

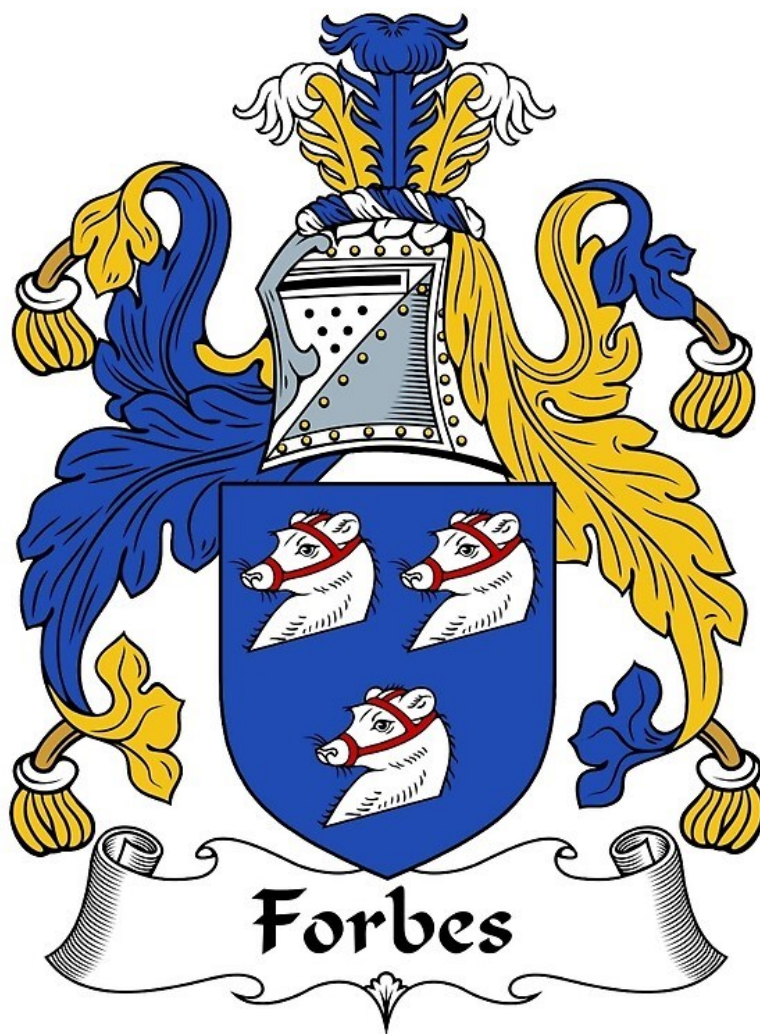


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Clan Forbes Coat of Arms from Bing

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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 Dianne Holland's Remarks, May 23, 2023

Greetings Scottish Society of Louisville

Spring has sprung, fall has fell and summertime has arrived with long glorious sun filled days. It's time for family, picnics, swimming and other fun activities and of course Highland Games and events.

Our officers and volunteers have been working diligently to have a presence at events and promote interest in the Society beginning with setting up our information table at Shakespeare in the Park for the production of McBeth. A verra verra Scottish play accompanied by one of our own bagpiping members, Carolyn Cook. Mark your calendar for this fun event and hope to see you there. Oh, by the way, it's free!

I am looking forward to more exciting events with Society participation happening throughout the year and enjoying seeing friends and kinsmen at the games. I also encourage you, our members, to attend our monthly meeting and check our web site for updates.

Dianne Holland, President

Scottish Coats of Arms

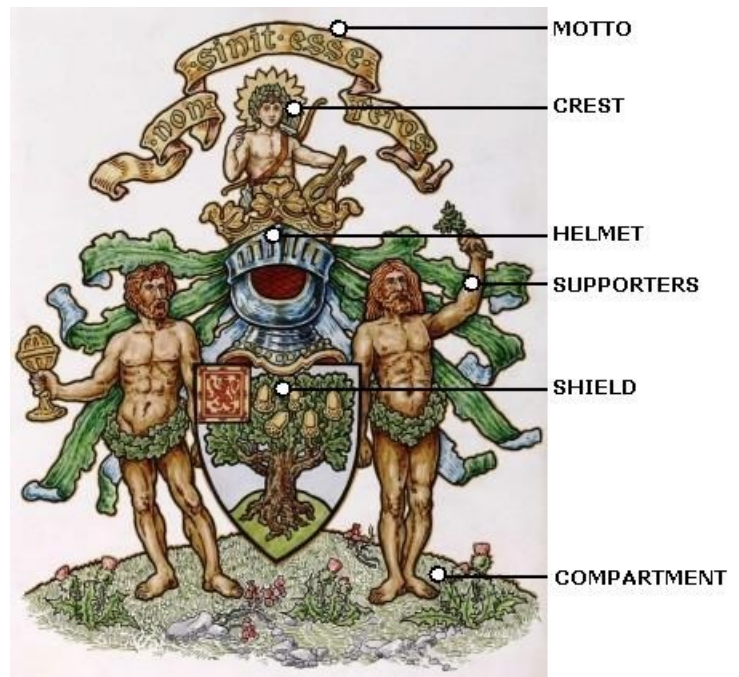
The SSL members have voiced an interest in Scottish Coats of Arms. I thought it best to start with an explanation of Coats of Arms. The following information was found on the National Records of Scotland website, which can be found at www.nrscotland.gov.uk/, and was provided by the Court of the Lord Lyon.

