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Scottish Gaelic:**

*Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit*

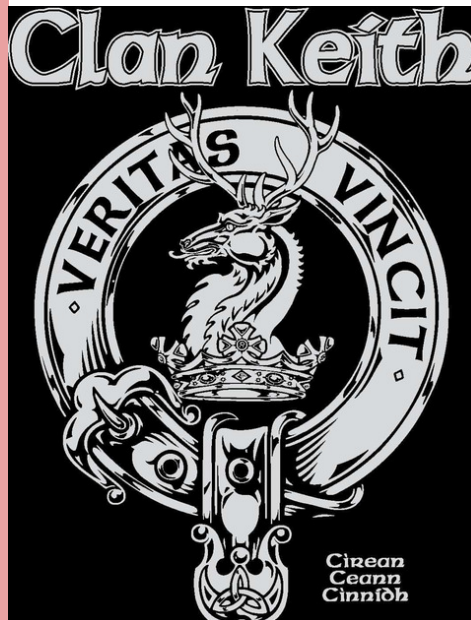
Happy St. Patrick's Day to you!

**A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Hello to our members, friends and family of the SSI. We are about 3 months into 2023 and so much has been happening! First, the Board of Trustees are setting things in motion with new elements like items for the newsletter, getting our library inventory updated and also getting volunteers for our upcoming events. The games committee for this year's games and festival are so enthusiastic about what is coming - the board is ready to get the promotions started soon for this. The presentations for the months to come are going to be wonderful and even got some new ones that should attract more attendance. The goal for this year is to get the organization back to the normal status before the pandemic hit and we are moving in a positive direction towards it.

At this time, do not hesitate to reach out to our board if you have any questions or if you want your ideas heard. Thank you!  
Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae  
2023 Board of Trustee Member, Newsletter  
Editor



**PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI  
MEMBERS:**

- No new members to announce at this time.

**NOTICES  
FROM THE  
BOARD**

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

**Featured Clan of the Month:  
Clan Keith**

**MEETING DETAILS:** Keep in mind the monthly meetings moving forward will be the return of the BUFFET. If you are interested in helping with the meat dish - please reach out to the board.

We are looking for members attending the meeting to bring a side dish. Please bring a dish from the category based on the first letter of your last name with at least 3 servings per attending family member:

The board advises that membership renewal of the yearly dues for SSI



must be taken care of during the year. 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 - we will have forms available to complete. Please make sure you pay your dues!

**\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\***

As the buffet returns to the society meetings each month, we are looking for volunteers to help supply the meat dish - along with volunteers to supply an appetizer station during social hour. Also, we are looking for individuals to walk with the society during the St. Patrick's Day parade in March. If you are wanting to volunteer - there will be sign up sheets set up at the welcome table at the Latvian Center during the monthly meetings. You can also email [indyscot@gmail.com](mailto:indyscot@gmail.com) to express your interest.

**\*\*INDY ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING UPDATES\*\***

Indy Scottish Country Dancers (ISCD) closed out 2022 with the Indy Folk Series group on December 31st, 2022. We were contacted in October to join Indy Fold Series for their New Year's celebration. This year's theme was Hogmanay. We performed several dance demos and then invited the crowd to join in with Ceilidh dancing. The highlight of the evening was enjoying the Celtic music of Hogeve Navy. Dancers closed the evening with a wee dram of excellent Laphroaig whisky provided by James and Heidi. See we do dance for fun, food and drink! Many thanks to Mario Joven for inviting us. We are looking forward to 2023 and especially our March Ceilidh, Celtic Motion's presentation and of course the games this September. Please consider joining us for a fun evening of dance most Mondays. If you are interested, please email Jane Patton at [indyrscd@gmail.com](mailto:indyrscd@gmail.com). Thanks!

A-G --- Dessert  
H-M --- Veggie/Casserole  
N-Z --- Salad

We will ask if you are a member to please do the donation of \$5.00 and guests will be \$7.00. First time guests do not need to pay - after your first visit, you will need to pay the guest fee. If you have not paid your dues, please make sure you do so in person or at the welcome table.

The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00pm and then the presentation will begin at 8:00pm.

**\*\*Special events for the year will be on a Saturday.**

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

[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>

**INTERESTED  
IN HELPING  
WITH 2023**



## **INDIANAPOLIS HIGHLAND SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL?**

If anyone is interested in volunteering, heading up a committee or wanting to put your thoughts to this event for next year, please reach out to SSI games chairman Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) for more information. Meetings are currently being set up and will take place monthly unless noted otherwise - **the next games meeting will be this Saturday, February 25th at the Marion County Fairgrounds at 10:30 AM. Please go to Gate #4.** If you would like to be on the email list in getting information about the games, please reach out to Greg. Thanks!



