



**The History of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis (1983-2022)**

Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot

### Past Presidents of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis



This photo includes the first six Presidents who served during the first ten years of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Pictured left to right are Founder and President Emeritus Carter C. Keith (1984-88), Thomas C. Milton (1989-90), Marsha Smith Priest (1995), Carson C. Smith (1991-92 and 2000-04), Lee E. Cloe (1993), and Louis D. Shepherd (1994).

### **Author's Foreward**

*The History of the Scottish of Indianapolis* is, like the Society itself, a work in progress, and it is my intention to continue to expand, revise and update our history annually. George Orwell, author of *Animal Farm* and *1984*, wrote that, "Those who control the present control the past, and those who control the past control the future." And, although it has been suggested that I remove certain names from our records, my goal has been to provide an objective history of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

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Past President (1991-92 and 2000-04)  
Scottish Society of Indianapolis

## **The Founding of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis**

1983

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was born in the heart of Founder and President Emeritus Carter Carlisle Keith, following his appointment to the office of Convener for the State of Indiana, Clan Keith Society USA, on October 10, 1983. Organization began with the filing of an official letter of intent on December 1, 1983, with the Indiana Secretary of State, establishing the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, to become effective on December 31, 1983.

1984

With the enthusiastic encouragement of the International Center of Indianapolis, representatives of Clans Campbell (Anna Gale Dortch), Grant (Ann Grant Miller), and Lamont (Charli Keith Turner), and organizational assistance from G. Edward (Ned) Buxton, III, of the Clan Keith Society USA, the first Board meeting was convened on Monday, April 23, 1984, at the home of Carter Keith at 4705 North Broadway.

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was incorporated as a not-for-profit on August 23, 1984. To fill out the first Board of Trustees, Carter Keith relied heavily upon the members of his own family. His first Vice President was his twin brother, Neal Keith. His first Secretary was Charli Keith Turner. His first Treasurer was his sister-in-law Teresa Keith. The balance of the Board of Trustees included his brother, Teresa's husband, Todd Keith, and Carter's mother, Marjorie Workman Keith.

The Society made its first appearance at the 9th Annual International Festival, presented by the International Center of Indianapolis, at the Indiana Convention Center on the weekend of October 20, 1984, during which the Society was awarded Second Place honors for Education. It was here that Carter and I had our first face-to-face meeting, following an earlier phone conversation, suggested by Scott Hosier Jr, at a meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, which featured a presentation by John (Scotty) Selch, on genealogical research, using the Periodicals Section of the Indiana State Library.

1985

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was granted membership in the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) on February 21, 1985. As the result of the Society's rapid growth, the monthly meetings of the SSI were moved from the International Center of Indianapolis to the Clubhouse of Westlake Arms Apartments, home of Todd and Teresa Keith. The first meeting at this new location was convened on Wednesday, March 13, 1985.

Meetings of the General Membership were called to order at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. The Board of Trustees met in the home of President Carter Keith at 4705 North Broadway.

In May of 1985, Carter Keith convened an impromptu organizational meeting, while we were loading furniture onto a van, at the home of Charli Keith Turner and her daughter, DeAnna Lynn Turner, who were moving to Shellman, Georgia. I was asked to serve as Vice President and the Society's first Newsletter Editor. The first issue, Volume I, Number 1, of *The Thistle* was printed in June of 1985.

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis had grown from an initial gathering of nine (9) individuals, to include over sixty (60) memberships, thirty (30) of which were family memberships. The Society continued to develop a reservoir of information concerning Scottish Clans, genealogical research, music, tartans and, of course, Scotland. A small, but growing, Society library was stored at the home of the President.

The First Annual Founders Day Dinner and Ceilidh took place at the Clubhouse of Westlake Arms on Wednesday, November 13, 1985. The event was organized by Chairman Ann Grant Miller, decorations were supplied by Barbara (Bobbi) Murchie and Virginia (Ginny) Thompson, entertainment was provided by Piper Roderick A. (Roddy) MacDonald (the Elder), posters were created by Mrs. Stephen (Jacque) Andrews, the layout for the program, flyer, and tickets were provided by Robert (Bob) Miller, ticket sales were supervised by John Patrick, tables and chairs were put in place by William D. (Bill) Murchie, and the first Society election was directed by Chairman Lee Cloe.

The Society's first election yielded the following results: President Carter C. Keith, Vice President Carson C. Smith, Secretary John J. Patrick, Treasurer Jacque Andrews, ICI Liaison Brian J. McCall, Public Relations Officer Ann Grant Miller, and Reserve Duty Officer Louis D. Shepherd.

