

Dear Parade Participant:

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For the 39th year, the Scottish Christmas Walk will kick off the holidays in the City of Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, December 5th. We would like to thank you in advance for your participation.

The below information should help direct you and clear up any questions that you may have. If additional information is needed please contact this year's Parade Co-Chairs. Their information is in the closing of this letter.

### **Check-In**

Check in is located at the corner of Wilkes and South Saint Asaph Streets on the grounds of Lyles Crouch Elementary School. Check-in begins at 8:30 am and everyone is asked to report no later than 10:00 am. Please note the Walk Parade will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Individuals are invited to visit check-in to find their group's line-up location.

Complimentary beverages for the parade participants will be provided on Wilkes Street near the check-in table. We ask that you not gather at The Campagna Center as a private breakfast will be held inside prior to the parade.

Each year, we receive numerous requests for early placement in the [parade line-up](#). We try to accommodate requests while maintaining fairness to all participants. Placement numbers change each year as we rotate the groups to give each an opportunity to march near the front.

### **Parking**

Ample parking is available in garages at Market Square and on Union Street or S. Pitt Street. There is also limited street parking. We encourage you to car pool and use Metro.

We will contact the pipe bands directly with instructions on parking passes for the band parking lot. Due to the limited number of spaces in that lot, not all band members will receive a pass. We encourage you to tell your members, whether band or clan, to drop off equipment near the registration point with one of your members and then park your vehicle.

### **Parade Route**

We will follow the same parade route and instructions as we did last year. The parade will begin at South St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and will end at Market Square at the intersection of King and Pitt Streets. Please do not stop in front of the reviewing stand but continue along the route. At the intersection of Pitt and King, Pipe Bands will continue to the right behind Market Square and await the massed band concert. All other participants will go to the left at Pitt Street. Signage and parade marshals will help direct participants and bands.

### **Wreath Laying Ceremony**

At 9:00 a.m., the morning of the parade, the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC invites you to a Wreath Laying Service at the historic Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 South Fairfax Street. The wreath is placed on the tomb of the City of Alexandria founder, William Hunter, in the Meeting House cemetery.

### **Drum Majors**

Please meet at 10:00 am at Firehook Bakery (400 South Washington Street) to discuss the play list for the Massed Band Concert.

### **Festive Attire**

We require all those marching to dress in traditional Scottish or festive holiday attire and walk in formation.

### **Volunteers**

We are very fortunate to have many volunteers working to make this year's Walk a reality. We extend our thanks to the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC for partnering with The Campagna Center to produce the parade. We appreciate your patience as the volunteers work alongside you to make this Walk a great success!

### **Family activities before and after the Parade**

Please refer to the attached brochure for more details on pre and post-Parade activities. The Campagna Center hosts the Parade and festivities to raise funds for The Center's programs. Touching the lives of 1500 children each day, The

Campagna Center is the leading non-profit in Alexandria providing educational and developmental services for children and families. Ninety cents of every dollar raised goes directly to our programs for children. Please visit [www.CampagnaCenter.org](http://www.CampagnaCenter.org) for more information.

Please visit [www.ScottishChristmasWalk.com](http://www.ScottishChristmasWalk.com) for more information on the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend events. The [parade line up](#), route and [staging area](#) are attached and will be posted on the website. Please continue to check the website for the most up to date line up. The information may be subject to change

The confirmation letter and information are being sent electronically this year to support our "going green" theme and for the convenience of sharing this information with your group/clan/band. Please be sure and forward this email along to your members.

Once again, we thank you for your participation. We look forward to seeing you on December 5th.

Sincerely,

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