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### HAGGIS PREP

February 25 9:30 a.m. at the Hawthorne home 4404 Royal Oaks Dr, Davenport  
The week before the Burns Dinner SAS members gather to make our very own haggis which will be served at both the March 4th dinner and the July Celtic Night Out. Join your friends for donuts, coffee, and an opportunity to prepare this special recipe which is a historic part of the Scottish diet. The next Board Meeting will take place following the haggis prep. All are welcome.



### ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION & DINNER

March 4  
The Isle, Bettendorf  
You should have received a mailing with your reservation

letter for our biggest event of the year. A copy can also be viewed on the SAS website. It will be a full evening of pageantry and fun with entertainment by the Blackhawk Pipes & Drums, Coppers & Brass (a trio who will be playing Celtic music), Colleen's Celtic Rhythm Dancers, and Scottish dance lessons by Kait Meeker. The vendors will be Rampant Lion from Elmhurst, IL and our local artist, Bill Hawthorne. There will be a raffle which helps cover expenses for this event so donations are encouraged. (Please let Gale Hoff galelhoff@gmail.com or Chris lossi lorton76@aol.com know what you can donate). Send in your reservation before February 21 to take advantage of the early bird discount. All tables have reserved seating for 10. You don't have to be a member or wear a kilt to attend so bring friends and family members for an evening you will enjoy! There's a flyer on the insert to display at your work or your church.



### GRAND PARADE

March 18  
The current plans are to participate in

the parade. We currently are in need of a trailer of some sort on which to construct our float. If any member knows of a trailer or other vehicle we could use, please contact a Board member right away. We are considering participating just as a walking unit but will send out an email closer to the date with the final plans.

### TARTAN DAY

Wednesday, April 5  
6 p.m. at Front Street Brewery, 421 River Dr, Davenport (in the basement meeting room)

If you have a tartan sash or kilt or bowtie, this is your opportunity to flaunt it in recognition of this American tradition called Tartan Day! Dinner will be ordered off the menu. Dessert will be provided. Reservations are not required but it would be very helpful for planning if you let Mary Bouljon know if you can attend. marygbouljon@aol.com or 309-236-5328



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OVERDUE

If it slipped your mind to renew your SAS membership for 2023, there is a form attached. Your membership entitles you to receive the quarterly Porridge Pot newsletter, which keeps you updated on the many SAS activities for the year, as well as a discount for the annual Christmas Party. The best part is the friendships you form as you enjoy learning more about your Scottish heritage and traditions.

## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST - BILL CRAIG



On November 28, SAS lost one of our members who was instrumental in making sure things got done in years past, so we could continue as an organization. Bill Craig was a past president, wrote the newsletter, and helped organize many of the Burns Dinners some years ago. Our sympathies

to Sheila (one of the founding members) and to his family. Here's a link to the website to view Bill's full obituary. <https://www.sullivanellisLtd.com/obituary/William-CraigJr>



## CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS PARTY & ANNUAL MEETING

Both St. Andrews and St. Nicholas provided SAS with an opportunity to have another party on December 6th. We met at the Iconic Events Center in Rock Island for the Annual Meeting followed by a catered dinner. Officers elected for the next two years were: Lisa Lockheart, President; Rich Stewart, Treasurer; Gale Hoff, Secretary; Mary Bouljon, Membership. The Vice President position is vacant and needs to be filled, so contact a Board member if you are interested or know of someone you think who would be a good fit in promoting our organization.



## QC Meets CR

Members of the Scottish American Society of the Quad Cities traveled to Cedar Rapids to attend the Hawkeye Area Grand Gaelic Isles Society (H.A.G.G.I.S.) Robert Burns Supper on Saturday, January 21. The HAGGIS chapter's event featured traditional Scottish food (Dundee stew, "neeps" and tatties, green peas, and haggis and Irish soda bread) all made by members. The event also featured a delightfully delicious dessert contest, raffles, silent auction, and a game of pass the haggis, as well as Scottish social dances and the usual Burns pageantry of toasts and the address to the haggis. Performing the latter was our Derek Grant. Derek and Bill Sterba also provided many solos and duets on the pipes to the appreciation of all. "It was interesting to see how they presented their evening, and a great source of ideas, too. It was a delightful evening with warm, wonderful people," said Lisa Lockheart, current SASQC president.



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## PICNIC ANYONE?

We've been contacted regarding a possible upcoming event. We are trying to gage interest in participation.



**The event is a Scottish picnic to be held June 17, 2023 from approximately 10:00am - 6:30pm.**

It will be in the Des Moines area because that is approximately halfway between the easternmost and westernmost organizations.

