

The St. Andrew's Society

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The Society's 2016 Banquet & Ball

By David Campbell, 1st VP

For my December Report—I want to take the opportunity to write up a brief synopsis of this year's annual St. Andrew's Society Banquet & Ball—and to thank all who attended...especially those who took part in the program.



Jaeame I. Koyil, President

December 2016

President's Letter

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 31st at 1:00 PM for a very warm annual Hogmanay celebration at the Fire House. This will allow u the entire evening afterwards for further carousing !!!

Last week the Rt Honorable the Viscount Thurso, together with his very able colleague Simon Bergenrith joined various scoundrels from our Society to discuss "Visit Scotland," a government agency to encourage more tourism (picture on page 2). We very quickly solved all their problems and a good time had by all.

As I approach the final days of my service I am so enjoying theses golden days and so looking forward to handing off the society to our able crew hopefully they will be able to clean up all of the wreckage in my wake !!!!!

Beware—you may be the next one tapped to participate !!!!

See u at Hogmanay!!

Jaeame I. Koyil

President

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This year's attendance was slightly less than we might normally hope to see, but nonetheless it was a crowd large enough to fill the Crystal Ballroom at our usual venue The Marines' Memorial Hotel—and it was large enough to feel the energy of a "critical mass".

Our Guest of Honor was Australian Consul General to San Francisco Chris Oldfield—who attended with his lovely wife Penny. We were put in touch with C.G. Oldfield by Ian Baird... so, thanks to Ian for that noteworthy introduction. Not only did C.G. Oldfield lead us in a toast to H.M. The Queen, but he

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President's Letter



The Rt Honorable the Viscount Thurso, his colleague Simon Bergenrith meeting various members of the Society.

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(*Emeritus)

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also spoke briefly to the Society during his part of the dinner program. In his remarks he was appreciative of our Australian—American relationship...of the collaboration our countries share in peace and in times of war & international conflict; and in closing—he enjoined the audience to “not forget”!



ning off to a good start with her invocation and gracious blessing of the farin' and the evening.

Up next: the Haggis. The parade in was well executed—Piper Jek; Haggis maker & Odesman, Caledonian Alex Henderson; Chef Steve Kerr; and Scotch Whisky Bearer John McCorkindale, Trustee Emeritus did the Haggis entry proud. The only problem... all was fine until: wait for it—a faulty leg on the table buckled and had the whole thing came crashing down. Drinking glasses broke into pieces, the amber bead was spilt, and the Glorious Haggis rolled & slid ingloriously across the dance floor. What spectacle...a sight to behold! The room's shock soon turned to laughter

Our other honored guests from their respective societies who joined President Koyil at the head table, included: Charles & Wendy McKinven (Caledonian Club of San Francisco), Kathleen & Kozo Kimura (British Benevolent Society), Patrick & Pamela Sweetman (Royal British Legion), Linda & John Morrison (PBFSCO), and Francine Thomas (state head of The Daughters of the British Empire-DBE). Apologies were extended to Edith Caponigro, in attendance with husband Dennis—for our oversight regarding her rank as the National President of the DBE. We promise to get that seating arrangement corrected for Burns Supper in January!

After Society Piper Jek Cunningham piped in the head table, Herald Bill Jaggers led in the Color Guard which consisted of Past Presidents Fred Rutledge & Iain Macdonald, and 2nd VP-Elect Allen Cary (who shortly thereafter also offered the toast to The President). Society President Jaame Koyil then directed: “post the colors!”... and the evening was on.

Brief words of Introduction & Welcoming were offered by 1st VP David Campbell and President Koyil, respectively. After which Chaplain Marilyn Van Story (who will be missed, as she is outgoing in 2017) got the eve-



and then amazement...but the show did indeed go on!! We picked up, dusted off...and simply got on with it. Alex went on to deliver an amazing Ode to the Haggis with his expert commentary and the depth of feeling of one who knows. Great job Haggis team...good recovery and an even better performance!

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To close out the dinner portion of the program were the following offerings: Caledonian David ("Davie") Scott on behalf of the Erskine Trust; recent Past President & Chair of the Board of Trustees David McCrossan – who toasted our St. Andrew's kindred societies; and lastly President Koyil—who honored with tribute our Society's Past Presidents who have labored continuously to bring forward the work of our guid Society.



The Stewart Tartan Pipes & Drums—consisting of six pipers and four drummers—got the after-dinner program off to an impressive start. The band's performance was exceptional—very crisp and truly professional.

