

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

Busy springtime continues! Tartan Day, April 6, was celebrated with a parade & ceremony in St. Charles, then at our evening Ceilidh with record attendance. Thanks to all who made this a memorable "official" Missouri recognition of this new annual tradition.

April 30 saw another first with *A Celebration of Scotland* at the fine Sheldon Concert Hall. This was a very successful kick-off to 2002's *Friends of the Games* program. See *Upcoming Events* for our picnic at the Wentzville Ren-Faire again, with Joe Moore's heavies to show their athletic prowess & promote the Games. Jen & I enjoyed one of the Irish Tionol concerts and heard that all classes had good enrollments. Sadly, UMSL's Gaelic Music Summer School is cancelled due to low registration. Separate flyer lists a new festival (June 1-2) with us as a member Society, and you can attend yet another International one in Tower Grove Park (June 8-9).

Our "Games Page" restarts with this issue, and activities are beginning to intensify: please let us know if you wish to help out. There are Board decisions being advised for Members' concurrence — see Membership news. Note also our request to provide/update E-mail addresses to help with communications.

Yours aye, Bill Nicoll (P.S. I remember plantin' & howkin' tatties)

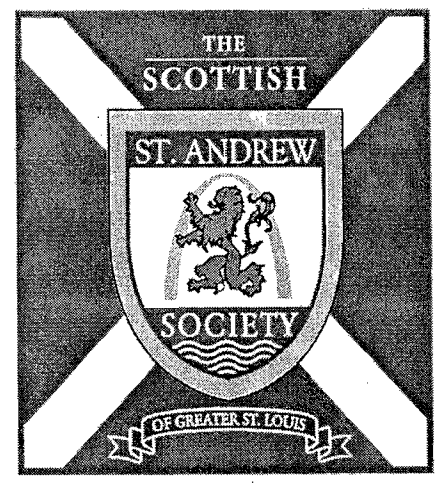
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A wee slice o' Scotland



Anyone remember planting "tatties"? Potatoes were widely grown for food. Today, they are also grown as a virus-free high quality "seed" crop for export.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

Sunday, MAY 19th, 2002. ANNUAL PICNIC

At the Wentzville Renaissance Faire — Open 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Bring your own Scottish picnic food (or buy on-site) and meet to eat
around 2:00 pm. Ask for complimentary SSAS ticket at the gate.

Other exciting events for this year....

Next event will be the ANNUAL KILTIED GOLF — date to be announced

What's on elsewhere....

MAY 18, starting 6:00 pm "BELLA SERENATA"

The Arts Council of Lafayette Park are presenting Midwest Lyric Opera along with Alex Sutherland and His Cronies. The performances will be in the Victorian parlors of different homes around historic Lafayette Park. Meet at Café

Ricardo afterwards. Tickets are \$30. For more information call Kathryn Howell (636) 939 8583

June 1-2: Folklore Federation International Festival. See attached flyer. (Alex will be there)

June 8-9: International Festival of Nations, incl the Parade of Nations at Tower Grove Park (Grand and Arsenal). Free entry. For details or to help at booth call Chris Fulton (314) 962 1478

Six Flags World's Fair — Alex Sutherland and His Cronies will be performing on the following dates — June 10,12,14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28

June 15: Illinois Highland Games. Oak Brook Polo Ground. Hotline: (708) 442 7293

EVER WANTED TO TOSS A CABER — Here's your chance! JUNE 22 at 10:00 am

Come learn about the "Scottish Warrior" and see demonstrations of basic sword-play and heavy athletics. Participation is encouraged. Bring your lawn chairs — at Christ the King Church, 9018 Big Bend (corner of Big Bend and Glendale).

BERRY SPINACH SALAD, from the Ceilidh

Dressing: 1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup cider oil
1 tbsp sesame seeds
1 tbsp poppy seeds
1 1/2 tbsp minced onions
1/4 tbsp worcestershire sauce
1/4 tbsp paprika

Salad: 2 large bunches tender spinach leaves
1 quart ripe strawberries

Mix dressing ingredients in blender (add oil & vinegar slowly). Refrigerate to store, serve at room temp. Slice strawberries, cut spinach, toss lightly with dressing. Serves 6-8.

25th Anniversary Event

KANSAS CITY HIGHLAND GAMES

JUNE 8th at Wyandotte County Fairgrounds.

