

The Whistle

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

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From the desk of the President

The beginning of 2015 has been very quiet weather wise; there's even been an occasional sighting of a strange yellow ball in the sky that I distantly remember as the sun. At any rate I'm glad that we do not need to endure some of the weather that the east coast is going through at the writing of this letter.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year for the Scottish Society. We are planning events that will be enjoyable and showcase our Society in its finest. This year marks the 32nd year of our Society and the 6th for our Highland Games. The Society has evolved greatly since 1983 when Carter Keith had the first meeting, and will continue to do so this year and for many to come. We have already celebrated the spirit of Robby Burns with our version of Burns Lite. Ken Morgan always has a new angle in which to toast the bard, and this year was no exception. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and myself, I wish to thank Ken's contributions to the Society. Ken's efforts have no small part in what has made us successful as a group. I also offer our thanks, to Carol Clarkson for her many years as our liaison for the Nationalities Council. Carol served in this capacity for eight years, keeping us informed and up to date with the happenings at NCI. We wish her well as she steps down from this position.

As I mentioned before, this year will be the 6th time we endeavor to host the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games. Lise and Deneice have agreed to chair the event again this year and will be having the first organizational meeting in February. We will be talking of several things to expand the cultural impact of our event in the weeks and months to come. I encourage anyone who would like to be involved in this great festival to contact them.

We have momentum coming into this New Year, and I would ask your help in keeping our profile high. Come out and parade with us on March 17th, wear your tartan on April 6th for National Tartan Day, join us for Kilt Night March 13th, or simply mention the Society events to friends and family. We have many good things to come, and I will see you all soon.

***Slainte mhath,
Robin Jarrett, Clan Wallace
President, Scottish Society of Indianapolis***

SCOTTISH ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY



Join me in congratulating the newest Fellows of the **Society of Antiquaries of Scotland** effective December 1. The Newest Fellows include:

Armand C. Hayes, FSA Scot
Peter D. Hylton, FSA Scot
Robin P. Jarrett, FSA Scot
Samuel J. Lawson, FSA Scot
Dan C. Patton, FSA Scot
Jane B. Patton, FSA Scot

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was founded in 1780 and is the second oldest antiquarian society in Britain (the Society Antiquaries of London, being the oldest). Headquartered in the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, the Society's goal is to promote Scottish cultural heritage, as set out in its first of Laws:

*"The purpose of the Society shall be the study of the Antiquities and History of Scotland, more especially by means of Archaeological Research."*¹

Candidates are elected to the Society by first being supported by existing Fellows, and then the vote being made on St Andrews Day, at its anniversary meeting on the 30th of November, annually.

Sponsoring research is the main goal of the Society's programme; funded by awards, grants and post nominals from the joining Fellows, dividing the research into several tasks of kind, including from archival research and analysis, to surveying and excavations. The Society encourages and helps define 'Best Practices' procedures and fosters continued research on past projects. The Society hosts two prestigious awards, the 'RBK Stevenson Award', in recognition of an article published in the 'Proceedings' (a yearly published, peer-review journal), celebrating the individual on an article that best represents the high goal and scholarship of its' recipient. The other award is the Dorothy Marshall Medal, awarded by the Council of the Society once every three years for a voluntary contributor to the highest capacity of contribution to a Scottish archaeological or historical related work. Lastly, the Society hosts a series of lectures titled the Rhind Lectures which involve a deeper view of a published work or topic under research and investigation; done by a single lecturer, divided in to a 6 part lecture, shared on a single weekend. As well, weekend lectures know as the Buchan Lectures are offered in both in Edinburgh and Aberdeen almost every weekend, offered jointly with other societies to share specific research.

One can reach the website at www.socantscot.org , or also visit [Facebook /Society-of-Antiquaries-of-Scotland/](https://www.facebook.com/Society-of-Antiquaries-of-Scotland/)





Peter Hylton, Associate Professor & Director of Motorsports Engineering @IUPUI, writes from Scotland -

By the way.....the Romans may have considered the Picts, with their faces painted blue, to be barbarian warriors.....but the Picts were also incredible stone masons, creating some intricately carved stones which still dot the highlands and islands. The one shown here was originally on the Glenmorangie Distillery property near Tain up in Caithness.



