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Sept 21, 2021. See inside for details

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Audit	Carol Goodman
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Historian	Bill Madewell & Denise Smith
Hospitality	Randal Cunningham
Membership	Alan Clark/ Denise Smith
Newsletter	Alan Clark
Parliamentarian	John Scarborough
POTG	René Cavett
Program	Tom Bentley
Publicity	Alan Clark
Registered Agent	Crawford Parrish
Ways and Means	(Open)

While the pandemic has slowed us down, it has not stopped the HRSS from trying to maintain a presence in our community and among our friends who cherish the Scottish backgrounds in our history. Stay with us, members, as we swing back towards a new normal and have the chance to greet each other again in fellowship and reverie that is uniquely Scottish.

Join us for meetings again, let's get our membership back, and enjoy the blessings of one another.

Blessings, Alan Clark, Editor

2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Celebration Sept 11, 2021, Percy Warner Park, Nashville, TN 9 AM-5 PM

Society Meeting: 21 Sept 7pm at The Celtic Cup and on Zoom

Sir Walter Scott Dinner: Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Chili Cook-Off, October 17, 2021, Frazier-McEwen Park, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm.

April 23, 2022 Piping on the Green.

Origins of Highland Games in the Medieval Period

The Highland Games are said to be deeply rooted with Scotland's clan system, with some scholars even suggesting an ancient Irish origin. While there tends to be some debate amongst academics about the shared cultural history between the Gaelic Scots and Irish during the medieval [Dalriadic](#) period, we can see a clear connection between the Games of the high middle ages and the Games of today. Medieval Scotland experienced shifts in society along with the rest of Western Europe. Between the early and late middle ages, the social structure evolved from a system of kinship, to feudalism, to the more commonly identified kin and clan system, which was a bit different from the earlier version that actually followed a matrilineal line of descent. It was during the high middle ages that King Malcolm III, most notably, used competitions of strength in order to evaluate and assign his best men to the best jobs. This idea would later be forged with the wider clan system where chiefs, having the same idea as Malcolm, would both test their own clansmen against one another, as well as against other clans. Prior to our modern concept of the Highland Games, they were more practical than social, and included much less music and dancing.

July 20, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Vice President, Crawford Parrish, commenced the meeting at 7:01 pm. There were 15 members present. Fáihte to new member, **Gene Jones** (clan is being researched).

Secretary, Desiree Porter asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes as printed in *The Sporran*, as there were none, minutes were accepted.

Treasurer, René Cavett announced the balance as \$18,930.46. Paperwork has been clarified with the IRS and our 501.c.3 status is in goodstanding.

Publicity - Alan Clark announced we still have an advertising credit with Bowman Media.

Denise Smith explained the object of the **Ways & Means Committee** was a way to raise funds for the General Fund. **Bill Madewell** volunteered to help along with member **Randal Cunningham**. Any member is welcome to help them or even chair the committee.

Piping on The Green committee member, Denise confirmed the following groups will be performing at POG in 2022 pending final contracts: The Secret Commonwealth, Triquetra, Black Market Haggis, and the headliner - North of Argyle.

We have two pipers confirmed (pending contracts), **Andrew McRady** and **Tom Fittis**. **Chair, René** announced that St. Barnabas church will be hosting (on the same day as POG), the Annual Lasagna dinner. See you April 23, 2022, for a great day of music, crafts, arts, Celtic food & drink, and lasagna. (**Denise** might surprise us with a Celtic recipe for Lasagna!)

Denise brought up the Walter Scott Birthday celebration on September 26, 2021, with more details to follow. The Chili Dinner is October 17, 2021, from noon to 3pm. All members and friends are welcome to join in for a fun afternoon at Frazier-McEwen Park in Tullahoma. The Burns Dinner is still in need of caterers.

OLD BUSINESS: Crawford suggested for the Sir Walter Scott celebration as maybe a pot luck, BYOD, a sharing of "Scott" history, and the wearing of The Tartans.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 by motion from **Denise** and a second by **René**.

Program: **Alan** presented "a walk down memory lane" for some members and "a whet your whistle" for other members, of a photo tour of the 2019 Scottish Clans and Castles trip.

*Respectfully submitted by Desiree Porter,
Secretary*

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The Sporran 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 **November** newsletter will be **September 30**. 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 to schedule your presentation. Thank you!

SIR WALTER SCOTT DINNER

21 September 2021
6:00 – 8:00 pm Celtic Cup Coffeeshouse

\$25/ person reservations required by noon 15 September

Welcome: Rita Smith

Sir Walter Scott Biography: Rita Smith

Introduction to the Meal: Denise Smith

Grace: Brandon Hunt (president HRSS)

Serving of the Meal

Special Toast: Crawford Parish

Reading of excerpts from some of Sir Walter Scott's books:

The Lady of the Lake (1810) - René Cavett

Waverley (1814) - Alan Clark

Rob Roy (1818) - Desireé Porter

Ivanhoe (1819) - Ed LeBlanc

Poem – Tom Bentley

The Knight's Toast: Crawford Parish

Hail and Farewell: Brandon Hunt



SIR WALTER SCOTT DINNER INFORMATION

The Highland Rim Scottish Society
Celebrates

Sir Walter Scott



26 September 2021

6:00-8:00pm at The Celtic Cup Coffee House.

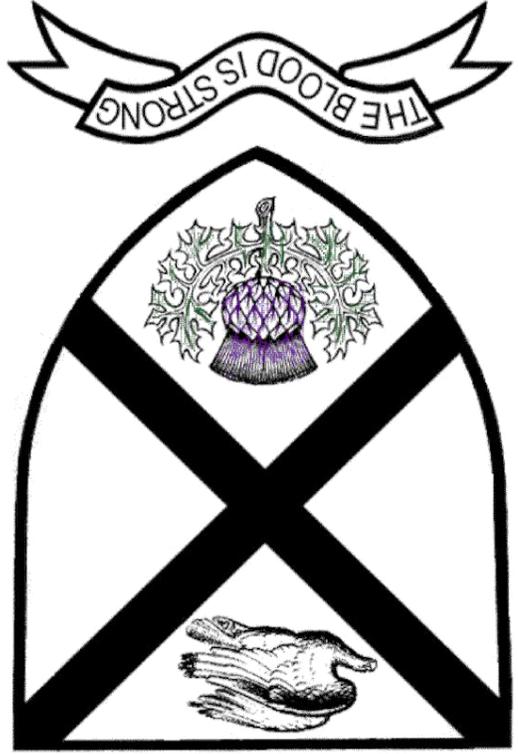
\$25/ person reservations required by noon 15 September to Celtic Cup. If necessary, final payments will be collected at the door.

Statement for liability regarding any BYOB alcohol:

“This is an after hours private event hosted by The Highland Rim Scottish Society.

The Celtic Cup will not serve or sell any alcohol beyond their legal license.”

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