



## Editor's Comments

### Fàilte mo chàirdean

(Faal-cha mow harsh-din / Welcome. my friends)

Just as I was ready to send this newsletter out, the world received word that Queen Elizabeth II had passed. As a result, I felt it only right that this be our front page story.

As is normal, we will be having our annual Welcome Back Pot Luck. This year though, we're hoping to hear about our new members and look forward to seeing them there.

We are always happy to welcome guests and interested parties, so please don't be shy about bringing friends to our meetings. What better time to introduce people to Scotland and its heritage than over some food and drink! Is there any better way to get to know someone??

If you have any news or items you want included in the newsletter then you can contact me at [shawfield27@gmail.com](mailto:shawfield27@gmail.com). It can be anything at all, but should have a Scottish element, or be related to a member.

### Tapadh Leibh

(Tapa leev - Thank you)

**Derek**

## Queen Elizabeth's Reign Comes To An End

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 saw the lights dim at Balmoral Castle, as it was announced that Queen Elizabeth II, aged 96, had passed. A statement from Buckingham Palace gracefully stated "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and the Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow." It is perhaps fitting that her final days were spent at the summer residence that she loved the most.



Today marks the end of a 70 year reign, the longest by any British monarch. Her *Elizabeth at her coronation(1953)* ascension to the throne occurred in 1952, when, while in Kenya, she was informed of the death of her father by her husband, Prince Phillip. The seven decade reign that followed saw her meet with 15 different Prime Ministers, beginning with Winston Churchill, and ending with the recently appointed Liz Truss. During this time, she witnessed the country's entry into, and subsequent exit from the European Union.



*At the 2019 Braemar Games*

Both Australia and New Zealand saw the Queen become the first reigning monarch to visit the countries, in a time when the Empire became the Commonwealth, as former colonies gained independence. Although no longer ruled from the UK, these nations still held Queen Elizabeth strongly in their hearts throughout the change. She created another first, in 1991, by addressing a joint session of Congress in the US.

Queen Elizabeth II, your presence will be sorely missed in this world, but we are happy that you are together again with the love of your life, Phillip.

# MONTHLY MEETING

All are welcome to our meetings, so encourage a friend or family member to join us in our celebration of the history and heritage of Scotland.

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

**Venue** – Jackson Avenue Evangelical Church,  
(Audry Reich Hall-At rear of building)  
2221 Chippewa St, New Orleans, 70130

**Time** – 2:00-4:00pm

**Program**- Welcome Back Pot Luck & New Member Introduction

**Information** – Bring your favorite party dish/ dessert dish/finger food and drink as we come back together again to start a new season. All welcome, so invite a friend. Traditional Scottish music and dancing will be on display.

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

**Venue** – Jackson Avenue Evangelical Church,  
(Audry Reich Hall-at rear of building)  
2221 Chippewa St, New Orleans, 70130

**Time** – 2:00-4:00pm

**Program**- Clan Salute

**Information** – Members are given the opportunity to talk to attendees about their clan background and history

**November, 2022**

**Venue** – TBD

**Time** – TBD

**Program**- TBD

**Information** – The Board is looking at creating a whisky tasting event. More information to follow.

**Sunday, December 13, 2022**

**Venue** – Jackson Avenue Evangelical Church,  
(Audry Reich Hall-at rear of building)  
2221 Chippewa St, New Orleans, 70130

**Time** – 2:00-4:00pm

**Program**- Christmas Ceilidh

**Information** – Details to follow

## Member and Society News

If you have any member news to include in the newsletter, please contact me by email at [shawfield27@gmail.com](mailto:shawfield27@gmail.com).

## Member News

We are happy to announce that CSoNO board member T Diemer is cancer free. After a diagnosis in August 2020, he is proud to announce the success of his treatment. A local group he is part of, The Israeli Dancers, also celebrated his wonderful news. We are also rejoicing in your fantastic result.

