

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone! Spring is slowly starting to creep into the state of Indiana. We are back with in-person meetings and we started off well with the return of seeing our organization back together after such a long period of time. We are planning each month out and looking to what is to come for our society and how to make it a better one after all that has happened within the last two years from the pandemic.

The board is working on what will occur later this year and even into 2023. Those announcements will be made once decisions are confirmed. There are great changes coming and we hope you continue to support those choices. The board understands that the membership wants things back to the way it was - that is what we will attempt to do with added requirements and precautions. This pandemic still lingers and with variants popping up here and there, the board is monitoring this closely. We will continue to move in a direction we believe will be beneficial to all of our membership as health and safety are our top priority in keeping all in good spirits. Please remember to pay for your membership renewals and attend the meetings when you can.

We are looking for anyone who is interested in giving a presentation this year for our monthly meetings. Please reach out to a board member if you want to express your interest with a topic. The topics can range from travel logs to Scotland, history of the Scottish culture, Scottish arts, etc. Something new and diverse is always welcomed here.



MEETING DETAILS: After careful review and unanimous vote by the board, the MAY 2022 meeting will be the first IN-PERSON MEETING. We will ask if you are a member to please do the donation of \$5.00 and guests will be \$7.00. If you need to purchase a mask or if you do not have one available - we will have masks for sale for \$1.00. Any guests coming must be aware of the requirements set for in-person meetings - please make sure it is passed along if you wish to have someone attend. If it is your first time coming to one of our meetings, no fee is owed.

Keep in mind there is NO BUFFET STYLE EATING until further notice. If you are bringing food, please ensure it is for you or if you want to share items with your table mates only.

We are working on the technology in case you are not able to attend or do not feel comfortable still of going to larger functions. We will have a Zoom link available. Keep an eye out for a email blast on this update.

The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

All updates in regards to monthly meetings will be announced each month in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

Reach out to our board if you have any questions or you want your ideas heard. Thank you for the support and staying with this organization during these hard times. Stay healthy, stay safe. Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae
2022 SSI President, Newsletter Editor

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- No new members this month

NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW - UPDATE

The board for 2022 has announced that we will be reinstating the renewal of the yearly dues for SSI memberships. We agreed that the time to come together in-person will be coming soon and this will be a driving focus to get all of us back together again. The renewal of the membership will also help keep this organization thriving with new interest and continuation. You can pay for your yearly membership online through the website or payments can be made in person with a form at our in-person meetings.

INDY ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Get ready because the Indy RSCD are back having their Scottish Country dancing sessions. The sessions have been happening on most Monday evenings since August 2021 at the Latvian Center. All levels of dancers are welcome. All dances are walked and practiced before music is added. Per request of their leadership and fellow dancers, they are requesting that all dancers who attend must be fully vaccinated and must have their vaccination card for proof. There will be hand sanitizer available for all attendees. If you are sick or possibly under the weather, please do not come and stay at home. Masks are optional if you wish to wear them but they are not required. If you would like more information, please email the group at IndyRSCD@gmail.com.



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SOCIAL MEDIA:

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

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****SEEKING TREASURER IN-TRAINING****

We have had some changes with some plans regarding the SSI Board of Trustees. Dan Patton - our current treasurer - and his wife will not be moving to the east coast as originally planned at this time. However, Dan would like to train someone to be a treasurer possible in the next term for 2023 or even as a secondary. Anyone who is interested in learning about this position or even wanting to experience the tasks done as Treasurer, please reach out to the board or Dan Patton directly (indyscot.treasurer@gmail.com) as we would like to have a backup on the board.

****OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
ABOUT 2022 SCOTTISH
HIGHLAND GAMES &
FESTIVAL****

This is an announcement in regards to the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival. After a long discussion and review by the SSI Board of Trustees and our current Games/Festival committee heads - it has been decided that the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival will not take place again this year. This was a difficult decision to make but it was for the best for the society that we hold off another year for this event. The decision was based on a lack of a suitable or confirmed location, volunteers had diminished, committee managers are needed along with training that needs to be provided. At this time, we are looking at a smaller even for 2023. If anyone is interesting in volunteering, heading up a committee or wanting to put your thoughts to this event, please reach out to SSI board member and games chairman Greg Bowers for more information.



