

Baroness Warsi praises Scots' Sense of National Pride.

Eddie Barnes, Alistair Dalton: 3/07/2011 from The Daily Scotsman

This story requires some background for most American readers. Under devolution, Scotland now has its own parliament (in much the same way as Vermont has its own General Assembly meeting in the State House). Scottish Parliament has recently been dominated by the Scottish Nationalist Party, which is center-left in orientation. The second party recently has been Labour, which is left orientation, followed by the Conservatives [aka Tories] which is center-right in orientation. The SNP holds the issue of Scottish nationhood to be its special domain.

Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, who turns 40 this month, was the youngest peer when she took her seat in the House of Lords in 2007. She was appointed by David Cameron as shadow minister for community cohesion that year, and became minister without portfolio after the 2010 election put the Conservatives in power. Born in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, she has been described as straight talking and combative.

Baroness Warsi said Scots had "been much better" than the English at finding a core identity around which people could find common ground. She noted that people from Pakistan who had settled in Scotland felt far more comfortable describing themselves as Scottish than those who came to England. "There is some very distinctive Scottish culture so you find regularly Sikhs turning up in kilts for their wedding, with the turban on as well," she said. "It's about the strength of the culture that you arrive into. And I think the strength of the culture in England, over the last 15 to 20 years, has been downgraded in a way that hasn't happened in Scotland."

National Trust for Scotland recommends many interesting tours

See <http://www.nts.org.uk/holidays>

The National Trust for Scotland, a private non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Scotland's cultural and natural heritage, has created information on dozens of tours which may be undertaken by individual visitors or by groups. These cover such topics as industrial history and great battles. One very attractive package is the 7 Day Burns Tour, which effectively covers all of Scotland. One can arrange to stay in the Eisenhower Suite at Culzean Castle, in the Laird's Wing at Brodie Castle in Aberdeenshire, as well as to visit all of the primary sites in Ayrshire and Edinburgh made famous by Burns's poetry. Many other suggestions may be found in the website referenced above. The Scottish National Trust is analogous to the Vermont Land Trust, but much more involved in cultural and educational promotions.

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Our National Poets: James MacPherson

MacPherson may possibly be cited as the first Scottish Nationalist poet. He spoke Gaelic, English, and Broad Scots (sometimes referred to as Doric), and in his study to be a minister knew Latin, Greek and at least some Hebrew. MacPherson was disturbed by the aggressive Anglicization of Scottish culture especially following 1745. His reaction was to find in the ancient Gaelic bards a literature comparable to that of Homer. Unluckily for the long term success of his project, he was also a shameless promoter and somewhat of a charlatan. About 1756 he published a pamphlet with sample translations from the ancient poetry he attributed to the Gaelic bard Ossian. In 1760, he issued a cleaned-up version with some new material, and a preface promising a complete edition of the Fingal cycle of poems by Ossian. When the longer book was published, it became overnight one of the most popular publications in the world. As previously reported, Samuel Johnson undertook & succeeded in exposing Ossian as a fraud.

Scots Names: MacPherson

Meaning in Gaelic, "Son of the Parson". The Roman church began enforcing clerical celibacy late in the 11th Century, and since the Celtic church disagreed with Rome on a number of points (including the date of Easter), strict enforcement of celibacy came rather late to the Highlands & Islands. The most famous kindred of the name falls in Clan Mhuirich, descended from Clan Chattan. Ewen Ban of Chattan was prior of Kingussie about 1173. He had 3 sons, Kenneth, Iain, & Gillies. A grandson of Kenneth is apparently the first to use the patronymic MacPherson, though later almost all of his kinsmen also took the name. James MacPherson the poet was descended from Kenneth. The clan organized an association in 1947, and a few years later opened the first museum devoted exclusively to one clan, at Newtonmore.

