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A Word from our Worthy Chief

Scottish traditions are still being upheld all over the World, mainly because we Scots love our culture and we are proud of our heritage, the Tartan, the music and the dancing are just a few of the things that make up our colourful history. This is why our Royal Caledonian Society must go on and encourage more Scots to support us in our time of need.

Socially we are a thriving group, economically we have problems. However the economic problems are showing real signs of abating, and I sincerely hope this growth will continue.

To the team of workers who have over the past four years of my office as Chief given me and the Society 100% support, I wish to sincerely thank them one and all, and trust they will give our new nominated Chief, Jeffrey McFarlane the same support.

I will continue to be an active member of our Society, helping out whenever needed and enjoying the culture I so dearly love.

From your Chief, W.H. Paterson

A.G.M. Friday 13th August 7.30pm

The Royal Caledonian Society exists for the benefit and enjoyment of its members. Come along to the Meeting to hear the reports, consider alterations to the Constitution and support our Nominated Members of Council for 1993/94

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JULY UPDATE SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- Thur Aug 5th Pipes & Drums A.G.M.
Frid Aug 13th RCS A.G.M. 7.30pm
Basket Supper
Sat Aug 21st QUIZ NIGHT Combined P&D and
RCS. Basket Supper. Adm \$5, \$2
Fri Sept 24th Bairns Class End of Term 3
Sat Sept 25th COUNTRY AND WESTERN
SQUARE DANCING NIGHT
Caller: Barry Markwick. Basket
Supper Tickets \$6, \$2
Fri Oct 8th MALT WHISKY TASTING (for
more details see back page)
Fri Oct 15th Bairns Class Term 4
Sat Oct 30th HALLOWEEN DANCE AND
BAIRNS REUNION (see Bairns
report for more details)
Basket Supper Adm. \$6 \$2

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
are now due.



Proposed Changes to the CONSTITUTION

With this Newsletter you will receive a proposed new constitution for the Society. It has been approved by Council. The Band part has been approved by the Band Management Committee. Now it must be approved by you, the members. The principal task was kindly done for the Society by The Hon. Mr A.K. Sangster O.C. Please look at the parts which interest you, perhaps all of it, and bring any queries or reasoned concerns to the AGM. It is a draft and can be amended.

To assist in highlighting changes from the current constitution, the following differences are pointed out. They are as comprehensive as possible but you may find more detail. They follow the layout of the current constitution and refer by numbers to the proposed new constitution.

OBJECTS

Affiliation of kindred societies - no longer "secure" but "foster and participate in". 3(6)

History Art Music etc. - add "promote" - take out "love for" 3(1)

Fellowship - take out "friendly relations" 3(7)

Charitable objects - no longer "devote portion of funds" but "carry out or contribute to" 3(4)

Orphans - take out "found institutions" 3(5)

Dancing Pipes and Drums - take out "educational grants and prizes" 3(2)

Immigration - expand to "all stages of immigration" 3(3)

Scottish interests - take out "further any proposal" 3(8)

CONSTITUTION

Delete old clause 3 - that the Society is comprised of its members.

Members - now Scottish descent, not just great-grandchildren etc. 5(1)(a)

Subs. arrears - membership ceases if not paid by 31st Dec (was 2 years) but one month notice given. 6(2)

Honorary Life Members - now limited to 20 plus new past chief

- by 2/3 majority, not unanimous

- must be of Scottish descent 5(1)(i)5(2)(d)

Subs on resignation - liable for subs outstanding at time 7

Renew membership - by unanimous decision of council

- but not after expulsion 5(2)(e)(v)

Council - no more than two associate members 5(2)(e)(iv)

- Past Chiefs members 11(1)(a) and 11(2)(b)

- appointment of officers at AGM to operate from 1st January next. SUGGEST bridging clause "For the year in which this clause is adopted the appointments shall operate from the AGM of adoption until the 1st of January following the AGM one or two years later"

Subcommittees - under control of council
- monthly reports in writing 11(2)(e)

ELECTIONS

Auditor - one not two

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Expanded - see 11(2)

POWERS OF CONTROL

Management and control of council subject to rules and resolutions passed by members at meetings.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Expanded - see 9

No longer requirement for quarterly meetings

Requisition for meetings by 20 not 10 members 9(4)

BY-LAWS

Now made by special resolution 10

Expulsion - member has specified rights 8

Pipe Band - Now in By-Laws

- Chief on Management Committee plus one other council member

- equipment, uniforms and drums under band control

- upon disbanding, equipment uniforms drums and funds for them to be handed to the Society.