[Armand's Note to readers- the stone obvious to the observer is carved with Celtic design, providing some evidence that the Picts were as well of Celtic origin]

VIEW OF OTHER PICTISH STONES –



The Class II Kirkyard stone c800AD, Aberlemno



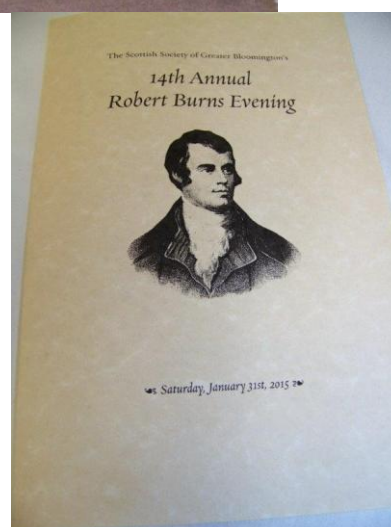
The Woodrea stone , from Angus



The Monifieth I, Class II, Monifieth, Angus

NEWS ALERT !! *Clan Chattan was a community or confederation of clans whose chiefs were the descendants of the original ancestors. The Battle of North Inch was a contest between Clan MacPherson And Clan Davidson that was decided by the arrival of a Smith! Storey, SSI Meeting, March 11th with Carson C Smith!*

IMAGES OF THE GREATER BLOOMINGTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY BURNS DINNER





2015 Pre-Games Report

Please join us for the first Games committee meeting on February 14th at the home of Robin and Deneice Jarrett at 10:00 am. Address: 10722 Indigo Court, Fishers.

We will kick off the planning of the 2015 Games which is set for October 10th by reviewing this past year's event. It will be our goal to consider ways to make 2015, our sixth Games and Festival, the best yet. German Park will once again be the site of the event, and this date has been confirmed with their management.

Preliminary plans for this year are already underway as we have booked Drunk and Sailor as a return act on the main stage. Further research into expanding the piping contest to a full band competition is in progress. We will need input on the direction to take in expanding the piping contest to a much larger event. This will take additional resources, but may prove to be worth the investment in time and money. The American Rogues, a Celtic rock band, has been contacted as a possible headliner. This is the group who provided the music for the slide show presented at our December meeting. Additional entertainment will need to be booked soon. We will begin to recruit vendors and sponsors, and submit a 2015 festival grant application in the coming months.

Please help us get the word out about The Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival by directing friends, family, and possible sponsors to the documentary created by Altnews 26:46. website: altnews2646.com
The Highland Games documentary is in episode #16.02. It is an excellent representation of our event.

There is much to be done! We need the support of our society members. Hope to see you at the upcoming committee meeting!

Deneice Jarrett and Lise Douglass - Games Co-chairs

GREEN TIE GAELA
Indy IRISH FEST

Now in our 20th year, Indy Irish Fest establishes the Green Tie Gaela. The new event is a celebration of the fest as it has survived and thrived for 20 years, but also a way to educate friends of the festival about our long-standing goal for the city: the establishment of a brick and mortar Irish Cultural Heritage Center. This will stand as a lasting tribute to the long history of the Irish and their continuing contributions in Indiana.

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2015

Indianapolis Artsgarden

Tickets

Individual: \$75 (Includes dinner and drinks)

Table for eight guests and recognition at the event: \$750

For more information on sponsorship opportunities and to buy tickets, visit IndyIrishFest.com

Join us to celebrate, socialize and network as we take the first steps toward this grand vision for Irish Heritage in Indiana!

Kilt Night Friday March 13, At the Claddagh!

Laddie-Laddie, grab your plaidy . There will still will be music to hear with the celtic bands on Kilt night which will be held at the 96th Street Claddagh Precedent location on Friday March 13th. Come and join us as the bands will be playing traditional Scottish ballads and pub songs. The Claddagh is located at 3835 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240, Phone: (317) 569-3663, Fax: (317) 566-8518, Precedent@CladdaghIrishPubs.com.

