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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to our members and leadership the SASQC remains a strong and vibrant organization. Our Celtic Night Out was an epic success which will be repeated next year. Our presence at the St Pat's parade was well noted with our great St Andrew and St Patrick float. We've done a golf outing and Saimhain celebration. On December 2 the Saints Party/General Meeting should be a great event. Out of an abundance of caution and surveying our members, we've moved the Burns Dinner from January to May 7. None of this would be possible without the participation of our members and leadership of our officers and board. I'm pleased that all our board and officers have agreed to return for another term. Volunteers are the lifeblood of an organization like ours and there are plenty of volunteer opportunities planning events, working on committees and serving on the Board. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact any officer for information.

Henry Marquard

RING OF KERRY BAND FROM ST. CLOUD, MN

First Presbyterian Church
November 20 @ 7:30 p.m.
1702 Iowa St., Davenport



This group, with five engaging musicians, sing and play several instruments including bodhran, hammered dulcimer, fiddle, guitar, flute, and pennywhistle. The band has developed a blend that is animated, ruggedly beautiful and fun. The group takes its name from a beautiful craggy drive in southwestern County Kerry, Ireland. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Face masks required; venue mapped for social distancing. You may purchase tickets in the church office Monday-Friday 563-326-1691, 9:30am-noon, or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/182231759097>

CHANGE OF DATE

St. Andrew/Christmas Party/Annual Meeting
Thursday, December 2 @ 6:00 p.m.
Riverfront Grille, Rock Island
See attached reservation form for this annual event. Circumstances made it necessary to change the date again (hope you had written it on your calendars with a pencil!). The Board hopes you can come to celebrate the season and support our organization with your attendance. The following poem written by our past president, Bill Sterba, fills in a few more details:



'Tis now Twenty Twenty One,

There's a new Variant in the House,
Spreading away, its work not yet done,
Making us like Timorous Beastie, Burn's Mouse.

But there is hope, behind vaccine and mask,
That Soon Our Lives to Olden Days return,
With Covid merely an irritant from the Past,
And no Longer a Worry or Concern.

Towards that end the SASQC
has scheduled a celebration
to observe events numbering three;
an AGM & two saints' Jubilation.

St. Andrew and St Nicholas are
Well known on the Auld Sod,
In traditional garb, each a seasonal star,
Bringing joy and hope as into winter we plod.

The AGM, or Annual General Meeting
Is a requirement of our By-Laws,
As Each Fiscal Year we are completing,
And also satisfying the 501c3 clause,

The Scottish American Society Board,
Invites all Members to Join the Fun,
On December 2nd, by mutual accord,
At 6PM We'll meet everyone.

A Short Business Meeting where
By the Membership Officers are Elected,
And followed by a Heavy Hors D'Oeuvre Fare,
A Right Jolly Time, No Coal will be Detected.

So, Make your Reservations known,
Plan to Join Your Fellow Scots.

Do It today, Before Time has flown,
The Deadline is 22 November for holding your Spots!!



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ANOTHER CHANGE OF DATE

Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner

May 7, 2022

The Isle, Bettendorf, IA

After much deliberation, the Board and Burns Committee has decided to postpone this year's Burns Dinner. All members were emailed a survey to try to determine if you would be open to a change of date and, of those who responded, the answer was predominantly yes. The Committee feels this change of date addresses several issues mainly: potential for inclement weather (which has caused some problems in past years), allowing for Covid and winter-related illnesses to be less prevalent and for more vaccinations to be completed. We realize this deviates from the tradition of celebrating the Bard's birthday in January, but we are pretty sure the sky won't fall if we make this change. The plans will include: performances by Blackhawk Pipe Band, Scottish dancers, and

Troid Gaelic (father/son guitar/ fiddle performers) as well as dance lessons, a few vendors, and the usual pageantry. Members and other past attendees will receive the informational letter and reservation form in early April.

SAS GOLF OUTING

Only a few members and/or family and friends participated in the golf outing at Palmer Hills Golf Course on September 26, but they all made it around all 18 holes and were able to enjoy a day of beautiful weather.

GRAND PARADE

August 28 was definitely an unusual day for a St. Patrick's Day Parade but, rather than cancel for a second year due to Covid concerns, our Irish friends went ahead with a late summer parade for 2021. As you can see by the pictures, our float theme was Celtic Cousins and the theme was represented by Max Yates as St. Columba and Greg Bouljon as St. Patrick. Also participating as float builders, candy distributors, driver, etc. were Lisa Lockhart, Rich Stewart, Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon, Mary & Bill Sterba, Judy Hawthorne, and Bill Sterba (son of Mary & Bill). Many thanks to Sterbas for making arrangements for the transportation and materials. The very warm day was a little like being in an outdoor sauna, but it was fun!





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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events:

St. Andrews/Christmas Party/Annual Meeting - December 2, 2021

Grand Parade - March 12, 2022

Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner - May 7, 2022

**SAMHAIN GATHERING & WHISKY TASTING
THE GLOECKNER-BOUILLON HOUSEHOLD**

October 23 was a perfect evening for a bonfire and the sounds of a bagpipe. Several members and a few guests got together to celebrate Samhain. Greg Bouljon reminded us about the history of this Scottish traditional seasonal event. In addition to a really good potluck, the whisky tasters in attendance had quite a few varieties to choose from. Whenever Derek Grant played his bagpipes, cheers could be heard from a distance from others who also were enjoying the crisp fall evening in their backyard. Anyone in the group with a clan in his/her genealogy threw a stick in the bonfire and shared some of their personal family stories.



CELTIC ADVENTURES IN SCOTLAND & IRELAND

September 8-22, 2022

Gale Hoff will be promoting this exciting trip at the Thru the Stones Convention taking place at the RiverCenter in downtown Davenport December 3 & 4. If any of you have ideas of where the trip could be publicized or know of someone who might be interested, please let Gale know galehoff@gmail.com or 563-210-1591. The trip will definitely take place but has space for a few more. More details can be found on our sasqc.com website.

Reservation form for St. Andrews/Christmas Party/Annual Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2021 6:00 p.m. Riverfront Grille, 4619 34th, Rock Island, IL

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Adult \$20 _____ Children (12 and under) \$10 _____

Make check out to SASQC. Reservations required. Send no later than November 22 to:

Karen Stancliff, P.O. Box 158, Andover, IL 61233