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**Serving the Celtic Communities of: Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall (England), Galicia (Spain), Brittany (France), Scotland and Ireland**



Mark those calendars

## Upcoming Events

- June 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Midsummer's Eve at the Knight's 6pm.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> "Gathering of the Clans" Downtown on 6<sup>th</sup> St. By The Celtic Connection. Music Dancing Food & General Fun.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pacific Northwest Scottish Games & Clan Gathering.
- Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> SIS Picnic at the Burke's.
- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> RC Society for Genealogical Research.



President Pat Hamilton

## President's Message

We've got some great things planned for this spring and summer!

**FIRST** – Ron Hunter, president of the Dakota Celts (other Celtic organization in town), will be the program at our May general meeting. He's going to talk about his club's mission and activities and leave some time for our questions. Ron is making a special trip from

Nebraska for our program, so please plan on joining us.

**SECOND** – We’re putting together a volume 4 of our Scottish & Irish Society Cookbook. Siaryn Duggan + Sally Knight are collecting recipes for this publication. We’re hoping that we will gather enough recipes from our membership to be able to sell our 4<sup>th</sup> edition at the Celtic Street Festival.

**THIRD** – Sally & Bill Knight are once again hosting their annual Midsummer’s Eve extravaganza. For us regulars, it’s one of the highlights of the summer. If you haven’t joined us before – be sure to mark it on your calendar so you don’t miss this!

**FOURTH** – Our first Celtic Street Fest is July 30<sup>th</sup>! We’ll be hosting a Celtic food concession. Mark that date on your calendar – You don’t want to miss this!

#### **HELP WANTED!**

We need a new V.P. We need to wish Josh Ellis well on his new job in N.D. HOWEVER, that leaves a hole in our leadership ranks. The Vice President’s primary responsibilities are to fill in for the President in my absence and help arrange for programs at the general meetings.

## Minutes

SIS meeting Minutes – May 17, 2011

1. President Pat Hamilton called the meeting to order.

2. Aliyah Sanders volunteered to serve as a rotating Secretary and was approved to record the minutes.
3. Prior rotating Secretary, Sally Knight, read the minutes from the April meeting.
4. Treasurer, Carole Conrad, was not present to read the Treasury Report so Pat Hamilton read the report, which stated that SIS funds balance was \$2199.99.
5. Pat Hamilton announced the Rapid City Family History Expo, an all day event featuring genealogical workshops, hosted by an LDS group from Morgan, Utah to take place on June 18, 2011 at Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. The door price is \$50 for the workshop and \$20 for the meal with a savings of up to \$15 if purchased by May 31<sup>st</sup>. For event info go to their web page at [familyhistoryexpos.com](http://familyhistoryexpos.com).
6. Member, Dr. Ken Vogle, agreed to e-mail a list of the genealogical workshops to Pat Hamilton
7. Pat Hamilton announced that SIS’s Vice President, Josh Ellis will be moving to North Dakota and that SIS will, therefore, need a new V.P. Various Member were asked if they would be interested in being the new interim V.P.
8. Board Member, Susan Kains, declined the position of V.P. but offered to present a BBC documentary entitled “The Celts” at the July 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting.
9. A short discussion about Stonehenge and the blue stones ensued between Sally Knight and Aliyah Sanders.
10. Several other board members and past officers declined the position of V.P.
11. Dr. Vogle posed a question about potential leadership burnout syndrome.
12. Former Board member and committee member, Aliyah Sanders, offered some personal insight as to past burnout from volunteer work, and proceeded to

- volunteer to replace Josh Ellis as interim V.P.
13. Dr. Vogle acknowledged the volunteer, Sally Knight made a motion to nominate Aliyah Sanders as V.P., Pat Hamilton seconded the nomination and opened the vote to the general membership. The Ayes were in favor.
  14. Aliyah Sanders is the new Vice President.
  15. Bill and Sally reported news from the The Gathering of the Clans Committee
    - There will be a fee of \$25 for a non-profit booth
    - SIS will have a food booth selling Beer and Pub Beef and ale sandwiches
    - We will have room for some other vendors' booths including food vendors
    - Funds to be used for this Street fair will come from a \$3500 available till from the Gathering of the Clans organization.
    - Potential food booth items included a taste of haggis (on a stick or in a spoon) and sausages.
  16. Sally Knight asked for more recipes for the new volume of the SIS cookbook, which will be printed this year. Three members have recipes to send.
  17. Board Member John Burke suggested his office as an alternative meeting site that offers first floor access. His office is called Wells Fargo Advisors and is located at 625 Main Street in downtown Rapid City.
  18. Dr. Vogle suggested combining efforts with Dakota Celts and possibly meeting at the Fairgrounds in the Dakota Celts Building. The general consensus inferred that since the Dakota Celts pay an average of \$100/mo to rent their building at the fairgrounds and since we are presently not paying any fees for monthly meetings but rather are currently saving those funds for holiday and summer events, that the extra cost was outside the scope of our budget at this time. It was also mentioned that the programs offered by the two groups vary and that a variety of Celtic cultural programs is preferable in our growing community. It was agreed that having the option of attending each other's events at will is desirable.
  19. Dr. Vogle inquired as to the Non-profit status of SIS and Pat Hamilton confirmed SIS's 501C3 status, which point Dr. Vogle suggested asking for donations rather than a collection of dues, therefore making membership free and encouraging more members to attend.
  20. The Treasurer, Carole Conrad (a long time tax-preparer) was called via speaker-phone and verified that dues cannot be more than 20% of the gross income of a 501C3 organization.
  21. Pat Hamilton indicated that donations would go into a general SIS fund.
  22. Sally Knight replied that the donations could be of a suggested amount.
  23. Dr. Vogle made a motion to ask for donations rather than to require dues. Sally Knight seconded the motion. Pat Hamilton opened the motion for a vote by the general meeting that there be a vote by the board regarding this matter at the next board meeting. The "Ayes" were unanimous.
  24. There will be a vote at the next board meeting on the issue of free membership with a suggested donation amount.
  25. Pat Hamilton indicated that members would be notified by e-mail of the results of this vote by the board.
  26. Midsummer's Eve topics were opened for discussion with Sally Knight reporting on this event. The event will take place at Bill and Sally Knight's residence on June 25, 2011, starting around 5pm. There will not be a general meeting in June due to the proximity of the regular meeting time to this event.