In addition to founding the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Carter Keith drafted the first set of bylaws, designed the Society logo, created the newsletter, and called it *The Thistle*, and designed the Society flag and had it assembled. Much of what he did for the formation of the Society was hammered out on an IBM Selectric typewriter, under a single light bulb, at a small desk in the attic of his home at 4705 North Broadway.

Carter went on to rise through the ranks of the Clan Keith Society USA and ultimately became its National President for four (4) years. His Keith ancestors fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill, consequently, he was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, in which he served as a member of the Color Guard for two (2) years. He has also assumed the office of Camp Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans.

He and his wife, Judy, celebrated their Fortieth (40th) Wedding Anniversary on April 23, 2017. They have two (2) children, Laura and Douglas, a son-in-law, Russ Williams, a granddaughter, Elly, and a rescue dog named Paddlefoot. Carter completed a thirty-three (33) year career in government as Manager of Federal Aid Programming for streets, roads, and bridges. It was, in fact, Carter Keith who approved funding for the Monon Trail, where Patty and I met in 2000. Finally, he was involved in Scouting for twenty-five (25) years, and currently serves as the Public Affairs Officer for District 8 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

## The Board of Trustees of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis

### 1985 Board of Trustees

President	Carter C. Keith
Vice Pres	Carson C. Smith
Secretary	John J. Patrick
Treasurer	Teresa D. Keith
Trustee	Brian J. McColl
Trustee	Ann Grant Miller
Trustee	Gregory W. Graham
Trustee	Neal H. Keith

### 1986 Board of Trustees

President	Carter C. Keith
Vice Pres	Carson C. Smith
Secretary	John J. Patrick
Treasurer	Jacque Andrews
Trustee	Brian J. McColl
Trustee	Ann Grant Miller
Trustee	Louis D. Shepherd

### 1987 Board of Trustees

President	Carter C. Keith
Vice Pres	Carson C. Smith
Secretary	Barbara Murchie
Treasurer	Jacque Andrews
Trustee	Wallace K. Aiken
Trustee	Louis D. Shepherd
Trustee	Thomas H. Thompson

### 1988 Board of Trustees

President	Carter C. Keith
Vice Pres	Carson C. Smith
Secretary	Barbara Murchie
Treasurer	Jacque Andrews
Trustee	Stephen K. Andrews
Trustee	Louis D. Shepherd
Trustee	Thomas H. Thompson

### 1989 Board of Trustees

President	Thomas C. Milton
Vice Pres	Stephen K. Andrews
Secretary	Lynn Allyn Young
Treasurer	Louis D. Shepherd
Trustee	Lee E. Cloe
Trustee	Donald M. McMillan
Trustee	Thomas H. Thompson

### 1990 Board of Trustees

President	Thomas C. Milton
Vice Pres	Carson C. Smith
Secretary	Lynn Allyn Young
Treasurer	Louis D. Shepherd
Trustee	Stephen K. Andrews
Trustee	Lee E. Cloe
Trustee	James Lamb
Trustee	Jeffrey B. Mills

### 1991 Board of Trustees

President	Carson C. Smith
Vice Pres	Lee E. Cloe
Secretary	Jerry G. Elliot
Treasurer	Louis D. Shepherd
Trustee	James Lamb
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich
Trustee	Marsha Smith Priest
Trustee	Michael J. Stevens

### 1992 Board of Trustees

President	Carson C. Smith
Vice Pres	Lee E. Cloe
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Louis D. Shepherd
Trustee	James R. Campbell
Trustee	James Lamb
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich
Trustee	Michael J. Stevens

1993 Board of Trustees

President	Lee E. Cloe
Vice Pres	Louis D. Shepherd
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Louis D. Shepherd
Trustee	Jeanne B. Blake
Trustee	James Lamb
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich
Trustee	Michael J. Stevens

1994 Board of Trustees

President	Louis D. Shepherd
Vice Pres	Marsha Smith Priest
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	John L. Porteous, Jr.
Trustee	Jeanne B. Blake
Trustee	Elizabeth A. Hague
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich

1995 Board of Trustees

President	Marsha Smith Priest
Vice Pres	Frederick B. Dundas
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Elizabeth A. Hague
Trustee	Bill McKnight
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich
Trustee	Mary Ann Steiner

1996 Board of Trustees

President	Frederick B. Dundas
	Lee E. Cloe
Vice Pres	Bill McKnight
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Elizabeth A. Hague
Trustee	Carter C. Keith
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich
Trustee	Marsha Van Camp