Three sets were played - led by Drum Major Paul Olson and Pipe Major Adam Blaine, who was also featured as the soloist—and rendered a most extraordinary piping performance. The pipe band was then joined for two additional sets by two young up and coming Highland dancers from the San Jose School of Highland Dancing: Mia Hernandez and Kristen Miller. Well done pipe band and dancing lassies!

Our loyal friends the Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers (PSF) joined us again this year with a right-sized contingent of eight, and delighted the audience with their repertoire, talented playing, and versatile range. Shauna Pickett-Gordon and Colyn Fisher's The Piper's Cave was a nice segue from Stewart Tartan as we then launched into the audience participation portion of the evening, ie Scottish country dancing. Fred Macondray once again provided tutorial in helping to guide us as through the steps of The Gay Gordons, and St. Bernard's Waltz. Unfortunately, due to time constraints - Strip the Willow fell out of lineup, so will have to be reprised on another occasion. Like say...maybe our Hogmanay celebration (Dec 31st) at the firehouse, so why don't you consider joining us?!

...And the night was not yet over. Still more dancing—to strains of the same quartet who played for us last year: Randy Handley and the Nob Hill Sounds. The evening only then was finally

brought to close promptly at 11:00 PM...as we joined hands and our voices in the traditional round of Auld Lang Syne.

In closing—thanks to the registration team for their assistance: Secretary Jean Allen (also for providing the Glenlivet 12 year single malt), 2nd VP Francesca McCrossan, Executive Assistant Susan Goodier, Laurien Fiddes, Lynne Day, and Meena Kakani.

A final note of thanks and appreciation—to all for your eager participation in our grand affair. Despite the somewhat inelegant, if not inauspicious beginning—we were able to effectively get and stay on track...and I think put on a nice evening for our members and friends—one worthy of

St. Andrew's! You all did great...and I'm looking forward to an even better event next year under Francesca's direction!!

Incidentally, the evening was photographed professionally by Drew Altizer Photography—who has done a great job for us at several of our events in the recent past. Please note that Susan Goodier sent out a link of this photo archive to our readership on December



2nd. So, if you have not seen the link, nor been able to gain access to the approximate 260 photos—and would like help in doing so—don't hesitate to contact Susan or myself for assistance.

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Tasmania's fledgling whisky industry booming

By Jason Scott

It's Not Scotch, but Tasmanian Whisky Is Flying off the Shelves

When Patrick Maguire first showed his Tasmanian whisky in Paris over a decade ago, he struggled to convince European connoisseurs to taste it.

"They'd wouldn't make eye contact and would walk straight past," said Maguire. "The attitude when we turned up was 'that's very nice, but it's not Scotch'."



Patrick Maguire

Now the world is coming to Maguire after his Sullivan's Cove French Oak Cask was named the world's best single malt in 2014, the first time a distillery outside Scotland or Japan won the award. He has a 6,000-liter still on order for a whisky that retails for A\$450 (\$333) a bottle and can sell out within 10 minutes. Maguire sells half his produce to distributors in countries including the U.S., the U.K. and Japan, and the rest at the cellar door or online.

Ten years ago there were only three distillers in Tasmania. Now there are 22, and with sales growing by more than 50 percent in the two years to June 2015, that number is expected to double over the next five years. Still, total revenue from the industry reached just A\$20 million last year, a drop in the whisky world's ocean. Scotch whisky, by comparison, generates 3.95 billion pounds (\$4.9 billion) a year, accounting for about a quarter of U.K. food and drink exports.

"The only negative is volume—we can't keep up with demand," State Premier Will Hodgman said in an interview in Tasmania's capital Hobart. "But we want to preserve the integrity of the brand. The bar has been set high and if they want to be com-

petitive, the new entrants will need to prove to be equally high grade."

Penal Colony

A rugged island about the size of Sri Lanka tucked beneath the southeast corner of the Australian mainland, Tasmania is a long journey—even for whisky enthusiasts. Settled as a penal colony two centuries ago by the British, distilling of alcohol was long banned in a bid to crack down on public drunkenness.

Tasmania has long been a social and financial laggard compared to its mainland peers, and with its traditional mining and logging industries in the doldrums it has the second-weakest economy among the nation's eight states and territories, according to a Commonwealth Bank of Australia ranking. A surge in international demand for niche products like its whisky -- as well as dairy, seafood and tourism -- has given its population of just over half a million people renewed hope that the island's fortunes are finally turning around.