It will involve the four Iowa Scottish heritage organizations: H.A.G.G.I.S., The Scottish Society of Nebraska (which includes western Iowa), the Des Moines society and the SASQC.

If you are interested in learning more, or better still, wish to participate, please contact Lisa Lockheart [lisalockheart399@gmail.com](mailto:lisalockheart399@gmail.com) so we can include you in future discussions.

# Robert Burns



SCOTTISH DINNER  
& CELEBRATION

**Saturday, March 4**



**5:30-10:30pm**  
**Isle Casino Hotel,**  
**Bettendorf, IA**

**RSVP by**  
**Feb. 21 to**  
**save \$5.**  
**All RSVPS**  
**due by**  
**March 1!**



Haggis -Dinner-Black Hawk Bagpipes &  
Drums-Coppers & Brass band-Rampant Lion  
& Courses & Castles vendors-Celtic dance  
demo-Scottish Dance Lesson-Grand March

**Hotel**  
**special**  
**available**

**RSVP: Judy Hawthorne,**

**563-391-9971 or 563-370-4078- (cell) thornebj67@gmail.com**

 **Download form: [www.sasqc.com](http://www.sasqc.com)**

Check preferred; pay online with \$2 convenience fee





## OUR TRAVELS TO SCOTLAND

By Mary & Greg Bouljon

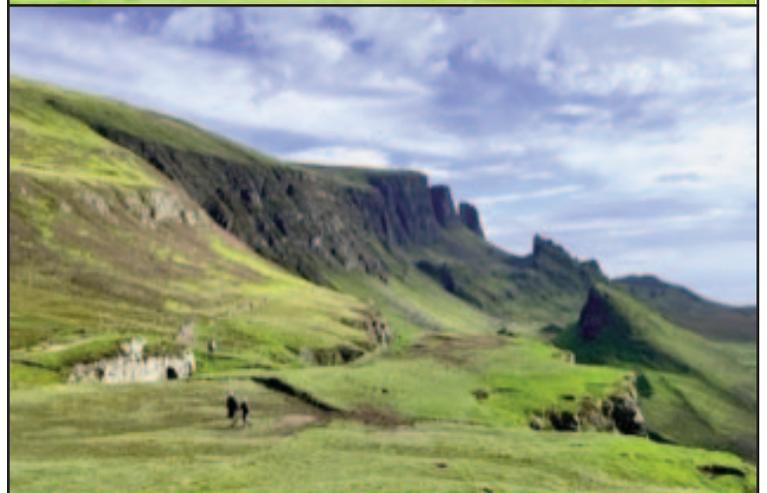
In 2019, Greg and I paid for a trip to the highlands of Scotland, planning to leave in September, 2020. When Covid struck in March of 2020, we realized that our dream trip was on hold.

We finally departed on August 31, 2022, and had a trip of a lifetime. We traveled with friends, Danny and Dawn, from Dallas and met them in Edinburgh. After seeing the Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile and beautiful St. Giles Church for a day, we met our driver, Peter, who drove us through the Scottish Highlands for the next 7 days.

We traveled through St. Andrews, Pitlochry, Callander, Inverness, Fort William, Inveraray, Oban and Dunfermline. An added highlight was spending 2 nights on the Isle of Skye in the beautiful seaside village of Portree. We loved the scenery, the fields of sheep and heather, the distilleries and the Castles! We went through the following 12 Castles:

- St. Andrews
- Eileen Donan
- Blair Castle
- Doune Castle
- Dunvegan
- Urquhart
- Inverlochry
- Inveraray
- Stalker
- Fonab
- Kilchurn

The Scottish people were welcoming and fun!! We had delicious food at all our stops including fish n' chips, salmon, mussels and Shepherd's Pie. It was a magnificent trip and well worth the wait!!!



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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner March 4
- Grand Parade March 18
- Tartan Day April 5
- Beltane May 23
- Scottish Picnic June 17 *(looking for participants)*
- Birdies for Charity *(last day for donations)* July 5
- Celtic Night Out July 15
- Samhain October 14
- Thru the Stones *(Outlander Convention)* December 1 & 2
- Celebration of the Saints/Christmas Party December TBA



**2023 GOAL SETTING FOR SAS**

The Board has established a committee for the purpose of determining goals for this year. The plan is to work toward what would be the best use of our resources and efforts for outreach/education that would fulfill our responsibilities as a non-profit organization. Any suggestions you might have are welcome, so contact Lisa Lockheart, Jill Tuck, Rich Stewart, or Ron Stuart with your ideas. Their contact information is listed on the front of this newsletter.

**SAVE THE DATE 5-23-23**



**DETAILS IN THE NEXT PORRIDGE POT**

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**2023 SAS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Clan(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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