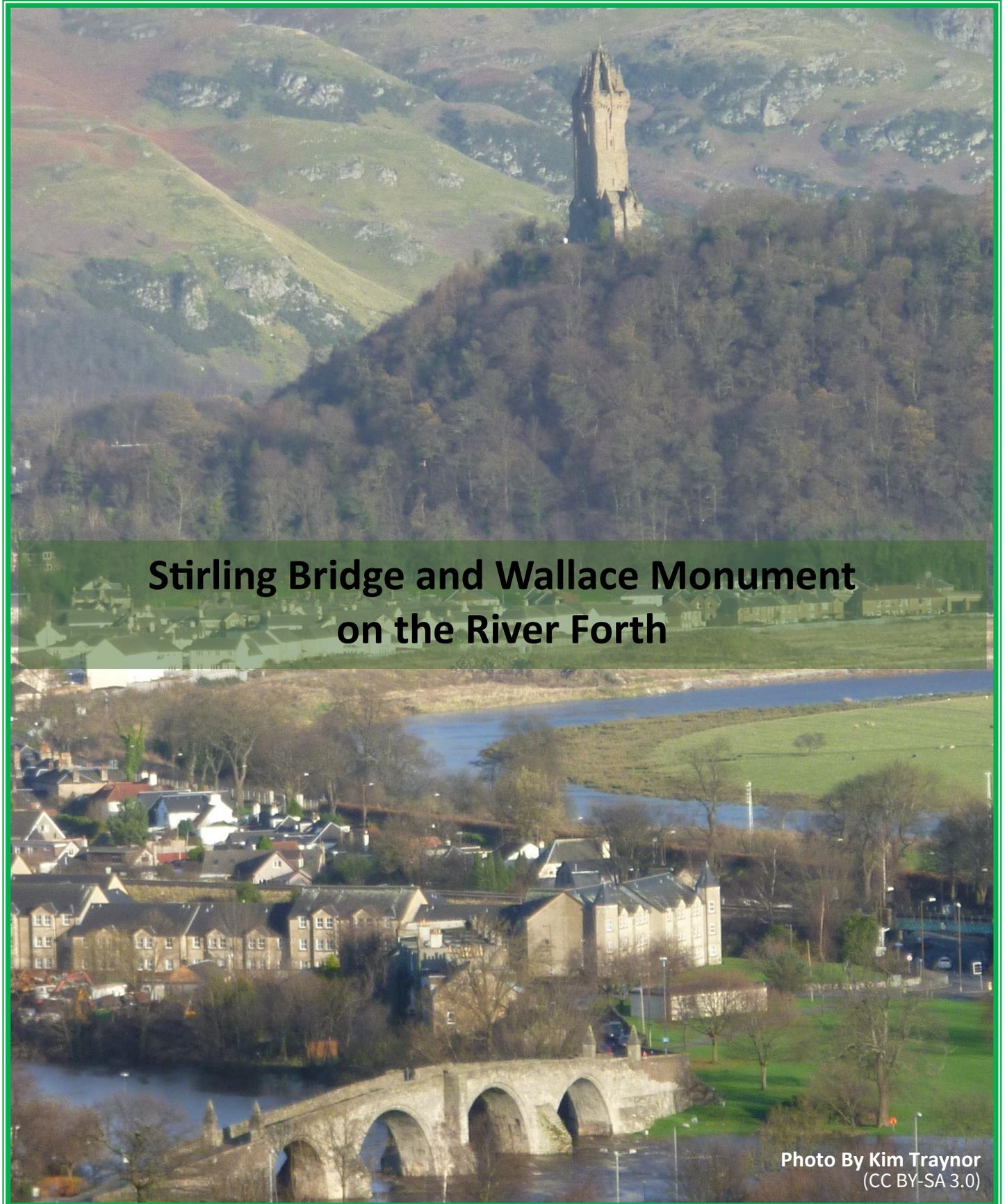




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Stirling Bridge and Wallace Monument on the River Forth

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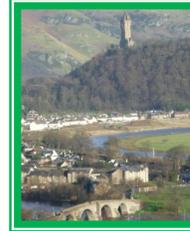
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FRONT PAGE

In the first war of Scottish Independence the Battle of Stirling Bridge on 9/11/1297 found a victory for Scotland. The Scottish forces were led by William Wallace and Andrew Moray. The bridge in this picture was rebuilt in the 15th century out of stone, as the original bridge was destroyed.

