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Deadline for newsletter contributions: Articles, pictures, & notices is the 1st Monday of each month of the year (except for July and August).

President McCrossan's Administration Begins.

Above: Newly elected David McCrossan, President of the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco, (Left) David Chiu, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (Center) and Joshua Kyle, 1st Vice President of the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco (Right)

President McCrossan administration begins with a well enjoyed Burns Supper.

"Now that our Burns Supper is a fond memory, I would like to take a moment to congratulate Josh Kyle, our First Vice President, for a job well done. It was a great evening and his attention to details was well received. Everyone there enjoyed the event and several commented that it was one of the best ever! " By Gene McCracken.

A Message from Our President

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Membership Meetings:

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

Officers of the Society

David McCrossan, President
Joshua G. Kyle, First VP
David Campbell , Second VP
Dr. Timothy Blackburn, Treasurer
Francesca Mc Crossan , Secretary
Roger Weed, Librarian
Charles Syers DDS, Physician
Marilyn Van Story , Chaplain
Margory Matec, Bard
Jack Cunningham, Piper
Thomas E. Kasinger, Historian

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John McCorkindale, Chairman
Stewart Hume
Gene McCracken
Bruce McMillan
James M. Robertson, AIA-E

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Biz Obley
Robert Blair, Jr.

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Board of Relief—
Marilyn Van Story ,
Biz Obley
Robert Blair, Jr.

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William Cummings, Jr.
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St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco

Dear Members and Society Friends:

Every two years the Society has a changing of the guard, and 2013 is no exception. Inheriting the president's chair from John Allison has been made all the easier for me by his able stewardship since 2010. Thanks again for all of his hard work and dedication.

But 2013 is also a very special year. It's 150 years since the society first met, incorporating shortly thereafter, in those early years of both San Francisco and California. Barely a decade after our state was founded, with the sights and sounds of the Gold Rush all around, Scots were already a significant presence in the City. In the decades since, the society has counted famous civic figures, including former mayors, John McLaren, father of Golden Gate Park and many others in its membership.

Look out for details of future events celebrating our 150th anniversary, and our contribution to a century and a half of San Francisco life.

A society as old as ours of course has ups and downs in its fortunes. We take pride in our premier formal events: the Burns Night in January and Annual Ball in November. It was with some regret that we were unable to reach the attendance needed to hold last year's ball. I understand that tastes may change and the current economy is putting strain on everyone's budget.

But it's your Society and we want the events to reflect what you would enjoy attending. So keep an eye out for a questionnaire the next few weeks asking for your input and support in attending these events. They're fun events and ones of which we should be proud. Don't forget that we also have a full program of speakers at regular members' events so come join us at the historic Firehouse on Green Street.

We shouldn't we lose sight of the fact that our founders saw the Society is having a philanthropic purpose at its core, reflected in our Scholarship fund and Board or Relief for those in need.

There may not be many Scottish gold miners out of luck on the streets of San Francisco these days - in fact aren't that many Scottish immigrants

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Event: St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco Members' Night
Speaker - Roger Weed "The Canadian Connection" The Scottish Regiments and their Canadian counterparts.
Date: Monday February 16th 7:30PM
Venue: The Firehouse, 1088 Green Street, San Francisco.
Cost: free
Contact: David Campbell (insert his SASSF email)

Event: St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco Members' Dinner
Date: Monday April 15th 7:30PM
Venue: The Firehouse, 1088 Green Street, San Francisco.
Cost: $25
Contact: David Campbell (insert his SASSF email)

Event: Piedmont Highland Dancers Ceilidh
Open and free to the public, if you wish to perform a Celtic-related song, dance, story, poem etc, please contact us or on the evening of the event. The performing slots are 5 minutes or less. Solo Bag piping as well as Pipe Band performances. Scottish and Irish Dancing as well as dance performances . The participation dances will be taught and beginners or first time dancers are encouraged to participate. Bring potluck finger type foods or non alcoholic drinks to share.
Date: March 23rd 6:00pm doors open
Venue : The Piedmont Veterans Hall, 401 Highland Ave., Piedmont, CA 94611 (Parking: free, on-street).
Cost: free
Contact: Fred Rutledge frutl68894@aol.com

Event: 27th Annual Sonora Celtic Faire
Expanded this year to three days of Celtic entertainment. 20 musical groups, performing on five stages, special feature will be the Scottish & Irish Whisky Competition. The best single malts and blends will be sampled and judged by the festival goers.
Date: March 8-10th
Venue : Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora CA
Cost: $10-50, day and weekend tickets
Contact: http://sonoracelticfaire.com

