

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY OF SAVANNAH

Tudor Ball

August 20th 2022

Commemorating
**THE BATTLE OF
BOSWORTH FIELD**

August 22nd 1485



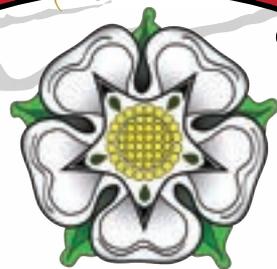
Henry VII



Tudor Rose



Richard III



York Rose

President's Message



Each year we create a commemorative programme for our Tudor Ball that acts as a record of our Society's activity and growing traditions. In these pages we honor a notable Welsh figure and a prominent American of Welsh descent. We post our membership roster and mourn those we have lost. And, of course, we detail with great exuberance the feast set before us in majestic style. The Regent has the honor of composing a letter that appears in this beautifully-produced publication. This year it was difficult to force myself to sit down and write this letter to you. I like to remain hopeful and positive, but, for the record, I must revisit the dark times we have most recently experienced.

In the winter of 2019, people all around the world began suffering from a dreadful flu-like illness. In January of 2020 the World Health Organization issued a Global Health Emergency as a variant of the Corona virus spread across the world. Travel bans were declared; schools were closed; only "essential" businesses remained open. The United States was not spared, nor was our town. In Savannah on March 19, 2020, Mayor Van Johnson declared a State of Emergency.

We were fortunate to hold our Annual Oyster Roast on March 7th, 2020. I was hopeful that, after weeks of shutdown, we would be able to hold our Annual General Meeting in June. Things only got worse. We canceled not only the meeting but the Tudor Ball that year. All I could do was take a "wait and see" attitude. News of some of our members being hospitalized with Covid-19 was terrifying. Weeks turned into months. Large gatherings were not permitted. The new normal was virtual school, working from home, and mandated masks. Our entire 2021 season of events was canceled; it just wasn't worth the risk.

2022 held new possibility! The Oyster Roast, the Annual Meeting, and the Tudor Ball were all scheduled. Unlike other heritage societies in Savannah, no dues were assessed during the pandemic. We collected modified dues for the 2022 events giving a credit from the 2020 dues that were collected.

Now we are experiencing a new beginning. It has been a long while since we last met at the Tudor Ball, and for some it is their first! Our St. David's Society is thriving with new members (see page 12). Take a moment to familiarize yourself with our traditions. We hold three gatherings a year: the Oyster Roast to commemorate St. David's Day, March 1, 589, which is the date of St. David's death; the Annual General Meeting on an evening nearest June 22nd, when in 1402 the Welsh patriot Owain Glyndwr defeated the English at the Battle of Bryn Glas; and the Tudor Ball on the Saturday evening nearest August 22nd. Here we celebrate the Battle of Bosworth Field on August 22, 1485 when the Welsh Tudors (House of Lancaster- the "Red Rose") led by Henry the VII defeated Richard III (House of York- the "White Rose") in the War of the Roses placing a Tudor Welshman on the throne of England.

The pages of this programme are filled with the rich history of the Welsh people and the grand adventures of our Welsh Society. It is a record meant for you to keep. Let it remind you that you are a part of a noble heritage, and in Savannah that heritage lives on.

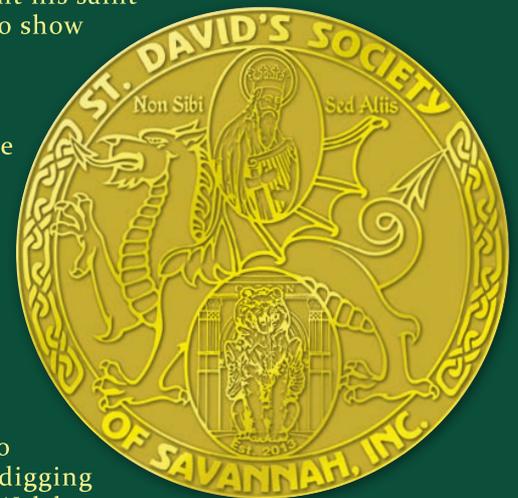
Thank you for being here.
Nora O'Leary Missroon, Regent 2019 - 2022

What is the symbolism of our Great Seal?

The Seal reveals a lot about the character of St. David; he has a halo to represent his sainthood and possession of the Holy Spirit, and a crown of crosses in the oval image to show that Christ ruled his life as his King. He is shown playing the harp (as he did) and serenading the angels with the ancient, national musical instrument of Wales.

The Seal contains the motto of the State of Georgia, the home State of the Society: "Non Sibi-Sed Aliis" (or "Not for ourselves, but for others"). It displays the Lion in front of the Cotton Exchange to show it is a Savannah-based Society; the Lion of Judah was front and center in St. David's life and the water pouring from its mouth represents the Holy Spirit's water of life, apropos for Aquaticus, the Saint of life-giving water.

