



# New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

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

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## NBSCA President's Saint Andrews Day Message

Scotland has never had a population of more than 5 million throughout its history. Regardless this, there are more than 40 million people around the world of Scots descent. The week of November 30<sup>th</sup> people of Scottish descent will come together to celebrate their heritage and culture, whether the celebration is taking place in India, Scotland, Russia, United States or Canada the Scots language, dance and music will be celebrated in a traditional fashion. Here in New Brunswick people of Scottish descent number over 138,000 and are listed as the fifth largest ethnic group in New Brunswick will be joining our sister Societies from around the world and around the Province to celebrate this Saint Andrew's Day. Groups such as the Restigouche Caledonia Society, Highland Society of Miramichi at NB, Saint Andrew's Society of Saint John and the Moncton Scottish Association will be celebrating the Scottish culture in high fashion in their communities through out the week of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Here in New Brunswick we have lots to celebrate. Many of the New Brunswick Scottish groups are looking into their past in order to help celebrate their future. Groups such as the Highland Society of NB at Miramichi, Restigouche Caledonia Society and the Saint Andrew's Society of Saint John have funded projects that have helped tell the story of our ancestor's past and their struggles as new comers to this land. Like Saint Andrew, the Scots of New Brunswick go about doing their work throughout history without creating waves. Saint Andrew, as you know, is one of the Saint's that we know very little of however we do know he worked very hard prior to and after Jesus' crucifixion remaining loyal up to his own crucifixion in Greece.

Today as was in the past we of Scottish descent continue to make contributions to our society whether it be here in New Brunswick, Canada or internationally.

I encourage all people of Scottish descent to come out and celebrate, this week in particular, your heritage and culture; attend a celebration that has been planned to recognize Saint Andrews Day.

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