1997 Board of Trustees

President	Diana Stevens
Vice Pres	Carter C. Keith
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Marsha Van Camp
Trustee	Rebecca Bilbrey
Trustee	Elizabeth A. Hague
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich

1998 Board of Trustees

President	Diana Stevens
Vice Pres	Carter C. Keith
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Rebecca Bilbrey
Trustee	Jeanne B. Blake
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich
Trustee	Louis D. Shepherd

1999 Board of Trustees

President	Diana Stevens
Vice Pres	Carter C. Keith
Secretary	Judith P. Bastin
Treasurer	Rebecca Bilbrey
Trustee	Jeanne B. Blake
Trustee	Dean C. McKean
Trustee	Mary Ann Pavlovich

2000 Board of Trustees

President	Carson C. Smith
Vice Pres	Judith P. Bastin
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Rebecca Bilbrey
Trustee	Jean McDonald
Trustee	Dean C. McKean
Trustee	Donna Stogsdill



2001 Board of Trustees

President	Carson C. Smith
Vice Pres	Judith P. Bastin
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Kristy A. Byers
Trustee	Rebecca Bilbrey
Trustee	Janet A. Nichols
Trustee	Robert J. Pate

2002 Board of Trustees

President	Carson C. Smith
Vice Pres	Judith P. Bastin
Secretary	Lee E. Cloe
Treasurer	Kristy A. Byers
Trustee	Edward S. Adams
Trustee	Nancy L. Foxworthy
Trustee	Mary E. Mahoney

2003 Board of Trustees

President	Carson C. Smith
Vice Pres	Judith P. Bastin
Secretary	Nancy L. Foxworthy
Treasurer	Kristy A. Byers
Trustee	Edward S. Adams
Trustee	Jack T. Davidson
Trustee	Mary E. Mahoney

2004 Board of Trustees

President	Carson C. Smith
Vice Pres	Jack T. Davidson
Secretary	Nancy L. Foxworthy
Treasurer	Kristy A. Byers
Trustee	Edward S. Adams
Trustee	Judith P. Bastin
Trustee	Gordon H. Inglis

2005 Board of Trustees

President	Jack T. Davidson
Vice Pres	Gordon H. Inglis
Secretary	Ronald L. Walker
Treasurer	Kristy A. Byers
Trustee	Edward S. Adams
Trustee	Judith P. Bastin
Trustee	John D. Dockery, II
Trustee	George R. McMath

2006 Board of Trustees

President	Gordon H. Inglis
Vice Pres	Edward S. Adams
Secretary	Judith P. Bastin
Treasurer	Kristy A. Byers
Trustee	Jack T. Davidson
Trustee	John D. Dockery, II
Trustee	George R. McMath
Trustee	Ronald L. Walker

2007 Board of Trustees

President	Gordon H. Inglis
Vice Pres	Edward S. Adams
Secretary	Judith P. Bastin
Treasurer	John D. Dockery, II
Trustee	Jack T. Davidson
Trustee	Rebekah Lawson
Trustee	Ronald L. Walker

2008 Board of Trustees

President	Gordon H. Inglis
Secretary	Judith P. Bastin
Treasurer	John D. Dockery, II
Trustee	Gary L. Davidson
Trustee	Jack T. Davidson
Trustee	Rebecca McClure
Trustee	Ronald L. Walker

2009 Board of Trustees

President	Gary L. Davidson
Vice Pres	Matthew C. Douglass
Secretary	Judith P. Bastin
Treasurer	Steven Johnson
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Trustee	Rebekah Lawson
Trustee	Kenneth L. Morgan

2010 Board of Trustees

President	Gary L. Davidson
Vice Pres	Matthew C. Douglass
Secretary	Gregory A. Bowers
Treasurer	Ronald L. Elliott
Trustee	Mark G. Lawson
Trustee	Rebekah Lawson
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2011 Board of Trustees

President	Gary L. Davidson
Vice Pres	Gregory A. Bowers
Vice Pres	Rebekah Lawson
Secretary	Walter Sherman
Treasurer	Ronald L. Elliott
Trustee	Mark G. Lawson
Trustee	Kenneth L. Morgan

2012 Board of Trustees

President	Rebekah Lawson
	Mark G. Lawson
Vice Pres	Gregory A. Bowers
Secretary	Terry Miller
Treasurer	Ronald L. Elliott
Trustee	Robin P. Jarrett
Trustee	Mark G. Lawson
Trustee	Kenneth L. Morgan