## Other Events

**Mississippi Renaissance Festival** will be on October 14-16, at the Harrison County Fairgrounds in Gulfport MS. If attending, you should look out for the Scottish Towne Square, which will have fighting and archery demonstrations, in addition to traditional food and music. For more information go to <https://www.msrenfest.com/>

The **Mississippi Highlands & Islands Highland Games** returns, after a two year absence, at the Harrison County Fairgrounds on November 12-13. At present, there isn't more information available. When there is, you can go to the following site, <https://www.mshighlandsandislands.com/>

The **Southeast Alabama Highland Games** takes place at Culpepper Field, Daleville, AL, on September 17<sup>th</sup>. There isn't much detail on their website at present, but you can follow them at <https://wiregrasshighlandgames.com/>

**Stone Mountain Highland Games** celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year during October 14-16. Held in Stone Mountain Park, GA, this is one of the biggest highland games in the US. In addition to the athletic events, there are also plenty of things for the kids to do too. As always, there will be various clans represented, in addition to live music and demonstrations, as well as a wide array of Scottish themed foods. More information can be found at, <http://www.smhg.org/>

The **Shenanigans & Hooligans Celtic Festival** takes place in Ponchatoula Country Market on

September 24<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by the Krewe of Erin and Louisiana Travel, this is a free admission event lasting 9am-5pm. In addition to music, parades, and food, attendees will even witness a Men In Kilts 80's Music Dance off! Find out more at <https://www.kreweoferin.org/p/shenanigans-hooligans-festival.html>

The annual **Kirkin' o' the Tartan** will again be at the St Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church on October 30<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow in regards to the order of service.

The **Scottish Society of Central Louisiana** is hosting a St. Andrew Dinner Dance charity event on November 19<sup>th</sup>, in Alexandria. Tickets are \$75, and more information can be found at the link below, <https://cenlascots.wixsite.com/scottishsociety/charity-events>.

The **Scottish Society of the Louisiana Highlands** and the **Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge** have come together to put on a whisky pairing dinner on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attendees will be served with four courses of food with a specially selected scotch to match each dish. Anyone interested can go to the following site for more information, <https://thescotchsociety.com/>

### Yearly Dues

With the beginning of a new season, we once again would like to remind all our members about paying their dues. The yearly fees for CSO<sup>NO</sup> membership are as follows,

Family - \$25    Individual - \$20    Student - \$10

If you plan on attending our first meeting, you can bring a check. Alternatively, you can send a payment to Wendy Grubb at Caledonian Society, 8131 Cohn St, New Orleans, 70118. Anyone wishing to confirm their status can also email [wgrubb52@gmail.com](mailto:wgrubb52@gmail.com).

If you are currently receiving our newsletter on our courtesy list, why not consider upgrading to become a member. As you can see, the fees are low and you

will receive news of all events and invitations not normally issued to those just on our courtesy list.

### Newsletter

CSO<sup>NO</sup> members receive the newsletter by e-mail or post. A complimentary e-mail newsletter is also sent to non-members who have expressed an interest, so if you know of someone who would be interested, please send their information for inclusion in the courtesy e-mail group. All mass e-mails are sent to recipients "bcc" for privacy.

### Social Media

The Society has a website with many links and gallery pictures for everything Scottish! In case you haven't seen the site yet, all you need to do is click on, or copy and paste the following link: <http://www.caledoniansocietyofneworleans.com/>.

The site also has a very useful resources page, where you will find almost everything you could think of needing. This has links that can help you with ancestry, heraldry, and even learning more about Scottish Gaelic(gaa-lik).



You don't need to social distance to be social. Have you checked out our Facebook page? If not, then you're in the minority. You can find us by looking for "Caledonian Society Of New Orleans," and hit the

like button to follow us.

There were plenty of posts over the summer, with the one attracting the biggest reach (385 people) was a Scottish themed 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebratory picture. Why not let us know what type of posts you would like to see on our page? We want to engage with everyone. If you like anything you see on our page, then why not share or even comment. This helps us to be seen by more people, and in turn grow our numbers.

