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Newsletter

September 2012

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Mark those calenda

Upcoming Events

- Regular Membership Meeting.
Sept. 18th 7pm. Raben Real Estate Building, 302 Main St. Rapid City, SD
Presentation about pagan sites and holidays in Ireland.
- Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Visit their website for info on Shamrocks & Shenanigans Sept. 29th & 30th.
- Board Meeting Oct. 2nd. 7pm. Dr Jim Byrne's dental office On Canyon Lake
Dr. Members are welcome to attend.
- Samhain Oct. 27th Hamilton's house.
The traditional Halloween Celtic celebration. Costumes are encouraged.



President Gary Hamilton

September 2012

It sounds cliché but "My, this summer has been a quick one". It is my favorite time of year. I like to be outside.

That being said it is time to focus on SIS indoor activities ahead.

Merger with Dakota Celts: We put this effort to rest through the summer. The main players in planning the merger were very busy. SIS held two great summer gatherings and Dakota Celts conducted a fund raiser at the Central States Fair. The merger committee will meet in

October to discuss the next steps. We have targeted the start of the next membership calendar year for completion of the merger.

Speaking of the Central States Fair, thanks go to all of you who volunteered to help Dakota Celts with their fund raiser at the fair. Carole Conrad, Jim and Marlene Wilcox, Paul Smith, Holly Lemay, John and Nancy Burke, Kevin Queen, Bill and Sally Knight, Pat and Gary Hamilton all signed up. It was fun and it was a good chance to get better acquainted with Dakota Celts.

I missed the July General Membership meeting but have been told several times that Holly Lemay's presentation on her trip to Ireland was excellent. Thank Holly when you see her.

Turning back to our winter activities please mark your calendars for Samhain. Pat and I wish to welcome you to our house (actually our garage) once again for SIS annual Halloween Celebration. Saturday, October 27 is the date. We could use some help decorating in the afternoon. More details will follow.

And keep Hogmanay in mind. We have traditionally done this in someone's house on a date near New Years Eve. We will celebrate with a traditional Celtic meal and a First Footing. Maybe you would consider having it at your house.

I hope that you can keep membership meetings in mind all winter. It is our intention to continue presentations which grow our understanding of our Celtic heritage. Our next meeting will be on September 18

The SIS board of directors met September 4. Please read the minutes of the meeting. We passed two motions which should be vetted by the general membership. One would add a surcharge to late member dues. The other

motion states that event tickets sold thru local businesses would only be offered at the non-member prices. I feel that we should discuss these motions at our next general meeting to be sure that you would agree. This is YOUR club after-all and you can over-turn the motions.

If you have an idea for subject matter or a presentation that you can give us please volunteer it.

I hope that this newsletter finds you energized and looking forward to our winter events.

Meeting Notes

Scottish and Irish society Board Meeting
September 4, 2012
Jim Byrne's office

Meeting called to order at 7:15. Minutes were read. No corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Net profit for this year is \$1,086.85. Checking account has \$ 2,872.96.

Old Business: A meeting with Dakota Celts is pending due to the Central States Fair, the Highland games, and the horse show. Gary has established that Dakota Celts will dissolve. Next meeting will be in October.

The Burke's picnic was successful and enjoyable.

SIS had 12 members volunteer to help with Celts Hall during the Fair and Mike and Ron expressed appreciation to all.

Holly Lemay's presentation was well received by SIS members. A thank you will be posted in the newsletter.

New Business: SIS membership billing cycle (for dues) will begin in September. Members will be asked to pay dues by January 1 2013. Starting January 2 a fee of \$5.00 will be incurred to help cover postage and losses taken from non-paying members who have received discounts on the fund raising dinners. Motion was made by Gary Hamilton and seconded by Jim Byrne. Gary will post more information in the newsletter.

To assist Siaryn Duggan with ticket sales at Celtic Connection, the board will ask members to pay full price for tickets, then ask for a refund equivalent to the discount.