The Cotton Exchange, adorned by classical columns, stands for family and tribal tradition. It has the year the Society was established, 2013. (The Society was founded on August 22, 2013, the anniversary of the Battle of Bosworth Field when the Welsh took over the English throne.) It proudly presents the Welsh Dragon, with a stinger tail to thwart the Angles, Saxons, Vikings, Normans and any other enemies which have tried to subdue the brave Cymri, as well as a "breath of fire" to immolate any would-be conqueror of the Celts; it shows the Dragon's sharp claws digging into the circular orb, gathering the earth to itself, representing the spread of the Welsh across the planet; and the mystical wings of flight transporting the Druidic Culture throughout the world; it has Celtic knotwork to show it emanates from a creative, vibrant, art-loving People; and it has the full legal name of the Society encompassing, in conjunction with Celtic artwork, the afore-described themes contained in the inner sanctum circle of the Society's Great Seal.



—David H. Dickey, Founding Regent & Designer of the Seal

St. David



The birth of St. David on a rocky cliff near the present day chapel of St. Dewi on the Pembrokeshire coast foretold of thunderous events to follow. According to Rhygyfarch, the 11th century hagiographer (a biographer of saints), David was the offspring of a nun, Lady Non of noble Irish birth, and the passionate young Prince of Powys (grandson of the King of Ceredigion). The brutal Prince, Sandde, forced his passion upon her despite her vehement resistance. At the moment of David's birth, a bolt of lightning is said to have hit the very rock upon which Lady Non reclined in labor and split it in two.

Young David was educated at the monastery of Whitland under the tutelage of St. Paulinus, whose blindness he cured with the sign of the cross. Realizing the gifts of David, Paulinus sent him into the world as a missionary to convert the pagan Britons. A vegetarian who ate only bread, herbs and vegetables and drank only water, David became known as Aquaticus, the water man. As self-imposed penance, he would often stand up to his neck in a lake of cold water, reciting scripture. It is said that milestones in his life were accompanied by the spontaneous appearance of springs of water. He established 12 monasteries, and today over 500 churches in southern Wales bear his name.

Tradition has it that during a battle against the Saxons, David advised the Welsh warriors to wear leeks in their hats so they might be distinguished from their enemies. The Welsh won the battle and ever since, the leek has been a symbol of Wales and its national vegetable. Do you understand now why we serve "leeks" each year at the Tudor Ball?

The best-known miracle associated with St. David occurred when he was preaching to a crowd outdoors and people in the back shouted that they could not

hear him: according to Rhygyfarch, the ground rose up beneath him and made a hill from which he could be seen and heard by all. It should be noted that Rhygyfarch, a master propagandist, was writing around 1090 A.D. in an effort to rally the Welsh people to resist the incursions of the Normans, much like David had done five centuries earlier to resist the incursions of the Saxons.

David is often depicted with a dove on his shoulder signifying that the Holy Spirit was always with him. St. David died on March 1, 589 A.D. and that day has been celebrated as a National holiday in Wales since St. David was canonized by Pope Calixtus II in 1120 A.D.

—David H. Dickey
Founding Regent

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Agenda

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Pledge of Allegiance	Rita W. Butler, Sheriff of Montgomeryshire & Founding Member
Introduction of New Regent (2022-24): R. Mitchell Bush.....	Nora O. Missroon, Outgoing Regent
Musicals	Kristin King
Welsh National Anthem (<i>Land of My Fathers</i>) (<i>Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau</i>) (page 22)	
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Introduction of Special Guests, Officers, & Society Officials.....	R. Mitchell Bush, Regent
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Introduction of Speaker.....Catherine C. “Trinka” Dickey, Archivist & Founding Member:	
“Magna Carta and the Welsh Connection:”.....Dr. Jennifer Paxton (page 8)	
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Welsh Benediction.....Rev. Dcn. Robert Dexter Fritts, Vicar	
“Watchman Tell Us of the Night” (page 23)	
Concluding Toast: Merlin’s Magical Potion.....Harry Donival “Donnie” Dixon, Jr., Esq., Regent Emeritus	
Offer by Regent Emeritus Dixon: “Let Us Begin the Journey.”	
(“Gadewch i ni ddechrau ar u daith.”)	
Response by Membership:	
“To us, until August 22nd, next”..... All Members (“Pob Cymraeg”)	
(“I ni, hyd nes 22 Awst, nesaf.”)	



Welsh Prayer

Grant us, o God, your protection; and in your protection, strength; and in strength, understanding; and in understanding, knowledge; and in knowledge, the knowledge of justice; and in the knowledge of justice, the love of justice; and in that love, the love of existence; and in the love of existence, the love of God, God and all goodness. Amen.

