



# The Scottish Society of Louisville

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Winter is just around the corner!

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## *We Are The Scottish Society of Louisville*

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish Ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious affiliation.



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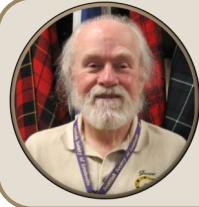
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**  
**Bruce Wilson**

Hello, fellow Scottish Society Members. Hopefully you are doing very well.

Thanks to the many who came to the virtual monthly meeting the other night. Mandy Dick gave a great performance as the spooky storyteller. If you missed it, you missed out on a wonderful presentation. Make sure to check out the recording on the Scottish Society website.

With all the events being cancelled, Damien Burns is putting together a virtual Burns' Night celebration for the upcoming year. He is working very hard on this, and we have a lot of volunteers willing to perform all the things that make Burns' Night special.

Hope to see more of you at the next Virtual Membership Meeting in November. Take care and be safe.

Bruce Wilson, President



**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
**Linda Wilson**

**SSL Membership Virtual Meeting**

October 27, 2020

Mr. Wilson thanked all for attending our virtual meeting, which started at 7:15PM. Program Commissioner Robbin Goodin introduced our presenter, storyteller Mandy Dick. She is sharing Scottish Halloween tales with us tonight.

Mandy started with the story of The Great Eastern, as she said someone had asked for it in the past, but she could not remember his name. In the 19th century steamships were the ultimate in speed, reliability, and safety. In the early 19th century, an amazing engineer named Isenbard Kingdom Rummell designed many steamships. He designed the largest steamship of the

time, The Great Eastern. Many problems arose during the construction of the ship, and it took 6 years to build. It was a double-hulled ship, which was common at the time. During construction, several things happened to delay construction. A riveter and his apprentice disappeared. A search was made, but neither man was found. Workers began to hear strange noises from inside the hull, hammering and tapping, and on a still night screams and cries could be heard. Finally, another search was made, as the hull had not yet been sealed up. Again, nothing was found. But the noises continued.

When the ship was finally finished, the captain's launch capsized on the way to the ship, and he and two others were drowned. A crane accident killed 5 men and injured another, then a boiler explosion killed 6 more men. Finally finished, she was launched in 1859; she was equipped to carry 4000 passengers and 400 crew. On her first voyage she carried 43 passengers, far less than capacity, but people were put off by the ship's reputation for deadly accidents. When they reached New York, one of the ship's side wheels tore up the dock. The ship was too big for the available facilities to moor safely. After repairs, the ship returned to England. On the second voyage, there were 40 passengers. On arrival in New York, a gash was torn in the outer hull. Once again, the ship needed repairs before returning to England. One more passenger run was made, but people did not want to travel on such an ill-fated ship. It was converted to a merchant ship and used to haul freight.

When the Trans-Atlantic Cable was set to be laid, The Great Eastern was chosen to haul the 2200 feet of cable needed. The ship was large enough to carry all the needed cable. Halfway across, the cable broke. They were unable to find the cable to splice it together, and the ship went back to England. The ship was outfitted again with the needed cable in 1866, and this time was successful in laying the first trans-Atlantic cable from England to New York.

She continued in service as a merchant vessel for about 20 years. Eventually, the ship was retired and cut apart for salvage. It took 200 men working 7 days a week 2 years to finish the job. During the dismantling, two skeletons were discovered inside the double hull. The missing workers had been found and we hope they were given a decent burial.

Her second story was about Fyvie Castle, a fearsome-looking block of a castle which is the longest

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*continuously occupied castle in Argyll, Scotland, built in the early 1200's. About the 1400's, there was a very eccentric bard named Tanner the Rhymer who traveled about, taking the news and entertaining people. It was said that he could control the weather, and if he became angry, storm clouds quickly gathered and rain fell. If he were in a good mood, it was sunny and fair. He was held in great esteem by all, and people were careful not to anger him.*

*He let it be known that he wanted to visit Fyvie Castle, and the Laird had the door opened, and swore it would not close until after Tanner had come to visit. He was a little late. He did not go straight to the castle, but the doors were kept open for him all the same. It took him seven years to reach the castle, and the door was kept open all that time. But just as he reached the great door, a storm sprang up, not of his doing, and the door slammed shut in his face. He became enraged, and cursed the family for the insult, though it was not of their doing. He said the Laird of Fyvie would never be succeeded by his eldest son until three stones that had been one were reunited. One was at the bottom of a deep lake, one in the foundation of the castle, and one was in the wood that surrounds the castle. This stone was eventually found.*

*Since only one stone was ever found, the laird has never been succeeded by the eldest son. They have died in battle, from disease, or gone overseas and died before they can succeed their father. The one stone that was found was kept in a bowl in the castle, as it oozed water continually, requiring the bowl to be emptied daily.*

*A man named Thomas Seaton took control of Fyvie Castle and married a wealthy woman, Dame Lillias Drummond, who bore him four daughters. He was angry with his wife for not giving him a son and began to ignore her and treat her shabbily. He became enamored of a sixteen-year old girl, the daughter of a neighbor, and wanted to marry her, believing she could give him the sons he so desired. And so, he devised a scheme to rid himself of his wife. He let it be known that she was unwell and could receive no visitors. She died, and it is believed that he locked her up and let her starve to death. Immediately after her death, he married Griselda. On their wedding night, they had no rest in their sumptuous bedchamber, as there were sounds of loud moaning, groaning and scratching just outside their chamber window. This was impossible, as the window was very high up in the castle. A search was*