The Old Scots Tongue

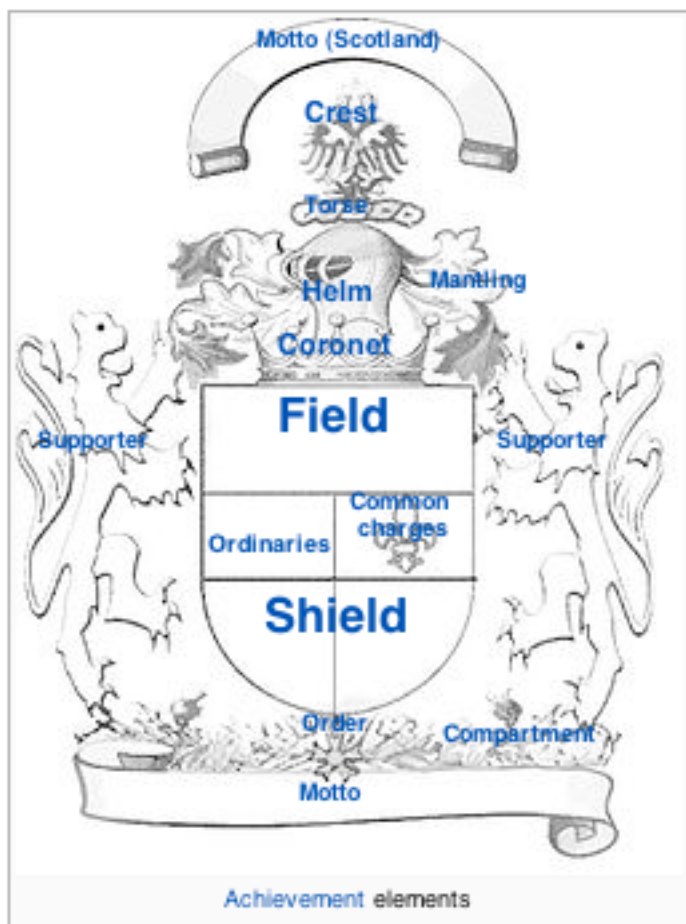
- O' (prep) of, or on.
- o [oe] (n) a grandson.
- obit (n) a particular length of a slate.
- ochiern (n) person equal in dignity to son of a thane.
- ocht (n) aught or anything (v) should.
- ochtlins (adv) in the least.
- ocker (n) usury.
- ockerer (n) a usurer, or lender at ruinous interest rate.
- odal-lands (adj) land held by a family so long that no written deeds or charters can be required.
- offset (n) beginning; also dismissal from a place or job.
- ogart (n) pride or arrogance
- ohon! (interjection) alas, or woe.
- oil of hazel (n) a sound beating or thrashing
- oliphant (n) = elephant

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<www.standrewssocietyofvermont.org>

Slogans, mottoes, battle cries in Clan Heraldry

Some members of clans shout a response when the name of their clan is read at a public assembly. Your Historian has been asked to report what is proper. Like much of the pageantry surrounding Scottish clans, the answer holds many conflicting stories. Because Scotland's royal family departed in the 1560's, many traditions of the Scottish nobility were poorly recorded or developed until our culture revived during the Scottish Enlightenment in the 1770's. The office of pursuivant, a kind of Town Clerk's office where claims of nobility were recorded and validated, was weakly administered through the entire 17th and 18th centuries. Many supposedly ancient traditions regarding clan slogans were not recorded with the Lyon King of Arms until the 20th century.

Three terms are often used. The word slogan comes from Gaelic; the corresponding English term (borrowed from French) is motto. A third term perhaps intended to explain slogan is battle cry. Slogan first appears in Scottish English early in the 16th century, variously spelled slongarn, or slorgorn. Thomas Chatterton first used it in southern English about 1770, spelling it as "slug horn," which led to some baffling illustrations to his text. But in Scottish heraldry slogan or motto has a very specific use. Here is a diagram borrowed from Wikipedia showing how the various elements of a Scottish Coat of Arms are disposed:



You will notice that two motto fields are allowed. Some clans have two variants of their slogan, and some use a Gaelic or Latin version of the slogan in one field, and an English or Scots variant for the secondary. A second kind of slogan is in the Clan Badge, which may or may not be registered with the Lyon King of Arms. For a number of clans, the Badge uses a different slogan from the Crest depicted beside this text. That is because a Crest is the specific possession of a particular family, allotted by rule to families eligible to be included among the Landed Gentry. What has been registered with the Lyon King as a clan slogan may differ from what the Chief of that clan uses in his personal crest. So, the Campbell Clan registry shows the slogan "Cruachan," the name of a farm near Lochawe where the clan assembled in ancient times. But most Campbells use the slogan "Ne Obliviscaris", or one of several English variants such as "Never Forget" or "I bide my time." Some American or Dominion clan associations use unregistered slogans. Next time, I'll list some of the [To be continued in our next issue]

slogans as filed with the Lyon King of Arms.

Minutes of

ANNUAL MEETING
ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF VERMONT
APRIL 16, 2010

The meeting was held at the Hill Top Restaurant in Barre. During the social hour, Derek Davidson did a great job playing several favorites on his bagpipes. Grace was then said by our beloved, outgoing Chaplain, Dwight White.

The meeting was called to order by President Duncan Macaulay at 7:15 PM. Duncan advised us that regarding, who can vote at the annual meeting, any member of the society can cast a vote.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of last year's annual meeting submitted by Jackie Walker, acting secretary, were accepted upon a motion by Donald Murray and seconded by George Silver.

Treasurer's Report: Ced Farrow reported that it was a challenge to break even for Burns Night and the Tartan Ball. A brief comment was made by Donald Murray as to why we paid \$422 for taxes. We were advised that we have to pay \$250 minimum to the State of Vermont, as we are non-profit but not tax exempt. A motion to accept the report was made by Donald Murray and seconded by Russ Slora.