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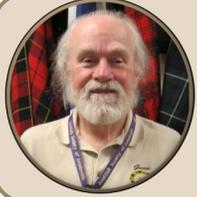
We Are The Scottish Society of Louisville

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 affiliation.





**FROM THE PRESIDENT
Bruce Wilson**

It was great seeing so many of you on the meeting night. It is not the best way to hold a meeting, but it works for now.

Thanks to Damien Burns for doing all the hard work that made the meeting possible. Also, a big thank you to Robbin Goodin and the people who have gone to so much trouble to record their programs and performances.

We still have no idea when we can safely meet, but the Board and I will keep everyone informed. I did talk to a very nice lady at Christ Church United Methodist Church this morning. She said the church is only doing very limited Sunday services and is not open for anything else. When they feel it is safe for meetings like ours, they will notify us.

Take care, and hopefully, we will see each other soon. In the meantime, stay safe and busy.

Bruce Wilson, President



**RECORDING SECRETARY
Linda Wilson**

**SSL Membership Virtual Meeting
August 26, 2020**

Robbin Goodin introduced our entertainment for this evening. Our program tonight is musical, featuring Tom Cunningham and Kate Sanders. There is a link on the Scottish Society website that will allow you to hear and see their recorded performances on YouTube. The setting is outdoors

in a garden, a beautiful backdrop for the music.

They began their performance with a lively, toe-tapping rendition of "Father Kelly's" and "The Reconciliation", and continued with "Ramblin' Rover", a lively tune featuring Tom with vocals, and Kate on keyboard.

These were followed by a slow, sad song, "Neil Gow's Lament After the Death of His Second Wife". This was instrumental, with Tom on violin and Kate on keyboard.

This was followed by a more upbeat tune, "The Leaving of Liverpool", written about those immigrants who left for more opportunities in America. They usually took a ship in Liverpool, England. Tom sang and played violin, and Kate played on keyboard.

Next, they performed "Off to California", with Tom on violin and Kate on hammered dulcimer, instrumental only. A very lively tune.

Following was a more somber piece, "I'd Cross the Wide Atlantic", with Kate singing and playing on the keyboard, and Tom on violin.

They switched to a couple of lively jigs, with Tom on violin and Kate on hammered dulcimer, instrumental only. Real dance music!

These were followed by "Wild Mountain Side", with Kate singing and playing on the keyboard, and Tom on the violin. They were accompanied by birdsong, as a bird in the garden decided to sing along with Kate. Quite lovely, and something they could not have replicated in a live performance in our meeting room at the church!

During the question and answer session, Robbin mentioned that Tom has tunes on his Facebook page. He talked about these, as there is a wide selection of music that he recorded on YouTube. He performs on many different instruments and a variety of musical selections.

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He has an account set up with

patreon.com/Cunningham

which allows those interested in supporting artists to set up donations for as little as \$1, and they can be recurring monthly as well.

Robbin told us he also gives virtual lessons in violin, mandolin, and other instruments. She says to contact her if you are interested in his contact information. (Contact information is on Page 6 and links to each music video is available there as well.)

President Wilson opened the meeting by announcing that the World Fest video has been canceled by World Fest due to safety concerns. In old news, he reminded us that we still need a commissioner for the Regional Celtic position. Robbin has been acting commissioner while we are unable to participate in outside events but cannot do so once events take place again. There has been no interest shown at this point, and we must fill this post to stay in compliance with our Constitution and By-Laws. Mr. Wilson asked that we all take some time to contact other members to see if anyone is interested.

Vice President Jim Hughes said there has been no change, as there have been no requests for funds.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge was unable to attend, and there was no report.

Program and Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin.

Check the calendar for new information.

Newsletter Editor John Moffett raised a concern that we have advertisers who have paid to be represented in the newsletter, but the newsletter will soon be locked to anyone who is not a member. This will shut off much of their advertising exposure, and we should think of other ways for them to get their advertising out there to interested parties. Damien Burns suggested they could have links on the Scottish Society website. John feels that

this will help, but might not be enough. This was tabled while John contacts advertisers to get their thoughts on the subject.

Electronic Commissioner Damien Burns told us he has not had time to work on the website, as his workload has increased substantially. He has done some research on communications software. There have been some problems with Webex during the meetings, which he believes is a lack of bandwidth at his home. For this program, he suggested that we listen to the program using the link on the website. He said that the sound quality is much better on YouTube.

Hospitality Commissioner Anne Lewis was not present.