2013 Board of Trustees

President	Mark G. Lawson
Vice Pres	Gregory A. Bowers
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Treasurer	Ronald L. Elliott
Trustee	Robin P. Jarrett
Trustee	Mack L. Hunter
Trustee	Kenneth L. Morgan

2014 Board of Trustees

President	Robin P. Jarrett
Secretary	Elisabeth A. Hedges
Treasurer	Steven Johnson
Trustee	Armand C. Hayes
Trustee	Samuel J. Lawson
Trustee	Carson C. Smith
Trustee	Andrew E. Thompson

2015 Board of Trustees

President	Robin P. Jarrett
Secretary	Elisabeth A. Hedges
Treasurer	Steven Johnson
Trustee	Armand C. Hayes
Trustee	Samuel J. Lawson
Trustee	Carson C. Smith
Trustee	Andrew E. Thompson

2016 Board of Trustees

President	Robin P. Jarrett
Secretary	Elisabeth A. Hedges
Treasurer	Steven Johnson
Trustee	Armand C. Hayes
Trustee	Samuel J. Lawson
Trustee	Carson C. Smith
Trustee	Andrew E. Thompson

2017 Board of Trustees

President	Robin P. Jarrett
Secretary	Elisabeth A. Hedges
Treasurer	Steven Johnson
Trustee	Matthew C. Douglass
Trustee	Samuel J. Lawson
Trustee	Kristy Byers Stewart
Trustee	Andrew E. Thompson

2018 Board of Trustees

President	Robin P. Jarrett
Secretary	Elisabeth A. Hedges
Treasurer	Steven Johnson
Trustee	Matthew C. Douglass
Trustee	Samuel J. Lawson
Trustee	Kristy Byers Stewart
Trustee	Andrew E. Thompson

2019 Board of Trustees

President	Robin P. Jarrett
Secretary	Elisabeth A. Hedges
Treasurer	Steven Johnson
Trustee	Karen Couch
Trustee	Sarah Rae
Trustee	Michael E. Smith
Trustee	Thomas E. Wallace

2020 Board of Trustees

President	Matthew C. Douglass
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Treasurer	Michael F. Kilgore
	Dan C. Patton
Trustee	Kathy Hohman
Trustee	Pat Kilgore
Trustee	Robert McKim
Trustee	Sarah Rae
Trustee	Barbara Rush
Trustee	Thomas E. Wallace

2021 Board of Trustees

President	Matthew C. Douglass
Secretary	Karen Couch
Treasurer	Dan C. Patton
Trustee	Kathy Hohman
Trustee	Sarah Rae
Trustee	Barbara Rush
Trustee	Thomas E. Wallace

2022 Board of Trustees

President	Sarah Rae
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Treasurer	Dan C. Patton
Trustee	Gregory A. Bowers
Trustee	Kathy Hohman
Trustee	Mark G. Lawson
Trustee	Thomas E. Wallace

2023 Board of Trustees

President	Carter C. Keith
Secretary	Paula Hardesty
Treasurer	Dan C. Patton
Trustee	Armand C. Hayes
Trustee	Kathy Hohman
Trustee	Sarah Rae
Trustee	Andrew E. Thompson

## Officers of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis

### Presidents

1984-88 Carter C. Keith  
1989-90 Thomas C. Milton  
1991-92 Carson C. Smith  
1993 Lee E. Cloe  
1994 Louis D. Shepherd  
1995 Marsha Smith Priest  
1996 Frederick B. Dundas (Died 02/02/96)  
1996 Lee E. Cloe (Interim)  
1997-99 Diana Stevens  
2000-04 Carson C. Smith  
2005 Jack T. Davidson  
2006-08 Gordon H. Inglis  
2009-11 Gary L. Davidson  
2012 Rebekah Lawson  
2012-13 Mark G. Lawson  
2014-19 Robin P. Jarrett  
2020-21 Matthew C. Douglass  
2022 Sarah Rae  
2023 Carter C. Keith

### Secretaries

1986 John J. Patrick  
1987-88 Barbara Murchie  
1987-90 Lynn Allyn Young  
1991 Jerry G. Elliot  
1992-98 Lee E. Cloe  
1999 Judith P. Bastin  
2000-02 Lee E. Cloe  
2003-04 Nancy L. Foxworthy  
2005 Ronald L. Walker  
2006-09 Judith P. Bastin  
2010 Gregory A. Bowers  
2011 Walter Sherman  
2012 Terry Miller  
2013-19 Elisabeth A. Hedges  
2020-21 Karen Couch  
2022-23 Paula Hardesty

