



# ROBERT BURNS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA



## The Detroit Burns Club Celebrates it's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 Detroit Burns Club members with family, friends and former members, gathered in the Masonic Hall in Dearborn Michigan to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Club.



The party included several past presidents of the Detroit Club, who returned for the Party. On the committee table there was a beautiful rose bouquet sent by former members Ed & Margaret Kozakiewicz, who are now resident in North Carolina.



Representing RBANA, Ron & Chrys Ballantyne, Jim & Jean

Cunningham and Elma Connor drove down from Ontario, to join in the club's celebrations.



Following the formal recognition of the anniversary and Club business the company enjoyed an excellent buffet dinner and dessert.

Following dinner Jim Cunningham presented The Detroit Club President Frank McGinty with a letter of congratulations from Jim Shields, President of the Robert Burns World Federation, and an original poem he composed, celebrating the Club's anniversary. *See page 2* One of the first objectives of the club when it was founded was the erection of a Burns Statue in Detroit which they did achieve in 1921.



The club published a book to celebrate the achievement, titled "Burns Day in Detroit". Copies were provided to

each club member at the time, but neither the club, nor any current member has a copy.

To correct that deficiency, Ron Ballantyne, on behalf of RBANA, sourced a reproduction of the book from the internet and presented a bound copy, with a congratulatory certificate, to Frank McGinty.

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The entertainment for the evening continued with a fine traditional set by a master piper, who then continued by accompanying displays of Highland dancing by two young people.



To finish the evening, a large Birthday cake was brought out by Johnson Cummings for all to enjoy.





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## ADDRESS TAE DETROIT BURNS CLUB

(ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100 TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS)

*NOD, HERE'S TALE I WILL EXPLOIT,  
THE ROBERT BURNS CLUB OF DETROIT,  
HAS REACHED A HUNNER' YEARS-  
IF I HAD KENT THIS IN ADVANCE,  
I WAD HAE JOINED YE, GI'EN THE CHANCE,  
AN ' SHARED A FEW GUID CHEERS-*

*NAE DOOT A THING O' WHICH YE'RE PROUD,  
SO TELL THE WORLD, SHOUT IT LOUD  
AN' LET THEM KEN YER AGE-  
SO FRAE THIS LAD, WHA'S FRAE AULD AYR,  
A WISH YE A' A HUNNER MAIR,  
WHIT MAIR COULD YE WAGE?*

*JIM SHIELDS  
PRESIDENT  
ROBERT BURNS WORLD FEDERATION*

## Burns Day in Detroit

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### History of the Movement For a Burns Statue in Detroit

AND A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE  
UNVEILING CEREMONY

*"The highest meed of praise belongs  
To him who makes a people's songs,  
Who strikes one note—the common good,  
One chord—a wider brotherhood."*

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