*made, but nothing was found. All returned to their beds, but the scratching and moaning continued all through the night. In the morning, the new bride opened her high window to find the former wife's name, D. Lillias Drummond, scratched into the stone of the windowsill in letters 3 inches high. Thomas Seaton did not live long after. And ever after, her ghost has been called the Green Lady of Fyvie Castle.*

#### *Next, The Piper of Dunroon*

*Dunroon Castle was occupied by an ambitious man named Colkita, of the Campbell clan, who went by Kita. He was six feet six inches tall, and a formidable sight in battle with his great Claymore. This was a time of unrest due to religious animosities. He was Catholic and fought for the King, who wanted to make Catholicism the religion for all. Kita took over the surrounding countryside, and believing his castle to be safe, he left it only lightly garrisoned while he took his army to conquer those who were not immediate neighbors. He also left his best piper behind in the safety of the castle, as he believed no one would harm a piper, as they were held in such high esteem.*

*Clan Malcolm attacked his castle in his absence, and quickly overwhelmed the small garrison. All the survivors were imprisoned except for the piper. He was allowed the run of the castle and was required to play every day as he had always done, to keep up the fiction that all was well at the castle.*

*When Kita's ships were sighted on his return, the piper went up on the wall and played. At first, the piping was the usual welcome home, but then the piping began to change to something that meant 'turn away'. Kita realized something was wrong and turned his ships away from the castle and escaped. As punishment, the piper's captors cut off his hands and let him bleed to death. For years after that, people heard a piper playing when none was there.*

*In 1888, restoration work turned up a complete skeleton in the courtyard, except for the hands, which were nowhere to be found. The skeleton was taken up and buried by the bishop himself with full honors as the castle's piper. But because he was buried with the Anglican rites, he is supposed to roam the castle, playing from time to time, as he cannot rest.*

*Cheri told us that there is a story about Tanner the Rhymer in her future presentation. Archie Cunningham*

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**let us know that he was the one who had asked for the story of The Great Eastern.**

**After Mandy finished with her presentation, Mr. Wilson and the audience thanked her for the Scottish tales she shared with us. We really enjoyed them, and they were just right for Halloween.**

**Mr. Wilson asked for visitors, but there were none. Mark Johnson told us that his new book, *Sherlock Holmes and the Werewolf of Edinburgh, Book 2* will be available on Amazon on November 10, and at Barnes & Noble soon. He will let us know if there are any book signings, though none are on the horizon at this time. He reminded us that he writes as M.J. Downing. Marla Jo suggested that John Moffett announce the book's release in the newsletter, which he said he would be glad to do. Mark will send him the information.**

**Mr. Wilson started our monthly virtual meeting by thanking all who had been able to come. He then asked for any old business. Seeing as there was none, he invited all to imbibe in their favorite beverage, and then went on to new business. He had received an email from Brigdet Letts about restaurants that will donate 15% to 20% of profits if our members eat there. He sent this to Robbin, who had not read it yet. He asked her to read it and let him know if she thinks this would be a good idea. She will get back to him later.**

**David Rummler said that he will put his name to be a Regional Celtic Commissioner.**

**Vice President Jim Hughes just had surgery, and Jean said there was no report.**

**Secretary Linda Wilson had nothing to report.**

**Treasurer Cheri Eskridge reported the account totals. The Heritage Fund has paid \$553 for three sets of lessons. John Dickson asked when the audit can be done. Jeff Forbes, John Dickson and Cheri are on the finance committee. Cheri said she will email John and Jeff, and they can arrange a date for the audit.**

**Membership Commissioner Marla Jo Cameron reported that we have 70 family members, 33 Life members, and 37 individual members, giving us a total of 140 members. We have several new members, which are reflected on the newest member roster.**

**Hospitality Commissioner Anne Lewis had no report.**

**Program Commissioner Robbin Goodin reported that nothing is going on at this time. Next year some things should be available. She will update in the newsletter as she gets new information, hopefully by the December newsletter.**

**John Moffett said the newsletter is almost done, and he just needs some reports from officers and a write-up on Mandy's stories to publish.**

**Member At Large Dianne Holland was not at the meeting, but Pat Schweitzer was able to attend. Mr. Wilson and Pat discussed the Facebook page, and he agreed that she could do this if it was all right with Archie. Pat called Archie Cunningham about the Scottish Society Facebook page. They discussed it, and Pat asked if she could take on this responsibility. Pat said that Archie was glad to let her do this. She will post something every day, so check out The Scottish Society of Louisville on Facebook and 'Like' it. She said to make sure to include 'The' in the name. Mr. Wilson thanked Archie for his service the past few years. There is no report for the Clan McFritz, and Pat told Mr. Wilson to please take Clan McFritz off the agenda until something starts happening again. She says she'll let him know when she has something to report.**