Member At Large Commissioner Dianne Holland was not present due to a health issue (not the virus). Pat Schweitzer has been cleaning up our DropBox account but says there is much still to do.

Clan McFritz has had no activities, but Pat Schweitzer reported that she tries to post something interesting or funny on the Facebook account every day.

Adjournment— Since there were no further comments or questions, Mr. Wilson closed the meeting at 8:32 PM.



August 25th General Meeting The Scots-Irish Immigrant Experience—

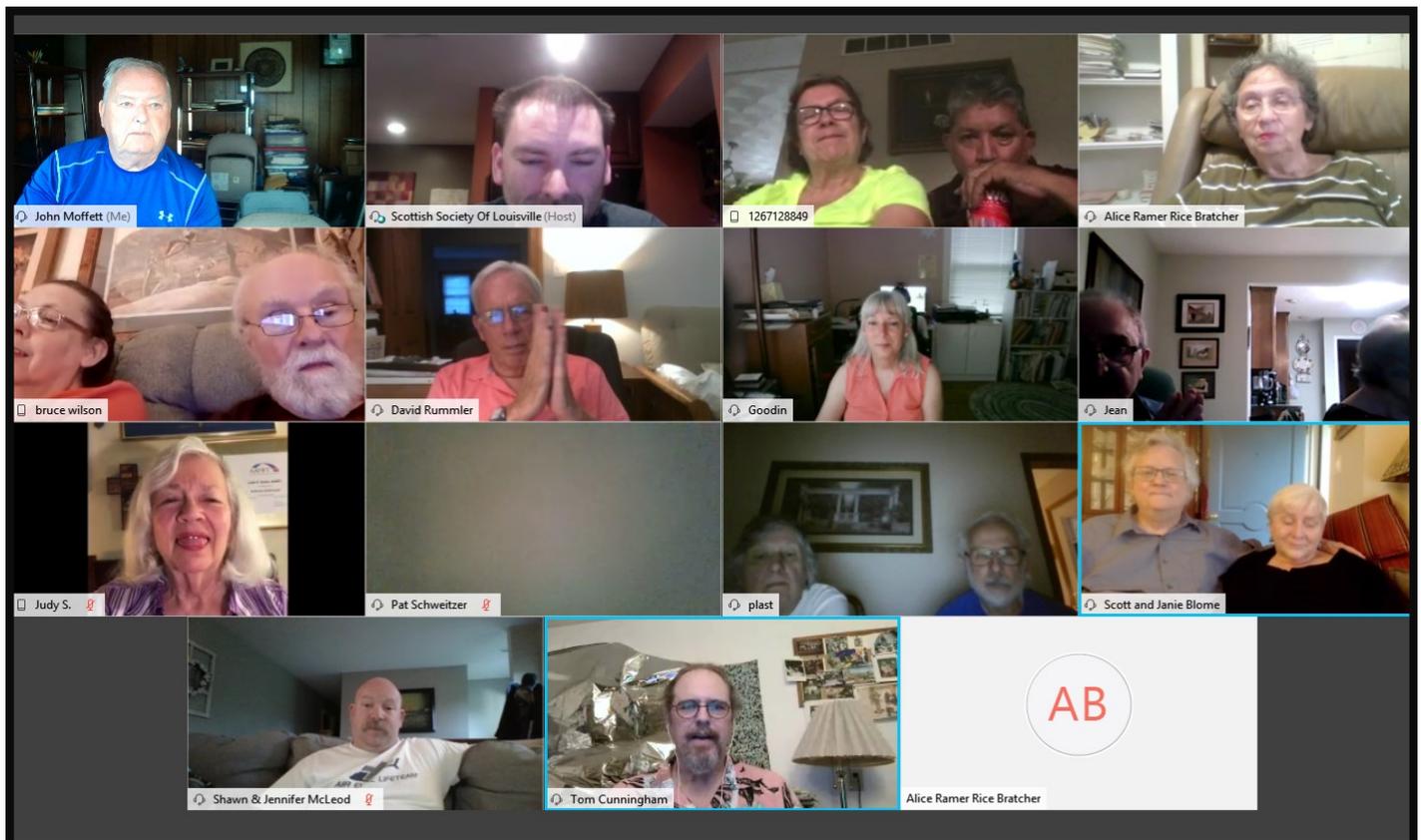
A musical exploration of the journey from the old country to America.

Tom Cunningham and Kate Sanders were our presenters with some of the best music ever. See next page for video links to each of the songs from their performance.