### Vice Presidents

1985-88 Carson C. Smith  
1989 Stephen K. Andrews  
1990 Carson C. Smith  
1991-92 Lee E. Cloe  
1993 Louis D. Shepherd  
1994 Marsha Smith Priest  
1995 Frederick B. Dundas  
1996 Bill McKnight  
1997-99 Carter C. Keith  
2000-03 Judith P. Bastin  
2004 Jack T. Davidson  
2005 Gordon H. Inglis  
2006-07 Edward S. Adams  
2009-10 Matthew C. Douglass  
2011-13 Gregory A. Bowers

### Treasurers

1986-88 Jacque Andrews  
1989-93 Louis D. Shepherd  
1994 John L. Porteous  
1995-96 Elizabeth A. Hague  
1997 Marsha Van Camp  
1998-00 Rebecca Bilbrey  
2001-06 Kristy A. Byers  
2007-08 John D. Dockery, II  
2009 Steven Johnson  
2010-13 Ronald L. Elliott  
2014-19 Steven Johnson  
2020 Michael F. Kilgore  
2020-23 Dan C. Patton

Newsletter Editors

1985-86 Carson C. Smith  
1986-87 Walter Buchanan  
1987-90 Lynn Allyn Young  
1990-92 Carson C. Smith  
1993-99 Lee E. Cloe  
1999 Carter C. Keith  
2000-02 Rebecca Bilbrey  
2002-05 Judith P. Bastin  
2005-08 Ronald L. Walker  
2009-10 Matthew C. Douglass  
2011-13 Gregory A. Bowers  
2014-16 Armand C. Hayes  
2017-18 Matthew C. Douglass  
2019-22 Sarah Rae

NCI Liaison Officers

1986-88 Brian J. McCall  
1989 Carson C. Smith  
1989-96 Michael and Diana Stevens  
1997-01 Rebecca Bilbrey  
2001-03 Mary E. Mahoney  
2003-04 Carson C. Smith  
2004 John E. Trotter  
2005 George R. McMath, Jr.  
2006-14 Carol Atherton Clarkson  
2015-19 Carson C. Smith  
2020-22 Thomas E. Wallace

**Honorary Titles Conferred by the Scottish Society of Indianapolis**

Founder and President Emeritus  
Carter C. Keith

Honorary Life Member  
G. Edward (Ned) Buxton, III

Trustee Emeritus  
Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson

Secretary Emeritus  
Maj. Lee E. Cloe, D. Ed., USAF (Ret.)  
Elisabeth A. Hedges

Treasurer Emeritus  
Steven Johnson

## Meeting Places of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis

May 1984 to February 1985

International Center of Indianapolis  
200 W. 49th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208-3412  
317-686-3850 Phone

March 1985 to August 1987

Westlake Arms Apartments  
6000 W. Lake Dr.  
Indianapolis, IN 46224-7980  
317-248-0666 Phone

September 1987 to March 1989

Marcy Village Apartments  
4561 Marcy Ln.  
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2044  
317-259-7774 Phone

April 1989 to February 1996

Trinity Episcopal Church  
3243 N. Meridian St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208-4677  
317-926-1346 Phone

March 1996

Knights of Columbus  
1040 N. Post Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46219-4222  
317-897-1577 Phone

April 1996 to December 2001

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Educational Building  
10 W. 61st St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208-1594  
317-253-1277 Phone

January 2002

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
Rectory Basement  
4217 Central Av.  
Indianapolis, IN 46205-1896  
317-283-5508 Phone

February 2002

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
Athletic Complex  
500 E. 42nd St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46205-1897  
317-283-5508 Phone

April 2002 to August 2002

All Souls Unitarian Church  
5805 E. 56th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46226-1526  
317-545-6005 Phone

September 2002 to October 2003

Indianapolis Firefighters Union Hall  
748 Massachusetts Av.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1609  
317-262-5161 Phone

November 2003 to December 2003

Church of St. Edward the Confessor  
6361 N. Keystone Av.  
Indianapolis, IN 46220-2156  
317-253-3949 Phone

January 2004 to December 2006

Robert E. Sterrett Senior Center  
8950 Otis Av.  
Indianapolis, IN 46216-1033  
317-549-4815 Phone

January 2007 to Present

The Latvian Community Center  
1008 W. 64th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46260-4458  
317-255-0992 Phone

## The Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival

1st Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 9, 2010  
Latvian Community Center  
Chairman Gary L. Davidson

2nd Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 8, 2011  
Latvian Community Center  
Chairman Gary L. Davidson

3rd Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 13, 2012  
German Park  
Gary L. Davidson and Gregory A. Bowers

