

# SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**D**ear Members,

To say that the Burn's dinner was a success is an understatement. It was a roaring success. The staff at the Frontenac Hilton were responsive to all our needs and served us well. Dance Caledonia and the Inver'an Pipe Band were first class, the speeches and songs were performed with enthusiasm. A huge thank you to all of the organizers and participants. Thanks to you our members and your friends for supporting this great tribute to Burns and our Scottish culture. Congratulations again to Peggy Flynn on receiving a Lifetime Honorary Membership for her many years of service to the society. How can we make next years Burn's dinner even better? You can help by returning the survey contained in this newsletter and help us to give you what you want.

Look for information on our next fun event here in the newsletter. I hope to see you there!

Lang May Your Lum Reek, Denise

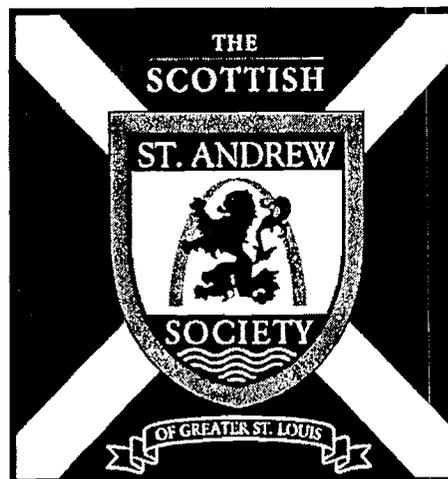
Two Irishmen were wandering around in a graveyard near Glasgow. John says to Patrick, look at the big headstone that reads "Here lies a wonderful husband, a great teacher, and a humble man". Patrick says, "Aye, just like the Scots to bury three men in one grave!"

## SISENEG CITLEC

**T**he new Parliament site near Holyrood Palace, in Edinburgh, is well underway. The first operation has been to begin a year-long archaeological excavation at the planned location. Being at the East of the Royal Mile and in the medieval Burgh of Canongate, the historic site is expected to yield more than a few items of interest. The project began in September of 1998 and is being managed by Historic Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Office.

...And, if you really want to follow the progress spade by spade, skull by skull, and dirk by dirk, then check it out at the web site:

<http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/parlac/>



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

## **Feb 22nd: Humorist Mark Pollman** **at Mary Institute/Country Day School**

Bring some friends, laugh with Mark, and enjoy this evening of fun with Cheshire Inn's *Fox and Hounds* Hall of Fame Bartender (only 160 in the US, and 4 in Missouri). He is also a *Tee Box Times* columnist, liquor industry historian, humorist, and 1998 author of *Bottled Wisdom* (Autographed copies will be available)... and wait till you hear what he has to say about Scotland!

**March: no event**

**April 10th: ANNUAL CEILIDH**  
**at Whispering Hills Club House**

**May 2nd: Annual Picnic**  
**at Tower Grove Park**

**If you would like  
to help out, call  
Diane McCullough  
314 773 4195**

*We now have a dedicated phone number for the Society: (314) 519 7979*

**ALY BAIN & PHIL CUNNINGHAM on their second U.S. Tour**  
**Saturday, February 13th, 8:00pm at C.O.C.A. (524 Trinity, University City)**

Just in case you don't know, these two are acknowledged masters of Scottish music (the feet tapping, knee slapping kind!). Tickets are \$13 in advance (\$15 at the door) from Focal Point, Music Folk (961-2838) or Smith Hardware in U City (721 5168)

**ALEX SUTHERLAND & CRONIES (wee pals in some parts!) are**  
**also doing a tour of the Borders!!**

**February 12th, 8:00– 10:00pm at Borders Bookstore**  
15355A Manchester Road, Ballwin  
Come along and join in the sing-along.

# The Burns Night ... Evidence!

What do you think? Maybe they had a good time?



# CALEDONIA CORNER

**T**he Museum of Scotland is hot on the trail of a letter recently discovered in Germany. The 13th century letter, written by none other than William Wallace, is considered to be an invaluable find. Wallace appears to have composed the letter after the victory at Stirling Bridge (1297) — the contents notify Germany that Scotland is free from the “power of the English” and invites a re-opening of the trade routes through Scottish ports. More than just a movie star that Willie!

