



# The St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco

ESTABLISHED IN 1863

Volume 148, No. 4

December 2010



## Inside this Issue

Feature Article.....1

Message from our  
President.....2

Upcoming events.....3

2nd Vice President .....  
Watch list.....4

Proposed By-Laws  
Change.....4

Gifts to the Society:  
Membership An-  
nouncements.....6

Chaplain's Corner Chat..7

2011 Slate of Officer  
Candidates..... .8

Letters to the Editor..... 9

Annual Banquet & Ball  
Images.....16

Burns Supper registration  
form.....18



The Scots' word "Yule" comes from the Old Norse "jól, which was a mid-winter pagan celebration of the winter solstice. Traditionally, Yule refers not just to Christmas Day but the twelve days of the earlier festival.

The Christian Church took over the celebration, but some of the pagan traditions continued. The Yule log was burned in the fireplace, there was kissing under the mistletoe (related to a Druidic fertility rite) and the house was decorated with holly (evergreen trees were regarded with reverence). Of course such activities were not confined to the Celts or to Scotland.

After the Church Reformation in the 16th century, the celebration of Christmas was frowned on by the Kirk (church), which regarded it as a "Popish festival".

(Continued on page 9)

# A Message from Our President

## The Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco

1088 Green Street  
San Francisco, CA  
94133-3604  
(415) 885-6644  
Editor: William Jaggars  
Email: wjaggars@hotmail.com

### Membership Meetings:

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments served after the meeting.

### Officers of the Society

Fred Rutledge, President  
John Allison, First VP  
James Beatty, Second VP  
Russ Wallace, Treasurer  
Tom Kasinger, Secretary  
Bradley Baxter, Ass't Sec.  
Roger Weed, Librarian  
Josh Kyle, Asst. Librarian  
Charles Syers DDS, Physician  
Elly Sturm, Chaplain  
Mary Gilbert, Bard  
Ozzie Reid, Piper  
Selby Hausserman, Historian

### Trustees—

Bruce McMillan, Chairman  
Tom McLaughlin,  
John McCorkindale  
Bruce Reeves  
James M. Robertson  
John B. Ritchie, Trustee Emeritus

### Board of Relief,

James Beatty

### Board of Student Assistance—

Robert Logan,  
William Cummings, Sr.  
William Cummings, Jr.  
Loren Obley



St. Andrew's Society  
of San Francisco

Dear Members and Society  
Friends:

Seasons' Greetings! This year has zoomed by. At last month's meeting we had a very tasty presentation of Scottish foods by Vivian Hauserman and Ruth McCracken. Cock-a-leekie soup, Rumbledethumps, shortbread and Dundee cake to name a few. A super treat. Thank you both!

Our 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Andrew's Day Banquet and Ball was fabulous. First VP John Allison and crew put a super evening together. Member Bill McKeon and his MacIntosh pipe band and dancers gave a fine performance and the dance band got everyone out of their seats.

Scottish Development International celebrated St. Andrew's Day with a reception at the British Consul General's residence on Tuesday, 30 November. It was a fun evening and well attended to boot and our honorary member Julian Evans was in kilt along with many members of the local Scottish organizations. Mary Gilbert had her clan affiliations displayed as well.

At the November meeting we reviewed the slate of officers for 2011 and opened up the nominating process from "the floor". No new names were brought forward, so the Nominating Committee will now place the slate of officers together for your vote at the December meeting. The last event of the year is Hogmonay on Friday, 31 December at the firehouse. Second VP James Beatty promises a great New Year's Eve celebration! I encourage your attendance and ask that you bring a guest or two. This is a fun event to introduce folks to our organization. The other opportunity is coming up in January, that being the Burns Supper on Saturday, 22 January.

Please be sure to attend the December meeting. We will be electing our officers and board members for 2011 and having a wee bit of Holiday Cheer!

That is all for now. See you at the next meeting!

Yours aye,

Fred Rutledge





Above is a photo of Hogmanay on Princess Street in Edinburgh

MON, 20 DEC, Monthly Meeting, at the Firehouse

FRI, 31 DEC, Hogmonay, at the Firehouse.