**John Moffett asked if anyone had heard how Melissa Ingram and the Celtic Pig food truck were doing. Mr. Wilson spoke to Melissa recently, and the food truck is in business, though the restaurant is still closed. John has heard of an opportunity for the food truck, and he will contact Melissa to let her know.**

**Mr. Wilson let members know that his father-in-law had fallen and broken his collar bone. He is in a sling and doing well, and no surgery was needed.**

**Electronic Commissioner Damien Burns explained that he will take pictures and videos from previous Burns' Night festivities and make a composite video which he wants to permanently post on the website. Please send him any pictures or videos you may have as soon as possible to give him time to put the video together. He wants to post it on the same day we would have had Burns' Night, January 30, 2021. He will post this memorial of past Burns' Nights on our website permanently, to give people an idea of the kinds of things that the Scottish Society does. This was in the newsletter last month and will be in this month as well.**

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**John and Carol Moffett volunteered to do the Toast to the Lads and Lassies, Mark Johnson said he would do the Address to the Haggis, Jeff Forbes will do the Immortal Memory, we need someone to do the Toast to America and Bruce and Linda Wilson, Gary and Pat Schweitzer, and hopefully another two to four people will video holding the flags. We still need someone to do a Toast to America or the world, a Toast to our Veterans, and a whisky presentation.**

**Everyone will dress as they would for a kirking, or even for Burns' Night. Robbin said that Jim Hughes volunteered to do some short quips between scenes to help pull the video together, and she is hoping that she can arrange for some music as well. The performers will need compensation, and this will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. John Moffett offered a Clan presentation from prior years, and Damien said they will discuss it later. He may be able to put it on a Power Point presentation. Damien wants to do all the recordings himself, so that these will be on the same device. Pat asked if he still wants us to send in pictures and videos of our own, and he encouraged this.**

**Joan Hale suggested a goodie bag with shot glasses, little bottles of booze, and shortbread cookies. This was brought up at a prior meeting, and it was decided that it would be too difficult to deliver the bags and we dropped this idea.**

**Marla Jo pointed out that her flag was left out of the parade of flags last year on Burns' Night, and Mr. Wilson told her they will look for it when they get the flags out of storage at Strathmoor Church so it can be included in the video.**

**There were 31 members present for this meeting, a nice increase in attendance.**

**Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted by Linda Wilson Secretary**



## Alex Rose Award

**At the last SSL Board Meeting, it was decided that there would not be an Award for this year. It has been too difficult with all the restrictions we were not able to function normally. So we will look forward to next year.**



## VIRTUAL BURN'S NIGHT ASSIGNMENTS

- MC—James Hughes
- PowerPoint showing all Clans—James Hughes
- Address to the Haggis—Mark Johnson
- Toast to The United Staters of America— ?
- Toast to Veterans—Jim Hughes Granddaughter
- Toast to the Lassies—John Moffett
- The Lassies' Response—Carol Moffett
- The Immortal Memory—Jeff Forbes
- Flag Procession (Gary & Pat Schweitzer, Bruce & Linda Wilson, and four others)



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Pat Schweitzer will be updating SSL Page daily.

Remember when searching type

**"The Scottish Society of Louisville"**

Enjoy and stay current.

# SSL Virtual Monthly Meeting October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Above: Some of the attendees to the meeting.

[LINK TO ONLINE MEETING](#)

Guest Speaker: [Mandy Dick](#)



*Mandy the Storyteller started with a story about haunted ships. These ships were constructed in the early 1800s and told of stories of their construction and mishaps along the way. The Great Eastern Steam Ship was one that was believed to be cursed and haunted. The Great Eastern was built in 1859 and was almost 700 feet long, which was the largest ship of the day. It had a double steel hull and had 3 means of propulsion; 5 masts for sails, steam driven paddle wheels and a single screw, steam driven propeller. This ship had over 30 deaths associated with the commercial shipping.*

*It is safe to say that the Great Eastern developed a reputation that it was haunted. The ship was built to hold 4,000 passengers and 400 crew. Many of the trips had only 50–100 passengers, because of its haunted reputation. Click Below for more.*

[MORE ON THE GREAT EASTERN SHIP](#)



# Programs and Education Report

## October 2020



*A big thank you to Jennifer and Shawn McCleod for hosting the last Members Night Out. Thank you so much. The crowd was small but mighty! We did mention that another night besides Tuesday might work better and allow more people to join us in the future. So look for the announcement about changes for future Members Night Out meetings.*

*Another thank you to Mandy Dick for treating us to some great stories during our regular, but not regular, October general meeting. I especially liked the story about Fyvie Castle! We enjoyed hearing your tales of fright and it set us up well for Halloween. You are always a delight.*

*And I would like to thank all those people who have provided programs for us this year in unprecedented times. They have learned new skills and risen to the occasion. Thank you for your dedication to the Scottish Society of Louisville.*

*We look forward to Peggy French enlightening us on John Knox and his life for our November program. Be sure to tune in.*

*I am working hard on the 2021 calendar. I have some exciting programs from our members, others in the US, and some surprise speakers from across the sea in Scotland. Stay tuned to the newsletter for the final version in the January issue.*

*If you have a particular program or speaker you would like to hear, please let me know and I will see what I can do.*

*Happy Thanksgiving to all.*

*Until we meet again, stay safe, stay home, stay healthy!  
Peace,*

*Robbin Goodin*



## Scottish Words

**Skean-dhu:** (*skindu*) A short bladed knife, usually, with a black hilt, worn inside of the right stocking as part of a man's Highland outfit.

