



# THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO CRANN TARA

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## Mark your calendar:

- **Free Saturday Highland Dance Class:** Saturday classes are at IFCC. Join us to learn Scottish Highland dancing. All ages and all levels are welcome. New dancers please contact Ms "B" at [highlandmissb@aol.com](mailto:highlandmissb@aol.com) in advance of attending.
- **November board meeting is ONLINE.** You are invited to the online board meeting Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM. Browse to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and click on join meeting.
- The meeting number is **958 0833 0704** and the password is **083504**.
- If you are joining by phone, call **346-248-7799** (Houston) or **253-215-8782** (Tacoma).
- The meeting number and password are the same as online.
- **Cross Roads Church** is celebrating Thanks Giving to God Sunday, November 14 at 11:00 AM. New and old friends are invited for fellowship and a service project afterwards. If you would like to help fill 50 Thanksgiving dinner kits, see inside this newsletter for the specific food items.
- **Danny O'Flaherty** returns to the Josephine Theater on Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 PM.
- **On-site board meetings resume in December.** All members and guests are welcome 7:00 PM each second Tuesday at Cross Roads Church, 8102 Midcrown Dr, Windcrest, TX 78239.
- **Scottish Society Open House:** 7:00 PM Tuesday, December 14 at Cross Roads Church before the monthly Board meeting. If postponed, announcement will be in the December Crann Tara.
- **Masks are required indoors in public spaces at Cross Roads Church,** regardless of vaccination status. Those involved in physical activity, speaking roles or playing an instrument are not expected to wear masks while engaged in that activity.
- **Some members are unwilling to wear a mask.** Some members are endangered by meeting indoors. For both groups, we will continue to offer a Zoom connection until further notice.
- **Burns' Nicht is January 22, 2022.** Our usual venue is still struggling with freeze damage from February. We have narrowed down the alternatives. Tickets go on sale soon. Stay tuned!
- **Is there a friend, neighbor, or family member who would enjoy a gift membership** in the Scottish Society of San Antonio? Now would be a good time! [scottishsociety-sa.org](https://scottishsociety-sa.org) is set up for new memberships and renewals with both credit card and PayPal.
- **Please let us know** when a Scottish Society member moves or passes away. It is easy to lose track of our friends in today's busy world. Their family may not contact the Society and we don't always know why they did not renew. For life members, we may not know until mail starts coming back many months or even years later.

**Ceud Mile Failte** (*A hundred thousand welcomes*)  
Justin & Kate Clifford

### Flowers of the Forest

In this issue, we celebrate the life of  
Vernon Lloyd Helmke.

**Masks and social distancing are not popular, but sometimes a simple solution is good.** Even vaccinated people are catching the Delta variant. Vaccinated family members are much more likely to survive and may not show symptoms while spreading this deadly virus to kids who cannot and adults who will not **get the jab**. Needles are scary and COVID is deadly. Take your pick.

**Scottish Society Open House:** Please join us 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 14 at Cross Roads Church for an open house before the monthly Board meeting. New members, tonight is the night to find out what is going on. Long time members, find out what you have been missing.