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The Battle of Bosworth Feast

Bara (Bread)

Denbighshire Dill Yeast Roll

Blasyn (Appetizer)

Glamorgan "sausage" Potato Croquette

Lety's Cymreig (Welsh Lettuce)

Welsh Butter Lettuce with Chicory, Poached Pear,
Perl Las Cheese & Candied walnuts, served with
Green Goddess dressing

Pysgod (Fish)

Pembrokeshire Turbot with Rhubarb Chutney

Oen (Lamb)

Carmarthenshire Caramelized Leek & Herb-Crusted
Lamb Loin, with Lamb Jus

Llysiau (Vegetables)

Radnorshire Roasted Asparagus
Breconshire Braised Chard

Pwddin (Dessert)

Swansea Strawberry Welsh Cake with Metheglin-Whipped
Cream & Mint

Rhodod Rhannol (Parting Gift)

Bara Brith bread (with Chef's exclusive recipe)



Merlin's Magical Potion

Conwy Coffee • Druid Decaf by Request



Guest Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Paxton

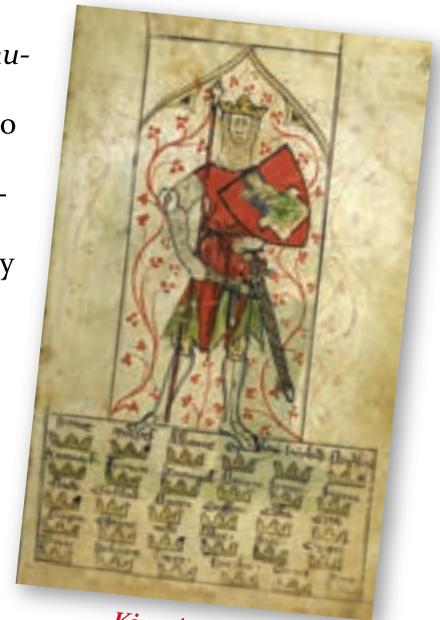
Dr. Jennifer Paxton has taught the history of the British Isles and Ireland for the past twenty-two years, first at Georgetown and then at the Catholic University of America, where she is currently clinical associate professor of history, director of the University Honors Program, and associate dean of undergraduate studies.

Dr. Paxton's love of her subject was born early on, when she and her family lived in London for three years, and rekindled in high school, when a spring break trip to Britain reacquainted her with the castles and cathedrals she had loved as a child. She went on to earn a B.A. in history with distinction at Yale, where she studied Old Irish and Middle Welsh, and a Ph.D. in medieval history at Harvard, where she also did course work in the Department of Celtic Languages and Literatures. While doing research for her dissertation, she spent a year as a Visiting Fellow at the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic at the University of Cambridge. Dr. Paxton has produced several lecture series for Wondrium (formerly The Great Courses) on medieval British history and Celtic history, including *The Story of Medieval England: From King Arthur to the Tudor Conquest; 1066; The Celtic World*; and *The Making of England: From the Fall of Rome to the Norman Conquest*. She lectures regularly on Irish, Scottish, and British history for Smithsonian Associates in Washington, DC, and has led numerous tours of Scotland and Ireland for Smithsonian Journeys.

Dr. Paxton is working on a book manuscript entitled *Chronicle and Community in Twelfth-Century England*, which looks at the ways in which medieval English monastic communities used historical texts to assert various claims to power and authority in a rapidly changing political, economic, and spiritual landscape. She is focusing on chronicles written at eastern English monasteries in the aftermath of the great upheavals of the Norman Conquest and the civil war of King Stephen's reign, in which monastic compilers deployed every resource at their command to distinguish themselves from rival houses and defend themselves against the sometimes aggressive claims of lay lords and even bishops. Dr. Paxton is also working on a further project that examines changing views of abbatial leadership across the Anglo-Norman world in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. She is the president-elect of The Haskins Society, which is dedicated to the study of the Anglo-Norman world.

Dr. Paxton is married to Dr. Stephen Silvia, who teaches international economics at American University in Washington, DC. They have three sons: Christopher, who is married and lives in Woburn, MA, where he works as a test engineer for a robotics company; Sean, who graduated recently from the University of Southern California and will spend the next year earning a master's degree in classical archeology at Oxford University; and Peter, who will attend Purdue University this fall to study aviation. When not writing, lecturing, and teaching about medieval Britain and Ireland, Dr. Paxton is a passionate fan of Celtic music, theater, and literature, and of almost every sport known to man.

Ms. Paxton's Wondrium site can be viewed at: <http://www.wondrium.com/jennifer-paxton>



King Arthur

Purposes of the Society

The goals, objectives and purposes of the Society are: to perpetuate awareness and appreciation of Welsh history, traditions and culture and the contributions of Wales and the Welsh people to local, regional and national development in the United States and the State of Georgia; **to educate the Members of the Society about Welsh history**, heritage and culture; to encourage genealogical research by the Society's Members; to promote social intercourse and an altruistic spirit among its Members and between its Members and the community they serve; to promote, foster, maintain and support Welsh heritage and social welfare through community involvement and appropriate charitable contributions and aid to individuals, groups and organizations which have been approved by the Society for assistance; and to possess and exercise all the powers conferred by the State of Georgia on Non-Profit Corporations.