Don't Miss...March 17th

St Paddy's Day Parade !



Articles Needed for the Thistle

The editor wishes to thank to everyone who is contributing articles for the SSI Newsletter. The Feature Article, Clan Spotlight, and most of the short articles and notices are contributed each quarter by our members.

Anyone attending Scottish, Clan or related events is encouraged to write a brief article describing the event and to enclose a photo or two. Feature Articles are also needed, 3/4 page (600 to 700 words) plus a graphic or photo. These can be about any Scottish social, historic or cultural topic. We are also happy to include favorite Scottish recipes; so far Robin has submitted ALL of them. Send to mrgoodnews@comcast.net .

Scottish Symbols

Stone of Scone

Also know as the Stone of Destiny; it is thought to be 3 millennia old. Then stone used to sit in Scone Palace, on Moot Hill, in Scone which is now a suburb of Perth. The stone, also known as “Lia Fail”, “the speaking stone”, which named the king who would Its residence was the coronation place of Ireland, Tara, Dublin. Legends tell of a white marble which was from the Holy Land, from and is legended to be the Jacob, or pillar of Jacob. The irish report the stone as a marble. Other sources have named the store as a red, now -a yellowish cast sandstone.



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Scone Palace was the historic capital of the Kingdom of Alba and the village of Scone grew up around the palace and abbey, for which later the town of Perth grew up around Scone. The abbey and a lonely mercat cross stand to mark Scone and the village now. Charles II was the last Scottish King to be coronated at Scone in 1651.

There are several stones names, for which are the sport of several tails of their own. The most direct tail is the stone in the photo that Edward I took from Scone back to England, which remained there for several centuries and had on a shelf in the royal coronation chair. The stone that was stolen back to Scotland in 1950 and now rests back at Scone Abbey.

Talisker 10 year old Isle of Skye Single Malt Whisky 750ml

On The Taste:



Nose: Lemony-orange with a heavy smokey peat. Hint of toasted almonds and sea air.

Palate: Slight tast of malt and smoked peat, not overbearing. Warm honey-pear-orange with a slight cinnamon or peppered rear palate/tongue feel. Slight sea taste.

Finish- Warm and sweet; a slight light oiliness feel with a mild prick of pepper; a reminder of salted grapefruit. Very affordable. Good with or without an ice cube or two.



National Tartan Day: April 6

Americans of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of this country however, not until 1997 was this influence recognized by a single-year U.S. Senate Resolution that appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 1997. In 1998, National Tartan Day of April 6 was officially recognized on a permanent basis when the U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 155 recognizing April 6th as National Tartan Day. This was followed by companion bill House Resolution 41 which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 2005. The passage of this bill was due to the work of the National Capital Tartan Committee, Inc. and president James Morrison.

The date of April 6 commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which asserted Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims, and which was an influence on the American Declaration of Independence.

Canada has been celebrating "National Tartan Day" since 1993. The idea and motivation for creating a similar American holiday was provided by the Scottish Coalition, a group of national Scottish-American cultural organizations.

Today, over eleven million Americans claim Scottish and Scotch-Irish roots -- making them the eighth largest ethnic group in the United States. These are the people and accomplishments that are honored on National Tartan Day, April 6th.

Source; tartanday.org

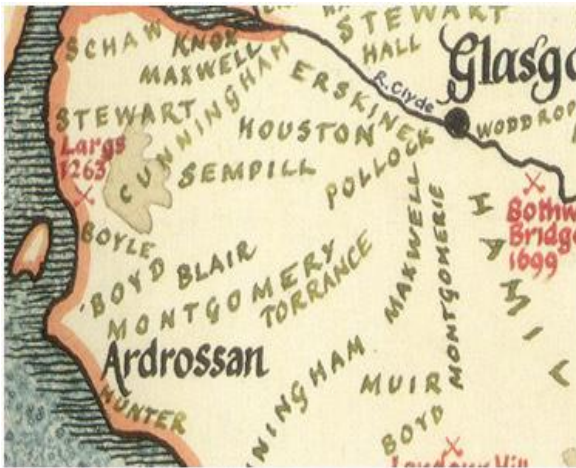
Clan Blair Society



Crest : A stag lodged, Proper

Motto : Amo Probus (Love the Virtuous)

