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Kosair's Festival of Trees and Lights

The Scottish Society of Louisville participated in the annual Kosair's Festival of Trees and Lights fund raiser for the Kosair Children's Hospital Fund. The event was held at the Louisville Convention Center between 2nd & 3rd Streets and Jefferson, beginning Thursday, November 16 through Monday, November 20, 2000.

The Scottish Society vignette this year's theme was "Famous Scots in History".

Connie Fry wishes to thank all of the members who donated their time and effort in making the event a huge success.

Our tree was bought by the security force personnel at the festival.

Scottish Social Dancing

Annie Bolger announced an opportunity to learn some dances for Burn's Night in a very informal setting. Scottish Social Dancing will be held in Speed Memorial Hall in Sellersburg, IN., on November 30, December 6, and December 13, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Directions from Louisville: I-65 North to Exit 9, Sellersburg. Turn right at end of ramp. Go through the traffic light at the Dairy Queen, and through the next 2 lights. After the entrance to the high school, take the next street to the left and the church is on that corner. Parking is available behind the church and hall. For more information, contact Annie 284-3434 (w), (812) 294-1456 (h).

"Though bill-men ply the ghastly blow,

Unbroken was the ring;

The Stubborn spear-men still made good
their dark impenetrable work,

Each stepping where his comrade stood
The instant that he fell!"

Sir Walter Scott, in "Marmion"

November Program

The November program was a video presentation of the recent Scottish tour by our members, arranged and produced by Connie Fry.

Connie has had a special video of the tour made which all Society members will be anxious to see.

This November meeting was the last one for 2000.

There is no meeting for December.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2001.

Special Offer to Members

WIN A PATRONSHIP TO THE 2001 INTERNATIONAL HIGHLAND GAMES

This is being offered by the Burns Night Gala Committee to offset some of the expenses. Between now and Burns Night on January 20th, we will be offering shares at \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held at the Gala. This is a \$300.00 value. You can purchase these at the next meeting in November, at Burns Night or by contacting Patty Hughes at (812) 945-7601. Get yours NOW!

December Birthdays

Charles O. Bruce III, Cindy Hayes, Linda McArthur, D.J. McClure, Robert Somerville, Luz Suggs, Arlene Torrens, and Frank Walker are celebrating their birthdays this month.

Happy birthday to you all!

If your name was not included in the list, your date was not listed in the society roster. Call or write to Commissioner of Member Services, The Scottish Society of Louisville, Inc., PO Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232-2248.

Burns Night Gala

Burns Night celebration will be held on January 20, 2001 at KYE'S II in Jeffersonville. Kye's is located at the north end of the Second Street Bridge and is easily accessible from all directions. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with festivities beginning at 6:45 p.m. and lasting until midnight. A fabulous dinner has been planned as well as an evening full of wonderful poems of Robert Burns, the usual fanfare and toasts, and a special evening of fantastic entertainment.

Sara & Pete Walthery from Edinburgh, IN will entertain early in the evening on the harp and dulcimer, the Louisville Pipe Band will make an appearance as well as members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. There will be audience participation dances throughout the evening. The evening will culminate with Knocknagel, a Celtic band from Cincinnati whose appearance at the Oberlin College Games and the Cincinnati Celtic Festival brought standing ovations and rave reviews, will perform traditional as well as modern songs for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Tickets are now on sale at \$30.00 per person. Brochures will be ready soon and will be mailed shortly thereafter. We are looking forward to a very special evening, hope you can join us! Contact Patty Hughes at (812) 945-7601 for information/tickets.

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Calendar of events January 2001



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 SSL Board Meeting Strathmoor Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 SSL Burn's Night Dinner and Dance KYE's II Jeffersonville, IN
21	22	23 SSL Meeting Strathmoor Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27 Sutherland-Reid Pipeband Burn's Night Lexington, KY St. Andrew's Society of Evansville Burn's Night
28	29	30	31			

Scottish History

Scottish History VII

Trouble was already brewing. In August 1332, a number of Scottish nobles landed in Fife to put the Toom Tabard's son, Edward Balliol, on the throne. They marched their armies to Scone, where they crowned Balliol king. This action invited English intervention.

In summer of 1333, Edward III marched on Berwick, and heavily defeated the Scots at Halidon Hill, taking Berwick. Large numbers of Scots and clergy changed sides. David II, now ten, were sent to France for safety. In 1339, Robert Stewart, 17 year-old son of Robert the Bruce, drove out the English garrison from Brute and captured Perth. By 1340 he had cleared Scotland north of the Forth, and in 1341, brought back David from France and returned the government to him. England and France were fully engaged now in the Hundred Years War, giving the Scots a respite. Stirling and Edinburgh were recaptured by Black Agnes, winning lasting fame by her defense of her castle of Dunbar.

