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Burns Night 2000

Burns Night Celebration 2000 planning is almost completed. Pat Schweitzer's committees have put the final touches on the program. Several smaller committees are busy finalizing the rest of the event - decorations, food, etc.

Patty Hughes has graciously volunteered to cook the Haggis for the event. She brought a sample to the last committee meeting, and it was great! Everyone who will attend Burns Night 2000 will enjoy the delicacy also.

As the year winds down to the year 2000, all of the Society members should be aware that admissions fees should be submitted during December, not later than the middle of January. The newsletter mailings will continue to have coupons in them for members to send in. If you haven't sent yours in, please do so.

Burns Night Attractions

Burns Night Celebration 2000 committees have been working hard to produce a gala event that will have several noted and wanted entertainment celebrities performing for us. The program has been finalized. The evening will be full of pageantry and fun.

At 6:00 p.m. the bars will be open. At 7:00 p.m. the festivities begin. The Haggis will be piped in followed by a procession of dignitaries and banners. Our president, Mr. David McCreath will open the evening with a short welcome. Our chaplain, Mr. Ken McCullen will say grace. Then the festivities swing into high gear. Several toasts will be offered throughout the meal, to the United States, the Flower of Scotland, Lads and Lassies. Dinner is followed by the Louisville Scottish Country Dance Society and the Louisville Pipe Band, who will perform a program of pipe music and last but not least, the Celtic group "Silver Arm" will be performing a program for us. We will be invited to participate in a sing-a-long and ceilidh dancing.

Be prepared for a memorable evening full of entertainment and good food!

Christmas Luncheon

The Sons and Daughters of Erin are hosting a Christmas Luncheon, December 12 at Austins Restaurant 4950 Brownsboro Rd., Louisville, KY from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 pp, make checks to "Sons and Daughters of Erin" and mail to Genie O'Connel, 1909 Meadow Road, Louisville, KY 40223. Include your phone number with your check.

Tour of Scotland 2000

A tour of Scotland is planned for Louisville Scottish Society members in the summer of the year 2000. Our own Annie Bolger has put together a grand tour for us from June 10 to June 19, 2000

The tour features 8 nights in good quality hotels, a tour of Glasgow, the Ballachulish area, Nairn, Perth, and Edinburgh.

We will cruise Loch Lomond, visit Eilean Donan Castle, Hector Russell Kiltmaker, Balmoral Castle, Scone Palace, Glenlivet Distillery, St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral, and Edinburgh Castle. Our ground guides will help us understand the history and features of each place we will visit.

We currently have 28 people signed up for the trip. Space is still available. A deposit of \$100 to reserve can be sent in until December 1, 1999.

Cost of the trip will be about \$1900.00, and includes all airfare (except for Louisville to Baltimore), breakfasts and dinners, accommodations, baggage transfers and entrances to the several sites we will visit. Lunches are ours, and tipping of our guides is recommended. There will be time to shop.

A valid passport is required. For more information, call Annie at 1-800-747-2522. Don't miss out! Send your deposit today!

December Birthdays

The following society members have birthdays in December; Allen Howe, Robert Somerville, Charles O. Bruce III, Frank Beavin, Elizabeth Potts, Linda McArthur, and D.J. McClure.

Happy birthday to you all!

If your name was not included in the list, your date was not listed in the society roster. Call or write to Commissioner of Member Services, The Scottish Society of Louisville, Inc., PO Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232-2248.

Book Club

The Scottish Society Book club will not meet on the regular scheduled for December and January. Mark Johnson will be finding a new meeting location and time. Watch for announcements in the newsletter.

Annual SSL Auction

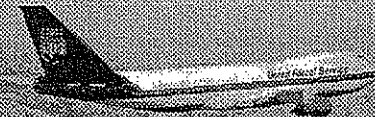
Planning for the Annual Scottish Society of Louisville Auction is complete. This year the auction will be held on Saturday, December 11, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Strathmoor Presbyterian Church at 2201 Hawthorne Avenue at the intersection with Bardstown Road.

The Auction Committee states that there is a shortage of auction items at this time. In order for the event to reach its goals, more items are still needed. Look in your attic, garage or home for items in good condition that you would like to donate. The Scottish Society suggests that your item(s) should have a value of at least \$25.

Gathering of items for the auction is headed up by Mark Stewart and Gary Schweitzer. Your donations for the auction are gratefully accepted. If you need to have someone pick up your donations, please call Gary Schweitzer at 423-0699.

Look for the auction flyer in this newsletter packet. Remember that the success of our auction depends on the generosity of our Scottish Society members.

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Spina Bifida Association

Rita M. Hayes, executive director of Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky, contacted the Scottish Society about the Association's work through Kosair Charities.

