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Burns Night is Coming!

Invitations have been sent!

The annual Burns Night Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Meadowbrook Country Club. Please note the new venue! The social hour (cash bar) begins at 5:30 and the festivities start at 6:30. Look forward to the presentation of the haggis (and eating it, of course), toasts, music, good food, and good fellowship. The Press Gang will once again be the evening's musical entertainment.

Please bring items for the silent auction. If it's Scottish-themed, that's terrific, and it might get more bids, but it's not a requirement that it be Scottish. Just something you think people would like to bid on. The auction is our main fundraiser for the year (we don't really make any money off ticket sales, unfortunately), so we depend on the auction's success. And the other (and probably more important) way to make it a success is to BID on items, and get those bids up there, well above the "lowball" bids.

Ticket prices are \$50 per person for Society members, \$55 per person for non-members. Yes, this is up a bit from the past, but we have kept ticket prices low for years, and costs have caught up with us. Remember this still covers a full 4-course meal and entertainment. Invitations list choice of entrée: beef, chicken, salmon, vegetarian (pasta); be sure to include all choices in your party along with the requisite ticket amount.

Contact Ann Terrill-Scholte, for registration, and/or for giving a brief description of your donated items for the auction. (terrillscholte@gmail.com, or 804-338-0580). Mailing address is on back page of this newsletter.



Apologies for the delay in sending out this newsletter—there was just too much going on in your humble newsletter preparer's life in December. Please remember every aspect of the Society is done on an unpaid, voluntary basis! Having said that, we'd love to have more of you involved in the running of the Society. It's a lot of work for the "same old same olds" and we'd appreciate adding more folks to the pool of people we can rely on to keep the Society functioning!

Please donate to the Burns Night Silent Auction! See the first page description.

Scottish Society and Area Celtic-Themed Events, Jan-Feb

*January 8: SSR Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

*January 27: Annual Burns Supper, 5:30 p.m.

*February Pub Night, Rare Olde Times, date TBA

Member News and Related News

Welcome to the following new members:

James Campbell, Margaret Clark, and a “mystery” Emory (trying to follow up on the membership application to track down complete name and other info!)

We hope to see you at an upcoming event!

And happy birthday to the following Society members:

December:

James Pollard, Dec. 13; Jerry Mackay, Dec. 15; Bruce Sutton, Dec. 19

January

Bob Land, Jan. 6; John Dickinson, Jan. 14; Christopher Martin, Jan 15; Brynley Dolman, Jan. 25; Maggie Mackay, Jan. 28

February

Mary Sue Krout, Feb. 13

If you don't see your birthday, please let us know, so we can add it to our database for future birthday wishes!

In Memoriam:

We are sad to report that former Scottish Society President Daniel Simpson passed away November 23, 2017. Our sincerest condolences are with his wife, Lucy, and all his friends & loved ones.

We also would like to express our sympathies to the family and friends of Jack Keith, and to the St. Andrews Society of Richmond, of which he was president. Jack also died last November.

Recipe: Savoury Pumpkin Crumble Source: <https://www.scotland.org/about-scotland/food-and-drink/scottish-recipes/savoury-pumpkin-crumble>

INGREDIENTS (CONVERSION FROM METRIC REQUIRED—EASILY FOUND ONLINE)

- 100g cold butter
- 150g plain flour
- 10g sea salt
- 100g mature cheddar
- 75g almonds, hazelnuts or walnuts chopped
- 600g pumpkin
- 300g butternut squash
- 50ml olive oil
- 1 onion
- Garlic
- Nutmeg

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas mark 4. To make the pumpkin topping, work the cold butter into sieved flour. Rub with your finger until it forms a sandy texture.

Add the salt, cheese and nuts.

Cut the vegetables into small, bite-size pieces and sweat in a large pan. Stir occasionally, until the vegetables start to take on colour. Add the onion and garlic and sweat under foil. Pour into an ovenproof dish and sprinkle with the topping. Bake for 20 minutes.

The Society in the last few months... and looking ahead...

- Hosted a tent at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, where we welcomed some new members and offered information to guests of the games
- Had a successful pub night at Rare Olde Times in November
- Was glad to have Marian Baxter serve as gracious host once again for our annual Christmas party
- Remember the Burns Supper!
- And...we'll have another pub night in February! Rare Olde Times is the specified location.

Burns Supper 101

The first Burns Supper was held in 1801, exactly five years after the death of Robert Burns. Nine men, surely missing the comfort of their friend's prose, gathered on this anniversary for a dinner at Burns Cottage in celebration of the poet's life. In what was clearly a proper tribute to their friend they decided on a meal of Haggis with neeps and tatties, to be washed down with scotch, and peppered through the evening were songs and recitations of Burns' poetry. Late into the evening they concluded with a toast to the memory of their friend Rabbie -as he was known in his hometown of Alloway, Ayrshire. The celebration was such a success that they decided to do it annually – moving the meeting date to his birthday, January 25th.

