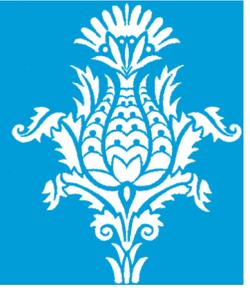


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SCOTLAND SAID NO - NOW WHAT?

Scotland went to the polls in the “Great Referendum” on September 18th. This was the vote that was to settle whether Scotland would emerge from Union with England; a union in place since the Union of Parliaments in 1707.

The result with 84.6% of eligible voters casting ballots was 55% of voters saying “no” to separation and 45% saying “yes.” This result was consistent across Scotland except for Glasgow and Dundee.

The final result was a bit of a surprise as some polls in the last week had “yes” moving slightly ahead. As that “yes” surge became apparent, reaction from the “no” side was somewhat panicked and resulted in several speeches by the “no” side (including by UK Prime Minister David Cameron) promising that IF Scotland would vote “no” then great things would come. All five major political parties agreed willingness to take major devolution actions.

So, Scotland could have independence by voting against it! To be fair, there were some rational arguments by the “no” side dealing with the banking system, European Union acceptance of Scotland as a new nation member, etc.

Three interesting things then occurred. Scotland’s First Minister and architect of the Scottish National Party, stepped aside. Second, membership in the SNP and related bodies surged. Third, a Commission was appointed to develop ways in which additional powers could be devolved to Scotland.

This was followed by a wrinkle in the devolution equation. As being considered, English and Welsh member of Parliament at Westminster in London would not be allowed to vote on solely Scottish matters. Given that, why should Scottish members be allowed to vote on purely English or Welsh matters?

The UK will hold a general election in 2015 and the Scottish post referendum attitudes may mean that PM Cameron will need SNP support to remain in power. What will Welsh and English calls for more power similar to what Scotland has been promised mean for the UK election? There are calls to restructure the whole of the United Kingdom with a more “federal” style Constitution – perhaps similar to how the US is structured.

The “Smith Commission” has indeed issued a report which calls for more transfers of power from London to Edinburgh, particularly in taxation and social policy areas. This has not been met with universal praise. Instead, there is significant disappointment that the Scottish Parliament will not get fuller control.

In sum, the future of independence is clouded with uncertainty. Will the Scots get what they were promised in the days immediately before the voting? Will the English and Welsh see similar powers given to them? The debate will continue through all of UK politics – not just in Scotland.

Submitted by John Cameron

FORMER SCOTTISH SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

We have received sad news about two of our former Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania presidents in recent weeks.

On October 5 Allen Miles Johnstone died at the age of 89. Allen served as president of the Scottish Society from 1984-1985 and again from 1994-1996. He is survived by his wife Shirley who also served as our Society president from 2004-2006.

On December 7 Darcy Wagonhurst died at the age of 84. Darcy was our Society president from 1998-1999.

Please remember both of these wonderful people and their families in your prayers and thoughts.

MY HEART'S IN THE HIGHLANDS

By Robert Burns

My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here;

My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer;
A-chasing the wild-deer, and following the roe,
My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go.

HOW TO WEAR A LADY'S TARTAN SASH

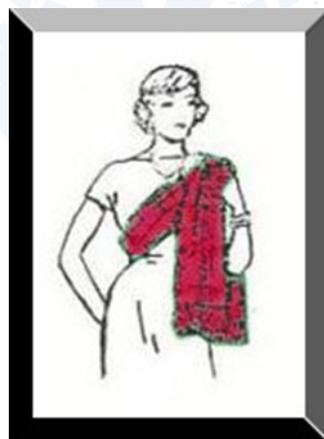
Submitted by Bucky Nelson

Many women like to wear the tartan of their clan or their husband's clan, but are not quite sure how to do it properly. Although the manner of wearing tartan sashes has had a customary significance for

The proper way to wear the sash is over the right shoulder across the breast and secured by a pin or brooch on the right shoulder. Alternatively, it may be worn on the right shoulder in the form of a pleated fan or rosette, secured by a brooch, with both pieces of sash streaming down the back. The longer piece of fabric should be on the bottom and can be secured at the left back side of the waist with the shorter top piece of fabric hanging free.



If you are the Queen of Great Britain, a member of the Royal Family, a Scottish clan chief, the wife of a Scottish clan chief or the wife of a Colonel or General of Scottish Regiments, the sash should be worn over the left shoulder and secured with a brooch on the left shoulder.



two centuries, there is no legal significance. However, a due respect for custom is important. The following suggestions are based upon a careful study of traditional practice, and bear the approval of the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

The Lord Lyon also has stated that a woman who has married outside of her clan and wishes to wear the tartan of her family rather than that of her husband should wear the sash over her right shoulder, across the breast and secured at the left waist in a bow. Over the years, I have never seen anyone wear the sash in this manner. I think that trying to make a bow out of the sash is cumbersome. However, anyone wishing to wear it this way should do so as it is totally appropriate.



Join your current Scottish friends and make some new ones at the Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania's 61st Robert Burns Supper on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Invite someone who has never attended a Burns Night Supper to come with you. The evening's events will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Camp Hill where the parking is free and ample. There will be bagpipe music, an ode to a haggis, an immortal memory to the life of Robert Burns, toasts to national leaders and lads and lassies, presentation of new clan banners, a raffle of prizes, and entertainment by Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks.

The menu choices and the price of the meal (\$30 for adults, \$15 for children) are the same as last year. Entrée options are Chianti-braised beef short ribs, pecan encrusted salmon, and grilled vegetable stack. Dinner will also include garden salad, haggis, cock-a-leekie soup, dinner sides, trifle, and coffee, hot tea, or iced tea.

For those who want to stay at the Radisson following the festivities, the hotel is offering a room rate of \$101 for the evening. You may make reservations by calling (717) 763-7117 and requesting the Scottish society rate. Rooms will very likely be available even if you do not make advance reservations.

Robert Burns Supper Reply Form

Please reserve your place at the Burns Night Supper by Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Yes, I plan to attend the Burns Night Supper on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Social hour begins at 5:00 PM and dinner begins at 6:00 PM.

Location: Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Names of OTHER guests for whom you are reserving seats _____

Please indicate the number and type of meal you and those in your party prefer.

Adults: _____ Baked Salmon _____ Braised Beef _____ Vegetarian _____ Total # x \$30 each = \$ _____

Children: _____ Baked Salmon _____ Braised Beef _____ Vegetarian _____ Total # x \$15 each = \$ _____

Children are school age up to age 18 years.

Tables will be set for 8 people. If you have a seating preference, please indicate it here and every effort will be made to honor your request. _____

Mail your reservation form and check, made out to "Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania" to
Dr. Jesse Weigel, 649 Willow Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Questions: E-mail Ken Millage, President at scotsocietycpa@gmail.com or contact John Goodrich, Vice President, at (717) 652-8526 or jmg1644@comcast.net.



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Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania Membership Form

For additional information please go to: 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: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Art/Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Bagpipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy |
| <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 | |

2014—2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE! PLEASE MAIL THEM!