Origin : Celtic for 'Open Plain'



Clan map reproduced with kind permission of Border Art



Blair Tartan (modern)

Clan Blair

Blair is an armigerous clan. In Scottish clans, an 'armigerous clan' carries a coat of arms collectively rather than having a dedicated armiger (arms bearer). Specifically, it is a clan, family, or name that is registered with the Court of the Lord Lyon and once had a chief who bore undifferenced arms, but does not have a chief currently recognized as such by Lyon Court.

Before 1745, all chiefs had arms. However, not all of these are recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, which was only established in 1672. In Scottish heraldry, only chiefs or heads of clans, families, or names bear undifferenced arms. A clan is considered a "noble incorporation" because a clan chief is a title of honor in Scotland and the chief confers his or her noble status onto the clan. Clans which do not have such chiefs are not recognized as noble communities and have no legal standing.

While the name has been spelled 16 different ways, only 3 survive today: *Blair*, *McBlair*, *Bleher*. The family has some 20 Coats of Arms, 3 Tartans: Ancient, Modern, & Dress.

Blair History - -The name Blair is derived from the Gaelic 'Blar' meaning open space or field, and consequently can be found in many different place names across Scotland. It was originally spelled 'Blare' but this form of the name has long since died out.

Although many people share the surname of Blair, it is generally accepted that the clan name refers to two different clans, one originating in Ayrshire - the Blairs of Blair, and one from Perthshire - the Blairs of Balthayock.

The Blairs of Blair

In 1608 Timothy Pont refers to the records of the Monastery of Kilwinning. These records show that the title Barony of Blair was conferred upon Jean Francois (John Francis) of Normandy by King William I of Scots (1165 - 1214). He would also have been granted land along with the title, giving the family considerable influence. It is thought that John Francis de Blair's grandson, William de Blair married one of the daughters of King John of England. His successor, Sir Bryce de Blair was a close supporter of Sir William Wallace, but was executed during the Barns of Ayr massacre in 1296. Sir Bryce's nephew, Roger de Blair received a knighthood from Robert the Bruce after fighting alongside him at Bannockburn in 1314. The clan thereafter enjoyed a high position in the region, making many well-aligned and prosperous marriages until 1732 when the original line of inheritance ended with the death of William Blair of Blair.

Blair Castle (now known as Blair House) was the seat of the Blairs of Blair and is located in northern Ayrshire. It originated as a wooden building at the end of the 12th century, but by 1201 it was replaced by a stone Norman Keep with moat and drawbridge. This Norman structure still exists within Blair House today.

The Blairs of Balthayock

the Blairs of Balthayock are descended from Stephen de Blair in the 12th century when he owned land in the area now known as Blairgowrie. This same Stephen de Blare/Blair is recorded as a witness to a charter on land at Balgillo (in Angus) by an Abbot of the monastery of Arbroath. Another Blair of Balthayock was Alexander de Blair, probably Stephens' son, witnessed a charter in about 1214. He married Ela, daughter of Hugh de Nyden, thereby gaining the lands of Cults in Fife which the Blairs held for several generations. Alexander's son, William de Blair received a knighthood from King Alexander II of Scots, becoming Steward of Fife in 1235.

The two families competed for many years over which should hold the Chiefship. Eventually King James VI ended the dispute by stating in 1658 that "The eldest male of either of the two Families would have precedence over the younger to the Chieftainship".

Although this statement suggests links between the two families, there are no records of marriages between Ayrshire and Perthshire, and taking into account the fact that the two coats of arms are different, it likely that the two families have different origins.

Joke

Jock was traveling by train seated next to a stern-faced clergyman. As Jock pulled out a bottle of whisky from his pocket the clergyman glared and said reprovingly, "Look here, I am sixty-five and I have never tasted whisky in my life!"

"Dinna worry, Minister," smiled Jock, pouring himself a dram. "There's no risk of you starting now."