IMPORTANT: REQUIREMENTS FOR IN- PERSON MEETINGS

In-person meetings are taking place now. Determination of if or when we will have the in-person meetings will depend on the board's decision and we will be watching all updates in the media, statistics as a whole in making those decisions. The board has made some requirements and set regulations we will expect moving forward until we believe it will be safe to resume as normal.

- The board will need to see proof of your vaccination card when you come to the meetings (this can be the physical card or a photo of the card). We will be checking for them at the door before you enter. Signs advising this will be at the door before you are checked in.
- All members, guests and/or any attendee must wear a mask during the entire meeting - no exceptions unless you are eating or drinking.
- The meetings will be a "bring your own food/drink" situation. No food or drink is to be shared, unless you feel comfortable sharing with the people you sit with at the table. That will be at your discretion. There will be no buffet style eating at any of the meetings until further notice.
- There will be hand sanitizer and masks for sale if needed. They will be provided at the tables and at the welcome table.
- If you as an individual are under the weather of any sort or are feeling/currently sick - we are requesting that you do not attend the meeting. Please stay at home and get better.

Note: As of January 2022, the Board of Trustees have unanimously voted and have confirmed that we will not be allowing any type of exemptions (medical or religious). Vaccination cards must be presented or we will ask you to leave and not attend the

meeting.

If you are not able to abide by these new updates or requests, please be aware the board may deny you entry to the meetings. Our main priority is making sure everyone who attends the meetings/events are healthy and safe moving forward. Progress is being made but it is not the time to bring guards down. If you have any additional suggestions, please reach out to the board and let us know. Again, in-person meetings are important to continue with our organization but we want to be smart about how to proceed at this time. Thank you.

APRIL '22 -- NO MEETING OCCURRED

After review with the board due to the conditions on the day of the meeting with potential weather issues of travel and safety for our members, the SSI did not host a meeting last month. Meetings will resume again in May.

Next Meeting - MAY '22 IN-PERSON MEETING: Scottish Dress for Men and Women

Have you ever wondered how to dress according to your status in Scottish culture? Well, get ready for a great presentation about Scottish dress for both men and women. Our former SSI president Carter Keith will discuss this

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00pm for social hour/announcements and the presentation will begin promptly at 8:00pm or sooner. **If you are not attending the in-person meeting, but would like to watch the presentation or join the action - please click [here](#) or [here](#) for the Zoom meeting.

HOW TO JOIN AN ONLINE ZOOM MEETING - PLEASE READ ALL NOTED!

**Option 1: ZOOM ~ You do not have to a Zoom account to participate/attend a meeting. You will be prompted to download the software after you click on the meeting link. To fully participate, you will need a computer with a camera and a microphone. You can also join by using a smartphone app or calling in to the telephone number in the invitation. If you are needing more information about joining a meeting of any kind on Zoom, [click here](#) to check out detailed instructions.

****Option 2: SOCIAL MEDIA / FACEBOOK ~ The meeting will be live in broadcast on the new Facebook group just for members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. You can watch it while the meeting is going on or watch it after the meeting is over.**



NOTE: ALL CURRENT MEMBERS in the SSI that have a membership, you will receive a link for the upcoming meeting. The link will be in an email with the invitation that will sent 24 hours before the Zoom meeting. Please note: You will not be allowed to share this link to others as we will be keeping record of how many members we have attending the meeting. If you have any questions

about this, please let us know. If you are not a current member or would like to invite a guest to join, please reply to the email with the newsletter so the link can be forwarded to you directly. Thank you.

SSI 2022 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- April 2022: Scottish Dress for Men & Women with Carter Keith
- May 2022: *To Be Determined*
- June 2022: A Revised Return to Skara Brae with Tom & Kathy Holman
- July 2022: *To Be Determined*
- August 2022: SSI Summer Celebration Picnic on August 20th
- November 2022: St. Andrews Dinner (more to come and announce)

We are looking for topics or presentations to flush out the 2022 year - looking for presenters for the months of May, July, September thru December. If you are interested in giving a presentation for the society, please notify a board member so the topic can be discussed. We will advise if the meeting will be online or in-person each month - so the topic could change at the last minute. Thank you!

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