## **ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE 2023 INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL**

Time to get excited! The SSI Board of Trustees along with the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis are happy to announce that the 2023 Indianapolis Highland Scottish Games & Festival will be officially back this year. The event will be taking place on September 30th - this time at a new venue. Thanks to the hard work of our games chairs Greg Bowers and Rebecca Lawson - the location will be at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The board made the unanimous vote on this matter after being

presented the hard work, research and the number of volunteers / volunteer groups already in place. More details and information will be coming later.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN INDIANA / SURROUNDING STATES**

Kilt Nights with SSI

\*\*\*Dates to be determined at this time

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

\*\*SSI does participate in parade - volunteers needed

June 23-24 - Ohio Scotland Games

September 22-23 - Indy Irish Fest

\*\*\*SSI does have a booth here - volunteers needed

October 7-8 - Feast of the Hunters Moon



## **MONTHLY MEETING**

### **REQUIREMENTS \*\*PLEASE READ\*\***

In-person meetings are taking place now. The board has received several suggestions and we have decided to implement new changes for the rest of the in-person meetings moving forward.

- We will no longer be requiring proof of vaccination cards or marks. Feel free

- to wear a mask if you would like.
- If you as an individual are under the weather in any way, are feeling or currently sick and/or if you are showing to be positive for the current virus or respiratory illnesses that are flying around at this time, we also ask you to not attend the meetings to avoid further exposure to other members or guests. Please stay at home and get better.
  - The buffet is back! The board has unanimously voted that the food buffet will be coming back! A meat dish will be set each month and the board will be sending out the list of dishes members can bring in each monthly newsletter issue.
  - There will be hand sanitizer available and there will be masks for sale if needed. They will be provided at the welcome table and the buffet table.



## Meeting Recap - Whisky Tastings & Chocolate with Elite

### Beverages

The month of February is a recurring event in this organization. With the assistance of Arnie Lewin with Elite Beverages, the SSI had our tradition of whisky tasting with members and guests. This was a great turnout and some good product was consumed. For this whisky tasting, we tried three different types of Glenmorangie (Lasanta, Quinta Ruban, Cadboll) and three different types of Ardbeg (Wee Beastie, An Oa, Uigeadail). The taste of each was different and everyone had their favorites. The indulge in enjoying the whisky, we also had some Scottish chocolates to eat. The reception to the event was well received and it is one that many guests and members look forward to attending each time.

The board would like to thank Arnie Lewin for his continuous business with this society and for the presentation. He did present



several bottles for the society to enjoy at our whisky table.



### NEXT MEETING: March 2023 - Scottish Country Dancing with the Indy RSCD

The March Ceilidh promises to be another fun evening. The group will be demo dancing "Mairi's Wedding" which is a dance you would typically dance at a Scottish County Dance Ball. In addition, we will be celebrating International Women's Day by dancing "3 Feisty Women". Lastly, you can join us in several fun Ceilidh dances. It is sure to be full of entertainment. This event/meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 8th.

Meetings take place at the Latvian Community Center. Social hour will be before 7:00pm with announcements following shortly after. Information about what to bring for the buffet will be provided in each newsletter. Presentation will start around 8:00pm or earlier if needed. The board will announce any changes prior to the slated meeting.

### **SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?**

*Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.*

- March 2023 - Scottish Country Dancing with Indy RSCD
- April 2023 - Scots of the Titanic Part 2 with Debbie Lyle Owens
- May 2023, June 2023, July 2023 - *To Be Announced*
- August 2023 - SSI Summer Celebration (date to be determined)
- September 2023, October 2023 - *To Be Determined*
- November 2023 - SSI St. Andrews Dinner (date and location are in the works)
- December 2023 - *To Be Determined*

Pending presentations : Celtic Motion with Linda Cassady / Scottish Immigration with Bruce Buchanan

\*\*If you would like to present or have a topic that would be good for our monthly presentations, please reach out to the board at [indyscot@gmail.com](mailto:indyscot@gmail.com).

We will advise if the meeting topic will change via an update email or through the SSI social media. If you are interested in presenting a topic during the 2023 year, please reach out to the board members and we will discuss. Thank you!