Maguire, who once ran a pub in the island's remote north,



A worker rolls a cask of single malt whisky at the Sullivan's Cove whisky distillery in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

helped pioneer the industry's emergence in the 1990s. "This industry has helped change the perception of Tasmania from a sleepy little backwater to some place that's actually quite dynamic."

With abundant clean, soft water, Maguire says the other secret to Tasmanian whisky is a combination of the homegrown barley, the malting process, and the way the spirit is distilled. "We don't push the spirit through," Maguire said. "We let the still roll along at its natural pace" to better capture flavor, he said.

Robbie Gilligan, president of the Tasmanian Whisky Producers

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Tasmanian Whisky

Association, believes there's room for growth. "There's plenty of people rushing to join the industry now because the market isn't over-saturated," said Gilligan, who's overseeing an expansion at his Redlands distillery from one 100-liter barrel a week to 21.

Standing in his distillery at a 200-year-old farmhouse 50 kilometers (31 miles) from Hobart, Damian Mackey, whose triple-distilled Mackey Whisky won gold in the best world whisky category at this year's International Whisky Competition, says Tasmania's limited production and rising global demand for premium single malt whisky guarantees the industry's long-term future.



A copper still at the Sullivans Cove distillery in Hobart.

"A big Scottish distillery would spill more than we can make in Tasmania," Mackey said.

A year ago the 500 liters of whisky coming out Mackey's backyard each year was a weekend hobby. He's since left his government office job and plans to boost production to 150,000 liters a year in a purpose-built facility at Pontville's Shene Estate with business partner David Kernke.

China Interest

One of Mackey's tipples scored a mark of 94.5 points in Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2017, putting it in the top 2 percent of the 4,600 whiskies tasted and earning it the title of "liquid gold."

With 224,000 international visitors to the state in the 12 months to June, up 13 percent over the previous year, the pair see the distillery as a tourist drawcard as Tasmania seeks to capitalize on a surge of interest from Asia, especially China, after President Xi Jinping's visit to the island two years ago.



Sullivans Cove French Oak Cask, center, and American Oak Cask.

"We're very happy whenever we see a map of Australia with Tasmania missing—the Tasmanian brand doesn't need to be shackled to the Australian brand," Mackey said. "If most people around the world think we're a separate place, that's great."

News of the award for Sullivans Cove piqued the interest of Johnson Tan, a former Singaporean investment banker and whisky collector now living in Thailand. He's since bought—and drunk—several bottles.

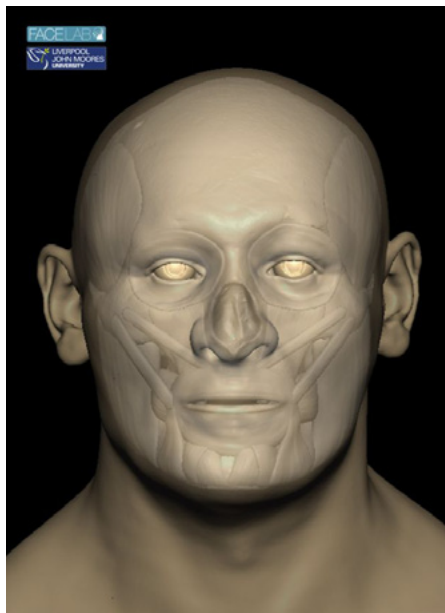
"For me, what Tasmanian whisky has got going for it is the quality of the water—that makes a big difference," Tan said. "The industry deserves a lot of credit for basically establishing itself with a great product in one generation."

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Amazing first ever look at Robert the Bruce's face - created 700 years after his death

By Steve White, Mirror

Scientists and historians have worked together to create the first ever image of the Scottish warlord. The entire [article can be found at mirror.co.uk](#).



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POTLUCK

FESTIVITIES START AT 1PM WITH APPETIZERS & DRINKS.
THERE WILL BE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT (PENINSULA
SCOTTISH FIDDLERS). HAGGIS WILL BE ADDRESSED AND
ENJOYED, AND A DARK HAired STRANGER WILL BE
WELCOMED FOR FIRST FOOTING. THE FESTIVITIES WILL
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Robert Burns
(1759–1796)

*The St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco*

Burns Supper

Saturday, January 21st, 2017

Save the date for the annual commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns with a traditional Burns Night Supper.

at

The Family

545 Powell St., San Francisco

6:00 PM: No Host Cocktails

7:00 PM: Dinner & Entertainment

Formal Attire Encouraged

For enquiries contact Francesca McCrossan (2nd VP) at:
2ndVP@saintandrewssocietysf.org

Tickets will be available through the Society's website,
saintandrewssociety.org, beginning in December.