APPLICATION OF FUNDS

Different 13.

Note: All descriptions of office, and the provisions for Muirden College Scholarship and the John Ogg trophy are also in the By-Laws.

ERROR: 11(1)(b) should refer to 5(2)(e)(iv) not (f)(iv)

Director Minney

CALLING FORMER BAIRNS

The Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. Inc. Bairns' Class is holding a reunion at its 1993 Hallowe'en Party, at 7.30pm Saturday 30th October, at the Society's Hall, 379 King William Street, Adelaide.

There will be a Grand March, an eightsome- reel competition, dancing and games.

All former bairns are invited and will be most welcome.

Advance advice of your intention to attend (with details of your years as a bairn if you wish) would be appreciated to assist with planning.

There will be a basket supper. Dress is informal: the kilt is encouraged. Children may vie for prizes in hallowe'en costume.

Responses may be addressed to the Secretary, Mrs Powell.

Dir. M. Minney

PIPE MAJOR LEADS SCHOOLBOY RUGBY

Brian Erskine, Pipe Major of The Royal Caledonian Society Pipes & Drums, piped the players onto the field for the S.A. Schoolboys versus Scotland Schools rugby union match at St Peter's College in mid July. He surely stirred that Highland blood, because the Scots routed the home team 55-0! "A greater depth and imposing height and strength were the key ingredients of the win" according to a report in the Messenger Press (28th July 1993). It was more likely to be the haggis, according to the late Sir Robert Burns:-

*"Poor devil! see him owre his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash,
His spindle shank a guid whip-lash,
His neive a nit:*

*Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!*

*But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed
The trembling earth resounds his tread!*

*Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whistle;*

*An' lags, an' arms, an' heads will sned,
Like taps o'thrissle."*

So, all you lasses and laddies, eat up your haggis at the next Cale supper. You don't want to eat chicken-out pie and finish up like a spindle shank, do you now?

Dir. M. Minney



OH! WHAT A LOVELY EVENING

Is it a while since you stepped into the Caledonian Hall on a Friday night? The street trams may rattle through rain and wind but what happens inside, warms the cockles of one's heart. The bairns, of course, are on the dance floor, concentrating. Parents and other people gather near the wall-heaters and in the kitchen, talking or watching Mrs. Sayers, or preparing the evening's victuals. Fenella Topping and her band of Celtic students, learn, sing in strange phonetics, and relax in the clubroom. In the old office a group of strong men are sweating over their broad-swords, and across the landing drum-tutor Adrian Merchant has a group of youngsters around the band-room table learning the best of drum techniques. So, there is a place for members to spend congenial hours with somebody of their own heart. All of these things are underway by 7.30 and finish at about 9.30-10.00. Supper is available at about 9.00. Country dancing, in which some adults join with the bairns, is at 8.30. In school holidays, bairns' class and drum lessons close down. You will be very welcome if you call.



NEWS FROM THE PIPES & DRUMS

Band engagements during the winter, traditionally, are very quiet, however it is great to see plenty ahead of us.

We will be playing at the Royal Show on Saturday 4th & 11th September and at the Italian Religious Feast on Sunday 12th September at Virginia.

October will also be busy with every weekend booked for fetes and fundraisers, namely Bartonvale Nursing Home and St Margarets Church of Scotland. This month will also see the Greenock Highland Gathering where we will compete.

November has the usual Christmas pageants - we are booked for John Martin's, Pt Adelaide and Glenelg.

