



# SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Kinlochard Ceilidh Band ([www.ceilidh-band.demon.co.uk](http://www.ceilidh-band.demon.co.uk)) are now back in Scotland after leaving an indelible impression with their musicianship, courtesy, fun and Scottishness during their visit and performance at our St. Andrew's Day celebration. My thanks are due to the many Members who, in so many ways, worked to pull off this special and memorable event with our international guests.

A not so happy event, which I think it is appropriate to acknowledge, is the passing last month of Scotland's first First Minister in the new Parliament, Donald Dewar. A lot has been written in tribute to the man, whose death put all Scotland into mourning and whose funeral was said to be the largest ever held in Glasgow's streets and Cathedral.

On a happier note, I can report that a project is now under way to have our current Governor, sign a proclamation making April 6 a permanent Tartan Day in Missouri. Last April, a group of Society Members (myself included), with people from other parts of the State, made a memorable visit to Jefferson City, hosted by then Lieutenant Governor Wilson. This was all in honor of just "Tartan Day 2000", which had been proclaimed such by the late Governor Carnahan.

In the weeks ahead, you'll be hearing more on this and other exciting Scottish developments locally.

Yours aye, Bill Nicoll

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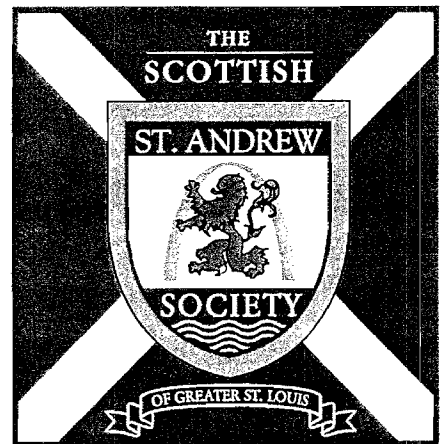


## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Meanwhile in Scotland....



No turkeys  
over here!



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

Monday, December 18th, 6:00 pm

**Annual Christmas Party.** At Spoede School, 425 N. Spoede Road  
Lots of fun, games, and Santa himself!

**NOTE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY....**

Call Judy Chaboude 636-946-4174 with number of kids that will meet Santa.

Pot Luck Dinner. **PLEASE BRING (according to your surname)....**

**A-G: Salad**

**H-N: Desert**

**O-Z: Vegetables**

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

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**O**ther exciting events for this year....

Saturday, January 20th, 2001. **Robert Burns Dinner**  
at the Frontenac Hilton

Monday, February 26th, 2001, 7:00 pm. Special Program TBA at MICDS

April: **Ceilidh** at Whispering Hills — details TBA

## **A Scottish Christmas**

December 17th, 3:00pm. The St. Louis Chamber Choir at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 3854 Flad Ave., in the Shaw Neighborhood. General admission \$20. Advance tickets 636 458 4343

## **ALEX SUTHERLAND & HIS CRONIES**

You can catch up with them at:

December 14th, 7:30pm: "Celtic Cornucopia" Concert, 1001 S. Main Street, St Charles  
Also with Wayne Elrod (Harper) and others.

Call (636) 940 8099 or (314) 771 0119 for more details, or see [www.alexutherland.com](http://www.alexutherland.com)

Govan Press, February 1944...

"Keep away from those American soldiers for your own sake" said magistrate Cullen in admonishing the 19-year-old girl, who was before the bar on a charge of creating a nuisance by singing and shouting outside the premises at Paisley Road West — a well-known rendezvous for foreign soldiers and young women!

# Remembrance

## Lest We Forget

On a cold Veteran's Day (recognized as Remembrance Day "back home"), Jen and I attended for the first time a little known or publicized Memorial Service at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Each year, this international event is held beside a mass grave in which 71 US soldiers and 29 from the British, Dutch and Australian armies were re-interred in 1949. These troops died in Japan's Fu-kuoka prison camps on Kyushu Island, between July 1944 and April 1945. Due to our central location, St. Louis was selected to be the site of what is believed to be the largest mass burial ever conducted in the US.

This year, wreaths were laid by UK, Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and US representatives. The Society's good friends and Honorary Consuls Val Lammert (UK) and Dick Lodge (Netherlands) who extended the invitation to us, have taken part in these proceedings for many years. This moving service has been without a piper since our own, the late Vic Masterson, became too ill to play there. Vic died last year not long after being made an Honorary Life Member of our Society.

