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Our December 2025 FUNdraiser at Jason's Deli, 410 Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY

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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.



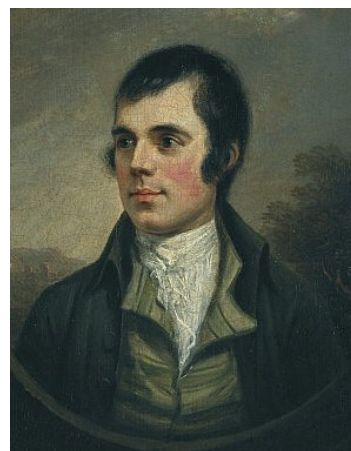


President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your Hogmanay celebration. This will be my final official reminder to get your Burns Night tickets!! I promise you, you will have a great time! The board, along with a few other members have been hard at work planning a fun-filled celebration of the legacy of Scotland's most prominent poet. The first Burns supper was held in 1801 in Alloway and has been going strong ever since in Scotland, and around the world wherever the Scottish diaspora ended up.

The Scottish Society of Louisville began its Burns supper tradition in 1993 when approximately 50 people gathered at the Rathskeller in the Seelbach Hotel. Since then, the Society has held this annual event, except for the covid interruption, in several venues, but its purpose has remained the same – celebrate Burns while promoting fellowship among our members and guests who enjoy Scottish revelry and pageantry. I hope you will join us on the 25th!

Cheri



Member Reminders

1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events.
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.
5. Dues are due on the anniversary of your acceptance as a member.

Individual - \$25

Family - \$40

Our SSL president, Cheri Eskridge and her family went to Egypt over Christmas break. She was kind enough to send me some photos of their trip, and I am sharing some of these in the newsletter. Thank you so much, Cheri, and glad your family had a good time.



Burns' Gala Keepsake Program for 2026

We are selling Clan Badges for the Burns' Program like we did in years prior to Covid. They will be 1/2 page and denote the name/family who sponsors the badge. If you have more than one clan, we can put 2 (smaller) badges in a 1/2 page. Or feel free to buy an additional 1/2 page to list one or two more!

If you are new to the Burns' Gala Program, please do your research to find your badge and send it to me as a PDF. If you have done this in past years, I will use the same design from a previous program. Deadline to sign up and send me a file is January 6th!

Celebrate your clan— see your families' name in print—help pay for the Keepsake Program!

Thank you,

Janice Beatty

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Please include my family's Clan Badge in the 2026 Burns' Program.

Clan Name (s) _____

Please use the available picture from a previous program _____yes

I will submit a new image of my Clan Badge as a PDF by January 6th _____yes



The Scottish Society of Louisville presents:

Burns Night 2026 Celebrating our Scottish heritage and traditions with a tribute to one of Scotland's most favored and revered sons, the poet ROBERT BURNS (1759-1796).

Join the festivities, including toasting, dining, live music by Guilderoy Byrne, bagpipes, and of course, HAGGIS!

**Event details: Saturday, January 24, 2026 Doors and Bar open at 5:30 PM Woodhaven Country Club
7200 Woodhaven Road, Louisville KY 40291**

Price: \$60.00 for members and \$70.00 for non-members

Purchase your tickets online [Scotsoflou.com](https://scotsoflou.com). You may also order tickets via mail by sending payment to the following: Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville KY 40232



JOIN US WHILE WE CELEBRATE SCOTLAND'S GREATEST POET

LIVE MUSIC, BAGPIPES, KILTS, SCOTCH!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Louisville's Scottish Community Celebrates Scotland's National Bard with Five Robert Burns Suppers in Three Nights

January 22, 23, and 24 – Various Locations Across the City

Louisville, KY — Louisville's Scottish community is thriving, and the weekend of Jan 25 is the high point of their year. For three nights, celebrations honoring the life and legacy of Robert Burns, Scotland's famed national poet are held. The annual Robert Burns Supper, filled with poetry, music, traditional Scottish food, will take place on January 22, 23, and 24 at venues across the city.

For more than two centuries, Burns Suppers have commemorated the birthday of Robert Burns (1759–1796), beloved for his lyrical poetry, social commentary, and preservation of Scottish folk traditions. *“Auld Lang Syne,” “Tam o’ Shanter,” “To a Mouse”, and many of his other poems have defined Scottish identity. Since 1801, Burns Suppers have been held across the world to honor his life, ideals, and poetic works.*

Schedule

Thursday, January 22 – Tartan House

The events commence with a lively, community-focused celebration at The Tartan House, Louisville's premier Scotch Whiskey bar. The night features a guided Scotch Whiskey tasting, both original contemporary and Burns' traditional poetry, and jazz music. Bring a poem, get on the mic, and celebrate Burns' progressive spirit.

