

### **A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

**We have some major announcements to make in this newsletter so please make sure you are reading everything in this issue.**

Summer is here and it has brought a various range of weather conditions. We hope you are enjoying your time as much as possible. Make sure you are getting vaccinated and getting ready for the new changes that are coming for all of us in the state right now. The SSI online meetings via Zoom are still happening and would like everyone to join us if possible. The meetings that take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month will be starting at 7:30 PM EST for social hour, announcements and other items that need to be addressed. Presentation will begin at 8:00 PM EST. Please make sure to note these changes moving via the newsletter and our social media sites. Our attendance has been steady and the viewing of the recorded meetings have been growing as well. We are looking into having in-person meetings soon, but we are not sure when they will happen. Thank you for the support and staying with this organization during these hard times. Stay healthy, stay safe.

~ Sarah Rae, 2021 SSI Trustee  
Member/Presidential Assistant &  
Newsletter Editor

### **PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:**

- No new members at this time. If you have anyone interested in joining SSI, please let them know we have a pandemic membership special still happening - the more members the



**MEETING DETAILS:** Due to the current pandemic of COVID-19, the SSI Board of Trustees advise that there will be NO IN-PERSON meetings and/or gatherings until further notice. Any updates will be announced in a timely manner through our official newsletter as well as on social media. We want to keep our members safe and healthy until it is the right time to gather together once again. Thank you.

[Click Here to Check Out Website](#)

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

For more articles, updates on events and more - Like and follow us on Facebook

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/771893283583992>

better. Thanks!

**\*\*ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE  
INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH GAMES  
& FESTIVAL 2021\*\***

Due to the continuing uncertainties, pandemic-related restrictions on gatherings and approaching deadlines, the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis regrettably must cancel the festival portion of the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival. However, to continue our mission and support of our athletes, we are holding the Indianapolis Scottish Heavy Athletics Invitational on October 9th, 2021. Further details to be announced soon. Thank you.

- The Board of Trustees of the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis Inc. and the Scottish Society of Indianapolis Inc.

**NOTICES  
FROM THE  
BOARD**

**\*\*MEMBERSHIP  
REVIEW\*\***

To those who do not know or were not aware from updates listed near

the end of last year, anyone who had a membership in good standings with SSI - your membership crossed over to 2021. No additional payment is needed at this time. If you are needing to pay for fees or are a new member joining, please make sure to pay for your dues. We are having a PANDEMIC SPECIAL for anyone wishing to join the SSI at this time. The fees currently are the following - \$10.00 single/individual membership OR \$20.00 for family membership. This will be good until further notice. Note: We are checking and updating our membership records each month. Reach out to the board if you have any questions. Thanks!

**\*\*SILENT AUCTION ITEMS\*\***

We are going to be having an outside meeting/event for SSI this year. August is usually when we have our Summer Picnic and music to enjoy outside. We also have a SILENT AUCTION for those who want to



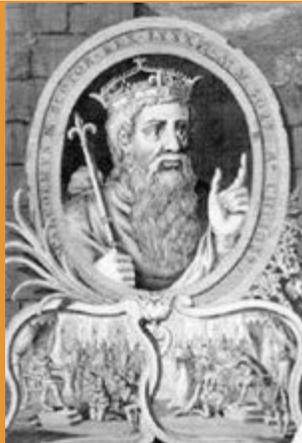
spend some money and donate to the society. If you have an item that would fit the auction, please reach out to our SSI Outreach board member Kathy Hohman who is working on auction list at this time --- her email is [khohmanst@aol.com](mailto:khohmanst@aol.com).

**\*\*ORDER OF THE UNICORN RECIPIENT\*\***  
The SSI Board of Trustees presented a new award that is great service, commitment for above and beyond with the society. This new award was presented to Samuel and Rebecca Lawson. With this special award, they were also presented with a lifetime family membership to the SSI. They were truly surprised and thanked the Board for this honor.

