

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

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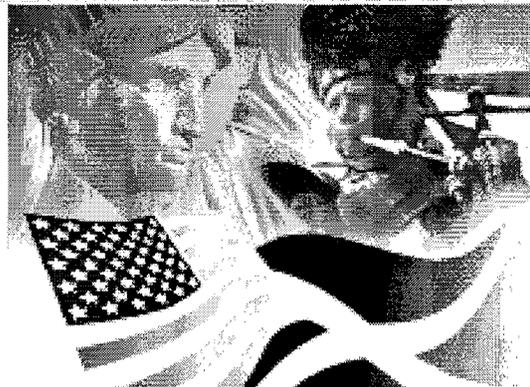
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

Many members of the Scottish St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis have given of their time, talents and treasure to fulfill the purpose for the Society's existence. As our constitution states, the Society's purpose is "to foster and exchange cultural, educational and recreational pursuits between those of Scottish birth or descent and others in the St. Louis area". It was my privilege, at our Robert Burns Dinner in January, to add the names of seven of our members, Hazel Craig, Betty McGregor, Floyd and Maisie Breckenridge, Alan and Etta May Eagle, and Bill Nicoll to the list of Honorary Lifetime Members of the Society. This award is presented in recognition of the outstanding service, sometimes over many years, given in building our Society into what it is today - one of the best, if not the best Scottish Society in the country. To all this year's honorees, and those from past years (Vic Masterson, Peggy Flynn, Winnie Shirreff, Babs Stirrat, Jean Cobain, Thom Hunter, and others before those), thank you. Your hard work and your love for both Scotland and the United States of America have most certainly borne fruit.

Yours aye, Alex Sutherland

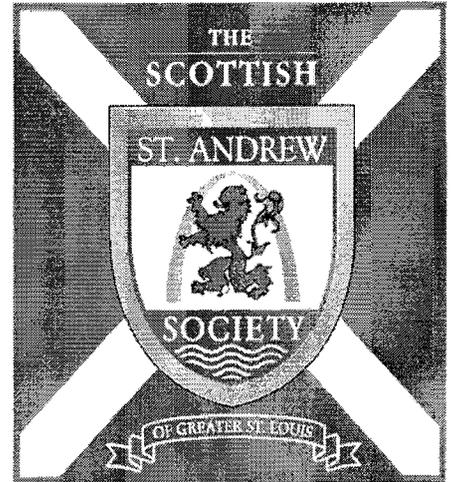
Eagles flee alane, but sheep herd the-gather! (*self evident*)



TARTAN

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6th
APRIL

Parade on Saturday April 5th



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Membership News

UPCOMING
EVENTS

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR NOW

Saturday March 22nd, 2003. Starting 7:00pm

ANNUAL CEILIDH

Whispering Hills Recreation Center. \$15.00 at door.

Bring potluck heavy finger foods and desserts.

Music, dancing, raffle, fun and friends...

(bring your favorite joke or song for group performance)

From I270, take Olive west for ~1 mile then north on Ross Rd,
then left into Whispering Hills subdivision.

Other exciting events for this year....

April is an exciting and fun month with many events for your calendar....

April 5th, 2003. Tartan Day Celebrations. See page 3

April 6th, 2003. Sunday at 10:30am: Kirkin o' the Tartans.

At St Charles Presbyterian Church, 131 Gamble Street, St. Charles.

April 22nd, 2003. Celebration of Scotland Concert. Starts 7:00pm, See below

April 25th, 2003. Annual Kilted Golf Tournament. See attached flier.

May 18th, 2003. Annual Fun Picnic at Creve Coeur Park.

If you would like
to help out, call
Diane McCullough
314 773 4195

BULLETIN
BOARD

WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Butler, St. Louis

Did you hear that double glazing is doing great business in Scotland — in hope that the children cannot hear the ice-cream van when it comes round the streets.

