

Burns Nicht 2012

Burns Night: New and Traditional on January 28, 2012

It's time to look ahead to Burns Night, the biggest event of the Society year, when we honor Scotland's most famous poet and song writer, Robert Burns. On Saturday, January 28, 2012, we will meet in our best Highland or evening attire, as we do every January, to celebrate his life and work. Our theme uses the poet's own words, "*We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet.*"

Some things about the evening will be new, but most will be traditional. The location is new: Oahu Country Club, in its lush Nuuanu setting overlooking Honolulu, just a few minutes off Pali Highway opposite Queen Emma Summer Palace. The beautifully remodeled dining area features huge windows and polished wood paneling. There is plenty of valet parking.

In his first appearance in the role of Master of Ceremonies will be **Keoki Kerr** (pictured at right), investigative reporter for KITV. Keoki, whose full name is MacGeorge Reid Cantlay Kerr, is the son of current Council member **Elsbeth Cantlay Kerr**, and grandson of **Helen Inches McCulloch Reid Cantlay**. Scottish-born Helen Cantlay was a well known original member of the Society and took

prominent parts in more than one early Burns Night.

Cocktails will start at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner, which, as always, begins with the haggis procession and the Address to the Haggis. Expect a full and entertaining program of all the traditional toasts, including the Toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns,

lots of poetry, and plenty of music, including the pipe band. Toasting this year will be done with a unique new whisky, special to The Caledonian Society.

Early Bird prices before Jan. 9 are the same as last year, \$70 for members, \$80 for non-members. After Jan 9, prices are \$80 and \$90. Tables are for 8 (not for 10 as in recent years). Buy a whole table for \$560. If you might need a ride, phone Tina Yap now at 375-8462. Watch for a special mailing in early November with additional information and the necessary reservation form. If you have questions or need extra information, phone Susan MacKinnon at 591-9398.



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