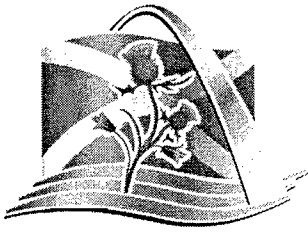
June 7th, Evening Ceilidh will be at the
Overland Park Holiday Inn

Information at: www.kcscottishgames.org

GO AHEAD LAUGH!

Old Tam, who had lost all his teeth, had a visit from the minister who noted that Tam had a bowl of almonds. *"My brother gave me those, but I don't want them, you can have them"* said Old Tam. The minister tucked into them and the said *"That was a funny present to give a man with no teeth."* To which Old Tam replied *"Not really, they originally had chocolate on them..."*

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



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In the beginning...It rained and rained and rained

And the Games were still wonderful. The Torchlight Ceremony on the Friday evening set a great atmosphere, and those who braved the elements on the Saturday saw an amazing array of events and activities — see the Committee Chairs list on the left for a sample.

While true Scots made the best of the rain, we believe the rain kept many of the general public from attending and cost us a large amount of revenue. We are still trying to recover from that situation but do want to put on another high quality Games this year.



If you have already contributed, Thank you.

If not, we do need all the financial help we can get.

And you can help with the fundraising by calling Tom...

"Greetings, one and all. I wanted to introduce myself to the Society. My name is Tom Simpson, and I will be assisting in fundraising for the St. Louis Scottish Games. I am excited to be involved with this celebration of Scottish heritage for two reasons: my love of sports and my love of St. Louis. In order to make these games the type of event that is not only worthy of our city, but also a regional and national success, we must combine our efforts in reaching out to the resources of our community. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions or if you wish to assist. Home (314-647-2305) or email, thomassimpson@hotmail.com"



When and Where?

October 11 (Friday evening) and Saturday 12, 2002
In Forest Park GC, on Lindell Boulevard, immediately east of the Missouri History Museum (at DeBaliviere).

NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE AT SLSG:

Call Bill Nicoll at The Games phone no. (314) 821 1286

E-mail to macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com

Web URL is www.stlouis-scottishgames.com

Caledonia Corner

About Scotland...

Scotland is a country of just over 5 million people living on about 30,500 square miles. Scotland has some 790 islands with only 62 being more than 3 square miles. About 130 of the Scottish islands are inhabited. Scotland is also noted for its lochs. Much of the west coast of the country is intersected by sea lochs, the longest of which, Loch Fyne, penetrates more than 40 miles inland. There are over 600 square miles of fresh water lochs, and 26 rivers with the Forth, Clyde, and Tay being the largest.

About business in Scotland...

In the past 40 years, Scotland moved increasingly away from its former dependence on the traditional industries of coalmining, steelmaking, heavy engineering and shipbuilding (recall that Clydeside built the ocean-going liners, Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth). The discovery of oil in the North Sea in the early 1970s added further impetus to the transformation of the economy. Today, for example, there are 10,000 more people employed in electronics than in coal, steel, and shipbuilding combined. In the manufacturing sector the economy diversified into industries such as chemicals, electronics, office machinery, specialty engineering, and biotechnology. You are more likely to see people building computers than coalmining — and Scotland is now over 80% nuclear powered. Agriculture, fishing and, of course, distilling whisky have remained important sectors of the economy. Significant investment has gone into a modern infrastructure, and there has also been rapid growth in service sector areas like tourism, education, health and the traditionally strong Scottish business areas of insurance, banking and finance.

Wha wad ken?

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

1. What is Sean Connery's real name?
2. What is a Glengarry?
3. Which is further East, Aberdeen or Fraserburgh?

Sorry nobody won last time

Answers:

1. Mary Queen of Scots — Loch Leven .
2. Scotch egg is egg surrounded by sausage meat and bread crumbs
3. Duke of Perth is a dance.

All replies to Jim McLaren Tel: 636-532-5986
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Snail mail: 2214 Stoneridge Terrace Ct.,
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4000 YEARS OF FRAOCH HISTORY

~2000 BC, **The Isle of Rum** Archaeologists found a shard with traces of a fermented beverage made with heather flowers.

~843 AD, **Scotland**. Throughout Medieval times many ceilidh stories mention the brewing and drinking of heather ale, including tales of Highland clans warming heather ale over the fire on a cold night.

