

THE SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

The Scottish St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis was formed primarily to fill what was considered to be a cultural gap in the life of the people of Scottish extraction, their families and friends, and in fact, of all those in St. Louis who love Scotland and things Scottish. Our aims and objectives are to foster and exchange cultural, benevolent, educational and recreational ideas and pursuits between those of Scottish birth, or descent, and others in the Greater St. Louis area.

On September 5th., 1972, a meeting was held in the meeting room of the Farm and Home Savings Association in Webster Groves, when our ideas were presented to an interested group. In the time which has elapsed since that meeting we have progressed far beyond the expectations of even the most optimistic of that group, for, on that late summer evening in 1972, we did not dream that we would be seeing Highland Games right here in Webster Groves before four more summers had passed.

The Society, unlike the other Scottish groups in St. Louis, is oriented towards the entire families of our members, young and old, male and female. Our General Meeting is held once a month, on the fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Eden Seminary Library Auditorium on East Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves. Our program, following the business meeting, often includes a film or slides (usually of Scotland or Great Britain) speakers, entertainers, refreshments and then either Scottish Ballroom or Country Dancing or just socializing with old or new friends. We hope to continue and improve our monthly special meetings in the Clayton Federal Savings and Loan Association Meeting Room, in Webster Groves, to teach Scottish Country and Scottish Ballroom Dancing to those of our members who are interested.

We have four major functions each year - two dinner dances (the first in November to celebrate St. Andrew's Day and the second around the 25th of January to celebrate the birthday of Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns), a Christmas Party and an early summer picnic. Both the party and the picnic are planned primarily with the children in mind but young and old always have a grand time.

Membership of the society is open to all. We now have over two hundred members and are looking for more. Scottish ancestry is not necessary. If you have an interest in Scotland and its culture come and join us, and begin what should become an everlasting association with the flavor of Scotland and the Scottish heritage. Our initiation fee is \$5 per adult member, plus \$5 annual dues. For students up through college age the initiation fee is \$2, plus \$2 annual dues.

For further information and membership application please telephone any of the members listed on the next page.