“Coats of Arms were originally used for military purposes and was an actual coat bearing a distinctive design which was worn over a suit of armor. This allowed the knight to be recognized in battle. The design was also displayed on his shield. On his head he wore a helmet and in time this was surmounted by a crest which identified the wearer from a distance and was used particularly during tournaments. As the military use of Coats of Arms declined, they were adopted for civilian purposes on seals and to identify property.

Most personal Coats of Arms consist of a shield, helmet, crest and motto. Supporters, the figures or beasts standing on either side of the shield, are only granted to particular groups of people, including clan chiefs, peers, and senior knights in orders of chivalry.

Companies and other corporate organizations such as civic councils, schools, universities, sporting clubs and charities can also have a Coat of Arms and while some may have shields, crests and mottoes many only have a shield.”

The National Records of Scotland website,
www.nrscotland.gov.uk/



Scottish Coats of Arms, cont.

Now that there is an understanding of what a coat of arms *is*, it should be easier to understand what each one *means*.

Let us start with the Forbes coat of arms. In researching this, I found several different depictions of the coat of arms, some with a stag, some with the shield and horses.

This round picture surrounded by a belt, shows the clan name in the compartment, and a stag with the clan motto, Grace me guide, in the belt surrounding the stag.

The stag indicates being politic and a lover of harmony or peace. The motto means that the clan will let the grace of God be their guide in life.

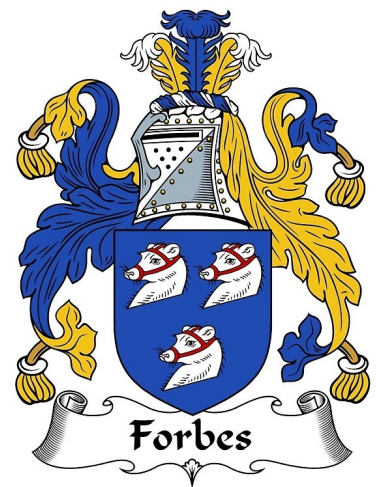


This coat of arms shows the clan name in the compartment at the bottom, the blue shield with 3 white horses, no motto, but it has a crest for the helmet in blue and gold, with blue and gold feathery lines forming a triangle or chevron.

As to the colors, gold stands for generosity, blue for loyalty and strength, white for peace and sincerity. The horses stand for readiness for duty. The chevron stands for faithful service and protection.

Taken together, these symbols suggest that members of Clan Forbes would make good neighbors, friends, and allies, and we are fortunate to have them in the SSL.

Family Crest 101 website, www.familycrest101



NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

This is a simple interpretation of these symbols, as I am hardly an expert on Scottish heraldry. If anyone else can shed more light on the meaning of the coats of arms, I will be glad to include their remarks in the newsletter at a later date.

Membership Meeting Minutes by Secretary Linda Wilson



President Holland opened the meeting at 7:05pm with 24 members attending.

She introduced Jim and Jean Hughes as our presenters of the Scottish Trivia Game. Jim read the questions, and Jean timed us. We got 2 minutes per question. There were 15 trivia questions:

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| 1 | Who invented penicillin? | Alexander Fleming |
| 2 | By what name is the Earl of Dunbarton better known? | Prince Harry |
| 3 | What is Scotland's highest mountain? | Ben Nevis |
| 4 | What is an Arbroath smokie? | Smoked haddock |
| 5 | What is Scotland's approximate population? | 5.5 million |
| 6 | What is the name of Scotland's First Minister? | Hamza Yousaf |
| 7 | What is the city of Glasgow's motto? | Let Glasgow Flourish |
| 8 | In what year was the Declaration of Arbroath signed? | 1320 |
| 9 | What is Barlinnie? | Scotland's largest prison |
| 10 | Who invented the telephone? | Alexander Graham Bell |
| 11 | What is Scotland's national food? | Haggis |
| 12 | Spell "sporrán" | Sporran |
| 13 | On which island is Fingal's cave? | Staffa Island (uninhabited) |
| 14 | Who was reputedly Scotland's first king? | Kenneth MacAlpin (843) |
| 15 | Which city is known as the Granite City? | Aberdeen |

Jim congratulated Judy Stubbs for having the most correct answers. She got 7 correct, which tells you how little we know of Scottish trivia. And Jim thought this was an easy Trivia Quiz! Congratulations, Judy, for your wealth of Scottish knowledge.

