

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

Fall is here, we've had our Annual Meeting, and the Games & Festival was great! In truth, it was fantastic, and very wet, yet more than 2000 folks came out to enjoy it. Elsewhere in these pages, you'll see the kind of a show it was, complimented by attendees from far and near. Thanks to so many people for helping bring such an event back here. The Games company is evaluating the financials as a result of the smaller crowd due to the weather, and is still committed to make it an annually sustainable event. Very attractive Games merchandise items will continue to be on sale, with details through macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com or by calling 314-821-1286.

As usual, I invite you to check out *Upcoming Events* that highlights the Kinlochard Ceilidh Band, who transformed our St. Andrew's Day Dinner Dance last year. Also publicized are the Invera'an Band's piping & drumming charity concert (where I'll be MC), and the Annual "Remembrance Day" service beside the mass grave for unknown WW II prisoners of war from Australia, Britain and Netherlands who died in Japan (1944-45). We'll have a piper there this year.

We'd also like to hear from Senior Members who would be interested in making use of courtesy transport that we might arrange to/from our evening events. Please let me know at the above phone no.

Yours aye, Bill Nicoll.

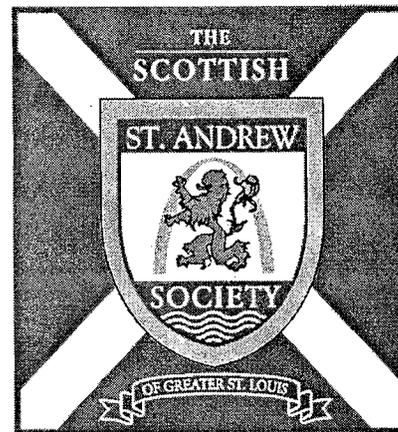
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"From the ancient realm of Scotland to our sister nation in your time of sacrifice... Once the time for decisive action comes, we will not flinch in our support, but we will stand as we always have, shoulder to shoulder."

"Our hearts go out now to America and to all Americans — our cousins across the sea... and we mourn with them, and in our silence we join with them."



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Upcoming Events

Scottish Highland Games

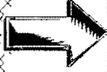
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

St. Andrew's Day Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 10th, 2001

(it was the closest convenient date)

At the elegant Forest Hills Country Club

Cocktails at 6:30 pm. Dinner at 7:30 pm.

Featuring the return of the

Kinlochard Ceilidh Band, all the way from Bonnie Scotland

If you don't have your tickets yet, call immediately (limited numbers)

Diane McCullough, 3664 Wyoming, St Louis, MO 63116 Tel: (314) 773 4195



Other exciting events for this year....

WEDNESDAY, December 12th: **Annual Christmas Party.**

Starting 6:00pm At Mary Institute/Country Day School

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: Desert H-N: Salad O-Z: Vegetables

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

January 26th, 2002: Annual Burns Dinner at the Frontenac Hilton

(Book the date now — reservation form will come in December)

The Kinlochard Band

will also be playing at the
Tap Room on Nov 8th, 7:30

Entry fee \$10.00

Cash bar

Merchandise will be on sale

Remembrance Day:

Sunday Nov 11th

Jefferson Barracks Cemetery

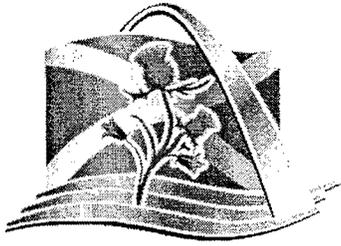
Call Bill (314) 821 1286

St. Louis' Invera'an Pipe Band

is holding a "Highland Celebration" to benefit the Police and Firemen of New York City. The event is being held at the Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Blvd. on Tuesday evening at 7:30PM, November 6th. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10.00. The pipes and drums of Invera'an will be featured in concert, with solos, highland dancing and a drum salute.



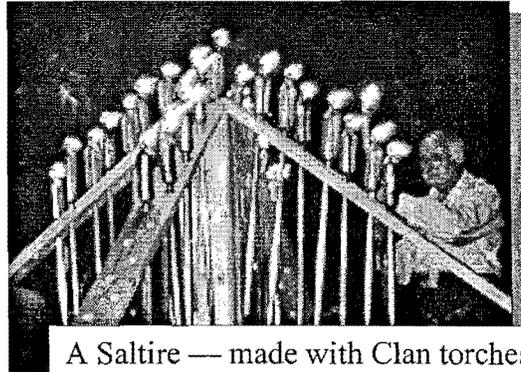
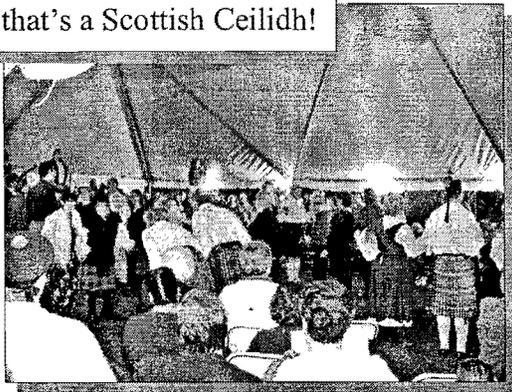
A Celtic Corner



