

# THIS ISLE TIMES

## President's Welcome

Dear Friends,

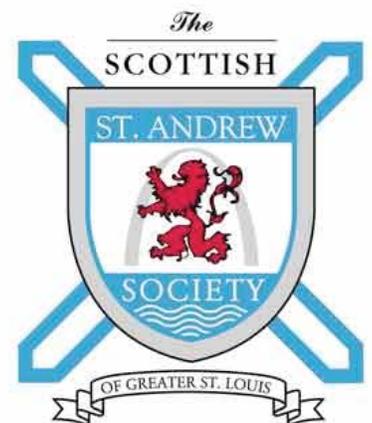
I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and hogmanay celebration and are managing to keep warm in these cold and snowy conditions. I've been following the weather and news back in Scotland and it certainly seems as if it's not treating them any better.

So what better time than now to sit back in the warmth of your home, get online and check out the ever evolving society web site (<http://www.slssas.org>) and take part in the online conversation with our growing communities on both Twitter (now at 70+ followers) and Facebook (45+ fans). The web site also now gives us the convenience of renewing our memberships online and also the ability to purchase tickets to events, such as the upcoming evening dedicated to the memory of Robert Burns.

Speaking of which, board members, non board members and the team at the Hyatt have been working extremely hard to put together our upcoming 38th annual celebration of Burns. This is sure to be a grand evening of poetry, dance, song and camaraderie. We'll be entertained with performances from Dance Caledonia Highland Dancers, the St. Louis Caledonian Pipe Band, and our very own Sisters in Song. Mother Grove is also lined up and will be performing traditional pub and original "Kilt Rock" music.

They've also arranged for a wonderful meal for us, including of course, haggis and plenty of strategically placed bars. Extra provisions have even been made to have more runners on the valet that night than usual to make it an enjoyable experience for you from beginning to end. I'm very grateful for all their hard work, passion, and dedication. A big thank you to each and every one of you!!

As always, I'd like to encourage you all to take this upcoming opportunity to introduce yourself to someone in our community that you may have (cont. p. 2)



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not met before. We're some 343 people strong right now and I for one know I still have a few people to meet. I look forward to spending time with all of you and getting to know your stories better.

The only thing I've got left to report is on my excitement when I found out that the rumors that the fabled Loch Ness monster is dead were dismissed on January 7th. The president of the official Loch Ness Monster Fan Club told the UK's Daily Telegraph newspaper that the recently reported single sighting of Nessie on June 6th 2009, just off the Clansman Hotel was judged to be a credible report. I knew it; long live Nessie!!!  
Regards,

David Brown,  
President



**Want to see Nessie from the  
comfort of your computer?**

**The LNMFC claims you can see  
Nessie using Google Earth!**

**Just go to:  
Latitude 57°12'52.13"N,  
Longitude 4°34'14.16"W**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Volunteers Needed*

**We are looking for volunteers for the following projects:**

**Society History**—We need members who can help document the history of our Society (in writing & photos) from the Society's creation to the present. This project will be permanently displayed on the website. We need to document our history before it is lost.

**Community Outreach**—We are looking for volunteers to help staff the Society tent at this year's festivals and volunteers who are willing to go to schools and other organizations to teach about Scottish history and culture. We are anticipating an increase in opportunities with the Cub Scouts and school districts. The intent is to create a pool of volunteers so that we don't have to decline invitations due to limits on current volunteers' vacation time.

**If interested in contributing on either of these projects, contact Dave Hill at [stlstandrews@gmail.com](mailto:stlstandrews@gmail.com) or call 636-577-1696.**

### *Members Page*

The Website ([www.slssas.org](http://www.slssas.org)) now has a password protected Members page. This page will contain internal documents such as the Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors Officers' Responsibilities, mailing list etc. This page will also contain a Membership Contact List available for members to download or view. This list will be kept current. If you do not want your contact info available to other members, let me know. Remember, this will be on a password protected page, so it will not be available to non-members. You may opt out of displaying your phone number, email address, or both. To opt out, contact Dave Hill at [stlstandrews@gmail.com](mailto:stlstandrews@gmail.com) or call 636-577-1696.

# CALLING OF THE CLANS!

By Dave Hill

The website now has a Clans page. Members of the Society can have their Clans posted to this page. We will display the Clan Badge, allow contact information for members who are representatives of their respective Clans, provide a link to the history of the Clan and their national website, and allow members of the Society to have their names displayed with the Clans they descend from or belong to. This basically gives local Clan leaders a webpage designed and hosted at no cost, provided they are a member of the Society (this does not cost the Society anything extra to do this). As of press time, Clan Donald and Clan MacLean are posted. To get your Clan posted to the website or to associate your name with one of the Clans, email Dave Hill at [stlstandrews@gmail.com](mailto:stlstandrews@gmail.com)

I also encourage you, if you know of someone who runs a Clan tent at the Tartan Day Festival who is not a member of the Society, to invite them to join us and inform them of this new benefit.

## BURNS DINNER PREVIEW

### 38th Annual Robert Burns Dinner

Saturday, Jan 23 6:00p at Hyatt Regency  
St. Louis Riverfront, St Louis, MO

Scottish Saint Andrew Society of Greater Saint Louis Announces the 38th Annual Burns Dinner. An evening dedicated to the memory of Robert Burns; full of the traditions that Scots celebrate the world over. Special Entertainment, Mother Grove, providing traditional pub and original "Kilt Rock" music. Join us for dinner and a taste of Haggis.

Ticket orders must be received by 1/19/09

Price is \$65 / person for Members, \$70 for Non-Members. Price to purchase a whole table (seating for 10) is \$600 -- this is a way to ensure who you are sitting with.

Payment for tickets can be made online at [slsas.org](http://slsas.org) or by mailing the Ticket Order Form (included).

### MENU

Field Green Salad with  
Cucumbers, Roma Tomatoes,  
Carrots, Radish Sprouts and a  
mild Balsamic Vinaigrette

Rosemary Rubbed Pork  
Loin with Pan Jus

Au Gratin Potatoes with  
Roasted Vegetables

Triple Chocolate Truffle Cake  
with Raspberry Sauce, Crème  
Fraiche and Raspberries



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*Robert Burns*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO CELEBRATE THE  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH  
OF ROBERT BURNS

AT THE

38TH ANNUAL BURNS DINNER

HOSTED BY THE

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW  
SOCIETY OF GREATER  
ST. LOUIS

JANUARY 23, 2010 AT 6PM

AT THE HYATT REGENCY, ST. LOUIS RIVERFRONT



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