

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

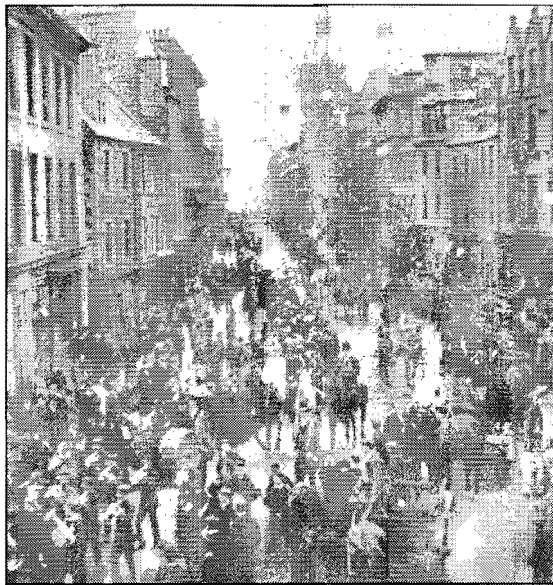
Greetings from Bonnie Scotland. I'm writing this from our lodgings just outside the town o' Ayr - just a few miles from the birthplace of Robert Burns. The weather has been beautiful with the temperatures soaring into the upper 70's and the beaches (though not the water which is still cold) have been invaded by Scots seeking sunshine over the Easter weekend. We, along with our sons Alastair, Mark (born near here in Irvine, Ayrshire), his wife Amy (born in St. Louis) and our 2 year old granddaughter Eili are here to recharge our "Scottish batteries". But more importantly to introduce Amy and Eili to their "ain folk". We had a family gathering a few days ago in Edinburgh and Amy and Eili met Grandma, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. There was much laughter, hugging and kissing and enjoyment of those family ties.

Of course, we were well prepared for this visit by our St. Louis American Scottish family. Our recent ceilidh - definitely one of the best - as well as the Tartan Day celebrations in St. Charles where we met a number of folks who didn't know they were part of the family - they do now! All this got us in the mood, so thanks to all who participated and put together those wonderful gatherings.

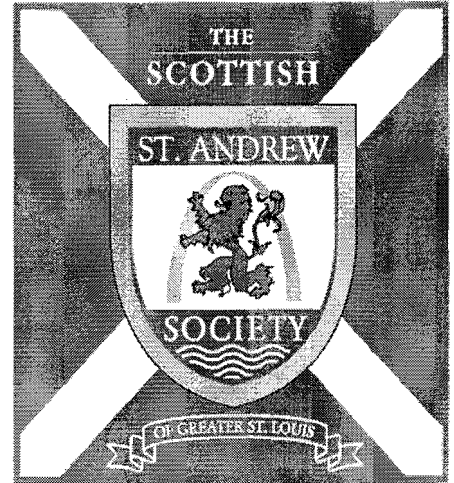
Keep up the good work. See you all at the picnic in May.

Yours aye, Alex Sutherland

A wee slice o' Scotland



The Hawick Common Riding ~1904
The Common Riding is a traditional event held across the Border towns. The festival activities celebrate the once riding of the township boundaries.



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UPCOMING
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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR NOW

Saturday May 18th, Noon till dusk
ANNUAL PICNIC
Creve Coeur Park — look for the Scottish flags
Family activities & prizes
Bring your own food — we have charcoal
Games, fly fishing demos, soccer, golf chipping, other..

Other exciting events for this year....

FOLLOWING A RAINY DAY POSTPONEMENT WE HAVE A NEW DATE...

May 30th, 2003. THE KILTED GOLF TOURNAMENT, At Aberdeen GC

If you signed up previously please confirm for new date.

YOU MAY STILL SIGN UP WITH A NEW TEAM— ARRANGE ONE — IT'S A
FUN EVENT. Call Keith Parle (636) 537 9463

BULLETIN
BOARD

WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS

Druscilla Kadel, Manchester, MO

Grace Wells, St. Louis, MO

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

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 \$10,000. 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.

Introduction to Scottish Literature

Washington University College Summer School
Mon & Wed 6:00—8:45pm, June 9 to Aug 1.