Auditor's Report: The report was read by Duncan Macaulay. The audit was performed by Dale Stafford who advised that the books were detailed and accurate according to standard auditing procedures. A motion was made by Dave Campbell and seconded by George Walker to accept the report.

Foundation Report: Richard Downer said that they had received 19 applications for scholarships and were able to choose 4 recipients, not the normal 3, because of money left from the Kilted Chorus and another source. On May 5 cultural grants will be awarded. \$1000 has been set aside for these. Jeanette Walker, a member of the committee who read the applications, commented that the applicants were extraordinary. The names of the recipients will be announced in the Green Mountain Lion. Investments are doing well, considering the current economy, Richard reports. Motion was made to accept the report and then seconded.

Donald Murray asked all attending to pause for a minute to pray for Al Walker who is recuperating from a bad fall and David Reed who is seriously ill.

Nomination Committee: Donald presented for nomination, David Campbell as our new President. A motion to accept his nomination was made by David and seconded by Derek Davidson.

Slate of Officers were presented by Donald Murray as follows:

President	David Campbell
Vice President	Russ Slora
Secretary	Margaret Moon
Treasurer	Cedric Farrow
Chaplain	Theodore Faris
Historian	Bruce Shields

And new members for the Board of Managers: Jerome Bolkum, Allison Menday, Duncan Mathewson III. A motion was made to accept all nominees by David Cary and seconded by George Walker.

Old Business: Chuck Gibson's request for a personal list of members with name and town was completed.

New Business: Duncan advises that Honorary membership for Dwight White was unanimously approved by the Board of Managers. The membership approved that Dwight White should be given an honorary life membership. Dwight said that he was retiring after 18 years as our chaplain. He was also awarded the title, Chaplain Emeritus.

President's Remarks: Duncan welcomed new members, Jason Lockwood and Richard Lockwood. Duncan spoke of the upcoming birth of his child and that he would be very busy this year and would be retiring for a year. He said he had been honored to be the president of the society for 3 years. He then passed the gavel over to David Campbell.

David presented Duncan with a plaque honoring him for his dedication as president and also presented him with a brown leather sporran for casual dress. David advised that the next Board meeting would be held July 11.

Adjournment: President David Campbell adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Lanzet
(Acting Secretary)

Treasurer's Report 2010

Cash Beginning January 1, 2010			
Checking:		\$3,324.06	
Permanent Savings:		\$8,854.25	
Total:		\$12,178.31	
Income:	Annual Meeting		\$570.00
	Burn's Night		\$2,915.50
	Dues		\$3,725.00
	Donations		\$31.00
	Money Market Interest		\$24.74
	CD Interest		\$12.54
	New Memberships		\$120.00
	Society Store		\$1,429.00
	Tartan Ball		\$5,223.00
		Total	\$14,050.78
Disbursements:	Administration		\$1,549.75
	Annual Meeting		\$570.00
	Burn's Night		\$3,138.20
	Kirkin		\$0.00
	Newsletter		\$1,260.63
	Office Supplies		\$565.37
	Postage		\$706.28
	Quechee		\$450.00
	Tartan Ball		\$6,086.36
	Taxes		\$250.00
		Total	\$14,576.59
Transferred to Permanent Savings:			\$405.00
Transferred to CD			\$2,000.00
Cash Ending December 31, 2010			
Checking:		\$2,355.97	
Permanent Savings:		\$7,283.99	
CD		\$2,012.54	
Total:		\$11,652.50	



Flowers of the Forest: Long time member Robert White died during January, and many of his friends have donated nearly \$800 to the SAS Scholarship Foundation. It is possible that with these funds, we will be able to make an additional Cultural Grant, and an additional academic grant during 2011.

Annual General Membership Meeting Reservation Form



St. Andrew's Society of Vermont
Annual Meeting
Friday, April 22, 2011
at
Hilltop Restaurant, Quarry Hill, Barre, VT
Social Time at 5:30
Dinner at 6:00

Roast Pork Loin/ Stuffed Chicken Breast Buffet
\$20.00 Per Person

**Please send reservation form below with check payable to
St. Andrew's Society of Vermont**

By April 16, 2011

For information contact David Campbell at (802) 598-5398
or Cedric Farrow at (802) 985-3832.

You may make reservation by phone as above, by email to Cedric<cfarrow@ieee.org>, or by mailing a check to arrive by April 16 to:

Cedric H. Farrow
92 Tracy Lane
Shelburne, VT 05482

Name _____

Address _____

Number Attending _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Arthur McNeil	Kate Davie (Catamount)
Duncan Mathewson III	Dale Stafford
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SCHEDULE OF 2011 EVENTS

- 22 April -- AGM in Barre
 - 11 June, Scots Day at Ticonderoga
 - 17 July Kirkin of the Tartan, Barnet
 - 27 August, Quechee
- Bring friends to these events. We have good food, good company, and a great introduction to Scottish heritage and culture.*

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