—David H. Dickey, Esq., Incorporator & Founding Regent

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Tom Jones



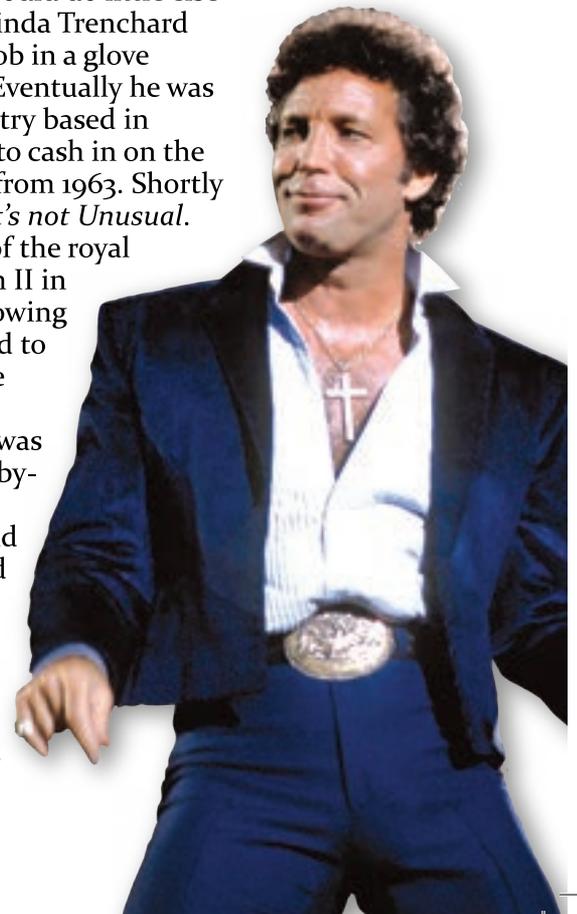
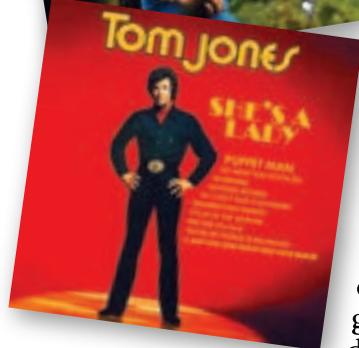
The subject of this year's tale of, and toast to, a great Welshman is the incomparable Sir Tom Jones. Perhaps best known as a Las Vegas resident crooner and sexy showman, he was also a television personality earning a Golden Globe award for his show, *This is Tom Jones*, from 1969-1970. I believe I first considered him when I heard his cover of the Prince song *Kiss* with backing band, Art of Noise, in 1989 as a freshman in med school. He subsequently received the MTV Video Music Award—Breakthrough Video for that one. He not only recorded some great singles (*It's Not Unusual*, *Delilah*, *What's New Pussycat*) but also did some movie theme songs, most notably that of James Bond smash hit *Thunderball*. He is the all time wealthiest Welsh performer and has garnered many awards including: numerous Grammy Awards, NME Award for British Male Singer, Brit Award for British Male Solo Artist, OBE, Hollywood Star, and Knighthood. Due to his wide vocal range and enormous talent, he has performed duets with some of the most famous names in the industry.

Sir Tom once remarked that he used to be able to hit a top C but now was relegated to a B flat. "Over time you lose on the top, and gain on the bottom end," he explained. I once saw an interview with Tom Jones and Dwight Yoakum before a duet in which the ever-personable down-to-earth Jones expounded on how fortunate these two sons of coal miners had been to become successful singers. An incomplete list of some of those with whom Jones duetted include: Bob Hope, Cher, Dusty Springfield, Ella Fitzgerald, the Supremes, Ray Stevens, Natalie Imbruglia, The Pretenders, James Taylor, John Denver, Smokey Robinson, Ray Charles, Kenny Rogers, Janis Joplin, Sting, Raquel Welch, Jose Feliciano, Glen Campbell, Little Richard, Johnny Cash, Lulu, Van Morrison, and Stevie Wonder. He was especially proud that he had sung with Ella Fitzgerald and observed, "I thought, well I can't compete with Ella Fitzgerald because she's a scat singer. She invented that thing. And I knew she was going to do that with *Sunny*. I knew she would play it and jazz it up. And I'm not a jazz singer so I couldn't get there. So I knew I couldn't compete. I tried to get a little loose on it and jazz it up a little bit but that's not my forte so I thought I'd just stick to my guns. I thought I'd let her fly out and she did." By way of contrast, he described his duet with Janis Joplin quite differently. "It was just a screamer," he said.

Thomas John Woodward was born in Pontypridd Glamorgan, South Wales to a coal miner, Thomas Woodward and his wife, Freda Jones. At age 12, he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. During his two year convalescence, he could do little else but listen to music and draw. At age 16, he married Linda Trenchard when they were expecting, his son Mark. He took a job in a glove factory but was singing with a local group on the side. Eventually he was spotted by Gordon Mills, a Welshman in the music industry based in London. Mills changed Woodward's name to Tom Jones to cash in on the Academy Award-winning Albert Finney film *Tom Jones* from 1963. Shortly thereafter Tom Jones scored an international hit with *It's not Unusual*. The rest as they say is history. A very strong supporter of the royal family, Sir Tom Jones was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2006. Although a royalist, he is also a pragmatist: Following the election of a Labour government in 1974, he moved to the US full time to avoid the 98 percent tax rate in the United Kingdom.