Robert Stewart became Regent again when in 1355, the English captured David at the battle of Neville's Cross. After several futile attempts by the English to gain control, he made a ten years' truce, in return for a crippling ransom of 100,000 marks, handed King David back to his subjects. Scotland was in a bad way, and David was a useless King. The resulting economic crisis coincided with a period of plague and floods. David's deplorable reign ended with his death in 1371. The throne was passed to Robert Stewart who assumed the throne as Robert II, the first Stewart king.

Clan MacGregor

Clan Macgregor is said to be the purest branch of the ancient Gael of Scotland now in existence - the descendants of the native Celtic stock of the country, and unmixed by blood with immigrants either of their own or any other race. The name of Clan Alpine, commonly adopted by themselves for centuries, would almost alone suffice to prove their descent from the Albionians, the first known inhabitants of Scotland.

The common story is that the clan sprung from a certain Gregorius, or Gregory, of the race of Apline, or of his son Kennedy Macalpine, the proper founder of the permanent Scottish monarchy.

Clan MacGregor's original seat was chiefly in Argyleshire and Perthshire, or on the several borders of the two counties.

The lands of Glenorchy seem to have been held at a very early period by the Macgregors, since all their traditions at least speak of a Hugh of Glenorchy as a prominent ancestor of the family.

As many lands fell before the Campbells, and other great barons, on the Highland borders, the MacGregors managed matters as well as their neighbors, but when property became secured

generally by legal title-deeds, the clan was placed at a terrible disadvantage. Through court-grants, the MacGregors were ousted from their possessions, and though they resisted, they were eventually driven from their homes, becoming the true "Children of the Mist".

All this began in the reign of Queen Mary of Scots, through two acts of the Privy Council, dated from Stirling in 1563, gave authority to Sir John Campbell of Glenorchy, to pursue the MacGregors with fire and sword. But the MacGregors were not a people easily suppressed. They seized and murdered, in 1589, John Drummond of Drummondnoch, a forester of the royal forest of Glenartney. And, as retribution for this act, they were hunted and killed.

The MacGregors' victory over the Colquhouns at Glenfruin gives a sad picture of the times. The chief, called Dugald Ciar Mhor, ancestor of Rob Roy, was eminently noted on this occasion.

The consequence was that measures of extreme severity were resorted to for the punishment of the Macgregors. By a Privy Council act of 1603, the very name of MacGregor was abolished, all those who bore that name were to adopt other surnames, and no weapons of any kind were to be carried.

William III amplified the prohibition, making the clan once more "nameless and landless".

There arose the familiar figure of Rob Roy, idolized in the writings of Sir Walter Scott, whose revolution against the authority caused more unhappy consequence for the clan.

Up to the eighteenth century, the MacGregors were legally a nameless clan, although practically, the law recognized the name, and none of the penal statutes were ever enforced. The British Parliament finally abolished all these traces of ancient barbarity, and the MacGregors showed loyalty to their clan. The MacGregors have bravely served their country by field and flood, and enjoyed all civic privileges.

Out of the battle of Sherriffmuir comes a satirical ballad to stigmatize our hero's conduct on that memorable occasion:

'Rob Roy se stood watch
On the hill for to catch
The booty, for aught that I saw, man;
For he ne'er advanced
From the place where he stanced,
Til nae mair was to do there at a', man.'

Submitted by Hardin Gregg



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Kilts for Burn's Night

Scottish Society member Robert Kostuck has many kilts in many different tartans, mostly in children's sizes, approx. 18' - 30", also some sizes. He will "rent" these out for Burn's Night. He asks for \$10 to use the kilt and \$7 for cleaning, plus any UPS charges if he has to send the kilt. He has only kilts, no accessories. If you are interested, fax the size you need, etc. to Robert at (812) 544-2452, and he'll let you know what he'd got.

Louisville Pipe Band

Members of LPB will be playing December 29 - 31 at the Boar's Head Festival, St. Paul United Methodist Church.



Light Up Louisville

The annual Light Up Louisville event was held on Friday November 24. The Scottish Society had it's booth on the belvedere, changed from 6th street, as last did "our thing" of helping people find their Scottish Clan connections.

The event started at 12 o'clock (noon) on the 24th and ran until after festivities have concluded, about 11 p.m.

Thanks to Pat & Gary Schweitzer, David McCreath, Mark Stewart, Liz Copeland, Robert Kostuck, and Hardin & Pat Gregg, for their help in the event.

"I ne'er sat on your coat tail"

I never impeded you in any way.

A Gaelic Lesson

Slainte, sonas agus beartas
(slahn-tchuh, sonnus ughuss b-yarshtuss)
Health, wealth & happiness

New Members Recognized

Please recognize our newest members, Mark and Karen Robinson. Mark is an attorney and Karen is a professor. They met the Scottish Society at the Light Up Louisville event and signed up immediately.

