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## A Message From Our Vice-President

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Beannachdan,

It has been a pleasure getting to know many of you as I have stepped into different roles and now currently as the Vice President for SASC! I love that we can celebrate the Scottish culture and traditions in Colorado.

While Colorado is a wonderful place to live there is always a part of me that misses Scotland, specifically Glasgow. There is a saying "you can take the girl out of Glasgow but you can't take Glasgow out of the girl." That rings really true for me!

I grew up in Balloch, on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond where my dad had a boatbuilding business (my maiden name was Keir). I moved to Glasgow to go to college to study Occupational Therapy and I worked for the National Health Service in Scotland for a number of years before being recruited to fill a position at St Mary's hospital in Grand Junction in 1990.

We moved to Denver when I accepted a position at PSL hospital in Denver and juggled this with having three young children while my husband Martin worked hard to build a business. Fast-



forward and I now work as an Executive and Leadership Coach and I really enjoy this work.

I have made many trips back and forth to the UK over the years, some for happy reasons and some for sad ones.

I love being part of the SASC, I am encouraging my grown-up kids to get more involved and I look forward to working with everyone to celebrate the traditions and continue to build the community!

Slàinte mhath dha na h-uile.

**Gillian Faith**

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## St. Patrick's Day Parade



Once again, the SASC will be marching in the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade. Feel free to bring your Clan banners, flags and tartan, and march with us in front of 200,000 spectators!

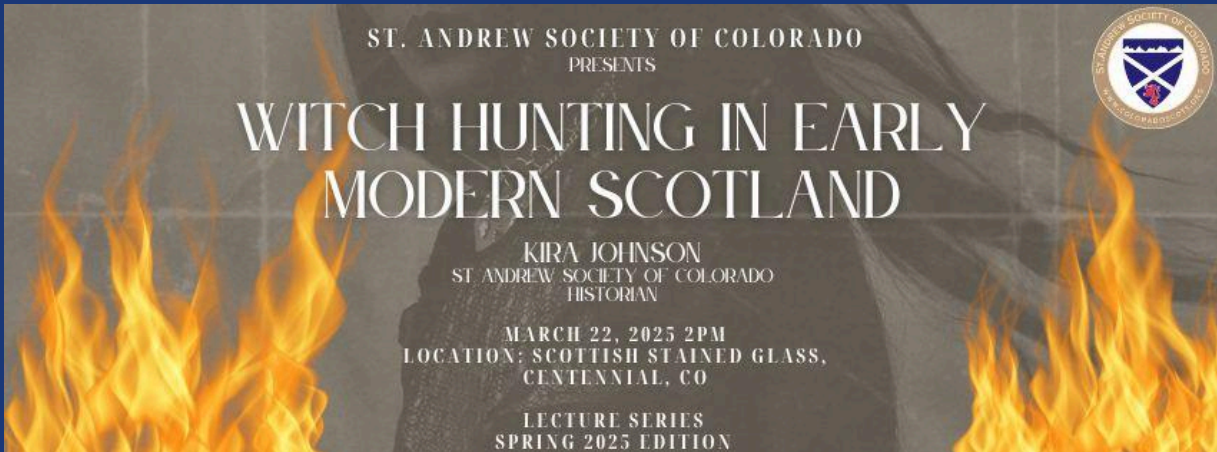
We will be marching in the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade on **March 15th!!!**

It's a fun day to parade along with (sometimes) as many as 200,000+ spectators!

Bring your family and friends to march with us.

Details and more information will be available on the **St. Patrick's Day Parade website** or you can contact: Larry Hay at (303) 960-8305 or [larry.hay@coloradoscots.com](mailto:larry.hay@coloradoscots.com)

[Learn More About St. Patrick's Day Parade](#)



Join us for our first lecture of 2025. Our society historian, Kira Johnson, will be speaking on Witch Hunting in Early Modern Scotland.

When: March 22, 2025 at 2PM

Where: [Scottish Stained Glass, Centennial](#) There will also be a online component for those who cannot make it in person. Learn more on our FB events page

[Learn more & RSVP](#)

**First Happy Hour of 2025**  
**Join us in Colorado Springs**  
**at the "Golden Bee"**





## Learn More About Golden Bee

April 27th at 4 PM

### Address & Direction



The Golden Bee is an authentic 19th century English pub that arrived, panel by panel, at The Broadmoor in 1961. The result is an authentically cozy atmosphere of warm woods and traditional craftsmanship.

Please RSVP via the FB link below under the happy hour section so we can try to let the venue know how many to expect.