Most importantly, Sir Tom Jones is a Christian. He was raised in the Presbyterian Church and attended a Presbyterian school. The cross and crucifix he traditionally wears are not merely for show. He professes his faith and prays each evening and is thankful that God has blessed him with such a wonderful life! He even put out a late career gospel album titled *Praise and Blame*. He has a great testimony to the power of the Lord from a near drowning accident while on holiday in Acapulco during the late 1960s.

—Jack Randolph Eades, M.D., Founding Member



John Williams



John Williams is arguably the most famous composer in America. He was born on February 8, 1932 in Queens, New York. Over the course of his 70-year career, he has composed many of the most famous, as well as most awarded, movie scores.



The surname Williams is one of the most recognizable Welsh names in America, ranking as the 3rd most popular name. Williams is derived from the name William, which in turn is derived from the German names Wilhelm and Willelm. The name became popular in Britain following the Norman Conquest of 1066. Early Williams families were first found on the Wales/England border in Breconshire and Monmouthshire.

As a composer, Williams came by his musical roots honestly—his father was a percussionist in the CBS radio orchestra—and Williams studied music at an early age, learning to play the piano, trombone, trumpet and clarinet. His first attempts at composition came when he was a teenager. In 1948, at the age of 16, Williams moved to Los Angeles. From 1951 to 1954, Williams served in the US Air Force where, in addition to putting his piano and brass-instrument training to use, he also arranged music for the US Air Force Band. In an interview, Williams talked of his formative years and his time during WWII in the Air

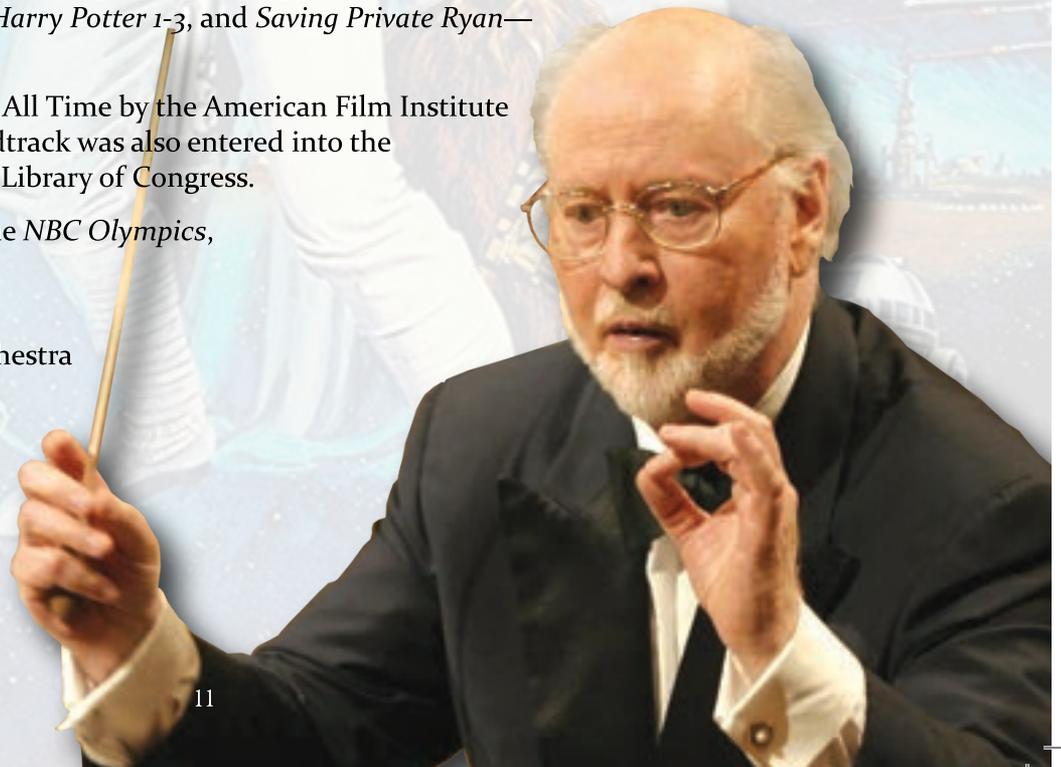
Force, and how these experiences helped shape him both personally and professionally. After completing basic training, Williams was assigned to bases in both Arizona and Newfoundland, where a number of young musicians, including some he had known in college in California, were also stationed. These years together on base were a source of learning and inspiration that would carry over to his professional career.

