



**Dear Members and Friends:**

SSK held our annual picnic at the Cove at Concord Park on Aug 2nd. We had a great turn-out of approximately 30 people. One of the fantastic parts of the picnic was that we had the Kerr family with children and the Schumacher family with children. It was heartening to welcome a "New Generation" to SSK.

With September comes several Scots/Celtic festivals within the borders of Tennessee: the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival at Elizabethton on Sept 12/13. On Sept. 26 the Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival. Hope you can attend one or perhaps both of these festivals. Also on Sept 12, the Middle Tennessee Scottish Festival will have its first festival at the Hermitage near Nashville.

SSK will hold our AGM and potluck dinner at Erin Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Oct 17. We will be electing new officers and a new Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in "standing" for one of these offices, please contact me.

The 2016 Burns Supper will be held at Crowne Plaza hotel on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016.

Hope to see you at the AGM on Oct 17!

Yours aye,  
Tim

**Remember:  
Officers and Board Members  
are needed to have SSK  
continue in 2016**

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**Burns' Planning Committee**

The first planning meeting for the Burns' Committee will be held on September 8 during the scheduled Board Meeting.

Please contact Tim at 865 233 0722 if you would like to participate with the planning

**Next Event**

**Annual General Meeting & Election**

Date: Saturday October 17  
Timing: 6:00 pm, set up starts at 5:30  
Location: Erin Presbyterian Church  
200 Lockett Knoxville, TN  
Members are asked to bring a dish for our pot luck dinner.

**Clan Spotlight**

**Clan Campbell**



The name in Gaelic, means "WRY or CROOKED MOUTH.

The Campbell's were known as the Race of Diarmid and held a great amount of influence in Argyl and the west of Scotland. Sir Colin Campbell, the progenitor of the Argyle Campbells was given the designation MacCailean Mor, which the Chief retains to this day. Sir Duncan Campbell was made a peer by James II in 1445.

It was a Campbell who led the Covenanters, and during the many years of Scottish conflict members of this clan served and led on both sides and many times paid for it with their lives. Archibald Campbell sent into

exile, returned with William of Orange and for his assistance was elevated to a Dukedom

The famous Black Watch tartan was based on a Campbell sett. In addition, this clan was involved with probably the most famous of Highland feuds, that one involving Clan Donald.

**Castles**

**Inveraray Castle, Argyllshire**



An Inveraray Castle has been standing on the shores of Loch Fyne since the 1400s, but the current building resulted from at least 2 major fires and several architects.

Inverary Castle is a country house near Inveraray in the county of Argyll, in western Scotland, on the shore of Loch Fyne, Scotland's longest sea loch. It has been the seat of the Duke of Argyll, chief of Clan Campbell since the 17th century.

The house is a mostly mid-18th-century neo-Gothic design. The interior includes a number of neoclassical rooms created for the 5th Duke by Robert Mylne.<sup>[1]</sup> These are among the rooms open to the public. The 13th Duke and his family live in private apartments occupying two floors and set between two of the castle's crenellated circular towers. Recent renovations included the installation of the house's first central heating.

In 1975, a devastating fire struck Inveraray and for some time the 12th Duke and his family lived in the castle's basement, while



restorations requiring a worldwide fund raising drive were carried out.

Inveraray Castle is a Category A listed building. It is surrounded by a 16-acre garden and estate of 60,000 acres. In 2012, the Christmas episode of Downton Abbey was partly filmed here; the castle stood in for the fictional "Duneagle Castle".

### Holidays / Seasons

#### September Equinox

The Christian church replaced many early Pagan equinox celebrations with Christianized observances. For example, Michaelmas (also known as the Feast of Michael and All Angels), on September 29, fell near the September equinox.

The Autumn Equinox is celebrated when day and night have approximately equal length. After this date, the North Pole begins to tilt away from the sun and the evenings in the northern hemisphere become increasingly dark in the run up to the Winter Solstice.

September Equinox in Knoxville, Tennessee, is on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 4:22 AM

#### SSK Calendar

October 17 Saturday	Annual General Meeting Erin Presbyterian Church
December 11 Friday	Christmas Ceilidh Erin Presbyterian Church
January 30, 2016	Burns' Dinner Crowne Plaza Hotel, Knoxville

#### Regional Celtic Events

Sept 4-6	Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains Virginia
Sept 11-13	Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival, Elizabethton, Tennessee

Sept 12	Middle Tennessee Highland Games, The Hermitage, Nashville, TN
Sept 26	Dandridge Scots Irish Festival, Main Street, Dandridge, TN

#### SSK Picnic



Will Kerr tossed the "cabers" to 12 noon score



Caber lessons with Andrew Kerr



Katherine Schumacher, our youngest member and her chips.