Burns' recognition increased after his death, and Burns Suppers became popular tradition spreading quickly across the country. A group of Ayrshire merchants in Greenock held the first Burns Club Supper in January 1802. And the Burns clubs grew – some of which are still present today in Scotland!

Burns Supper didn't just catch on in Scotland – they are celebrated all over the world. The first out of Scotland was at Oxford University in 1806 hosted by a few Glaswegian students who had brought the tradition with them from Glasgow. Traveling merchant Scots who ventured off to foreign countries took their heritage and traditions with them, including Burns Suppers. Over the next few decades this tradition to annually celebrate the bonds of friendship and poetry caught imaginations globally, expanding to areas as far and diverse as Australia, Russia, and China.

Clan Profile: Clan Maclaine of Lochbuie source: Wikipedia

Gillean-na-Taughe (Gillean of the Battle-Axe), a fierce warrior who lived in the thirteenth century, is progenitor of both the Maclaines of Lochbuie and the Macleans of Duart. Gillean's great-grandson, Iain Dubh, or Black John, had two sons, Eachin Reaganach (Hector the Stern), and Lachainn Lubanach (Lachlan the Wily). When the Gaelic Highlanders broke away from the Lowland monarchy in the 14th century, the MacLeans allied with the Highlanders - receiving lands from John, Lord of the Isles, in exchange for their support. Lachlan married John's daughter, and he and his brother moved to the Isle of Mull in the Inner Hebrides, where the two dominant branches of the family were formed: the Maclaines of Lochbuie and the MacLeans of Duart (The Maclaines of Lochbuie used the "MacLean" spelling until the 17th century). Lachlan was the head of the Duart branch, with Hector being the head of the Lochbuie branch.^[6] Many of the clansmen at Lochbuie retained other spellings of Maclaine or MacLean, such as Maclayne, McClain, and McLain. Various smaller families intermarried or banded together with the Maclaines, and they were all accepted into the clan.

Hector built Moy Castle, a typical Scottish tower house at Lochbuie, Mull in the 14th century. Once the MacLeans allied with the Highlanders, they expanded beyond Lochbuie and Duart to Ardgowrie, Morvern, and Coll. Clan MacDonald, arguably the most powerful highland clan, became envious of the growing power of the MacLeans; and subsequently, the MacLeans - including the Maclaines of Lochbuie - feuded with the MacDonalds for many years.

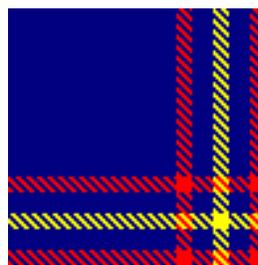
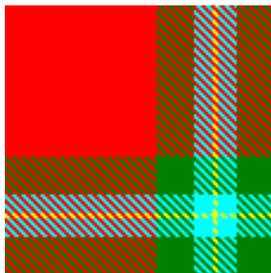
The Headless Horseman (Ewan The Headless)

The lands held by the sixth Lochbuie chief were united into the barony of Moy in 1542.

One of the famous legends associated with the Clan Maclaine of Lochbuie is that of the headless horseman. Before 1538, Ewan, son of Iain Og, the fifth chief, lived on a cranog (artificial island) in Loch Sghubhain, north of Lochbuie.[†] Ewan's wife (nicknamed the "black swan") constantly pressed him for more land off his father. This resulted in a heated argument between the father and son and a clan battle ensued. The two sides met at Glen Cannir and Iain Og was supported by the Clan Maclean of Duart. During the battle a swing of a claymore completely severed Ewan's head from his body and his horse kept galloping with his headless body held in place by the stirrups. The horse was eventually stopped and Ewan's body was buried on the island of Iona, where his grave can still be seen.

Angus Gillean Mathew Maclaine, Younger of Lochbuie is the 27th hereditary Chief of Clan Maclaine of Lochbuie.

Maclaine dress and hunting tartans, Maclaine crest:



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Make checks out to Scottish Society of Richmond

The Scottish Society of Richmond was founded in 1978 for the purpose of sharing ideals of Scottish heritage. It provides a gathering place for those with an interest in Scotland—and when we can—educational programs and events on Scottish themes. September through May, the Society hosts get-togethers and attends area Scottish and Celtic themed events. Our annual Burns Night Dinner comes every January, and we also hold a summer picnic.

We're on Facebook, too!

Scottish Society Merchandise



Proudly display your Scottish Pride with several items in the SSR Store. We have created the Richmond Scots store at cafepress.com for you to purchase your SSR logo swag from. Whether it's a T-Shirt, Sweatshirt, or a mug, you'll be able to proudly display your Scottishness.

Café Press does all the hard work; you simply use the link on our website to order your merchandise and Café Press does the rest. A portion of all sales goes directly to the Society, so not only are you telling the world you are a Scot and you are proud, but you are helping the Scottish Society at the same time.

Just visit the website, <http://www.richmondscots.org>, and follow the "Store" links.

Happy New Year from the Scottish Society!