Williams' style of composition is known as neoromanticism, inspired by the large orchestras of the late 19th century and described by brittanica.com as "lush symphonic style." This style of powerful musical score was a sharp divergence from the synthesized musical scores that had come to be used in many movies. While any list of Williams' accomplishments, awards, and hit songs is certain to understate his actual accomplishments,

Here are some of the highlights of his career:

- 5 Academy Awards and second to Walt Disney for Oscar nominations (52 vs. 59).
- 25 Grammy Awards.
- Composer of musical scores for 9 of the top 25 highest-grossing films in history.
- Composer of the musical scores for *The Poseidon Adventure*, *The Towering Inferno*, *Jaws*, the *Star Wars* franchise, the *Indiana Jones* films (including the upcoming 5th film), *Superman*, *ET*, *Jurassic Park*, *Schindler's List*, *Home Alone 1 & 2*, *Harry Potter 1-3*, and *Saving Private Ryan*—to name just a few.
- Awarded the Greatest Film Score of All Time by the American Film Institute for *Star Wars*. The *Star Wars* soundtrack was also entered into the National Recording Registry by the Library of Congress.
- Composer of the theme songs for the *NBC Olympics*, *Sunday Night Football*, *Today/NBC Nightly News/Meet the Press*
- Conductor for the Boston Pops Orchestra

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Invocation

Creator God

Who breathed this world into being
Who is discernible within
The harmony of nature,
The perfection of a butterfly's wing,
The grandeur of a mountain range,
The soaring eagle and hummingbird,
Thank you for this world
Which you have created.

Thank you for the summer sun,
Which reminds us

That your creative breath
Is still alive and active.

Thank you for the warmth of your love,
Sustaining the world,
Your garden.

Amen.

Snowden
Mountain...
Refuge from
the Romans



What are the Secrets & Symbolism in our Membership Medal?

Our Membership medal (page 13) shows a Red Dragon (Welsh); it has gold artwork to represent royalty of the Tudor Kings and the ancient Cymric jewelers, the envy of the world; the dragon sits on the ocean with waves (in bluish-green) and spans the sky as well, covering the whole globe, symbolic of the Welsh to all nations of Earth. The date, name and Celtic knots are the same as in the Great Seal of the Society; there is a hidden message (in Welsh) in the lapping waves; please take the time to find it with a magnifying glass and look it up in a Welsh-to-English translation app. Google has a free one. See <https://www.translate.com/welsh-english>

Memoriam

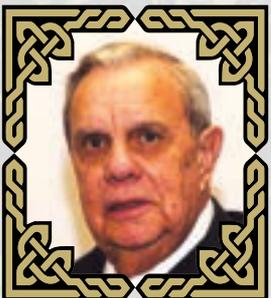
Each of the deceased was a Founding Member of this Society. These men were consummate gentlemen who reached the highest ranks of their respective endeavors and gave freely and generously of their time and resources to make our world a better place to live. Their full obituaries may be viewed on the Society's website at <https://stdavidsavannah.com>.



Major General William Percy Bland, Jr.

Bill was an active member of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church where he served on the Board of Trustees for 17 years. He was on a team that developed and implemented the Church master plan and chaired the Church's construction project for 10 years. He served his community well as a superb handyman who was quick to volunteer for hurricane damage relief in states across the South. He was happiest with a hammer in his hands and worked alongside his friends with Habitat for Humanity and the Methodist Mission Team.

Bill enlisted in the Georgia Air National Guard in 1958. He was assigned to the 165th Tactical Airlift Group (ANG-Savannah) in 1962 and served in numerous assignments which took him all over the world. He was a command pilot with more than 8,000 hours flying time in 9 different types of aircraft. In 1981, he became Commander of the 165th and served in the capacity until 1987 when he was selected to be the Deputy Commander of the Air National Guard Readiness Unit, Andrews Air Force Base, Md. He held that position until he returned to GA in 1990 to serve as Assistant Adjutant General of Air. In 1991, Governor Zell Miller appointed him the Adjutant General of Georgia, commanding more than 13,000 troops providing security for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. He provided more than 40 years of service in the US Air Force and Air National Guard, and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum located in Savannah.



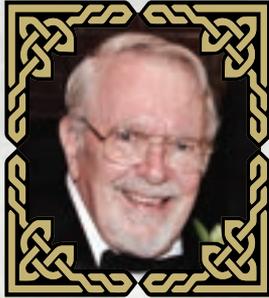
Judge Tom R. Denfield, Sr.

Tom was a devoted husband, father, friend, attorney and Judge. He was a graduate of Commercial High School, Armstrong Junior College, Mercer University and the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer. He was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Temple for over 35 years.

Some of Tom's many professional accomplishments included Assistant District Attorney of Chatham County, President of Savannah Plaintiff Trial Lawyers Association, President of Savannah Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Representative of Georgia Municipal Court Judge's Association, State and Local attorney for Fraternal Order of Police and Municipal Court Judge of Bloomingdale, Garden City, and Rincon. He served as Judge Pro-Tem for Chatham Recorder's Court, Effingham County State Court, Chatham County State Court, and Tybee Island Municipal Court.

Tom was a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, Roger Lacey Lodge #722 F. & A.M., where he served as Past Grand Master (1976), Sons of Confederate Veterans – Bartow Camp, Alee Shrine Temple – Clown Unit, The National Sojourner's Association, The Savannah Quarterback Club, The Exchange Club of Savannah, the 200 Club, The Band of Brothers, Christian Business Men's Committee of Savannah, and National Christian Lawyer's Association. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Old Savannah City Mission, Savannah Baptist Center, John & Dot Mooney Foundation, Tab Smith Ministry and Coastal Georgia Regional Water Council.

