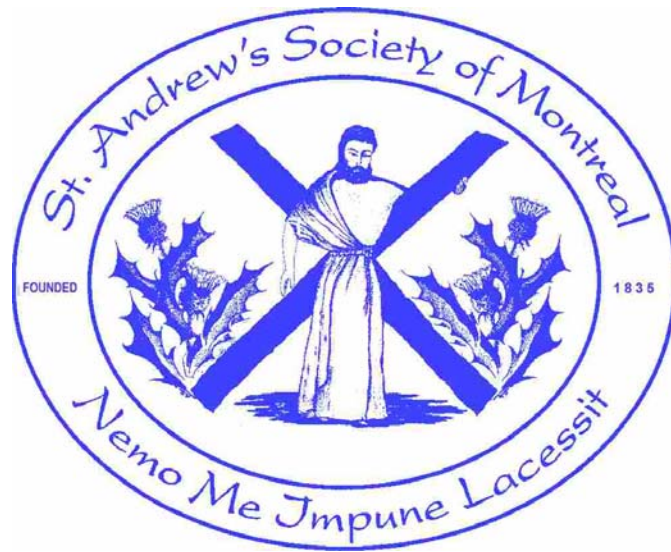


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

The purpose of the St. Andrew's Society is to sustain and encourage less fortunate kin, to help educate the young and to maintain Scottish traditions in our community. I am pleased to report that the Society had an eventful year in 2003 and that we pursued our mandate effectively and efficiently. Apart from our successful social events, for which we are well known, the primary highlights of this past year are the following:

- The value of bursaries granted increased by 23%;
- Direct assistance to individuals increased by 28%;
- The Charles Stuart and Janet Evelyn McEuen Endowment Fund was created subsequent to the receipt of a substantial bequest;
- The Society continued to support the Black Watch and the Montreal Highland Games;
- Thirty-four members joined the Society;
- The early years of the Society were explored as part of the History Project;
- A dramatic increase in revenues resulted in a substantial profit and the Society ended the year in a very strong financial position.

The Council and Committee of Management met four times during the year. A number of important decisions were made during these meetings and the combined experience and wisdom of Council served the Society well. I would like to thank the Past Presidents, members of Council and members of the Committee of Management for their on-going commitment to the Society and I would like to especially thank Moira Barclay, Past President, Andrew Kerr, First Vice-President, and Bruce McNiven, Second Vice-President for their support and guidance. The Society is also very fortunate to have Norma King continue as Executive Secretary.

Most of what the Society has achieved is the result of work done at the committee level. The efforts of the chairman and members of each of these committees have been significant and they are to be congratulated for a job well done. A report from each of the committees is included in the pages that follow.

With an increased endowment and a solid financial position, the Society plans to increase spending in a number of areas. For 2004, spending on charitable activities is expected to increase by roughly 50%. This will allow the Society to further increase the number of bursaries that it offers while also increasing the support of Scottish culture in our community. The increased level of spending has been made possible to a large degree by the generous bequest received from the McEuen family. The Society is very fortunate to have received this gift and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the funds are put to good use in the years ahead.

If you would like to get involved, please do so. If you have comments or suggestions, we would like to hear them. If you know of people who would be interested in joining the Society please introduce them. Together we have made a difference and I believe that the Society is well positioned to make a significant positive contribution going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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President