Event: Ardenwood Tartan Day Scottish Faire
The East Bay Scottish Association celebrating the full, rich culture of Scotland. Entertainment, clans, vendors.
Date: Saturday, April 6th , 10:00am-5:00pm
Venue : Ardenwood Historic Farm, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd, Fremont, CA 94555
Cost: (tickets at gate only) $10 adults, $6 seniors (62+) $5 children (4-17 yrs) kids 3 & under free. Free Parking
Contact: Richard L. Brown - Tartan Day Chairman tartanday@eastbayscots.org

Event: Keith and the California Alps: paintings from the 1870s through the 1890s

Program on William Keith, Scottish painter and friend of John Muir.

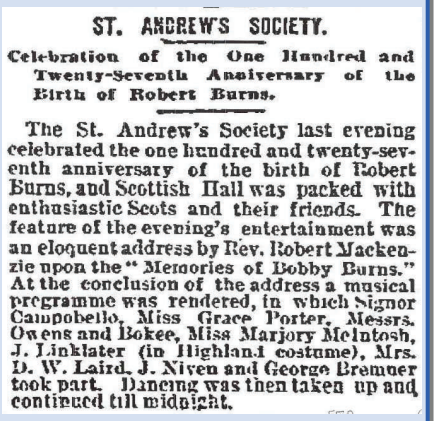
Date: February 2nd-April 14th, gallery open Wed-Sun 11:00am-4:30pm

Venue : Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA

Cost: $5 adults, K-12 free

Contact: (925) 631-4379 www.stmarys-ca.edu/

Memories of "Days gone by".



ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

Celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Anniversary of the Birth of Robert Burns.

The St. Andrew's Society last evening celebrated the one hundred and twenty-seventh anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, and Scottish Hall was packed with enthusiastic Scots and their friends. The feature of the evening's entertainment was an eloquent address by Rev. Robert Mackenzie upon the "Memories of Bobby Burns." At the conclusion of the address a musical programme was rendered, in which Signor Campobello, Miss Grace Porter, Messrs. Owens and Bokee, Miss Marjory McIntosh, J. Linklater (in Highland costume), Mrs. D. W. Laird, J. Niven and George Bremner took part. Dancing was then taken up and continued till midnight.

OVER AND ABOVE: Gifts to the Society

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

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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

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to California at all. I found myself reflecting on these facts and the immigrant story with all the subsequent new waves of new San Franciscans, while listening to the address from David Chiu, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, at our Annual Burns night in January. His story of success from modest family beginnings across the Pacific could easily have been the story of Scottish immigrants who began their San Francisco story across the other ocean.

I look forward to working with all of you over the next two years to reconnect with our founders' values and play a more active part today in the life of this great city.

Yours truly,

David McCrossan
President, St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco

Folks,

Hope all went well with Burns Suppers this weekend.

Just finished my doggie-bag of Haggis from the Berkeley dinner FRI.

Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA, is having a program on William Keith, Scottish painter and friend of John Muir, called "Keith and the California Alps: paintings from the 1870s through the 1890s." The exhibit is from 2 FEB through 14 APR. The gallery is open WED through SUN 11 am to 4:30pm. Keith painted some amazing landscapes. Worth the visit.

Cost is $5 for adults and free to kids in K-12. For more information call (925) 631-4379 or check on the web - www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum. The gallery is also hosting a program called "Carnival" Displays of costumes, masks, head-dresses, etc... from around the world will be on display.

Attached is some background info on William Keith (I used for my SASSF article) in case an article is desired.

Yours aye,

Fred Rutledge, Past President

PS The group running the Muir House in Martinez is hosting an "Earth Day/John Muir Birthday" event on SAT, 20 APR. The Piedmont Highlanders have been asked to perform and some other Scottish tributes to Muir will be present.

Photos of 2013 Installation of Officers

The Pipes and Drums of
The Black Watch
and the Band of the Scots Guards

The legendary Black Watch join forces with the Band of the Scots Guards for a concert celebrating the music of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The Black Watch is the most famous and adored bagpipe band in the world. The joint concert with the renowned musicians of the Band of the Scots Guards will feature a unique blend of music, pageantry and history highlighted by traditional folk music, Celtic dancing and military tunes that convey the rich legacy of the British Isles.

