

The Whistle

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From the Desk of the President

Our Society is in a sense much like the country our ancestors came from. Scotland is a wee place comparably to the world at large much like our society is a small group in relative terms. Both, however, have made impact greater than their respective size. Our Society has prospered in 2016, due directly to the efforts of this small group of people that I'm going to talk about.

Before I can talk about what the Society has accomplished materially, I feel the need to portray some of the people who are responsible for making these achievements possible. Firstly I need to mention my beautiful wife Deneice, for without her support, love, and counsel it would not be possible for me to be your president. The board for 2016 has made my job as president an easy task. As we've dined on fish and chips, we as a collective group have brainstormed many great ideas. Steven and Elisabeth are the best treasurer and secretary a president could ask for. In addition to keeping our finances straight, Steven keeps track of membership, the bylaws, and the schedule for the Society just to name a few of his tasks and accomplishments. Elisabeth, I have no idea how you make sense of the chaotic gibberish we call a meeting, but in a week I always get a concise accounting of what was said and done, Andy, my rock is always there when I need you, Samuel, our Neo and the voice of reason, Armand, who comes up with great content for the Thistle, Carson, our Nationalities Council Liaison is stepping down from the board. I would like to thank Carson on behalf of our Society for his contributions, past, present, and future.

I suppose the reoccurring theme so far is the people of the Society, a small group with big ideas and great presence. We, as a group representing the Society, were seated at table number one at the 42nd Royal Highlanders Burn's Dinner last January. We were present as speakers for the Burns Celebration at the Aristocrat, where Mark delivered the "Address to the Haggis". We hosted our own "Burns Lite" where Steven gave a most poignant speech "To the Immortal Memory", and Samuel did the best recounting of the "Tam O' Shanter" I've ever heard. In February we manned a table at the IUPUI International Festival when member Dr. Peter Hylton made his last appearance before spiriting off to Northern Scotland to live and teach with his wife Wendy. In March, we again participated in the St Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Indianapolis. We continued on through the year, this small group, "Tasting the Water of Life", learning about Duggerland, parading with the Nationalities Council in the 500 Festival Parade, as well as the 4th of July Parade in Carmel. We were represented at Irish Fest, where I dare say we pass off more information about our heritage from our 10 x 10 booth, than the Irish do about their heritage with their entire Festival. We learned about "The Bonnie Prince and his Ladies", The Gordon Highlanders, and about "A Tailor in the Army of Prince Charles". In July, a group of us represented the Society and Festival at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. A number of people recognized who and what we were by our red name tags. We garnered many queries about our group and the Games. It seems people are watching. In August, we had our 1st Summer Celebration" with over a hundred in

attendance, reveling in our Scottish heritage. We hosted a Kilt Night, and attended in force the 1st Annual MidSommer Festival as a member nation of the Latvian Center. We exhibited at the Columbus Games, where we walked in the parade of clans and again sponsored the Best Clan Tent Award. At the Indy International Festival we won 2nd place for Education. The NCI president who

The 2016 State of the Society Address
Scottish Society of Indianapolis
11/19/2016

Ladies and Gentlemen, Board of Trustees, Fellow Scots. Welcome to you all, I am very pleased to see such a large turnout for one of our most important meetings of the year. I would like to thank Steven in his execution, providing us with such a delightful evening and Rick Blackledge for the marvelous décor. Finally, thanks to Jim George for the wonderful meal.

Our Society is in a sense much like the country our ancestors came from. Scotland is a wee place comparably

presided over the Festival just happened to be wearing a kilt, coincidence I think not. Our small group has broadened our presence across many cultures, peoples, and it seems outside the borders of our city and the State of Indiana.

We hosted the 7th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival this year. Our games are indeed the greatest way we make an impression in our city. Thousands bore witness to the success of this venture. Lise and Deneice, in the three short years you have served as chairs, have led the committee in creating one of the finest festivals of its kind in the Midwest. The children's quest is a stroke of genius, what a fantastic way of immersing the wee ones in Scottish Heritage. Our cultural and educational impact on the community is tremendous, and I congratulate you on a job well done.