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## Upcoming Events

- **St. Patrick's Day Parade** - March 15th 8:30 AM in Downtown Denver, Coors Field Parking Lot
- **LECTURE: Witch Hunting In Modern Scotland** - March 22nd 2PM at Scottish Stained Glass, Centennial
- **Ceilidh Dancing** - March 22nd 4 PM Scottish Stained Glass, Centennial
- **Colorado Tartan Day** - April 12-13th @ Boulder County Fair Grounds in Longmont
- **Kirkin' O' The Tartan** - May 18th 3 PM @ St. John's Episcopal Cathedral Denver

Follow our **Facebook page** for more events that might not make it into the herald

## Highland Happy Hours

- April -
- **The Golden Bee** April 27th @ 4 PM



- May -
  - **BrewDog Denver** May 18th @ 5:30 PM
- June -
  - **Darcy's Bistro & Pub** June 6th @ 6 PM
  - **Jack Quinn's Irish Pub** June 28th @ 5 PM
- July -
  - **Burns Pub** July 11th @ 6 PM
- August -
  - **The Hungry Toad** August 16th @ 5 PM
- September -
  - **Pint's Pub** September 12th @ 6 PM
  - **Shame & Regret** September 27th @ 5 PM
- October -
  - **Clancy's Irish Pub** October 12th @ 4 PM

## Colorado Highland Games

New name and dates!

Mark Your Calendar for  
**September 20-21, 2025**  
**Denver Polo Club, Sedalia, CO**

[Buy Tickets Now](#)



## Clan Registration is open!

Be sure to register your clan to ensure your space our at out 61st Colorado Highland Games!

[Register Now](#)

## Piping & Drumming

Our Piping & Drumming competition registration is open. Get registered today or forward this email to friends & family who may be interested!

[Register Now](#)



## Sign Up For the Colorado Highland Games Newsletter

The sign-up form is at the bottom of the games home page. Don't miss out on the latest news.

[Sign Up](#)

## Burns Supper 2025



Fun had by all!



Thank you to all that came!

## Ceud Mile Failte

(Key-ut Meeluh Fawl-chuh)

“100,000 Welcomes”

We extend a hearty welcome to all new members when they join the St. Andrew Society of Colorado.

Please welcome these new members:

- Julie & Robert Cox
- Roland Robinson, Jr
- Peter Manfredo



The council meets monthly to review and plan society business.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

**All SASC members are welcome and encouraged to attend council meetings.**

Email [info@coloradoscots.com](mailto:info@coloradoscots.com) to learn how to attend.

### Elected Members

President - [Jonathan Wilson](#)

Vice-President - [Gillian Faith](#)

Secretary - OPEN

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Member-at-Large: [Savannah Dare](#)

Member-at-Large: [Shellie Brinkley](#)

Member-at-Large: [Alison Kelman](#)

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Colorado Tartan Day - [Matthew Buchanan](#)

RM Highland Dancers - [EJ Bennet](#)

Scottish Country Dance - [Jamie McKinnon](#)

Games Marshal - [Heather Miller](#)





Seolta Gael -  
Roger Hara  
Wednesday: 7:00pm -  
8:00pm  
A weekly exploration of  
Celtic music & the  
Colorado Celtic  
community.





## Christopher Robert Cunningham

1960 – 2025

Chris Cunningham passed away in his sleep of natural causes about Tuesday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, just weeks shy of his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was discovered on Valentines Day after missing several of his normal activities. He had recently suffered a bout of Covid, which is believed to have either caused or hastened his quiet passing.

Chris was an enthusiastic and active member of the SASC and Rocky Mountain Scottish Community. A long-time convener for Clan Cunningham, he was a staple at the many games and events throughout the region for many years and enjoyed several trips to Scotland and the Cunningham homelands.

The youngest of three siblings, Chris was a Colorado native and lived most of his life in the metro area. He obtained his accounting degree from Metro State and spent the last 15 years as a Federal Project Accountant with HDR Consultants in Greenwood Village.

In addition to his Scottish activities, Chris was a former President of the Aurora Rotary Club and was very active in their Shots for Tots and Little Free Pantry programs; and helped organize and plan many of their activities and fundraisers, all for the benefit of his local community. On a broader scale, he was very proud of providing 7 ambulances for needy areas in Mexico.

Chris was a competitive ballroom dancer for over two decades and won many awards in both formation and individual dance. He was an avid golfer, a fanatical sports fan, a fantasy football enthusiast and loved to travel.

Chris was known for his warm, gentle demeanor and understated sense of humor. His dance partners always remarked on his grace and style, and he was known as a soft spoken, kind and caring person who was always eager to lend a hand whenever and wherever he found a need. His very early, sudden and unexpected passing was a shock to all of his friends, social circles and workmates and left a void in many lives. True to his giving nature, remembrances are being directed as donations to his favorite community service outlet, the Aurora Gateway Rotary Club.

