

**A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Hello to all of our members of the SSI! Summer weather has come and we are looking forward to new opportunities and changes that could take place for the society for the remainder of the year. We are looking into coming together for one event in the summer, but there are still elements in which we are still monitoring what can be done with the pandemic effects still in effect. As many of you know - everyone of all ages can now get the vaccine if you wish to get it. We are encouraging you to get the vaccine to bring the usual normal back into the world. But, it is own choice on how you wish to proceed with what has been provided.

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.

More and more discussions are being made in regards to having the 2021 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival this year. We know everyone is hoping to see this even happen this year, especially with the changes going on with the pandemic and the state regulations, guidelines in place. The board is reviewing all aspects that go with this event so we will advise on any choices or rules that will need to be in place down the line (if the event moves forward).



**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>

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.

## IN MEMORIAM:

- Charlie Williams



You are invited to a reception  
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
**CHARLIE WILLIAMS**

**SUNDAY**  
June 27th  
at 3:00pm

**THE ALLEY THEATRE**  
923 Jackson • Anderson, Indiana  
*(Please enter at the alley door off Jackson)*

## NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

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

We are currently looking into 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).

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

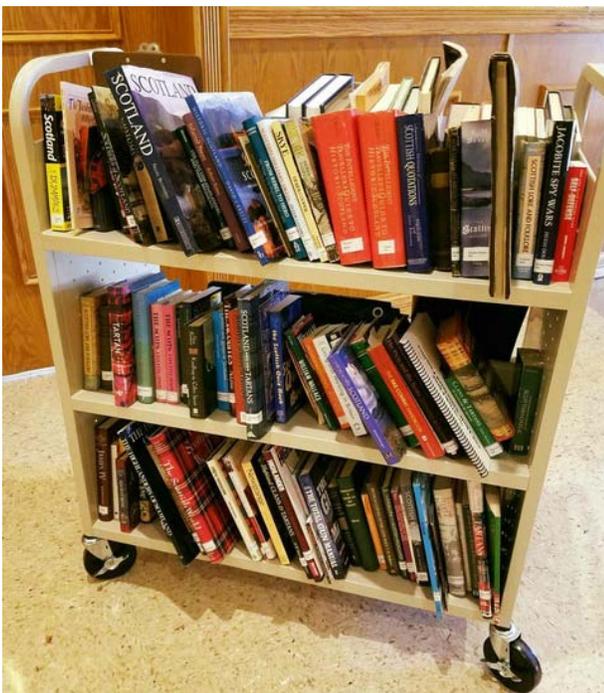
To those who do not know or were not aware from updates listed near the end of last year, anyone who had a membership in good standings with SSI - your membership crossed over to 2021. No additional payment is needed at this time. If you are needing to



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!

**\*\*UPDATED LIBRARY CART\*\***

Thanks to the donations from many members and guests, we have new books added to our library cart that is at the Latvian Center. If you are interested in seeing the list of books we have, check out the SSI website or go to [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com). From what we have been told from our Treasurer Emeritus Steven Johnson - "We're going to need a bigger cart."



**\*\*MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENT\*\***

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.

MAY '21  
MEETING  
REVIEW:  
VOICE OF  
THE ISLES ~  
BRIEF  
HISTORY OF  
THE  
BAGPIPES



The meeting this month is about the musical instrument of the bagpipes. SSI member and Celtic Rain performer Jeffrey Kestin talked about the "voice of the isles" - which is the nickname for the bagpipes. The instrument became virtually synonymous with the Celtic nations, mainly Scotland. The bagpipes are mentioned in the Bible - mostly in Daniel 3:15. There are a number of theories on how the bagpipes were shown in history and different countries like Egypt and ancient Persia. It was said to be the instrument of the Shepherds of the Middle East. In fact, the emperor Nero was reputed to be an avid piper during ancient Rome. Within ancient Rome, Julius Caesar brought the bagpipes within the military culture. It has been said that Scotland was not the first Celtic nation to take up the instrument - it was more Ireland that had this music played first. The expanse of British empire saved the bagpipes - the instrument is known on the battlefields of highland regiments. With the PowerPoint playing for the meeting, Kestin did perform and give a demonstration of the instrument itself with a song and a couple of chants. The information and music brought great elements in learning about the bagpipes.

The board of trustees would like to thank Jeffrey Kestin for his time and presentation this month. This was a great insight to the musical instrument and how it really was a part of ancient/modern history.

JUNE '21  
VIRTUAL  
MEETING

Scotland has a rich history of royalty and stories of the country's ruling. In the next monthly meeting, we will be having SSI member Mark



Lawson discuss the history of Malcolm III, Queen Margaret and the Forging of

the Kingdom.

The meeting will be on June 9th, 2021 and this meeting online will begin at 7:30pm via Zoom or you are able to watch it on our new Facebook page - [click here](#) if you haven't joined the group yet. Additional announcements and updates will be given at this meeting as well. **\*\*SUBJECT OF PRESENTATION COULD CHANGE AT ANY TIME BEFORE DATE OF MEETING\*\***

### 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**

- June 2021: Mark Lawson talks Malcolm III, Queen Margaret & the Forging of the Kingdom
- July 2021: A Scottish Subject with Steve McLeish
- August 2021: TBA / "Potential" Outdoor Picnic/Silent Auction
- September 2021: Genealogy 201 with Barry Levitt

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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