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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Happy Hogmanay!!

The purpose of our society is to preserve and encourage interest in the cultural heritage of Scottish Americans and to perpetuate the cordial relationship between Scotland and the United States.

The Scottish-American Society promotes these goals by offering regular events such as the Robert Burns Dinner, St. Andrew's Night and other gatherings which showcase Scottish food and culture. We also offer annual Scholarships to students who have demonstrated an interest in Scottish culture and heritage.

As your Chief, I intend to carry through with these purposes and expand upon them.

I wish you all a Happy Hogmanay, a Joyous New Year and I hope to see all of you at the Burns' Dinner on January 30, 2016.

Word has reached us that Barbara Cunningham has had a fall and broken her arm. Get well soon, Barbara--we're thinking of you!



2 kings and a chief...

WEE JOKE

Maître d'hôtel: 'Are you here for a special occasion?'

Campbell: 'Aye, we won the third prize in the annual Robert Burns Contest, a haggis dinner for two.'

Maître d'hôtel: 'What were the other prizes?'

Campbell: The second prize was a single haggis dinner, and, if you won the first prize, you didnae have to eat the haggis.'

FOR OUR WHISKEY-LOVING MEMBERS:

Like your fine, aged Whiskey? Got a few extra thousand hanging about to add to your beverage budget? We can heartily recommend www.Masterofmalt.com!

Purchase 30 year old Macallan 1985 for only \$878.28.

Visit their "Old and Rare" page if you want to spend more.



Get this charming oak barrel for your living room and age your own Scotch!

Next Christmas, you can have Whiskey Crackers (the kind that go POP!) instead of the kind with jokes, a paper crown and a silly toy. Each cracker has a dram of very old Whiskey in it.

How about a tasting set?? Several drams in a flight of Whiskey experience.

You will enjoy this site, marvel at the offerings and, if you have the \$\$\$\$, be able to get some rare, old Whiskeys for yourself or a deserving friend. How about a whiskey (or gin or tequila) advent calendar for \$184.57!

St. Andrews Dinner & Annual Meeting:

Our annual meeting at Tag's was well-attended and apparently enjoyed by all. The ever popular lightly costumed and unrehearsed drama illustrating the life of St. Andrew was admirably performed to the direction of Linda Ferris by enthusiastic volunteers. Parliamentarian Herb MacDonell duly swore in the new officers (see p. 1) on the sacred Brig O'Doone Stone, and Lee Adelsburg and pipers played some of our favorite tunes for all to enjoy.



Robert Burns

257th Birthday

Dinner and Ceilidh

Entertainment: Violinist Willa Finck
Pipes! Haggis! Silent Auction!
50/50 Raffle!

Saturday, January 30, 2016
at the Corning Radisson Hotel
Social 5:30 PM, Dinner Seating
6:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Reservations with pre-payment
required.

Gift Tickets available!

Entrée choices: Cottage Pie (beef),
Chicken Skirlie, or
Vegetarian Napoleon

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Our entertainer, **Willa Finck**, is a student at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

She has been playing the violin since the age of two when she began taking lessons. The winner of numerous

awards and competitions, Willa plays both Classical, Blue Grass and Celtic music.

She and other family members play in a group, The Forget-Me-Nots. Their specialty is Blue Grass/Country fiddle music. Her father, a member of the group, makes guitars, violins and violas. He is the maker of the violin Willa plays.

For our Burns Dinner, Willa will play a selection of Scottish Fiddle tunes.

Be prepared to tap your feet and clap your hands. Scottish fiddle music is lively, beautiful and as varied as the landscape of Scotland. We are sure this will be an outstanding program.

OCTOBER DINNER AND PROGRAM:

Our October Event, co-sponsored by the Caledonian Pipe Band, at the Big Flats Community Building was delicious, as those dish to pass events are wont to be. In addition we were treated to an absorbing presentation by Barbara Cunningham, who gave us an entertaining discourse on various aspects of the wearing of the plaid and the manufacture of paisley wool, as well as a lesson in the singing of 'Scots Wha' Hae.' Hopefully, our next opportunity to sing that favorite song will be memorable due to our diligent practice and newly gained know-how! Polishing off the evening was a selection of pipe tunes by Lee Adelsburg and a gaggle of pipers.



Barb Cunningham and Ian Mackenzie compare notes



Herb MacDonell's dish to pass had a lot of class...



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be advised that **2016 dues** (Single \$10, Family \$15, Patron \$25, Benefactor \$50 Life \$250) are now due, please remit them to Nedra McElroy (registrar) straight away! 4 Lackawanna Avenue, Bath NY 14810

**Past Chiefs of the Scottish American Society
of the Southern Tier, Inc.**

George Cunningham *December 1973 to December 1985*
Don Campbell *December 1985 to December 1991*
Doug Coburn *December 1991 to December 2000*
Donald Flatt *December 2000 to December 2003*
Tom McIntyre *December 2003 to December 2009*
Blake Mayo *December 2009 to December 2015*
Gil Ferris *December 2015*



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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 30, 2016: Burns Dinner, Corning Radisson.
Apr. 8 Dish to Pass Dinner
June 4 Allegany Celtic Festival
June 11 Ithaca Celtic Festival
July 16 Dundee Scottish Festival
July 23 Picnic
Nov. 5 John Paul Jones Presentation, Corning Methodist Church
Nov. 19 St. Andrews Dinner, Tag's
Jan. 28, 2017 Burns Dinner, Corning Radisson
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