



Robert Burns

1759—1796



Bangkok St. Andrews Society

Burns Supper 2023

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RATCHADA

Saturday 04th February 2023

Introduction

Welcome.....

As Chieftain, it gives me much pleasure to welcome you to the Bangkok St Andrews Society Burns Supper 2023 for a night of wonderful food, a little beverage, great verse, song and comedy. In addition we will also be having the Chieftains Quaich ceremony before paying homage to the Haggis!

I would like to thank everybody who will participate in the evening with speeches, songs and dance, plus a special thank you to the British Club Pipe Band, who once again are gracing us with their presence and sounds of Scotland.

I would also like to thank all our sponsors of the society for their continued support and making these events possible: Flow International for the beer, Timorous Beastie for the whisky and Swissotel Bangkok Ratchada.

I wish you all health, happiness and a wonderful evening

David Cumming

Chieftain



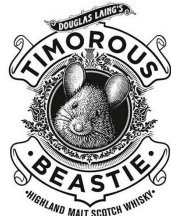
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The individual work of St. Andrew Societies in South East Asia is diverse and highly significant. Each of these independent societies is run by a committed and hardworking committee who represent the best of Scotland in the countries in which they are located.

The ASEAN St. Andrew Society was formed to help improve communication, collaboration and support between each of these societies. Much of the region has been negatively affected by the significant downturn in the oil industry. The repatriation of such workers has caused local society membership numbers to fall dramatically. This, in turn, reduces the possibility of hosting local society events such as the St Andrews ball, and the Burns supper both would be much missed by the members of the societies affected. The ASEAN St. Andrews society can provide additional sponsorship to member societies. Importantly we are a non-profit organisation, as such we seek no financial reward for our efforts.

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Programme of Events

- 7.00pm Reception Drinks
- 7.15pm British Club Pipe Band
- 7:45pm Guests Seated
- Quaich ceremony | Keith Walker - British Club Pipe Band
- 8:05pm Chieftain's Welcome
- Toasts to the both the King of Thailand and His Majesty the King to the United Kingdom, King Charles III
- Toast to ASEAN St Andrews Society
- Toast to Rabbie Burns | Toast to Absent friends
- Selkirk Grace by Chieftain
- Dinner
- 8:15pm The Haggis, carried by the Chef and is piped in by the Chieftains Piper, Keith Walker
- Address to the Haggis by Alan Brown
- 8.50pm Immortal Memory by James McLeary
- 9:05pm Toast to the Lassies by Arthur McNeill
- 9:15pm Reply frae the Lassies by Jina Phenix
- 9.20pm Scots Songs by Tomo and Naoke
- 9:35pm British Club Pipe Band
- 9.50pm Break
- 10.00pm Tam O'Shanter performed by Mike Brooks
- 10.15pm Dancing
- 10:40pm Closing remarks by Chieftain
- 10:45pm Auld Lang Syne, led by British Club Pipe Band
- 10.50pm Hame!

BIOGRAPHY—ROBERT BURNS

Early life

Robert Burns was born on 25 January 1759 in the village of Alloway, two miles south of Ayr. His parents, William Burnes[s] and Agnes Broun, were tenant farmers but they ensured their son received a relatively good education and he began to read avidly. The works of Alexander Pope, Henry Mackenzie and Laurence Sterne fired Burns's poetic impulse and relationships with the opposite sex provided his inspiration. Handsome Nell, for Nellie Kilpatrick, was his first song.

Hard physical labour on the family farm took its toll on the young Burns, who increasingly turned his attentions towards the passions of poetry, nature, drink and women which would characterise the rest of his life. He fathered twins with eventual wife Jean Armour, but a rift in their relationship nearly led to Burns emigrating to the West Indies with lover Mary Campbell (his Highland Mary). Mary's sudden death and the sensational success of his first published collection of verse kept him in Scotland. At just 27, Burns had already become famous across the country with poems such as To a Louse, To a Mouse and The Cotter's Saturday Night.

Late twenties

Newly hailed as the Ploughman Poet because his poems complemented the growing literary taste for romanticism and pastoral pleasures, Burns arrived in Edinburgh, where he was welcomed by a circle of wealthy and important friends.

Illicit relationships and fathering illegitimate children ran parallel to a productive period in his working life. His correspondence with Agnes 'Nancy' McLehose resulted in the classic Ae Fond Kiss. A collaboration with James Johnson led to a long-term involvement in The Scots Musical Museum, which included the likes of Auld Lang Syne.

AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!

Chorus.-For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint stowp!
And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.
For auld, &c.

We twa hae run about the braes,
And pou'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit,
Sin' auld lang syne.
For auld, &c.

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne.
For auld, &c.

And there's a hand, my trusty fere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right gude-willie waught,
For auld lang syne.
For auld, &c.

Auld Lang Syne

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Should old ac-quain-tance be for-got and ne-ver brought to mind? Should
6 old ac-quain-tance be for-got and days of auld lang syne? For
10 days of auld lang syne, for days of auld lang syne, we'll
14 take a cup of kind-ness yet, for days of auld lang syne.

Later life

In just 18 short months, Burns had spent most of the wealth from his published poetry, so in 1789 he began work as an Excise Officer in Dumfries (an irony not lost on him) and resumed his relationship with wife Jean. His increasingly radical political views influenced many of the phenomenal number of poems, songs and letters he continued to pen, including such famous works as For a' that and a' that.

The hard work this new job entailed, combined with the toil of his earlier life and dissolute lifestyle began to take their toll on Burns's health. He died on 21 July 1796 aged just 37 and was buried with full civil and military honours on the very day his son Maxwell was born. A memorial edition of his poems was published to raise money for his wife and children.



Menu

Pass around Canapes:

Vietnamese spring roll with dip
Mini Mushroom Vol au Vents
Mini bacon cheese quiche

Supper:

Smoked Salmon, small salad and lemon dressing, dill sauce
Or
Avocado, mango quinoa and salad with lime dressing (V)

Scotch Vegetable Broth

Haggis, Bashed Neeps and Champit Tatties (Veg Haggis)

Cranachan

Cheeseboard

Coffee, Tea and Tablet



“But pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flower, it's bloom is shed;
Or, like the snow-fall in the river,
A moment white, then melts forever.”

“Ye Hypocrites, are these your pranks
To murder men and gie God thanks
Desist for shame, proceed no further
God won't accept your thanks for murder.”



“And man, whose heav'n-erected face
The smiles of love adorn
Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn!”

My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here;
My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer;
A-chasing the wild-deer, and following the roe,
My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go

