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The Stevenson Lighthouse Legacy By Iain A. Macdonald

I toured the Point Sur Lighthouse (near Big Sur, California) last month. The docent was a Scottish gentleman about my age. His mother grew up in Langside (Glasgow)- the same neighborhood my mother and family lived – I wonder if they knew each other? The subject of Stevenson’s lighthouse connections came up and, coincidentally, our friends at the National Museum of Scotland are having a display, “Shining Lights” tracing the origins of Scotland lighthouses, starting October 15.

The Stevenson lighthouse legacy begins with his grandfather, Robert Stevenson (1772 – 1850) whose widowed mother married Thomas Smith, an early Scottish lighthouse engineer born in Broughty Ferry, Scotland. Robert became Thomas’ apprentice and later business partner, also marrying Thomas’ daughter, Jean, making him Thomas’ step-son and son-in-law. Robert inherited the lighthouse-building business on Thomas’ death and some of his thirteen children joined the family firm. One of Robert Stevenson’s most challenging projects was building a lighthouse on the Bell Rock, 11 miles off of the Angus Coast. A serious shipping hazard, the Bell Rock had pre-occupied the maritime industry for years. When a terrible storm in 1799 claimed 70 vessels, it became clear that something had to be done. The authorities in London were recalcitrant until, in 1804, the 64-gun man-of-war HMS York struck the Bell Rock and went down with



Point Sur Lighthouse, Big Sur, California

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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.

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St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco

Dear Members and Society
Friends:

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer vacation.

Following our June meeting, Trustee Bruce Reeves and I attended the California Heritage Council's Awards' Dinner at the St. Francis Yacht Club. The St. Andrews Society was presented an award for the preservation and restoration of the fire-house. Trustee Bruce McMillan, a member of the Council was there and accepted the award on our behalf.



The 4th Annual Joint Ceilidh held on Saturday, 14 August. The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, St. Andrews Society of Oakland, the Pleasanton-Blairgowrie-Fergus Sister Cities Organization and the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco Joint Ceilidh hosted this fun event at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. The planning committee has met since and it looks like we shall have a 5th Joint Ceilidh on 13 August 2011!

The Caledonian Club of San Francisco held their 145th Annual Games over the Labor Day weekend in Pleasanton. We had a tent set for Society representatives. Well done 2nd VP James Beatty and Chaplain Elli Sturm for setting up/staffing the tent. First VP John Allison helped staff the tent as well as some members. About a dozen people each day signed up. My thanks go out to each of you for making our presence felt at the Games!

I had the opportunity to mingle with the Caledonian leadership and with the other guests. Among this group were representatives from the Erskine Hospital in Scotland. Colonel David Richmond, former commander of the 5th Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) traveled with the Erskine Hospital staff. While commanding the battalion in Afghanistan he was wounded by a Taliban AK47 round in the leg. He took him out of action. He has been a patient of Erskine Hospital for two years. Naturally our former Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders veteran, John Allison, had much to discuss with Colonel Richmond. I too had a chance to chat with him.

On a lighter note, our Honorary Member, British Consul Julian Evans was the Honorary Chief of the Games. He was, in fact, in a Montrose kilt the entire weekend. This is the first time Mr. Evans has been seen in a kilt to the best of our knowledge. He looked pretty darn good in Highland dress!

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CALEDON **The Three Scottish Tenors** Thursday, September 23rd at 7:30pm

[Buy tickets online](#) or call 925.373.6800.
Tickets \$18-\$40, Students \$12



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

SEPTEMBER

MON, 20 SEP - Society Monthly Meeting – Members Dinner
(Nominating Committee appointed for 2010 slate of officers)

