



# scottish society of louisville, inc NEWSLETTER

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## Burns Nite 2000

The planning committee for Burns Night Celebration 2000 met at Pat & Gary Schweitzers on September 23. The format for the evening's program was decided and will include the five main traditional elements that we enjoy. We will have toasts to the Haggis, the Flower of Scotland, to the United States of America, to the Lads and Lassies and the Immortal Memory.

The evenings entertainment will include our own Louisville Pipe Band, the Louisville Scottish Country Dance Society and a band. The selection of the band has not yet been made, but will be a well known Celtic group.

## Tickets to Burns Night

Tickets to Burns Night Celebration 2000 are being done differently this year. Instead of ordering and receiving actual tickets by mail, this year the Burns Night planning board will be acknowledging your order with a letter and reserving your order for seats in a roster. Seating will be on a first come - first serve basis. In this way, those who want to sit together can group themselves.

Look in this newsletter for your order form for Burns Night tickets. You may copy the order form and give it to your friends as much as you like. Only orders with the remittance will be accepted and logged in the roster.

There will be additional order forms sent in November, December and January newsletters. Look for them in your mailings.

## New Location for Burns Night 2000

Burns Night Celebration 2000 will be held in the Ohlmstead Hall on the Masonic Home Grounds on Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky. Masterson's Restaurant has renovated the hall in excess of \$1,000,000 to provide a premier dining hall facility to their business. We in the Scottish Society of Louisville are going to enjoy this richly decorated and refurbished hall. There is ample parking space adjacent to the hall.

Our own Connie Fry and her decorating group will be putting the finishing touches to the already splendid hall.

## Annual SSL Auction

Planning for the Annual Scottish Society of Louisville Auction is getting underway. This year the auction will be held on December 11, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Strathmoor Presbyterian Church at 2201 Hawthorn Avenue at the intersection of Bardstown Road. The gathering of items for the auction is headed up by Mark Stewart and Gary Schweitzer. They will gladly accept your donations for the auction. If you need to have someone pick up your donations, please call Gary Schweitzer at 423-0699.

Don't wait too long! The auction is set for the first Saturday in December.

## Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan

The annual Kirkin' o' th' Tartan will take place on Sunday, October 31, 1999 at the Strathmoor Presbyterian Church at the corner of Hawthorn Blvd and Bardstown Road. The time of the event is set for 3:00 p.m. We invite all people to attend, of any faith. The kirkin' is a nondenominational service. There will be a tea service in the gymnasium following the service. Anyone interested in helping with the tea should contact Laura Doll or Susie Hurst at 585-3199.

## Changes in the ByLaws

The board of the Scottish Society of Louisville, Inc. read for the second time, the proposed changes in the ByLaws for changes in membership in the society.

At the last meeting in August, it was proposed that Article IV, Section 2, be amended by the addition of Corporate Membership with two voting members and the Manual of Operations, section VIII, 1. be amended to include \$300 corporate membership and Life membership at ten times the member or family rate.

The membership accepted these changes.

## October Birthdays

Happy birthday to Susie Hurst, Peter Manallana and Steve O'Bryan. If your name did not appear, please contact Hardin Gregg at 451-7065.

## Membership Increases!

The Scottish Society of Louisville, Inc has passed the 200th mark! We now have 207 active members in our Society. Let's give ourselves a pat on the back for bringing the Society along and achieving this goal.

## New Members

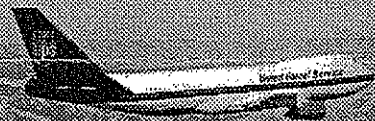
Let's welcome Debby & Peter Vial and Minnie Hamilton, our newest members! Failte! (Welcome)

## Hospitality Needs Help!

Laura Doll and Susie Hurst need your help with the hospitality in the kitchen at our meetings. Laura is taking adult continuing education this fall and will not be with us at meetings for the remainder of the year. Susie has the job alone. We cannot let her do it by herself. She needs volunteers to prepare, serve and clean up at our meetings.

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## Famous Scottish Battles

### The Battle of Halidon Hill, 19 July 1333

Edward I was murdered in 1327, and succeeded by his fourteen-year-old son, Edward. In the last year of his reign, Bruce had sent the Black Douglas on one of the most devastating raids the border had ever known. It was a time of chaos, confusion, and misery which ended with the 'Shameful Peace', in which England returned the Scottish crown, which Edward I had removed.

Edward Balliol, the son of John Balliol, Regent, decided to claim the throne of Scotland and raised an army. This was too much for the Scots. Reacting strongly, they appointed a new regent Sir Andrew Moray and with a hastily assembled force drove Balliol out of the country.

