Scottish St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis MAY BULLETIN - 1977

This bulletin will be my swan song as President of our Society and I want to convey to all of you my sincere thanks for the marvellous support you have all given to me during these past four and a half years. From our early struggling days, when I made many mistakes and goof-ups, you have never failed to give me your loyal, enthusiastic support and we have gone from strength to strength. Our membership is the largest it has ever been, our finances are in excellent shape, and we successfully completed our most ambitious project for the Bicentennial Year, our Highland Games. This enabled us to give to the sick children of our area much more help than we could have otherwise given. I feel we have made our mark on the Greater St. Louis area, and the general population knows that there are Scottish Folk and lovers of Scotland afoot in their neighbourhood.

Your nominating committee has chosen an excellent slate of officers for your approval and Alex Sunter is a natural choice for President. He has been an enthusiastic worker since our early days and has a most tactful and friendly personality. Please come and record your vote for the future prosperity of the Society at our meeting on Monday, 16th May, which will replace our usual fourth Monday Meeting.

We need your help to make our 1977 Highland Games a success. Please return all monies and ticket stubs on our free flight to Britain, all monies and any unsold tickets for admission to the Highland Games, and if you need more of either let us know. The winner of the free trip for two will be announced at the end of the Games. If you have not already done so let Betty Sunter (878 4714) know if you plan to bake for the bakery booth. We can sell all you can produce. If you will help anywhere on May 14th please call me at 962 9769, or Hazel Craig at 961 4833.

The out of town Pipe Bands have been very slow to respond to our request for early reservation for the After the Games Dinner and Ceilidh, so it is still impossible to say how many tickets there will be after they have been accomodated, but it is very likely there will be some available. If you are interested in going to the Dinner and have not already put your name on the list, 'phone Hazel Craig (961 4833). The cost for Dinner and Ceilidh is \$3.50 per person. More people can be accommodated for the Ceilidh only at \$1 per person. There will be no cash bar so if you wish you may bring your own bottle.

Bill Stirrat.