*Ach, your skean-dhu has worked its way through your sock.*

**Tattie-howkin':** Harvesting potatoes out of the ground

*The fall holidays were traditionally devoted to tattie-howkin'.*



## Did you Miss October's Presentation and Meeting?

If you missed the presentation of Haunted Stories by Mindy the Storyteller and the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting here is a link to the presentation and the Webex Meeting.

[Link to Meeting](#)

## 2021 Calendar Meeting Dates

January 26	July 27
February 23	August 24
March 23	September 28
April 27	October 26
May 25	November 23
June 22	December—No Meeting

# On the Lighter Side

Name the Rock Group that is famous and well known but never sings.

**Answer - Next Page**

♦ **How does a rabbi make coffee?**

Hebrews it!

♦ **Rest in peace boiling water.**

You will be mist!

♦ **How do you throw a space party?**

You planet!

♦ **Why don't scientists trust atoms?**

Because they make up everything!

**November Virtual Meeting  
November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Featuring our own Rev. Peggy French.**

*She will be speaking*

**"FROM KNOX TO WITHERSPOON"**

That is, John Knox to Jonathan Witherspoon.

**A history Reminder...**

*John Knox (1514-1572) was a Scottish minister, theologian, and writer who was a leader of Scotland's Reformation. His efforts broke ties with the Papacy, and he is the founder of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Two centuries later Jonathan Witherspoon (1723-1794), an American Presbyterian Minister, President of what is now Princeton University, was a founding father of the United States and helped draft the Articles of Confederation and supported the Revolution.*

♦ **Why did the gym close down?**

*It just didn't work out!*

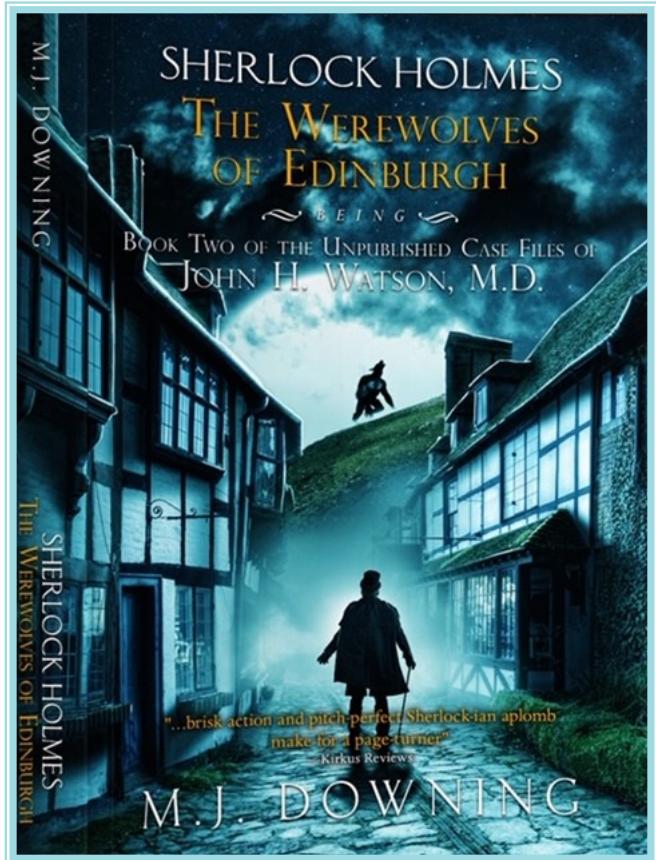
♦ **Two artists had an art contest.**

*It ended in a draw!*

♦ **What did the buffalo say when his son left for college?**

*Bison!*

♦ **I was wondering why the frisbee was getting bigger, then it hit me.**



This is to let you know that on 10 November, my new book, "Sherlock Holmes: The Werewolves of Edinburgh" will be available at Amazon. Presently, they are taking preorders. They will be available at Barnes and Noble on Hurstbourne Lane soon after that. If you need a new Sherlock Holmes story before then, go to <[mjdowningsplace.com](http://mjdowningsplace.com)> sign up for my email list and you should get a free copy of "Sherlock Holmes and the Curious Case of the Vicarage Ghost" by return email.

Famous Rock Group that never sings!

Answer:  
Mount Rushmore

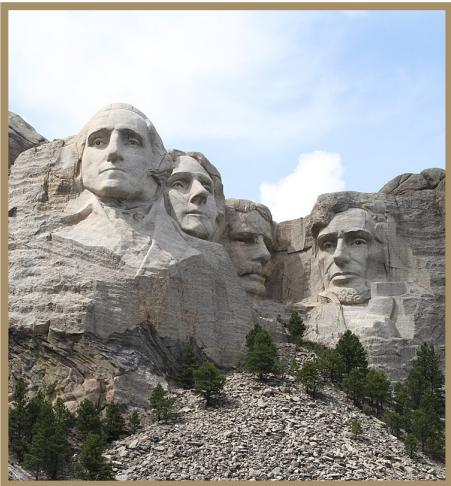


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2019 SSL Auction  
at Celtic Pig Restaurant



# Regional Celtic Commissioner Is Still Vacant and



We need **YOU** to fill it!