- Info and tickets available at <https://www.tartanhousebar.com/>
- Tartan House Contact: Peyton Beall, Owner - (850) 238-6663

Friday, January 23 – The Pendennis Club

Louisville's most storied private club hosts an elegant, traditional Burns Supper blending historic atmosphere with timeless Scottish traditions. By the roaring fire, guests enjoy a multi-course dinner, the Selkirk Grace, ceremonial piping-in of the haggis, Scottish dancing, readings of classic Burns works, and more.

- Info available at <https://pendennisclub.org/> Tickets not available to the general public.
- Pendennis Club Contact: Penny Brisson, Event Chair - (502) 298-0557

Saturday, January 24 – The Scottish Society of Louisville at Woodhaven Country Club.

The festivities continue with a night hosted by the Scottish Society of Louisville, bringing together members, families, and guests for an evening of poetry, pipes, and fellowship. Come celebrate the Scottish heritage and traditions that inspired Robert Burns with the Scottish Society of Louisville.

- Info and tickets available at <https://scotsoflou.com/burns-dinner/>
- Scottish Society of Louisville Contact: Cheri Eskridge, President - (502) 693-2235

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Saturday, January 24 – Locust Grove

Come for an evening of Scottish fare with a Locust Grove flare. Join us as we raise a glass to Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, at Locust Grove's first ever Burns Night Dinner. It will be an evening filled with traditional food, music, poetry, and history in celebration of Scotland's most beloved poet.

- Info and tickets available at <https://locustgrove.org/event/burns-night-dinner/>
- Locust Grove Contact: Sarah Baker, Director of Experience - (502) 897-9845 x1011

Saturday, January 24 – Kosair Shrine Center

Join the Shriners in a Burns Night Celebration hosted by the Willis Stewart Lodge and the Kosair Shrine. Bagpipes, haggis, whiskey, and Burns' poetry can all be found at the Shrine Center on Bardstown Rd.

- Info and tickets available at (502) 939-8563
- Kosair Shrine Contact: Jason Wilson, Organizer - (502) 939-8563

The Louisville Pipe Band

Since its formation in the mid-1970's the Louisville Pipe Band has established itself as Kentucky's pre-eminent piping and drumming group. LPB Pipers are piping at every Louisville Burns event. No matter which Burns Event you attend, you can be assured of a dramatic piping performance.

- Louisville Pipe Band Contact: John Eagles, Manager - (502) 727-9391

A Celebration for All

Each evening will feature readings of Burns' works, traditional Scottish drink, pipers from the Louisville Pipe Band, and reflections on Burns' enduring influence. Whether you have Scottish ancestry, a love for literature, or simply enjoy a unique cultural experience, these events promise warmth, camaraderie, and unmistakable Scottish spirit. Slainte!

About Robert Burns

Robert Burns is widely regarded as Scotland's national poet. Writing in both Scots and English, he captured the struggles, humor, and spirit of the common man and the natural world. His appreciation for common people, tradition, and social progress have made him a symbol of democratic ideals and cultural pride. Burns Suppers have been held in Scotland and around the world since 1801.

For More Information

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Updated 2026 SSL Programs & Events

January 24 Burns' Night Gala at Woodhaven Country Club, Louisville, KY

January 27 General Meeting

February 24 General Meeting

March 24 General Meeting

March 31 FUNdraiser Event

April 28 General Meeting

May 26 General Meeting

June 23 General Meeting

June 30 FUNdraiser Event

July 28 General Meeting

August 25 General Meeting

September 22 General Meeting

September 29 FUNdraiser Event

October 13 Dinner and Auction

October 27 Meeting

November 24 General Meeting

December 22 **No General Meeting**

December 29 FUNdraiser Event

December FUNdraiser

Dear SSL friends,

Exciting news about our FUNdraiser from 2025. We raised \$315 just with the first 3. Smashburger in April, Panera in July and Moes in September. We are still waiting to hear from our recent foray to Jason's Deli.

A big thank you to all of you who came out to have some good food and good company and support our society. Double thank you to those of you who shared our FUNdraisers with friends who also came to help us raise money. And TRIPLE thanks to Janice Beatty who agreed to take up the torch and book the 2026 events. I am sure more will be revealed .

It was a good year!!! See you in March wherever Janice tells us to meet up.

***Peace,
Robbin***





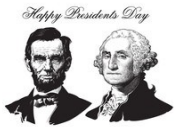

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6 Deadline for Clan badges for Burns' program	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 SSL Board Meeting 	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	20	21	22	23	24 Burns' Night Gala at Woodhaven Country Club
25	26	27 SSL General Meeting 	28	29	30	31



February 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 SSL Board Meeting 	11	12	13	14 
15	16 President's Day 	17	18 Lent Begins	19	20	21
22	23	24 SSL Member Meeting 	25	26	27	28