President Holland asked if there were any new members present; we welcomed Janice Sidebottom as a new member. She has been to previous meetings as a guest, and has attended our Burns' Night Gala for several years. There were no guests present.

President Holland asked the membership to bring new ideas for activities, events or programs to the next meeting, anything they would like to do or are interested in. If you cannot be at the next meeting, email your ideas to diannerholland@gmail.com.

Membership Meeting Minutes by Secretary Linda Wilson

The membership were told that the Board is considering moving the dinner auction to October when there is less going on. November is a busy month for most of us. The Board wants to hear how the membership feels about this suggested change.

In general discussion, President Holland would like to have a different crest in the newsletter each month.

President Holland asked for Board reports.

Vice President Gary Schweitzer gave an update on the Heritage committee. Mindy McIntosh has been approved for \$200 for education in Scotland.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge talked about our ongoing expenses. Insurance has gone up to about \$900, and she will speak to our agent about the increase.

Secretary and Newsletter Editor Linda Wilson told us she needs pictures and information about SSL and personal trips and events. She thanked those who have provided information and photos in the past, she is always happy to include these in the newsletter.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling's report is on page 6.

Membership Commissioner Susan Lucas has the membership files and is ready to take on new members.

There was no new report from the commissioners for Communications Holley Holland, Member At Large Pat Schweitzer, Electronic Services Damien Burns (absent) and Hospitality Melissa Ingram (absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Secretary Linda Wilson

NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Publication deadlines: Please submit all articles and photos by the 30th of each month for the next monthly issue. If there are problems or questions contact the editor at 812-948-9324 or eMail her at tomatoladyone@yahoo.com.



Regional Celtic Commissioner Report by Jack Bowling

The Blue River Highland Games were on Saturday, May 20, 2023 in Shelbyville, IN. They had approximately 40 athletes, 7 vendors, no clan tents, dancers or pipe bands. They had a few craft vendors, a book author, a DJ on Saturday and a concert on Friday night. Remember, this is their first year. I contacted Susan McDowell, who is in charge of the games and asked that she keep us in mind for their future games.

In June, we will be attending the Battle of Bannockburn with dinner at the Scottish Rite, which is located at 200 E. Gray Street. This event is Thursday, June 22nd. Knight Commander John Adkins will let me know how many flag bearers that he would like to attend. Anyone who wishes to attend or carry a flag, must contact me at 502-447-0046 before June 8th. No one can be added to our list after that date.

This will be John's last Bannockburn as Knight Commander. In his honor, the Scottish Rite would like to extend the invitation to every SSL member. I brought sign up sheets to this month's general meeting.

SSL members need to show up at 5:45pm to coordinate the flag ceremony, dinner begins at 6:30pm, and the program starts at 7:30pm. Casual Scottish attire is welcome.

I will have more information about our Fall events later at the June general meeting.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling



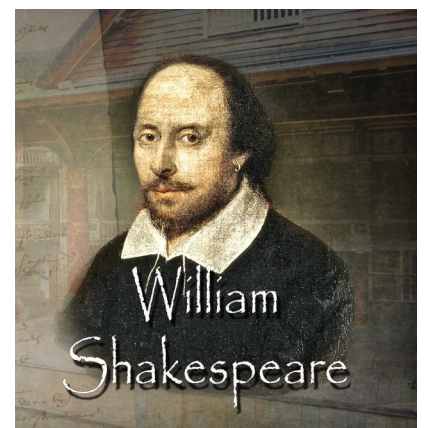
The 2022 Battle of Bannockburn celebration at the Louisville Scottish Rite.

Shakespeare in the Park by Jack Bowling

Shakespeare in the Park will be presenting MacBeth in Old Louisville's Central Park at 1340 S. 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40208 on **Friday, June 16th at 8:00pm**. This series of plays is free to the public, and includes additional family activities. These plays start on June 2nd, and continue through July 28th.

The Scottish Society will have a table and flags set up for this performance with Scottish information for those who are interested. The Celtic Pig food truck will also be on site at 6:00pm. For those who want to watch the play, bring a chair or blanket as seating is limited. You might want to get there early to find a good spot to sit.

Anyone who is willing to help set up and/or man the SSL table may contact Jack Bowling for details concerning the arrival and set up times at jackandangb13@gmail.com or call him at 502-447-0046. This is always a fun event, we hope to see a nice turnout!