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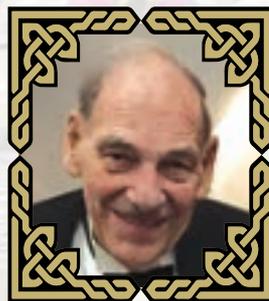
Julian Dantzler Kelly, Jr., M.D.

Julian attended Savannah High School, and graduated from Episcopal High School in Virginia, Princeton University and the University of Virginia Medical School. He received a commission in the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon, retiring as a Captain. After military service, he attended Duke University Medical School Residency Program. He returned to Savannah and practiced orthopedic surgery for 35 years. He volunteered one day a week at the Chatham County Crippled Children's Clinic.

His primary avocation, grounded in his love of family, centered on his avid interest in genealogy where he imparted his incisive intellect and curious, unrelenting vigor to trace family connections through centuries, resulting in his being a member of many hereditary societies, including, among others, the First Families of Georgia, the Plantagenet Society, the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller and the Somerset Chapter of Magna Charta Barons.

Julian was a member of the Oglethorpe Club, the Cotillion Club, the Savannah Yacht Club and a lifetime member of Christ Episcopal Church.

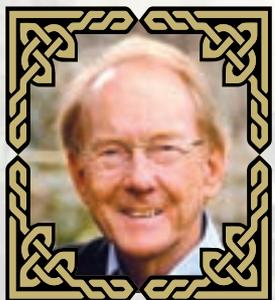
Julian inherited an interest in 169.9 acres known as Pennyworth Island in the Back River of the Savannah River, and in 2009 donated it to the National Park Service to have it registered on the National Register of Historic Places, now known as the Pennyworth Island Preserve.



The Honorable David L. Saussy

David was an active and faithful member of The Collegiate Church of St. Paul the Apostle where he served on the vestry for many years and was the long-time Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. He served on the Boards of the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and the Coastal Center for Development Services. He was also a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Savannah, the Coastal Scottish Heritage Society, L'Alliance Francaise de Savannah, the Sons of the Revolution and the Society of Colonial Wars. He loved genealogy, could trace his ancestors back for centuries and served as the "genealogist" for many societies, including his serving as the Founding genealogist of the St. David's Society. He was former Chatham County Commissioner, serving two terms as the Republican Commissioner in District 1 (from 1993 to 2000). He owned and successfully operated Capital Management Systems, a retirement and insurance products company for 27 years.

His friends said of him: "he was one of the most generous people I know;" "he was one of the kindest people around;" and he was "one of the most steadfast men I've ever known."



Leslie Lamar Wilkes, Jr., M.D.

Les was born in Quitman, Georgia, October 2nd, 1940. He attended Quitman public schools, the University of Georgia, and the Medical College of Georgia, and received his MD degree in 1965.

He completed an internship and year of surgery residency at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. In 1967 he received a commission in the US Navy, and spent a year at sea as Ship's Surgeon aboard the aircraft carrier USS Randolph. In 1968, he served as Ward Medical Officer at the US Naval Hospital in Charleston, SC.

After release from active duty, he finished his residency in orthopedic surgery at Wake Forest University and did a fellowship year in arthritis surgery at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland).

In 1972, Dr. Wilkes began his orthopedic surgery practice in Savannah, GA. He practiced in Savannah for over 40 years and was the first surgeon in Savannah to perform a modern hip replacement. He was one of the first surgeons in Georgia to perform arthroscopic knee surgery. In all, he performed about 15,000 operations.

He was certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, and was active in the following organizations: The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the British Orthopaedic Association, The Society of Hip and Knee Surgeons, The Arthroscopic Surgery Society of North America, and numerous state societies. He was active in the Saint Andrew's Society of Savannah (Past President), Past President of Scottish Games, Society of Colonial Wars, Son of the Revolution, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and the Rotary Club of Savannah. He was a member of the Cotillion Club, Chatham Club and the Oglethorpe Club. He was an avid photographer and was a man of great humility, kindness, and deep faith – always reaching out to others. He was a devoted member of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, where he served in many capacities for over 40 years; he cherished his Wesley family, and his Scottish brethren.

Annual Meeting

June 23, 2022
Sunset Pavillion



Oyster Roast

March 5, 2022
Skidaway Island State Park





Oyster Roast



Tudor Ball

August 24, 2019
Savannah Yacht Club



Tudor Ball



Tudor Ball





Welsh National Anthem

WELSH ENGLISH

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau
 yn annwyl i mi,
 Gwlad beirdd a chantorion,
 enwogion o fri:
 Ei gwrol ryfelwyr
 gwladgarwyr tra mad,
 Tros ryddid collasant eu gwaed.