4th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 11, 2013  
German Park  
Gary L. Davidson and Gregory A. Bowers

5th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 11, 2014  
German Park  
Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett

6th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 10, 2015  
German Park  
Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett

7th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 8, 2016  
German Park  
Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett

8th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 14, 2017  
German Park  
Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett

9th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 13, 2018  
German Park  
Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett

10th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 12, 2019  
German Park  
Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett

Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 10, 2020  
[Games Canceled]

Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 9, 2021  
[Games Canceled]

Indianapolis Scottish Games  
Saturday, October 8, 2022  
[Games Canceled]



**Recipients of the Title of Knight of the Realm or Lady of the Realm**

2011	Mayor Gregory A. Ballard	2012	Andris P. Berzins
2013	Sherriff John R. Layton	2014	Mark G. Lawson
2015	Mary E. Thompson	2016	Elisabeth Hedges
2017	Varis Grapis	2018	Robin P. Jarrett
2019	Joseph M. Ketterman		Mayor Joseph H. Hogsett
		2020	[Games Canceled]
2021	[Games Canceled]	2022	[Games Canceled]

**Recipients of the Order of the Unicorn for Contributions by Non-Members**

2016	Eric Jones	2017	Doug Hardwick
2018	Arnie Lewin	2019	Paula Sue Jarrett Daniel Ned Day
2020	[Award Not Presented]		
2021	Samuel and Rebekah Lawson	2022	[Award Not Presented]

### Recipients of the Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award of Excellence

1989	Lynn Allyn Young	1990	Stephen K. Andrews
1991	Lee E. Cloe	1992	Louis D. Shepherd
1993	James Lamb	1994	Carter C. Keith
1995	Michael and Diana Stevens	1996	Frederick B. Dundas (Posthumous)
1997	Mary Ann Innes Pavlovich	1998	Jeanne B. Blake
1999	Diana Stevens	2000	Rebecca Bilbrey
2001	Judith P. Bastin	2002	Lewis E. Forbes (Posthumous)
2003	Kristy A. Byers	2004	Carson C. Smith
2005	Nancy L. Foxworthy	2006	Jack T. Davidson
2007	Rebekah Lawson	2008	George R. McMath, Jr.
2009	Bennett F. Lynch	2010	John D. Dockery, II
2011	Gary and Julie Davidson	2012	Andy and Mary Thompson
2013	Ronald L. Elliott	2014	Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett
2015	Steven Johnson	2016	Robin P. Jarrett
2017	Rick Blacklidge	2018	Mark G. and Donna Mae Lawson
2019	Elisabeth A. Hedges	2020	Kathy Hohman
2021	[Award Not Presented]	2022	[Award Not Presented]

## The Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award



This photo is a record of the first presentation of the Tommy H. (Tommy) Thompson Award to Lynn Allyn Young at Trinity Episcopal Church in 1989. Pictured left to right are Vice President Carson C. Smith, Trustee Lee E. Cloe, President Thomas C. Milton, Trustee Stephen K. Andrews, Treasurer Louis D. Shepherd, and Secretary Lynn Allyn Young.

## **The Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award**

The time has come to present this year's Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award for Excellence in Service to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. On occasion, one of our newer members will ask, "Who was Tommy Thompson?" The question serves to remind me how very much the membership of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis has grown, and changed, since its founding in December of 1983.

A slender, darkly tanned, mustachioed man of average height, wearing black plastic framed glasses, Tommy is recalled by his widow, Ginny Sheely Thompson, as an especially "well-built" man who enjoyed swimming. He wore a kilt fashioned from the tartan of Clan Douglas, a khaki colored military styled tunic, and the Glengarry bonnet after which the US Army's overseas cap is modeled. He was a plainspoken man and possessed a wry sense of humor.

Thomas Hubbard Thompson was born on May 31, 1918, in Washington, DC, during his father's service as a Captain in the US Army in World War I. Tommy was descended from one of Indianapolis' prominent families. His great-grandfather, William S. Hubbard, owned the ground upon which L.S. Ayres was built, at the southwest corner of Washington and South Meridian Streets, and founded and served upon the Board of Directors of both Crown Hill Cemetery and Second Presbyterian Church. It was through his mother that Tommy was descended from Katherine Douglas.

Tommy was an only child. His father's career relocated the family to the American South. Tommy attended school in Florida and Alabama, where he was called a "Damned Yank." Ironically, upon the family's return to Indianapolis, his schoolmates called him a "Damned Reb." Tommy was a graduate of Shortridge High School. He attended Butler University, where he pledged Delta Tau Delta, and graduated with a degree in Business Administration and Economics in 1941.