Hello St. Andrew's Society Members:

We had an a brilliant time at Asilomar this October, with nearly 250 attendees! The masked Ball Saturday night was especially fun. Thanks to members of the St Andrew's Society of San Francisco in helping us get the word out about our Asilomar Weekend.

We thought that some of your members might like to know about the RSCDS San Francisco Branch's upcoming **Valentine's Ball**.

This is a gala event at the Scottish Rite Center, Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA, near Lake Merritt, not far from San Francisco! The Ball is a truly festive event when we'll don our best gowns and tartan, and gather to celebrate our love of dance.

Attendees arrive early for the pre-ball Sherry Social and linger for the lite After-Ball Buffet. The Valentine's Ball will be held **Saturday, February 11, 2017, 6:30pm – midnight**. With music by the fabulous Reel of Seven, it's the perfect way to welcome the return of Spring, and is one of the highlights on our Branch's Dance Calendar.

We are now accepting registrations. We've attached a registration form/flyer for you and your members. Or if you prefer, the **registration form** can also be downloaded from our website.

All the best,

Charlotte Greig

Asilomar Weekend Marketing Chairman, RSCDS San Francisco Branch, cggreig@att.net

Questions? Please contact: Ellen Lovell, Valentine's Ball Chair: lln.lvll@gmail.com or Sharon Stewart, Registrar: sharon.stewart@comcast.com





To whom it may concern,

We are running an archaeological field school in the Scottish Highlands in June next year. Participants will be involved in researching, surveying and recording a series of historical and archaeological sites associated with the Jacobite rebellions and Highland Clearances of 18th Century Scotland. Training will be provided in archaeological recording practices including historical analyses, map regression, archaeological field survey, technical drawing, photography, building recording and GIS. I have attached [full details of the field school](#) and an [application form](#) and would appreciate if you could forward this to your archaeology department mailing list or anyone you think may find it useful. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me, you can find more information on our organisation at www.harparchaeology.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Ian Hill



Burns Supper 2017

Dear St. Andrew's Society Members,

Make plans now to attend the **PBFSCO Burns Supper** on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the Pleasanton Marriott.

Our 23rd annual tribute to Robert Burns, the bard of Scotland, features Caliban and a special recitation of Tam O'Shanter by Juliet Davoren. Learn more about Caliban at www.tempestmusic.com/html/caliban.html.

To see the flyer for Burns Supper details and a reservation form to send in with your check visit the PBFSCO website.

To see the flyer for Burns Supper details and reservation form to send in with your check and also to make your reservation & payment online visit the PBFSCO website at www.pbfsco.org or at Brown Paper Tickets: burns2017.brownpapertickets.com

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Marriott for \$104 + tax, breakfast included. Reserve your room online: [Marriott Burns Supper Reservation](#), or call the Pleasanton Marriott at 925.847.6000 and ask for Burns Supper block.

Kindly forward this e-mail to your friends, family and organization membership. We look forward to seeing you on January 28th.

Yours aye,

Steve Lind

Meeting & Events Schedule

Date	Event / Topic	Location / Notes
2016		
Mon. Dec. 19	No Meeting due to Hogmanay Potluck on 12/31	
Sat. Dec. 31	Hogmanay Celebration.....	1088 Green St., SF
2017		
Mon. Jan. 16	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
	<i>Inauguration of 2017 Office Bearers</i>	
Sat. Jan. 21	Annual Burns Supper (The Family)	545 Powell St., SF
Mon. Feb. 20	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Mar. 20	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 8	Tartan Day Scottish Faire (EBSA)	Ardenwood, Fremont
Mon. April 17	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 22	John Muir Day / Earth Day celebration.....	Martinez, CA
Mon. May 15	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. June 19	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
(TBD)	Summer Ceilidh	Encinal Yacht Club
Mon. July 17	Summer Break – no meeting	
Mon. Aug. 21	Summer Break – no meeting	
Sept. 2–3	Caledonian Club's 152nd Highland Games & Gathering	Pleasanton, CA
Mon. Sept. 18	Member's Dinner	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Oct. 16	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Sun. Nov. 12	Remembrance Day Service.....	Grace Cathedral, SF
Mon. Nov. 20	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Nov. (TBD)	154th Annual Banquet & Ball	Marine's Hotel, SF

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