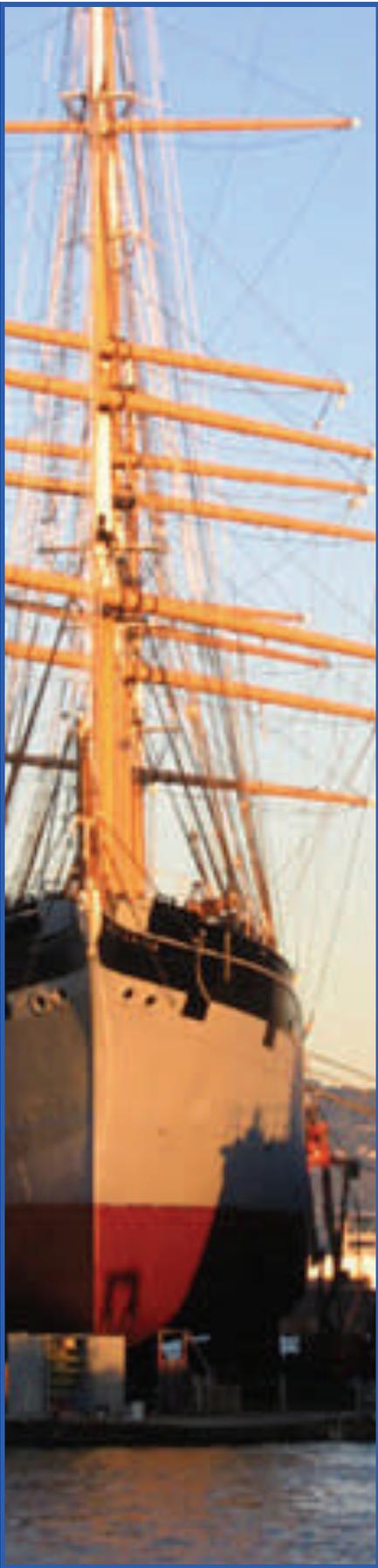
OCTOBER

SAT, 2 OCT, Loch Lomond Celtic Society Games, Ben Lomond
Monday, 11 OCT. Society Monthly Meeting – Program: Scotch Bottoms, Nominating Committee reports findings, Theme: Samhain (Scottish New Year & Halloween)

NOVEMBER

SUN, 7 NOV, Remembrance Day Service at Grace Cathedral
WED, 10 NOV – Society presentation to Robert Louis Stevenson School in San Francisco.
MON, 15 NOV - Society Monthly Meeting – Program: TBD
Candidates nominated from the floor.

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Program for May's Membership Meeting

By James Beatty, 2nd Vice President

STELLAR PROGRAM for The September 20th Meeting

The British Consul General, Julian Evans, and his Deputy Consul, Mary Gilbert (our SASSF's 'Bard') will provide a most stimulating presentation on the 'hottest' issues of the day within the UK (with special attn. to those occurring in Scotland.) This special program was moved up from its original October billing in order to accommodate the 'Scotch Bottoms' - 'Balcutha' event on the 11th of that month. Hopefully the change of schedule will not impact on our attendance following a two-month Summer break. More information will be forthcoming on the Oct. 11th meeting 'aboard ship' as plans are finalized by the organizers.

Our first meeting 'back' should hopefully provide an opportunity to meet many new prospective applicants for membership, thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of our members who assisted and persisted at the Society's tent during the recent Pleasant Games.

DO NOT FORGET To Bring Scottish or Other Unique Treasures to each of the 'up-coming' monthly meetings for an auction to be held in December in the 'Spirit of Christmas Sharing' to raise critically needed monies for the overhead costs of our Banquet & Ball on 27 November, and the Burns Supper of 22 January 2011. Please help us out with a unique inventory of holiday gift ideas while helping 'Your Society' achieve solvency in it's efforts to provide for you and your guests, wonderful evenings of tradition and beauty.

SOCIETY TENT SCORES BIG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INTEREST

Our recent Labor Day participation in the Clan & Societal Enclave, provided a fruitful opportunity to prospect new members. We were fortunate to command a tent location at a major visual intersection, under a spreading tree that offered a shady and inviting oasis for our members, visitors, and inquisitive guests. We not only provided many photo displays of our annual activities, but we also promoted our 'up-coming' Ball, celebration of Hogmanay, and the Burns Supper. Over 33 interested parties filled out application forms, with many very interested in membership, and several writing application checks for their '1st readings.'

We also shared a warm, social time with old friends, members of other clubs, musicians who played their instruments and sang heartily.

