

The Sporran

Newsletter of the 42nd Royal Highlanders, Inc.

A Scottish Society and Pipe Band

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November, 2001

2001 Annual Meeting

The 2001 Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, Dec 14, 2001 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation (the old Wells Library building on North Street, in Lafayette). Munchies will be available. Come and listen to the annual report on the status of the 42nd, and elect eight board members. Expect the nomination list, mail-in vote form, and RSVP information in your mailbox soon.

Nominations for board of directors, 2002

New Nominees:

Chris Collins

Chris has performed with the band for seven years, and has served as pipe major for the last two years. Chris is a native of West Lafayette, and attends Purdue, where he studies in the school of Management.

Dan Duncan

Daniel Duncan joined the ranks of the 42nd in March, 1987, as a bagpiper. Duncan, originally from Fountain County, has lived in the Lafayette area for the last ten years as an undergraduate student and young professional. He is currently completing his Masters of Education Degree at Purdue University in Educational Technology. Duncan's primary areas of interest lie in multimedia development, workplace training and efficiency and multi-curricular instruction. As an amateur historian and aspiring author, he is also in the process of preparing his first manuscript about the Mudlavia Springs located in Warren County, Indiana.

Laura Loy

Laura joins the 42nd from the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, where she serves as Director of PR and Marketing. Laura is a graduate of Purdue, with a degree in History. In addition to PR and Marketing, Laura has worked in management and insurance.

The following are currently serving on our board, in the position indicated, and have agreed to be nominated for a new 3-year term of service:

- Nancy Baird, Treasurer
- Pat McClanahan, President
- Preston Smith, Band Business Manager
- Peg Wright, Secretary

2001 Feast of the Hunter's Moon

The Feast of the Hunter's Moon (held on Oct 13-14) was a Feast for the ages. Not only

did it rain both Saturday and Sunday, but for most of the week before and several days after. Parts of the Feast were physically washed out, and no part of the area was free from knee-deep mud. We heartily thank our volunteers who braved the rain and mud to sell Forfar Bridies.

While the 42nd will pull through this Feast with minimal loss, the Historical Association is not so lucky, and is in need of help. A disproportionate amount of the TCHA's operating budget comes directly from the Feast. With the Feast being essentially washed out, TCHA's coffers will run dry, threatening not only the TCHA, but the very existence of the Feast, and it's large contributions to the community. If you're interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to the TCHA, you can contact TCHA at:

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Band Report

Reported by Preston Smith

The 42nd Band of Music has completed all of its 2001 events, beginning with the annual trip to Rochester, Indiana, for the Trail of Courage Rendezvous. (Sept 15-16) Rochester is a notable venue for the band as Fulton County is the birthplace (and current resting place) of 42nd founder Tom Griffin. Interested travelers can visit the Fulton County Historical Association when traveling on US 31 North of Rochester, and see a handmade doll made in the likeness of Tom Griffin.

The following weekend, a detachment of band members returned to Rochester to play at a retirement party for Fulton County Historical Association director Shirley Willard. After playing a couple of tunes for Shirley, a number of band members gathered in Delphi to celebrate the wedding of drummer Brandon Cunningham to Shawna Hill.

October 13-14 was the Feast of the Hunter's moon, and we all know what the Feast was like! The band performed both Saturday and Sunday and put on as spirited a performance as the weather would allow. Luckily, the rain broke at 11:30am both Saturday and Sunday, allowing the band to at least get to scheduled performances before the rain began again.

On October 20-21, the band traveled to Fort Massac in Metropolis, IL, along the Ohio river. This weekend was a wonderful change of pace from the Feast, as the skies were clear, the ground was dry, and the temperature was a lovely 70 degrees. A good time was had by all, though a bittersweet farewell was said to the reconstructed fort at the site, which was demolished immediately following the encampment. The 2002 encampment will be held elsewhere in the park. However, it will return to a newly re-reconstructed fort in 2003, just in time for the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, with which our own Scott Mandrell is heavily involved.

Fifers Dan Lynch and John DeWitt visited Fort Tolouse near Montgomery, Alabama, bringing a presence of the 42nd to the South where the band is surprisingly well recognized.

Look for the Band next at the Robert Burns Supper, on January 26, 2002.

The Whole Nine Yards Scottish Country Dancers

Reported by Isobel Miller

This fall, The Whole Nine Yards Dancers did something new to encourage more people to try Scottish country dancing: We held a "free" workshop the week before the scheduled start of our fall beginner classes! Called "A Taste of Scottish Country Dancing", and advertised through the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Bulletin and the Journal and Courier, we had 16 people attend and a great time was had by all. Six of those people did sign up for the session of eight beginner classes so we felt the experiment had been a success. Consequently, we are planning another "Free" workshop on Thursday, January 31st from 7:00 - 8:30pm. The next session of beginner classes will start on February 7th and last for 8 weeks. If you'd like some great "Scottish aerobics" to get you through the dull days of February and March, join us for Scottish country dancing.

Call Isobel Miller at 463-0608 for more information.

2002 Burns Supper

Jan 26, 2002

We all love a bargain, so as an added incentive to renew your membership or become a member of the 42nd now, ALL members in the year 2001 will be able to purchase 2 tickets to the 2002 Burns Supper, at the 2001 price of \$20 a ticket. Due to increasing costs we are forced to raise the price for our popular Robert Burns celebration next year to \$22. The Burns Supper, with a 3-course Scottish dinner, wine and traditional Scottish entertainment, is a great night out. At \$22, it's still the best value in town, and at the member's price, of \$20 per person, it's even better! If you'd like to volunteer to help with the 2002 Burns Supper, please contact Pat McClanahan. **Memberships in the 42nd**

If you haven't paid your 2001 membership dues, there is still time to pay and get your discount rate for the 2002 Burns Supper. Just complete the attached membership form and mail it with your check to the address indicated.

We're always looking for new ways to add value to your 42nd membership, so if you have any suggestions for something that you'd like from your membership, please let us know!

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