Thanks to them for a wonderful evening of song. Kate did some songs with a dulcimer. The songs were video recorded before the meeting at Kate’s backyard and then played back during the meeting. Tom introduced each set with a historical perspective.



For Our Business Meeting, I took a snapshot of the gathering on Webex. Damien Burns hosts the entire meeting and can mute everyone except the presenter to reduce background noise. During the business meeting, Bruce Wilson (President) follows an agenda and the Board makes their reports to the membership. Anyone present can become part of the conversation. If you haven’t joined us for a meeting you should try it. It is great to see each other and hear their voices and interact over the internet.



Editors Note:

Following is additional information about the music artists we heard at our SSL's August Meeting. The YouTube Site below has all of the songs we heard and a lot more information about Tom and Kate. Lastly they are part the Louisville Folk School and they offer classes and private lessons, etc. So to get started click on the YouTube Site for the introduction by Tom. Lastly, thanks to Damien Burns our Electronic Service Commissioner for providing links to Tom and Kate's performance.

Tom Cunningham-KY fiddler

You can see all the videos in one place here. There are also some of Kate and I at the Irish Fest that you might enjoy:

YouTube Site [Click Here](#)

And this is the best way to support my ongoing artistic endeavors at [Patreon](#).

[My Facebook Page](#) and on Instagram:
tomcunningham306.

Kate Sanders

Here's a link to Kate Sanders Facebook page. That's the best place to find her art. [Kate's Facebook Page](#). You can message her there or use her [email](#).

**Louisville Folk School**

Louisville Folk School has been around for over 5 years, and can be found online [Click Here](#). Our mission is connecting the deep roots of Kentucky's music traditions with its promising and lively future through classes and private lessons, performances, and a supportive community. We offer classes in fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, voice, African drumming, songwriting, clogging, and more. Our classes are normally held at our studios in Clifton, Kentucky but we  are currently holding

**Video Links to Tom & Kate's Performance**

[Father Kelly's & The Reconciliation](#)

[Ramblin' Rover](#)

[Neil Gow's Lament](#)

[Leavin' of Liverpool](#)

[Off to California](#)

[I'd Cross the Wild Atlantic](#)

[Wild One -Lisdoonvarna](#)

[Wild Mountainside](#)



From Wikipedia

The hammered dulcimer is a percussion-stringed instrument consisting of strings typically stretched over a trapezoidal resonant sound board. The hammered dulcimer is set before the musician and may stand or sit at a wooden support with legs. The player holds a small spoon-shaped mallet hammer in each hand to strike the strings.

Programs and Education Report

August 2020



It was so good to see folks on our Zoom call for the August Members Night Out last week, hosted by Pat Schweitzer. It was great to chat with people we have missed seeing. I hope more of you join us next time. Please join us on the 3rd Tuesday each month. We will need a new volunteer to host each month, so be thinking about which month would be good for you to volunteer. Zoom is easy to download and manage. All you do is schedule a meeting and send Damien the invite to publicize to the general membership. Then on the evening of the meeting, sign on and admit all the participants wanting to join. My son Jason is willing to do tutorials on using it if you need help. Thank you, Joan, for volunteering to host us in September. Ladies, we will resume our Ladies' night out when we can meet again in person.

Thanks to Tom Cunningham and Kate Sanders for enlightening us on 'The Scots-Irish Immigrant Experience' a musical exploration of the journey from the old country to America at our August General Meeting. It was fun to hear their music and stories. So much talent there.

For more information on their music, you can visit them on Facebook. Damien is posting other ways to enjoy them as well. If you missed our meeting on the 28th, Damien recorded it and it is available to the membership. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the presentation. Thank you, Damien, for your help with these presentations.

Program for September. Scottish Trivia with Jim Hughes and Arch Cunningham. This is fast becoming a classic favorite for the SSL; fun and fast-paced and very educational. Please join us for a new version of an old favorite, guaranteed to bring a smile!

I hope you all can stay cool during these dog days of summer.

Be safe until we meet again.

*Peace to all,
Robbin Goodin*



Scottish Words

Sclaff – To miss a hit. Used in golf describing a shot where the club and ball do not come in good contact.

My driving sclaff sent the ball away from where I was aiming.

Shieling – A hut built-in remote areas and used by people who look after livestock. *My shieling was more comfortable than an outhouse, but not high-end.*



Regional Celtic Commissioner Is Vacant and



We need YOU to fill it!