~1986 AD, **Scotland** In Glasgow's homebrew shop a Gaelic-speaking Islander translated an old family recipe for "Leann fraoich" (heather ale) to Bruce Williams, the shop owner. He began the crusade to revive Scotland's brewing heritage by trying different varieties and quantities of heather flowers, making up batches and testing them on his customers. Once the formula was perfected he began to sell the brew as **Fraoch** (heather) ale
~2000 AD, **Scotland** Heather ale is now produced at Craimill Brewery near Glasgow.

Membership News

NOTE: If you have recently obtained an e-mail address, or changed your previous one, please send a note to amclaren@inverizon.com (this is kept for St Andrew Society business only).

MEMBER CONCURRENCE

The St. Andrew Society Board has considered the following three actions, and recommends approval by the membership. If you do not concur then please send a note to the TT editor by May 24, 2002.

Membership dues

The St. Andrew Society dues will be increased (for the first time in many years) to:

Regular member — family: \$35 single: \$25
Senior (62 or over) — family: \$25 single: \$15

Donation for Dance Caledonia

The St. Andrew Society will provide a donation of \$700 to Dance Caledonia to support a dance workshop with an out-of-town expert instructor.

Donation for SLSG

The St. Andrew Society will continue as a major sponsor of the St Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival in 2002. The Board is recommending a donation of \$17,500. While this is a significant sum, it has been calculated that this amount can be made without detriment to the working capital required for other Society events.

SSAS PRESIDENTS

1972-77 William "Bill" Stirrat
1977-80 Alex Sunter
1980-82 Dr. Tom Forrester
1982-84 Tom Brennan
1984-86 Alex Sunter
1986-88 Dr. Tom Forrester
1988-90 Bob McCallum
1990-92 Agnes Stirrat
1992 Hugh McLaughlin (deceased in office)
1992-94 Tom Brennan
1994-96 Keith Parle
1996-98 Dr. Jim McLaren
1998-00 Denise Duffy
2000- Bill Nicoll (current)

WELCOME TO RECENT NEW MEMBERS

James & Mary Lou Campbell Sr, Chesterfield MO
James & Sue Campbell Jr., Clarkson Valley, MO
James & Alexandra Neavill, Bonne Terre, MO
Lionel & Patti (Sinclair) York, St. Charles, MO
John Sinclair, St. Charles, MO
Matt & Mary Meidinger, Kirkwood, MO
Sandy Fernstrom, St. Charles, MO
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Barbara Armstrong Cofer, St. Peters, MO
Edward & Norma Asadorian, Granite City, IL

Show your Society Pride with newly designed Polo Shirts...

100% Cotton polos made by Munsingwear. Herringbone weave. Two colors available:

- Navy with contrasting oatmeal colored collar and sleeve bands, and
- Oatmeal with contrasting black colored collar and sleeve bands

Full color embroidered Society Logo
Sizes available (Small thru 3X)
Cost: \$40.00 each

To place your order, contact Chris Fulton at (314)962-1478

Scottish St. Andrew Society



St. Louis

TOASTS & THINGS

York was, London is,
And Edinburgh'll be
The biggest and bonniest
O' a' the three.

Tweed said tae Till,
"What gars ye rin sae still?"
Till said tae Tweed,
"Though ye rin wi speed,
An I rin slaw,
Yet where ye droon ae man,
I droon twa!"

St Andrew Society Board It's a Scottish Thing

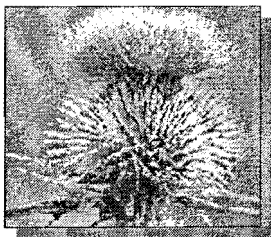
If you've always wanted to participate with a lively and enthusiastic group toward a good cause, then consider putting your name in for the Scottish St Andrew Society Board for the next session — starting in the Fall.

If you are not sure and would like to talk about it then feel free to call me (in confidence), JMCL, contact info below.

'Tween the Isle of May
And the links o' Tay
Mony a ship's been cast away

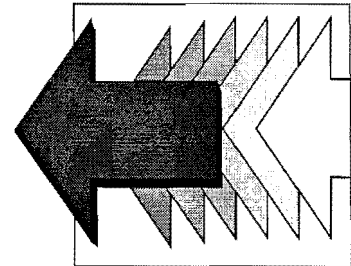


Smile and they'll
leave more money!



**Know anyone interested
In joining the Society**

**Call Geoff Chaboude
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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. Please send comments, new material, and letters to the Editor:

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