

The Winnipeg Burns Club

On Monday, January 25, 2010 more than 100 Winnipeggers braved a blustery, snowstorm to attend the 103rd Annual Burns Supper at the Marlborough Hotel. Piper Kirby McRae piped in the Head Table, and the company then sang O Canada. The Master of Ceremonies John Perrin, a member of the club and, coincidentally, a member of the hotel management team, welcomed all and introduced the head table.

Following the Scotch Broth, Frederick Carsted suitably addressed the haggis.

After the dinner, the Club Past President and Honorary Member Ishbel Turnbull toasted Canada..

Members Bob Kirk toasted the Lassies, which was replied to by his wife Mima.

The Immortal Memory was proposed by the Hon. Bill Blaikie, a member of the club, a former Member of Parliament, and now Minister of Conservation in the Provincial Legislature.

Guest speaker Ronnie O'Byrne delighted the assembled guests with a unique presentation of Burns' classic Tam O'Shanter.

The Braemar Dancers entertained throughout the evening, which ended with Frederick Carsted leading all in the singing of the Star of Rabbie Burns, Auld Lang Syne, and The Queen.



Ronnie O. Byrne reciting
Tam O'Shanter



Kirby McRae leads in the Top Table



The Hon. Bill Blaikie delivers the Immortal Memory



Dancing the night away!!.