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## CHIEFTAIN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2024

Our Society Year 2023-2024 was an in-person events year with a hybrid option in some cases for members who preferred to limit in-person contacts. We had a return to the Oahu Country Club for our premier event, the annual Tribute to Robert Burns. It was thrilling to again see the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii coming across the golf course with the skirl of the pipes blaring. We had an excellent variety of members and guests participating in the program.

As we begin our 2024-2025 fiscal and event year, I again encourage members to volunteer to actively participate in our programs. You have an opportunity to not only submit an event idea, but also participate in leading the event. The Council members plan our event year with the interest of all things Scottish in mind. These are learning experience opportunities that enrich the knowledge of Scots through research and the ability to make a positive contribution to other members. Any member can develop a presentation on an area of Scottish culture or history that will be of interest to our members. It is a strength of our Society to offer members this opportunity and I urge anyone to take advantage.

Let's make our 2024-2025 year both fun and educational. We are moving into our 60<sup>th</sup> year and want to make the year a very special one. Scotland Forever!!

Slainte mhath, *Bruce*