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18, 2022. See inside for details

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Burns Dinner

Ed LeBlanc  
Denise Smith

By-Laws  
Historian

John Scarborough  
Bill Madewell/Denise  
Smith

Hospitality  
Membership  
Newsletter  
Parliamentarian  
POTG

Randal Cunningham  
Denise Smith/Alan Clark  
Alan Clark  
John Scarborough  
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Program  
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Ways and Means  
Auditor

Tom Bentley  
Alan Clark  
Crawford Parrish  
(Open)  
Ed LeBlanc

## Hello Fellow Members!

My name is Rita Christensen, and I am your newly elected President! My husband, Mark Smith, and I joined the society a little more than a year ago. We have a love of Scotland, its history and culture, and have been fortunate to travel there. Since joining HRSS, we have enjoyed learning more about the organization, its heritage, and its mission. We have participated in the Highland Games and the Sir Walter Scott Dinner and are looking forward to upcoming events. I hope to see you soon! When you see me, please feel free to introduce yourself and tell me what being a member means to you.

Mar Sin Leat!

## 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Society Meeting: 18 Jan 7pm at The Celtic Cup and on Zoom.**

**Robert Burns Dinner: Saturday, 29 January, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 110 E. Lincoln St., Tullahoma, TN 37388**

**April 23, 2022, Piping on the Green.**

*The Sporrán* is the bi-monthly newsletter of HRSS, edited by Alan Clark. We welcome news of events, book reviews, and articles from the membership. The next due date for the **March** newsletter will be **February 28**. Let the membership hear from you!

Have a wonderful memory & story to share with the Society? Let **Tom Bentley**, Program chair, know and get scheduled for a 15 minute presentation after one of our Society meetings! Contact [htbntley@lighttube.net](mailto:htbntley@lighttube.net) to schedule your presentation. Thank you!



POP  
QUIZ:  
Name  
these two  
Scottish  
historical  
figures!



## December 21, 2021, Exec Board MEETING MINUTES

**Vice President** presided, in the absence of the President Rita Christensen, Vice President **Mark Smith** presided. He called the meeting to order at **6:02pm**. There were **11** members present. No minutes were accepted as the previous secretary and new secretary **Pat Curley** had not yet met to exchange them.

**Carol Goodman, Co-Treasurer** reported the bank balance as \$19,804.48.

**Membership Co-Chair: Denise Smith** thanked those present for attending. She then brought up the Burns Dinner, which will be at St. Barnabas on January 29, 2022. **The Burns Dinner Committee** is still working on the program for the dinner. The "Toast People" still need to be confirmed for the presenting of the Haggis, etc. Denise is still working on the menu and staffing. **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Jacobite by Name** will present the program.

**Piping on The Green committee member Denise** reminded us of the date of April 23, 2022. It was mentioned that we have cancelled advertising money from last year and that **Rene' Cavett** would need to get in touch with Lucky Knott manager or Pete Bowman from Bowman Media to work out the advertising time that needs reimbursement.

**Bill Madewell, Historian** is still gathering names of past members; please share the names you can remember.

**Society** is still in need of following positions: Ways & Means, Auditor, & Registered Agent.

**Heritage Scholarship** was brought up by **Denise** who mentioned that the Silent Auction at the Burns Dinner funds this, and we need items for auction still.

**Denise** as Convener reported that The Celtic Cup has chosen not to sponsor the **Smoky Mtn Games** so we could focus on our sponsorship/resources on the **Middle Tennessee Games** as they are closer to home, and we get a more positive response there. There is still no word about the Glasgow, KY, games due to ongoing issues there.

**OLD BUSINESS: Executive Board** voted unanimously to give Charter Members of the Society free membership from this point forward.

**NEW BUSINESS: Alan** mentioned that Facebook and emails need to be updated and sent out to membership for future meetings. **Carol** made a motion to compensate Celtic Cup \$50 per meeting for the use of space and staffing that is required, which received unanimous approval.

**Randal Cunningham** proposed re-instating membership cards, which has fallen by the wayside. **Denise** can contact vector graphics for said cards.

**Famous Scots Dinner**, brought up by Denise, will be held in September, date yet to be decided. Carol motioned that the first be in honor of *Robert Louis Stevenson*. The motion carried unanimously. **Randal** made a motion for the Society meetings to start at 6:00pm rather than 7:00pm. A poll of membership will be taken to help decide on the change and results brought to the January Society meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 by motion made by **Randal Cunningham** and seconded by everyone present.

*Respectfully submitted by Pat Curley, Secretary*

**Burns' Night**  
**The Highland Rim Scottish**  
**Society (H.R.S.S.) honours**  
**Rabbie's 262nd Birthday**

Ceud Mile Fàilte! Warm Highland welcomes await you as we celebrate our Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and immortalize Scotland's poet laureate, Robert Burns. Fine dining and grand entertainment will surely offer a memorable evening. Do not miss the best Scottish celebration of the year honoring our beloved Bard's birthday!

**BE EVER PRESENT THIS NIGHT!**

**Saturday**  
**29 January 2022**  
**Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church**  
**110 East Lincoln Street**  
**Tullahoma, Tennessee**

**INVITATIONS AND THE PROGRAM FOR  
THIS EVENT WERE PREVIOUSLY SENT  
ON JANUARY 6, 2022.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE  
REFER TO YOUR INVITATION AND  
DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A  
RESERVATION EARLY!**

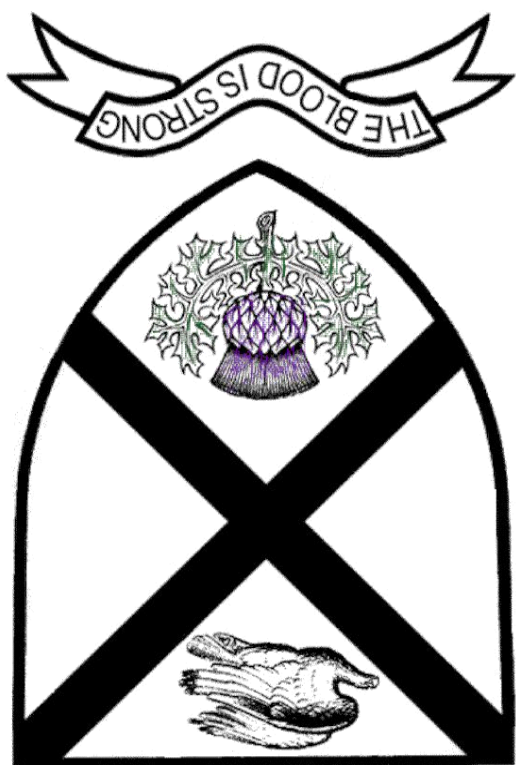
**ITEMS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR THE  
SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE  
SOCIETY'S HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP**



The next meeting of the Society will be TUESDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at The Celtic Cup, Tullahoma, TN, at 7:00 p.m. Please note that the meeting time is CST. As a result of the last Exec Board's meeting, a poll was taken to establish whether 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. is preferred by the membership. The overwhelming # of respondents (100%) was in favor of 6:00 p.m. This will be decided at the January meeting. Also, please note that another poll established that the majority of respondents (83%) were willing to allow children of members to attend with their parents/guardian(s). These votes must be approved at the Society meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Also note the new slate of officers elected by the membership who will be convening and conducting the Society's meeting.

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