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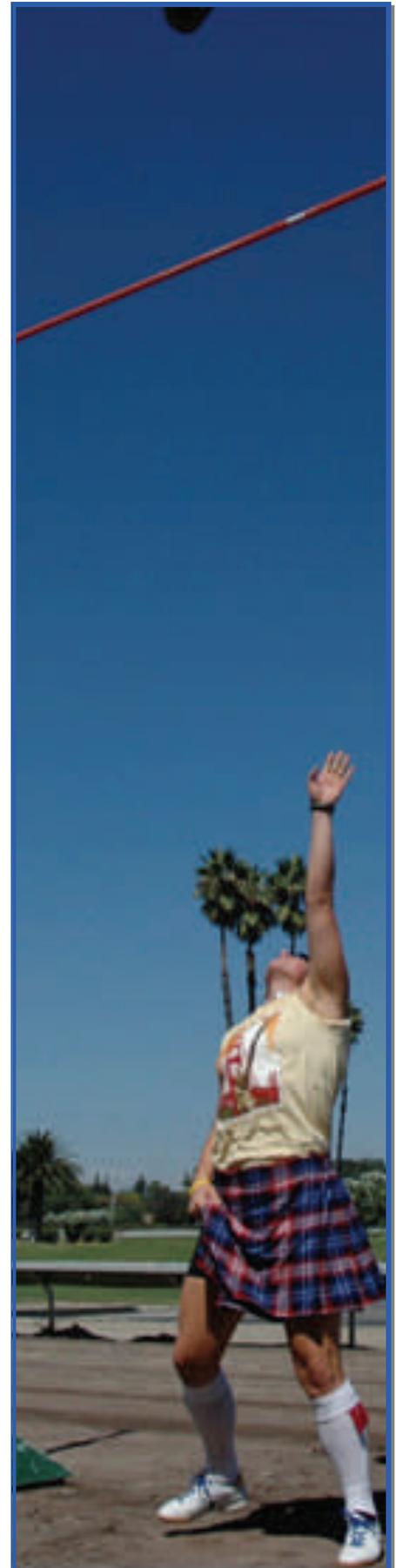
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A genuinely good time was experienced by all. I believe that we represented ourselves in an enthusiastic and inviting manner. Most responses were very positive, while imparting with the 'newly-acquainted' a new positive understanding of who we are, and with their participation, what we can yet become.

None of our success and positive reflections would have been possible without the efforts and genuine hospitality of our participating members, their families, and friends. Many, many thanks to their congenial and sustained efforts that attracted so many potential members and enhanced the value of our organization in many eyes. Society officers who frequented and participated in the efforts of the tent, were the following:

- Chairman of The Board. of Trustees - Bruce McMillan,
- Trustee - Tom McLaughlin,
- Recording Secretary - Tom Kassinger,
- 1st VP - John Allison,
- 2nd VP - James Beatty,
- Librarian - Roger Weed,
- Chairman of the scholarship Committee - Mr. Logan,
- Associate Member of the Scholarship Committee - Bill Cummings,
- Chaplain - Elisabeth Sturm,
- SASSF Newsletter Editor - Bill Jaggars,
- Past Presidents - Bill Blair, Gene McCracken & Ian Macdonald.
- Other helpful members and their relations included the following:
 - Jack Cunningham (piper) & Jean Allen,
 - Therese Macdonald & children, David MacCrossan & wife Francesca (& father-in-law),
 - Yolanda & Nathan Jaggars,
 - Kristian Mullens & friends, Jim Marsh (piper).

At the close of the 'Games' our President Fred Rutledge & his daughter, Kirsten made an appearance, and were of considerable assistance in taking down the society tent & it's many displays, making it much easier for the 'tent team' to load up and disappear into the night. This effort was most timely.



A Message from Our President: continued

SAT, 20 NOV, St. Andrews Society of Oakland, Ball

SAT, 28 NOV St. Andrews Banquet and Ball, Marine's Memorial Hotel

MON, 30 November, St. Andrew's Day

DECEMBER

MON, 13 DEC - Society Monthly Meeting – (note date change).