The Society has prospered and grown in all of this. We have added 23 new members this year, bringing us to 124 family, individual, and life memberships. I'm pleased to report that as of today in our three accounts we total nearly 58,000 dollars and that the Society is indeed solvent, and I must note, the games are paid for. This, of course, insures the continuation of our Society and our festival for many years to come.

As many of you know, we have entered into a partnership with Indiana University's School of Liberal Arts to endow a scholarship program to help fund student's pursuits in Scottish studies. This is perhaps our finest accomplishment to date. The Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis McMath Scholarship will indeed fulfill our charter of education in a way that we couldn't have even considered just a few years ago. I received three letters from Indiana University, one from the University President, the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, and the President of the Scholarship Match Fund. (Read from letters). This will be one of our greatest legacies, indeed it will be one of mine and I hope the future will remember what we have created here.

Just like our ancestors from a small place across the sea, we the Scottish Society of Indianapolis have made impact through presence and education where ever we have gone. I, as your president, declare 2016 a year of success in Gach ni Albanach and I know we will, as this small band of Scots, endeavor to make a big impression in the years to come. May we stand and hold our glasses high and make a toast to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis and its successes past present and future. Thank you for your confidence in me as we move into another year!

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Robin Jarrett, FSA Scot

Clan Wallace

President Scottish Society of Indianapolis

The 2016 Indianapolis Highland Games and Festival

By Games Co-chairs Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett

Our 2016 Highland Games were a great success! We had 65 athletes participating, and great attendance at all of our entertainment venues including Celtic music performances and dancers. Mayor Joe Hogsett visited our event and read a proclamation declaring October 8, 2016 "Scottish Heritage Day." Our pipe bands enchanted the festival goers all through the day by playing and marching around the festival grounds. The clan tents had beautiful displays and information about clan history and current happenings. Many of them had children's activities. The children loved the free face painting and the Quest for King Louis' Gold. In exchange for completing the quest, the children received a scroll and an invitation to one of 2 knighting ceremonies performed by His Highness Prince Charles, and chose a prize from King Louis' Treasure Chest. Our Scottish Society of Indianapolis Tent offered festival goers information about Scottish history, famous Scottish inventors, an opportunity to look up their family clans and tartans. Our whisky tasting events were very popular, and festival goers learned about the history of whisky and the differences in whisky according to region. Our volunteers also helped to complete the festival feel by interacting with our guests in a fun and engaging manner. All of our food vendors had traditional Scottish foods to offer. Our Scottish market vendors sold Scottish merchandise from Celtic jewelry, family crest t-shirts, kilts etc.



The Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival

October 14, 2017

Please save the date, October 14, 2017 for the eighth annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. Our next planning meeting (with a pitch-in breakfast) is at 10:00 am, Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the home of Lise and Matthew Douglass, 11564 Senie Lane, Carmel, IN 46032. Please join us!



CALENDAR of EVENTS

January

- 1 Membership renewals are due
- 11 SSI Dinner Meeting 6:30pm Program, "Burns Lite" presented by members of the Society.
- 19 SSI Board of Trustee's meeting Claddagh 3835 E. 96th St. Indianapolis 46240
- 28 SSGB Burns' Dinner, American Legion Post #18 1800 W 3rd St Bloomington IN
- 28 The 42nd Royal Highlanders Burns Supper @ The Trails, 325 Burnett's Rd West Lafayette, IN

February

- 4 Scottish Society of Louisville, Burns' Night Gala @ Woodhaven Country Club, 7200 Woodhaven Rd Louisville KY
- 8 SSI Dinner Meeting 6:30pm, Program, "Annual Scotch Tasting" presented by Arnie Lewin and Elite Beverages
- 16 SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh 3835 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, 46240
- 18 ISHG&F committee meeting 10:00am, breakfast pitch-in @ Matt and Lise Douglass's
- 22 13th Annual IUPUI International Festival IUPUI Campus Center, 420 University Blvd, Indpls.