Saturday, March 2, 8 pm
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Students 20 and Under - $20
Bargain Seats (Rows 25–34) - $20

Tickets Start at $20

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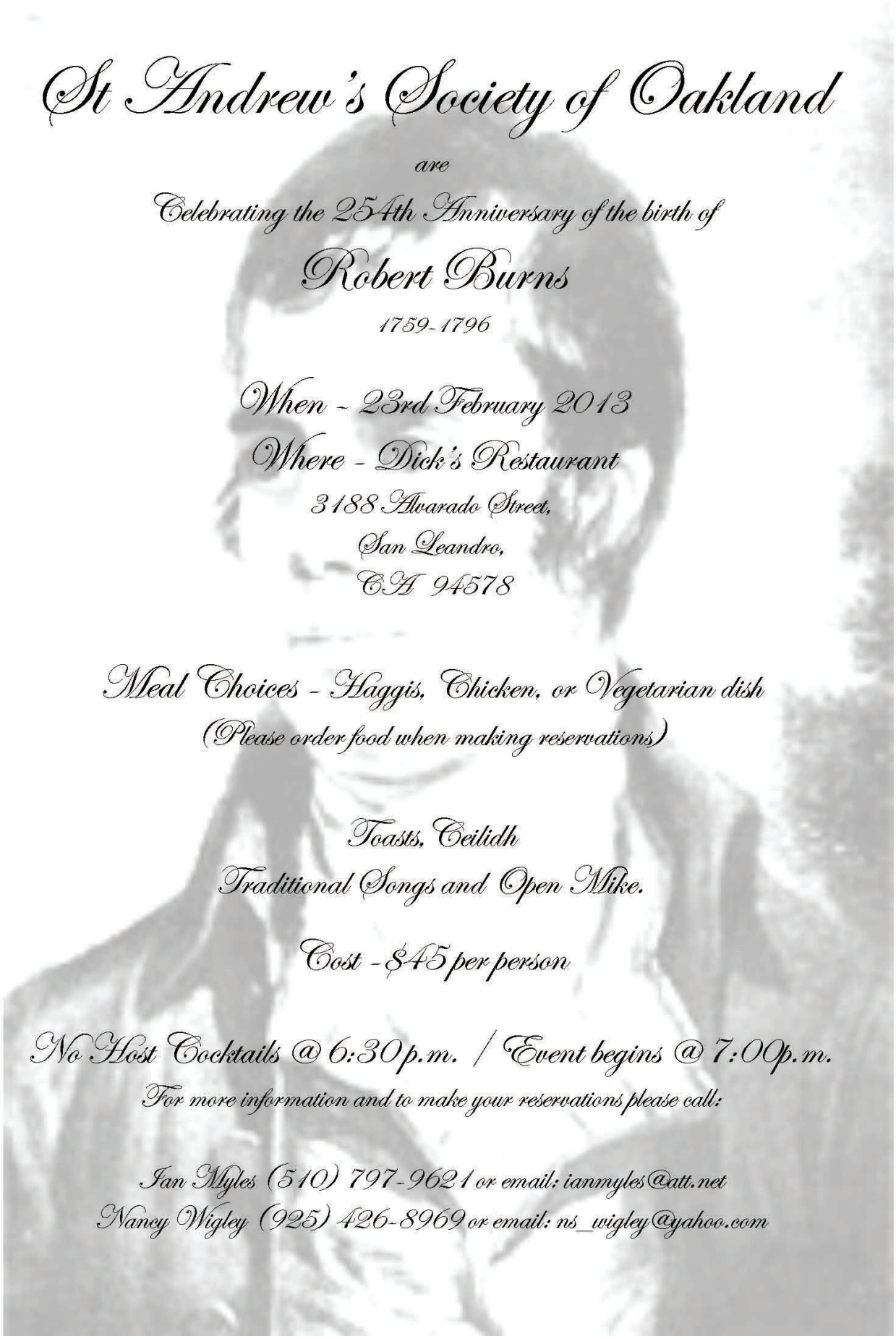

St Andrew's Society of Oakland

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Celebrating the 254th Anniversary of the birth of

Robert Burns

1759-1796

When - 23rd February 2013

Where - Dick's Restaurant

3188 Alvarado Street,

San Leandro,

CA 94578

Meal Choices - Haggis, Chicken, or Vegetarian dish

(Please order food when making reservations)

Toasts, Ceilidh

Traditional Songs and Open Mike.

Cost - $45 per person

No Host Cocktails @ 6:30p.m. / Event begins @ 7:00p.m.

For more information and to make your reservations please call:

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