

Dear BCCG members and friends,

Burns Suppers are traditional events, held around the world to celebrate the life, works and spirit of the great Scottish poet Robert Burns (1759 – 1796). The Rhine-Main region is pleased to be celebrating the famous bard's birthday in Frankfurt for the ninth year in a row. We would be delighted if you could join us.

Date: Saturday 21st January, 2017
Time: 7pm
Place: Freimaurerloge zur Einigkeit, Kaiserstraße 37,
60329 Frankfurt am Main

RBS, Scottish Development International, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, DZ Bank and British Airways are kindly supporting this year's event. We are also proud to have the endorsement of the British Honorary Consulate in Frankfurt. We are particularly grateful to RBS for making it possible for Alison Walker, member of the Robert Burns Guild of Speakers and experienced BBC broadcaster, to join us this year.

For a contribution of € 50 per person for BCCG members and € 60 per person for non-members we will provide you with a three-course supper including soup, haggis and dessert as well as plenty of Scottish single malt whisky. You can also expect bagpipes, Scottish dancing and recitations of well-loved Burns poems as well as musical accompaniment to keep you entertained.

We would ask that the laddies (gentlemen) appear in formal evening dress (Black Tie / Smoking), traditional Scottish national dress, or a dark suit. Please see the attached information for details of where to get a kilt if you want one. Lassies (ladies) should wear an evening gown or cocktail dress. Please ensure that you have with you the necessary footwear to enable to you dance.

Please register online here ([link to invitation](#)) or use the attached registration form to confirm your attendance and return it to us via fax (yes, really!). Please register early to avoid disappointment.

Kindest regards,

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Patron: His Excellency the British Ambassador

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Please note that we cannot accept further registrations once the maximum number of participants has been reached.

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Cost: € 50 per person for BCCG members
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To make administration as efficient as possible we kindly request you to transfer payment at the same time as you register. Please make your payment at the latest by 4th January 2016. Registration is only valid once payment has been received. First come, first served!

Account holder: BCCG Rhine-Main
IBAN: DE82100400000268644205
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Bank: Commerzbank Berlin

Please be aware that cancellations are only accepted up to 10 days before the event – full payment will be due for any cancellations made thereafter.

For further details please contact susan@st-media-consultant.com

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Accompanied by: _____

BCCG member: Yes _____ No _____

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The kilt question (no, not *that* question!)

Wearing Scottish national dress is, of course, the best option for laddies attending a Burns Supper. Several Burns Supper attendees have asked what the rules are for wearing kilts and where they can find them. So we thought it would be a good idea to provide some information on how to obtain the right outfit.

Contrary to popular belief, you do not need to be Scottish to wear a kilt. A typical outfit (the “Bonnie Prince Charlie”) for a formal Burns Supper costs around € 800 to have made to measure, but will last for years. Alternatively, you can hire a kilt for the occasion.

The closest place to get hold of your outfit is '[Kilts & More](https://kiltsandmore.com/)', a dedicated supplier to Scottish pipe bands and Scottish country dancing societies throughout mainland Europe that just happens to be located very close to Heidelberg.

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We would recommend you visit Kilts & More to see what tartan best suits you and order your outfit. Typically, once you have chosen your tartan, the kilt is made to your measurements in Scotland. **This will take approx. 6 – 7 weeks**, so if you want to be sure of getting the tartan you want in time for the BCCG Burns Supper, you need to order it as soon as possible. You can also hire a full kilt outfit from Kilts & More from €190 for the weekend. Please give them a call or write an email to enquire about availability.

Choosing an appropriate tartan can be tricky, but Burns Supper expert Clark McGinn, who has officiated at our Burns Suppers in the past, gives the following good advice:

1. If you bear the name of a tartan-wearing clan, or your name is a sept (which is a branch) of one, then you and yours may wear that tartan.
2. If you have served in a Scottish Regiment or in a Pipe Band or a Drum Corps you may wear its colours
3. Hundreds of clubs and firms also have registered tartans that you can wear if you are a member or an employee
4. There is a group of generic tartans that ‘anyone’ can wear including the Black Watch and the Royal Stewart tartans
5. The final category is: whatever the hire firm has in your size.

Of course, if you are feeling Scottish enough or don't like the idea of baring your legs in the middle of winter, you do not have to pay for an extra outfit at all. A dinner suit or a dark business suit is perfectly acceptable.

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