



Jaeame I. Koyil, President

March 2016

President's Letter

Well how much rain does it take to end a drought? I hope it is not infinite. But we won't melt no matter how it feels we might. The rain is not stopping our partnership with the University of Edinburgh which continues to grow in beneficial ways. We are very happy to serve as their Norcal "Club House." Details of our recent joint event follow.

At the meeting prior the Daughters of the British Empire gave an interesting presentation on their activities, charities, history and plans. We hope to develop a closer relationship with this similar benevolent group.

An interesting event which is in the works is the Queens 90th birthday celebration. Col Fred Rutledge is serving as our representative to the joint committee organizing this event in cooperation with several other groups such as the BBS and others. We will keep you posted on the details of this large event in the works.

Yours aye,

Jaeame I. Koyil

President



Royal Marines Scotland and 1st Battalion Scots Guards

By David Campbell, 1st VP

On Friday evening February 26th the North Bay was treated to a fantastic performance direct from the United Kingdom—The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Scotland and The Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of 1st Battalion Scots Guards.

I must first mention the venue though...located in the picturesque foothills of Northern California's esteemed wine country - Weill Hall of the Green Music Center at Sonoma State University—is a gem of a concert hall! Weill hall opened in September 2012—and is "considered one of the most acoustically superb concert venues in the world". Weill hall's seating accommodates 1,400—its gorgeous handcrafted woodwork produced from European steamed beech wood by the 200 year old Fancher Chair Company. Also unique to the evening was the unveiling of a special edition Breguet Tourbillion clock on display in the lobby. Enough of the visual...



Now on with the show...

The evening's musical program was most impressive, and included sets which featured: Marches, Anthems, Fanfare, English Pageantry, Pipes and Drums, dancing of the Highland Fling and to Single Swords, a Tribute to the Forces; and geographi-

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Society Proposes Warm Welcome to Scottish University Alumni as Members

By David McCrossan

In order to grow and broaden our appeal as San Francisco's oldest Scottish cultural organization, it is proposed that alumni of a Scottish university be included within the membership. This move reflects our growing partnerships with Scottish Universities and opens up involvement and support of many hundreds of individuals in our local area who have shown one of the strongest commitments to Scotland, by choosing to attend university there. We are confident that this will reinvigorate the membership and educational purpose of our Society. The required amendment to the bylaws is as follows:

Amend Bylaws 2014, Article II, Section 1 insert between "natives of Scotland" and "may be admitted" "and alumni of a Scottish University"

Society Piper's stipend:

In recognition of the valued role of the Society Piper, the following bylaw amendment was proposed at the February meeting, and given its second reading at the March 2016 meeting:

Article XVII:

insert: "The Society Piper shall be paid an annual stipend at a level to be determined by the Board of Trustees, and provided complementary admission to the Annual Banquet and Burns Night."



Dr. Frank Cogliano, University of Edinburgh welcomes alumni members with an update on progress on our joint Capital Cities scholarship.



Dr. Gordon Pentland, University of Edinburgh, delivers his entertaining lecture: "The Devil Wears Paid"



Dr. Frank Cogliano, Mariana West, Dr. Gordon Pentland - featured speaker, Dr. Brendan Corcoran



First vice President David Campbell introduces guest speakers from the University of Edinburgh, Dr. Frank Cogliano, Dr. Gordon Pentland



February 2016 members' meeting:

Pam Stewart and Edith Caponegro of the Daughters of the British Empire

Our guest speakers were Pam Stewart and Edith Caponegro of the Daughters of the British Empire in Northern California. This sister Benevolent organization has 10 chapters in Northern California and Pam Stewart is the outgoing Regent of the Rose of Glamis Chapter in the East Bay. Edith Caponegro is the President of the State Board. Edith and Pam talked us about possibilities for collaboration with the Society and the DBE in general.

The Daughters of the British Empire (DBE) in Northern California were founded in the United States in 1909, as the Imperial Order Daughters of the British Empire in the, incorporated in Delaware in 1920 and became known as the National Society Daughters of the British Empire in the USA. DBE in Northern California was originally established in 1939 and re-established in 1989.

The DBE is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization made up of women with a common bond of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry.

