



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

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Saint Andrew's Day Message

When one thinks of the celebration of Scottish culture outside of Scotland, images of summer highland games often come to mind. But between Burns Day, Tartan Day, and the upcoming Saint Andrews Day, there are many opportunities the rest of the year to wear your tartan with pride!

Saint Andrews Day is celebrated on the 30th of November, and tends to be more popular nowadays with those of Scottish blood living outside Scotland. Although there are many conflicting stories about how Saint Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland, one of the earliest times he was officially recognized as such was at the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320. This declaration, signed by many Scottish nobles, as well as Robert the Bruce, asserted Scotland's status as a nation independent of England. Saint Andrew's cross, featured in white against a blue background, is the design of one of Scotland's flags.

There will be many opportunities to take part in Saint Andrews Day celebrations throughout New Brunswick in the upcoming week. Please check out our "Events" section for further details. If you cannot attend a public function, wear a bit of tartan, have some traditional Scottish fare, or find another way to celebrate your Scottish heritage. If it's in the blood, it's in the heart!

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