

# The Tartan News

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Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Tuesday, April 21, 2015*  
*6:30 P.M.*

*Camp Hill Presbyterian Church*  
*101 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Camp Hill, PA*

Annually we are required to elect officers of the Society for the coming year. The Nominating Committee will present its report during the meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by current Society members. Please plan to attend the meeting in order to have a say in the Society's leadership.

The rest of the evening will be social and include a potluck meal and entertainment by Across the Pond.

The evening will begin with dinner at 6:30 PM. As has been the practice, the Society will once again provide meat and cheese trays, bread, drinks, and utensils. Please bring something to share using the first letter of your last name to guide you according to the following:

A through G -- Salad/Appetizer

H through P -- Dessert

Q through Z -- Casserole/Side dish

After the business portion of the meeting we will be entertained by the Celtic band Across the Pond. The three musicians have established a great reputation locally and much more broadly.

According to their website they have received the following accolades:

- January 2015 – Among the top 20 Celtic folk bands in the world for 2014
- February 2015 – Ranked the number 1 Celtic band locally, number 4 nationally, and number 5 globally
- March 2015 – Co-winners of Texas Scots talent competition



Their talent and showmanship must be why they are performing 17 gigs in March. We have them back for the second time in three years and all you have to do to hear them is come to the meeting.

Please remember the meeting is open to anyone with an interest in things Scottish. Invite your friends for what should be a great evening. This can be one of the best ways to encourage membership growth.

# SCOTLAND: A TALE OF TWOS – TONGUE IN CHEEK

Scotland has three flags but only **two** are for our use. They are the Scot's blue and white Saltire and the Union flag which is an amalgam of the Scot's Saltire with the red cross of St. John (England) and the red cross of St. Patrick (Ireland). The yellow Lion Rampant flag is the Sovereign's flag and only flown by her or by her personal representative such as a Lord Lieutenant for a specific District.

Then, there are **two** ways to line up Clans at festivals. At some games there is a "traditional" line established based on the presumed Clan "precedence" but the Standing Council of Clan Chiefs has stated that there is no order of preference recognized. So, we are left with the alphabet or, since we are Scots, a lineup based on who paid first.

Scots can be called many things and frequently we are! We can be called British or we can be called Scots. The British term comes from the United Kingdom of Great Britain comprised since 1707 of Scotland and the others (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland). We all know that Scotland has always retained sovereignty for religion and law and, with devolution in recent years, now it has its own parliament restored. So, we can be known **two** ways: British or, more magnificently, Scots – but we are never English.

Then there is the question of who is Elizabeth. Her prime title is "Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith." However, Scotland and England were never merged and Scotland retained its separate flag. Hence, it is appropriate to speak of Elizabeth **two** ways: as Queen of Scotland or as Queen of Great Britain but, in Scotland, never to speak of her as Queen of England! Or maybe we should just call her the Queen – she really is the same person.

Finally, there is the matter of number assigned to Elizabeth. When our Queen came to the throne in 1952, many thought of the legendary Queen Elizabeth, the last Tudor and executor of Mary, Queen of Scots. As a result, she became known as Elizabeth the "**Second**" and, indeed, the London government accepted that position. However, there never was an Elizabeth in Scotland and, thus, how could there be an Elizabeth II? So, who cares? The royal mail usually includes the Sovereign's initials on postboxes when they are cast. The new boxes appearing in Scotland with the Elizabeth II Rex (E II R) became handy targets of bombers of the Scottish persuasion. They won the history battle! Today the postboxes of Scotland have no number but instead have a Scot's Crown.

Submitted by John Cameron

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Summer Picnic

We are hoping to have a summer picnic in June. Please watch for an announcement about time and place.

### McLain Games

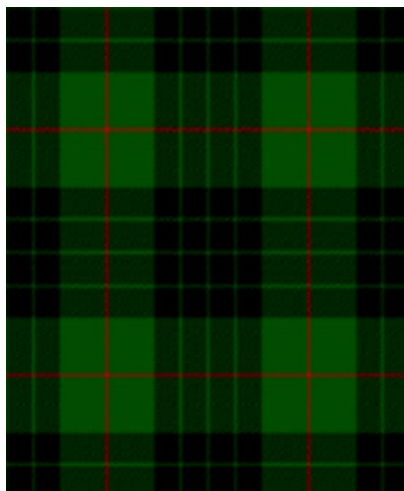
The next McLain Games will be held in Carlisle on September 5. The Society will continue to have a prominent location on the grounds and we were asked to be involved in the planning of the event. One opportunity which is open to all of the clans is to have a tent at the Games. If anyone wishes to learn more about having your specific clan tent or already know you want to do so, please contact Ken Millage at the Society's e-mail address, [scotsocietycpa@gmail.com](mailto:scotsocietycpa@gmail.com).

# ROBERT BURNS SUPPER

Our most recent Robert Burns Supper was held on January 17, 2015, at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Camp Hill. Attendance was 114 and the overall response was that the food, service, program, and entertainment all met our expectations. Many thanks go to John Goodrich who coordinated the overall evening and to Jesse Weigel who handled the reservations. Graeme Goodsir gathered our dinner sponsors who would appreciate our patronage. Thank you to those who were front and center making presentations, playing the bagpipes and running the raffle and to those behind the scenes baking shortbread, tying heather, and gathering gifts for the raffle. Without all of those efforts and many others, the evening would not have been as good as it was and always is.

In addition to the traditional activities during the evening, Bucky Nelson made a special presentation of a Clan Gunn Tartan to the Society. If you go to our website, [pennscots.org](http://pennscots.org), you will find this is one of 26 clan tartans we now have. Anyone who wishes to present a new clan tartan to the Society is encouraged to do so. This is a wonderful way to recognize your heritage.

Clan Gunn Tartan – the newest in our collection.



The next Robert Burns Supper will be held on February 6, 2016, again at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill. As this is our biggest annual event, we will continue to work on improvements. Among the ways we all make this evening better is by attending and bringing guests to show them how much fun it is to eat haggis, listen to bagpipes, dress in your finest Scottish attire, learn about Robert Burns, and listen to great vocal performers. We hope to see everyone next February.

If you have any suggestions about improving the evening, please speak to any member of the board or e-mail us at [scotsocietycpa@gmail.com](mailto:scotsocietycpa@gmail.com).

## *The Scottish Society Board of Directors for 2014-2015*

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**Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania Membership Form**

For additional information please go to: [www.pennscots.org](http://www.pennscots.org)

To become a member of SSoCP, or to renew an existing membership, please complete and return this form with your payment to: SSoCP, PO Box 1006, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Membership Dues: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

\$15 for individual membership

Please note if you are making a payment for the past year(s).

\$20 for family membership

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) [  ] Individual [  ] Family Membership. *(Check one)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am most interested in the following: *(Check ALL Areas of Interest)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Cuisine   | <input type="checkbox"/> Local History          | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Work      | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Baking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Services |                                         |

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