Welcome New Member

President Robin Jarrett wishes a hearty: “Failte Chun Ar Cumann!” or “Welcome to our Society!” Please join us in giving our new members a warm welcome and please introduce yourselves when you meet them.

**Christopher Boyd, Jr
Don & Julie Burrell
David Ellison
Charlotte and Martha Robertson
Kevin Scott**

**Rodney and Tischa Brower
Rick and Rachel Cohen
Don & Elizabeth Frazer
Jeffrey and Christina Schubnell
Terrie Trevey**

Amber Ziko

Visit us on the web at : www.indyscot.org

Join Us for Scottish Country Dancing!

Like to dance? Want to learn? Just want to get some exercise? Join some of the Society members most Mondays for traditional Scottish country dancing. Society Trustee Ken Morgan leads beginner and experienced dancers in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. You'll be having too much fun to feel self-conscious.



New Location:
Northwood Christian Church
4550 Central Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205
7:30 - 8:00 PM Beginning Dance lessons
8:00 - 9:00 PM Social dancing
9:00 - 9:30 PM Advanced dancing

All are welcome. No partner needed. Call Ken Morgan at 317-260-1828 for more information. It's a good idea to call ahead to make sure we are dancing.



St Patrick's Day Celebration at



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Live music March 17th :

12:00 to 3:00 with Ennis Clare

4:00 to 7:00 with War Radio

8:00 to 11:30 with Jason Burk

Scottish Recipe

Traditional Scottish Kedegree – a wonderful breakfast dish



Ingredients:

2/3 lbs smoked haddock
1 cup long grained rice
3 ½ cups water
4 Tbsp butter
4 hard-boiled eggs
¼ cup finely chopped onion
2 ½ tsp curry powder
½ tsp cumin
¼ Teaspoon Salt
¼ Teaspoon Black Pepper
3 Tablespoons finely chopped parsley
2 bay leaves

Method:

Hard boil, cool and peel eggs. Boil rice in water as directions, covering and fluffing with 2 Tbsp butter. Melt remaining butter in frying pan on low medium heat; add onion, spices and lightly brown onion. Add an additional cup water and bay leaves, boiling for 10 minutes; add haddock and continue until the water is mostly cooked off, carefully turning fish once. Flake fish into small bites; mix with rice, parsley, and remaining liquid from fry pan. Slice hard-boiled eggs and carefully turn in.

2015 Membership Renewal Form

Please renew my membership in the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Inc. as indicated:

- Life \$250 Family \$35.00/yr Individual \$25.00/yr
 Student \$10.00/yr
 Senior Family \$29.75/yr Senior Individual \$21.25/yr

Name(s):

E-mail Addresses:

E-mail is used to send the SSI newsletter four times each year, as well as occasional announcements about SSI events. We do not sell or share e-mail with any party, and we prohibit any party from using this e-mail for any other purpose. ___Do not send the newsletter via my e-mail.

___Do not send SSI event information via my e-mail. ___Please send my newsletter via US postal mail.

Facebook User Names: _____

Address: _____

Address information is used to send your membership renewal, will be used to send your newsletter to if you request it, but is not shared with any third party, sold, shared or rented.

Phone: _____ (home)
(cell) _____ (cell) _____

Note if you are a *new member*, your membership dues will be halved from June on, in the year. If you are a past member, you have the option of renewing your membership at the annual rate any time during the year or attending as a guest for \$7/person as often as you like.

Please make your check out to The Scottish Society of Indianapolis and mail it along with this form to: 11057 Allisonville Road, Suite 234 Fishers, IN 46038 or bring it to the next meet

Upcoming Events Calendar

Note that Scottish Society of Indianapolis (SSI) sponsored events are indicated in **bold**.