To enroll: Call Wash U at (314) 935 6720, the course number is ELIT 351.

Questions to the co-teacher of the course, Katy at katygordon@earthlink.net

After discovering they had won \$20,000,000 in the lottery, Mr & Mrs MacKemble sat down to talk over their future.

“I’ve been washing other people’s stairs for twenty years”, said Mrs MacKemble, “now I can throw away my brush.”

“Of Course you can, hen, said her husband, “now you can easily afford a new one!”

Tartan Day (April 6th)

An enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the color-filled Tartan Day Parade in historic St. Charles. If you missed it, you might want to come along next year and join the fun.



Hope to see you in the pictures next year.....

Caledonia Corner

What do you think?

The Royal Bank of Scotland is dropping the word "Scotland" from some of its branding after its chief executive said the country was associated with "whisky, tartan, bagpipes, and golf". In an interview with an American financial magazine, Fred Goodwin said he wanted to catch the eye of non-British shareholders by renaming the bank "RBS" in some corporate advertising in the US. He told Bloomberg Money Markets magazine: "People associate Scotland with whisky, tartan, bagpipes, and golf. People pigeonhole us, and that was pretty accurate up until a few years ago."

New advertising campaigns in the US - where the Royal Bank, Scotland's biggest company, has a large following through its Citizens subsidiary- emphasize RBS more prominently than Royal Bank of Scotland. Last month, the bank teamed up with Jack Nicklaus, the golfing legend, to launch Team RBS to raise its profile in the US. The company's RBS initials were also much in evidence during the RBS Six Nations rugby championship. A bank spokeswoman insisted that there was no intention of dropping the name Royal Bank of Scotland, however. She said the full name was in small letters below RBS and the company's logo. She said: "It is absolute nonsense that Scotland is being dropped. 'Royal Bank of Scotland' continues to feature prominently in our logo".

As a long-standing customer, I think I might talk with them about remembering where they started from and what it was that made them a worldwide financial force.

Wha wad ken?

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

1. What is a Capercaillie?
 2. What soccer team is nicknamed "The Jam Tarts"?
 3. Which town is famous for Bridies?
- Sorry nobody won last time...

ANSWERS:

1. Cutty Sark was built in Dumbarton
2. The Scott Monument is in Princess Street Gardens, Edinburgh
3. Stovies contain various amounts of potatoes, onions, meat, drippin', and other good stuff.

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Ever heard of MacSmith?

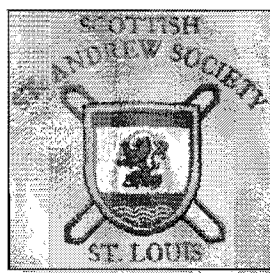
According to a survey carried out by the General Register Office for the years 1999-2001, the top three surnames in Scotland are Smith, Brown and Wilson. There has been little change in the most frequently found surnames over the last 140 years. Smith has been the most common surname in all surveys since that covering the early years of civil registration. Over 1 in 8 surnames in Scotland begin with Mac/Mc but patterns of surnames differ widely in different geographical areas. The top 10 Surnames in Scotland, using a sample of over 335,000 names from registrations in 1999, 2000 and 2001 are, in sequence: Smith, Brown, Wilson, Campbell, Stewart, Thomson, Robertson, Anderson, MacDonald and Scott. Note, however, that the top ten names account for only 7.9 per cent — indicating a lot of different surnames exist in Scotland. Want to find out more then go to the website at <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/grosweb/grosweb.nsf/pages/01surnames>

Scottish Merchandise

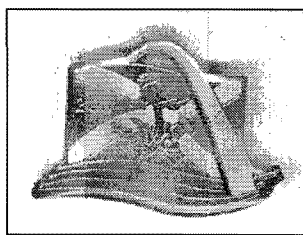
The St Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis and the St. Louis Scottish Games offer a growing selection of quality merchandise.....



