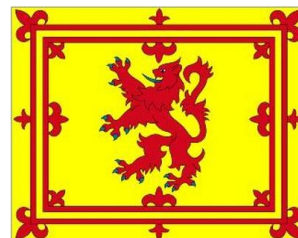




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FROM THE CHIEF:

Your Board was very pleased with the success of our 'new' format St. Andrews Happy Hour and Annual Meeting. The hors d'oeuvre repast provided by Quincy on Market was abundant, varied and delicious, the company was convivial, the election was held, and Wendy Brooks and

I provided some pipe music for the enjoyment of the attendees (and other patrons of the restaurant!)

Note below our plans on the next page for the upcoming Burns Celebration, as we have also strayed a bit from the usual format for that event. Please note that to register for the dinner, you will need to contact Tracy Sink, Wings of Eagles President & CEO at the Warplane Museum via telephone (607-458-4247) or e-mail info@wingsofeagles.com. Do it now while you're thinking about it!

Hope to see you at the
Warplane Museum!

Timothy W. Swan

Chief



Ed. Note: Our chief has been busy piping here and there for various Christmas happenings...riding on that firetruck must have been a tad chilly...



The Christmas Piper



BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION



Performances by
the Caledonian Highlanders and
Three Stone Fire
Plus Highland Folk Dancing

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Wings of Eagles Discovery Center
339 Daniel Zenker Drive, Horseheads, NY

4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Social hour: Cash Bar with beer, wine and
soft drinks.

5:00 PM Ceremony Opening the with
presentation of the Haggis.

Toasts, Poems, Haggis tasting, Explore your
clan, Silent Auction and 50/50.

5:30 PM Dinner – Choice of Beef, Chicken or
vegetarian w/sides & dessert.



Price is \$38
(RSVP Required by
January 15, 2022)

Payment may also be made
by scanning this QR code
with your smartphone

CLASSIC JOKE

There are many versions of this joke, and
you've probably heard at least one...

Prince Charles is visiting an Edinburgh
hospital. He enters a ward full of patients
with no obvious sign of injury or illness and
greeted one.

The patient replies:

"Fair fa your honest sonsie face,

Great chieftain o the pudding race,
Aboon them a ye take yer place,
Painch, tripe or thairm,
As lang as my airm."

Charles is confused, so he just grins and
moves on to the next patient. The patient
responds:

"Some hae meat an canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat an we can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit."

Even more confused, and his grin now rictus
-like, the Prince moves on to the next pa-
tient, who immediately begins to chant:

"Wee sleekit, cowerin, timrous beastie,
O the panic in thy breastie,
Thou needna start awa sae hastie,
Wi bickering brattle."

Now seriously troubled, Charles turns to the
accompanying doctor and asks "Is this a
psychiatric ward?"

"No," replies the doctor, "this is the Serious
Burns Unit."

ROBERT BURNS EARLY LIFE



The Burns Cottage in Alloway, Ayrshire

The night of his birth, 25th January 1759, was
stormy and wild, as no doubt the parents told
the little boy when he was older. Later he wrote:

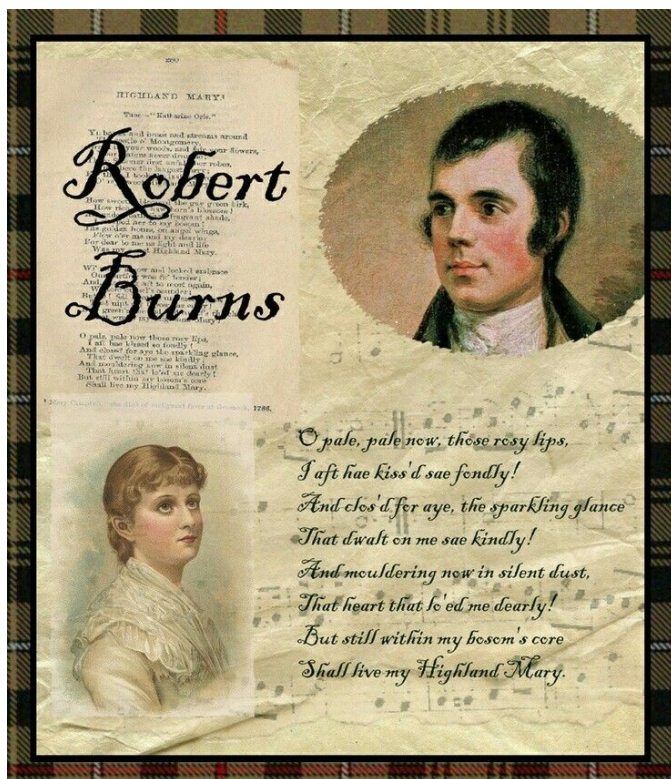
There was a lad was born in Kyle,
But whatna day o' whatna style
I doubt it's hardly worth the while
To be sae nice wi' Robin
Our Monach's Hindmost year but ane
Was five and twenty days begun
"Twas then a blast o' Janwar wind
Blew bansel in on Robin.

