtual ceilidh." We were treated to an illustrated recounting by Janice Choate-Zavakos (*right*) of old Scottish beliefs about the season we now know as Halloween. She showed a picture of a turnip carved into a Jack o' Lantern as was done before pumpkins were introduced into Scotland and proved easier to carve than turnips. Then about a dozen of our members told stories about ghoulies and ghosties and strange Scottish beasties like selkies or kelpies. Most of these were old stories of hauntings by witches or fairies or ghosts in very specific Scottish places. One story purported to be the teller's personal experience with a fire-eyed ghost cat. Luckily, we didn't have to find our way home afterwards over moonlit moors or treacherous streams because thanks to the other-worldly virus which has isolated us indoors for many months, we were all already safely at home, haunted only by Zoom.



Caledonian Society Calendar

2021-2022 (Subject to Change)

Sunday, November 14, 2021 Via Zoom
 Scottish Heroes #9 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 29, 2021 Via Zoom
 Pre-Hogmanay history & Scottish Heroes #10 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 29, 2022 Burns Night 5:30 p.m.
 Zoom TBD
Saturday, February 12, 2022 Festivals Held in Scotland 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 12, 2022 Tartans & Kilts 5:30 p.m.
 (Doug Herring & Tori Laitila)
Saturday & Sunday, April 2-3, 2022
 Highland Festival & Games
Saturday, May 14, 2022 Genealogy with focus on Queen Elizabeth II Heritage and Scottish Genealogy 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 2, 2022 Queen Elizabeth II 70th Anniversary Celebration at Iolani Palace 10 a.m.
Saturday, June 25, 2022 Annual General Membership Meeting 11 a.m.-2 p.m.