In my kilted attire, I was privileged to be asked to join the twenty or so military personnel in uniform for this year's photograph, and I've been added to their mailing list. In addition to seeing how

### IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

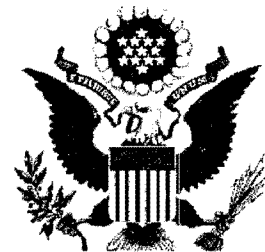
Written by  
Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD  
(1872-1918) Canadian Army

we may restore the bagpipes to this service, I've also declared an interest in seeking more information on the Scottish sounding names among the 16 Britons re-interred there. In conclusion, here are the famous Churchillian words from the poem by Lawrence Bin-yon (1869-1943):

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We shall remember them. We shall remember them.*

Respectfully, Bill Nicoll

### Arlington National Cemetery



"Where Valor Proudly Sleeps"

# Caledonia Corner

Did you hear about the golfer whose ball landed next to a molehill, Needless to say he muffed the shot and , shouted, "if I get my hands on that critter, I'll bury it alive!" Ok. Maybe the mole would think it's holiday treat time. Moreover, this golfer was clearly unaware of the Royal & Ancient Rule 25.1 which provides for free relief when there is interference by a hole, cast, or runway made by a burrowing animal. No additional strokes are involved for burying critters, alive or dead!

Can you believe it's almost Christmas already. I thought it was a bit much when the stores began stocking up with the red and gold tinsel, and it's not even Thanksgiving yet. However, the latest edition of the *Scottish Sheep Farmer* magazine has a whole list of goodies for the Christmas season. It goes all the way from a pair of new collies to a set of knitting needles (supply your own wool, of course). I thought the *Practical Hill Farming* book looked interesting with advice on several important topics, like how to spot a pregnant sheep from a runaway tractor (must be going downhill?).

At the Highland games in Blair Atholl, Jimmy, an 81 year old man turned up for the caber. The official said, "are you no a bit old?" Jimmy said, "I wisnae going to come but my father had to go an be best man at my grandfather's wedding, so I had to come in his place." "Whit! Fancy a man your grandfather's age wanting to get married." exclaimed the official. Well, said old Jimmy it wisnae that he wanted to get married, he had to!"

## Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

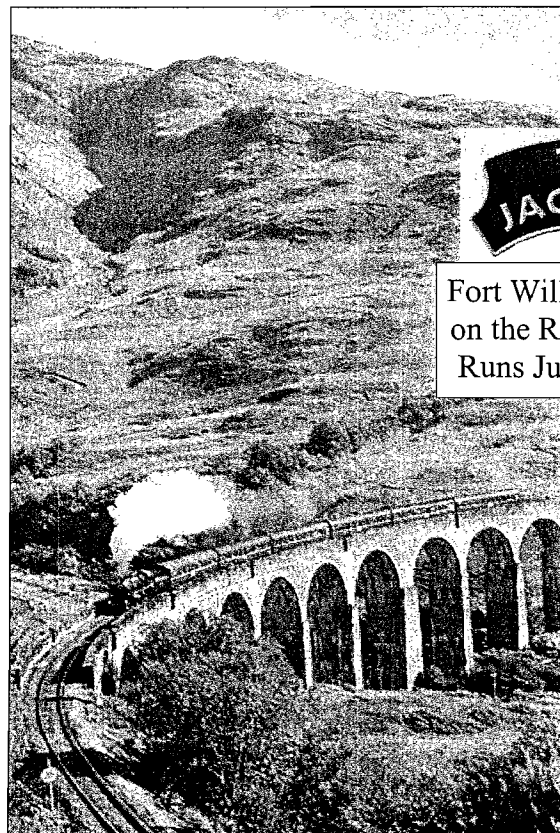
1. What is a Firth?
2. Where is Galloway?
3. How do Salmon get to the East of Scotland?

Congratulations to Patricia McRoberts.

### Answers:

1. Edinburgh Military Tattoo is a display of bands and activites at the Castle during the August Festival.
2. Perth is on the River Tay.
3. Edinburgh "crystal" contains lead.

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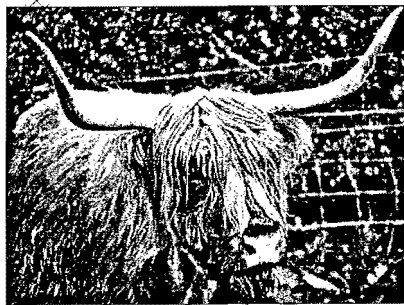


THE  
JACOBITE

Fort William to Mallaig,  
on the Road to the Isles.  
Runs June-September.

# Coos an' Mair Coos

Ever notice that fuzzy big brown beastie that appears in the Scotland posters, it's a Heilan Coo (**Highland Cow**). Believe it or not, it is a serious breed with centuries old and well-recorded pedigrees — the purebreds all have wonderful names, often in the Gaelic. The first herd book recorded was in 1884, and Highland cattle were imported into America well before 1900. These cattle have thick hides and fuzzy long hairy coats to withstand



*Annag of Coirefuar*

the harsh conditions of the ragged Scottish Highlands in winter. Also, Highland cattle need not be that nice rustic reddish color. Originally there were two distinct classes: the slightly smaller and usually black **Kyloe**, whose primary domain was the islands off the west coast, and the other, a larger reddish breed found on the mainland Highlands of Scotland. In addition to the red and black of the original strains, yellow, dun and silver-white are also considered traditional colors for what is today considered one breed, the Highland.



