

THE BURNS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

2020 Annual Burns Supper

The thirty second Annual Burns Supper of the Burns Club of Vancouver was held in the Westerleigh in West Vancouver on Friday January 24th, 2019. 36 members and guests in highland dress or evening dress were piped into dinner by piper Tom Merry. President Donald Paton was in the chair and acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Bob Black said the Selkirk Grace and Eric Sanderson gave the Loyal Toast, following which our singer, Colin Campbell, led us in singing the national anthem. Piper Tom Merry piped in the haggis, Chef Alan bearing the platter with escorts and sword bearers Eric Sanderson and Bob Dyer. The haggis was addressed by Donald Paton. Dinner included Cock-a-Leekie soup and an excellent beef tenderloin to go with the haggis, followed by trifle, and after dinner, piper Tom Merry played a medley of pipe tunes and Colin Campbell sang a number of Burns' songs.

The toast to the Immortal Memory was proposed by Alastair MacCulloch, who gave a polished address.

The toast to "The Lassies" was proposed by Alistair Taylor, and Dave Mackie gave the toast to "The Twa Lands". Bob Dyer gave a short account of the story behind Burns' satirical poem "Holy Willie's Prayer", and then Donald Paton recited the poem, dressed in a nightgown and depicting Holy Willie at his evening prayers.

The evening ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".



The Head Table



Donald Paton recites "Holy Willie's Prayer"