### Time For Gaelic

*Fàilte mo chàirdean, gu an sgrìobhadh agam. An robh sibh ag ionnsachadh Gàidhlig ann an Samhradh? An robh? Sgoinneil!*

*A bheil sibh a' tuigsinn fhathast? Na gabh dragh. Bidh sibh a' tuigsinn a dh'aithghearr. Obh obh, tha bliadhna eile againn a rithist.*

How is your Gaelic coming along? Did you try out some phrases during the break? As is normal with learning any language, you will have good days, bad days, and days you wonder why you're even doing this!



The one thing to remember is not to get ahead of yourself. Be comfortable with the words you have already mastered, rather than trying to hurry through a course only to forget 80% of what you thought you had learned.

Sometimes it helps to understand the reasoning behind the use of certain words which you previously may not have understood. A perfect example is 'ann an' and 'anns an', meaning 'in a' and 'in the'. Also remember that the start of a sentence is important. If you see 'tha', then this turns into 'is' or 'are', while 'an/am' would mean 'the'. So, 'Antaigh' means 'the house', while 'tha taigh ann' means 'there is a house'. Also note that the 'ann' at the end gives the sentence the 'there' beginning.

Hopefully you're not too confused, Just remember, every new word remembered is an achievement!  
*Mar sin leibh mo chàirdean. Chi mi a rithist sibh!*

**Don't forget to check out these learning apps.**



***Bluebird | Duolingo | Mango | uTalk***

In addition to these apps, you can also find useful resources on the following sites,

<https://www.learnghaelic.net/>

<https://www.fluentin3months.com/scottish-gaelic/>

<https://go-gaelic.scot/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GaelicwithJason>

If you have tried learning Gaelic and are struggling, then why not get in touch with me at [shawfield27@gmail.com](mailto:shawfield27@gmail.com). I have been learning since November 2019, and, with the inclusion of Gaelic in the newsletter, have had to become a teacher too. Who knows, there may be enough people to start a support group!!

### Castles Of Scotland



**Name:** Corgarff Castle  
**Location:** Corgarff, Aberdeenshire  
**Year Built:** 1530  
**Clan Affiliation:** Forbes

After being granted a lease by the Elphinstones, it was the ascending Forbes family who built Corgarff in 1530. Their longstanding mutually returned dislike of the Gordons, led to an attack in 1571 by Adam Gordon. Although the laird was absent, the Gordons burned the castle and its occupants, which included Lady Forbes, her children, and servants. The resulting ballad 'Edom O Gordon' describes the events of that day.

It is believed that the Forbes retook the castle from the Elphinstones in 1607, before the Earl of Mar acquired Corgarff in 1626. Twenty years later, the Marquis of Montrose would use this as a supply base during the Scottish Civil War. It was during the first uprising of 1689 that saw the castle being burned by Jacobites.

It suffered the same fate in 1716 at the same hands during the second uprising. The Forbes were able to resettle in their ancestral home in 1745, before

quickly forfeiting it, this time as a result of their Jacobite ties. I guess they were not good at picking winning sides.

The government converted it into a military barracks in 1748, which finally ended in 1831. It was during this period that the star shaped wall was constructed. In addition to being a defensive stronghold, Corgarff was also used in an attempt to clamp down on illicit whisky production, which was rife throughout Scotland. The Stockdale family took possession after this, before passing ownership, via the state, to the Lonach Highland and Friendly Society. Since then it has come under the care of Historic Environment Scotland and is open to visitors.

### Distilleries Of Scotland



**Name:** Bunnahabhain  
**Location:** Port Askaig, Islay  
**Whisky Region:** Island  
**Whisky Type:** Single Malt  
**Website :** <https://bunnahabhain.com/>

Construction began in 1881 but, unlike other distilleries, the owners also included houses, a road, and a pier for deliveries and for shipping whisky. Situated in the north east of the island, it cost \$3m in today's money. Six years later, the property was involved in a merger, forming the Highland Distilleries Company. Unlike the other island rivals, Bunnahabhain gained a reputation for its blends, forming the backbone to household brands such as Black Bottle, Cutty Sark, and the more well known, Famous Grouse.

