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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

January 15, 2013, 7:00 pm – Celts Hall on the Central States Fairgrounds. Carole Conrad will speak about Orkney Islands.

Robert Burns Birthday Celebration

January 26, 2013, 6:00 pm. At Celts Hall at the Central States Fairgrounds. Tickets on sale through Dakota Celts, SIS and the Celtic Connection.

General Membership Meeting

February 19, 2013, 7:00 pm – Celts Hall on the Central States Fairgrounds. Program to be announced.

Dakota Celts Whisky Tasting

February 24, 2013, 3:00-5:00 pm – Colonial House Restaurant. Tickets on sale through Dakota Celts and Canyon Lake Liquor. Must be purchased in advance.

St Patrick's Day Dinner and Ceilidh

March 16, 2013, 6:00 pm. At the Chop House on Canyon Lake. Tickets on sale soon through Dakota Celts, SIS and the Celtic Connection.



President Gary Hamilton

President's Letter

January 2013

I hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's holidays. Do not forget to thank Kevin Queen for his fine Hogmanay party. We had about thirty people there. Kevin tells me that the hardiest guests only held out until 11:30 (not midnight). You will not hear me criticize. I left about 10:00.

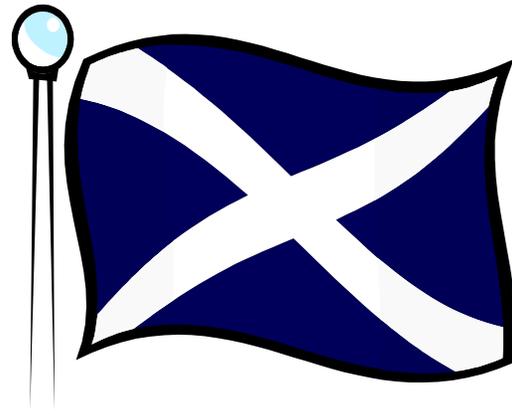
Anyway, on behalf of the Scottish and Irish Society, thank you, Kevin, for the great Hogmanay. I also want to thank Holly Lemay for playing flute and whistle. It added just the right atmosphere to a Celtic party.

Carole Conrad, Winnie Balster and Nancy Burke are still looking for a slate of officers and board members for the 2013 term. Please consider running for office when they call you.

While this is not my last missive as your president the end of my term is drawing near. I want to thank all of the members for their help throughout this year. All of our events have been successful and fun. The treasury has grown about \$1000. Membership has grown. As we look to 2013 I think that we have many good things coming. Among them, my favorites would be the prospect of merging with Dakota Celts and another shot at resuscitating the downtown Celtic street festival.

Finally, you will read elsewhere about our plans for the annual Robert Burns Birthday Celebration. The planning is pretty well complete and we are now in the implementation phase. It promises to be another good time. I hope to see you there.

*Yours aye,
Gary Hamilton*



Celebrate the Birthday of the Man Who Saved "Auld Lang Syne"

Dakota Celts and the Scottish and Irish Society of the Black Hills Have joined together to celebrate Robert Burns' Birthday with traditional food and music. During a time of Scottish political unrest, the British monarchy banned many things of cultural significance to the Scots. Among them were the famous Highland tartans, most traditional literature and the Gaelic language. Robert Burns, the Poet Laureate of Scotland, is credited for helping to rescue the culture and music of Scotland from extinction in the 1700's. Burns toured the country writing down folk songs and poems. In addition he wrote many original works. Burns translated a Scottish bar anthem called, "Auld Lang Syne", keeping it alive for us all to enjoy in our modern New Years Eve celebrations.

A social will be followed by traditional dinner and Celtic music on January 26, 2013, beginning at 6:00 pm. It will be held at Celts Hall on the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City, SD. Celtic music will be performed by YesterYear. Andrew Sullivan will be our featured bagpiper. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Celtic Connection, 517 6th Street; Rapid City. The cost is \$20 for

members of the Dakota Celts and Scottish and Irish Society. The cost is \$25 for non-members. Children under 10 years old are admitted for \$10.



Bill Knight serving the Haggis

Celtic Triva

The Stone of Destiny

Yesterday I watched a movie entitled, The Stone of Destiny. It was based upon the story of Iain Hamilton a dedicated nationalist who reignited Scottish pride back in the 1950's with his bold

raid to bring the Stone of Scone back to Scotland from England. The movie was filmed in Scotland and England and scenery was ofcourse beautiful which I enjoyed, but even more were the emotions that became revived to have such a cherished ancient symbol return back home.

So what is the stone of Destiny?



It is an oblong block of red sandstone used for the crowning of kings of Scotland. Legends say it was originally brought from Ireland as the coronation stone of the early D'al Riata Gaels when settling in Scotland. The celtic name of the stone is Lia Fail, the speaking stone or the magical stone that could proclaim the next chosen king of Scotland. The more historically story however is of Fergus the son of Ferchard, the first king of Scotland. It was kept in the now ruined Scone Abbey in Scone Scotland near Perth.

The stone remained in Scone until 1296 when King Edward I removed the stone from Scotland after one of his victories. It was not until 1996 that it was announced by the House of Commons that the stone would return to Scotland and reside in Edinburgh castle. It remains with the crown jewels in the Crown Room.

This is the short and sweet version of it although as the years pass, geologists are arguing with legends and historians arguing with archaeologists. Either way, it was something to fight for.

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