Tommy Thompson enlisted in the US Army, the day following the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor, at the age of twenty-three. He served five years in the Pacific theater of operation as the Head of Ordinance in Leyte and the Philippines. Following the war's conclusion, Tommy returned to Indianapolis where he worked part-time for the CIT Credit Corporation, later Universal CIT, a lending institution, which financed freight carriers and personal auto loans.

It was there he met Virginia (Ginny) Sheely, Head of Personnel, in October of 1946. Like Tommy, Ginny was a graduate of Butler University. Like Tommy, Ginny had studied Business Administration and Economics. Like Tommy, Ginny had participated in the Greek system at Butler. Tommy was a Delta Tau Delta. Ginny was an Alpha Omega Pi. Like Tommy, Ginny had never married.

They were married in May of 1947 when, according to Ginny, "We both weighed 147 pounds in 1947!" Ginny has commented that, because Tommy and Ginny had both remained single into their thirties, the success of their marriage bore powerful witness to their mutual flexibility.

To comply with CIT's corporate policy barring married employees, Tommy took a position with Standard Oil Company's Indianapolis office's at 11th and Capitol, and, later, 38th Street, across from the Indiana State Fairgrounds, where he worked as an Assistant Credit Manager for nineteen years.

Tommy and Ginny had one son, Douglas Hubbard Thompson, born in 1952, who later fathered their one granddaughter, Molly. Tommy continued to serve in the US Army, active and reserve, for twenty-two years, retiring in 1965 with the rank of Major. Following Standard Oil Company's closure of its Indianapolis offices, Tommy was asked to relocate to either Chicago or Detroit. He opted, instead, to retire from Standard Oil Company in 1966 and joined First Federal Savings and Loan Association, later, First Indiana Bank, moving from offices on the Indianapolis Westside to Nora, Carmel, and Westfield.

Tommy retired from the private sector, leaving his position as Assistant Vice President and Head of Security for First Indiana Bank, on his 65th birthday on May 31, 1983. He served two terms on the Clay Township Advisory Board and was a Charter Member of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church where he served two terms as a deacon. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association of Indiana, American Legion Kennington Post No. 34 in Broad Ripple, and the Indianapolis-Marion County and Carmel-Clay Historical Societies.

Tommy built, and later remodeled, their home at 10680 Highland Drive, with his own hands, and with, she would be quick to add, no small help from his wife, Ginny. Tommy and Ginny, who is, herself, of German extraction, traveled five times to Scotland and four times to Germany. They became involved in Scottish American Heritage activities as enthusiastic supporters of Clan Douglas. Tommy and Ginny attended games and gatherings in Carrollton, Kentucky, and Gatlinburg, Tennessee, setting up camp in a brown Dodge Van outfitted with curtains that Ginny had made.

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was founded by its first President, Carter Keith, with the filing of an official letter of intent, with the Indiana Secretary of State, on December 1, 1983, to become effective December 31, 1983. Tommy and Ginny Thompson joined the Scottish Society of Indianapolis in its first year. Tommy was elected to serve upon the Board of Trustees in 1987, 1988, and 1989, and represented the Society at its Cultural Booth at the International Festival of Indianapolis, and built the Celtic cross displayed at Society functions.

As the result of the efforts of Trustee Tommy Thompson, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis sponsored two firsts on Sunday, November 15, 1987, with two Kirkins o' the Tartan. The first, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church at 10:00 AM, and the second, later that same day, at Christ Church Cathedral Episcopal Church at 4:00 PM, in connection with its 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Tommy was diagnosed with terminal cancer, following his election in November of 1988, to the 1989 Board of Trustees, and given less than one year to live. He resigned from the Board who, under the direction of President Tom Milton, at their meeting in February of 1989, named Tommy "Trustee Emeritus" in recognition of his many invaluable contributions to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

Tommy faced his cancer head on, using the time remaining to prepare his wife Ginny to manage their affairs without him. I am so very grateful that, during that final summer, I had the opportunity to spend an evening, sitting on the back porch, and watching the sunset, with Tommy and Ginny Thompson.

Tommy died in the home he and Ginny had built with their own hands in August of 1989. He was laid to rest in the uniform of the United States Army, which he had worn through twenty-two years of service, active and reserve. The members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis appeared at Tommy's funeral dressed in full Scottish regalia. At the cemetery, his old friend, Colonel Bill Murchie, piped Tommy off with *Amazing Grace*. No Highland Chief ever received a finer send-off than Tommy Thompson.

