

SSI NEWSLETTER

"Dinna fash." | Don't worry.

Meeting Details

Please be aware that the monthly meetings are in a buffet style. We do look for members to bring in the meat dish for the month. Please let us know if you are interested - we will reimburse you for the dish up to \$75.00.

Any or all guests are suggested to bring side dishes to share. Please bring a dish from the category based on the first letter of your LAST NAME with at least 3 servings per attending family member:

A-G – Desserts
 H-M – Salads
 N-Z – Veggies/Casseroles
 Meat Dish - Annette Knox

We will ask for anyone who is attending the meetings to please pay so we can pay for the rental space at the Latvian Community Center. Member price is \$5.00 - Guest price is \$7.00. The board has been discussing an increase with the pricing - more details soon to come with this possible change.

Monthly meetings take place ever 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00pm with announcements and dinner, then presentation will be around 8:00pm.

Social Media

For more information on articles, updates on meetings/events and more, please like and follow us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/indyscot.org>

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Letter from the Editor

Hello to all our SSI members, family, friends and fellow guests. Summer has arrived here in Indiana which means warmer temps and changes in the weather. Please keep in mind that there are some nasty bugs flying around so please continue to stay safe and healthy during these times. Please note that this will be the newsletter format moving forward due to the previous website no longer a serviceable means for the society. We are sharing this newsletter now via email and through our social media.

The society has been working on getting our new SSI website updated and running properly. The board has been working with an outside source to help us update and to make the newsletter more functional than it was before. The website will be up to date with new information and items to explore. This is still a work in process so we apologize for the delay. We hope to get a new SSI website up, running and available soon.

We are working hard with the 2024 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. The games committee and sub-committees have been working very hard behind the scenes preparing and getting this event ready. Much was learned from last year and there will be many improvements for the 2024 event - some changes will include more pipe bands (currently have two); layout of the grounds will change to improve access to activities and overall appearance; main stage and entertainment will be moved to a more central area on the grounds; more tables will be available for visitors; and so much more. If you don't know, the society and games committee is working to promote the games and gain early exposure compared to last year. The Games Committee chair is Greg Bowers. the set date for this event is on Saturday, October 12th.



Indy RSCD Updates

The Indy Royal Scottish County Dancers have been moving into 2024 with light feet. Here are some updates from this group:

- Moving forward, Barry Levitt with now be managing this group. He will be co-managing along with Bernadette Lange who is a certified SCD instruction, James & Heidi Horton and subject matter expert Sue Gaebler.
- The Indy SCD graced the presence of the SSI organization as they demoed a few dances for the March monthly meeting.

If you are interesting in joining in the dancing or wanting to see what a class is like, you can reach the organization in two ways - one is via email:

IndyRSCD@gmail.com OR the others by phone: #317-426-1656. The group meets Monday evenings during the month. Class starts around 6:45pm and wraps up around 8:30pm.

New SSI Members

Please welcome the following new members to SSI:

- No new members to announce at this time.

Please remember that membership dues need to be paid for as they do not run roll over each year - it helps us to see who is active and inactive with the society at this time.

If you have any questions, concerns or want your ideas heard, please reach out to the board for more. With the spring season and the weather always changing, please stay safe and healthy. Thank you! Slainte!

- Sarah Rae ~ SSI Newsletter Editor, Board Member 2024

New Trustee Member Needed

The SSI Board of Trustees is seeking a new member to fill one of the spots on the board at this time. We are looking for someone who is interested in helping make decisions along with choosing the course of action for the society for the remainder of the year 2024. The board does meet one Tuesday of the month (usually a week or two after the initial monthly meeting) and it would be in the evening. If you are interested in being a part of the Board of Trustees or would possibly like more



PRESENTATIONS NEEDED

Please be aware that we are needing presenters for the monthly meetings starting in June until the end of 2024. The topic must be something Scottish related. The presentations are a big part of our monthly meetings and the topics could help bring more people through the door. If you are needing confirmation or would like to check if your topic is suitable, please reach out to the board for more assistance. **Note: The monthly meeting of November is out St. Andrews Dinner so no presentation is needed that month.

Meetings/Festivals Coming Up

Here are some upcoming meetings and/or festivals to keep in mind and to add to calendars:

- Indiana State Fair - August 2nd-August 18th in Indianapolis at the Indiana State Fairgrounds
- Columbus Scottish Festival - September 14th-September 15th in Columbus
- Riley Days/Festival - October 3rd-October 6th in Greenfield
- Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival - October 12th at Marion County Fairgrounds
- Circle City Irish Fest - November 18th in Noblesville

Presentations Needed

Please be advised that we are needing volunteers for MONTHLY MEETING presentations. We do not have any starting from the month of July and moving forward. If you are interested in giving a presentation about something in the Scottish realm, please reach out to the SSI board of trustees to provide us a topic for the presentation. Volunteers can also email interest with a topic at indyscot@gmail.com.

