



The Calgary Burns Club is a not-for-profit society incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta and dedicated to the preservation of the memory of the life and works of Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns.

The Club received its charter from the Robert Burns World Federation in 1976. The Club appointed former Mayor of Calgary and Lt. Gov. of Alberta and noted philanthropist, Grant MacEwan, as its first Patron. Although a Canadian by birth, MacEwan embraced his Scottish heritage and enthusiastically supported the Calgary Burns Club and its interest in preserving Scottish culture in southern Alberta.

The Club's membership is limited to 37 gentlemen, who are called "Ordinary Members"; one for each year of Robert Burns' short life. There is also a handful of Life Members and about a dozen Associate Members, most of whom are former members of the Club but who no longer reside in Calgary.

The Calgary Burns Club's role in the community is to celebrate Calgary's Scottish heritage and to foster interest in Scottish cultural events. The Club has a generous donations policy through which it funds pipe bands, Scottish Highland dance troupes, and sponsors classes in oratory and vocal music at The Calgary Performing Arts Festival (formerly the Kiwanis Music Festival). The Club's singing group ("The Calgary Burns Club Singers") participates in events such as the Field of Crosses ceremonies on Remembrance Day, the annual Celtic music festival at Water Valley, the opening ceremonies of Highland Games and Scottish Dance recitals, as well as performing at innumerable elder care facilities in Calgary and area. The group has produced 5 CDs, the sales of which go to help with many of the Club's donation programs.

The pinnacle of the Club's year is, of course, the celebration of Rabbie Burns' birthday on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. From Hogmanay (New Year's Eve) to St. Valentine's Day, Club members fan out across the city, province, country and abroad to recite Burns, to address the haggis, or to lead the singing of his famous "Auld Lang Syne", or to give the Toast to the Immortal Memory of Scotland's Bard, Robert Burns.

On the Friday evening closest to the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, the Calgary Burns Club hosts its annual Burns Supper. The event is formal with highland dress or tuxedo encouraged.

The meal is traditional Scottish fare: smoked salmon, cock o' leekie soup, roast beef with neeps an' tatties, haggis wi' a' the trimmin's, and Scotch trifle for dessert. Wine is served with dinner and fine Scotch whisky is served for the fellowship part of the evening.

The program includes the Club's own singers, the traditional piping in of the haggis and the address thereto, the Calgary Police Pipes & Drums and Highland Dancers, the Calgary Fiddlers on occasion, the traditional toasts to Her Majesty, to Absent Friends, and Tae the Lassies. The highlight of the night is the Toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns, given by a renowned Scottish after-dinner speaker.

It is primarily from the Burns Supper that the Club generates the money to fund the charitable programs in which the Club participates. While we try our level best to give value for money to our guests and to keep ticket prices as reasonably low as our forefathers would expect, it has become necessary to seek the generosity of sponsors or donors to sustain this tradition.



### Calgary Burns Club Gentlemen's Burns Supper Sponsorship Form

Robert Burns received significant support in his lifetime from many admirers and we have chosen levels of sponsorship which remember four in particular. The first, the 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Glencairn, was his most ardent supporter and secured him success with his second edition of his poems, the Edinburgh Edition; the second, Robert Graham of Fintry, recommended him for a position with his Majesty's Customs and Excise, thus allowing him to earn a regular income and support his family; the third, Gavin Hamilton who encouraged him to pursue the publishing of his early poems, namely the Kilmarnock Edition; and fourth, Mrs. Francis Dunlop, friend, confidante, correspondent and advocate.

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| <b>Glencairn Level</b> | <b>\$5,000.00+</b> | Table of eight complimentary tickets. "Meet the Speaker" invitation to sponsor and one guest. Sponsor recognition in program and premium seating. |
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| <b>Hamilton Level</b>  | <b>\$1,500.00+</b> | Two complimentary tickets. Sponsor recognition in program and premium seating.  |
| <b>Dunlop Level</b>    | <b>\$1,000.00+</b> | One complimentary ticket. Sponsor recognition in program and premium seating.   |

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To discuss any questions you may have, please call Jim Osborne at (403) 264-6383.

The members of The Calgary Burns Club thank you for your generous sponsorship.