

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY  
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

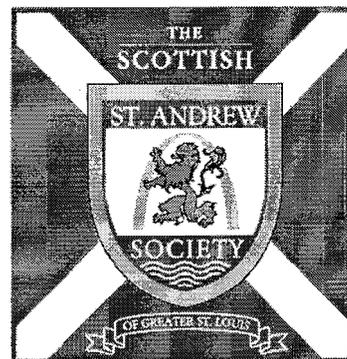
**D**ear Members,

The Halloween Party turned out to be a fun night for everyone. The kids had a great time with games, "sticky" scones, dookin' for apples, and prizes for dressing up. There was a interesting variety of costumes among both the young kids and the not so young kids! Thanks to everyone who made the effort for a successful party.

The dedication of the Stirrat's Memorial bench at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church was a moving occassion. Vic Masterson played the bagpipes and led a large group to the site of the bench. Thom Hunter led the dedication and generated some emotional moments among the assembly.



The Board has approved the final version of our new logo/seal. On the left will be the letterhead version, and on the right will be the version for decals, etc. In color, these will have



PAST AND PRESENT

**D**id you know that in the U.K. this month it is the 70th anniversary of the automated traffic light?

Manual red and green lanterns were used in London as early as 1868. Hand-turned lights were used to slow traffic in New York in 1914, and in Paris in 1923. Apparently, traffic "light" duty was not considered to be "heavy" work!

The first automated traffic lights consisted of one box with the three colors, facing four directions, and it was used November 5th, 1927, in Princes

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our celebration night for St. Andrew. Whether you want to dance or just socialize and listen to Scottish music, come along and enjoy.

For your calendar....

Nov 15th, 7pm  
ST ANDREW'S NIGHT  
—a celebration

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# Upcoming Events

Next



Event

## ST ANDREW'S NIGHT CELEBRATION Saturday November 15th, 7:00pm



At "Just Dancing" studio at Hwy141 and Manchester Road We will have dancing (Scottish country dancing, ballroom, modern....), music and song, a toast to the patron saint, calling of the clans.... a night of celebration and enjoyment for all.

**POT LUCK SUPPER:** Please bring a dish of your choice, to share.

Beer, wine, soda will be provided.

**TICKETS:** \$15 per person, (\$5 for children: \$10 for Seniors) — price will be \$5 more at the door.

*Reservation forms were attached to the previous Thistle Times.*

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ther events for the year:

**Monday, December 15th, 7:00pm: CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
at Mary Inst/Country Day School.

**January 24th, BURN'S DINNER** at the Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis.

**February 16th, "Scottish History with a Twist"** by Dr. Tom Forrester,  
at Mary Institute/Country Day School

**March 16th, "Views of Scotland"** at Mary Institute/Country Day School

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If you would like  
to help out, call  
Marilyn Geery  
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n Scotland, Thanksgiving is not practiced as a large festival, nor holiday. The harvest and "thanksgiving" festivals are all held earlier in the year — possibly because of the shorter days and more inclement weather in November. The Celtic festival of autumn is called Lammas, and is held in August. Michaelmas and Harvest Home were September festivals of "thanksgiving" for the produce gathered during that season. The Celtic and Druid festival around the winter solstice, known as Samhuinn, became one with Halloween.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

# Out and About: Society pictures

**T**he Halloween Party was fun for all....



Dookin' for apples....



Hubble, bubble, toil and .....



and fun for the weans....



and treacle scones....



Guess who....

and our Honary  
Life Member,  
taking everything  
in stride.....



# Caledonia Corner

**S**cots are often thought of as a warrior nation because of the many battles, clan uprisings, and the prominent role of Scottish soldiers throughout the world. However, in 18th century Scotland there was also considerable turbulence. Meal riots, patronage riots, tax riots, political riots.... In fact, the Riot Act was read so often that people almost knew it by heart, and the phrase has carried over to the present day.