March

- 8 SSI Dinner Meeting 6:30pm, Program, Program TBA.
- 16 SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh 3835 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, 46240
- 17 36th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, downtown Indianapolis

April and beyond

- April 6 National Tartan Day
- April 12 SSI Dinner Meeting 6:30pm, Program TBA
- Aug 19 Scottish Society of Indianapolis "Summer Celebration" 5pm, Latvian Community Center
- Sept 9-10 Columbus Scottish Festival, Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus IN
- Oct 14 8th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, German Park
- Nov 41st Annual Indy International Festival, Indiana State Fairgrounds
- Nov 18 SSI St. Andrews' Dinner, location TBD

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

President, Robin Jarrett wishes a hearty, "Failte Chun Ar Cumann!" or "Welcome to our Society!"
Join us in giving our new members a warm welcome:

Alice & David Berger
Chris Chambers
Michael Dollinger
Dennis Graham
Charlotte & Lewis Oney

Rob Carter
Greg & Barbara Chambers
John & Danielle Freeland
Thomas & Jennifer McDuffee
Francine Stonehouse

Members, new and existing, may contact Steven Johnson, treasurer, to order a name badge.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS MEETINGS

LATIVIAN CENTER
1008 WEST 64TH STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, 46260

6:30 – Social Time

7:00 – Announcements and Dinner

8:00 – Program/Guest Speaker

	January	February	March
Date	Wednesday, January 11th	Wednesday February 8th	Wednesday, March 8th
Meat Dish	Mary Thompson (Pork) Robin Jarrett (Haggis)	Lise Douglass (fried chicken)	TBA
Program	Burns' Lite	Annual Scotch Tasting Arnie Lewin, Elite Beverages	TBA
Side Dish	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>Meeting Costs: Members \$5, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free.</p> <p>Bring place settings and beverages of your choice.</p> <p>Scotch whisky available, \$3 a shot.</p>			

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Fort William

By Armand Hayes

Fort William was originally named after William of Orange. The modern Gaelic name for Fort William, *An Gearasdan* is derived from the English garrison. The surrounding area includes many remarkable historic landmarks. In nearby Kinloch lies the evidence of the first human settlement, on the Isle of Rhum in Lochaber. There is a vitrified Fort in Glen Nevis at Dun Deardill. At Fort Williams itself, is the old Inverlochry Castle. The 1st Battle of Inverlochry took place between Donald Balloch MacDonald and royalist forces of King James, lead by the Earls of Mar and Caithness; as well as the second battle in which Montrose's army completed an overnight forced march to take the Duke of Argyll's army. In 1692, the area sustained the sad 'Massacre of Glencoe', where a detachment of troops being hospitably received, turned on the McLains of Glencoe in the wee hours of a winters night, men, women, and children. It is the home of Ben Nevis distillery, first made as 'Long John' MacDonald's dew of Ben Nevis. And also is home of the Mountain Biking World Cup.

Not far from Fort Williams, is a town that is called Glenfinnan, where the '45 Jacobite Rebellion began and Bonnie Prince Charlie first raised the Jacobite Standard. The French, Irish and Scottish Brigades landed at Loch Nan Uamh at Arisaig, followed the road running along Loch Eilt. Then proceeded on East to Glenfinnan; clansmen being raised along the way. Following the Loch Eil and crossing over Loch Linnhe and on to Edinburg, Carlisle, and then Derby. Prince Charlie and his Jacobite army had taken Scotland in approximately six weeks and won against the government troops at Prestonpans. And then again in 1746, the Siege of Fort William, the 1,500 man Jacobite army with 200 French artillery laid siege for 5 weeks.

Four miles from Fort Williams lies the ruins of Torcastle, above the Cat Pool (Buinne a'Chait), where the MacPhersons, MacIntosh, and Camerons held sway for almost 1,000 years. Today, Archnacarry Castle remains a fine seat for Clan Chattan.