The duties include reaching out to the communities in Kentucky and Southern Indiana and being our primary contact for information to flow into SSL. So we can be aware of activities of interest. Internally the duties are to register to attend games and community events like WorldFest and seek members to volunteer to participate at the SSL booth or tent. We also sponsor awards for individual competitions at games for piping, drums, and Scottish dance. Contact any Board Member to express your interest.

Also, Robbin Goodin (the outgoing RCC) will help you get started and be available for support if it is needed.

It is a great way to meet people and help the Society grow.



Membership Update

SSL DUES RENEWAL

Dues renewal notices have already gone out VIA EMAIL. People can print off the form, fill them out & send the payment to

*The Scottish Society of Louisville,
P. O. Box 32248,
Louisville, KY 40232-2248.*

*INDIVIDUAL - \$24, FAMILY - \$36
LIFE - INDIVIDUAL - \$240, FAMILY - \$360*

Or you can renew your membership and pay your dues Online by clicking on Pay Dues Online below.

[PAY DUES ONLINE](#)

For those who joined in January and February –your membership renewal is due April 1, 2021.

*Thanks,
[Marla Jo Cameron](#)
[Membership Commissioner](#)*

You are welcome to download the membership brochure which has the information to join.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BROCHURE](#)

Members as of August 23, 2020

| | |
|-----|------------------------|
| 66 | Family Memberships |
| 32 | Individual Memberships |
| 33 | Lifetime Memberships |
| 131 | Members Paid |





Chess Pie

Submitted by Melissa Ingram

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| <p><u>Directions for Crust</u></p> <p><i>Blend shortening, salt and flour together until mixture resembles course sand.</i></p> <p><i>Add milk and mix until moistened. DO NOT OVER WORK PASTRY TO PREVENT CRUST FROM BEING TOUGH.</i></p> <p><i>Divide in two and wrap in wax paper or saran wrap. Chill until ready to use.</i></p> <p><i>Blind bake the pie crust in a 425°F oven for 5 minutes. Remove weights and bake for another 2 minutes or until golden brown.</i></p> | <p><u>Ingredients</u></p> <p><i>2 Cups Sifted All Purpose Flour</i> <i>1 ½ tsp Salt</i> <i>1/2 Cup Vegetable Shortening</i> <i>1/4 Cup Cold Milk</i></p> |
| <p><u>Directions for Filling</u></p> <p><i>Stir together sugar, cornmeal, vinegar, vanilla, butter, milk, and flour until well blended.</i></p> <p><i>Add eggs and salt, stir well.</i></p> <p><i>Pour into cool pie crust and bake at 350°F for 50-55 minutes. Shield edges of crust with Aluminum foil after 10 minutes to prevent burning.</i></p> | <p><u>Ingredients</u></p> <p><i>2 Cups Sugar</i> <i>1 Tbsp Cornmeal</i> <i>1 Tbsp White Vinegar</i> <i>1/2 tsp Vanilla</i> <i>1/2 Cup Butter</i> <i>1 Cup Milk</i> <i>1 Tbsp All Purpose Flour</i></p> <p><i>5 Large Eggs-beaten</i> <i>1/4 tsp Salt</i></p> |

