



St. Andrew's Society of Tidewater Burns Nicht Supper 2016

The 32nd Annual Burns Nicht Supper of the St. Andrew's Society of Tidewater was celebrated in style on Saturday, January 23, 2016 honoring the 257th birthday of Robert Burns. Our supper was a resounding success at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach, Virginia with fifty-three in attendance. Following a cocktail hour, and a piping into dinner by Piper, Jeffrey Christman, Emcee, Stacy Apelt, FSA Scot, called the formal portion of our evening to order. President Nianza Wallace began the dinner portion of our evening with the



Selkirk Grace. The "Address to the Haggis" was delivered in perfect form by John O. McGlyn. Our Haggis, lovingly prepared by our own Skip Hunter, accompanied by the requisite neeps and tatties, was presented to all in attendance. Dinner followed and closed with a delicious trifle. The toasts ensued with the President of the United States of America being toasted by Robert Bruce Felty and to Her Majesty, the Queen by Ian Goodwin. William Garrett followed with a toast to the Scottish Government. Stacy Apelt entertained all with his Toast to the Lassies, and Elizabeth Dietzman came right back at him delighting us with her Toast to the Laddies. The Toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns was presented by Andrew Mitakides who compared our beloved Robbie to his English counterpart, William Shakespeare. The Scottish Bard won hands down! Piper Jeffrey Christman provided a musical medley and toasted our armed forces. Our Scot of the Year 2015 Award was presented by President, Nianza Wallace, Esq., to



our trusted Piper, Jeffrey Christman. Jeff was truly surprised and humbled by the honor. His gift of piping throughout Hampton Roads is testimony to his worthiness and his work with the youth in our community as a teacher and a mentor made him the perfect choice. Raffle drawings punctuated the evening, and all seemed delighted with their winnings. The raffle earnings enabled the St. Andrew's Society to add \$380.00 to its scholarship coffers. Floral centerpieces, created and contributed by

members Breese Stewart and Caryl Felty, were given to the individual at each table whose birthday was closest to that of the Bard. "The Flowers of the Forest" was played by our evening's piper in memory of those members who whom we hold in our hearts following their passing from our Earthly realm in 2015. The evening closed with the traditional, clasped-hands singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