When he was 7, the family moved to Mount
Oliphant, where life was hard. His father

came to realize that he had made a bad bargain by renting this exposed and sour upland ground. He owed money to the landlord, and had not been able to sell the cottage at Alloway. Despite living on a farm, the children were fed only oatmeal and skimmed milk: meat was much too expensive. It was on this scant diet that the nine-year-old Robert did a hard day's work in field and farm-yard, for the family could afford no paid help. Through it all, William Burns tried to instill a respect for learning in his children: he spoke seriously to his sons, and tried to lead them to discuss ideas, if mostly of a theological and moral sort. While at the table, they were encouraged to read; sitting with their borrowed books, silent over the frugal meal.

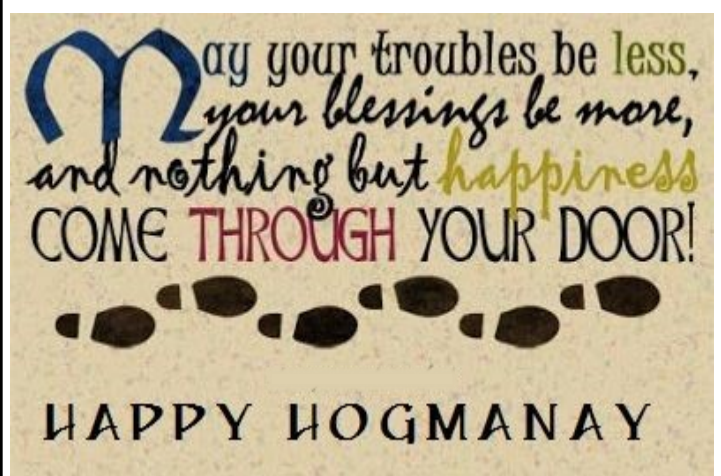
—from *The Life and Works of Robert Burns*

We know that Burns was quite the ladies' man, and fathered a total of 12 children, five of whom survived to adulthood. Nine of these (3 of them survived) were by his long suffering wife Mary...which makes the following poem interesting...



Robert Burns passed away at age 37.

"If there's another world, he lives in bliss; if there is none, he made the best of this."



First Catch Your Haggis!

Through the heather, through the glen,
Go the Highland hunting men.

Wrapped warm in kilts 'gainst winter cold
Only the bravest, and the bold.

For who knows where the Haggis hides
Amidst these frozen mountain sides?

In the loch with neeps and tatties?
Or lurking with the sheep and ratties?

They seek him here, they seek him there
But none can find the Haggis' lair.

This 'chieftain of the pudding race'
Is lying low without a trace.

Only the piper and 'Selkirk Grace'
Can summon Haggis to this place.

But then with toasts, all passed around,
We see the Haggis, firm and round.

The humble Haggis, cooked and dressed
Is here to feed men truly blessed.

So let this gathering on Burns Day,
Eat and drink and laugh and play.

Then, for this Chief of Scottish rhyme,
Let's sing Burns' song of 'Auld Lang Syne'!

By Brenda Williams

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

Look at your mailing label. If it says "lifetime," or "benefactor," "fellow," or "comp," you are current in your membership and will remain so. If there is a year above your name, and it is not 2021 or later, you are in arrears. If you are not current with your dues (Single \$10, Family \$15, Patron \$25, Benefactor \$50 or more, Life \$250), please remit to Nedra McElroy, 4 Lackawanna Ave., Bath NY 14810 straight away.

Members whose dues have not been paid will be removed from the Society mailing list!

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

By the same token, if your e-mail or telephone or mailing address has changed, please keep us in the loop. Tell Nedra, keeper of the database.



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<i>Doug Colborn</i>	<i>1991 to 2000</i>
<i>Donald Flatt</i>	<i>2000 to 2003</i>
<i>Tom McIntyre</i>	<i>2003 to 2009</i>
<i>Blake Mayo</i>	<i>2009 to 2015</i>
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Burns Night Celebration

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Saturday, January 22, 2022

There have been questions about the resumption of festivals:
we've been checking, and so far, as far as we know, these are 'on' for 2022:

(Links on our website)



Allegany Celtic Festival: June 4, 2022

Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival: Sept. 17-18, 2022