Spina Bifida is the most frequent disabler of newborns. It is a neural tube defect in which the structure enclosing the spinal cord fails to close properly, resulting in varying degrees of paralysis, spine and limb deformities as well as other related problems. Spina Bifida patients also have hydrocephalus, an accumulation of fluid on the brain. In Kentucky, spina bifida occurs at a rate of one birth out of 500, twice the national rate. This condition is attributed to environmental and genetic factors: one being the lack of sufficient amounts of folic acid in a woman's diet prior to conception often the result of impoverished conditions leading to poor nutrition and the other being Celtic heritage since spina bifida births are most prevalent in the Irish, Scottish, Welch and English nationalities, with a high proportion of those settled in Kentucky.

Support the SBAK, a nonprofit organizations, as it reaches out to our community to provide services to families all across the state and in Southern Indiana.

A special package of information is available from your member services commissioner.

Famous Scottish Battles

The Battle of Ancrem Moor 12 February 1545

Scottish nobles who had been taken from Solway Moss agreed to terms, and the treaty only needed ratification by the Scottish Parliament to become a fact. In December 1543, however the Scottish Parliament strongly influenced by Cardinal Beaton repudiated the treaty and instead renewed the alliance with France.

Henry VII's fury was predictable and unprecedented. His instructions to the Earl of Hereford included the following: 'Put all to fire and sword, burn Edinburgh Town, raze and deface it so that it may remain for ever a perpetual memory of their falsity and disloyalty. Sack Leith, burn and subvert it, and all the rest, putting man, woman and child to the sword without exception...' And so it went on, giving detailed instructions as far as St Andrews. Hereford made two excursions in 1544 one in May, the other in September. Melrose, Kelso, Holyrood, Jedburgh, and numerous other towns and monasteries were burnt.

In 1545, the English were back again with an even more mixed force than before. It was said to consist of 3,000 English brooders, and 700 Scots who would do anything for money and found English money as acceptable as

anyone else's. It was under the command of Sir Ralph Evers who had been on the previous expedition and distinguished himself for ruthless savagery.

The Earl of Angus had raised 1,000 men. Angus set off in pursuit of an English force which had plundered Melrose and was now moving on to Jedburgh. He was joined by a similar number under Lesley of Rothes. It was not a large force but it was enough to make the English think twice about crossing the Teviot without a preliminary battle. They therefore, camped on Ancrem Moor, three and a half miles northwest of Jedburgh on 12 February.

Angus was joined by yet another force, under Sir Walter Scott of Buccleuch. Scott was burning for revenge. Never the less he did not allow his fury to affect his military judgement.

At Ancrem Moor, the Scots took up station on Gersit Law overlooking the English camp in full view of their opponents. As the English settled down to their camping site, their scouts went out and inspected the Scottish position. The Scots were clearly outnumbered and, with memories of English archery, them might well decide to sheer off. Instead, they performed the sort of subtle maneuver, which occurred very rarely in those days. They sent followers and horses to the rear in the direction of Palace Hill. At this sight, the English, thought that a quick dash after them would destroy them.

At the top of the hill there was no sight of the Scots. Suddenly a shout attracted everyone's attention. There were the Scots. They had not gone far and had decided to put up a fight. Down the slope the English rushed. There were more Scottish spearmen, than had been expected. As the cavalry ran on to an impenetrable wall of points, horses threw their riders, both horses and riders rolling over in agony. Behind, the Scottish arquebuses were keeping up an intermittent fire, picking a man here and there. The smoke blew back into English eyes, which were already dazzled by the rays of the late afternoon sun.

The Scots put in a charge. They hit the English front rank sending it reeling back into the second line, which gave way. The Scots now came hurtling on to them, burning for vengeance, and looking like demons as they whirled their claymores.

The Scottish renegades with the English army changed sides. They were Scots and they now fought on the winning side.

The English were now in full flight. Although the slaughter around the battlefield was considerable, about 800 being killed, over 1,000 were taken prisoner as well.

The result of the battle all English raiders were cleared from the Border districts by the end of the year.

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Sunday, December 12 -- Sons & Daughters of Erin Christmas Luncheon, Austins Restaurant
1:30 - 4:00 p.m., \$15 pp, checks to Sons & Daughters of Erin, 1909 Meadow Rd, Lou., 40223
Tuesday, December 14 -- SSL Board Meeting, Strathmoor Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 11 -- SSL Board Meeting, Strathmoor Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25 -- SSL Monthly Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Program: To Be Announced
Saturday, January 29 - Burns Night Celebration 2000, The Olmstead, Masonic Grounds, 6 p.m.

Festival of Trees & Lights

Wrap-Up

The Scottish Society thanks its members for contributing their time and effort to its vignette "Yesteryear in Scotland".