A motion was made by Sally Knight to make a coffee basket for Raben Realty to replace the coffee that was used by S gift certificate for the use of their office IS's general meetings. Seconded by Jim Byrne. Carole made a motion to give Raben Realty a \$50.00 gift certificate for the use of their office space. Seconded by Gary Hamilton.

The website domain is requesting a \$35.00 payment for another year. The board decided to pay the bill now and discuss changes to the site after the merger.

Programs for future meetings:

September will feature John Burke speaking about Celtic Archaeological discoveries.
October: Samhain party at the Hamiltons.
November: Kevin Queen will submit an article to the newsletter. Program is still open.
December: Hogmanay.
Other Ideas: islands of Scotland.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm. Sally Knight, secretary.

Of Interest

Nobility Peerage of Great Briton & Northern Ireland

Rankings

King

Duke

Marquis

Earl/ Count

Baron/Viscount

Baronett

Knight

Dukedom: a sovereign prince ruling a duchy. The highest rank outside the ruling family.

Knight: A man given the rank of knighthood by the monarch in recognition of merit especially in public service. His rank is next below a baronet and is not hereditary. A man of noble birth who having served as page or squire was given an honorable military rank, or as a military attendant on a lord or his lady.

Knighthood was established as a military profession in both England and Europe by the 10th c. By the 11th c. it was associated with the holding of

land on a feudal system. In return for lands held from his overlord, each knight was supposed to render 40 days' military service per year (sometimes more).

By the time of the Crusades a religious element was added, and the accolade was often preceded by vigil before the altar. The knightly code embodied courage, piety, honor, loyalty, and respect for womanhood. Since knighthood remained non-hereditary, while land was handed down on a heredity basis, there grew up a body of landless knights who often banded together in military orders. The chief of these were the Knights Hospitalers (who helped the poor & ill in Jerusalem) and the Knights Templar (who guarded pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem). By the 16th c. knighthood was becoming a civil rather than a military honor

Chancellor: (Not a rank of nobility, but an honorable & important position)

The Chancellor was in charge of the monarch's household and court, and was a close confidant.

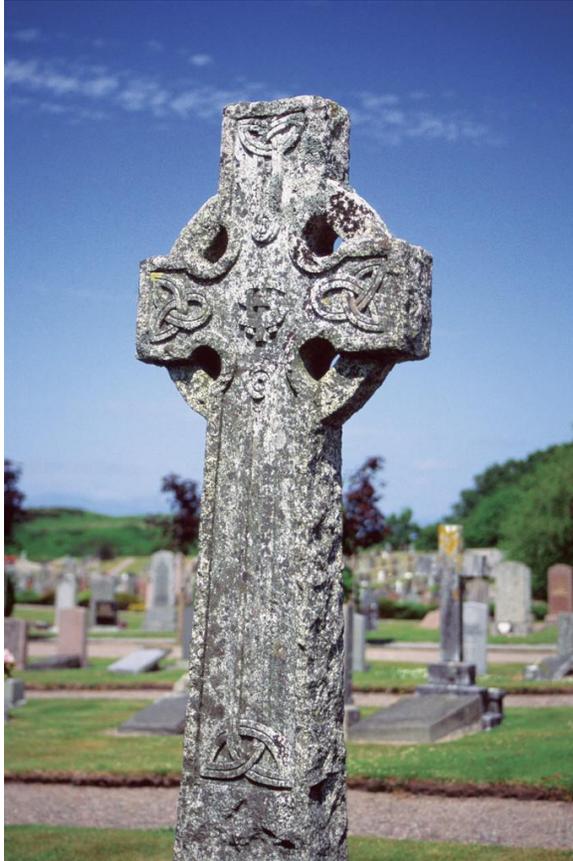
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Nancy Burke showing her new tats at the picnic. You never know what may happen at a SIS event.

