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Kirking at Ascension Lutheran Church on March 15, during their Celtic-Themed Music Worship Service



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THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.





President's Message

No fooling, it's April! Mother Nature has traded in her snow boots for flip flops and longer days, thank goodness! We had a great March meeting with the Louisville Curling Club. So much interesting history and fun facts. We are lucky to have this wonderful local resource. My hope is that we can attend some of their events in the near future.

This month we're looking forward to another dinner and a movie. Plan on arriving earlier than normal so that we'll have time for all the fun! Watch your email and Facebook for details. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this beautiful weather before Mother Nature changes her mind!

Cheri



Member Reminders

1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events and read the newsletter.
2. Name of the SSL Facebook group "The Scottish Society of Louisville"
3. Our website can be found at scotsoflou.com.
4. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our newsletter editor, Linda Wilson, at tomatoladyone@yahoo.com. All articles, pictures, etc. should be sent to the editor by the 1st of the month. The newsletter is published about the 5th of the month.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

For those members whose dues are not automatically withdrawn, your dues are due on the anniversary of your acceptance as a member. Those who have signed up for automatic payment will receive an email reminder shortly before this withdrawal.

Individual - \$25

Family - \$40

If you are not sure if you signed up for automatic withdrawal, please contact Membership Commissioner Kim Wilhite at 812-320-2627 or at kimarawilhite@yahoo.com.

2026 SSL Educational Programs, Mindy McIntosh Shetter



April

Dinner and a Movie

Come join us for a spirited night of pitch-in dinner and a movie (Robert the Bruce: The Outlaw King.) Please arrive at 6:30. Chef Steve Shetter Jr. will be providing his famous BBQ. Sides are welcome!

May

Join us for a delightful meeting where we will learn about 10 castles that are still owned by the original clans. For the fun of it, show up to the meeting sporting your clan tartan to show your clan support.

June

Love Scotland Stories of Scotland's History: Violet Jacob: A Singular Life (Podcast)

July

What did Mary, Queen of Scots look like? Facial Reconstructions from Death Mask & History (YouTube)

August

The Medieval Afterlife of the Declaration of Arbroath (University of Glasgow) (YouTube)

September

The Scottish Society of Louisville First Bake Off and Program

October

The Royal Society of Edinburgh's Festival of Knowledge-A Scottish Murder: Unravelling the Ardlamont Case (YouTube) or Friday Focus-Remembering the Scottish Witch Trials (Hunterian Glasgow) (YouTube)

November

Heritage Auction/No Meeting

December

Holiday Season/No Meeting



2026 Schedule of Upcoming Kirkings, Judy Stubbs

If you are interested in participating, please contact *Judy Stubbs* at j.stubbs100@gmail.com.

Pastor, The Rev. K.T. Ockels, at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans on September 13th.

Pastor, The Rev. Dave Bush, at Okolona Presbyterian Church has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans on October 25th

Pastor, The Rev. Allan Wallace, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, IN has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans in November. DTBD.

Mr. Jeff Butcher, President Emeritus, of the Louisville Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to a Kirkin' O' The Tartans at St. Francis of the Fields in November, DTBD.

Photos from March 15th Kirking at Ascension Lutheran Church



SSL Membership Meeting Minutes for March, Judy Stubbs

President Cheri Eskridge opened the meeting at 7:00pm and asked if any visitors were present. We had 24 people present, 1 new member, and 1 visitor.

The President then presented her article on a historical point from Scotland:

“On 24 March 1603, King James VI of Scotland was proclaimed King James I of England. James accended to the English throne on the death of Queen Elizabeth I. His accession, and the union of the crowns, marked the start of the Stuart dynasty in England. However, although James liked to refer to himself as a beast with one head and two bodies, neither the Scots or the English showed much inclination for further union, each retaining a separate parliament, legal code and church.”

President Cheri Eskridge reported for absent Vice-President Marla Jo Cameron, that applications to the Heritage Fund are due. The President also announced that Elections are due for Commissioners. When asked, Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve announced that he would return and serve in this position again. No one else volunteered for any other Commissioner’s position.

Member Jack Bowling announced that Roger Bain lives at the Arcadia Senior Living in Middletown. They had a very large fire on Sunday, 3/22/2026. Please keep Roger in your thoughts.