MON, 17 JAN – Monthly Meeting (Installation of 2011 Officers)

FRI, 21 JAN – Caledonian Club of San Francisco Burns Supper, Pacifica

SAT, 22 JAN – St. Andrews Burns Supper, the Family, San Francisco

SAT, 29 JAN – PBFSCO – Burns Supper, Marriott Hotel, Pleasanton

SAT, 7 MAY Dr. Dan Reid Memorial Solo Piping, Marines' Memorial, San Francisco

SAT/SUN, 7/8 MAY, Woodland Games,

SAT, 13 AUG, Joint Summer Ceilidh, Encinal YC, Alameda

## St. Andrew's Society of SF & Related Calendar of Events for 2010

### DECEMBER

**MON, 20 DEC** - Society Monthly Meeting. Election of 2010 officers.

**FRI, 31 DEC**, Society's Hogmanay Celebrations, Firehouse—  
Point of Contact: James Beatty.

### JANUARY

**SAT, 22 JAN**, Robert Burns Supper, at the Family, San Francisco. —Point of Contact: James Beatty.



## Highland Prophecy

Sacramento celtic folk singer: Douglas McLean has just released his first solo album entitled: "**Highland Prophecy**". Twelve tracks that include several original songs that he wrote himself. You can listen to an album song sampler at: [http://home.comcast.net/~douglas.mclean/Highland\\_Prophecy.html](http://home.comcast.net/~douglas.mclean/Highland_Prophecy.html) If you would like to register to buy an advance copy, you can contact Doug at [celticdude@comcast.net](mailto:celticdude@comcast.net)



## 2nd Vice President Report

### HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

A PROPOSAL TO BY LAWS CHANGING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO SIX TRUSTEES PLUS THE PRESIDENT AND CHANGING THE TERMS FROM FIVE YEARS TO THREE YEAR TERMS AND HAVING TERM LIMITS OF ONLY TWO YEARS IN SUCCESSION.

#### IF PROPOSAL IS PASSED

1. After passage, for the first September Nominations: All present Trustees are up for election plus ONE; making new Board of SIX Plus the President

2. IT MUST be a written ballot for Trustees

3. Three of the six nominees will be elected for six years...

...three will be elected for three years...

...thereafter every three years three trustees will be up for re-election or new nominees to replace.

For example "in 2013 the first "three year term" trustees will be up for re-election or new nominees to replace...

In 2016 the second group (six year term) trustees will be up for re-election or new

*(Continued on page 5)*

### 2nd VPs WATCH-LIST

You can see by now that I have sent several types of inclusions. I trust that you have received the 'scanned' notices for the 'Hogmanay', and Burns Supper. I have also included a very recent copy of Elisabeth's acceptance into the 'Who is Who in America' to show the caliber and talent of our membership. She is very private about this honor, and does not know that I sent a copy of her acceptance to the newsletter. I believe that 'Our Chaplain' can be known by her goodworks that only reflect on the many wonderful, generous gifts of her spirit that we have been graced by over these last several years. Inas much as some member of the Solano Community College faculty secretly submitted her name, it reflects that even persons in the 'workplace' respect her teaching skills in combination with her art projects and musical performance. "Well Done" Elisabeth! And Thank you for your continuing concerns for all our members. We have so many other talented and contributing members. We would like to hear about your accomplishments, adventures or special reflections. Feel free to volunteer someone who in interesting, but shy. We want our monthly newsletter to be 'humanly newsworthy' as well as academically enlightening. Take a chance. We would delight in your contribution!

DO NOT FORGET The 'Burns Supper'! You will be receiving pertinent information in the mail. Please invite your friends and prospective members to this 'Most Popular' event. Time is running out to get your tickets to a limited number of seats. If you can gather together a group of 10 we will "put you at the front of the line." That's a very secure place to be for this very 'well-attended' Celebration. Look carefully at the dates on the PR materials and get your reservations 'In' EARLY!!

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR PROPERLY, 'The Scottish Way,' at HOG-MANAY! This casual social event that will be held at our firehouse on New Year's Day, 31 December 2010 at 1:30 pm - 4:30with valet parking included. Bring a dish, a date (family and/or friends) or a drink to help us all celebrate. John Allison has arranged for a Haggis and other Scottish 'trimmings.' There will be lots of music, rhyme, and good humor while waiting for the midnight entry of the 'dark-haired guest at the appropriate hour. Must close because the computer room is closing down. Our December meeting on the 20th will feature the talents of a new prospective member, Tristan Buckley. He is not only a 'Genuine Scotsman', but he is also a professional musician who can perform on any guitar, sing any song (contemporary, traditional, or in-between.)His contribution to our Christmas Theme for this last meeting of the 'old year' will be a seasonal compliment to our other 'In-House' participatory surprises." We are going to tie this year 'UP' with style, great fun, and good fellowship. This will be a good start tour continuing celebration of the Christmas Holidays with family and friends. Please come and help us celebrate this festive, yet spiritual time of year that allows us to reflect on our concerns and hopes for better lives lived within our own homes, throughout our familiar communities, and extending to unfamiliar peoples through out Our World. May we seek and experience peace and hope in our lives this coming year.