Friday May 16th, Springfield

The **78th Frasers** in concert at Springfield, IL
The Springfield Highland Games are that week-end.
Details on the St Andrew Soc of Central Illinois web.

Friends of the Games presents... A CELEBRATION OF SCOTLAND

Tuesday April 22nd, 7:00pm
Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Blvd.

Performances include Dance Caledonia, Duddybreeks (& Judy Stein), Highland Mist, Piper George Gerules, and other surprise guests.

Tickets \$10. Friends signed up by April 15th are invited guests for this event. For more information on the event, or becoming a "Friend", call 314 821 1286.

Friends support the St Louis Scottish Games

March 25-26th, FOCAL POINT

(2720 Sutton Blvd.)

Boys of the Lough, a multinational Celtic folk band, will be on each night at 8:00pm.
Tickets are \$30 (door) or \$25 (advance)

Tartan Day

The National Tartan Day is April 6th, and the **local TARTAN DAY PARADE is APRIL 5th**

Saturday April 5th, St. Charles. Parade starts at 12 (noon) from the Goldenrod parking lot, and will proceed up historic Main Street, ending in Frontier Park on the banks of the Missouri river.



If you are planning on walking in the parade, let Geoff know so that he can make a sign with your Clan name on it. Alternatively, you can walk with the St Andrews Society group, or just be part of the crowd.

Fun and activities include, pipebands, folk singing, folklore, dancing re-enactments, clans, and "Nessie" herself. The Main Street stores will be participating with Scotch Eggs, Stovies, Shortbread from "The Mother-in-Law House", "Magpies" restaurant will give 10% off if you mention the advert for Tartan Day, and new members, the Dyers, have a gift shop called the "Thistle & Clover".

Block of rooms (\$49.95) at the Travelodge on South service road between I70 exits 227 & 228. Call for reservations (taken through April 5th): 636 949 8700.

For more information call Judie or Geoff at 636 946 4174 or jeffcktj@aol.com



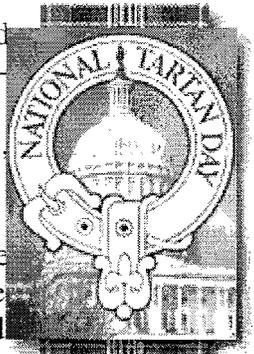
Followed by **TARTAN FEST, 7:00-9:00pm, at Lindenwood Cultural Center**, Lindenwood University, 400 Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO.

Adults \$7 and Bairns \$4.

An evening of Scottish entertainment for the entire family, with traditional music, dancing, singing, and stories. Featuring "Alex Sutherland and His Cronies".

APRIL 6th has been designated **NATIONAL TARTAN DAY** (Senate Resolution 155). In Missouri, a proclamation has been made that April 6th shall be recognized as Tartan Day.

Tartan Day is a recognition that Americans of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of the United States. From the framers of the Declaration of Independence to the first man on the moon and beyond, Scottish-Americans have contributed in outstanding ways to the fields of the arts, science, exploration, politics, law, and business.



Woodrow Wilson said of the Scots, "Every line of strength in American history is a line coloured with Scottish blood." The contribution of the immigrant Scots upon North America is massive and these people have remained proud of their heritage.



Today, over eleven million Americans claim Scottish and Scotch Irish roots -- making us the eighth largest ethnic group in the United States.

Caledonia Corner

The Fascinating Geography of a Great Nation.

Scotland has some 790 islands ranging from large rocks to land several hundred square miles in area. The largest and best known are the groups of Shetland and Orkney in the north-east; Lewis, Harris, Skye, Mull and Islay in the Hebrides (a strong of islands of the west coast), and the islands of Bute and Arran in the Firth of Clyde. About 130 of the Scottish islands are inhabited.

The Scottish mainland has modest dimensions with the distance from north to south being only 275 miles, while the maximum width is 154 miles; the width, in the country's central belt between the Firths of Clyde and Forth, is only 25 miles. Few parts of the country are more than 40 miles from salt water. However, so rugged and indented is the coastline of Scotland that its aggregate length is estimated at 2,300 miles.