Our volunteers at the vignette were Pat & Gary Schweitzer, Jack & Angie Bowling, Carolyn Marret, Chris & Lynn Gregg, Mark Stewart, Annie Bolger, Larry Banks and Pat & Hardin Gregg.

The Kosair Festival of Trees & Lights went very well, most of the decorations were sold at the Convention Center. Remaining decorations have been taken to Kosair hospital and will be sold to employees.

A volunteer party was held on Thursday evening, November 18, to thank those giving of their time and effort. A special thanks goes to Connie and members of the decorations volunteers for making ornaments and work on the vignette.

Again, many thanks for your participation.

Light Up Louisville 1999

Wrap-Up

Volunteers at this year's Light Up Louisville event gave of their time and effort to make this event the best yet! Many citizens stopped at our booth on 6th street to inquire about their Scottish heritage. Our members helped find clans and gave out pamphlets to all who stopped by.

Of the many who came to the booth was our Louisville Mayor, David Armstrong.

A special thanks to David McCreath, Pat & Gary Schweitzer, Chris & Lynn Gregg, Carolyn Marrett, Mark Stewart, Jack & Angie Bowling, and Hardin Gregg.

Although the temperature was in the 40's the volunteers braved the cool weather to help out.

The finale of the lighting and fireworks show was worth the wait.

Again, many thanks to the volunteers for their help.

Geneology Group Planned

Minnie Hamilton is joining the Society and plans to start a geneology group. Call Minnie at 314-4496 or email: miane@igloo.com for more information.



President's Comments

One of the colorful parts of Scottish ceremonies is the Parade Of Tartans. Members of various clans carry a flag made from their tartans, and the result is a brilliant violet, orange, greens, blues, reds, and yellow. They carry the tartan flags proudly, recognizing their family heritage.

The Scottish Society now has eight tartan flags, and some members bring their own when we have parades at the Kirkin', Burns Night, and other similar events. We need more flags to demonstrate the variety of clans that are represented in the Society. Wouldn't our ceremonies look even grander if we had twelve or fifteen flags? Are you willing to contribute your tartan flag to the Society?

Burns Night 2000 is just a few weeks away. Now is the time to order tartan flags to assure that they will arrive in time for that night. Perhaps several persons from the same clan could join together to purchase the flag, or a tartan flag could be a gift in memory of family members.

I will be glad to help arrange for a flag and pole for anyone interested in contributing their tartan; please don't hesitate to call me, or send an e-mail: DavidM@ctr.pcusa.org
David McCreath

Ceilidh Dancing for You

The Louisville Scottish Country Dance Society invites "you" for ceilidh dancing on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY. Instruction is provided for the group. Cost to the Scottish Society of Louisville members is \$2.00. Call Joyce Deddens at 584-5333 for more information.

A thought for the day

"Man proposes, God disposes"
-anonymous-

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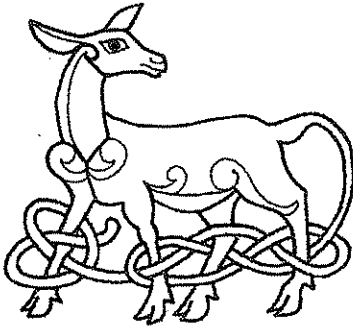
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No monthly meeting in December

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Saturday, December 11

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Minutes of November 23th Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:35 by President David McCreath.

Treasurer's Report: Bal as of 10/21/99 - \$7849.32, income - \$1802.75,
expenses - \$723.75, bal as of 11/23/99 - \$8948.34. The Auction will be

12/11/00 at S P Church. Set up for the dinner @5:30 p.m., preceding
the auction. Chili dinner is \$5. We still need for items for the auction.

Board discussed 2 ideas. (1) The redesign of the logo. (2) Board is
working on Guidelines/Policies for a scholarship fund. They decided
that 25% of the income from auction would go to the scholarship fund.

Announcements: Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky Brochures
available. Volunteers needed to man Light Up Louisville the booth
from 12 till 9 p.m. Thanks to all who assisted with the Festival of
Lights. Pat Schweitzer- External Affairs - The Sons and Daughters of
Erin's luncheon is coming up soon. Connie Fry thanked all the
volunteers who assisted with the Festival of lights. Scotland Trip: 28
confirmed; waiting on money from 2, 4 others inquiries. Robert-Pipe
Band is at St. Andrew's Episcopal on Sunday for St. Andrew's Day
celebration. Will also be at Boars Head. Mark Johnson-Programs: M.
Hamilton is planning a Genealogy Group. Meeting ended with a
presentation by Anne Moore to set the stage for the night's program.