TBD. Election of 2010 officers

FRI, 31 DEC, Society's Hogmonay Celebrations, Firehouse

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I regret to inform you that long-time member Colonel Jim Campbell passes away in August. He had been living in Great Britain for a number of years, but enjoyed visits from society members and keeping informed through the newsletter. On a personal note, last year I had the opportunity to be the liaison officer for the Scots Guards while at the Games in Pleasanton. Among the drummers was Corporal Stephen "Monkey" Monkhouse. Corporal Monkhouse and Corporal Matthew Stenton were killed in Afghanistan while trying to rescue a fallen comrade. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family for Mr. Campbell and these two driers.



British Consul Julian Evans was the Honorary Chief of the Games

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Trustee James Robertson has been hospitalized a couple times over the summer with minor strokes. He went in again just a day before the Games. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The Scotch Bottoms Committee, primarily Wayne Padgett, continues to work with the Park Service for our Members Dinner event on Monday, 11 October. The gates will open to us at 5:30pm and we are asked to conclude by 9pm. We will have a brief business meeting, tours from park service personnel, food and beverages and Scottish entertainment. This is an effort to support this Scottish built sailing ship and reintroduce the Scotch Bottoms into the society schedule of events. Members and guests are encouraged to attend. Please see information notice in the newsletter. Thanks go to Wayne for all his hard work at making this evening possible. Biz Obley has agreed to be the POC for RSVPs for the Scotch Bottoms/ Members Meeting on 11 OCT. bizobley@hotmail.com

The Nominating Committee for the 2011 slate of officers, Tom Kasinger, Tom McLaughlin and Bruce reeves, will provide their initial report at the September meeting.

See you there on Monday, 20 September!

Yours aye,

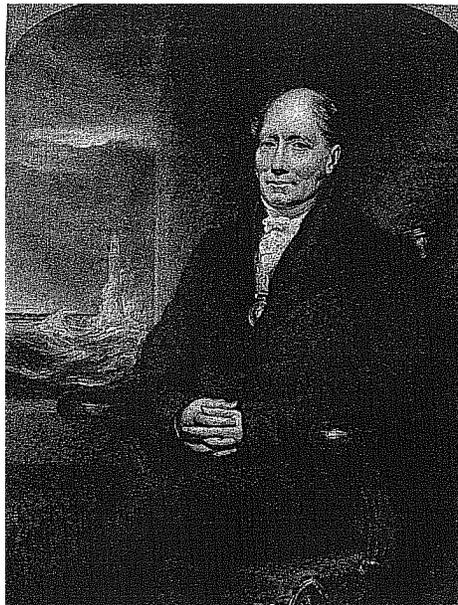
Fred Rutledge, President

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the loss of all hands. London quickly approved the construction of the lighthouse. Robert Stevenson oversaw the project together with his sons. The family was very hands-on, and Robert would visit each of his lighthouses at least once a year for inspection. My uncle, Chisholm Macdonald, told me that he visited a lighthouse and the log book was signed by Robert Stevenson.

Robert Louis Stevenson was the grandson of Robert Stevenson who we remember today as one of the world's finest writers. Incoming President John Allison works with Stevenson organizations in the Napa Valley.

Stevenson made use of the places he visited or spent holidays to locate many of the scenes depicted in his novels. At Yellowcraigs Park near North Berwick in East Lothian there is a little hill looking out to the rocky island of Fidra in the Firth of Forth said to have inspired him to write "Treasure Island". "Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde" is also said to be based on a real-life character in Edinburgh. Deacon Brodie, a respectable citizen during the day, but, at night, a thief and a robber. The fact that he used the tiny island off Mull called Erraid to shipwreck his hero, David Balfour in "Kidnapped" was no mere coincidence. He spent three weeks on the island when his father and uncle were building the Dubh Artach lighthouse, completed in 1872. The short walk from the road end to the sandy cockle strand, which separates Erraid from Mull, is one of the loveliest spots in the entire Inner Hebridean island complex.



Engraved portrait of Robert Stevenson, c 1833, with the Bell Rock Lighthouse in the distance.

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1897 MacKinlay's Scotch Whisky found in Antarctica . . .



From Richard Cochrane in Santa Barbara:

Eleven bottles of Mackinlay's Scotch whisky crated and wrapped in paper and straw to protect them from the rigors of a rough trip to Antarctica for Shackleton's 1907 Nimrod expedition, were found in Antarctica in 2006.