There are many bed and breakfasts in and around Fort Williams, including the famous Lime Tree Hotel. Visit the West Highland Museum for more history of the area or the Clan Cameron museum in nearby Archnacarry. And who knows, perhaps fate will lead you north to Loch Ness and on to Culloden Moore or to Invernes where you can visit the Castle Museum and Library!

Armand Hayes writes for the Thistle, is a residential Real Estate Agent with Tucker Realty, and a former Trustee of and longtime member of SSI.

Reprint of Interview with Treasurer Steven Johnson by Celtic Life Magazine about:

The Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival

<http://www.celticlifeintl.com/indianapolis-scottish-highland-games-festival>

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Celts of all sorts and sizes will gather in Indianapolis this weekend for the city's 7th annual Scottish Highland Games & Festival. Recently we spoke with event board member Steven Johnson about what attendees can expect.

What is your own ethnicity?

I am of Scottish and Native American descent through my mother. The largest clan affiliation I have is with Clan Douglas. Douglas is my maternal grandmother's maiden name. That part of my family is from eastern Tennessee.

When and why did you get involved with the Festival?

I was treasurer for the Scottish Society of Indianapolis in 2009 when we decided the time was right to organize our own highland games and festival. I enjoy being part of something new, so I looked forward to helping get our festival started. I left the SSI board of trustees at the end of 2009 to pursue my graduate degree, but remained involved with our festival every year, because I feel my contribution can help make it an exciting event for our patrons and members. More importantly, I take pride in being part of a dedicated group of volunteers.

What are your roles and responsibilities there?

For our first festival, I coordinated the entertainers and opening ceremony. I have worked in other areas over the years. I joined the board of trustees again in 2014 and since then I have served as the treasurer. I am responsible for managing our bank accounts and all monies coming in and going out. Because we have two organizations, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis and the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis, I have to track income and expenses for each entity separately.

What are the challenges involved?

Two of our biggest challenges are gathering sponsorships and promoting the festival. But just like whether the chicken or the egg came first, we need sponsorship in order to advertise and we need to make more people aware of our festival so sponsors know their investment is well-spent.

What are the rewards?

The best reward for me is seeing how much people enjoy the festival. Our co-chairs and organizing committee have worked all year for this one day and we love to see the smiling faces on people enjoying the bands, or the “oohs” and “aahs” when people are watching the athletes compete. Next would be knowing that our festival is supporting cultural education, with an endowment for Scottish Gaelic studies at Indiana University – Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Why is it an important event for the community?

I think it's important for people to connect to their heritage and our festival helps our community learn more about its Scottish and Celtic roots.

Who traditionally attends the Festival?

Many who attend our festival are of Scottish, Celtic, or Irish descent. Others are people who just enjoy outdoor events, listening to bands, or seeing highland games in person.

What can they expect this year?

We had about 70 athletes compete in 2015 and patrons can expect as many or more this year. New this year is the era represented by our re-enactors, who will portray Bonnie Prince Charlie and his court. We received great feedback about our vendors, so people can expect several returning vendors along with a couple new local ones.

How has the event evolved through the years?

Our festival has grown every year, and as a result, we have had to make changes. One of the first growth spurts was in our third year when we outgrew the land used for the previous festivals. While we have enough room for more patrons now in our current location, we will soon need a larger space to accommodate larger bands and more clans and vendors. Our re-enactors have changed eras over the years to have new activities for patrons to see and participate in. Our organizing committee works hard to make the festival better for participants and patrons, so people won't see the same thing year after year.

Will you remain involved with the event in the years ahead?

I guess as long as our membership will have me, I will be the treasurer. I plan to be in this position for a couple more years at least. As a board member, I have a responsibility to the membership to be involved with the biggest event of the year. I like working with our co-chairwomen and the organizing committee, so I know I'll be involved in our festival somehow.

How else are you involved with the Celtic community there?

I participate in as many of our events as I can throughout the year. We work year-round to educate people about Scottish and Celtic culture at our monthly programs and participation in other events. We have pitch-in dinner meetings so our members and guests can socialize with each other and learn from each other.