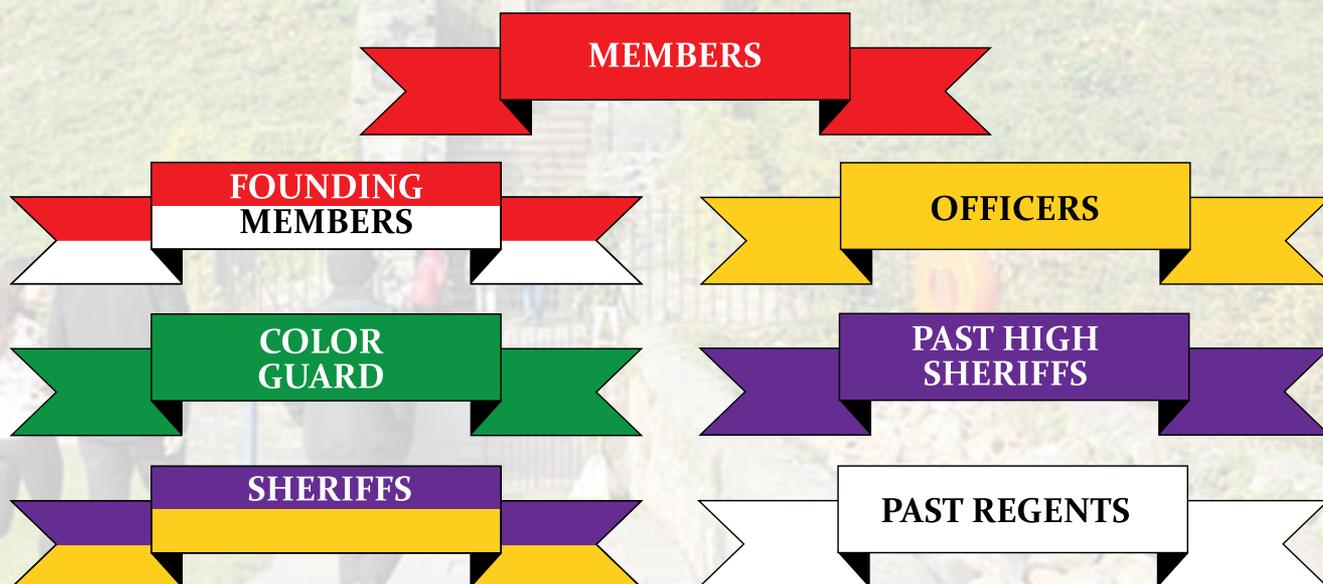
Land of my fathers
 so precious to me.
 Proud mother of poets and singers,
 high home of the free:
 The fame of her heroes
 Patriots much blessed,
 Spilt their blood for freedom.

Gwlad! Gwlad!
 pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad.
 Tra mor yn fur
 i'r bur hoff bau,
 o bydded i'r heniaith barhau

Homeland! Wales!
 -- ever my heart is in Wales.
 In thy good grace
 Lord keep our race,
 Our language, our hills and our vales.



The Significance of the Ribbons Representative of Positions in Our Organization



Watchman/ Tell Us of the Night

Hymn Lyrics by John Bowring (1792-1872);
Tune: "Aberystwyth" by Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are.	Watchman, tell us of the night; Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveller, o'er yon mountain's height, See that glory beaming star.	Traveler, blessedness and light, Peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray Aught of joy or hope foretell?	Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveller, yes it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.	Traveler, ages are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn.
Traveller, darkness takes its flight,
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease
Go thee to thy quiet home.
Traveller, lo! the Prince of Peace,
Lo! the Son of God is come!



Kristin King

Harpist Kristin King was raised in Farmington Hills, MI and attended Loyola University of Chicago for her undergraduate degree, majoring in music with minors in business and psychology. She moved to Savannah in 2004 to start **New Arts Ensembles**, a live music booking agency, which she remains co-owner of with violinist Ricardo Ochoa. Together they book and perform over 300 weddings and private events each year and represent over 200 musicians. Ms. King has been playing the harp for 35 years and truly enjoys working with a variety of musicians. In 2012 she released her first solo album, "Resonating," under her maiden name, Kristin Gustafson, which includes three original compositions as well as her own arrangements for harp. Ms. King is credited on the original soundtrack for the major motion picture "Don Jon" (2013) and enjoys collaborating for studio work whenever possible. She performs regularly at the Anderson Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital and JC Lewis Cancer Center in partnership with the Savannah Philharmonic, as well as for St. Joseph's Candler Hospital harp therapy program.

During her time in Savannah, Ms. King has served on the Board of Directors for America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia for nine years and is heavily involved in the fundraising efforts of this non-profit as well as serving on the Executive Board of Directors for Girls on the Run of Coastal Georgia and the Lowcountry for 5 years and counting. In her free time, she enjoys kiteboarding, running, road cycling, cooking, ball golfing, disc golf and international travel.

Kristin King: Co-Owner New Arts Ensembles

Purchase Kristin's Album *Resonating* by contacting her at • Phone: 912.224.4644 or Email: kristin@newartsensembles.com

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