The organization fundraises to support four District Homes for senior citizens established by the DBE in California, Illinois, New York, and Texas, and DBE members also raise funds and contribute significantly to the local charities of our many chapters. Members in our organization enjoy many social activities, and friendships, but have a main focus of philanthropy and fellowship and to foster an understanding of British and British Commonwealth cultures and traditions.



The guest speakers for the Feb. 2016 member meeting were Edith Caponegro and Pam Stewart of the Daughters of the British Empire

PBFSCO Burns Supper



President and Mrs. Jaeam Koyil attend the PBFSCO Burns Supper



Mrs. Jaeam Koyil enjoys PBFSCO Burns Supper with Pleasanton Mayor and Mrs. Jerry Thorne



President Jaeam Koyil enjoys PBFSCO Burns Supper with St. Andrew's Oakland President Collin Richie (left), Mayor Thorns (center right), and Steve Burton-Lind (right)

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Royal Marines

cally—a musical nod to “neighboring” countries Wales and The Emerald Isle. The Finale was somber—Abide with Me, and Sunset. The March Off, however, was rightfully upbeat and stirring: Scotland the Brave, Highland Laddie, and We’re No Awa Tae Bdie Awa. What a stirring musical performance!

The Bands of the Guards have been visiting North America ever since the Band of the Grenadier Guards played at Boston in 1872. Imagine at that time—America had not even reached its centennial yet! Regular ‘coast to coast’ tours by British bands began in 1955. The next tour followed shortly thereafter in 1957—a visit by the The Band—Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment). There was a subsequent visit by the Black Watch in 1963—poignant because it included a stop at the White House to perform for President Kennedy and family...just nine days before his assassination. In 1976 the Scots Guards were back to perform at the Scottish Military Tattoo held at Wolf Trap in New York State—to mark our Nation’s bicentennial. The last seven tours have featured one of the five bands of the Foot Guards along with the Pipes and Drums from one of the Battalions of The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

The 2016 Tour, however, has brought a change in format. Joining the Scots Guards this time - The Band of Her Majesty’s Royal Marines who last toured the United States in 1985. Remarkably the last visit of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards goes back even farther to 1977. So, as you can imagine—it was thrilling to have both bands back in the Bay Area for one of their stopovers on an approximately 42 date tour!

Going back in history—a little background now about both bands...

“The Scots Guards were raised on 16th March, 1642 by a Royal Commission issued by King Charles I to the 1st Marquess of Argyll, authorizing him to raise a Royal Regiment of 1,500 men to be led into our Realm of Ireland. The regiment was intended by the King to be his Royal Guard and from this date the history of the Scots Guards begins.”

It was originally known as ‘Argyll’s Regiment and later re-named ‘His Majesty’s Life Guards of Foot by King Charles II in 1650. Under this new name the regiment served in Scotland, Ireland, the Low Countries and in Spain until 1712 when both battalions were quartered in or nearby London and Queen Anne altered the name to ‘Third Regiment of Foot Guards’,

“...Since 1945 the regiment has seen active service or carried out internal operations in Malaya, Borneo, Kenya, Aden, Northern Ireland, the liberation of the Falkland Islands in 1982, and in the First Gulf War of 1991. More recently the 1st Battalion has completed two tours of Iraq in 2004 and 2008.”

“...The 1st Battalion Scots Guards is based in Aldershot, Hampshire and is the only Foot Guards battalion in an



operational brigade, ready to deploy anywhere in the world at a moment’s notice. It is a Mechanized Infantry battalion, equipped with the Mastiff’s Protected Mobility Vehicle and is trained to conduct the full range of operations. Recent training exercises have taken place in the United States, Canada, and Denmark.”

Pith helmeted, and marching under the Royal Marine’s motto: Per Mare Per Terram (Latin: By Sea, By Land)...

“The original Royal Marines Band Service (RMBS), together with its headquarters, The Royal Naval School of Music, was founded in 1903 to provide bands for the Royal Navy. The task of forming the school was assigned to the Royal Marines and from then on the Band Service became an integral part of the Royal Marine Corps. Its original home was Eastney barracks, Portsmouth where it remained until 1930 when it was transferred back to the Royal Marines Depot, Deal. After the outbreak of World War II, it moved to Malvern, then it divided with the Junior Wing moving to the Isle of Man and the Senior Wing to Scarborough before reuniting at Burford in 1946 and finally returning to Deal in 1950.