The duties include reaching out to the communities in Kentucky and Southern Indiana and being our primary contact for information to flow into SSL so we can be aware of activities of interest. Internally the duties are to register to attend games and community events like WorldFest and seek members to volunteer to participate at the SSL booth or tent. We also sponsor awards for individual competitions at games for piping, drums, and Scottish dance. Contact any Board Member to express your interest.

Also, Robbin Goodin (the outgoing RCC) will help you get started and be available for support if it is needed.

*It is a great way to meet people and help the Society grow.*



## Membership Update

### SSL DUES RENEWAL

Dues renewal notices have already gone out VIA EMAIL. People can print off the form, fill them out & send the payment to

*The Scottish Society of Louisville,  
P. O. Box 32248,  
Louisville, KY 40232-2248.*

**INDIVIDUAL - \$24, FAMILY - \$36**

**LIFE - INDIVIDUAL - \$240, FAMILY -\$360**

Or you can renew your membership and pay your dues Online by clicking on Pay Dues Online below.

### PAY DUES ONLINE

For those who joined in January and February –your membership renewal is due April 1, 2021.

Thanks,  
Marla Jo Cameron  
Membership Commissioner

You are welcome to download the membership brochure which has the information to join.

[\*\*CLICK HERE FOR THE BROCHURE\*\*](#)

### Members as of October 27, 2020

70	Family Memberships
37	Individual Memberships
33	Lifetime Memberships
140	Members Paid





# The Cooking Corner

## Hummingbird Cake - Three layers

Submitted by Melissa Ingram

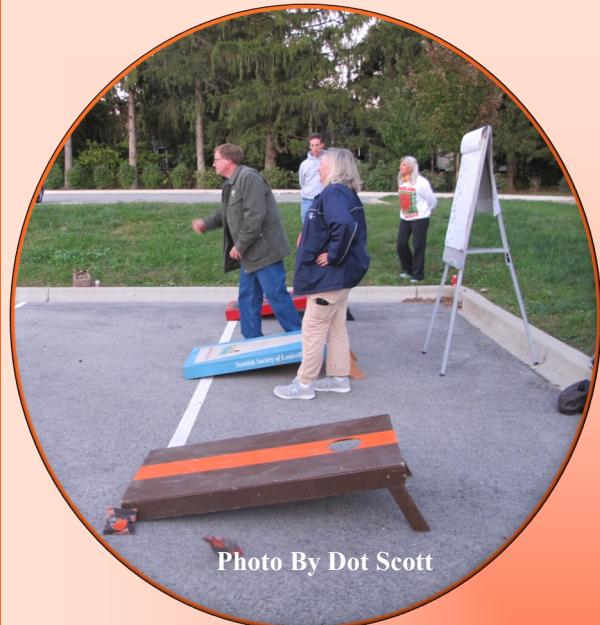
### Ingredients

3 Cups All-Purpose Flour  
1 tsp Baking Soda  
1 tsp Salt  
2 Cups Sugar  
1 tsp Cinnamon  
*Cream Cheese Frosting*  
3 large eggs beaten  
1 Cup Vegetable Oil  
1 ½ tsp Vanilla  
8 oz Crushed Pineapple with juice  
1 Cup Chopped Pecans  
2 Cups Chopped Bananas  
½ Cup of Chopped Pecans

### Directions

- ◆ *Combine first five ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt, sugar and cinnamon)*
- ◆ *Add eggs and oil and mix with dry ingredients just until moist. DO NOT BEAT.*
- ◆ *Stir in Vanilla, Pineapple with juice, 1 cup pecans and bananas.*
- ◆ *Pour the batter into 3 greased and floured 9" cake pans.*
- ◆ *Bake at 350° degrees for 25-30 minutes or until knife inserted comes out clean.*
- ◆ *Cool and ice layers with cream cheese icing.*
- ◆ *Garnish with remaining ½ cup of chopped pecans.*
- ◆ *Enjoy!*

