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CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS/ GENERAL MEETING

December 6 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Iconic Events Center at 1725 2nd Avenue & Arts Alley in downtown Rock Island will be the location of the the 2022 Christmas Party/ St. Andrew's Day/General Meeting. It is located directly across the courtyard from the Quad Cities Arts Gallery. From 18th St., turn west and there is street parking available along 2nd Avenue as well as in a number of nearby city lots. The meal will include a catered two entree buffet with details included on the attached reservation form. There will also be a cash bar. Please return your reservation to the SAS P.O. Box address by December 1 (even sooner would be better). If you have any questions, contact Gale Hoff galehoff@gmail.com. Since this will also be the SAS Annual General Meeting, election of officers will occur at a short business meeting that will precede the festivities. We will be needing someone to fill the position of vice president and secretary as well as a few others to help plan some of our events. If you are interested in being an officer or would like to serve on the Board or be a part of one of the numerous committees, contact Henry Marquard or another Board member so you can be added to the slate of officers or appointed committees.

SAS BOARD MEETING

The monthly meetings are usually held the second Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at various locations. Members are welcome to attend, so, if you are interested, contact a Board member for the location.

PLANS FOR 2023

Currently the plans for next year include; participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, a Tartan Day Celebration at a restaurant

TBA, Beltane Picnic, another Celtic Night Out in July, Samhain Celebration in October, and Celebration of the Saints/General Meeting. There may be another event to two, depending on what might become available. The Board has also discussed possibly planning a trip in the future to a Highland Games somewhere within the U.S. such at Grandfather's Mountain in North Carolina. There will be notification of plans in future Porridge Pots, the website, and occasional reminder emails.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Attached is the renewal form for you to complete and send to our Membership Chairperson, Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon by January 1. If you know someone who you think would enjoy our activities and/or a chance to meet a new friend or two, make a copy for them to complete or refer them to the SAS website.

2023 BURNS CELEBRATION AND DINNER

As was stated in the August newsletter, be sure to mark March 4th on your calendar for our 2023 Burns Dinner. Another reminder: the Burns Committee is always looking for help in making this, SAS biggest event of the year, a success. Ideas are welcome for entertainment, vendors, or other suggestions that you think might add to the evening. A few of your volunteer hours or ideas can really be a helpful way you can contribute as a member of SAS. The Board hopes this event can continue in the future and your help could be the reason that it does. Watch the mail and website for the reservation letter which will be sent to all members in January, and be sure to share it with anyone else you think might be interested in attending. Non-members are always welcome.

CELTIC ADVENTURES TRIP

A combination of thirteen SAS members, a few non-members, couples, and singles spent September 8-22 on an incredible trip to Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland. You pretty much had to be on another planet to not be aware that Queen Elizabeth II had passed away in September, and it so happened this historical event occurred the day we arrived in Scotland. Even though this curtailed several of the planned tours and activities in Edinburgh (since she died while in Scotland, there were many special events that took place there before her transfer to her final resting place in England), we were able to witness pageantry and other aspects of history that we will never forget. We even met up with the Bouljons our first night in Edinburgh who joined us for dinner. They had completed a tour of their own and were on their way home! The first week of the SAS trip was spent touring castles, distilleries, gorgeous countryside, and many historical sites in the Borders country of Scotland, including time spent on the Isle of Arran. One of our hotels was located on a quiet, peaceful site alongside the River Tweed and next to Dryburgh Abbey where Sir Walter Scott was buried. The second week, after a ferry ride to Belfast, we were given a city tour that outlined the history of the "troubles" that had been such a huge part of the Northern Ireland story. The remainder of our time here was spent touring places such as Giant's Causeway and the Titanic Museum. In the Republic of Ireland, we toured numerous castles, distilleries, and were treated to some fantastic scenery while riding on remote roads in the countryside. The two nights spent in a beautiful resort near Donegal were a real experience in luxurious travel. Our three days in Dublin were filled with visits to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, Christ Church and its ancient crypts, Dublin Castle, city tours, believe it or not - another distillery and brewery, and even a chance to visit a pub or two on our own. Plans for a future meeting in one of the upcoming months include a travelogue of the trip. A huge thank you to Gale Hoff for all her efforts in making this trip a success (and John for his support)! She spent over two years making itinerary suggestions, promoting the trip, and generally, just making it happen.









SAMHAIN GATHERING/WHISKY TASTING

The quiet backyard at the Greg & Mary Bouljon home in Moline was the setting for this year's SAS version of the recognition of the Samhain season. It couldn't have been a much lovelier fall evening to sit around a bonfire and share family stories and heritage. There were 26-28 who attended (depending on who was doing the counting and how much whisky had been sampled!) As was the case last year, fried chicken and a great potluck dinner was enhanced by an opportunity to try out different whiskys, as well as a few other exotic concoctions, that members shared with each other. Our friends/members from Nebraska even made the trip to enjoy the evening!

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas/St. Andrew's Party
& Annual Meeting December 6
Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner March 4, 2023

2023 SAS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone Number _____ Email _____

Clan(s) _____

Membership: Single \$10 _____ Family \$20 _____

Send by January 1, 2023 to: SASQC, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL. 61266 c/o Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon.
Checks should be made out to SASQC.

RESERVATION FORM FOR CELEBRATION OF SAINTS/GENERAL MTG DECEMBER 6 @ 6:00 P.M.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone Number _____ Email _____

Member \$15 per person _____ Non-member \$20 per person _____

Child 5-12 yrs \$8 _____ Under 5 yrs. free

Send by December 1 to: SASQC, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL. 61266 Attn: Christmas Party Committee.
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