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CHIEFTAIN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2025

Our Society Year 2024-2025 was a mix of in-person and virtual events with a hybrid option in some cases for members who could not travel. We started our 60th Anniversary celebration at the Oahu Country Club with our premier event, the annual Tribute to Robert Burns. It is always a chicken skin experience to see and hear the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii coming across the golf course with the skirl of the pipes blaring. We also included two special features. First was a recap of the highlights of the last 10 years that brought us to this anniversary year. Second, we reprised the acting out of Burns works through the talents of students from Windward Community College, who performed Tam 'O Shanter at the 2015 Burns Supper.

Because this is our Diamond Anniversary, we will be holding a special event on November 8, 2025 at the Pacific Club. More details will come out as the program is finalized.

Throughout the 2024-2025 event year, we provided a mix of educational and cultural opportunities for our members and their guests to enjoy. As we begin our 2025-2026 fiscal and event year, I again encourage members to volunteer to actively participate in our programs. You have an opportunity to not only submit an event idea, but also participate in leading the event. The Council members plan our event year with the interest of all things Scottish in mind. These are learning experience opportunities that enrich the knowledge of Scots through research and the ability to make a positive contribution to other members. Any member can develop a presentation on an area of Scottish culture or history that will be of interest to our members. It is a strength of our Society to offer members this opportunity and I encourage anyone to take advantage.

Let's make our 2025-2026 year both fun and educational. We are moving into our 60th year and want to make the year a very special one. Scotland Forever!!

Slainte mhath,
Bruce