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SCOTTISH GAMES

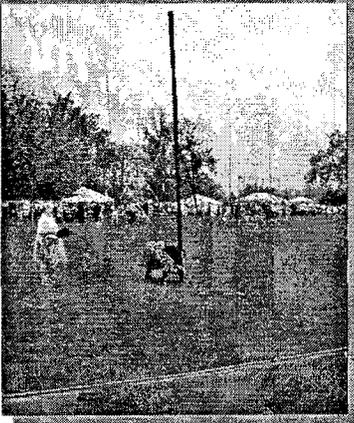
The First Annual St Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival was magnificent. People came from far and wide and promised that they would come again next year with lots of friends. The Friday night "Torchlight Ceremony" and Ceilidh were very stirring and memorable. On Saturday, the rain came from far and wide, in continuous Scottish fashion, but couldn't dampen the spirits of a dedicated crowd. Just a few of the sights (courtesy of Jack Drysdale, Jr and Chris Fulton)....

Now, that's a Scottish Ceilidh!



A Saltire — made with Clan torches, wow!

Is that caber long enough!



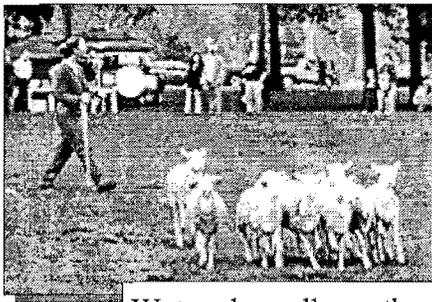
THANK YOU
St. Louis
and to our
Supporters,
Patrons,
Volunteers, and
Participants.



Bird-watching!



What a guy, and Jim Byrnes was also great!



Wet and woolly — the sheep too!



Fabulous Fashion!

Caledonia Corner

The Ayrshire Food Festival started this week. Yes, you might well ask how many types of fish supper you need for a Scottish food festival? However, this Ayrshire food-fest is a different kettle of fish. Among the many events is a Turkish banquet with belly dancing at the Bistro in Ayr; also on offer is a gourmet karaoke night. There is a Punjabi banquet at the Taj in Prestwick, and there will be Spanish tapas at the Thistle Hotel in Irvine. How about chicken etoupee (French type of stovies) at the Stable Coffee House, or ham and haddie pie, not to forget Tweed Kettle (something to do with Salmon). Just in case you traditionalists are jumping up and down by now.... your traditional "tea" can be obtained at the Royal Cafe in Ayr where the menu includes full fish, chips, peas, bread and butter, and tea experience with an ice cream sundae on the side! Yeh!

The world of Scottish folk music gathered last Friday to say farewell to Derek Moffat (1947-2001) of the McCalmans. In a celebration of his life and work, there was some outstanding singing from the likes of Ian McCalman, Archie Fisher, and Ronnie Brown the Corrie. Apparently, even the minister was drawn into the informal nature of the service — as he brought proceedings to a close he said he was committing Derek into the hands of the Lord "whether he likes it or not".

Edinburgh Festival has many great features including the Tattoo, the "Fringe", and street artists: with all kinds of ????



Wha wad ken?

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

1. How many inches of rain fell on Oct 13th?
2. How many hours did it rain at the Games?
3. How deep was the mud at the beer tent?

Ok, enough of that rain, now for the real thing

1. Where is the "Soldier's Leap"?
2. What town is the geographical center of Scotland?
3. When was the Glencoe Massacre?

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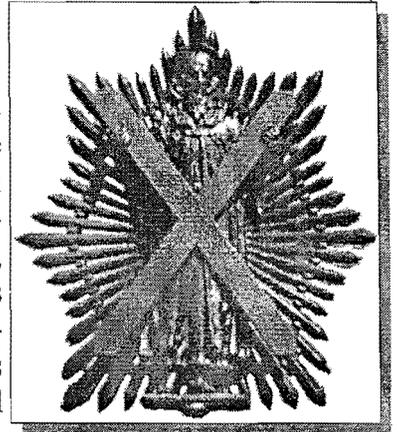
St Andrew, our Patron Saint

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, and St. Andrew's Day on November 30th is widely celebrated by Scots around the world (*our Dinner Dance will be on Nov 10th this year*).



The history of St Andrew is shrouded by the mists of time. It is generally thought that he was a fisherman in Galilee who, along with his elder brother Simon Peter (Saint Peter), became an apostle of Jesus Christ. He is said to have been responsible for spreading the tenets of the Christian religion though Asia Minor and Greece. The accepted tradition is that St. Andrew was put to death by the Romans in Patras (Greece) by being crucified on a diagonal cross — which became the symbol for the Cross of St. Andrew.