Genealogy Conference from Janet Able

(Almost) Midnight Madness is a week long genealogy conference at Willard Public Library in Evansville, Indiana. The conference takes place from June 19 -- 24, 2023 at the Willard Public Library. It is not necessarily Scottish in it's focus, but has three knowledgeable speakers. The registration form can be found on the library's web site at Willard.lib.in.us . It is on their website under "**Events**", then "**genealogy**".

Here are a few of the reasons everyone loves it:

It's Free! Yes, you read that correctly. It is 100% without any cost to you.

Give Aways! The first 250 people through the door will receive some truly special gifts.

Door Prizes! There will be drawings for door prizes.

World Class Speakers! This is the main reason to be excited. We have some great speakers lined up for you.

Food Trucks! We will bring in at least one food truck per day so that once you're parked, you can stay parked.

DETAILS:

Start date– June 19 @ 8:00am

End date– June 24 @ 5:00pm

Event Categories:

Adult, Archives, Genealogy, General

Event Tags:

Conference, DNA, genealogy, Willard

View Venue Website

VENUE:

Willard Public Library

21 First Avenue

Evansville, IN 47710

Phone:

812-425-4309

Email address:

Willard.lib.in.us

MEMBER'S SHOUTOUT! Thanks to Janet Able for her contribution to the newsletter this month! I am thrilled to have items like this to add to the regular news. It makes the newsletter so much more interesting!

SSL Programs 2023

Updated programs

June 27– Janet Abell– Scotland travelogue

July 25– Lorna Bolton

August 22 – Mindy McIntosh

September 26 – Pat Schweitzer – Seven Celtic Nations

October 24– Theatre Students doing a performance (AHS or Bellarmine)

November 28 – Dinner/Auction - Strathmoor Church

December – NO general meeting – Happy Holidays to all!

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Upcoming Highland Games in June & July

June 16-17

Scottish Festival & Highland Games held at Hamilton Lakes, 2 Pierce Rd, Itasca, Illinois 60143. For more information, go to <https://chicagoscots.org/festival/>.

June 23-24

Ohio Scottish Games & Celtic Festival held at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 19201 E. Bagley Rd, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44017. For more information go to www.ohioscottishgames.com.

July 6-9

Grandfather Mt. Highland Games held at MacRae Meadows, Blowing Rock Hwy, Linville, North Carolina 28646. For more information go to <https://gmhg.org>.

July 7-8

Saline Celtic Festival, held at Washington Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. For more information go to www.salineceltic.org.

July 28-30



Dayton Celtic Festival

Riverscape Metro Park, 111 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45402. For more information, go to www.daytoncelticfestival.com.



June 2023

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18 Happy Father's Day! 🎉👔👔	19 Genealogy Conference, June 19–24	20 Genealogy Conference, June 19–24	21 Genealogy Conference, June 19-24	22 Bannockburn @ Scottish Rite	23 Ohio Scottish Games & Celtic Festival	24 Ohio Scottish Games & Celtic Festival
25	26	27 SSL Member Meeting 	28	29	30	




June Birthdays: Elspeth McKim 3rd, David Rummler 9th, Barbara Spaulding 9th, Rowan McKim 10th, Carson Smith 12th, June Wallace 15th, Dave Wires 15th, Shawn McLeod 17th, & Janet Abell 28th





July 2023

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July Birthdays: Simon McKim 4th, Jenny Dickson 7th, Melissa Ingram 8th,
David Rankin 8th, Robbin Goodin 11th, Steve Goodin 14th, Clay Ackiss 15th,
John Dickson 17th, Sarah Wallace 17th, Kim Wilhite 20th, Linda Forbes 31st,
Caleb Payne



Welcome New Members by Susan Lucas

Welcome to our new members, Jennifer Riedel and Janice Sidebottom. The members of the SSL are so glad to meet you, and hope you will enjoy participating in our member meetings and our many interesting events. Do not be shy about suggesting programs, speakers, or events you are interested in learning more about. Member participation is always encouraged.

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members.
- All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- January/February brings our Burns' Night Dinner. You won't want to miss this! There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time.
- May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid, jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- November is a really fun meeting. We have a dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to their last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some are "White Elephants" that circulate among the members. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote Celtic related studies by individuals.
- In December, we do not have a membership meeting.

Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.) language (Gaelic) and athletics (Highland Games). This fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up at the monthly SSL meetings from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, Gary Schweitzer, or by email at scotsoflou@gmail.com.

Information for New Members by Susan Lucas

Life Membership

Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can attain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a single life membership is \$240, and a family life membership is \$360.

Please see the Membership Commissioner, Susan Lucas, or for more details email her at scotsoflou@gmail.com. All new life members are acknowledged at the Burns' Night Gala.

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