Yours aye,

James S. Beatty, 2nd VP



*(Continued from page 4)*

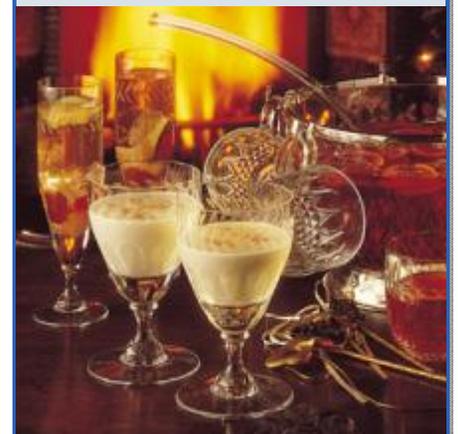
nominees to replace ... ..this term will be for THREE YEARS.

Thus after the "2016" election year a new or re-up group will be nominated and elected for three year terms only... .. thereafter.

Finally I would additionally recommend that there be, as part of the By-Law change, a term limit of TWO TERMS (six years) in succession for any and all trustees.

By

Gerry Sample



# OVER AND ABOVE: Gifts to the Society

## The First Christmas Joke - and it's Scottish.....

A man in Scotland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says:

"I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer", the father says.

"We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her".

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, "Like heck they're getting divorced", she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Scotland immediately and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and

*(Continued on page 9)*



## ST. ANDREW'S HONOR ROLL (\$1000 to \$5000)

Thomas E. Kiesinger

## ST. ANDREW'S SPONSOR (\$500 to \$1000)

Rosie and David J. Colt  
William D. MacQuattie, Jr.  
Sue and John B. Ritchie

## ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORTER (up to \$500)

Kalco Properties, Inc  
William C. Blair, M.D.  
Adriane and Col. James W. Campbell  
Deborah and Jeffery T. Griffith  
Diana and Robert J. Logan  
Kate and John A. Lord  
Donald MacDonald Architects  
Linda and Gerald W. MacKay  
Ellen and Glen McLaughlin  
Fred S. Nagle  
Maria and John R. Pitcairn  
Rosie and Donald M. Sanford  
Ruth and David B. Stronach  
Marilyn Van Story  
Lucille and G. Russell Wiley

