

The Tartan News

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Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

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CELTIC BAND TO ENTERTAIN AT BURNS '14




Cormorant's Fancy, a Celtic band from the Gettysburg area, will be on hand in strong numbers to entertain us at the 60th Annual Robert Burns Dinner on Saturday, January 25, 2014, once again at the Keystone Rooms in the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center in Camp Hill. Free parking and a great time are in store.

The band will feature traditional Scottish music as well as some of their own arrangements for the Burns event, which begins at 5:00 pm with a cocktail hour, followed by the Haggis Procession and dinner just after 6:00 pm. Cormorant's Fancy specializes in fine harmonies and multifaceted instrumentals blending fiddle, concertina, penny whistles, low whistles, guitar, bass, keyboards and bodhran.

Cormorant's Fancy has performed monthly as the House Band for the Historic Fairfield Inn for the last six years. They've played at a wide range of pubs, eateries, concert series, colleges, festivals, private parties, benefits and weddings. They also played for the Titanic Artifact Exhibit at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg and at the McLain Celtic Festival near Carlisle, as well as a concert series at Mount Gretna in the Park.

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Leading the Haggis Procession at Burns 2014 will be piper Rodney Owens of Penbrook, followed by the Radisson chef with a platter of lamb and oatmeal based haggis. Fred Hait of Carlisle, a Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania Board Member, will then recite the Ode to a Haggis, Burns' tribute to the popular Scottish dish.

Be sure to use the reservation form on the back page of this issue of the Tartan News to hold your clan's spot at the Burns celebration. The menu again will feature the most popular entrée with our group, Pecan-Encrusted Salmon. For lovers of tender meat, the Slo-Cook Braised Beef is offered, and vegetarians will enjoy a new item, the Vegetable Stack. Tableside haggis, cock-a-leekie soup, a garden salad, starch, choice of beverages and dessert trifle are included.

The good news is that the Radisson has not increased our meal costs from the 2013 Burns Dinner. This means that for \$30, attendees get a full-course meal and great entertainment.

In addition to Cormorant's Fancy, the evening's main entertainment, Ted Kelly of Camp Hill will honor the Bard with a tribute to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.

Faite a Chairde

(Gaelic: Welcome Friends)

The Scottish Society would like to welcome the following new members:

William and Ann Pooler
Newville, PA

Megan and Anthony Smith
Lancaster, PA

A raffle of Scottish items, including a bottle of single malt, books and keepsakes, will be held following the dinner. Be sure to purchase tickets to ensure your chance at winning these items.

Toasts will include honors to our national leaders and a memorium to our society's Departed Friends, Betty Barnes, John McKillop and Jeanne Rhine. The humorous Toasts to the Lassies and Lads will be given this year by Jen Gardner, our past president, and her brother, Jayme.

At the conclusion, we will gather in a circle to be led by Cormorant's Fancy in the singing of Burns' most famous tune, Auld Lang Syne.

This warm-hearted and tradition-keeping celebration is supported in large part by our major sponsors: M&Z Carpets Inc. of the Greater Harrisburg Area; L.B. Smith Ford Lincoln in Lemoyne, and the Oxford Hall Celtic Shop of New Cumberland. And it is made possible by the backing of you, our Scottish Society members.

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Robert Burns Dinner Reply Form

Please reserve your place before Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Yes, I plan to be at the Burns Dinner on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at the Radisson Convention Center in Camp Hill, PA. Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm, dinner starts at 6:00 pm.

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 = _____
(School age up to 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 and check, made out to "Scottish Society of Central PA" to:
Dr. Jesse Weigel, 649 Willow Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Questions? Email Charlene Kemp, President, at HbgScotSoc@aol.com or contact John Goodrich, Vice President, at 652-8526, or jmg1644@comcast.net

The following excerpt about an old New Year's tradition is from "Google Books" and is copyrighted. To read the entire article, just "google" the following: Hogmanay article, Oban Times 1870.

"Playing at Shinty is thus performed--an equal number of men drawn up on opposite sides, having clubs in their hands, each party has a goal, and which party drives a wooden ball to their adversaries goal, wins the game, which is rewarded by a share of a cask of whiskey, on which both parties get drunk. This game is often played upon the ice, by one parish against another, when they come to blows if intoxicated, the players legs being frequently broke, may give it the name of Shiney."

Origin of Auld Lang Syne

We always end the Burns Dinner with a lusty singing of Auld Lang Syne, but actually there is some question as to whether Burns really wrote the words. He never claimed to have written the words, but said he had just written down what he heard someone else singing. Many experts dispute this and feel that indeed he did write and edit a large part of what we sing today. It's interesting to note however that there is an older written version called "Should Auld Acquaintance be Foryett," found in the Bannatyne Manuscript of 1568.



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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, 2013 - June 30, 2014

\$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 | |

2013—2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE PAST DUE! PLEASE MAIL THEM!