A brief closure followed in the 1930's, but, as demand grew in the 60's, the site was redeveloped including the addition of new stills and the building of a new road, which allowed for easier deliveries.

Despite the new road, it was not until 1993, that the final ship delivery took place. Unfortunately, like many other distilleries at the time, Bunnahabhain was mothballed in 1982. It was only three years earlier that the 12-year-old malt had been released, which met with great approval from connoisseurs far and wide.

Thankfully, production restarted just two years later and it had made a name for itself again, considering how hard it is to pronounce!(boon-aa-have-an) Burn Stewart bought the brand in 2003, but, after its parent company liquidated, it then merged with Distell. Following the merger, there was an announcement of a £11m investment in the brand over a three-year period. This has resulted in the removal of the shoreline warehouses and the creation of a brand new visitor center.

### Just For Fun

Are our Scottish trivia questions making y'all more knowledgeable? I certainly hope so! Here are the answers for our last issue.

1. Scotland's best kept secret, is an underground centre used during the war. By what name is it known? **Secret Bunker**
2. The capital city of Scotland, Edinburgh, is located on the east coast of the country on the southern shore of which body of water? **Firth of Forth**
3. Which freshwater loch can be traversed by a ride on the steamship SS Sir Walter Scott? **Loch Katrine**
4. Which body of water lies along the east coast of Scottish Borders? **North Sea**
5. What country, along with Scotland, formed the 'Auld Alliance' from the late 13th century until the Reformation? **France**

Now for the first questions of the new season.

1. Located approximately half way between Glasgow and Belfast, the island of Ailsa Craig is also called this other name locally?
2. A unique lift system was opened in 2002, to reconnect the Union Canal with the Forth and Clyde Canal. Can you tell me the name of it?
3. The island of Bute lies in the Firth of Clyde. What seaside resort is by far the largest settlement on the island?

- The earliest known record of which sport has been traced back to a version of it recorded on the River Dee in 1863?
- The first ever British Open golf championship was played at which Ayrshire golf course?

### I'm Fixin' To

When you live in Louisiana you know that a favorite topic here is either eating, talking about eating, or talking about eating while eating, and not necessarily talking about what you're eating!

Each month we bring you some of Scotland's culinary creations for your cooking delights. This month is....

## **Citrus Cake**



***Here is a tasty, tangy cake which is best made with pure juices of the citrus fruit.***

### **Cake Ingredients:**

- 8oz (250g or one stick) margarine
- 8oz (250g or one and a quarter cups) caster sugar (or fine granulated sugar)
- 12oz (350g or three cups) self-raising flour (all-purpose flour with baking powder)
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup orange and lemon (or orange and lime) juice mixed

### **Butter Cream Ingredients:**

- 12oz (350g or 2½ cups) icing sugar (frosting)
- 6oz (175g or 1½ sticks) margarine
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice (or lime juice)

### **Method:**

Preheat the oven to 160C (320F or Gas Mark 3) or 10C less if a fan assisted oven. Mix the margarine and sugar together and cream until light and fluffy.

Then beat in the eggs, one at a time. Stir in the fruit juices and the flour and mix well. Pour the mixture into a cake tin measuring 8"x12"x1½" (20cmx30cmx3.5cm) which has been lined with baking parchment and spread evenly.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for roughly 35 minutes. Allow the cake to cool in the tin before removal and storage in an air-tight container.

Please let us know how these recipes are coming out. We'd be happy to post some member attempts. We always suggest cooking with whisky. Just don't drink too much or you'll forget what it was you were actually cooking!

*We hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter. Our aim is to educate and entertain, as well as keep our members informed and up-to-date on all things Scottish.*

***Tioraidh an-dràsta!***

*(Chee-ree an draa-sta)*

*(Bye just now)*