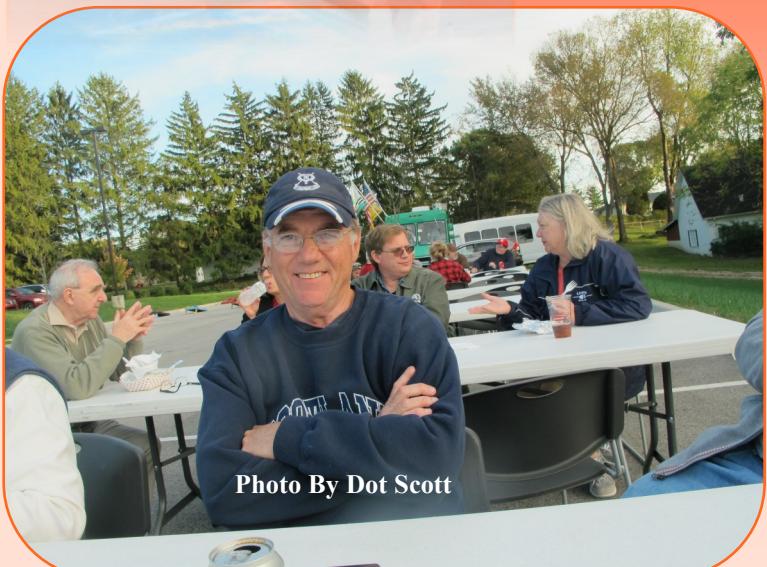




**Meet & Greet Picnic**  
**Food by The Celtic Pig**  
*A Portion of Proceeds go to General Fund*

**October 17, 2017**

*Christ Church  
United Methodist*



# Remembering Kirkings Past



**OKOLONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OCTOBER 28, 2018**

*Thanks to Jennifer Gordon for stepping in at the last minute to play the bagpipes. Peggy delivered a powerful and interesting sermon whose theme was "Unity" which had everyone enthralled. Following the Service which ended with the flag recessional to the tune of "Scotland the Brave", we were treated to a pot-luck lunch, lovingly prepared by the Church members and this was thoroughly enjoyed.*

## Kirking Okolona Presbyterian Church October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019



By James Hughes

Pictured here following the ninth consecutive Kirking at Okolona Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 are the members of the Society who attended and proudly carried their flags. The Service was conducted by our very own Rev. Peggy French; in her sermon, based on the parable of the Pharisee and the publican she beautifully demonstrated the true meaning of humility and encouraged us to adopt this outlook. The music was provided by Jennifer Gordon on pipes and Michael Burkhead on clarinet/guitar.

## SSL Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Time	Day of Week	Event	Venue	Address
November 19, 2020	7:00 PM	Thursday	Members Night Out	VIA ZOOM	Online video
November 24, 2020	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting, "FROM JOHN KNOX TO JONATHON WITHERSPOON" with Peggy French .	WebEx	Online video
December 2020				No Meetings in December	

## Welcome 2021

January 26, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker TBA	WebEx	Online video
January 30, 2021 Robbie Burns		Monday	SSL In-Person Burn's Night Gala <b>CANCELED</b> Virtual Event is Planned	TBA	Watch for Further information
Feb. 6, 2021	6:00 PM	Saturday	Bloomington Burn's Supper <b>This event is CANCELED</b>	Bloomington Free Methodist Church	Bloomington, IN

**Regular Board Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every Month at 7:00 PM.**

**Regular Membership Meetings the 4th Tuesday every month at 7:00 PM.  
Until further notice the Meetings are via Webex or ZOOM Video Conferences.**

# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Day light Savings time Ends</b>	2 <b>Jim Barr</b>	3 	4	5	6	7
8 <b>Judith Bennett Lyle Graham</b>	9	10 <b>7:00 PM SSL Board Mtg Video Conference WebEx</b>	11 	12 <b>Dianne Holland</b>	13	14 <b>Sam Bracken Irene Stuart</b>
15	16 <b>Bruce Campbell Caroline Mills</b>	17 <b>7:00 PM SSL ZOOM Conference Meeting "MEMBERS NIGHT OUT" Jennifer McLeod</b>	18	19	20	21 <b>Jyll Stuart</b>
22 <b>Larry Fahey</b>	23	24 <b>7:00 PM SSL Video Conference Meeting "FROM KNOX TO WEATH- ERSPOON" Rev. Peggy French via WebEx</b>	25 <b>Mary Cunningham</b>	26  <b>Jack Bowling Deanna Campbell</b>	27 	28 <b>Susan Osborn</b>
29 <b>Murl McRae</b>	30 <b>Full Moon</b> 					

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>2-Jim Barr</b>	<b>14-Sam Bracken</b>	<b>17-Jennifer McLeod</b>	<b>26-Jack Bowling</b>
<b>8-Judith Bennett</b>	<b>14-Irene Stuart</b>	<b>21-Jyll Stuart</b>	<b>26-Deanna Campbell</b>
<b>8-Lyle Graham</b>	<b>16-Bruce Campbell</b>	<b>22-Larry Fahey</b>	<b>28-Susan Osborn</b>
<b>12-Dianne Holland</b>	<b>16-Caroline Mills</b>	<b>25-Mary Cunningham</b>	<b>29-Murl McRae</b>

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# December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>No Meetings in December</i>		1  <i>Full Moon</i> 	2	3	4	5 <i>Greg Dillon-Matthews Donna Ulmer</i>
6 <i>Greg Coomer James Lillie</i>	7 <i>Gary Knupp</i>	8 <i>Eleanor Yovich</i>	9 <i>Mary Esch</i>	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Louise Coomer</i>	15	16 <i>Danny Davis</i>	17 <i>Brandt Ford</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Denise Kirzinger</i>  <i>Winter Solstice</i>	22	23	24 	25 <i>Timothy Spaulding</i> 	26 <i>Don Howell Ron Howell</i>
27	28	29 <i>Mick Anderson</i>	30  <i>Full Moon</i> 	31	1-1-2021 	

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>05-Greg Dillon-Matthews</b>	<b>08-Eleanor Yovich</b>	<b>21-Denise Kirzinger</b>
<b>05-Donna Ulmer</b>	<b>09-Mary Esch</b>	<b>25-Timothy Spaulding</b>
<b>06-Greg Coomer</b>	<b>14-Louise Coomer</b>	<b>26-Don Howell</b>
<b>06-James Lillie</b>	<b>16-Danny Davis</b>	<b>26-Ron Howell</b>
<b>07-Gary Knupp</b>	<b>17-Brandt Ford</b>	<b>29-Mick Anderson</b>

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# Family Links

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## BEGINNER LEVEL

### Dower Rights

Dower rights were a protection to a wife so she would not be left out of her husband's wealth after his death. Upon the death of a husband, a widow was entitled to one-third of her husband's estate, thus her dower rights (as a wife) became her dower share (as a widow), often referred to as the widow's third.