March

- 11th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program – Clan Chattan-Battle of North Inch; Latvian Center, 1008 W. 64th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260**
- 13th Kilt Night 8:00 pm at the Claddagh Irish Pub, 3835 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240 ; Celtic Reign**
- 16th Pre- St Patrick's Day Celebration at the Claddagh Irish Pub-Northside, with Hogeye Navvy
- 17th St Patrick's Day Parade – 9:00am –Marshal at the Elbow Roam, 10:30 am Assemble for Parade, 11:30am Parade steps off St Patrick's Day Celebration – Claddagh on E. 96th Street, Ennis Clare
- 19th SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh on E. 96th Street**

April

- 6th National Tartan Day Celebration**
- 8th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program –Excellent Scottish Adventure;- Latvian Center, 1008 W. 64th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260**
- 16th SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh on E. 96th Street**

May

- 13th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program— Tina Dunn "Robert the Bruce and the Capture of the Royal Ladies." Latvian Center, 1008 W. 64th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260**
- 21th SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh 3835 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240**

Summer / Fall

- September 12-13 **24th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, Bartholomew Co Fairgrounds, Columbus, IN** www.scottishfestival.org
18-20th Indy Irish Festival, Military Park, Indianapolis, IN www.indyirishfest.com
- October 10th **6th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, 9:00am – 9:00pm, German Park 8600 S. Meridian St.**
<http://Indyscotgamesandfest.com>



*****Needed – Meat dish for April and May*** the SSI reimburses up to \$100.00 of the cost*****

SSI Meeting and Side Dish Schedule

	March	April	May
Date:	Wednesday, March 11th	Wednesday, April 8th	Wednesday, May 13th
Meat Dish:	Jarretts - Ham		
Program:	Clan Chattan and the Battle of North Inch –Carson C Smith	Excellent Scottish Adventure- Dan and Jane Patton	Robert the Bruce and the Capture Of the Royal Ladies-Tina Dunn
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Side Dish to Bring:	A-F—Veggie/Casserole	A-F— Salad	A-F—Dessert
	G-McC—Salad	G-McC— Dessert	G-McC —Veggie/Casserole
	McD-Z—Dessert	McD-Z— Veggie/Casserole	McD-Z—Salad
<p>Bring a side-dish based on the first letter of your last name. Please bring at least 3 large servings per attending family member. Example: a couple would bring at least 6 large servings.</p> <p>If you invite guests, please bring their portions as well.</p> <p>Meeting Costs: Members \$5, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free.</p>			

Meeting Agenda:

6:30pm—Social Time
7:00pm—Dinner

8:00pm—Program

Location:

All meetings take place at the Latvian Center

1008 West 64th Street

For More Information

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Or contact any trustee

NEEDED MEAT
The SSI reimburses

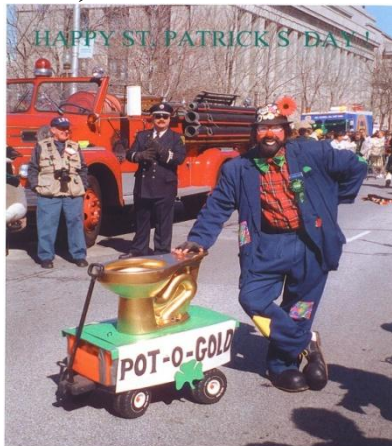
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And then they all said, ***“March 17th, St Patrick’s Day Parade!
–You...that’s right, -you, join us – all of you!***

We’ll have a blast.” There was a pause ..., ***“meet us in front of the
Elbow Room, at 605 N. Pennsylvania St., here in Indianapolis at 9:00 am.
If you don’t wake up in time, the parade assembles at 10:30 am ... in the
same place! And if you’re still going to be late, the parade steps off at
11:30 am! Remember, St. Patrick was Scottish!” ... LOL!***



”Okay, what’s so funny?!?”

(printed with permission –Mrgoodnews the O’Clown ; who looks a little scotched – Irish)

KILT NIGHT

Friday, **march 13th**



Hosted by
The Scottish Society
of Indianapolis

CELEIDH ENTERTAINMENT
Celeidh - Celtic Rain 

Wear
Your Best
Kilt!

AUTHENTIC SCOTTISH MENU
INCLUDING:

- COCK A LEEKIE SOUP
 - CHICKEN STOVIES WITH OATCAKES
 - LORNE SAUSAGE WITH ROOT VEGETABLES
- ...AND MUCH MORE!



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