Various mongrels!

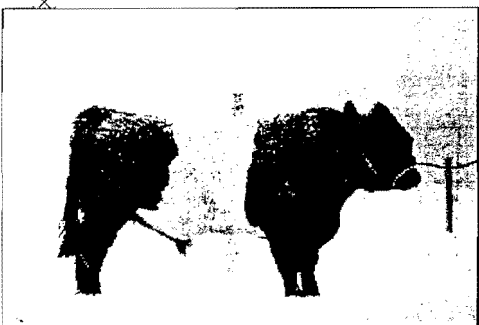


And the tip of the day... with all that hair how can you tell if it's a cow or a bull, preferably, before you try to milk it! Yes, you guessed it. The horns are the main clue, but.... Cow's horns curve up quite a bit. Bull's horns are straight out or often point downward!!

What about that other famous Scottish cow, the **Aberdeen Angus**, well it just turned out to be the best steak the world has ever had. What else can we say, except that Aberdeen Angus has been interbred into many of the American beef breeds — that's what you're eating when it is best steak in town. While the majority of Aberdeen angus are black, there is a related Red Angus breed. Tip of the day... Aberdeen Angus don't have horns, so you have to look elsewhere to determine if it's a bull or not!



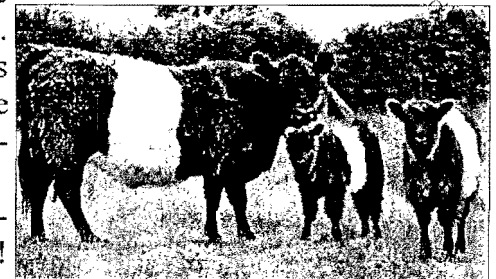
*Whitfield Burns Y873*



*Braecroft Alba I*

For another famous but less well-known breed, at least in America, Scotland also was the origin of the **Belted Galloway**. An excellent black beef breed that has a pure white "belt" around the middle of the body. (Well sometimes brownish but always with a pronounced white stripe). The area of SW Scotland is called Galloway and is the home of this breed.

Tip of the day... if this one is not obvious to you, then you are in trouble!



*Petronella with Sash and Splash*

Don't ever milk anything on trips to SW Scotland.

# TOASTS & THINGS

Work like you don't need the money.

Run like the North Sea wind.

Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching.

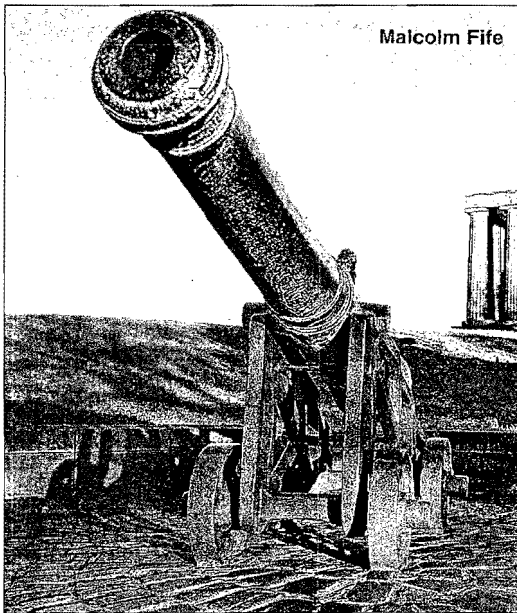
Eat turkey like it's Thanksgiving

**Have a great holiday**

## Did you know?

GREAT SCOT as used in an exclamation is an American term. Apparently, the words were originally used in reference to General Winfield Scott (1786-1866) — and have something to do with his notorious fussiness and pomposity as a presidential candidate in the election.

Sound familiar?!



## Is this rifle shooting at the St Louis Scottish Games?

*Actually, this is the cannon that sits on the Calton Hill, near Princes Street, Edinburgh.*

However, it is time to be thinking about how you can help out for the **St. Louis Scottish Games** in October 2001.

“*St. Louis Scottish Games*” is the operating company and needs many volunteers and sponsors.

Web site at:

[www.stlouis-scottishgames.com](http://www.stlouis-scottishgames.com)

E-mail to

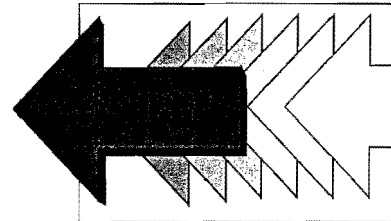
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## *Interested in joining the Society*

Dues payment...encourage a friend to join...questions...

Please contact Geoff Chaboude at (636) 519 7979

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