SSL Celtic Connections Memories



Bardstown 2012

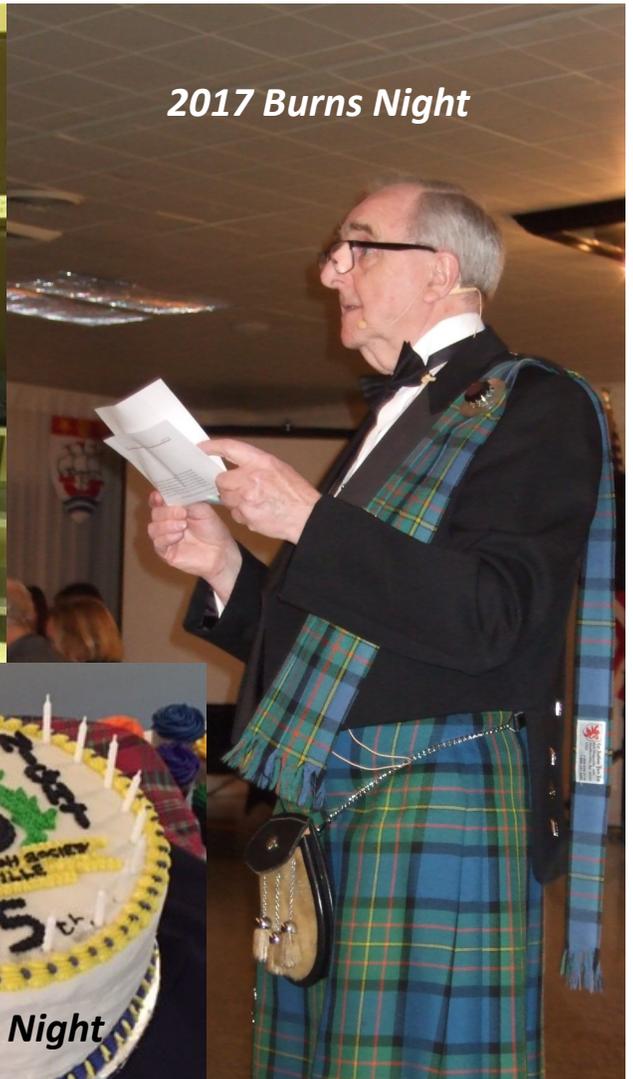


January 2020 Ladies Night Out before Coronavirus irrputed and locked everything down





Tea Anyone? Downton Abbey Style
2016



2017 Burns Night



2017 Burns Night



Bardstown — 2012



Konner Tossing Sheep at the Moffat
Tent - Carrollton Games 2009



Kirking At Okolona Church — November 2017



Downton Abby— 2016



Bigelow Tea Co. Donated Assorted Teas for The Downton Abbey Event 2016

2020 SSL Events Schedule

| Date | Time | Day of Week | Event | Venue | Address |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|--|---|
| September 5, 2020 | ----- | Saturday | WorldFest Online | Canceled | |
| September 12-13, 2020 | 8:00 AM | Saturday & Sunday | Columbus Scottish Festival | Canceled | Next Year Date Sept. 11-12, 2021 |
| September 15, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Tuesday | Members Night Out Hosted by Joan Hale | VIA ZOOM | Online Video |
| September 19, 2020 | 9:00-6:00 | Saturday | Central Kentucky Highland Games | SSL is NOT PARTICIPATING | |
| October 3, 2020 | ----- | Saturday | Celtic Weekend at Active Hero's | Open To Participants Closed to the Public | SSL is not Participating |
| October 10, 2020 | 9:00 PM | Saturday | Indianapolis Scottish Games and Festival | Canceled | Next Year Date Oct . 9, 2021 |
| October 20, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Tuesday | Members Night Out | VIA ZOOM | Online video |
| November 17, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Tuesday | Members Night Out | VIA ZOOM | Online video |
| Jan. 30, 2021 | 6:00 PM | Saturday | SSL Burn's Night Gala | Woodhaven Country Club | Louisville, KY |
| Feb. 6, 2021 | 6:00 PM | Saturday | Bloomington Burn's Supper | Bloomington Free Methodist Church | Bloomington, IN |

2020 SSL Meeting Schedule

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|------------|--|
| 9/22/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, Scottish Trivia with Jim and Arch via WebEx |
| 10/27/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, "HALLOWEEN STORIES", Mandy Dick via WebEx |
| 11/24/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, "FROM JOHN KNOX TO JONATHON WITHERSPOON" with Peggy French via WebEx. |
| ----- | No Meetings in December |
| 1/26/2021 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, TBA |
| 1/30/2021 | 6:00 PM SSL Burns Night Gala, Woodhaven Country Club, Louisville, KY |

**Regular Board Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday every Month at 7:00 PM.
Regular Membership Meetings the 4th Tuesday every month at 7:00 PM.
Until further notice the Meetings are via Webex or ZOOM Video Conferences.**

September 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---|----------------------------|--------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 <i>Bruce Wilson</i> Full Moon  | 3 | 4 | 5 <i>Judy Stubbs</i> 146 th Kentucky Derby |
| 6 <i>Eva Challis</i> | 7  | 8 7:00 PM SSL Board Mtg Video Conference WebEx | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 <i>Stephen Kirzinger</i> | 14 <i>Alberta Baker</i> | 15 7:00 PM SSL ZOOM Conference Meeting "MEMBERS NIGHT OUT" Hosted by Joan Hale | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Fall Equinox 7:00 PM SSL Video Conference Meeting "SCOTTISH TRIVIA" Archie Cunningham & Jim Hughes via WebEx | 23 <i>Carolyn Cook</i> | 24 <i>Alan Clements</i> | 25 | 26 |
| 27 <i>Jamie Gray</i> | 28 | 29 <i>John Moffett</i> | 30 | | | |

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2-Bruce Wilson | 14-Alberta Baker | 29-John Moffett |
| 5-Judy Stubbs | 23-Carolyn Cook | |
| 6-Eva Challis | 24-Alan Clements | |
| 13-Stephen Kirzinger | 27-Jamie Gray | |

Is your name missing from our birthday list? Contact [Marla Jo Cameron](mailto:membership@scotsoflou.com) at membership@scotsoflou.com to have your date and name added.