This meant full-scale war between England and Scotland again. Sir William Douglas, on arriving at the north side of Berwick, quickly realized he had set himself too large a task. His inadequate force tried to harry the besiegers who were pounding the walls with catapults. Their effect on the English army was negligible and so they set off on a trail of devastation and burning through Northumberland. The English were not deceived, hostages were taken to ensure this.

The Scottish army decided to call off its foraging and make one last attempt to relieve the town. Douglas and the Scottish army were within easy reach of Berwick. Meanwhile, Edward had posted the whole of his army on the hill two miles north-west of Berwick.

Edward was able to keep an eye both on Berwick and the approaches from Duns, a hill is 600 ft. high sloping gently, just short of the road and down to a marsh. He was, of course, easily seen by Douglas, as he advanced.

Douglas decided to pass in a wide skirting movement and avoid them until he reached flatter ground. Once in the marsh, the cavalry couldn't maneuver and there was no turning back. The English were still holding their fire. The Scottish men-at-arms dismounted and were joined by the infantry who should have been more at home on soft ground. When they were well mixed together and moving slowly through the soggy country, the English bowmen opened up.

The Scot cavalry was immobilized and as the men-at-arms and knights tried to lumber up the long hill they made superb targets. The pikemen and archers were at a hopeless disadvantage. The pikemen could not come to grips at all, and were mostly slaughtered where they stood; the archers were trying to aim up-hill at a blind target. A few Scots did in fact climb that long grinding slope but they were promptly killed for all their bravery. Finally with cruel precision the English knights thundered across the slope and speared the Scots who had struggled out of the swamp

and were trying to rally for a final charge. It was less of a battle than a scene of slaughter. It avenged England's defeat at Bannockburn. Douglas himself was killed along with four thousand others; but the English casualties were very light. The English won the battle and Balliol was made king. Berwick was surrendered.

## From Glasgow Games

This clip from Glasgow Highland Games Inc.

"The Scottish Society of Louisville members provides great support and help for the Glasgow Highland Games. The appreciation for this is shown by the Glasgow Highland Games placing a member of the Society on its' Board of Directors and bring in continuous contact with the Society. Likewise, The Scottish Society of Louisville are considered "Home Folks" and the Society has been given the honor of being the featured Society for the 2001 (event).

## Culloden 2000

Mark your calendars! Culloden 2000 will be held May 12-14, 2000 at Cassar's Creek, Pioneer village near Waynesville, OH. This is only one hour north of Cincinnati on I71 and 5 miles from the interstate.

This is also the Kentucky Scottish Weekend at Carrolton, but in order to get this closer to the Mid-West, we were locked in to this weekend. But due to the close proximity of the two, it may be possible for some of you to travel the extra few hours and take in both. Battles usually take place at 2 p.m. in the afternoon both days; Prestonpans on Saturday, Culloden on Sunday.

Anyone interested in coming as a spectator, or if you would like information on joining the MacKintosh Regiment and participating, please contact Patty or Howard Hughes at 102 Bald Knob Rd, New Albany, IN 47150 or phone (812)945-7601.

## Irish Rover Dinner Series

The Irish Rover announces their new dinner series. The Rover, located at 2319 Frankfort Ave. presents new dinner series beginning at 6:30 on October 24, \$48/person. The menu offers Grilled Pork Chops with Apple & Cinnamon on Olive Oil Mash or Roast Chicken Breast with Courgette & Herb Stuffing. Also introduced is a single malt scotch tasting of four scotch samples. Offered with the meal are several Scottish Ales.

Sunday, November 21, dinners will be \$33/person, offers food produced by a very young chef/owner. Diners will also sample a crop of not-yet-released Kentucky whiskeys. For more information, call The Irish Rover at 899-3544.

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## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1999

Monday, October 4 -- Book Club at Liz Copeland's, 123 Fenley Ave 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, October 12 -- SSL Board Meeting, Strathmoor Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, October 26 -- SSL Monthly Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Program: "Scottish Ghost Stories" presented by Mark Johnson and Frank Beavin.  
 Saturday, October 30 -- Halloween Party at Connie Fry's, Clarksville, IN. Bring chairs, dish.  
 Sunday, October 31 -- Annual Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan - 3:00 p.m. at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church, corner of Hawthorn Blvd and Bardstown Rd. A Scottish tea follows service.  
 Day-of-week, October ## -- Annual Light up Louisville, at the booth in downtown Louisville  
 Monday, November 1 -- Book Club at Liz Copeland's, 123 Fenley Ave 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, November 9 -- SSL Board Meeting, Strathmoor Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, November 13 -- RSCD hosting Harvest Ball at Pendennis Club. \$35/person.  
 Tuesday, November 23 -- SSL Monthly Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Program: "The Celtic Nation of Brittany" presented by Anne Moore.

### PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

I sometimes think that the Scottish Society of Louisville lives through seasons, just as nature provides us with winter, spring, summer and fall. The Society has just lived through the "season" of games. Beginning in May and continuing through early September, we have been present at games throughout Kentucky and Indiana, and some of our members have attended celebrations in other parts of the country.

We have now entered the season of SSL events. This month we will honor our heritage with the Kirkin' o' th' Tartan on October 31. The Kirkin' is a religious service, open to all, and ties us to our spiritual roots. In December we will have our annual Auction. This year we are centering it on Scottish Christmas customs, appropriate for mid-December. Our greatest celebration will be at the end of January, with the Burns' Night dinner and gala. Along the way we may also plan another event or two.

This "season" is an opportunity for us to enjoy being members of the Society, to come together in more than monthly member meetings. We can take the time to sing, dance, and enjoy good food. These events will help us enjoy the company of like-minded folks whose roots run as deeply as each of ours. I hope you will be a part of all that happens during this season.

David McCreath

### RSCD Hosts Ball

The RSCD is hosting their Harvest Ball at the Pendennis Club on Nov. 13th. Dinner and dancing is \$35/person, dinner only is \$25, and dancing only is \$15. Call Joyce Deddens at 584-5333 for more information.

The RSCD is offering on Thursday night, a Ceilhi dancing class at St Andrew's Church. This is a beginning class for all those interested. Call Joyce Deddens at 584-5333 for more information.

### Ales from Scotland

by Patty Hughes

On Sunday, August 22, 1999, some 25 members and friends met at Rich O's Public House in New Albany for ale tasting.

Roger Baylor, co-owner with his wife and sister-in-law, presented a comprehensive program ranging from the basic ingredients in beer and ale to the differences between them.

We then had a generous sampling of 7 ales, including one brewed in Austria - MacQueen's Nessie - this was probably one of the favorites. It is made from Scotch whiskey malt and has a subtle peatiness in the finish. Others tasted were Fraoch Heather Ale, Grozet Sooseberry Wheat Ale, Alba Pine Ale, Maclays Oat Malt Stout, Caledonian Edinburgh Strong Ale, and of course the 8.5% abv "wee heavy" Skull Splitter from the Orkney Islands.

After the tasting we had wonderful food and fantastic service, and we tasted some more.

Rich O's is a small "pub" but has a very warm and friendly feeling. The bar list is so extensive it is put into a ring binder in book form. Wine is also available as well as hard cider. They have a large number of beers on tap at all times as well as daily specials.

Rich O's is a "lite free zone". You will not find what Roger refers to as "swill" on the menu, you can go next door to Sportstime Pizza - also owned by the same, for your domestic stuff. There are rumors we may do this again in January. Clan McFritz is entertaining a German beer/ale tasting. We could be there for a week!

Rich O's Public House is located at 3312 Plaza Drive, New Albany, IN, phone 949-2804

### A thought for the day

"GOD help England if she had no  
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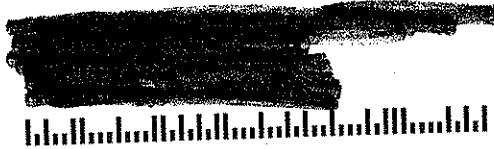
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### **Minutes of September 28th Meeting**

David McCreath called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Visitors were acknowledged. David reviewed the changes in the By-laws that were introduced at the Aug. meeting and voted on by the board. Alex Rose motioned to accept the proposed changes and seconded by George Sumpter. A unanimous vote accepting the changes followed. Pat Hughes gave the treasurer's report: Balance from Aug: \$10,092.40; Income for Sept.: \$1,570.00; Expenses: \$4,424.24; Balance: \$7,238.16. Gary Schweitzer announced the Auction will be held Dec 11 at Strathmore Church and will be a fund raiser for the Burn's night dinner. Donated items to be worth over \$25. These items can be picked. David mentioned work on the logo and brochure proceeding. Hardin, membership chair, announced that we had 3 new members: Debbie & Peter Vial, and Minnie Hamilton. Hospitality committee needs help. Pat Schweitzer has info about Celtic organizations, publications, and activities that we might be interested. Burn's night will be at the Olmstead House on Frankfort Ave on Jan. 29th, 2000. The Kirkin will be Oct 31 at Strathmore Church. Peter Vial as the preacher, there will be a small tea following the service. Connie Fry - Tree of Lights vignette needs help making ornaments, manning the booth, and set up. Annie has information about the Scotland 2000 trip.