Is enough being done to preserve and promote Celtic culture generally?

Our Scottish Society of Indianapolis, and all of the clan associations and Scottish festivals around the country face a big hurdle to preserve a heritage which for so many of us is many generations ago. I think more can be done to promote our Celtic culture but we need to learn more about how to get our message across in a way that people will respond.

What can we be doing better?

I really enjoy representing our Society because I like helping people discover their heritage, but that may only be at a few festivals during the year. I think we can do better at connecting with other organizations to share our knowledge with their audiences.

Thanks to SSI Treasurer Steven Johnson.



A Short History of Clan Keith

By Carter Keith



MOTTO: Veritas Vincit (Truth Prevails or Conquers)

PLANT BADGE: White Rose

WAR CRY: 'A Keith, Veritas Vincit!'

CLAN CHIEF: The 14th Earl Kintore is the current Chief and resides at Keith Hall in Scotland.



Legend has it the Clan was originally a tribe of Teutonic Celts residing in what is now Southwestern Germany. They were called the Chatti and were driven to the northwest by the Romans to eventually land in East Lothian in Scotland.

The story of the Keiths is not so much about their legendary feud with Clan Gunn as their progress as the Hereditary Marischals of Scotland-keepers of the royal horses.

Sir Robert Keith, Great Marischal, commanded the cavalry of Robert the Bruce at the Battle of Banockburn in 1314 and led a charge with Clan Douglas that nearly captured the fleeing English King.

Sir William Keith was created 1st Earl Marischal of Scotland by James II in 1458. The 4th Earl founded Marischal College at Aberdeen which survives to this day as a part of Aberdeen University, as the Keiths rose to become one of the most powerful clans in Scotland.

William, 7th Earl who was also Warden of the Regalia of Scotland. After the defeat of King Charles II, William sent the regalia of Scotland to his fortress castle Dunnottar to keep them from Cromwell's forces who ended up laying siege to the castle for eight months. Before it fell, the regalia were smuggled in a basket by a young woman to a nearby church and held there until the Restoration.

One of the sons of the 9th Earl, James Francis Edward Keith, served as a General in the Russian army of Tsar Peter the Great and participated in the Tsar's battles against the Turks. Later he became a Field Marshal and Governor of Berlin under Fredrick the Great, King of Prussia. He invented the concept of war games and was killed at the Battle of Hochkirch during the Seven Years War of 1756-63. Fredrick had a statue of him erected in Dresden, Germany.

As concerns their feud with Clan Gunn, a peace treaty was executed and signed in the 1970s by the Chief of Clan Keith and the Commander of Clan Gunn.

The clan tartan is blue and green. The 14th Earl Kintore is the current Chief and resides at Keith Hall in Scotland.

Hidden Gold Laddie – A Buried Treasure

By Armand Hayes

For all of you treasure hunters, there is a hope by many to find the hidden Jacobite Treasure that has never been found; aye in Scotland, don't ya know. The treasure is said to be hidden near Loch Arkaig which is an east-west loch to the West of Loch Lomond and Loch Lomony, and West of the Great Glen. The towns of Achnacarry, Inver Mallie, Murlaggen, and Fort William are situated along the loch, as several others. The Arkaig, Pean, and Dessarry Rivers empty into the Loch, and the mountains of Lochaber lie to the North. The loch also holds one of the mysterious ancient tales of a water horse who some say guard the treasure. The water horse has a written account by James Harris, 3rd Earl of Malmesbury, and twice foreign minister of Queen Victoria. On the Eastern edge lies a ruined chapel of St Columba on Eileen Loch Airceig (Island of Columkill).

The treasure is said to have been 35,000 French louis and also 400,000 livres of Spanish gold, that had been pledged and given to help finance the Jacobite war of 1745. The French warships had delivered the gold within a few days of the battle of Culloden Moor, unknowing before delivery that the battle had taken place. The gold was transferred into small casks, and five Jacobite clans accepting the treasure had arranged to meet Prince Charlie on the Isles. Two Scottish Jacobite soldiers and an Irish Officer were court-martialed as a result. The Irish officer escaped and later confessed his crime to a Catholic priest, providing some proof that yes indeed, the treasure lies near Arkaig.