October 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|
| | <i>In October there are two Full Moons; on October 1st is a Full Harvest Moon and on October 31st there is a Full Hunter's Moon</i> | | | 1 Full Moon  | 2 Wayne Mains | 3 |
| 4 Jason Goodin Abby McLeod | 5 | 6 Dan Bailie | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Edyth James Wheeler Gary Schweitzer | 12 Columbus Day | 13 7:00 PM SSL Board Mtg Video Conference WebEx | 14 | 15 | 16 Camille Helminski Evelyn (Lynne) Yule-Bowman | 17 |
| 18 Linda Wilson Peter Matallana | 19 Debra Walker | 20 Cheri Eskridge 7:00 PM SSL ZOOM Conference Meeting "MEMBERS NIGHT OUT" | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 7:00 PM SSL Video Conference Meeting "HALLOWEEN STORIES" Mandy Dick via WebEx | 28 | 29 Angie Gray | 30 | 31 Halloween Full Moon  |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2-Wayne Mains | 11-Edyth James Wheeler | 18-Peter Matallana | 29-Angie Gray |
| 4-Jason Goodin | 11-Gary Schweitzer | 18-Linda Wilson | |
| 4-Abby McLeod | 16-Camille Helminski | 19-Debra Walker | |
| 6-Dan Bailie | 16-Evelyn (Lynne) Yule-Bowman | 20- Cheri Eskridge | |

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BEGINNER LEVEL

What's Your Nickname?

How often have you encountered an individual or family who looks like yours in a census, but the names aren't quite right? Have you found what appears to be your great-grandfather's marriage record, except that it says he's married to someone by a name other than what you always heard?

Our ancestors' seemingly changing names often leave us puzzled and frustrated, when in fact such apparent name changes are often just a result of the recording of an individual's nickname or middle name in the official records. While some think this is a historical trait, in reality, many people today are known by different names to family, friends, and business associates. My father's name was Lawrence, yet his family always referred to him as Bob. His middle name was Robert.

Nicknames stand for the name of a person in place of the proper name. The nickname may either substitute for, or be added to the proper name. It may be a familiar or truncated form of the proper name, such as Bob, Bobby, Rob, Robbie, Robin, and Bert for Robert. It is common in many genealogical records, especially more informal records such as census records and obituaries, to find ancestors listed under names you might not expect. In many cases these names may have been the nicknames known to their family and friends.

Nicknames have always been popular, but until the modern era, people generally used whatever variation of their legal name they felt like using at various times during their life. Once a person was out on their own, they often adopted a nickname or a variation of their given name. Legal requirements that now govern the processing of legal papers were non-existent in earlier times.

Nicknames can sometimes be difficult to catch. "Kim" as a nickname for "Kimberly" is straightforward, but "Polly" as a nickname for "Mary" and "Peggy" as a nickname for "Margaret" have tripped up many genealogists. Sometimes nicknames were formed by adding a "y" or "ey" to the end of a name or part of a name; i.e., "Johnny" for "John" or "Penny" for "Penelope." The name may have been shortened in some manner, such as "Kate" for "Katherine".

Sometimes it is just a matter of knowing which nicknames were commonly used in a particular time and place. That's why genealogists should become familiar with commonly used nicknames and their corresponding given names. Remember, however, that what appears to be a nickname is not always the case. Many nicknames became so popular that they were bestowed as given names.

Our genealogy collection includes the following source, which is useful for identifying nicknames for research purposes. Nicknames Past and Present by Christine Rose. Genealogy – G – 929.4 Rose. For more information on this topic, feel free to contact me and request the electronic study guide by the same title, which is available free.

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INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL**Reclaim The Records**

Are you frustrated by commercials and online solicitations about how more and more genealogical information is available on the Internet that will make research faster and more convenient? Have you wondered why access to public information is increasingly restricted even though your tax dollars funded the civil servants and the agencies that compiled it? Do you find it interesting that access to public information is increasingly limited to subscription databases whose rates continue to increase? If you answered yes to these questions, relief may be on the horizon due to the efforts of a group called Reclaim the Records. <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org>.

