A BURNS SUPPER • MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2027

Burns Night

in honour of Scotland's bard, Robert Burns (1759–1796)

TO START

COCK-A-LEEKIE SOUP

chicken, leek & prune broth with crusty bread

THE PIPING IN

HAGGIS, NEEPS & TATTIES

with a whisky cream sauce (vegetarian haggis available)

TO FOLLOW

CRANACHAN

raspberries, toasted oats, honey, cream & a dram

TO FINISH

SHORTBREAD, OATCAKES & CHEESE

with tea, coffee or a wee dram

RUNNING ORDER

1. Welcome & Selkirk Grace
2. Piping in the haggis
3. Address to a Haggis
4. Supper
5. The Immortal Memory
6. Toast to the Lassies & Reply
7. Songs, poems & Auld Lang Syne

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THE SELKIRK GRACE

Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thankit.



ADDRESS TO A HAGGIS • first verse

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my arm.

A WEE GLOSSARY

sonsie — cheerful, plump

aboon — above

painch — stomach

thairm — intestine

wordy — worthy

BURNS NIGHT 2027

How well do you know Rabbie?

Name / table _____

1. On what date was Robert Burns born?
2. In which Ayrshire village was he born?
3. Which nickname did Burns earn as a farmer-poet?
4. His first book, the 1786 'Kilmarnock edition', was called…
5. Which poem gives us 'the best laid schemes o' mice an' men'?
6. What is the name of Tam o' Shanter's grey mare?
7. Finish the line: 'O my Luve is like a red, red…'
8. Which job did Burns take with the government in 1789?
9. In which town did Burns die in 1796?
10. In what year was the first Burns supper held by his friends?
11. What are 'neeps' and 'tatties'?
12. The main toast to Burns at a supper is called…

ANSWERS (fold or cut away)

1. 25 January 1759
2. Alloway
3. The Ploughman Poet (or Bard of Ayrshire)
4. Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect
5. To a Mouse
6. Meg (Maggie)
7. Rose
8. Exciseman (tax officer)
9. Dumfries
10. 1801
11. Swede/turnip and potatoes
12. The Immortal Memory

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