Back to the story, when the French ships were unloading the gold, ball and powder, three Hanoverian ships were spotted, the Jacobite detachment went southwest and the two French ships fled out to sea, battling the Hanoverian ships, severely damaging one and chasing the other two out to sea. The gold was divided up to prevent its capture, a point was arranged to meet up and the detachments were ready to leave. Unfortunately, the English militia showed, and the five clan of Jacobite's withdrew rapidly.

When Jacobite General, Lord George Murray was later captured, only a bag full of guineas were found and his lieutenants were scattered. The English managed a partial confession by one of the Jacobite prisoners that they had buried the treasure on the lower end of the Loch. When the English dug on the confessed spot, they only found a corpse, but no evidence that the treasure had been there. The mystery is, was the treasure really there? Or was the original hiding spot not actually revealed? And was the treasure really buried at Loch Arkaig, as many believe?



FOR YOU RAILROAD BUFFS



By Armand Hayes

Though there were rail systems in the 1830's, there were no connected rail systems as there were in England. The 'Caladonian Rail System' was developed in 1845 to connect rail systems between Glasgow, Edinburg, and Carlisle. In 1848, the 'Caladonian Rail System' formed an alliance with the 'English rail System' and the 'London and North Western Railway', supported by both English and Scottish investors. It was connected to what was a then larger system such as the 'North British Railway' and the 'Glasgow and South Western Railway'. In 1848, for the first time a railway ran from Glasgow to London non-stop.

As passenger service began, it became obvious that rail systems were indeed the transportation way of the future as did its American counterparts. Prior to the boom in Scotland, railways primarily ran raw materials short distances from its source to its place of direct distribution either in Glasgow, Dundee, or Edinburg and no farther. As a result of Queen Victorian involvement around 1837, all of this began to change such as by the ‘*Tranent and Cockenzie Wagonway*’ or the ‘*Kilmanark and Troon Railways*’. The ‘*North British Railway*’, built a bridge that did not last across the Tay, which in 1879 collapsed due to improper steel and a storm. The bridge was rebuilt and soon one could get from one end of the British Isles to the other in a matter of hours instead of weeks. As always, this brought culture, goods, and services inwards and modernization forwards.



By 1870, train engines became a key Scottish export industry, and tens of thousands of engines, train equipment, and rails were being sent to India, South Africa, France, and South America. Twenty-five percent of the worlds steam engines were being manufactured in the Glasgow area. Tourism then began to flourish and camps, recreational parks, and hotels were being set up all across Scotland.

So for you railroad enthusiasts, see how your ancestry in Scotland rode the rails at the “*Museum of Scottish Railways*” in Bo’ness, west of Edinburg. There you will find not only railroad artifacts, cars, and engines, but Scotland’s only Royal Saloon coach, the Fish Van car with a sloping floor, and Scotland’s oldest surviving rail wagon, in Scotland’s largest rail museum.



“Rest and Be Thankful”

By Armand Hayes

Argyll Scotland is quite literally a beautiful place, serene in its magnificence, where travelers stop to rest and be peaceful along the A83, as did ancient travelers. In the 1750’s, at the end of the road construction, the soldiers who built the road erected a stone with these words chiseled into it. As peaceful as any mountain turn in Pennsylvania or the

Rockies, in its origin was a military road built between Dumbarton and Inveraray as part of the Highland roads network. It is run from Loch Lomond - running from Tarbet to Fort William, which travels up a steep incline and levels out at this point near Glen Croe. It is now part of the Argyll Forrest Park.

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: Latvian Community Center, 1008 W 64th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260

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.

Whisky Office Update

Whisky Policies and Programmes

--by Matthew Douglass, Vice President of Whisky

It has come to my attention that we have many new members who may not as yet have been fully informed as to the Scotch whisky policies and programmes at the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. As Vice President of Whisky, it is my solemn duty to apprise all new members, and to remind all sustaining members, of these important matters.