The non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization was the brainchild of its founder, Brooke Schreier Ganz. Her background is in technology, but she became involved in genealogy in 2011. Like many genealogists, she grew frustrated by the lack of online access to New York City and New York state archival records. At that time, few New York records had been put online by their respective city or state government archives or agencies, nor were the records available to search or to view through any genealogy websites. Access was limited to being physically onsite in New York records repositories. After unsuccessfully attempting to use New York City's open data law to generate the publication of the basic indices to these records, Ganz decided to use the state's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) to force release of the data.

Eventually her success led to the establishment of the Reclaim the Records organization. While the original strategy was to use FOIL and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to force the release of records, the group's success has mushroomed into a nationwide effort. Reclaim the Records advocates for greater transparency and accessibility of genealogical, archival, and vital records information in all 50 states. They have established a successful track record using FOIA requests and

lawsuits to force government agencies, archives, and libraries to make available to the public previously inaccessible records. Reclaim the Records then digitizes and publishes the records online for free public use, without any copyrights or usage restrictions.

Reclaim the Records is the first genealogical organization to successfully sue a government agency for the release of records back to the public. As of 2020, the organization has acquired and freely published more than twenty eight million records. Their website not only features a very impressive listing of successful lawsuits and the eventual outcome of their efforts, but an equally impressive "to-do" list of their future legal targets nationwide.

Their goal is best summed up in their own words: "We're tired of begging archivists, librarians, city clerks, and state Departments of Health for access to our own records, paid for with our taxes. Those days are done. We pick our targets, carefully study the vital records laws and the state Sunshine Laws, craft our records requests, and if we don't get an appropriate answer, we sue." Genealogists owe this organization a huge debt of gratitude.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Scottish Society of Louisville
Invites You To Attend
Burns Gala



Saturday
January 30, 2021
6:00 PM

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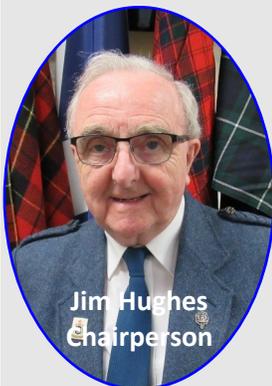
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Information For Our New Members

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. Their information is found on page 2 of this newsletter.
- ◆ 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 that. 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 last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item, if they wish, to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some of them ... well, you just have to be there to appreciate it. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote the Celtic-related "studies" by individuals.
- ◆ In December, we do not have a meeting.

We hope that you will attend as many meetings as possible (hopefully all of them). We are so happy to have you as a part of the group.



Jim Hughes
Chairperson

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, etc.) 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 on the evening of the Society's monthly meeting from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, [James Hughes](#), or by e-mail at vicepresident@scotsoflou.com, or by using the online form [here](#).

The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31st and September 30th.

Find us on the Internet

You can find us on the internet in a couple of places.

Webpage: <http://scotsoflou.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts>

On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "hi."

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 life membership for a single person is \$240. A family life membership is \$360.

Please see the Commissioner of Member Services, Marla Jo Cameron, or for more details email her at membership@scotsoflou.com about our memberships. Remember, every *new* life member is acknowledged at the Burns Night Gala!

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The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati
www.caledoniansociety.org

Columbus Scottish Festival
www.scottishfestival.org/

Central Kentucky Heritage Society
pthdvg@email.uky.edu

Evansville St. Andrew Society
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English Speaking Union
<https://www.esuus.org/>

Glasgow Highland Games
www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

Indy's Irish Fest
www.indyirishfest.com

Irish Society of Kentuckiana
www.irishkyana.org

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www.kyrenfaire.com

Kentucky United Pipes and Drums (KUPD)
www.kentuckyunited.org

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www.lfrbagpipes.org

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Contact our Cheer Person

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, ***Jean Hughes***, by calling her at (502) 438-9811

Ongoing Events

The Louisville Pipe Band meets from 2 PM - 5 PM on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at info@louisvillepipeband.org or visit www.louisvillepipeband.org.

The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums meet from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main Street in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502) 551-2732, or visit www.lfrbagpipes.org..

Change of Address, and other information

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, *et cetera*, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, P.O. Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232, or e-mail Marla Jo Cameron at membership@scotsoflou.com