Antarctica's minus 22 Fahrenheit (-30 Celsius) temperature was not enough to freeze the 45% alcohol liquor, dating from 1896 or 1897, and described as being in remarkably good condition.

This Scotch is unlikely ever to be tasted, but master blenders will examine samples of it to see if they can replicate the brew.

The original recipe for the Scotch no longer exists, but the label has existed continuously since 1847.

The Irish like to say Scots have been trying but failing to make a good whiskey since the 6th century.

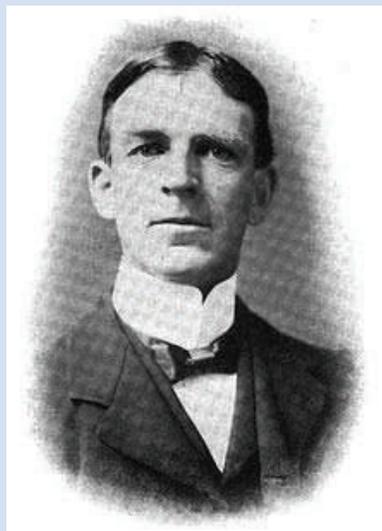
Personally, not believing my Irish or scotch forbears very much, I want to know what happened to that twelfth bottle.

LOCAL SCOTS IN HISTORY

William Wallace Campbell

Reprinted from Wikipedia.

William Wallace Campbell (11 April 1862 – 14 June 1938) was an American as-



tronomer, and director of Lick Observatory from 1900 to 1930. He specialized in spectroscopy. Campbell was a pioneer of astronomical spectroscopy, he catalogued the radial velocities of stars. He served as 10th President of the University of California from 1923 to 1930.

He led a team to Australia in 1922 where he photographed a solar eclipse. The data obtained provided further evidence supporting Albert Einstein's theory of relativity.

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

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John Lord

Gerry Sample

Don Sanford

Brian Tulloch

Jim Campbell

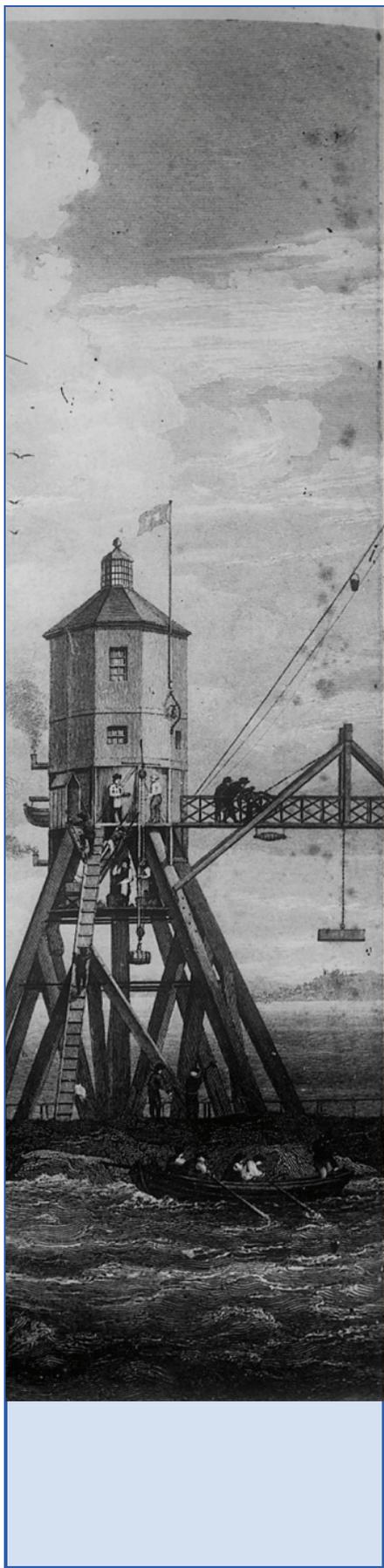
*(William Wallace Campbell: continued
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He committed suicide at the age of 76. He was mostly blind and suffering from bouts of aphasia. This was not only very frustrating to him, but he felt that it left him a burden to his family in terms of care and expense, according to notes he left behind at the time of his death.