Proper Spelling of Whisky: Firstly, let's get this straight. Scotch whisky is spelled with no "e". Whiskey with an "e" refers to the American and Irish beverage, whereas whisky without the "e" refers to the Scottish and Canadian varieties. Is the plural of whisky spelled "-kys" or "-kies"? The plural of whisky is often spelled "DUI".

Whisky Bar: The Society maintains a delicious whisky bar for the use of any of its members and guests who are of legal drinking age during our monthly dinner meetings. The bar is generally set up on a table at the back of the meeting hall.

Whisky Rules: The charge is only \$3 per shot; a nominal fee considering the fine marques that grace our collection. Please note that a shot is 1.5 ounces, and shot glasses may be found on the table with the whisky for the correct measuring thereof. Mix whatever you like in common blended scotches, Bourbon, or rye whiskey, but single malts may not be adulterated or combined with any contaminant except a judiciously metred amount water, or possibly a single cube of ice, preferably from a pure Scottish spring. We are quite strict on this, sanctions includes public embarrassment.

Annual Whisky Tastings: We have two annual tastings; at the February dinner meeting, (or sometimes March) and at our Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival in October. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, there is no additional charge for the tastings.





2017 Membership Renewal Form

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

- Life Individual \$250 Life Family \$350 Family \$35/yr. Individual \$25/yr.
 Student \$10/yr. Senior Family \$30/yr. Senior Individual \$21/yr.

Contact Information:

_____	_____	_____
<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-Mail</i>
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<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-Mail</i>

E-mail is used to send the SSI newsletter four times each year, as well as occasional announcements about SSI events, unless you request us not to. We do not sell or share e-mail with any 3rd party, and we prohibit any party from using this e-mail for any other purpose.

- Do not send the newsletter via e-mail. Do not send SSI announcements via e-mail

Dependents (optional):

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>

Address:

_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>

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. Please send my newsletter via U.S. postal mail.

Clan Affiliation(s):

Scottish ancestry or affiliation is not required.

Note: If you are a *new member*, your membership dues will be halved from June on, in the year of application. 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 \$7.00 per person as often as you like.

You may bring your payment to the next meeting or send to: **The Scottish Society of Indianapolis**, 11722 Allisonville Road, Suite 103, #234 Fishers, IN 46038-2327.

RESOURCES

Magazines

The Highlander Magazine is a magazine of Scottish Heritage, including articles of cultural history, military history, famous Scots, castles, heritage, traditions, legends, genealogy, clan news, music and celebrations, and event listings. The magazine is published bimonthly thru Angus J. Ray Associates, Inc.

www.highlandermagazine.com

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Online Publications

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Organizations accessible on line

Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc. (COSCA) is a service and advocacy organization that provides support and assistance to the many Scottish clans and organizations active in the United States.

Heritage should never come to an end. But who makes sure? Heritage, language, places, relics, culture, values, ancestry. They can all pass away in a surprised and exasperated heartbeat. Unfortunately there is no governmental 'Department of Scottish American Heritage' that will keep our very special culture and history alive and relevant in this forward looking age. www.cosca.scot

Scottish Tartans Museum is in Franklin, NC; and is a non-profit heritage center. They fund themselves by the sales from their gift shop. It was founded in 1963 as a tribute and study of the history of origins and the development of tartans and the Scottish emigration experience into North Carolina.

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Language

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American Scottish Gaelic Society: (An Comunn Gaidhealach Ameireaganach) Gaelic is the language of the Scottish Highlands and islands and is one of the few surviving Celtic languages, once spoken throughout Scotland. Gaelic has existed in the British Isles far longer than English and is closely related to Irish and Manx. Scottish Gaelic is more distantly related to Welsh, Cornish, and Breton. ACGA's mission is to nurture and preserve Scottish Gaelic language and culture, particularly in North America. <http://www.acgamerica.org/>