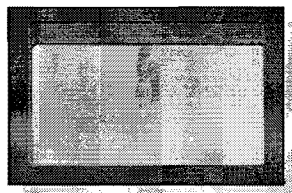
Polo Shirts & Logo



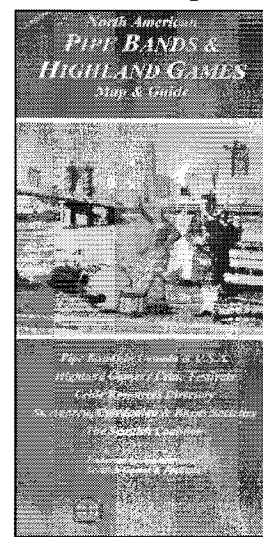
Games Lapel Pin



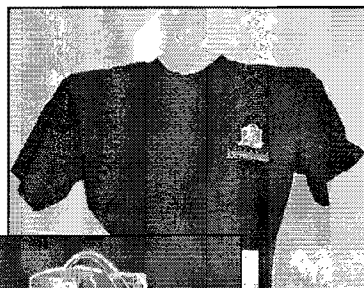
Video of the 1st Games



Poster Map



T-shirt & Logo



St. Andrew Society

Lapel Pins \$5.00 each

Logo window decals

inside mount \$2.00 each

outside mount \$2.00 each

100 % Cotton Polo Shirts \$40.00 each

(Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

(made to order, please allow 4-6 weeks delivery, please add \$5.00 postage)

St. Louis Scottish Games

Lapel Pins (years 2001, 2002) \$5.00 each

Games T-shirts \$15.00 each

((Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL))

2001 Games Video \$10.00 each

US/Canada Scottish Games

And Society Poster Map \$6.00 each

YOU CAN SEE THESE AT MOST OF THE EVENTS OR TO ORDER CALL
Chris Fulton at (314) 777 5161

TOASTS & THINGS

A Scottish Toast

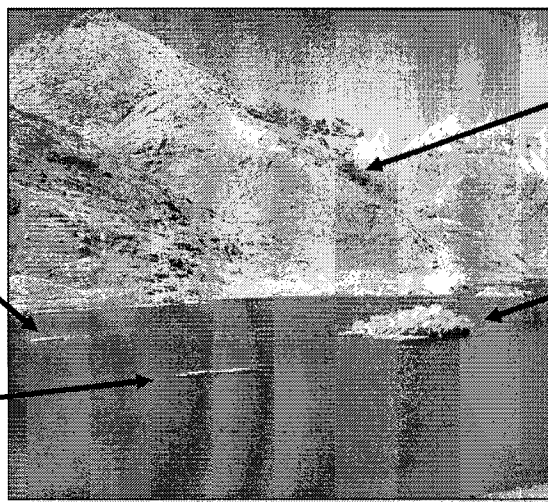
The Celebration of Scotland at the Sheldon Concert Hall was another wonderful night of Scottish culture. The very talented performers provided first-rate singing, dancing, poetry, and music.

Afterwards, I was asked if I could share the words to a Scottish Toast.....

May the best you've ever seen
 Be the worst you'll ever see
 May the mouse ne'er leave your gurnal (*pantry*)
 Wi' a tear drop in its e'e (*eye*)
 May your lum (*chimney*) keep blithely reekin' (*smoking*)
 Till your auld enough tae dee (*to die*)
 May you aye be just as happy
 As I wish you now to be.

I will go tomorrow, said the King.
 You will wait for me, said the Wind.
 Gaelic proverb

Some people think fitba' (*socce*) is a matter of life and death. I can assure them it is much more serious than that!
 Bill Shankly, 1973



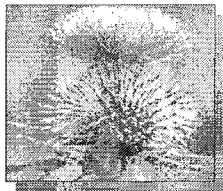
Nessie's wee sister

Nessie herself

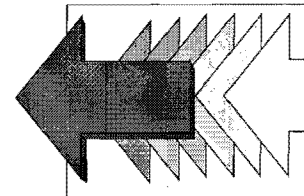
Secret sheep cloning lab

Nessie's sunbathing platform

Well, what do you expect?
 The tourist season is just about to start!



**Know anyone interested
 In joining the Society
 Call Geoff Chaboude
 At (636) 519 7979**



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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