Scotland consists broadly of three main geographic regions. These are the Highlands, the Central Lowlands, and the Southern Uplands. The Highlands in the north, including the Hebridean islands, account for somewhat more than half the total area of Scot-



land. Much of

this area is either rocky, or peat bogs, with poor soil and sparsely inhabited, yet it has a such a natural beauty that thousands of visitors are attracted every year.

The Central Lowlands fall roughly between a line from Dumbarton to Stonehaven in the north and another from Girvan to Dunbar in the south. The term "Lowlands" is something of a misnomer, however, for the region includes a number of hill ranges as well as an abundance of beauty spots and rich farmland. This area contains the majority of the population in Scotland — many living in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee and surrounding towns.

In the Southern Uplands, we find seven major hill ranges that provide magnificent scenery, and the extensive Kielder Forest that straddles the border. Scotland's Borderland, which is rich in story and legend, has several ruined abbeys, and has many wonderful towns (including the wool mill towns in the Tweed valley), is also well worth a visit.

Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Where was the Cutty Sark built?
 2. Where is the Scott Monument?
 3. What are the main ingredients for "stovies"?
- Congratulations...

Last quiz was won by Chris Brennan, who entered very comprehensive answers in a fast time.

ANSWERS:

1. Mother of R. Burns was Agnes (nee Broun)
2. Edinburgh Univ was founded in 1583
3. Glasgow is further west than Inverness.

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Scottish Cultural Snippets

Helpful guide to Scottish town names....

You see	You say
Edinburgh	Edin-burr-ah
Milngavie	Mill-guy
Peebles	Pee-bills
Dumfries	Dumb freeze
Leuchars	Loo-cars
Culross	Coo-ross
Gullane	Gill-in (posh) or Gull-an (if not)
Kingussie	King-ewe sea
Haddington	Hedin-ton
Kirkcaldy	Kir-cawdie
Glasgow	Gles-ca
Cupar	Coop-ar
Dalnaspidal	Dalnaspidal

SCOTTISH HEALTH FOOD (aka breakfast)...



Copper wire was invented in Scotland.
(by two Scots fighting over a penny)

A Scot never needs an address book.
(he scores out the people he doesn't know
in the phone book)

SCOTTISH HEALTH FOOD
(aka Lunch)



A poster in Argyll reads:
DRINK IS YOUR ENEMY.

The adjacent poster also has a message:
LOVE YOUR ENEMY.

Linoleum, from the words *Linum* (flax) and *oleum* (oil) is a floor covering developed in Scotland. "Lino" is made by oxidizing linseed oil to form a thick linoleum cement. It is then mixed with pine resin and cooled to form sheets. In the late 19th century, Michael Nairn built a linoleum factory in Kirkcaldy (see above for pronunciation). The locals were skeptical and called it "Nairn's Folly". However, he had discovered how to improve the process and also how to make inlaid patterns. Soon, Kirkcaldy became the linoleum capital of the World. Today, lino has lost ground to the synthetic floor coverings but there's still enough made in Kirkcaldy that you can often still smell the linseed oil being processed when you enter this sea-side town.

SCOTTISH HEALTH FOOD
(aka 3-course dinner)