It is interesting to note that a full military tattoo is being planned during the Adelaide Festival of Arts to be held at Glenelg in March 1984. It is hoped that the Band will be fully supportive of this event.

Remember! We still need much support to survive and with this in mind we invite you to attend our practices in the hall on Tuesday nights or at our engagements.

Allen G. Walters
Band Manager



Robert Burns Statue

In the month of May 1894 The Caledonian Society of South Australia made a presentation of the Statue of our famous Scottish Poet "Robert Burns" to the City of Adelaide.

A rededication of this historical event will take place on Sunday 22nd May 1994 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary.

Meetings are now being held on the first Sunday of each month at 2pm, in the Clubrooms of The Royal Caledonian Hall, in regard to planning the format of our celebrations for May 1994.

Interested persons are welcome to attend the meetings.

We will be seeking offers to accommodate interested people from the country who want to be involved in this historic event. Offers from members who can help will be much appreciated. Please contact the Secretary, Mrs Janine Powell on (08) 231 5268.

Past Chief M. Johnson



ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY COMPETITION 10th May 1993

Sara McFarlane, Beginners 10 & U/14. Won aggregate: HF 1st, SD 2nd, ST 1st, Lilt 1st

Louisa Young, Novice U/13. HF 2nd, ST 1st, Lilt 1st, Flora 2nd

Nadia Kossatz, Novice U/13. Won aggregate: HF 1st, SD 1st, Lilt 2nd, Flora 1st.

Carolyn Minney, Open (restricted) 16 & over. John Ogg Trophy: SD & ST 3rd

Simone-Clare Hede, Open U/12. Won aggregate: HF, St, BJ, Hornpipe, 1st.

Naomi Hede, Open 12 & U/14. Won Harry Garth Trophy. Won aggregate: HF, ST, BJ, Hornpipe, 1st.

Gillian Rourke, Open 14 & U/16. Won aggregate: HF, ST, Lilt, Scotch Measure, Village Maid, 1st

No other bairns entered this competition. There were 57 entries.

S.A. STATE COMMITTEE CITY OF ADELAIDE PREMIERSHIPS & SUPPORTING EVENTS

22/5/93

Sara McFarlane, Beginners 10 & U/14. Won aggregate: HF, Flora, Lilt, 1st. Won Premiership: HF 3rd, ST 1st.

Stefanie Kossatz, Novice U/10. Won aggregate: HF, Flora, Lilt, 1st

Nadia Kossatz, Novice 10 & U/16. Won aggregate: Lilt 1st, Novice U/16. Won premiership: HF 1st, SD 2nd, ST 1st.

Gillian Rourke, Open 15 & U/18. Won aggregate: Jig 2nd, H.Laddie 1st, FM 1st. Open U/16. Won premiership: HF, SD, ST, 1st

Naomi Hede Open U/16. 2nd premiership

Simone-Clare Hede Open U/16. 3rd premiership

Carolyn Minney, Open 21 & over. Runner-up aggregate: Hornpipe 2nd, VM 2nd, Jig 2nd. Open 16 & over. 3rd premiership: SD 3rd, ST Merit.

No other bairns entered this competition. There were about 47 entries.

MOUNT GAMBIER COMPETITION 12th & 13th June

Simone-Clare Hede, Open 10 & under. 5th in Championship. Won aggregate.

Naomi Hede, Open Junior 12 & under. 2nd in Championship, premiership, and aggregate (won by a N.S.W. dancer).

Gillian O'Rourke, Open 13, 14 & 15. 2nd in Championship and aggregate. 3rd in premiership.

No other bairns entered this competition, which was a big one, attracting dancers from N.S.W., A.C.T., Victoria and Tasmania.

FESTIVAL CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS 26th June

Louisa Young, Novice 11-14. 2nd in aggregate and premiership. HF 1st, Flora & Lilt 2nd

Mitchell Colman, Novice 11-14. 2nd premiership. Flora 1st, Lilt 2nd.