Thanks, Mark and Karen.

A special recognition of our visitors should be made. We wish to thank them for stopping by and enjoying an evening with the Society.

Some recent visitors are:

Etta Hover
Trach York
John & Diane Holtzden
Patricia Francis
John Albert

Many thanks for sharing your evening with us. We hope you enjoyed the meeting and will join our growing Society.

Upcoming Events

- December 13 Scottish Social Dance
Speed Memorial Hall
Sellersburg, IN
- December 16 Galloglas Christmas Show with special guest
Karen McKenzie
Rudyard Kipling, 422 W. Oak Street,
8:00 p.m. Call 636-1311
Reservations suggested!
- December 16 Ten Penny Bit
O'Shea's Irish Pub
956 Baxter Ave., 9:30 - 2:00
- December 16 German Club Dinner/Dance
- December 17 SDE Luncheon
- December 26 Boxing Day at the Irish
Rover Breakfast/Brunch featuring Ten
Penny Bit, 2319 Frankfort Ave.
- December 29 - 31 Boars Head Festival
St. Paul United Methodist Church
2000 Douglas Blvd.
Admission free, but you must call
in advance for tickets, 459-1595.
No December SSL Meeting!
- January 20 SSL Burn's Night Celebration
KYE's II, Jeffersonville, IN
- January 23 SSL Meeting
- January 27 Sutherland-Reid Pipeband
Burn's Night Dinner, Lexington, KY
- January 27 St. Andrew's Society of Evansville,
IN, Burn's Night Dinner
- February 27 SSL Meeting

Correction

The dates listed in the last SSL newsletter for the Boar's Head Festival at St. Paul United Methodist Church were incorrect.
The Festival will be on December 29, 30, and 31.



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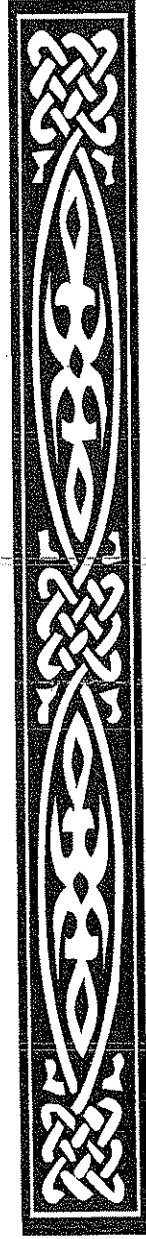
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1 Highland Reign
at O'Shea's Irish Pub

5 Scottish Social Dancing
Speed Memorial Hall
Sellersburg, IN

6 Scottish Social Dancing
Speed Memorial Hall
Sellersburg, IN

12 SSL Board Meeting
Strathmoor Presbyterian
Church
7:30 p.m.

19 Reminder:
NO SSL Meeting!
Boxing Day
at the Irish Rover

26 Boar's Head Festival
St. Paul United Methodist
Church

15 Ten Penny Bit
at O'Shea's Irish Pub

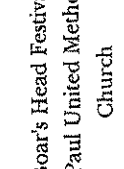
16 Galloglas Christmas Show
at the Roodyard Kipling

22 German Club Dinner/Dance

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Nollaig Chrìdheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur

(Nooa-eek chree-yell ughuss blee-unnuh va oor)

(Mery Christmas and Happy New Year)

Strathmoor Presbyterian Church,
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1/2 mile north of the Watterson (I-264)

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Minutes from November Meeting 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Vice President Carolyn Marret, acting in the absence of President David McCreath. She asked those in attendance if there were any visitors or new members, and several were introduced.

Patti Hughes, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted as read. She also reported on ticket sales for Burn's Night: only 400 tickets are available for \$30.00 each and we always sell out, so get your tickets early. Burn's Night brochures will be mailed out to our mass mailing list by the week of Christmas. A raffle tickets for sale at \$5.00 a ticket to win a patronship to the 2001 Glasgow Highland Games, valued at \$300.00. The drawing will be held on Burn's Night.

Connie Fry thanked everyone who volunteered and helped out at the Festival of Trees and Lights. She will need many more volunteers if we are to have a tree in the Festival again next year.

Gary Schweitzer, Clan McFritz, announced that the German Club has invited members of the Scottish Society to their Covered-dish Dinner/Dance on December 16.

Angie Bowling, from the Sons and Daughters of Erin, announced they are having a luncheon on December 17 at the Arrow Club. Tickets are \$15 for the all-you-can-eat meal. Call Angie at 447-0046 for more information and tickets.

Judy Keown, Hospitality, will need people to bring food and help in the kitchen when meetings resume in January.

Don Fletcher, from UPS, thanked the club for the plaque. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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