Honors and awards:

- Henry Draper Medal (1906)
- Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society (1906)
- Bruce Medal (1915)
- Crater Campbell on the Moon
- Crater on Mars
- Asteroid 2751 Campbell

The Stevenson Lighthouse Legacy: continued



*The Bell Rock - 11 miles out to sea off Arbroath.
Now automated and unmanned, the lighthouse is lonelier than ever. Photo: © [Peter J. Clarke](#)*

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Shortly after 1870, Stevenson turned his back on lighthouse building to pursue his own literary career. However, Stevenson's history of the Stevenson family and excerpts of his grandfather's "Account of the Bell Rock Lighthouse" (a volume of almost 600 pages) was not published until 1912 - some 17 years after his death. It was published earlier as part of the many series of his collected works. The first appeared in 1896 ("The Edinburgh Edition", under the editorship of Sidney Colvin), with several editions following regularly until the mid-1920s. These included the Tuisitala (1924), Pentland (1925), Waverley (1925), Skerryvore (1925) and Vailima (1922). The latter edition alone was limited to 1060 sets for the United Kingdom, and a further 1030 sets for the American market!

To get hold now of a copy of Stevenson's original volume "An Account of the Bell Rock Light-house" (1824) is probably now well beyond the reach of most people's pockets, even if one were to come on the market; however, as well as book, in 1931 the Cambridge University Press, under The Craftsman Series, also produced an abridged version. But let Robert Louis, in his own words, set the scene for his own "Records":

"I am now for many pages to let my grandfather speak for himself, and tell in his own words the story of his capital achievement. The tall quarto of 588 pages from which the following

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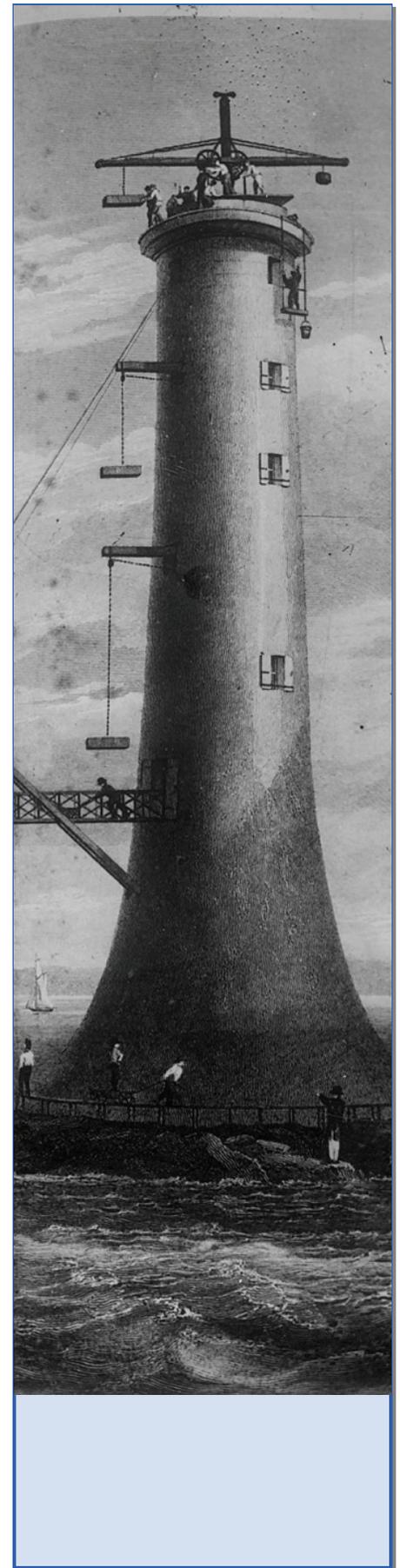
narrative has been dug out is practically unknown to the general reader, yet good judges have perceived its merit, and it has been named (with flattering wit) "The Romance of Stone and Lime" and "The Robinson Crusoe of Civil Engineering".

"The tower was but four year in the building; it took Robert Stevenson, in the midst of his many avocations, no less than fourteen years to prepare the Account. The title-page is a solid piece of literature up upwards of a hundred words; the table of contents runs to thirteen pages; and the dedication (to that revered monarch, George IV) must have cost no little study and correspondence. Walter Scott was called in council, and offered one miscorrection which still blots the page.