# Robert M. Burnham

1947 - 2025



Longtime SASC member, past President and Auxiliary group leader Bob Burnham passed away in the early hours of Friday, Feb 21st following his battle with cancer. Bob will be remembered for his leadership, warmth, intelligence, positive outlook, and witty sense of humor.

A 'Military brat' Bob was born in 1947 and was well traveled, living as far away as Spain by the time he was 9 years old, and finally settling in Colorado Springs as a teenager when his father retired from the Air Force.

Graduating from the Colorado School of Mines in 1968, Bob received the Department of Mining Engineering's Old Timers' Club Award for his academic standing in coal mining and engineering; and later went on to receive his MBA from the University of Denver in 1979.

Bob went to work at Consolidation Coal Company in West Virginia before being called into the Army where he served a tour in Vietnam. He was later stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs where in 1970, he met Kathy, the love of his life, at a Singles Square Dancing event. They married in December 1972 and enjoyed 51 years together, raising two sons, Joe and Dan.

Bob retired in 2011 from his role as Senior Analyst at Edinburgh-based Wood Mackenzie, and founded his own consultancy, Burnham Coal, LLC. One of his favorite quotes was "The most important thing to come out of a mine... is the miner", which speaks volumes about how he valued people.



Bob and Kathy joined the SASC in 1989 and have been members for 25 years. Bob served on the Council and was Chieftain from 2001 to 2003. Folklore has it that Kathy persuaded Bob to attend a Colorado Scottish Festival, where she lured him into trying Scottish Country Dancing, and then asked if he would join one of the classes. Bob replied, "Yes, but there is no way you will ever get me in a kilt!". Six months later, after learning how much the ladies loved a man in a kilt, he was proudly sporting his first one. Bob and Kathy have been leaders in the Scottish Country Dance group since 1993.

Bob once recalled; "I was the Master of Ceremonies at the St. Andrew Ball one year and was busy setting things up when the catering manager came running in saying she had just received a call about the 'Crown Jewels'. Minutes later, the head of hotel security rushed in asking the same question, and I was at a total loss! A bit later, Don McKee showed up and started setting up a display of the Lord Lyon's Collar, created to replace the one lost at Culloden and being displayed for the very first time." (In 1998, Don McKee was commissioned to design and sculpt a Collar of State for the Lord Lyon King of Arms.)



In 2015, Bob and Kathy were honored for their contributions to the SASC with the Tartan Award, presented for exemplary participation in the Scottish Community of Colorado. In addition to the SASC, Bob has been a member of the Scottish American Military Society Post 100 for 15 years, and most recently served as its Vice Commander.

Bob's contributions to our Society are immeasurable and we were fortunate to have had him for the time we did. His efforts will continue to benefit us all, and he will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by all that knew him.

## Clan Feature





## CLAN SINCLAIR



**Crest:** A Cock Rampart

**Motto:** Commit thy work to God

**Badge:** Whin

**Region:** Highlands/Caithness/Normandy

**Historic Seat:** Castle Sinclair Girnigoe

**Clan Chief:** The Rt. Hon. Malcolm Ian Sinclair The  
20th Earl of Caithness

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# AN HERBALIST'S GUIDE TO SCOTTISH BELTANE

WITH SAVANNAH DARE

April 12th 10am - 12:30pm  
424 E Simpson Lafayette, CO

Come learn about the holiday of Beltane, a seasonal celebration that signals the transition from spring to summer.

You will learn the history of Beltane, plus traditional Scottish practices and rituals for celebrating!

In-person attendees get to create and take home an herbal ally to assist with this transition!

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Questions? Contact [savannah.dare@clinicalherbalism.com](mailto:savannah.dare@clinicalherbalism.com)

Join Savannah Dare, one of our members-at-large, for her 'Herbalist Guide to Celebrate Scottish Beltane' class. Savannah is a student at the Colorado School of Clinical Herbalism, where is she infusing her passion for herbal medicine and her love for her Scottish heritage.

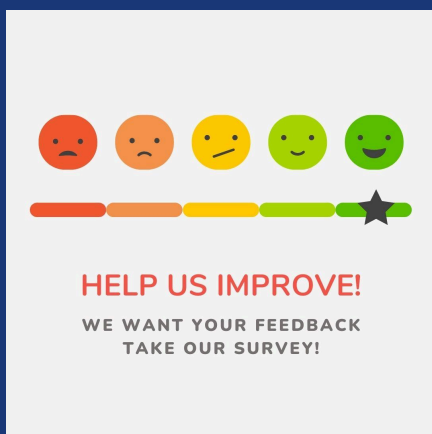
\*This event is not an SASC event and all proceeds benefit Savannah Dare. \*

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