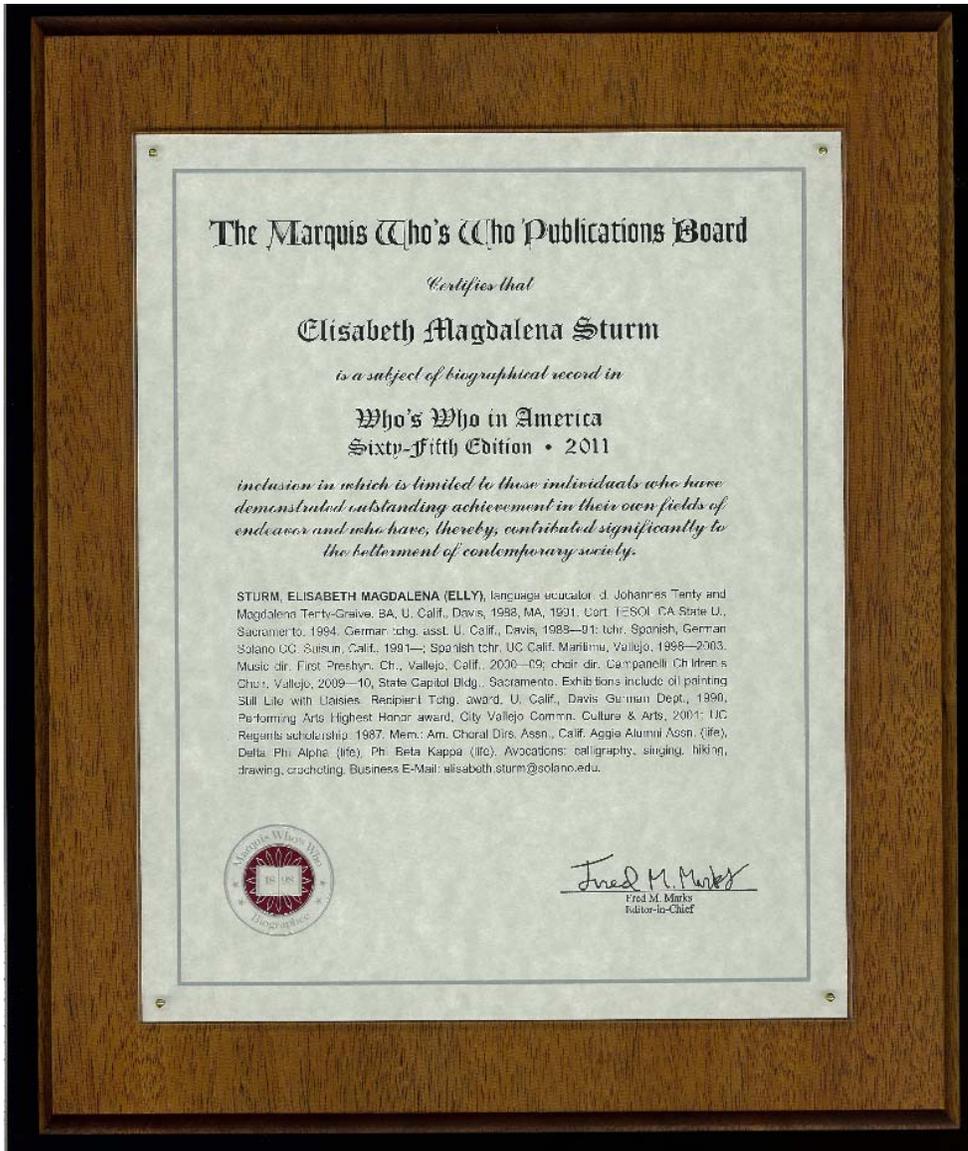
## Patron Life Members

Life Members who have elected to make additional contributions for 2010.

Wade Hughan  
John Lord  
Gerry Sample  
Don Sanford  
Brian Tulloch  
Jim Campbell



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER CHAT



### HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The Trustees propose for the approval of the members present at the December 20th 2010 St .Andrew's Society meeting that the membership annual dues be increased from \$60.00 to \$80.00 for local members and from \$25 to \$35 for non local members.

Bruce T McMillan,  
Chairman



## SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO

### 2011 SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES

John Allison: President  
James Beatty: First VP  
David McCrossan: Second VP  
Jacob Kyle: Treasurer  
Norma Dahnken: Secretary  
Roger Weed: Librarian  
Charles Syers, DDS: Physician  
Elly Sturm: Chaplain  
Mary Gilbert: Bard  
Jack Cunningham: Piper  
Ozzie Reid: Piper Emeritus  
Gerard Sample: Historian

### Trustees

Stewart Hume  
Gene McCracken

### Board of Relief

Elly Sturm,  
Biz Obley  
Robert Blair, Jr.

### Board of Student Assistance

Robert Logan,  
William Cummings, Sr.  
William Cummings, Jr.  
Fiona Allan

## Some Information About the New Resolution

By John McCorkindale

Gerry Sample has “deemed it necessary” to propose a new resolution which will remove all of the existing Trustees from the terms of office to which you elected them, as of January 1, 2011 and also effectively prevent them from running in the January election.

As a Trustee, I’d like to take this opportunity on my own to respond and give the membership some information about who the Trustees are and what they do, so they can make a more informed vote.

As it presently stands, there are five Trustees and our job is to safeguard and manage the assets of the Society: our portfolio of Stocks and Bonds and the Firehouse. But why on earth do we need a “Board of Trustees” anyway? Why don’t the President, Treasurer and Officers just run the Society and control everything?

The answer is simple – checks and balances. Most nonprofit corporations place the responsibility for the assets in the hands of one group and the running of the Society with another group. That way the people who want to hold events have to explain to the group sitting on the piggy bank why they need the money. The people sitting on the money have the responsibility of deciding how much they can spend in any given year. In good times, they would have no problem spending the income produced from the assets. If the Stock Market were hit in a bad economy however, they might ask the President and Officers to sharpen their pencils. Could they charge more for an event? Could they cut costs? Could they hold a raffle to raise more money? The Trustees realize that they cannot spend more than the portfolio income or they will eat into the capital of the Society. If they sell stock when it is down, it is gone forever and thus they have lost the ability for it to rise again in value.

If the depressed economic cycle continues, the Officers might become tired of being told they can’t have more money. They need to put on events which will draw members. Without enjoyable and interesting events, the membership dwindles and the organization dies.

The Trustees realize they can’t do their job of preserving capital without saying “No” to the energetic, hard-working Officers. You might say that they have different “philosophies”, but that is the way it is supposed to be; it’s a good thing. You can call the Trustees “immovable rocks” for not wanting the capital to dwindle and think it is a bad thing or a good thing, depending on your point of view.