Dower was a widow's right to a lifetime interest in one-third of all land owned by her husband, unless she chose, in place of dower, to accept other property left to her under her husband's will. Generally, dower applied to each parcel of land in which the husband held an inheritable interest at any time during the marriage. In the United States, dower is found in the eastern and Midwestern states where law was derived from the common law of England.

Researchers must determine the legal implications in effect at the time of the dower to form a hypothesis or a conclusion from the presence or absence of a wife or mother's mention in a deed, will, or intestate land distribution. If you locate a deed from a married man which his wife had not joined in making, does it mean that she had already died? In most American colonies and their successor states, a surviving wife who had not joined in the deed could sue the purchaser after her husband's death to recover her dower interest.

To avoid such issues, some cautious purchasers insisted that the wife join in the deed, so the absence of her signature strongly suggests her earlier death. However, you'll find many differences from one state to another.

In some states such as Connecticut, until 1723, even the wife's own land that she brought to the marriage became her husband's absolutely, to sell or mortgage as he saw fit; therefore, the absence of her signature on a deed would have no genealogical significance.

Similarly, a deed from a son selling land he inherited from his father, which mentions that the land is subject to his mother's dower right, is proof that she was living at the time of the deed. But if she is not mentioned again, the genealogical significance depends on the time and place. The omission may mean only that what was left her by will was worth more and that she relinquished her dower rights. But if her husband died without a will and there is no record that she surrendered her dower rights to the son, then it's more likely she had died by the time the deed was created.

Until the enactment of married woman emancipation acts in the middle to late nineteenth century, married women were subject to the legal concept of coverture. This doctrine placed a woman under the legal umbrella of her husband. Only the husband could act for her in any legal proceeding, including selling her own land. For most married couples, only the wife's dower rights mitigated the harshness of coverture. For a more detailed discussion of this subject, please see the following links:

- ◆ American Ancestors – Rhoda McClure – [Dowry vs Dower Rights](#)
- ◆ Family Search Wiki – US – [Official State Codes](#)  
(Includes discussion of dower rights)
- ◆ Legal Genealogist – Judy B. Russell – [Saying No](#)

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## INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL

### Coroner or Medical Examiner Records.

If you discover that the subject of your genealogical search passed away as a result of an accident, suicide, or other questionable means, you should always turn to the records maintained by the Coroner or Medical Examiner. However, deaths that fall into any type of questionable category will involve some form of

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*investigation by law enforcement authorities. These circumstances often are noted in most records maintained by funeral homes, cemeteries, and the death certificate generated by the County Health Department.*

*The Coroner or Medical Examiner will always be called on by law enforcement to determine a cause of death when suspicious circumstances arise during the investigation. These circumstances generate a paper trail. The information from the Coroner or Medical Examiner must be completed before the local law enforcement agency can complete its police report.*

*Information in a typical entry may include some or all of the following: name of the deceased, age, date of birth, cause of death, occupation, next of kin, witnesses to the event (if any), and other family members or acquaintances who knew the person. Though the document may contain brief details, it often provides significant information regarding family members that were interviewed or who provided information about the deceased.*

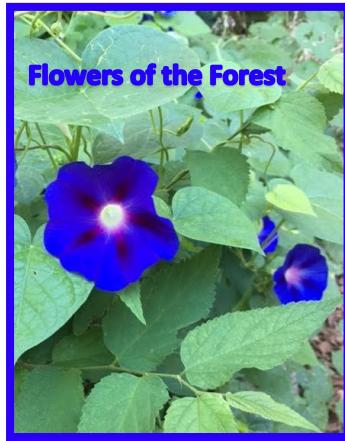
*Coroner or Medical Examiner records are often housed in the municipal archives of the city or in the county or state archives. You must determine whether the Coroner or Medical Examiner was in a local, county, or state position at the time of the death you are researching. The next step is to determine whether the records are in an archive or still in the city or county of original jurisdiction. Your final step involves determining what the latest guidelines are for access to the data. Some jurisdictions may limit access based on your ability to prove a direct ancestral connection to the deceased. This most likely applies to any death that has occurred within the past 50-75 years. The following links will provide additional information on this topic.*

[Family Tree Magazine – Genealogy Q & A – Genealogy Clues in Coroners Records](#)

[Legacy Family Tree - Finding Genealogy Clues in Coroner Records 2019](#)

[Rootsweb – Wiki – Coroner or Medical Examiner Records](#)

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**Adrian Richard Cole  
1934-2020**

Courier Journal

Louisville - Adrian Richard Cole, 86, peacefully passed on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

He was born April 23, 1934, to Henry and Victorene Cole of Monongahela PA. Adrian is preceded in death by his former wife Donna Hughes Cole: and brothers Donald and Jack Cole.