**\*\*INDY ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING\*\***  
Get ready because the Indy RSCD will be back in having their Scottish Country dancing sessions starting on Monday, July 19th. They will be happening at the Latvian Center. Per request of their leadership and fellow dancers, they are requesting that all dancers who attend must be fully vaccinated and must have their vaccine 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.

**\*\*CELTIC RAIN - MUSICAL RESIDENCY\*\***  
Live music is coming back to Indiana and we are looking forward to that. One of the musical groups that perform at SSI events often - CELTIC RAIN - is keeping up with the music scene and now have a residency at a local brewery. This group will be performing every 4th Saturday of each month at Primeval Brewing Company in Noblesville, IN from 7:00-10:00 PM. Please show support and see them perform live.

JUNE '21  
MEETING  
REVIEW:  
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III, QUEEN  
MARGARET  
AND  
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## KINGDOM

Scottish history is rich with stories and accomplishments within the country. But sometimes there are those facts that help shape an idea into something structural. SSI member Mark Lawson gave a presentation on the history of Malcolm III, Queen Margaret and forging the kingdom we would know as Scotland. Here are just some facts and summaries of what was discussed. Frugal Scotland hasn't changed much in looking to present Scotland. About 400 people own the country itself. Malcolm III had his reign from 1058-1093. During the time before or after Malcolm III, Macbeth was known to be a beloved king during his short reign - we know the story of Macbeth as a play - but the name is never said in Scotland due to possibly bringing bad luck so it is called "a Scottish play". Malcolm III was great heir and king. During his time as a ruler he was trying to forge with several counties, languages and various people. Now, time to discuss his wife Queen Margaret. She was an Anglo-Saxon and supporter of the Catholic Church, she helped promote the Christian faith. She passed away shortly after losing her husband and son. Queen Margaret was the only queen in Scotland who became a saint.

The board of trustees would like to thank Mark Lawson for his time and presentation this month. Learned a lot more of Scottish history that was enjoyable to listen to.



## JULY '21 IN- PERSON MEETING

This month's meeting will be a little different. The board will have a video presentation on a Scottish topic

of some degree for you all to enjoy.

Please check your emails for the Zoom link that is sent a few days before the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please reach out to the Board if you do not get the link or if you are a guest and would like to attend, please advise. Thanks!

## LOOKING AHEAD: AUGUST '21 IN-PERSON MEETING

Cheers, Cheers, the Gang's All Here!

What: Scottish Society of Indianapolis Annual Picnic & Charity Auction

When: August 14th, 2021 4:00-8:00pm

Where: Latvian Center - the Outside Pavilion

This is a bring-your-own picnic and beverage event. We will not be catering any food at this gathering. Whisky will be available for purchase. Silent auction will have numerous offerings of Scottish delights and relatable items.

This is a chance for us to get together after such a long time apart. Being outside - a chance to visit and catch up in person.

Note: Hand sanitizer will be available. Bring a mask if it makes you feel more comfortable. Those non-vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask at this time.

If you are donating items to the SILENT AUCTION charity portion, please contact Kathy Hohman [[khohmanst@aol.com](mailto:khohmanst@aol.com)] or call 317-831-1715. If needed, Kathy and her husband Tom can pick up the items you have. Please give her a call or send an email you have any other questions or concerns. Thank you.

## HOW TO JOIN THE 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](#).

\*\*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. [Click Here](#) to join the new Facebook group and/or watch the meeting from there.

**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.**

### **VIRTUAL MEETINGS - COMING IN 2021**

- July 2021: A Scottish Subject via Video Presentation - TBA during Meeting
- August 2021: SSI Annual Outdoor Picnic/Silent Auction
- September 2021: Genealogy 201 with Barry Levitt

We are looking for topics or presentations for the months of October, possibly November and December. Please reach out to the

Note: If there are any changes with the meeting topics and/or if the meetings change from virtual to in-person, we will update this information. If you are interested in giving a 10-15 minute presentation for the society via Zoom, please notify a board member so the topic can be discussed. We need subjects for the fall and winter months. Thanks!

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