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### ANNUAL MEETING

As required by our bylaws, the SAS Annual Meeting was held December 9. To abide by Covid19 restrictions, it was held per Zoom. A financial report was given by Rich Stewart. Henry Marquard explained the few activities of the past year and what the SAS hopefully plans for 2021, depending on what Covid19 restrictions will allow. The officers will remain in their current positions.

### FLOWER OF THE FOREST

Unfortunately, we have another Flower of the Forest to report. Agnes Koresko passed away in 2020. If you are aware of any of our members who are no longer with us, please let one of the Board members know so they can be recognized in future newsletters.

### CELTIC ADVENTURES IN SCOTLAND & IRELAND

Join the SAS tour in September 2022 as we spend 15 days exploring Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. Our custom tour will feature Edinburgh, the Scottish borders, the Isle of Arran, Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Dublin and so much more. Only 30 seats are available and will fill up fast. Contact Gale Hoff at galehoff@gmail or call 563-210-1591 for information.

### MOVING FORWARD - FROM OUR PRESIDENT, HENRY MARQUARD

Our plans continue to be affected by the Covid19 pandemic. After reviewing the situation with public health experts, the Board decided to cancel the Burns Dinner, Tartan Day and Beltane Celebrations for 2021. We plan to resume activities in July with a Scottish Night Out which will incorporate some of our Burns

activities. We're also looking into a group outing at a River Bandits game in August. Our Scottish Golf Tournament will not take place in June, but may come back in some form in the fall. We're confident that we can resume our normal schedule this fall with a resumption of our traditional Burns Dinner in January 2022. If you have ideas for events as we move forward or would like to volunteer to help us in future events, please contact me or any of our Officers or Board members with your ideas. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so. We're looking forward to your participation in our activities as we return to normal later this year. Best wishes for the New Year.

### HAGGIS PREP TBA

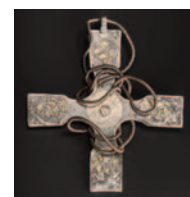
Since we had to cancel the Burns Dinner this year, that meant the cancellation of the preparation of our beloved haggis. This just seemed like a very un-Scottish thing to do, so the plans are to meet the weekend before the July Scottish Night Out to prepare haggis in order to have our unique delicacy available for that event. More details in the May newsletter.



### GOLF CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

As mentioned by Henry in his remarks, we are hoping to have a Scottish Golf Tournament sometime in late summer or early fall.

Darren Low will no longer be able to chair the event but is willing to provide some guidance in the planning. If any member is interested in volunteering to help organize this event, you are encouraged to contact any Board member. Nothing is set in stone, as far as the format is concerned, so new ideas are always welcome.



### ANGLO-SAXON CROSS FOUND IN SCOTLAND

SAS member, Tom Harper, shared this article from The Guardian that was sent to him by his daughter, who is a barrister

in London:

In 2014, a spectacular Anglo-Saxon cross has emerged from beneath 1000 years of encrusted

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**FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Scottish Night Out - July TBA
- Scottish Golf Tournament - TBA
- Samhain - October TBA
- Celebration of the Saints/Annual Meeting - Dec. TBA

dirt from a ploughed field in western Scotland, near Dumfries and Galloway. It's part of the Galloway Hoard, the richest collection of rare and unique Viking-age objects ever found in Britain or Ireland. Its quality indicates that whoever commissioned this treasure may have been a high-standing cleric or even a king. At the beginning of the 10th century, new kingdoms were emerging in response to Viking invasions. One of those mentioned in historical sources was Alba, the kingdom that became medieval Scotland.

**MEMBERSHIP PAST DUE**

If you have forgotten to pay your dues for 2021, please do so as soon as you've finished reading this article (see the attached renewal form). Your membership helps support promoting multiple Scottish-related activities throughout the year, print and postage expenses, maintaining the SAS website, paying for insurance, etc. It's quite a bargain!

**NEXT BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 14 AT 2:00 P.M. PER ZOOM**

If you would like to attend a Board Meeting or have something you would like to bring to the Board's attention, please notify Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon. Members are welcome.

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