He is survived by his wife Lynn Adams Cole. His Daughters Suzanne Melloy (Michael), Adrienne Cole Earley (Douglas), and Mary Cole Campisano (Todd). 5 grandchildren, Alex, Sarah and David Melloy and Morgan and Caleb Earley; and brother Kenny (Leona); 2 sister-in-laws; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Adrian served in the US Airforce as an instructor in the 3499<sup>th</sup> Mobile Training Wing. He attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Civil Engineering. He was employed as a Safety Engineer and retired from The St. Paul Insurance Company as a construction safety consultant.

Adrian served Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church as an Elder, Trustee, and Deacon. He also started the Esselstyn Plant Based Diet Support group.

He was blessed to have Lynn Cole by his side during these odd and trying times. She cared for him tirelessly and truly never left him alone for 7 1/2 months during the pandemic. A service celebrating Adrian's life will be scheduled for a future date.





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## In-Person Burns Gala-CANCELED

*At the last Board Meeting, the board voted to cancel the In-Person Burns Gala. Our Electronic Service Commissioner, Damien Burns, will be providing video clips and photos of past Burns Nights and offering them on our webpage as a way of celebrating Burns, including new video recordings for the 2021 virtual event. If you have good quality photos from past Burn's Night please send them to Damien Burns.*

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## Information For Our New Members

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- ◆ Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members. Their information is found on page 2 of this newsletter.
- ◆ All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- ◆ January/February brings our Burns Night Dinner. You won't want to miss that. There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time.
- ◆ May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid. Jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- ◆ November is a really fun meeting. We have a dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item, if they wish, to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some of them ... well, you just have to be there to appreciate it. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote the Celtic-related "studies" by individuals.
- ◆ In December, we do not have a meeting.

We hope that you will attend as many meetings as possible (hopefully all of them). We are so happy to have you as a part of the group.



**Jim Hughes**  
Chairperson

## Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.), language (Gaelic, etc.) and athletics (Highland games).

This Fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up on the evening of the Society's monthly meeting from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, [James Hughes](#), or by e-mail at [vicepresident@scotsoflou.com](mailto:vicepresident@scotsoflou.com), or by using the online form [here](#).

**The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## Find us on the Internet

**You can find us on the internet in a couple of places.**

Webpage: <http://scotsoflou.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts>

On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "hi."

## Life Membership

**Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can attain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a life membership for a single person is \$240. A family life membership is \$360.**

**Please see the Commissioner of Member Services, Marla Jo Cameron, or for more details email her at [membership@scotsoflou.com](mailto:membership@scotsoflou.com) about our memberships. Remember, every new life member is acknowledged at the Burns Night Gala!**

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**The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati**  
[www.caledoniansociety.org](http://www.caledoniansociety.org)

**Columbus Scottish Festival**  
[www.scottishfestival.org/](http://www.scottishfestival.org/)

**Central Kentucky Heritage Society**  
[pthdvg@email.uky.edu](mailto:pthdvg@email.uky.edu)

**Evansville St. Andrew Society**  
 Rosemary and Deron Cowan

**English Speaking Union**  
<https://www.esuus.org/>

**Glasgow Highland Games**  
[www.glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com)

**Indy's Irish Fest**  
[www.indyirishfest.com](http://www.indyirishfest.com)

**Irish Society of Kentuckiana**  
[www.irishkyana.org](http://www.irishkyana.org)

**Kentucky Highland Renaissance Festival**  
[www.kyrenfaire.com](http://www.kyrenfaire.com)

**Kentucky United Pipes and Drums (KUPD)**  
[www.kentuckyunited.org](http://www.kentuckyunited.org)

**Louisville Fire and Rescue Pipe Band**  
[www.lfrbagpipes.org](http://www.lfrbagpipes.org)

**Louisville Pipe Band**  
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**McClanahan School of Irish Dance**  
[www.Mcclanahanirishdance.com](http://www.Mcclanahanirishdance.com)

**Ohio Valley Celtic Society**  
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[www.thomasfamilywinery.us](http://www.thomasfamilywinery.us)

**Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington**  
[www.bloomingtonscots.org/](http://www.bloomingtonscots.org/)

**Scottish Society of Indianapolis**  
[www.indyscot.org](http://www.indyscot.org)

### ***Contact our Cheer Person***

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, **Jean Hughes**, by calling her at (502) 438-9811

## **Ongoing Events**

**The Louisville Pipe Band** meets from 2 PM - 5 PM on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at [info@louisvillepipeband.org](mailto:info@louisvillepipeband.org) or visit [www.louisvillepipeband.org](http://www.louisvillepipeband.org).

**The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums** meet from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main Street in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502) 551-2732, or visit [www.lfrbagpipes.org..](http://www.lfrbagpipes.org..)

### ***Change of Address, and other information***

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, *et cetera*, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, P.O. Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232, or e-mail Marla Jo Cameron at [membership@scotsoflou.com](mailto:membership@scotsoflou.com)