

Monthly Newsletter -
October 2019

**Learn How to Speak
Scottish Gaelic:**

Là Naomh Anndrais

St. Andrew's Day

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to all! The month of October has been one crazy month and it has been an amazing one to say the least. First of all, the Board and Games Committee would like to say thanks to all who attended, volunteered and helped participate in our 10th annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival. We had record breaking numbers and just great weather to go along with the day. It means the world to all of us that the festival was well received and that it will continue on into new hands coming next year. More will be discussed and reviewed at the upcoming dinner in November. The end of the year is just around the corner and it does not seem possible that the new year will be upon us. More word of mouth is getting out about our newsletter and our organization which is fantastic. Nothing else to announce this month. Hope you all are enjoying the fall weather, stay warm and keep the spirit of Scotland in your hearts. Thank you. Until then, slainte! ~ Sarah Rae, 2019 SSI Trustee Member & Newsletter Editor



MEETING DETAILS: The SSI meet the second Wednesday of most months at the Indianapolis Lativan Community Center 1008 W. 64th St. Indianapolis, IN 46260. Please be sure to bring our own plates, flatware and beverages. We request the following donations for the dinner - \$5.00 members; 1st time guests attending are free, then returning guests are \$7.00. A board selection of excellent single-malt Scotch whisky is available for \$4.00 a shot. Special events will be announced and maybe at other venues.

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MEETING AGENDA:

ST. ANDREW'S DINNER THIS MONTH. ATTENDEES WILL NEED TO ARRIVE BEFORE 6PM.

DISH SCHEDULE THIS MONTH:

NO DISH SCHEDULE THIS MONTH DUE TO ST. ANDREW'S DINNER

[Click Here for Dish Schedule](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA:

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

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- Matt & Mary Rueff
- Theresa White
- Thomas Ferguson
- Andy Newton
- Glen McConaughy

FUN FACTS ABOUT ST. ANDREW

Here are some interesting facts about St. Andrew in honor of the saint that has a day celebrated in his honor this month.



1) St. Andrew was not Scottish. He was born in Bethsaida in Galilee,

which is now Israel.

2) He was Jesus' first disciple. He was one of 12 disciples, along with his brother Simon Peter.

3) St. Andrew is not just the patron saint of Scotland. He is the patron saint in other countries including Greece and Russia. Also, he is the patron saint of the Order of the Thistle, one of the highest ranks of chivalry in the world.

4) He was crucified on an X-shaped cross. Legend says that he asked to be tied to an X-shaped cross because he did not feel worth of dying on the same shape of cross as Jesus. The shape has been represented by the white cross on the Scottish flag, the Saltire.

5) People took pilgrimages to the site of some of his remains. One of the remaining relics of this saint is stored in St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.

NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

NO NOTICES THIS WEEK

The elections for next year's Board of Trustees will be done at the St. Andrew's Dinner coming up at the next meeting. Keep an eye out for more updates here once available. Thank you!



November Meeting - St. Andrew's Dinner 2019

Every year, a celebration happens with members to

recognize service to the organization, welcome new inductees to the Board, a recap of this year's games and much more. Please join us at the annual SSI St. Andrew's Dinner located at the Fort Harrison State Park Inn in Lawrence, IN. The event will begin with social hour at 5:00pm and the event will be promptly at 6:00pm. There will be a cash bar. Remember - outside alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the property. They must be purchased on site at the bar. We have a full schedule so please be ready. An announcement will be posted on social media a few days before as a reminder. If you haven't liked the Facebook page, please do so. We would appreciate it. Thanks!

****Note: This is a paid event due to the catering by the inn staff and invites were sent out early in October. If you did not turn in your invite for this event, your name will not be on the list to join us. If you are not attending, please join us at our meeting in December.**



OCTOBER MEETING RECAP:

OUTLANDER IN SCOTTISH HISTORY

During the meeting in October, we traveled in time, or should I say through the stones to learn a little bit about the novel "Outlander", the accompanying TV series and also experiencing some history about the various locations in Scotland where this show is shot. Board of Trustees member Sarah Rae and fellow SSI member Barbara Rush narrated the presentation. Both discussed some facts not everyone knew about and even questions arose about the future of some of the history locations are being worked or could possibly be forgotten. SSI member Lillian Sams constructed the powerpoint to show the various synopsis from the novel timeline, scenes from the show

versus the real life locations in bonny Scotland. With a surprise from the presentation, Jeff Kestin performed a couple of numbers on the pipes that fit with the presentation and the atmosphere the ladies were trying to give. It was a packed house with members and guests who have an interest in this beloved show, book series and also maybe wanted to see what locations in Scotland others may want to visit the next time they are in the country.

The board would like to say thank you to Sarah Rae, Barbara Rush and Lillian Sams for a wonderful presentation. Another thank you goes out to Jeff Kestin for performing on the pipes - the music was beautiful. The attendees had a great time, and with the great feedback on the presentation - there are those that are maybe interested in having another presentation revolving Outlander perhaps next year, who knows??

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9th - SSI St. Andrew's Dinner [SATURDAY EVENING EVENT] --- Only those who have turned in their forms and marked RSVP are able to attend.

December 11th - Darryl Frazier "History of Crown Hill"

NEW YEAR AND MEETINGS FOR 2020 --- COMING SOON!

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COMING SOON TO THE NEWSLETTER

Looking into an early-hour meeting AKA Family Night at SSI
Upcoming meeting topics for the 2020 season
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