# <u>Our Main Events</u>

#### 1. Annual Robert Burns Supper

Our annual celebration in late January of the birth and life of Robert Burns, the most famous of all Scottish poets.

#### 2. St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday prior to March 17- St. Patrick's Day.

#### 3. Shamrock Games

Saturday prior to March 17- St. Patrick's Day. The largest **indoor** Scottish heavy events competition in the country, held at the Coliseum at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

# 4. Springfield Area Highland Games and Celtic Festival

A traditional Scottish and Irish festival featuring bagpiping and drumming, Ancient athletics, Scottish Highland and Irish step dancing, delicious food, and Celtic entertainment. Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May.

#### 5. Annual Fall Ceilidh (party) & Bonfire

A fall celebration free and open to the public. Held in early October this event celebrates and showcases our Scottish heritage.

# 6. Annual Society Membership Meeting and St. Andrews Dinner

Held in late November to coincide with St. Andrew's Day this event is to allow Society members to get together for food and fun and to elect Society Board members and officers for the coming year. St. Andrew's Society of Central Illinois P.O Box \$3\$9 Springfield, IL 6270\$





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## St Andrew's Society Of Central Illinois

Founded in 1987, the St. Andrew's Society was established as a not-forprofit organization to fulfill 3 primary goals...

- 1. To educate the general public and Society members in Celtic (Scottish, Irish, and Welsh) heritage.
- 2. To continue the traditions and customs associated with all Celts such as national dress, music, dance, language and history which make us distinct among Americans.
- **3.** To pursue charitable causes for the benefit of the community.

Membership is open to anyone interested in Celtic heritage regardless of age, sex, race or religion.



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## Our Society Groups

### 1. Highland Games & Celtic Festival

This committee organizes all aspects of our annual festival held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May.

### 2. Pipes and Drums

World class highland bagpipe and drum band engaging in performances and competitions throughout the Midwest in order to promote and perpetuate our Celtic heritage through music.

### 3. Celtic Dancers

Our dance group studies and performs traditional Scottish and Irish dances to promote and perpetuate our Celtic heritage in the art of dance. The dancers compete individually at highland games throughout the Midwest and even in Scotland.

### 4. Ancient Athletics

This group is dedicated to excellence in the performance of the ancient highland athletic events such as caber toss, sheaf toss and stone throw among others. They compete at highland games throughout the Midwest and stage educational demonstrations of the events.

Members also pursue interests in harp, fiddle, Gaelic language and other aspects of Celtic heritage

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