*(Continued on page 10)*

## CHRISTMAS IN SCOTLAND: continued

*(Continued from page 1)*

Mass was banned in Scotland at that time and "Christmas" or "Christ's Mass" was included in that. There are records of charges being brought against people for keeping "Yule" as it was called in Scotland.

Amazingly, this dour, joy-crushing attitude lasted for 400 years. Until the 1960s, Christmas Day was a normal working day for most people in Scotland.

So if there is a specifically "Scottish" aspect to Christmas, it is that it was not celebrated.

Most of our "traditional" Christmas celebrations (other than the religious festival) originated in the 19th century (Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, had a lot to do with it) and so England and Scotland developed the same traditions from around that time - Christmas trees, decorations, Santa Claus, presents, stockings at the end of the bed, Christmas Carols, Christmas cards etc. Christmas cards are said to have been invented in Edinburgh in the mid-nineteenth century.

So with all that history in mind...

On behalf of the Officers of the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2011!



*(Continued from page 6)*

we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife.

"Done! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way."





**THE Sun** News

## SCOTS IN KILT COVER-UP SHOCK



Cover-up ... Scots told to stop going commando.

SCOTS have been warned to cover up underneath because going commando is "childish and unhygienic".

The Scottish Tartan Authority slammed the practice of wearing nothing under the traditional outfit and said it could even cause harm.

Director Brian Wilton said kilt wearers should have the "common sense" to realise they should don underwear beneath their country's national dress.

He said: "The idea that you are not a real Scot unless you are bare under your kilt should be thrown into the same waste-paper basket as the idea that you're not a real Scot unless you put salt on your porridge.

"People should not be brow-beaten into believing that non-sense.

*(Continued on page 12)*

*(Continued from page 8)*

If the Officers wanted to "introduce new philosophy and thought" by getting rid of the Trustees and gaining control of the piggy bank, one could understand this. So far, the Officers have not supported the resolution, however. The resolution has come only from Gerry and we know he has far too much character to allow himself to be used as a "stalking horse".

Why get rid of all of the Trustees at once? The answer is simple – the Board of Trustees is usually made up of former Presidents who were on the other side of the fence to start with, but after gaining some understanding of their new job, the assets and the economy, they end up doing exactly what they criticized when they were Presidents, so they too might become "immovable objects". It is my contention that they will only loosen the purse strings if they do not fully understand the finances and the processes at work. To prevent them from learning from the previous Trustees one would have to get rid of every single former Trustee at once and bring in new ones.

You might use the guise of "term limits" to do this, but unlike Congressmen who get rich in office, Trustees donate their valuable time. It's not easy to find people with financial expertise willing to do this, so once you have found them you like to keep them.

Are the justifications for needing these bylaw changes factual? Let's take them one by one:

First, are the Trustees "immoveable" and "irreplaceable"?

Not true.

Two of the five current Trustees have terms which expire this month. They told everyone long ago they weren't running for re-election and the two new proposed Trustees are former Presidents who, I believe, have never been Trustees before. So this year nearly half of the Board would be replaced anyhow, without this resolution.

Secondly, have the "trusted Trustees kept their posts being re-elected to several terms of office?"

Not true.

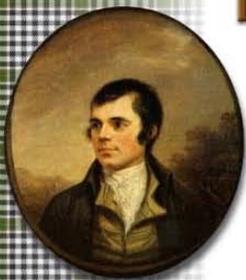
If you add up all of James Robertson's years in office, some of which were filling in for other Trustees who left before their terms were up, he would have served for a total of slightly over two terms. If you consider terms as being five years, Bruce McMillan has served two terms. I have served one term plus one year. Both retiring directors served only one term. No one on the current board has served "several terms of office", unless you consider two to be "several".

