

Membership Secretary Report – June 2016
Saint Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.

The Society's attention for May was focused mostly on the Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival on May 14. It is my understanding, although I was unable to attend, that the event was a success and many of the kinks from festivals in previous years were worked out. There is always room for improvement and we look forward to receiving a full report and debriefing at the Festival After Party on June 26.

Our events in early June have included our Celtic Night at the Keys, attended by several Society Members as well as some of the Pipers and Scottish Dancers. The crowd there showed interest in the Celtic-themed aspects of the evening and several people stopped by the SASMM table and picked up literature about membership and upcoming events. The Society was also represented at the British Car Show at Lilypons on June 5 and our Spring Kirken will have taken place by the time of our meeting (earlier in the day). A report will be provided for our next board meeting.

We should continue to encourage members to attend other Celtic events and festivals throughout the year if for no other reason than to help inspire more attention for Scottish heritage. Normally we can work out an agreement with reciprocity between our events. Of course, there are always tidbits and ideas that we can pick up at other events and festivals to enhance what we are doing with ours. We should make sure that we are effectively communicating to the membership what other benefits there are to being a member of SASMM.

June is also annual dues billing month as our fiscal year ends on June 30 (my birthday!) and dues payment invoices will be going out in the next few weeks. The membership roster is being overhauled in the process of preparing the invoices for dues payments so we will be developing a listing of active membership vs. inactive (past) members as we tabulate responses to the invoices.

As always, I am open to ways to engage members through smaller group gatherings or Society-wide events.

Respectfully submitted,

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Membership Secretary