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President's Message

Please join us for the Kirkin' of the Tartan on November 20 at 10:30 am at the First Presbyterian Church, 2001 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Bring your tartan to be blessed and stay after worship service for a reception sponsored by the North County Scots.

Our *Holiday Party* is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, from noon to 6 pm at the Vista Masonic Lodge, 761 Eucalyptus Avenue.

Please contact myself [(760) 758-8096, hamnquist@sbcglobal.net] or Janette McLintock [(760) 726-3691, janmcl@sbcglobal.net], if you plan to attend. The North County Scots will provide the meal and non-alcoholic drinks. Please come and join us for this festive event.



Please bring a gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. We will have a gift exchange for teens, 13 – 20 and then 21 and over will be for adults.

North County Scots will provide ham, potatoes and gravy, and peas and non-alcoholic drinks.

If you have children 12 or under, please contact Janette with their names, ages, and gender; so that she can coordinate with Santa to ensure they get a gift. Santa will be at our party at 2 pm. **Please respond with this information by November 27;** Santa and his elves need time to prepare.

The **Burns Dinner** will be on January 21, 2012. Please see the RSVP form in this newsletter.

Mike Hamnquist

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Dedicated to all things Scottish

The stated goal of the North County Scots, as a non-profit organization, is to sponsor Scottish oriented youth activities and find pleasure in activities with other Scottish Associations and friends.

*Year lists term of officer.

Tartan of the Month

- Baxter



This is an occupational name derived from the Old English word "baecestre" meaning a female baker and later Middle English "bakstere" which was applied to both male and female bakers. In early Latin charters the name is rendered as "pistor" - the Latin word for baker. In that form the name is found as early as the 12th century.

Baxters are found all across Scotland but those in the west are generally regarded as dependents of the Clan Macmillan.

In Fife, they were a prominent family in their own right and witnessed important documents in the 13th century. Between 1200 and 1240 a Reginald Baxtar witnessed a gift of a church of Wemyss in Fife. The name is still found frequently in Fife and the Baxters of Earlsball in northern Fife lived in a baronial castle there. Kilmaron Castle was a mansion built for a Baxter family near Cupar in Fife, around 1820.

In 1296 Geffrei le Baxtere of Lossithe in Forfar took an oath of allegiance to the king. Baxter was (and is) a common name in Angus as Forfar was at one time a royal residence and the first Baxters there may well have been royal bakers.

The Baxters of Kincaldrum were the first to bring power-weaving to the City of Dundee. They prospered as a result and gifted Baxter Park to the city. They endowed a college which eventually became the University of Dundee.

In more modern times, the Baxter family in Fochabers on the river Spey in Morayshire have built a successful business creating quality soups and produce from local suppliers. And Stanley Baxter has had a long career as an actor and comedian.

MacBaxter is regarded as a sept (sub-branch) of the McMillan clan.

The Baxter clan motto is "Vincit veritas" which means "Truth prevails".

From: <http://rampantscotland.com/clans/blclanbaxter.htm>



Upcoming Events

- ❖ November 20, 10:30 am
Kirkin of the Tartan
First Presbyterian Church
2100 El Camino Real, Oceanside
- ❖ December 4, noon ~ 6 pm
Christmas Party
Vista Masonic Lodge
761 Eucalyptus Avenue, Vista
- ❖ Burns Dinner, January 21, 2012

Traditional Scottish Recipes

- Oatmeal Stuffing for Turkey

Here is a traditional stuffing suitable for the festive turkey using rolled oats and suet.

Ingredients:

Suet or Lard (50g / 2oz / ½ stick)
Chicken Livers, finely chopped (50g / 2oz / ¼ cup)
One Onion, finely chopped
Rolled Oats, toasted (125g / 4oz / one cup (scant))
One tablespoon Freshly chopped Parsley
Two teaspoons freshly chopped thyme
Salt and pepper top taste



Method:

Heat the butter or lard in a saucepan until hot, add the chicken livers and onions and sauté for 5 minutes, stirring from time to time. Transfer the mixture to a food processor or blender and process until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients, mix well then allow to cool before using to stuff chicken, turkey, duck or goose.

From: http://rampantscotland.com/recipes/blrecepte_stuffing.htm

Rabbie Burns Supper

January 21, 2012

5 pm – 6 pm Cocktails; 6 pm – 7:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm - Program and Entertainment by Highland Way
Rancho Carlsbad Recreational Center
5200 El Camino Real, Carlsbad

Tickets \$40 (Seats are limited; please RSVP by January 16, 2012.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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