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ST. ANDREWS NIGHT & CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Since attendees enjoyed last year's venue so much it was decided to hold this year's party again at the Axis Hotel/Fifth Avenue Syndicate, 1630 5th Avenue, Moline, IL.

Return the completed reservation form and payment no later than November 19th.

Every year the Christmas Party dinner is discounted for all SAS members so, if you know someone who is contemplating joining SAS, this would be a good time to do so in order to qualify for the discount. In addition to the short business meeting and election of officers, the Tucks have planned a couple of fun activities.



SAS OFFICE NOMINATIONS

A good way to learn about our organization and to include any ideas you might have is to be a part of the SAS Board. There are currently 12 on the Board who share in the planning and leadership of the numerous activities SAS sponsors. It's a great opportunity to develop friendships with others who share your interest and enjoy-

ment of anything Scottish. This year we need members to come forward for president, vice president, and secretary. Board meetings are held monthly. You can contact any of the Board members listed on this Porridge Pot or the website by November 8th to let them know if you would like to be a part of this fun group!



2026 ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION AND DINNER

In early January all members and past attendees will be sent a reservation and informational letter describing what to look forward to at the next Burns event on February 21. The Isle in Bettendorf will again be the location. In addition to their usual group performance, Blackhawk Pipes & Drums individual members will be playing a few musical vignettes throughout the evening. There will be some vendors as well as our raffle (the proceeds from the raffle benefit our Society since the cost of the tickets only covers expenses). Make sure to tell your non-SAS member friends and neighbors about the date so they can include it in their plans. Details will be listed on the SAS website. It is always a challenge to find ways to publicize an event such as this, so if you have suggestions for ways to do so i.e radio announcements, places to hang posters, etc., please contact Board members Lisa Lockheart or Ron Stuart.

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ALL SCOTS PICNIC

September 7th ended up being a great day for a picnic at West Lake Park. It was SAS's turn to host this annual event established as a way that the three Scottish-American chapters in Iowa - Scottish American Society of the QC, H.A.G.G.I.S (Hawkeye Area Grand Gaelic Isles Society from Cedar Rapids), and Scottish Heritage Society (from Des Moines) - can get to know each other better. There were no attendees from Des Moines but several made the trip from Cedar Rapids and SAS was well represented. Thanks goes to Henry Marquard and Lisa Lockheart for organizing the day. Additional special thanks goes to members of the Blackhawk Pipes and Drums (Sue Stalder, Derek Bloomquist, and Derek Grant) who provided the attendees with some pipe music and also Jim and Cindy Meldrum who brought their beautiful Percheron horses and wagon to provide rides around the West Lake grounds. This was a total surprise and was a great hit! If you have an occasion that would be made even more special with a wagon or carriage ride i.e. weddings, anniversaries, etc. contact the Meldrums at TDR Carriages, LLC in Aledo, IL.



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ARCHIVES FAIR

Chris Iossi represented SAS October 18 at the Archives Fair held at the Haunted Rock Island Roadhouse. Over 20 local cultural or historic societies, libraries, and museums shared information with the public.



SAMHAIN GATHERING/WHISKY TASTING

We had a beautiful fall evening to celebrate our Samhain Potluck on October 18th. The Bouljon backyard was the perfect place for 25 members and guests to enjoy a bonfire while sharing a delicious meal. Greg Bouljon told the group about the origins of this traditional Scottish celebration and president Lisa Lockheart informed the group about upcoming events for our Scottish American Society. While some recorded bagpipe music played, everyone shared information about each of their clans & Scottish heritage while adding a stick to the bonfire to symbolize the unity of our group and the importance of our various histories. As members enjoyed the evening, they tasted a variety of whiskys and enjoyed ice cream treats brought by Jim Meldrum.





CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS



SCOTTISH AMERICAN SOCIETY QUAD CITIES HOLIDAY DINNER & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3
6 PM TO 8 PM
THE SYNDICATE, AXIS HOTEL,
1630 5TH AVENUE, MOLINE, IL**

Our dual celebration of
St. Andrew & St. Nicholas!
With brief business
meeting

Meal Options

Member rate

Non-member rate

1. Citrus Grilled Chicken	\$25	\$40
2. Mediterranean Vegetable Gnocchi	\$25	\$40
3. New York Strip steak (12 ounce cut)	\$38	\$53
4. Pan-seared Salmon	\$35	\$50

All dinners served with house salad. Cash bar available. Reservations due November 18.

RSVP INFORMATION

Detach and return Provide a name and meal choice for each person in your RSVP.

Name

in party

Phone Number

Email

Address

Guest Name

Meal

Member Y/N

RSVP due by November 18. Return with your check payable to SASQC to Rich Stewart,

4412 River Drive, Unit 102, Moline, IL 61265.

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

2025/2026UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas/St. Andrew's Party & Annual Meeting – December 3
Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner – February 21, 2026

SCOTLAND'S SIX WONDERS

Were you aware that Scotland has six UNESCO World Heritage Sites? Anyone who has traveled there knows how beautiful and interesting this small country is but may not have realized the significance of some of the sites. The six sites include:

- 1) The Heart of Neolithic Orkney - monuments representing people who lived on the isle some 5000 Year ago.
- 2) New Lanark - an exceptional example of a model town built in the 18th century as a mill village.
It surrounds the Falls of Clyde.
- 3) Old and New Towns of Edinburgh - is remarkable not only due to its medieval Royal Mile but also for the architectural grandeur of its New Town.
- 4) St. Kilda - this volcanic archipelago is located in the Outer Hebrides and has some of the highest cliffs in Europe.
- 5) The Antonine Wall - part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire, the remains of this wall offer reminders of how the Romans once tried to conquer Scotland.
- 6) The Forth Bridge - the newest World Heritage Site (2015) is located just north of Edinburgh.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Attached is the form you need to use to renew your SAS membership for 2026. Dues are due by January 1. Please share with any friends or relatives you think might be interested in becoming a member of our organization. Benefits include a quarterly newsletter, a discounted dinner for the Annual Meeting, and several opportunities for fun filled events throughout the year! Send your membership renewal to the address on the form - please do not include the dues payment with the payment for the annual meeting dinner.

2026 SAS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name(s)_____

Address_____

Preferred Phone Number_____Email_____

Clan(s)_____

Membership: Single \$15_____ Family \$25_____

**Send by January 1, 2026 to: SASQC, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL 61266 c/o Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon.
Checks should be made out to SASQC.**