The Stevenson family's involvement in lighthouse engineering began with RLS's grandfather, Robert Stevenson (1772-1850).

"In spite of all this pondering and filing, there remain pages not easy to construe, and inconsistencies not easy to explain away. I have sought to make these disappear, and to lighten a little the baggage with which my grandfather marches. Here and there I have rejoined and rearranged a sentence, always with his own words, and all with a reverent and faithful hand; and I offer to the reader the true Monument of Robert Stevenson with a little of the moss removed from the inscription, and the Portrait of the artist with some superfluous canvas cut away."



The Saint Andrews Society of San Francisco
"SCOTCH BOTTOMS" NOTICE!



Members Dinner, Meeting and Entertainment Aboard

The Scottish Built Sailing Vessel **Balclutha** (Glasgow 1886)

Monday Evening, 11 October 2010 at the Hyde St. Pier, 5:30pm to 9pm (note date change)

At the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park. More details to follow.

The park is located in the Fisherman's Wharf neighborhood, on the shoreline of San Francisco Bay. There are no designated parking areas. There is metered street parking and garages and parking lots that charge various prices to park (\$10 to \$20 per day). The Visitor Center is located across the street from Hyde Street Pier. The Visitor Center address is: 499 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Go to <http://www.nps.gov/safr/planyourvisit/directions.htm> for directions.



Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco
Meeting Agenda
20 SEPTEMBER 2010

Our mission is to aid financially, and otherwise, any worthy Scot, or any member of the family of any worthy Scot who is deserving of help, and any person of Scottish origin or descent, who is in financial distress; to promote good will and harmony among people of Scottish birth or ancestry; to improve the social, educational and cultural life of persons of Scottish birth or ancestry; to preserve the practice and appreciation of traditional Scottish values and culture; and to acquire funds and property with which to carry out the objects and purposes hereinabove set forth.

Call to Order:

- Introduction of Guests
- New Members First Reading
- New Members Second Reading/Vote
- Approval of Minutes (from previous month)

Member Comments

President's Report – Fred Rutledge

1st Vice-President's Report – John Allison

2nd Vice-President's Report – James Beatty

Treasurer's Report – Russ Wallace

Board Member Reports:

- Trustees – Bruce McMillan
- Foundation – Tom McLaughlin
- Board of Relief – Elli Sturm
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Old Business

New Business / Upcoming Events (see reverse)(Nominating Committee Report)

For the Good of the Order

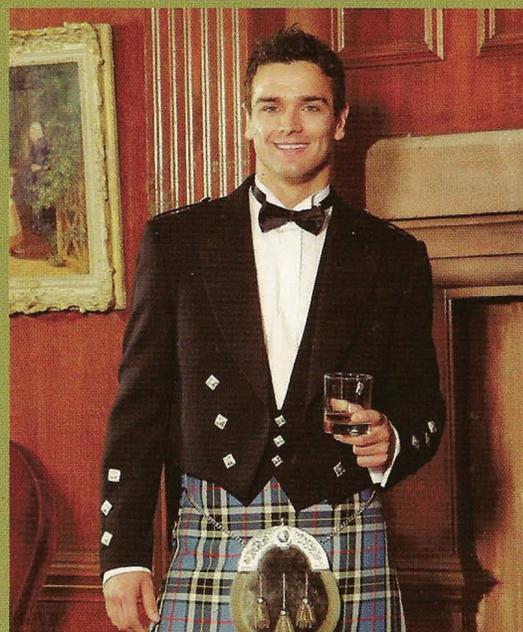
Next Meeting: Monday, 11 October (Scotch Bottoms) and Adjourn Business Meeting

Evening Program: TBD

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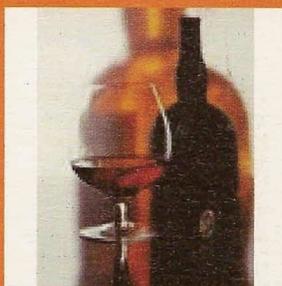
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- * Tartan Scaves, Ties, Blankets
- * Clan Key Rings, Pins, Books
- * Scottish Sportswear
- * Quaichs, Flasks, Jewelry
- * Scottish, Irish & Welsh Gifts
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