



These 2 groups merged recently and now we need a new name:

- The Scottish & Irish Society of the Black Hills
- The Dakota Celts

May 2013

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## Upcoming Events

- **May 15, 2013 - General Membership Meeting**  
May 15, 2013 -- 7:00 pm – Celts Hall on the Central States Fairgrounds. Program to be a discussion on Celts Hall and the relationship with the Fairgrounds
- **June 5, 2013 - Board Meeting** –7 pm - . Location TBA. Notice the change to Wednesdays.
- **June 22, 2013** – Midsummer's Eve – at Sally & Bill Knight's house – more information coming

## President's Message



**President Bill Knight**

Who says history doesn't repeat itself. The first time I became your president was a result of the reigning president resigning and now I find myself in this position once again. I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead of us with the merger of the two Celtic groups. The new Black Hills Celtic Society in this president's mind has a very bright future ahead

of it. And it doesn't matter where or what building we may end up meeting in or even what day of the week we choose to meet. What really matters is the members. This organization is not the presidents club nor the boards club it is a members based organization and the members will determine the success and failures of the society. The member's participation and efforts put forth and willingness to set aside a portion of their busy schedules will be the driving force that moves this society forward for many years to come. So I encourage each and every one of us to challenge ourselves to come forward with new ideas and insights as to what we really want from this organization to make it a dynamic group based on our Celtic roots and desires. Again I look forward to the many good times ahead and the very bright future for the Black Hills Celtic Society.

Bill Knight

President BHCS

## Celts Hall

### Meeting with Fairgrounds on the Future of Celts Hall

A subcommittee made up of Ron Hunter, Pat Hamilton, Bill & Sally Knight met with Pam Teller from the Fairgrounds on May 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss future options for Celts Hall. The minutes from that meeting follow.

- Members will be able to pick from several options. Pam suggested using the Lions Club for the rent amount of \$25 per meeting. Celts Hall would run \$250 per month providing we rent it in the winter.

- The Celts Hall committee discussed ways to bring the cost of heating the building down with minor improvements.
- Pam went over what the fair pays for in maintenance, which would be infrastructure.
- The disrepair of the wood in the kitchen would fall into the infrastructure category, where as improvements to reduce the cost of heat would fall into the category of the renters (us).
- Pam will find out what the minimum rate is for electric and gas.
- Keep in mind that we are paying \$45 per month for storage at the Storage Shed. Should the utilities fall into this price range, it would be feasible to continue with Celts Hall.
- Should we choose the Lion's Club, Celts hall will become winterized and we would be unable to use water.
- Also brought to the table was the profits from the state fair and the horse fair has the potential to bring in enough money to have the Burns dinner and St. Pat dinner elsewhere such as the Chop House.
- Members will need to make their decision by October 14, 2013.
- More information will be offered at the membership meeting on May 15.

Submitted by Sally Knight, Secretary

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