*(Continued on page 12)*





# BURNS Supper 2011



❖ SATURDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> ❖

FEATURING CALIBAN

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO  
ROBERT BURNS, THE BARD OF SCOTLAND

**5:30pm No Host Bar/Registration**  
**7:00pm Dinner**

**Pleasanton Marriot ❖ 11950 Dublin Canyon Road**

*Dinner \$65 ❖ Group Table (10) \$600*

*Advanced Reservations Required by **January 21, 2011***  
*Your cancelled check is your receipt ❖ No Refunds*

*For information please visit [www.PBFSCO.org](http://www.PBFSCO.org)*  
*or contact*

*Lori Kauth 510.387.4367 or [phoxmyth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phoxmyth@sbcglobal.net)*

**Presented by the Pleasanton Blairgowrie Fergus Sister City Organization**

**Please do not drink and drive**—Rooms are available for \$89.00 + tax, breakfast included  
Please call 925.847.6000 and ask for the Burns Supper block. Rate available until January 17, 2011.  
[www.MarriottPleasanton.com](http://www.MarriottPleasanton.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ *(made payable to PBFSCO)*

Dinner Choice: Beef # \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ Fish # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print legibly, complete this form in full and mail with check to:**  
**PBFSCO ❖ c/o Lori Kauth ❖ 4065 Garden Road ❖ El Sobrante, CA 94803**



### COVER-UP SHOCK

(Continued from page 10)

"Just because Highlanders wore nothing in the days before Y-fronts were invented doesn't mean that we, in the 21st century, should wear nothing too. "Sending children up chimneys is traditional too, but we don't do it now and the same should apply to wearing nothing under a kilt.

"Common sense and decency suggest that for the majority of occasions one should wear under the kilt what one would wear under a pair of trousers.

"You only have to ask hire specialists about the problems they have cleaning their kilts. We have heard quite a few hygiene horror stories."

But the idea has been blasted by livid Scots, who slammed the comments and insisted there was nothing wrong with keeping things the way they were.

Former Formula One racing driver David Coulthard, 39, of Twynholm, Kirkcudbrightshire, said the practice should not be messed with.

He said: "Kilts are from the past and so is the tradition of not wearing any underwear.

"I'm proud to be a true Scotsman. It's a tradition that should be left alone.

"I have about five kilts. Ten years ago, I even registered my own Coulthard tartan because Coulthard is an English name, sadly.

"I've been wearing kilts since I was a little boy and will continue to wear my kilts in the time-honoured fashion. There is nothing childish or unhygienic about it."

And Inverness-based kilt maker Ian Chisholm, a spokesman

(Continued on page 13)

(Continued from page 10)

Should we change the number of Trustees to six plus the President?

I don't believe so. This would defeat the purpose of having a Board of Trustees. I believe the President and the Board should be on the opposite sides of the fence for a system of checks and balances to work. The number of Trustees has been set at five so there won't be a tie vote (yes, we do disagree at times). As it stands now, the President can fill in to make a quorum or break a tie, but this is rare since most Trustees love the Society and take their jobs very seriously, seldom missing a meeting.

Should we change the terms to a maximum of two successive three-year terms, followed by a mandatory one term off?

The Trustees agree that this part of the resolution may be a good idea. We like staggered terms and tried to accomplish this with a resolution some years back. We'd like to see more new people become Trustees, but very few members with financial experience want to sit in a noisy kitchen for an hour and a half before each meeting, telling nice energetic officers that they can't have as much money as they want until the Portfolio recovers.

I'm proud to have been a part of this Board, whatever the outcome of your vote. You've had hard-working people with above-average skills managing the Society's assets: a stock broker, an attorney, a retired CPA (myself), a retired architect and a retired physician who as head of the charitable Foundation which the Society established, has helped us to coordinate our finances. In recent difficult financial times, we've created tough budgets and stuck to them. This year the Society held wonderful events, paid all of our bills, and created a professional approach to renting the Firehouse, which is now producing income. As a result, this year our portfolio recovered \$60,000 of value – a good start. More importantly, we've changed the "philosophy" of considering an event a success if it "only" lost a few thousand dollars. Charities are supposed to raise money for the unfortunate, not squander capital willed to the Society by hard-working members, who intended only the income from their bequest to be used. I spoke to Charlie Doig many times and knowing the man's character I can assure you he would have preferred that his life's assets be used to produce income for the Society forever, not see it dwindle to nothing.

We have tried to change things with our "philosophy". Gene McCracken was the first vice-president in recent memory to actually make money on the Saint Andrews Banquet and that legacy of controlling costs continued with Fred Rutledge and John Allison who made a profit on it this year. John's gentlemen's dinners also turned profits and because he personally donated items and sought contributions, his raffles were pure money-

(Continued on page 13)

*(Continued from page 12)*

makers. This is exactly what the Society was set up to do in the first place – it is a return to our roots.

I hope this article has helped you understand just what the “Board of Trustees” is and why I believe it was set up. It’s not a secret group - anyone can run for the office. Everyone is invited to our meetings down in the kitchen after 6:00 PM, but you may have to stand because it’s a small space and we barely have enough chairs. Please try to be considerate and stay out of the way of the hard-working folks preparing food and taking it upstairs.