The amalgamation of the Divisional Band with the Royal Naval School of Music to form today’s Royal Marines Band Service also took place in 1950 when the headquarters and training establishment were re-named the Royal Marines School of Music (RMSofM). Today all Royal Marines Bands are required to provide every imaginable musical ensemble including orchestras and dance bands...

...The military role, in addition to their music making, Royal Marines Musicians and Buglers are trained for a specific military role. Royal Marines were involved in both the Falkland’s conflict and Operation Granby in the Gulf.

...As with all Royal Marines Bands the primary role is to provide musical support to the Naval Service, but within their secondary role the Band’s men and women undertake a variety of duties by sea and land on active service...”

Also in attendance that evening in a near sell-out crowd were Past President Fred Rutledge; Board of Student Assistance Committee member William Cummings Jr, son Kyle; and Fred Macondray. Caledonian Willie Hardie was also greeted in the hall.

Footnote: All quotations attributed to the official tour program, which tour was under the production of Columbia Artists and Andrew S. Grossman.



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6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

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Dress Code: Black Tie

Individual Tickets: \$195

Tables of 10: \$1950



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FAMILIES, AND SOCIETIES**

Come through the heather,
aroon' us gather Yer a' the wel-
comer early Tae crown yer right-
ful, lawful king For wha'll be King
but Chairlie? Caledonian Club
Clansman Harry Clyde is disguis-
ing hissel' as a handmaiden and
fleein' tae the Isle of Skye! (He
is retiring as Clans Chair, and
has graciously left me to face the
English.)

**151st Scottish Games &
Gathering to be staged at
the Alameda County Fair-
grounds in Pleasanton on
September 3-4, 2016.**

The 2016
application and **guidelines**
governing this coming year's
Gathering of the Clans at the
Caledonian Club of S.F. can be
found on our **website**.

Should you have difficulty open-
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If by chance you too have
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vanguard as Clan Representative,
kindly forward this email to your
successor and advice me
accordingly.

Kristan Robbie Anderson
Past Chief, Glen of the Clans
Chairman

Kris will serve you well.
He is also more fun than I am.



Tartan Day Scottish Fair

Presented by: The East Bay Scottish Association
Ardenwood Historic Farm - Fremont, CA

Saturday April 2nd, 2016

Gates open at 10:00 AM

Admission: Adults-\$12.00, Seniors-\$8.00
Children (4-17yrs)-\$5.00, Children under 3yrs-Free

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Meeting & Events Schedule

Date	Event / Topic	Location / Notes
2016		
Mon. Mar. 21	Member Meeting (moved forward one week to accommodate special event March 14)	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 2	19th Annual Tartan Day Scottish Faire	Ardenwood, Fremont
Mon. April 18	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
Thurs. April 21	Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday	N/A
Sat. April 23	John Muir Day / Earth Day celebration	Martinez, CA
Mon. May 16	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. June 11	HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration	Fairmont Hotel, SF
Mon. June 20	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. July 9	Summer Ceilidh	Encinal Yacht Club
Mon. July 18	Summer Break – no meeting	
Mon. Aug. 15	Summer Break – no meeting	
Sept. 3–4	Caledonian Club's 151st Highland Games & Gathering	Pleasanton, CA
Mon. Sept. 19	Member's Dinner	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Oct. 17	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
Sun. Nov. 13	Remembrance Day Service	Grace Cathedral, SF
Nov.	153rd Annual Banquet & Ball (11/19 or 11/26)	Marine's Hotel, SF
Mon. Dec. 21	No Meeting due to Hogmanay Potluck on 12/31	
Sat. Dec. 31	Hogmanay Celebration	1088 Green St., SF

2017		
Mon. Jan. 16	Member Meeting <i>Inauguration of 2017 Office Bearers</i>	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. Jan. 27	Annual Burns Supper (The Family)	545 Powell St., SF
Mon. Feb. 20	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF

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Membership Meetings

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 P.M. Light supper served before the meeting. (Free valet parking is provided for members' meetings. MUNI: one block east of Hyde St. cable car).

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