Simone-Clare Hede, Open 10 & under. Won medals from a big section of competitors.

Naomi Hede, Open Junior 12 & under. 2nd in Championship and in premiership (won by same N.S.W. dancer)

Gillian O'Rourke, Open 13, 14 & 15. 2nd in Championship and highest points for a S.A. dancer. 3rd in premiership and in aggregate.

Cathy Houghton, Open. 5th in Championship - first South Australian.

No other bairns entered this competition, which attracted dancers from W.A., Broken Hill and Sydney, Victoria and the A.C.T.

Congratulations are in order for all of our competing bairns and seniors. You have done well, practised well, and observed your teachers' instruction.

BAIRNS' CLASS REPORT

Twelve wonderful bairns helped to entertain the guests at the Burns Supper this month, dancing some rarely- seen dances, accompanied by the Pipes and Drums or by Pipe Major Brian Erskine solo. The marching-on of the Band and Dancers was thrilling with sound, colour and pageantry.

Bairns have been invited by the State Committee of Highland Dancing to present a special display at the Woodville Town Hall on Saturday night 12th August.

Bairns are also learning the eightsome reel in time for Bairns' and Adults' Hallowe'en on Saturday 30th October.

Third term will conclude on Friday 24th September. There will be a class on 13th August because the Annual General Meeting will be in the Clubroom.

Drum lessons are underway upstairs at the same time as bairns - professional standard tutoring for only \$4. Any of our young people and their friends are welcome to try a class before joining as a keen learner. The present students already have a stable of rhythms to beat out on their practice pads.

**Bairns Directors P/C Marion Johson
& Margaret Minney**



OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Chief Jetta Thomson of the Mount Gambier Caledonian Society; Mrs M. Hewitt Past Chief of the Whyalla Caledonian Society; Mr William Edward Cox, Life Member of our Society and stalwart supporter of the P & D; Mr Ted Brady who organised the dances in the hall for years; and Nancy Nella Tansell who served the Society faithfully for 25 years as our Secretary.

MACPHARLAIN

ONE OF THE very few clans whose descent can be proved by charter from its earliest days, 'wild MacFarlane's plaided clan' shared the reputation and much of the fate of its near neighbours, the Mac-Gregors. The clan derives its name from Parlan (Bartholomew), great-grandson of Gilchrist, a younger brother of the third Earl of Lennox, who lived in the 13th century.

The seat of the chief was first at Inveruglas, later at Tarbert, and finally at Arrochar, a charter for which was obtained by Duncan, sixth chief. When the last of the old earls of Lennox died without male issue, MacFarlane claimed the title and lands, but the earldom was confirmed to Sir John Stewart of Darnley, son-in-law of the old earl; this circumstance led to a long-standing enmity which resulted in the loss of nearly all the MacFarlane lands. The homeland of Arrochar was retained and the quarrel patched up by the marriage of the head of one of the cadet branches to a daughter of a later earl of Lennox; in 1493 the son of this line assumed the title of Captain of the clan MacFarlane, at that time synonymous with chief, and thereafter the clan supported the earls of Lennox. Their warlike spirit took them to Flodden, Pinkie, and Langside, where they captured three of Queen Mary's standards. They fought also under Montrose.

In the 16th and 17th centuries the clan was proscribed and deprived of its name and lands, and after 1624 there was a general deportation to various parts of the country, where they settled under different names, mostly in Aberdeenshire and Banffshire.



CREST BADGES: A demi-savage holding in dexter hand a sword and in sinister an imperial crown, all proper.