I believe in the efficiency of a democratic Society and the wisdom of an informed electorate to make the best decisions. It is my hope that this article has given you a little more information to help you make a decision on your vote.

A “yes” vote will:

1. Remove the entire current Board from office.
2. Prevent them from serving out their duly elected terms.
3. Prevent them from running for election for at least three more years.
4. Prevent the new Trustees from learning or gaining experience in managing the funds from the outgoing Trustees as would normally occur in orderly staggered terms.
5. Create the requirement for an additional Trustee when it is already difficult to fill the existing number of positions.
6. Give the President a position on the Board so that he may vote to fund his own programs.

A “no” vote will:

1. Allow the existing Board to serve the remainder of their elected terms.
2. Continue the system of checks and balances as originally intended in the bylaws.
3. Permit the two new incoming Trustees to learn from the existing Trustees how the finances have been managed.
4. Retain the odd number of Trustees to prevent tie votes without the President.
5. Prevent the President from voting to fund his own programs at every meeting. He will still have to present his case for events which re-

*(Continued on page 14)*

### *COVER-UP SHOCK*

*(Continued from page 12)*

for the Scottish Kilt Makers' Association, agreed with the racing legend.

He said: "The tradition of no underwear being worn was a stipulation of Scottish military regulation.

"To say it is unhygienic is wrong. The freedom of movement is healthy.

"We always tell customers to wear nothing under the kilt if everything is in good working order."

But earlier this month tennis ace Andy Murray revealed he had been made to wear pants under his kilt at brother Jamie's wedding at Cromlix House, near Dunblane, Perthshire.

And Highlands and Islands Tory MSP Jamie McGrigor, who campaigned for the introduction of a Scottish Tartan Register, said he could vouch for the benefits of covering up.

He said: "I have normally worn underwear with my kilt.

"In the West Highlands, midges can mount alarming and unexpected attacks on so-called true Scotsmen."

Kilt maker Slanj, which has provided Highland dress for comedian Billy Connolly and actor Ewan McGregor, insisted last year that underwear must be worn with hire kilts.

The firm, which also made a kilt for self-confessed true Scotsman Sir Sean Connery, said some kilts had been returned in such a dirty state that they were too unhygienic for staff to handle.

### MacIntosh Pipe Band Scheduled for Puerto Vallarta Concert

The MacIntosh Pipe Band of Larkspur, California, will be performing a public concert at 8:00 pm on Saturday, December 4, 2010, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The concert will take place at the picturesque outdoor Los Arcos Amphitheater along the famed Malecon walkway. The Band's appearance has been coordinated through Puerto Vallarta's Department of Art and Culture. The concert will feature the traditional Scottish music of the Great Highland Bagpipes and drums together with performances by the Band's vocalist and highland dancers. In addition, the band will introduce some not so traditional pipe band music for this special south of the border appearance.

The award winning MacIntosh Pipe Band is a non profit organization featuring talented musicians who volunteer their time and talent. The band was formed over 25 years ago and since that time has performed for enthusiastic audiences throughout California, the western United States and beyond. In 2001 the band traveled to Scotland to compete at the annual World Pipe Band Championships and other in-

*(Continued on page 15)*

*(Continued from page 13)*

quire funding from the Society, along with a budget for them.

6. Enable further discussion which might modify the resolution without "rushing it through" in order to remove already elected Board members this year.

7. Enable a the passage of a future resolution to change the future terms of Board members which will easily pass with the support of the Board.

If the members vote to defeat this resolution and if the membership likes the idea of three-year terms I would be delighted convert my term to three years (if they wish) by knocking two years off my presently elected term, to serve only two more years starting January 1, 2011. Bruce's and James' terms will also automatically end in two more years. This would enable an orderly transition and training period for the new members which will help them to understand how to manage the assets. In fact, this is my main concern – to give the new Trustees as much help as possible. I personally don't think having an entirely new Board "learn on the job" with no one there to teach them is a good idea, so I felt it was my responsibility to the Society to say something.

Let me hasten to add that the current President Fred Rutledge has done a great job and we have had no major disagreements with him regarding finances. He completely understood the financial position that the Society was in and tried his best to cut costs. Our positions have been as advocates, not adversaries.

Gerry Sample is a good guy and has stood with us on most things including the purchase of the Firehouse, but it would be boring if he and I agreed on everything. Perhaps he still sees the Board of Trustees as if was many years ago when there were indeed disagreements between the Board and the Officers and when some members served longer than the present ones.

