

The Burns Club of Vancouver

The Club Burns Supper was held on January 22nd at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver. There were 120 guests dressed in Highland attire or Black Tie. Our president Ian Mason welcomed everyone and read greetings from various Burns Clubs who had sent their best wishes, including the Perth Burns Club and greetings from Dr Leith Davis, School of Scottish Studies at SFU who was speaking in Dublin and attending Burns celebrations there.

The Haggis party consisted of the two sword bearers; Bob Black (secretary) & Bill MacIntosh (Director), Rob Fraser (Piper), Fraser Lawrie, M.C., Bob Barr who addressed the haggis, and the Chef from the Four Seasons Hotel who carried in the Haggis. This part of the proceedings can be viewed on YouTube at:-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VG-iSU3HDA&feature=youtube_gdata

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Other participants on the program were: Eric Sanderson, Toast tae the Lassies; Rev Brian Fraser, Toast Tae the Twa Lands, and our Guest, David Lunny, who gave the Toast to the Immortal memory. David Lunny, a Scottish immigrant, is a prominent litigation lawyer in the Vancouver area who has a reputation as a raconteur and humorist

The program included an operatic tenor and internationally renowned whistler, yes whistler, who provided the musical entertainment for the evening with his accompanist from the Vancouver Bach Choir. The grade one class Triumph Street Pipe Band (about 25 strong) provided a rousing concert medley for the assembled guests.

Bob Barr played the piano for the traditional ceilidh which followed the close of the formal festivities. Club member Angus McKinnon entertained the company with several Burns songs on his fiddle.



Frazer Lawrie "serves" the Haggis at his table;
Wi' ready slicht!



Waiting for the Ceilidh to begin?