Act 7 of the Treaty of Union (1707) stipulated that a tax of two shillings was to be levied on a barrel of beer which sold for nine shillings. A few years later the Government imposed a further tax of twopence on every pint of beer. In 1725, the final straw was broken when Scottish beer was taxed at a shilling a barrel more than south of the Border. Riots broke out at Hamilton, Dundee, Stirling, Ayr, and Paisley. Thus started the "Shawfield riot" in Glasgow which ended with 9 dead, 17 wounded, 2 being banished from Scotland and multiple whippings in the streets.

In Glasgow, the perceived blame for the tax increase was put on one of the local Burgh Members, a Daniel Campbell of Shawfield. An enraged, and beer-filled, mob attacked his residence but Campbell had foreseen the event and had moved out of town. Nevertheless, before the local garrison could control the crowd the house had been ransacked and burned to the ground. Troop reinforcements arrived and a running battle erupted in the streets leading to the bloodbath.

Eventually, the riots were quelled when General Wade arrived from Edinburgh with several regiments of troops. In the subsequent investigation, Parliament confirmed the tax on beer and added yet another levy to pay for the damage done to the city. It was also determined that Daniel Campbell had been a victim of the riot and was compensated in the sum of 6,080 pounds. With this princely sum he promptly

## Wha wad ken?

**F**irst to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Forth and \_\_\_\_\_ canal ?
2. When was the battle of Prestonpans?
3. What's a "tattie-bogle"?

Congratulations to Ann Eschman who won last month, and thanks to several people who called with the correct answers but were just a bit behind Ann in timing. **Answers:**

1. Ross and CROMARTY
2. Sean Connery played James Bond
3. Small two-roomed house

All replies to Jim McLaren

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## SCOTTISH RUGBY TO RESTRUCTURE

**T**he Scottish Rugby Union has announced plans to create a new format for competition: a new Celtic Cup, an expanded European qualifying tournament, and a 10-team Premier Division. The proposed Celtic Cup competition would involve District and Provincial sides from Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and would be played in August before the September to March season. Critics of the plan suggest that it will detract from club rugby in Scotland because the top professional players will be involved in too many District level tournaments. The SRU counters with the point that a more defined structure will help generate improved matches each Saturday and, of course, help attract top quality sponsorship.

**Creative names** in Scotland: there's a tailor shop in the Maryhill Road, Glasgow called the Wee

# 70 ASYS & 74 MGS

**F**xcerpts from two excellent poems:

From "Tir Nan Og" by R.L. Cook

The lily-lovely lochs, the fists of hills  
With rocky knuckles scarted by the winds;  
Ivory bays where the Atlantic finds  
A place to lay its restlessness —the ills  
Of progress are a myth here, time is no  
More than a background to this living map,  
As vague as the cold mists which gently wrap  
Ben Heaval's summit, swirling, grey and slow.

**Spiders everywhere....**

The Scot Magazine website is

<http://www.dcthomson.co.uk/mags/scots>

From "Dailuaine Halt" by Wilfred Taylor.

Bracken and alder, and blackbird and wren  
Outlive those long years of the railway when  
The rails were vibrant with urgent life and  
The thudding of trains was heard through the land,  
With some going up and some coming down,  
As people hurried from town to town

For there's not train up and never one down,  
Not anything left of the line's renown.  
And where are the women and where the men?  
Or the whisky train which never again  
Rumbles along with its cargo of malt  
Through the slumb'ring peace of Dailuaine Halt?

Not a sole.  
Now, if this  
were in  
California!



The golden sands of a beach  
near Seilebost, in South Harris.

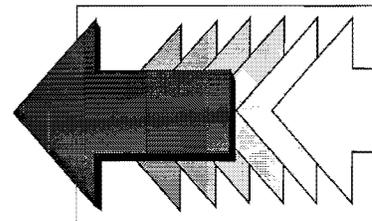
Despite the Gulf Stream  
influence, swimming in these  
waters is best done by seals and  
other well-insulated creatures!

## The Dues are due!

*Please pay now if you have not already done so.*

Know anyone interested in joining, send us their number.

**Dues & Leads To: Peter Geery, (314) 916 5344.**



**H**ope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**.

Comments, and new material to the Editor:

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