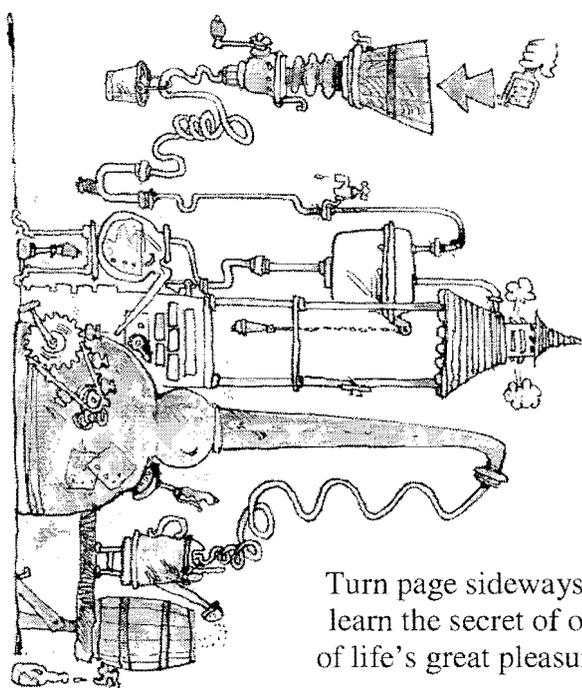


A Scotsman and a Jewish man were having a magnificent meal at one of the finest restaurants in New York. At the end of the evening the waiter came over to present the check and a Scottish voice said "that's all right laddie just gae the check to me". The headlines in the local newspaper next day proclaimed "Jewish ventriloquist found beaten to death".

TOASTS & THINGS

A hoose is but a puppet-box
 To keep life's images frae knocks,
 But manikins scrieve oot their sauls
 Upon its craw-steps and its walls:
 Whaur hae they writ them mair sublime
 Than on yon gable-ends o' time?
The Prows o' Reekie, Lewis Spence

Happy Tartan Day



Turn page sideways to
 learn the secret of one
 of life's great pleasures.

**In Scotland, people take sides, especially
 over places, nae bother, eh.....**

Glasgow

City! I am true son of thine
 From terrace proud to alley base
 I know thee as my mother's face.

(Alexander Thompson)

Edinburgh

Isna Embro a glorious city!

(James Hogg)

This braw, hie-heapit town.

(Lewis Spence)

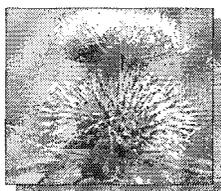
Melrose

If thou wouldst view fair Melrose aright,
 Go visit it by pale moonlight.

(Sir Walter Scott)

Duns

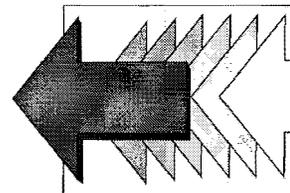
Duns dings a' (local traditional)



**Know anyone interested
 in joining the Society**

Call Geoff Chaboude

At (636) 519 7979



Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. Thank you to all who contribute material. It is appreciated. **Please send comments, new material, and letters to the Editor:**

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The Scottish St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis
presents the 8th Annual...

KILTED GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, April 25th, 2003
Aberdeen Golf Club
Tournament starts at 12:30pm

Cost: \$70 per person, includes cart and PRIZES and DINNER

Mulligans (max 2 per team) extra. Can enter "Skins Game" as a team.

At least one person in every foursome must be wearing a kilt, and the others be showing some tartan. Format will be a scramble — everyone hits, choose best ball, everyone hits from that spot, and so on.

Go ahead and kick it, it'll cost you a stroke!

Dinner and prize ceremony starts around 6:45pm

Spectators Welcome — and dinner only costs will be \$18 per person.

DIRECTIONS

I-44 going west from I44 & 141
Exit at LEWIS (Eureka exit is too far)
Bear right onto North Outer Road
Go west a short distance to stop sign.
Turn right (north) on LEWIS.
Follow Lewis for about 2.0 miles.
Bear left at railroad crossing
Follow signs, ~1mile to Aberdeen GC

Call Keith Parle: 636 537 9463
BY April 18th.
GET YOUR TEAM ORGANIZED



Dam sheep swallowed my ball!



**Is that your sporrán,
or a mis-placed club head cover?**

*The St Andrew Society is a not-for-profit organization for the promotion of Scottish culture,
for enhancement of Scots-American relations, and for the support of related charitable causes.*