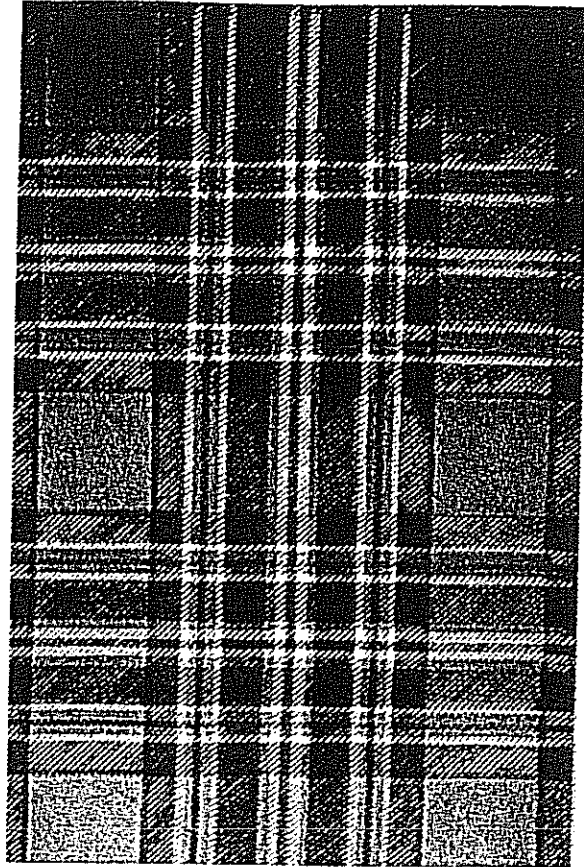
MOTTO: This I'll defend.

ORIGIN OF NAME: Son of Parlan (Bartholomew is an anglicized form of Parlan).

PLANT BADGES: Cranberry, Cloudberry.

WAR CRY: Loch Sloy.

MACFARLANE



This showy tartan first appears in the Wilson of Bannockburn list of 1819; it is unlikely to be of an earlier date, being a direct colour change on the same maker's Mackintosh tartan, which we now know as Clan Chattan. Taking Clan Chattan as the basis, the MacFarlane tartan is made by changing light blue to purple, white to green, and yellow to white. The shade called purple used in old tartans was a rather warm, very dark blue, not at all like the colour we now call purple.

Hunting MacFarlane substitutes green for the main red area and blue for purple in the clan tartan, and *Vestiarium Scoticum* offers a pattern which consists of three white stripes on a black ground.

There is also a largely white dress tartan.

POET'S CORNER

Oh where is the Glasgow where I used to stay
With the white wally closes done up wi' pipe clay
Where you knew every neebour fron frist floor to third
And to keep your door shut was considered absurd

And where are the weans that one played in the street
Wi a jorrie, a peerie, a gird wi' a cleet
Can they still Cadge a hudgeie or drap aft the dyke
Play hunch cuddy hunch, kick the can and the like.

And where is the wee shop where I used to buy
A quarter o Tatties, a tuppenny pie
A bag o' broke biscuits, a wee sodie scone
And the summin aye asked, "How's yer maw gettin' oan"

Where is the Tally's that I knew so well
That wee corner shoppie where they used to sell
Hot peas, a McCallum ice cream in a poke
You know they where Tallies the minute they spoke

And where is the cludgie, that cosy well cell
The string frae the cistern I remember it well
Where I sat wi' a caundle and studied the nags
A draw fur the Rangers, a defeat fur the Jags

Where is the tram car that once did a 'ton'
Doon the Great Western Road on the old Yoker run
The condctress aye knew how to deal wi' the hyaff
"If yer goan well come oan, if yer no' weel get aff"

I think o' the days in my tenement hame
We've got fancy hooses bit they're no just the same
I'll swap yer gizunder, flyovers and jams
Fur a tuppenny ride on the old Patrick trams

Gone is the Glasgow that I used to know
Big Wullie, we Shooie, the steamie, the Co.
The shilpit wee bachle, the glaikit big dreep
Yer baws on the slates and yer gas in the peep

They days werny rosy and the money wis tight
The wages hauf finished by Saturday night
But still we came through it and weathered the ruts
the reason is simple OUR PARENTS HAD GUTS!

*The Royal Caledonian
Society
and
The Pipes and Drums
of the Royal Caledonian Society*

present a

QUIZ NIGHT

on

Saturday 21st August, 7.30 P.M.

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