**A**s the day of Scotland’s new parliament approaches it is clear that silly season has opened.... There’s the “Independence Bar”, from Duncan’s confectionery company, that is basically a chocolate bar wrapped in a saltire and lion rampant cover....

And, in the new procedures being recommended for the elected representatives, the Presiding Officer shall have the power to order a member to “discontinue his or her speech if it is repetitive, irrelevant, or exceeds the set time limits.” Wow! Where are they going to find politicians that abide by that rule....

**D**id you know that winners of the golf Masters tournament are invited to pick the menu for the closing dinner? In 1989, Sandy Lyle picked haggis and has never been allowed to win since...

## Wha wad ken?

**F**irst to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Where’s Robert the Bruce’s bones?
2. Where does the river Forth start?
3. What or where is Lagavulin?

Congratulations to Renata Walz who won (others answered but Renata is fasssstttt!!!)

### Answers:

1. Salmon – fry, grilse, parr, smolts (depends on stage of development)
2. Clyde starts at Leadhills in the Lowther Hills
3. Farthest north is Dunnet Head

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## The Thin Red Line...

Hollywood has recently released a movie of that name which prompted a member to write me a note regarding the origins of the term...

The 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, stood alone in a line two deep, and repulsed the charge of the massed Russian cavalry at the Battle of Balaklava (1854). For this heroic stand the 93rd acquired the unique, and proud, nickname of “The Thin Red Line.”

In 1881, the 93rd was amalgamated with the 91st Argyllshire Highlanders to form the world recognized regiment, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.



# TOASTS & THINGS

**He that blaws in the stoor fill his ain een!**  
*(The person that stirs up the dust also gets it in their own eyes)*

Maybe's a big book!

**He needs a lang spune that sups kail wi' the deil!**  
*(You need a long spoon to sit and eat with the devil)*

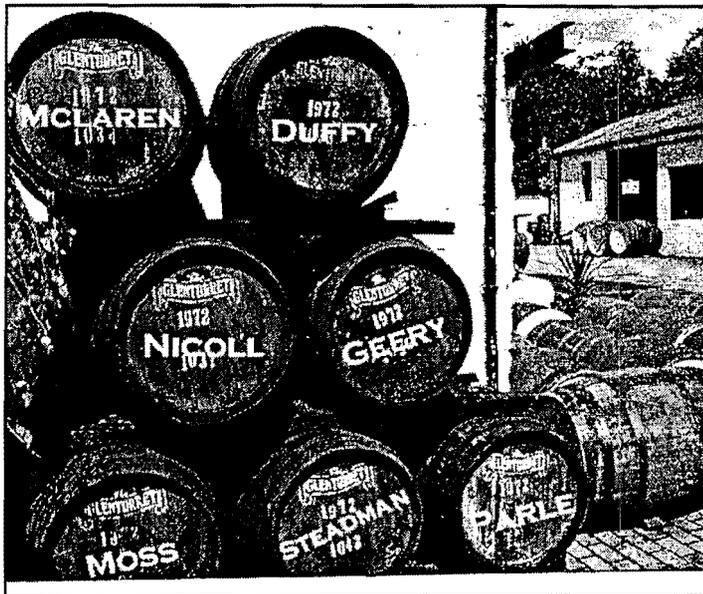
**A cock eye crows on his ane midden!**  
*(It's easy to be brave in your own familiar territory)*

**A few Scottish proverbs**

**There's nocht sae queer as folk!**  
*(There's nothing stranger than people)*

**Ca a cow tae the ha' and she'll rin tae the byre!**  
*(People often revert to familiar things when asked to do new or risky things)*

**Naething comes without pain but an ill-name and lang nails!**  
*(You have to strive hard for everything except a bad name and long fingernails)*



**LOOK AGAIN**

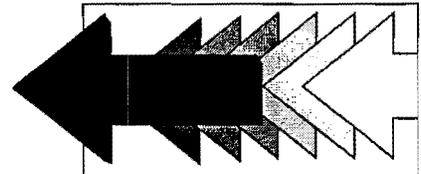
**It's no trick!**

← **Ok. Whit's goin' on here!**

*(Supplies for next year's Burns Dinner?)*

**KNOW ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO JOIN!**

Please contact Peter Geery at 314 916 5344



Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. Thank you to all who contribute material. It is appreciated. Comments, and new material to the Editor:

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