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The St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco

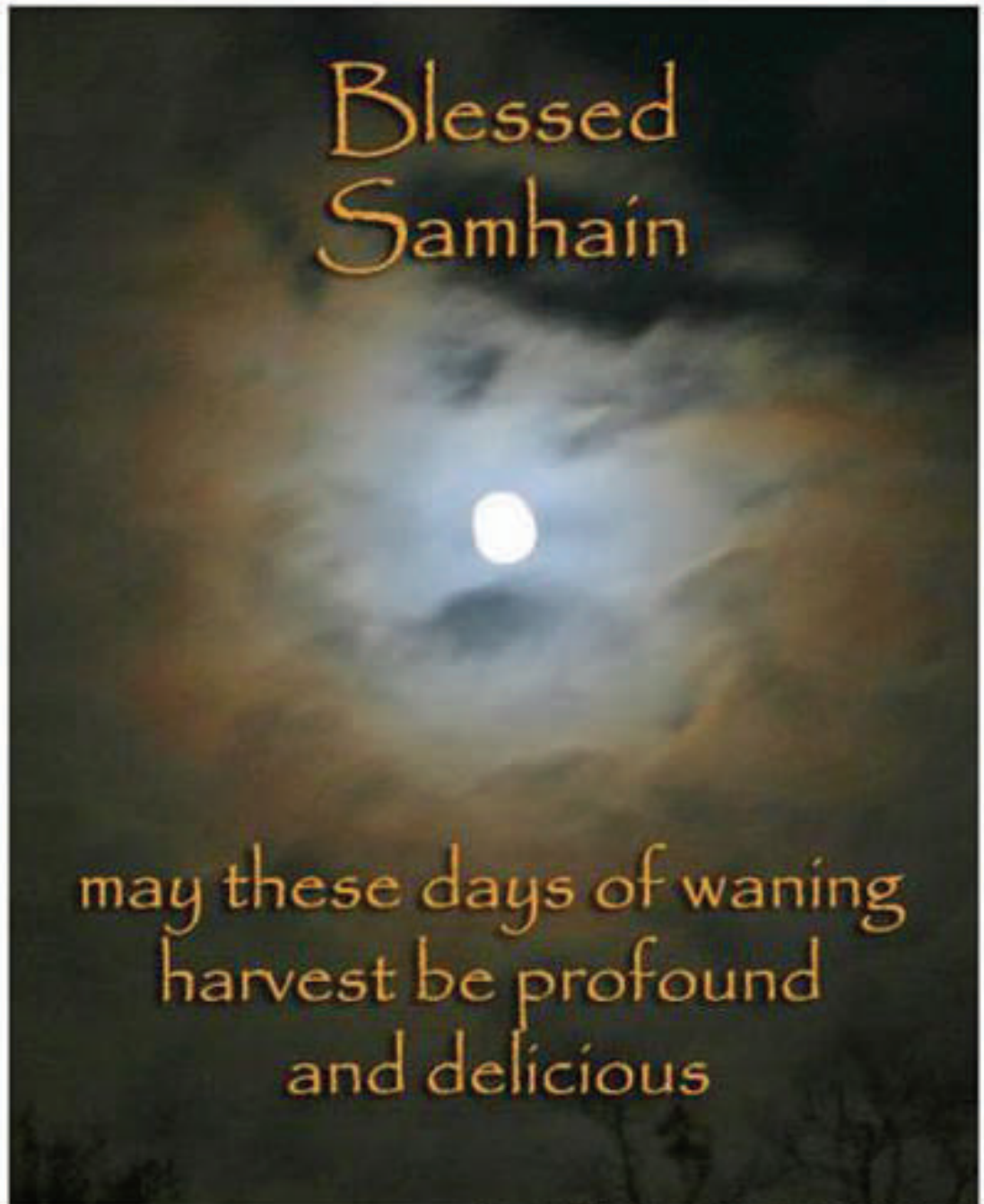
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A Message from Our President

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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.

Officers of the Society

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St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco

Dear Members and Society
Friends:

For the September Dinner Night, we had a full house, a tasty meal and lively entertainment provided by Chief George McCombe of the Caledonian Club.

The Service of Remembrance is coming soon, Sunday, November 11. Our color party will be on parade. If you would like to participate by carrying one of the Society's colors at Grace Cathedral, please contact Bill Jagers. I will be reading one of the lessons and hope to see you all as we pay tribute to past and present members of our military services.

Some of our members have yet to pay their dues for 2012. If you've not got round to it or just plain forgot, please make your \$80 check payable to The St. Andrews Society and kindly send it to our Treasurer, Dr. Timothy Blackburn, 1001 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

David and Francesca McCrossan have our 149th Banquet and Ball well in hand. If you'd like to put a table together for this memorable event planned for Saturday evening, December 1, at the Marines' Memorial Hotel, please let the McCrossan's know right away. Tickets are \$110 per person and Highland dress is the standard.

Speaker for our next meeting, Monday, October 15, is Francis McVey, Western Regional Commander for the Scottish American Military Society.

Aye,

John Grant Allison

President



Seaside / Ventura Highland Games 10/12/2012 10/14/2012
Seaside Park, Ventura Cnty Frngds,
Ventura, CA
<http://www.seaside-games.com/>

St. Andrews' Society of SF 12/01/2012 12/01/2012
Banquet and Ball
Marines Memorial Club & Hotel
609 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94102





Celtic festival of Samhain instead of the Halloween Party

The ancient Celtic year centered around the growing seasons. On Oct. 31, the festival of Samhain recognized the end of the Celtic year, the harvests and growing seasons. Samhain also represented the beginning of the cold winter and the separation between the worlds of the living and the dead. The Celts believed that the souls of the dead and evil spirits visited the living world during the window of time between the old and new year. Pope Gregory III tried to diminish the influence of the pagan beliefs by connecting the Christian All Saints' Day to the festival of Samhain. He moved All Saints' Day to Nov. 1. Nov. 1 acquired the name of "All Hallows." The night before All Hallows became known as All Hallows' Even', or Halloween

Turnips instead of Pumpkins

The Celts lit large bonfires in every village to repel the evil spirits who visited during the Samhain. Celtic families extinguished their house fires and lit new fires from the bonfires. Turnip lanterns were made by removing the inside center section of a turnip and then carving through the skin to design eyes, a nose and mouth. A candle was placed inside the turnip to keep evil spirits at bay. Today, carved pumpkins appear with the carved turnips because of American influence.

Guising instead of Trick-or-Treating

The tradition of guising is an ancient practice that involved children dressing up and pretending to be evil spirits. The Celts believed that by disguising the children, the children would blend in with the evil spirits roaming the earth on Oct. 31. The children visited houses where they received an offering to keep evil spirits away. Modern guising requires the child to entertain the occupants of the houses visited with a song, dance or poem before receiving fruit, nuts, money or sweets.

Dookin instead of Bobbing for Apples

Scottish children enjoy "dookin'" for apples in the same manner that American children look forward to bobbing for apples. The children attempt to grab an apple with their teeth from a basin of water while their hands are tied behind their backs. The game's origins belong to the ancient Celts, who believed that apples were sacred. The game of treacle scones follows apple dookin'. With their hands tied behind their backs, the children attempt to bite a scone suspended from a rope.

Read more: Scottish Halloween Traditions | eHow.com http://www.ehow.com/info_8588255_scottish-halloween-traditions.html#ixzz25p9bXPbK

OVER AND ABOVE: Gifts to the Society



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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.

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Gerry Sample
Don Sanford
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Jim Campbell