Various legends exist regarding the close association of St Andrew with Scotland — however, it seems clear that by around 730 there were relics of St. Andrew present at the religious centre which is now the town of St. Andrews. The "Order of Saint Andrew" or the "Most Ancient Order of the Thistle" is an order of Knighthood which is restricted to the King or Queen and sixteen others. It was established by James VII of Scotland in 1687. During his visit in 1969, Pope Paul VI gave further relics of St. Andrew to Scotland with the words "Saint Peter gives you his brother" and these are now displayed in a reliquary in St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. The majority of St. Andrew's remains were stolen from Constantinople in 1210 and are now to be found in Amalfi in Southern Italy.



The flag of Scotland is the Cross of St. Andrew (also known as the Saltire), and this is widely displayed as a symbol of national identity. The association arose during an ancient battle on the plains of East Lothian, and a memorial monument exists today at Athlestaneford Parish Church...



The Saltire Memorial at Athlestaneford is carved in pure granite and includes the image (on the left) with the following inscription...

TRADITION SAYS THAT NEAR THIS PLACE IN
TIMES REMOTE
PICTISH AND SCOTTISH WARRIORS ABOUT TO
DEFEAT AN ARMY OF NORTHUMBRIANS
SAW AGAINST A BLUE SKY A GREAT WHITE
CROSS LIKE ST ANDREW'S AND IN ITS IMAGE
MADE A BANNER
WHICH BECAME THE FLAG OF SCOTLAND

TOASTS & THINGS

Henry Lyle is probably the best contemporary "country" poet in Scotland today. These examples are from, as yet, unpublished material that came from his own private collection...

The 1st and last verses (of 54) from a tear-jerker called "Better tae hae tried an' failed"

I heeded no ma wife's advice,
Ignored her pleas mair times as thrice
An' set aboot ma ain sad choice,
o' business ploy.
In years tae come I'd pey the price,
a sadder boy

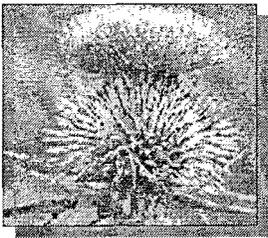
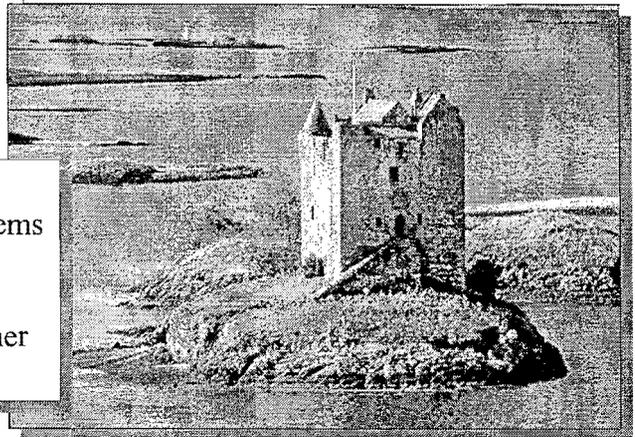
Frae serf tae fermer I had crossed
But stumbled sairly tae ma cost
For four hard years I focht but lost.
Although I cried
I'd loe ma testament embossed,
"at least he tried".

Lyle writes his poems in both Auld Scots and English, often mixed (as on the left) and here is a verse in English from "Peace".

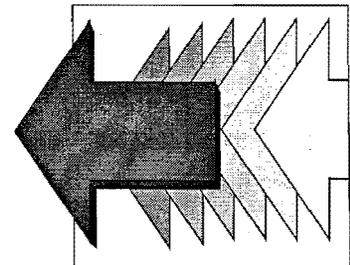
Peace, a walk to distant field
in early morning haze
to fetch the placid Ayrshires in
from meadows where they laze.
Peace, the solitude I feel
far from the city crowds,
the softness of the morning breeze
dispersing fleecy clouds.

Hey Jimmy! Look at this!
Yon global warmin' thing seems
tae hae hit us last night!

Din'ae be silly, it's just another
Scottish "rain" in St Louis!



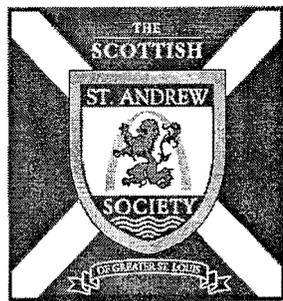
**It's a new Society year &
Your Dues are DUE
New member interest:
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At (636) 519 7979
E-mail: jeffcktj@aol.com**



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

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ST ANDREW'S DINNER DANCE

FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Saturday, November 10th, 2001

Cocktails at 6:30 pm. Dinner at 7:30 pm.



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Already a legend in the Auld Country

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and

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