Business Meeting began with the President calling for Board Reports:

Vice-President-absent.

Secretary-no report, and no Kirking report.

Education & Program Commissioner-announced the program for this evening will be presented by the Derby City Curling Club. April’s General Membership Meeting will a dinner and a movie about “Robert the Bruce: The Outlaw King.” Please arrive at 6:30pm with a dish as Steve S will provide his famous BBQ.

Regional Celtic Commissioner-no report regarding Games & Festivals.

Membership Commissioner-absent.

Hospitality Commissioner-absent.

Newsletter Editor-absent.

Member-at-Large Commissioners-absent.

Member Janice Beatty, FUNdraiser Organizer for 2026, reminded us all that next Tuesday, March 31, we’re to meet at B.J.’s Restaurant on Shelbyville Road for a “FUNdraiser.” Time: 4:30pm-7:30pm with most of us arriving at 6:00pm.

After a huge, scrumptious dessert table spread for Intermission, the Program began about 8:00pm. The Presenters, Scott Baker and Cate Gaglio-Inge from the Derby City Curling Club were introduced. They reported on their “Backstory.” “After watching the US Men’s Curling team win gold during the 2018 Winter

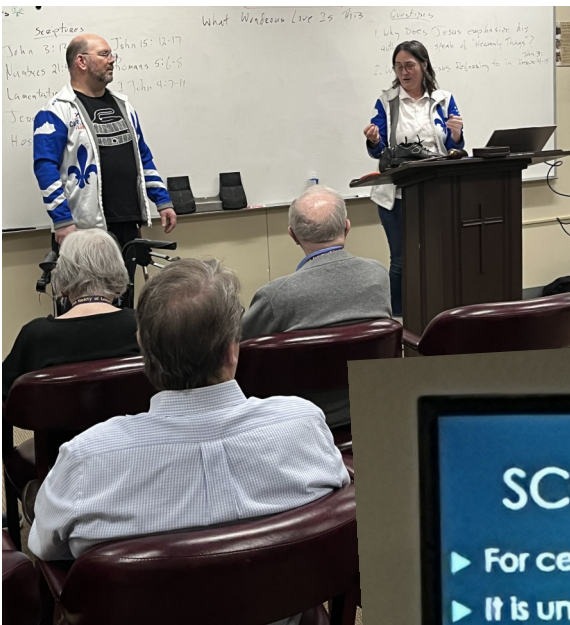
SSL Membership Meeting Minutes for March, cont.

Olympics, Bethaney and Brett Curry decided to try curling. They quickly found out that the closest club was a 2-hour drive from Louisville. That's when Bethaney turned, looked at her husband and said, "I want to start a curling club." Brett simply replied, "OK."

Since then, relying on a philosophy of inclusivity, Derby City Curling Club has hosted hundreds of people at Learn To Curl classes. The youngest participant being 8, and the oldest, 81.

"We've held programs for adaptive curling, allowing people with disabilities to play alongside everyone else. We've even hosted Tyler George, a member of the US Men's Curling team that inspired the birth of our club."

Their PowerPoint presentation was awesome, and the presenters hit on many, many aspects of Curling from the origins to modern times regarding the structure of the game itself, to the evolution of the polished "stones" to be eye-popping winners! The presentation was video-recorded by Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve Shetter, Jr, and on YouTube.



Brett & Bethaney Curry during their Curling presentation

SCOTLAND

- ▶ For centuries curling has been a favourite game in Scotland.
- ▶ It is unclear whether the game is Scottish in origin, but we know that it has a long history in Scotland.
- ▶ We can date curling in Scotland from February 1541, when John McQuhin recorded a challenge about throwing stones across the ice between a monk at Paisley Abbey and a relative of the abbot. This is where the written history of curling began.
- ▶ From then on, we find references to the game with increasing frequency, and it is possible to say that by the end of the eighteenth-century curling was played throughout the Lowlands of Scotland. We know that Robert Burns was a curler and he included references to it in Tam Samson's Elegy and The Vision.



April 2026



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26	27	28 SSL Member Meeting 	29	30		

May 2026

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10 	11	12 SSL Board Meeting 	13	14	15	16  ARMED FORCES DAY <small>16 May 2015</small>
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24	25 Memorial Day	26 SSL Member Meeting 	27	28	29	30
31	 MEMORIAL DAY					