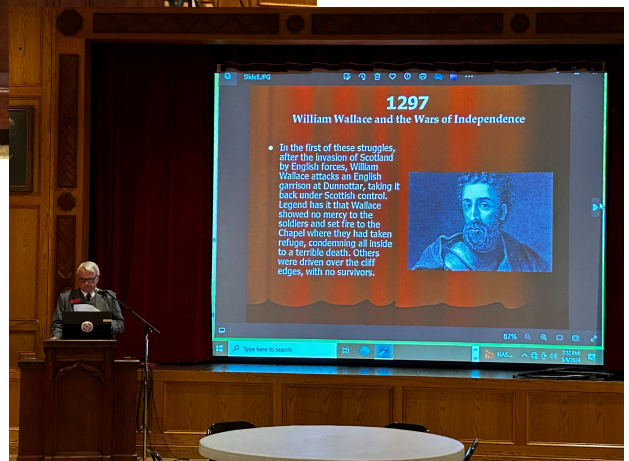
Monthly Meeting Recap

May 2024 - Life in 17th Century Edinburgh

For the month of May, this month's presentation was given by our SSI President Carter Keith. He gave the members and guests of the meeting a presentation on the history of the legendary Dunnottor Castle and why it was attacked by Oliver Cromwell because of what it was hiding. This fortress has a long and storied history.

Here are some interesting facts about the castle. It was ruined medieval fortress located upon a rocky headland on the north-eastern coast of Scotland. It played a prominent role in Scotland's history through 18th-century Jacobite risings due to its strategic location and defensive strength. There are many stories and facts about this castle on the hill. One fact is that the castle is best known as the place where the Honours of Scotland, the Scottish crown jewels, were hidden from Oliver Cromwell's invading army in the 17th century. The castle has since been restored and is now open to the public for those wanting to visit, explore and learn more about the castle itself.

The board would like to thank Carter Keith for the presentation. Such a great presentation and discussion.

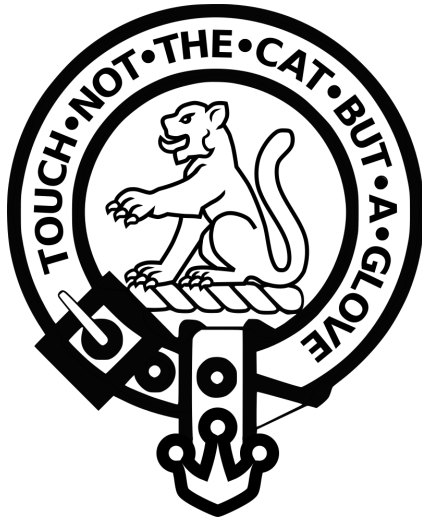


Clan of the Month

Clan McPherson

Clan McPherson is a Scottish clan from the Scottish Highlands and a member of the Chatman Confederation. This clan much history including one with Robert the Bruce, the Scottish Civil War and even the Jacobite Rising of 1715. The members of the clan were known to have a possible violent nature.

Motto: TOUCH NOT THE CAT BUT A GLOVE

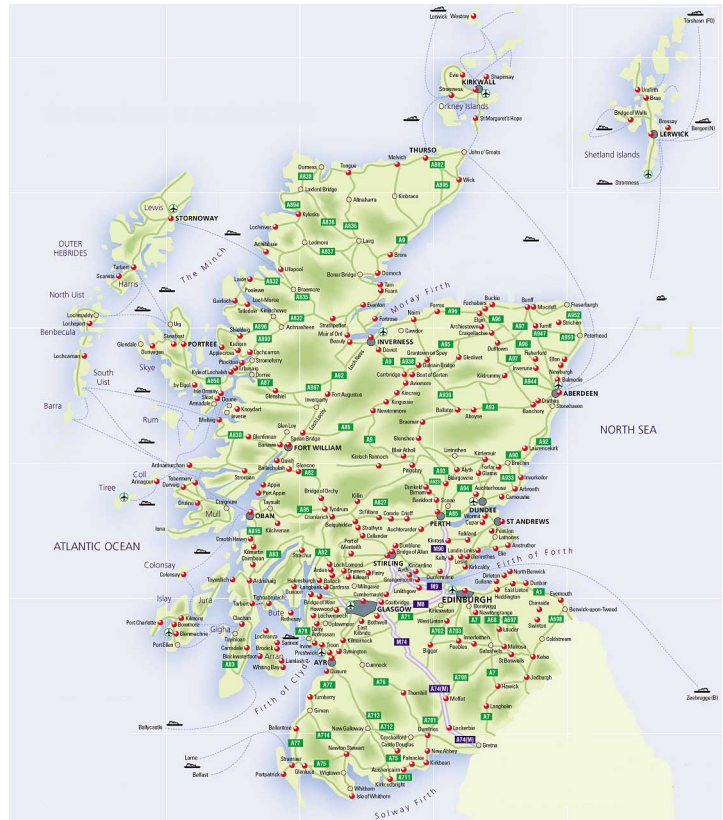


Next Monthly Meeting

May 2024 - History of Dunnottor Castle

Have you ever wondered what is the best way to travel around Scotland? There are many roads to take and things to see. For the month of June, SSI member Dan Treber will be giving a presentation on the ins and outs of visiting Scotland. There will many pictures and brief history of his time while visiting this country. This meeting will take place on June 12th, 2024.

This event takes place at the Latvian Community Center. Social hour begins at 6:00pm with announcements and dinner beginning at 7:00pm. Presentation will begin around 8:00pm.



NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, June 12th

If you have any questions, concerns or if you would like to have input on what is put into the newsletter, please reach out to the SSI board of trustees so your words can be seen. Thank you!

End of Newsletter Edition