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NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING!

Thanks to the hard work of our members Jim Dougherty and Darren Low, Scottish-American Society of the QC now has its very own website. It can be accessed by typing either www.scottishamericansocietyoftheqc.com or www.sasqc.com in your web browser. The Home page contains an original painting by Bill Hawthorne and our newly updated insignia. Take some time to check it out! Suggestions are welcome. We plan to post our Porridge Pot newsletter as well as information about upcoming events or other areas of interest about all things Scottish or Celtic. Also, be sure to "Like" our organization on Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you've not already renewed your membership for 2016, please send your dues with the attached form to Natalie & Jim Dougherty. This will be your last newsletter for the year if your renewal has not been received.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

With rainy weather you might expect in Glasgow or Edinburgh, SAS members and guests gathered at the 11th Street Precinct in the Village of East Davenport to have dinner together and to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. Derek Grant shared information about the history of the Day and provided bagpipe music and cake, to make the evening complete.

2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Even though it was only a couple of days later than St. Andrew's (we'll try to do a better job of scheduling next year), several members enjoyed a festive party at The Manor in Bettendorf. As was the case last year, the dinner was catered by HyVee and the evening was hosted by Alan & Jan Johnson and Curt & Suzanne Johnson. Retiring co-president Roger Stancliff lead a short business meeting which included election of officers for 2016: President - Bill Sterba, Vice President - Jim Dougherty, Secretary - Gale Hoff, Membership - Natalie & Jim Dougherty. Normally the position of Vice President and Treasurer would be due for election in 2016 but the office of Vice President needed to be filled due to Bill Sterba becoming president. Judy Hawthorne remains as Treasurer. Volunteers were obtained to do the planning for this year's events.

SAS HAS A NEW FLAG

Members of the Board decided that it might be desirable to have a flag for our organization that would help us to proudly display our insignia. Jim Dougherty did some research on what could be done to accomplish this and the flag had its inaugural appearance at the Burns Dinner.

THE MAKING OF THE HAGGIS

Many of you may not know that a week or two before the Burns Celebration, a few SAS members gather to make our own version of haggis, which is then served, with great pomp and circumstance, at the dinner. A few members provide the ingredients, and each year we strive to make the best Haggis ever! Based on comments we heard at this year's dinner, this may have been one of those years!

ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION & DINNER

The number of attendees for this year's SAS biggest event of the year increased considerably which added even more to the fun of the evening. When our MC, Darren Low, asked those attending for the first time to stand, a large number of the guests did so. There were many positive comments about the venue which was encouraging to all those who donated so much time and effort into making the event a success. At this year's Burns Dinner at the Radisson QC Plaza, many of the traditions observed in previous celebrations continued such as: piping in of the haggis, Address to the Haggis (given the past two years by Derek Grant - complete with sword and Scottish brogue), various toasts, sale of Scottish goods by Rampant Lion, display and sale of Scottish art by Bill Hawthorne, a silent auction, performances by the wonderful Blackhawk Pipes & Drums, and for the second year, Don Estes and The Green Tree Ensemble. Some new additions this year were Laural Almquist, harpist, who provided lovely dinner music and our MC read a tribute about the World War I Battle of Sommes with solo bagpipe music provided by Alec Schauer. Bill Sterba expressed thanks from SAS and presented a gift to Roger and Karen Stancliff, retiring co-presidents. He also thanked Sandi Barnes, retiring secretary, for her many years of work on behalf of SAS. Those who volunteered their time and talents for everything from making decorations to seeking out publicity to doing mailings and organizing reservations: Ty Thomson, Gale & John Hoff, Sue & Derek Grant (Minuteman Press), Bill & Judy









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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 - Tartan Day, location TBA
May 17 - Beltane Potluck Picnic, Duck Creek Park, Davenport
June 5 - Kilted T, Highland Springs Golf, Rock Island, IL.
September 16 & 17th - Celtic Festival/Highland Games,
Centennial Park, Davenport
October - Samhain Potluck, 4404 Royal Oaks Dr., Davenport
November 30 - St. Andrew's Day, location TBA
December - Christmas Party, The Manor, Bettendorf

Hawthorne, Sandi Barnes, Darren Low, Roger & Karen Stancliff,
Jim & Natalie Dougherty, Bill & Mary Sterba, and those who
donated auction items.



**APRIL 6 - ANNUAL TARTAN DAY &
MAY 17 - BELTANE POTLUCK PICNIC
JUNE 5 - KILTED T**

Mark your calendars. Then watch your mail for a reminder postcard (or check out our website) for more details closer to these dates.

THE LOST BARONY OF CULBIN

Legend has it that in the seventeenth century Laird Alexander Kinnaird was playing cards on a Saturday in his house one night on the southern coast of the Firth of Moray. At midnight he threw down his cards in frustration at a losing streak and vowed that he would continue to play into the sabbath and recoup his losses even if he had to play with the devil himself. Of course, with a clap of thunder the devil himself appeared and the game continued on through the night. While he played the game, Kinnaird ignored the raging storm outside only to find in the morning his entire estate had been engulfed by sands of the coast.

(Scots nobles seem to have a tradition of getting in trouble playing cards)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME AGAIN

Don't forget to complete the attached form and send your membership renewal to Jim Dougherty. If you have a * on your label this will be the last newsletter you'll receive. And we don't want you to miss being notified of any of the SAS events (and receive your discount for the Christmas Dinner). Please be sure to include your e-mail address.

SAS Membership Renewal for 2016

Name(s) _____

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Single (\$10) _____ Family/Couple (\$20) _____

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