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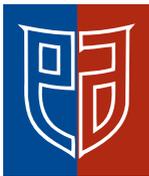
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# INVERNESS BURNS CLUB ANNIVERSARY SUPPER

President Iain Gordon welcomed a company of 130 diners to our Annual Supper in Lochardil House Hotel on 28th January. The haggis was piped in and then addressed by Piper Bill Hamilton. The Toast to the Immortal Memory was presented by Hugh Aberach MacKay, indeed a toast par excellent! The Toast to the Lasses was ably undertaken by Jack Brownless and a witty response, made partly in verse, was given by Mrs. Morven Reid. John N. Smith recited "Willie Wastle" to good effect. The Toast to the Guests was given by Club Treasurer, Dr. Neil Chisholm, and a most suitable response came from Campbell Dickson, attending his first Supper at our Club. As ever, musical accompaniment was from Mrs. Sheila Bruce, and our singers were Inglis Brown and Jan Bell, who sang unaccompanied. During the evening Junior Vice-President Hugh Grant presented President Iain Gordon with a beautifully made Coat of Arms of Robert Burns for the Club. Past President David Henderson led communal singing of Burns songs before Senior Vice President Chris Silver thanked President Iain for chairing the evening so successfully.

C. G. Sim



Top Table Guests and Officebearers front row left to right: Mrs. Morven Reid, Hugh Aberach Mackay, President Iain Gordon, Jack Brownlee. Back row: Cliff Sim (Secretary), Mrs. Alison Sim, Bob Reid, Mrs. Kathleen MacKay, Mrs. Bridget Gordon, Mrs. Louise Brownlee, Dr. Neil Chisholm (Treasurer), Mrs. Sheila Chisholm and Bill Hamilton (Piper).

# PRESIDENT WALTER VISITS THE STATES



PRESIDENT WALTER WATSON and his wife Liz travelled to Houston, Texas in January as guests of the Heather and Thistle Society to attend the Fifty-Second Annual Robert Burns Supper and Ball. Walter was charged with proposing the toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns and a week later to the members of The Burns Club of Atlanta, Georgia. It was a memorable occasion, President Walter takes the opportunity of thanking the members of the Texas and Georgia Clubs for their warm welcome. Pictured above at the Commemoration Ceremony held by the Heather and Thistle Society of Houston, Texas, on Sunday 24th January at the Burns Bust in Hermann Park. From left to right is Pipe Major Emeritus of the Houston Highlanders Pipe Band - Alistair Campbell, Past Chieftain Bob Gilbert - who gave the eulogy, Past Chieftain and founder member Jack Hume, Walter Watson, President of The Robert Burns World Federation and Past Chieftain Walter May.

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