Throughout his life, and in that final summer prior to his death, Tommy modeled the pursuit of excellence. And, so it is, that I am honored to call Tommy's widow, Ginny Thompson, to the podium, to present this year's Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson Award for Excellence in Service to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot  
Past President (1991-92 and 2000-04)  
Scottish Society of Indianapolis

## Flowers of the Forest

1989

Thomas H. (Tommy) Thompson

1993

Barbara (Bobbi) Murchie

James Lamb

1996

Andy Thompson

Frederick B. Dundas

1997

Marjorie Workman Keith

2002

Lewis E. Forbes

2003

Carl R. Dortch

Mary Stewart

Liz Johnson

2007

Roderick D. (Roddy) MacDonald

2008

Virginia (Ginny) Thompson

2009

Scott F. Hosier, Jr.

George R. McMath, Jr.

Anna Gale Dortch

2010

Louis D. Shepherd

George E. Vickery, III

2012

Gordon H. Inglis

2013

Helen Nugent

Neal H. Keith

William D. (Bill) Murchie

Gloria Bulger

2014

Ann Grant Miller

2015

Wallace K. (Wally) Aiken, Jr.

Dr. Wallace Gordon Diehl

David L. Hager

2016

Lee E. Cloe

2018

Lola Thompson

2019

Carol Atherton Clarkson

Roderick A. (Roddy) MacDonald

Donna Mae Lawson

Gary L. BraVard

Pershing Edwin (P.E.) MacAllister

Mary Ann Innes Pavlovich

2020

Ronald L. Elliott

2021

Jerry G. Elliot

**2022 President's Address**  
**Sarah Rae**

My Fellow Scots – Family, Friends, and Guests:

The last couple of years have been changing times for the world we live in and that was true when it came to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis as an organization. We have gone through meetings online via Zoom and some events in person depending on the various circumstances. However, this year of 2022 gave us a clearing for the first time since the pandemic started. First, we returned to having in-person meetings after the first half the year was online virtually. It was wonderful seeing our members, guests and family return after being away for so long. With requirements changing every so often and finding ways to bring us all together again was difficult – but in the end we found a way. Huzzah! We had a variety of presentations and events this year to keep our society going. In January, we celebrated and had a good time learning about the history of Hogmanay with Dan and Jane Patton. February saw the society having a virtual whisky tasting with the assistance of Elite Beverages and Arnie Lewin – four distiller editions of whisky were sampled with chocolate.

This organization returned to in-person meetings starting in March with Scottish country dancing with the Indy RSCD. The weather decided to cancel the April meeting, but spring was around the corner. May was all about Scottish dress with a great presentation by Carter Keith. We returned and learned more history of Skara Brae with the Hohmans in June. Music, history, and demonstration of The Sterling Code was given in July by SSI's poet laureate Samuel Lawson. We raised money and had a picnic with a silent auction for our summer celebration in August. We took a road trip back to Scotland with learning how to plan a grand trip with SSI Treasurer Emeritus Steven Johnson. A presentation of the Scottish Enlightenment was given by Mark Lawson. To round out the end of the year – we will have a holiday celebration with the return of the high demand buffet with music by Celtic Rain. In between all the meetings, the SSI represented the organization well by participating the St. Patrick's Day parade, the Stand with Ukraine rally downtown, Indy Irish Fest and IUPUI International Festival.

To say I have been blessed and honored to be one of a few women to hold the presidential role with this society is an understatement. I will admit this year contained some hard choices but with a wonderful Board of Trustees to support the decisions made this year, it made my role just a little easier. I would like to say some personal thank yous to my board – Kathy Hohman and Paula Hardesty for working extremely hard behind the scenes to get this wonderful St. Andrew's Dinner set up, Dan Patton for calculating the numbers and making sure this society was moving in the right direction financially, Greg Bowers for his assistance on the IT items and stepping up to help get started with the return of the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival for 2023, Tom Wallace and Mark Lawson for their wonderful inputs behind the scenes and our "honorary board member" Vice President of Whisky Matt Douglass for helping me understand the ropes of the presidency and making sure I was comfortable with what needed to be done this year, along with goals that needed to be accomplished. As I move on from the president role, I believe the future of this organization will be in good hands for 2023 with the new president elect and their board of trustees. Here's to all my fellow Scots for all we have done, what we have and



will later endure in life and here's to the wonderful organization that is the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Thank you and God bless.

Slainte!

Sarah Rae – 2022 SSI President  
The Scottish Society of Indianapolis  
The Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis

## Notes