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Upcoming Events

EARLY MEETING THIS MONTH!!!!

November General Membership Meeting
November 13, 7:00, at Celts Hall at the Central States Fairgrounds. Pat and Gary Hamilton will tag team a couple of short presentations on Celtic Culture. To get to Celts Hall drive to the fairgrounds south on Lacross St. Turn left at the Red Barn. The hall is straight ahead and on the right. (see map at end of this newsletter)

Hogmanay – Scottish New Year

December. Date and location will be announced. Watch for more details in our December newsletter and on our website.
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Robert burns Birthday Celebration

Tentatively scheduled for January 26, at Celts Hall at the Central States Fairgrounds.



President Gary Hamilton

President's Letter November 2012

Are you wondering why “no news” this month? Well, we depend upon you, the members to contribute news worthy items. Cultural information, genealogy, event announcements, an experience that you have had lately,... Please submit articles to John Burke or me.

And, yes the minutes of our recent meetings did not make the early press deadline this month. Watch for them in a future newsletter.

Samhain was a grand success. Everyone was in costume and we had a fine potluck dinner. We had a dozen turnip jack-o-lanterns. All were quite creatively carved. Team 1 won the games! Yea for team 1!

The winter holidays are upon us. Remember to watch for our Hogmanay announcement. We have a couple of possible locations for the party this year. We always like to have a dinner and first footing to start the new year.

We expect to take a few more steps toward the merger of Dakota Celts and Scottish and Irish Society. The committee plans to meet this month to make a final plan for the legal steps. We would then like to take it back to the respective clubs for approval. With any luck we can accomplish the re-organization by the new year.

With winter come those long quiet evenings at home. It is this time of year that I like to work on genealogy research. This really brings it home for me. It is fun to find a family connection to the ancient events which shaped Celtic history. Our families lived on a relatively small land mass. Many of us probably share some common roots. Finding an early relative at a famous battle or a marriage into well respected clan can be exciting. It also sobering to find an ancestor who came to America because of the potato famine or because of some undeserved persecution. We are about due for a genealogy program at a meeting. In the mean time I would encourage you to start your search for you heritage.

In closing I will say it again; membership renewals are coming up at year end. Please pay them early and save SIS some postage sending you reminders.

I hope that you have a joyous Thanksgiving.

*Yours aye,
Gary Hamilton*

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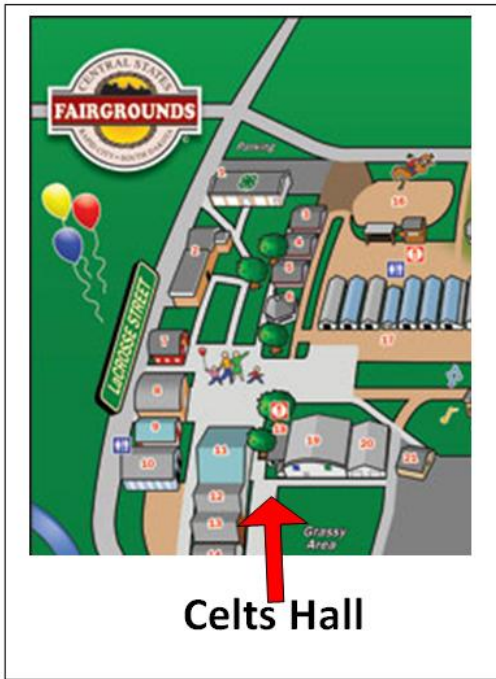
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