27. Pat Hamilton summarized upcoming SIS events and their dates:

- June 25<sup>th</sup> Midsummer's Eve at the Knight's residence
- July 19<sup>th</sup> BBC video at general meeting w/Susan Kains
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Street Festival downtown Rapid City
- August Members Picnic at John and Nancy Burke's 5pm Aug 20, 2011(no general meeting in August.)
- September 20<sup>th</sup> Rapid City Society for Genealogical research with June Beeson (contact e-mail: [Treehunter@rap.midco.net](mailto:Treehunter@rap.midco.net))

28. Susan Kains passed out flyers for a new course series, which she will offer that looks into reintegrating pre-roman Celtic Christianity with its elements of Breton Paganism, other forms of ancient Celtic Culture and the Rule of St. Columba into our modern world. The first meeting is to be on Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> at the South Park United Church of Christ on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Florman Ave. from 7-9 pm.

29. Pat Hamilton called the meeting to adjourn.

## Irish Blessing

### A Blessing on Everyone

As plentiful as the grass that grows,  
Or the sand on the shore,  
Or the dew on the lea,  
So the blessings of the King of Grace  
On every soul that was, that is, or that will  
be.

## Officers

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Moving day at the old storage unit. Gary Hamilton, Jim Byrne, and Bill Knight.

# Member Notes



## THE COMMUNITY OF ST. COLUMBA

We are a new Community of Christians striving towards a visible unity of the cosmic & the human with the natural & the divine, drawing wisdom from the Celtic Saints and inspiration from the mysteries of Celtic sacred landscapes & holy places, incorporating Celtic Studies, Celtic music, Celtic prayers & meditations, community celebrations of Holy Communion and other forms of worship in both human-made and natural environments.

A Gathering of the Community of St. Columba will strive, each time we meet, to balance head & heart with intellectual-historical content,

discussion & reflections, music & mediation, Celtic foods, connections or immersion in nature and how this is relevant for today. Readings will be recommended (or provided at a nominal charge). Any topic can be developed more fully at a later time, and so the schedule is open to revisions by the community. These are suggested topics in order to provide a common basis of knowledge among community members from the outset.

Convener: Rev. Dr. Susan M. Kains, Celtic Scholar, Minister and Educator, member of Clans MacMillan, Cameron, Gray, Stuart, Douglas (Scotland), Griffith (Wales), and Cahans (Northern Ireland), member of the Community of the Tonsured Servant (CTS) of Clan MacMillan, who are descendents of the Celtic Culdee Priests, Monks & Abbots who refused to be absorbed into the Roman church following the decision at the Synod of Whitby, still wearing the Celtic Tonsure until the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. These descendents are committed to serving the underserved and to providing positive opportunities to those in distress and to promote the study of their roots in the Celtic Church of Family and Clan.

Location: These may vary according to the topic but the first meeting will be at South Park United Church of Christ on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. at Florman Ave. on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE  
DATES

. Celtic Christianity  
Today: An Overview      Tues.,  
May 31

& of our Spiritual  
Roots & the Living  
Spirituality of the  
Celtic Diaspora



. The Ancient British  
Isles and the  
Pagan-Christian  
Syncretization:  
a Time Line of History

. The Early Celtic  
Church: Qualities,  
Practices, Values &  
Yearnings, Sacred  
Numbers, Animals &  
Plants, the Tonsure  
of John, the Peregrini  
Cristi (Wanderers  
for Christ); the  
Anamchara or Soul Friend

. The Rule of Columba:  
His Life and Works

. Some Celtic Saints:  
Their Distinguished  
Ancestry, Extraordinary  
Events at Birth,

Mentors, Spiritual  
Leadership, Miracles,  
Travels, Gift of  
Prophecy, Events at Their  
Death & Marvelous  
Relationships with Animals

. The Celtic Church in  
Wales: from the Welsh Triads  
of the Druid System to  
the Welsh Poetry  
of the Church; the  
Centrality of the Trinity &  
Incarnation & the  
Interweaving of the Doctrine  
of Creation with the  
Doctrine of Redemption

. The Celtic Church in  
Scotland: Dunblane &  
Dunkeld of the  
Culdees; the tonsure of John  
& the Trial of Gilchrist  
Mac'Mholean

. The Carmina Gadelica:  
Oral Tradition of the  
Scots-Gaels including  
chants, spells, customs,  
prayers, and  
incantations, collected at the  
time  
of the great expulsion  
from the land in the  
1800's

. The Celtic Church in  
Ireland with Heart Connections


from John O'Donahue,  
Irish Priest-Philosopher





+ Solitude is  
Luminous  
+ A Spirituality of  
the Senses  
+ The Mystery of  
Friendship  
+ Work as a  
Poetics of Growth  
+ Ageing: The  
Beauty of the Inner Harvest  
+ Death:  
The Horizon is in the Well

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