

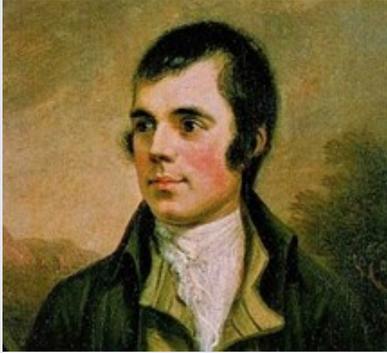


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Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

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Annual Robert Burns Supper Saturday, January 28, 2017

Social Hour: 5:00 PM ~ Dinner: 6:00 PM

Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Camp Hill

Robert Burns (1759-1796) was born to, and, generally, lived a difficult life including working as a tenant farmer and an Excise Collector (not a popular person in Scotland in those times.) However, it is his poetry which has lived and brought admiration and fame worldwide. His poetry and song recorded and celebrated farm life and Scotland's culture and religion while celebrating life itself. His work sought a better world of equality for those among whom he was raised and lived. He is truly the Scots Bard!

Entertainment will be provided by Cormorant's Fancy, a Celtic folk music band from Gettysburg. The five members of the band, Stephen, Beth, and Margaret Folkemer, Chuck Kreple, and Rick Czar, have performed for us at a previous Burns Night Supper and also at some of our meetings. Making their performance even more special is that several of the band members are also members of our Scottish Society.

Also featured will be the traditional "Address to a Haggis," humorous "Toasts to the Lads and Lassies," and the "Immortal Memory." The start of dinner will be the ceremonial Haggis procession at 6:00, lead by our Society piper. Speaking of that famous Scottish dish, haggis will be available at each table, along with soup, salad, a choice of entrees (pecan-encrusted salmon, slow-cook beef or vegetarian) and a tasty trifle for dessert. We

have added another meal option of chicken fingers, French fries, and apple sauce for children under age ten. Please note children age 3 and younger are free assuming no meal is ordered.

Come meet your Scottish friends for a wonderful evening of music, fine food and drink, culture and a raffle drawing in which you can win Scottish-themed items. Be sure also to invite someone who has never attended a Burns Night Supper to come with you. Perhaps, the additional meal option will encourage attendance by some younger families with children. We know they will enjoy it. The Radisson features free parking and overnight stays at a reduced cost for our society.

The objective of the Scottish Society is to promote an interest in the history, culture and traditions of Scotland and Scottish Americans in Central Pennsylvania. That's why we would like you to indicate your clan affiliation, if known, in the reservation form. It will help with seating and, perhaps, you will learn more about your Scottish ancestry that evening.



Clan MacLachlan

Motto: Fortes et Fidelis (Strong and Faithful)

The following article on Clan MacLachlan was submitted by Heather Sigler, our Scottish Society Chaplain. Please remember that all are encouraged to submit articles about your clan for future publication.

Clan Maclachlan, also known as Clan Lachlan and Clann Lachlainn, is historically centered on the lands of Strathlachlan on Loch Fyne, Argyll on the west coast of Scotland. The old castle on that land now lies in complete ruin waiting the funds to prepare the grounds for preservation. A new castle, about a mile away is currently occupied by Euan Maclachlan.

There are numerous spellings used by people around the world who originate from this clan, including Maclachlan and MacLaughlin. If your name is Claflin, Ewan, Ewing, Gilchrist, Lachlan or MacEwan you are also part of the clan.

Linage: The clan is descended from Lachlan Mor ('Great Lachlan') a powerful chieftain who lived on the shores of Loch Fyne in the 13th century. Lachlan Mor is said to be descended from Anrothan O'Neill an Irish prince who left Ireland in the 11th century. A further line of descent traces the origins of this clan through the line of one of the oldest families in Europe. Anrothan O'Neill is said to have descended from the High King of Ireland, Niall Noigiallach, who ruled during the 4th to 5th centuries.

The first documentary evidence of the clan's ownership of the land known as Strathlachlan on the east of Loch Fyne was in 1292, when Gilleskel Maclachlan received a charter from John, King of Scots. Old Castle Lachlan's existence was first acknowledged in a document dated 1314. In 1680 the Maclachlan lands were made a barony by Charles II of England. To this day the chief of the clan is the Baron of Strathlachlan.

Political History: The Maclachlans were loyal Jacobites, supporting attempts to restore the Stuarts to the throne of England and Scotland. This led to conflict with the other major Loch Fyne clan, the Campbells based at Inveraray.

Lachlan, the seventeenth chief of Clan Maclachlan, supported Bonnie Prince Charlie in the Jacobite Rising of 1745, and died leading the clan at the battle of Culloden in 1746. Following the defeat a Government ship is believed to have sailed up Loch Fyne and shelled Castle Lachlan, forcing the chief's family to abandon it, and in Edinburgh the Maclachlan colours were burned on the orders of Prince William, Duke of Cumberland, son of King George II. However, the chief of the Campbells, despite helping crush the Jacobite forces, aided Donald, son of the deceased Maclachlan chief, and helped saved his lands.

Today the clan is alive and lives as the *Clan Maclachlan Society* and the *Lachlan Trust*. The Lachlan Trust is a registered Scottish charitable organization which takes donations to preserve the heritage of Clan Maclachlan. The Clan Maclachlan Society consists of eight branches around the world, including Australia, Britain & Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States of America.



Recent Event

The only organized Scottish Society event since our fall newsletter was the St. Andrews dinner potluck on November 15. About 30 people gathered at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church to commemorate the appointment of St. Andrew as the Patron Saint of Scotland. Good food, comradery, and music was enjoyed. Music was provided by local musicians Justin Cook and Diane and Charles Kadyk.

The board of directors is always seeking new ways to promote our Society. If you know of events you may want to recommend, please let someone on the board know. You may contact us at scotsocietycpa@gmail.com.

Flowers of the Forest

Dr. Emerson C. Flurkey
1931 - 2016

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, 2016 - June 30, 2017 \$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 | |

2016—2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE! PLEASE MAIL THEM!

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