Whatever your vote, it will be for the good of the Society as you see it. Let us remember that we are all friends here, with the common purpose of helping Scots in need. No one in our Society is paid and there is no power to be gained from any office. At the end of the day, we should all shake hands as friends and know we have done our best for the Society.

Thank you for allowing me to present some information and my opinion.

John McCorkindale



Bring a 'DAVE'  
family & friends  
a DISH and MIDNIGHT A 4:00 to 4:30 pm  
FIREHOUSE DEC 31 8:00 pm  
WATER PARKING. SCOTTISH PIPE BAND 1:30-4:30 pm  
RSVP: KATE JAMES BEATTY 510-455-9595  
resonance\_sf@gmail.com

MacIntosh Pipe Band  
(Continued from page 14)

ternational competitions.

For more information on this unique cultural event please contact:

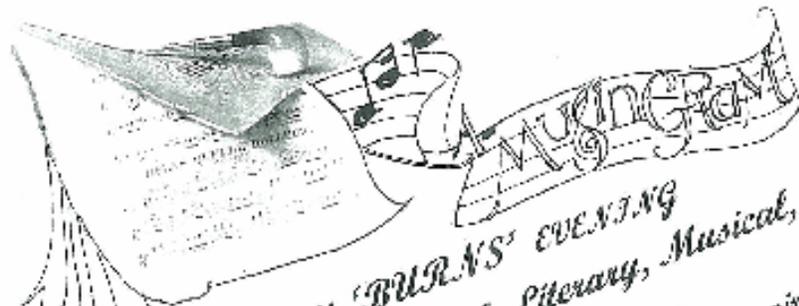
Bill McKown  
Manager  
MacIntosh Pipe Band  
Tel: 415-927-7731  
E-mail:  
[bmckown@comcast.net](mailto:bmckown@comcast.net)



# Images of "Our Annual Society Ball"







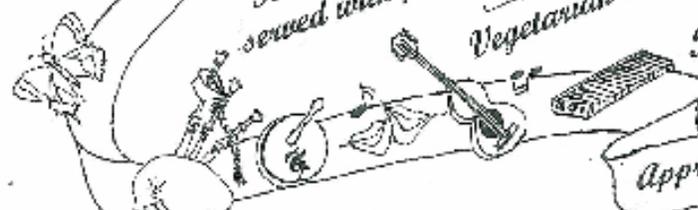
**MOSTLY 'BURNS' EVENING**  
*Traditional, Stylish, Literary, Musical, Memorable*  
 Immortal Addresses, Satirical Verse, Inspiring Toasts,  
 Respectful Lamentations, Metodic Aines by Flute, Harp, Fiddle,  
 Guitar, Mandolin, Piano, Pipes, and Voice



**DINE ELEGANTLY** And  
 Belgian Endives with stilton,  
 toasted pecans, and served, With a sherry vinaigrette  
 Or  
 Thick Cut Prime Rib au jus,  
 served with baked potato

On  
 Haggis served on bed  
 of Mashed Potato and Turnip  
 And  
 Scottish Smoked Salmon,  
 served with fresh dill and olive oil  
 Or  
 Vegetarian Dish

And Scottish Trifle with Short Bread  
 Reception and Registration 5:30 pm  
 Piping of Members and Guests to Dinner  
 7:00 pm



*Appropriate Attire is 'Highland' or Formal \**

REGISTRATION FORM: Must Be Received By 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011! NO LATE ENTRIES!!  
 return tear line

\*\* Tables of 10 need to be reserved before the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 \*\*

Price of Supper, Table Wine, Haggis & Malt, and Entertainment is \$90.00 per Member / Guest

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choice of Entree: Thick Cut Prime Rib au jus.....No. ( )
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice of Entree: Scottish Smoked Salmon.....No. ( )
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice of Entree: Vegetarian Dish.....No. ( )
- Total Number of Dinners for Members and Their Guests.....No. ( )

NAMES of Members and Guests (incl. contact info.: phone, and/or email)

---



---



---



---

Make Check Payable to SASSIF (Saint Andrews Society of San Francisco)

\*\* Send Payment ASAP to James Beatty Chairman, P.O. Box 2815, CA. 94558 \*\* (use incl. env.)  
 (510) 459-9896 <resonance.ei@gmail.com>



St Andrews Society of San Francisco  
252<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebration

# BURNS SUPPER

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011



At

**THE JAMIE**

545 Powell St at Bush, San Francisco  
Sutter/Stockton Parking Garage

5:30 pm *no host cocktails*  
7:00 pm *Members, Wives and Guests*  
*Piped to Dinner*