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CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS (ST. ANDREW & NICHOLAS) & GENERAL MEETING

December 9 @ 6 p.m. Tanglefoot Hills Event Center on E. Middle Rd. in Bettendorf

Social distancing will be observed and masks will be required (when not eating or drinking, of course). The dinner will be buffet style with servers. The menu will consist of roast beef, chicken cordon bleu, green beans, potatoes, pasta/broccoli/waldorf salads, and rolls.

Dessert goodies will be provided by the Board. Cash bar. Refunds will be made if there is a change in the COVID situation i.e. closing of the venue. Be sure to pay attention to the November 23 deadline.

The Calendar has turned over,
It's that time once again,
For a Celebration of the Saints,
In the River Valley glen.

And co-in-cidentally
the A.G.M. will be held
Where the SAS By-Law's
Will be up-held.

We will convene in the
Evergreen Room @ Tanglewood,
On December the Ninth,
For Scottish Brotherhood!

We will social distance,
By the rules we will play,
To conduct the Society's business,
And observe the Saints' Birthday

We will be joyed if you join us,
For some Seasonal Cheer,
And help make it a highlight
Of a most difficult year.

Twenty Twenty has been,
So far, less than ideal,
But this celebration of Saints
Will surely improve how you feel.

So Ponder a while
If you can, plan to attend
Where Fellow Scots & Friends,
The elbow gently will bend.

An RSVP is appreciated,
And your payment is TOO,
'Cause the economy runs on green,
Even tho' we're White and Blue.

The information follows:
The When and the Where,
And the details you need
On servin' of the Fare.

SO --- we'll see you there,
Commencing at the PM SIX,
To Meet, Greet, and Eat,
And obtain your Scottish fix!!

BURNS CELEBRATION & DINNER CHANGE

With so many unknowns and the concerns related to large gatherings, the Board has decided to postpone the 2021 Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner with the hope that the pandemic will be under better control. At this time, the plan is to hold our biggest event of the year on April 24, 2021 at The Isle, Bettendorf. Reservation letters will sent to members and past attendees in mid-March. There are currently no plans to hold a Tartan Day event (which normally takes place on April 6 each year), so that will be folded into the Burns celebration.

HAGGIS PREPARATION

January 16 9:30 a.m.

The Manor Clubhouse, 1103 Kimberly Rd, Bettendorf
Anyone wanting to learn how to make our "famous" SAS haggis is invited to join with other members on Saturday, January 16. Most of the haggis will then be frozen in order to be ready for the April 24 Burns Dinner. However, a smaller portion of the haggis will be part of the menu for a Haggis Party described in the following article. As you would expect, masks will be required.

HAGGIS PARTY/MOVIE OR TRAVELOGUE

January 23, 2021 at 6:00p.m.

The Manor Clubhouse, 1104 Kimberly Rd., Bettendorf
Since the decision has been made to postpone the Burns Dinner until April, the Board has decided to try something different on a much smaller scale. Those members and guests, who feel comfortable doing so, are invited to join the group for a casual evening with a simple menu of soup, bread, shortbread, and haggis (since we will have to otherwise wait so long this year to sample our traditional delicacy)! There will be no charge. You can bring your own favorite beverage. There will either be a Scottish movie or travelogue shown. A reminder email will be sent out closer to the date with RSVP details so the Board will have some idea of numbers.

SAVE the DATE! 2022 SASQC TRIP

September 2022 join the SAS on a 16 day trip to Scotland and Ireland. Once again we will partner with CIE and Picture Perfect Travel for a custom trip to the 2 Celtic countries. We will be a small group of 30 staying in 5* hotels and all admissions are included. Questions? Contact Gale Hoff 563-210-1591 or galehoff@gmail.com

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SAMHAIN CELEBRATION

Sixteen members and friends were fortunate to be able to enjoy a beautiful autumn evening together on October 8th in Chris Iossi's backyard to celebrate the Celtic recognition of Samhain. In an effort to be as safe as possible during this awful pandemic year, attendees brought their own food/drink and wore masks. Bill Hawthorne shared some history of this day in the Scottish year as well as displaying two paintings he had done relating to the occasion. In accordance with ancient tradition, everyone then walked between fires burning in a fire pit and grill and each person tossed a piece of wood in the flame while stating his/her clan name. Derek Grant provided the group with some beautiful bagpipe music putting everyone in the mood to tap our feet, clap our hands, and again enjoy our Scottish roots. One of Chris's neighbors (who told us he was of the Wallace clan) heard the bagpipes playing and was thrilled to run home and bring his two young children back to enjoy the music! Who knows - maybe a new member in the future!





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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebration of the Saints/General Meeting - December 9
Haggis Prep - January 16, 2021
Haggis Party - January 23, 2021
Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner - April 24, 2021

FLOWER OF THE FOREST

Sadly, we have lost another member of our group. Roger Stancliff, who was past co-president of SAS along with his wife Karen, and a member of the Blackhawk Pipes & Drums, passed away in August. In addition to his many volunteer activities, he was the 30-year Fire Chief of the Osco/Andover Fire Department. A donation has been made in his name to be determined by his family.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE BY DECEMBER 31

Attached is your membership renewal form to be sent to our Membership Chairperson, Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon. Please be sure to send your renewal payment to Mary no later than December 31 so you can continue to be included on the SAS Membership list and to receive the quarterly Porridge Pot newsletter as well as other notifications of upcoming events and communications related to SAS. If you know of anyone who you think would enjoy being a member, please encourage them to join. Feel free to contact any of the SAS Board members if you have any questions.

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS/GENERAL MEETING

Dinner Reservations: Adults \$20 per person _____
 Children 4-9 yrs. \$10 _____
 3 yrs. and under no charge
 Total _____

Make check payable to SASQC. Send to : Mary Sterba, 2303 10th St, E. Moline, IL 61244

SAS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____ Family \$20 _____
Address _____ Single \$10 _____
City/State/Zip _____
email _____ Phone _____
Clan(s) _____ (optional)

**Send renewals or new memberships to: Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL 61266
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