



THE SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY
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The Cape Town Caledonian Society
c/o Mr. Stuart Munro, Chief
PO Box 442
Cape Town, Republic of South Africa

Dear Stuart:

In the words of the bard himself:

Here's a bottle and an honest friend! What wad ye wish for mair, man?

And so tonight we symbolically raise our bottles (and glasses) to our honest friends of the Cape Town Caledonian Society as we celebrate the life & works of Scotland's bard, Robert Burns! History tells us that the Caledonian Club of New York sent telegrams to kindred clubs in the United States and Canada in 1859 during the centennial celebrations of the birth of the ploughman-poet of Ayrshire; Today our society continues that tradition by sending greetings to Scottish societies & clubs around the world via e-mail!

It is in the spirit of these words of Burns, written more than 200 years ago, and on behalf of our President, Mr. C. Champion Herren III, our officers and members that I send our greetings tonight:

That man to man, the world o'er, shall brothers be for a' that.

Should any of you ever find yourselves in Southwest Missouri, please do not hesitate to call on us, as we welcome the opportunity to extend the hand of hospitality and fellowship in the "guid auld Scottish style" to our friends & "Brither Scots" in Cape Town.

*A last request permit me here, --
When yearly ye assemble a',
One round, I ask it with a tear,
To him, the Bard that's far awa.*

Lang May Yer Lum Reek (wi' other folk's coal!)

Yours aye,
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