



Rhode Island Burns Night

The Robert Burns Anniversary Committee of Rhode Island held its 47th Annual Supper Dance celebrating the 251st anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, on Saturday February 6, 2010 at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet Ballroom, Cranston, Rhode Island. 375 guests attended from the New England area and the U. K., in the beautifully decorated ballroom.

Rhode Island Tartan

Chairman John MacLean welcomed all the guests. Loyal toasts were made to President Obama, Queen Elizabeth, & Robert Burns. The Grace Before Supper preceded the traditional Burns Supper Menu, followed by apple pie a la mode.

John MacLean Jr. "Piped in" the haggis in grand style.

"The Address to the haggis was given by James Chalmers a guest of Chairman John MacLean. James hails from Stepps, near Glasgow Scotland. He is a retired Justice of the peace.

The Immortal Memory was delivered by Peter Nicholson Roos and Donald Blais sang a selection of Burns Songs, accompanied by Brother Enoch Valentine.



*James Chalmers addressing the Haggis
Note the Rhode Island Tartans*



The Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band, under the direction of Pipe Major Debbie Kane, gave a wonderful performance and received a standing ovation.

Sean Connor and the Irish Express band, provided ballroom and Scottish Country dance music. Joyce Dell conducted the traditional Scottish dances which brought record numbers of guests to the dance floor.

The Rhode Island Burns Supper Dance is one of the largest and most colorful Scottish social events in the New England area.

Our long-serving Chairman and Secretary, John and Betty MacLean, have given devoted service over the past 47 years to this wonderful celebration of Scottish culture and entertainment.



*Betty & John MacLean sing along
with Donald Blais at the head Table.*