

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone! The fall season has arrived and the holiday season will be sneaking around in the blink of an eye. We have gotten much done in the last few weeks in September and even prepping for good things to round out October, going into the end of the year.

Announcements with upcoming meetings and changes have been noted in this newsletter - please check them out - also, please review the festivals coming this fall as there are a number of them. If you would like to volunteer and assist, please reach out to the board. Details on the St. Andrew's Dinner are available now - please check the newsletter to review that information.

It is almost that time of year where elections for the 2023 SSI Board of Trustees will take place. If you would like to be considered in running for the board, please reach out to Kathy Hohman (khohman@aol.com) so she can add your name to the list. We will also making a change to the by-laws for the organization that will be presented to the membership at the upcoming meeting in October and will be voted on in November.

At this time, here is the list of nominees we have currently that are running for the 2023 SSI Board of Trustees:

President: Carter Keith

Trustees: Sarah Rae, Paula Hardesty, Kathy Hohman, Greg Bowers, Dan Patton, Andy Thompson, Armand Hayes, Varis Grapis

Reach out to our board if you have any questions or if you want your ideas heard. Thank you for the support and staying with

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Fall Season



MEETING DETAILS: After careful review and unanimous vote by the board, the OCTOBER 2022 meeting will be an 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. 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

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

We will have the technology for you to view the meeting at home if you still do not feel comfortable to be at the in-person meetings. We will have a Zoom link available. Check out the link in the newsletter to view.

The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month. **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](#)

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 at this time. We have been getting membership renewals. Please remember to pay your dues.

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>

 Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Inc.	 Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis, Inc.
Grachni Æibennach	
St. Andrew's Dinner	
Saturday, November 12, 2022 Murat Shriners Indianapolis 510 North New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204	
Celebrate the founding and history of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis at the 37th Annual St. Andrew's Dinner.	
The dinner will include your choice of:	
Carved Prime Rib or Sauteed Chicken Breast with White Wine Sauce and Herbed Mushrooms Spinach Salad, Braised Carrots Twice Baked Potato Casserole Chocolate Cake/Carrot Cake for dessert Included Beverages: iced tea, regular & decaf coffee	
_____ Dinner x \$50 each (Member) \$ _____	
_____ Dinner x \$60 each (Non-Member) \$ _____	
Entrée: Prime Rib _____ Chicken _____ Total \$ _____	
Please print clearly and note Entrée selection. Thank you.	
Name(s) _____	
Address _____	
Phone _____	
Email _____	
What clan do you want announced? _____	
Enclose with your check payable to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Do not mail cash.	
Payment must be received by October 28, 2022.	
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Questions?
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ST. ANDREW'S DINNER - COMING THIS NOVEMBER

On November 12, 2022 - the SSI will be having our big dinner event for the year. The 37th St. Andrew's Dinner will be taking place this year at Murat Shriners in downtown Indianapolis - this location is next to the Old National Center. The location and room for the dinner is absolutely beautiful and amazing. We will have music, bagpipes, food and a great atmosphere for all who want to come. Dinner fees are as follows: \$50.00 members (must be current in membership dues) / \$60.00 non-members or guests. The

fees are higher due to the fact that each car must have a parking pass in order to park on the property. Once your RSVP form and fee has been received, a parking pass will be mailed out directly to the address given on the RSVP form. Parking passes will also be available to be picked up in person at the October 12th meeting coming up. Please note the following: If you update your membership before you send in your RSVP form for the dinner, you will get the rest of this year plus 2023 and be able to pay the member's price of the dinner rather than the non-member price. **DEADLINE FOR RSVP AND PAYMENT IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH.**

UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- International Festival will take place October 14-16, 2022 at the State Fairgrounds. Setup date would be October 13, 2022. The theme is "Arts & Crafts from Around the World". ***SSI will have a booth here.**
- SSI St. Andrews Dinner will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Murat Shriners in downtown Indianapolis. Details will be given in this newsletter and next month's edition.

Any of the festivals that SSI has a booth at will require volunteers to assist in the booth and/or set up-tear down. If you are interested, please reach out to the board at indyscot@gmail.com.

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 - we will have forms available to complete. Please make sure you pay your dues!

****INDY ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING****

We have some new updates with our Scottish country dancing group. Please read all if interested in their news.

1) Indy Scottish Country Dancers are pleased to announce that Bernadette Land has joined our group. Bernadette has participated in our Monday night sessions off and on for the past few years. She is now permanently relocated to the Indianapolis area. Bernadette is a Certified Scottish Country Dance instructor. She completed her certification at St. Andrews in Scotland and has danced with the Little Rock Arkansas Scottish country dancers before joining us. As you know we dance for fun, but we also want to do our best when it comes to footwork and dance patterns. Welcome Bernadette! 2) Indy Scottish County Dances continue to meet most Mondays. We are still requiring full vaccinations, boosters and proof of vaccination to dance. If you would like more information or have any additional questions, please email Jane Patton at IndyRSCD@gmail.com.



****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 event for 2023. 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 board member and games chairman Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) for more information.



UPCOMING SURVEY FOR SSI

The board has release a Survey Monkey with questions that we would like you to give your opinions on. It will help us figure out plans and how to proceed with this organization in 2023. If you did not get an email about the survey, please reach out to Dan Patton at



NEW UPDATES - 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 for the

remainder of 2022.

- We will no longer be requiring proof of vaccination cards when checking in at the welcoming table. You may bring them if you want to.
- We will not be enforcing the mask mandate for the meetings - masks are optional. The board encourages you to wear a mask for your own safety but you do not have to.
- The buffet is coming back! The board has unanimously voted that the food buffet will be coming back - because of the short notice, the buffet will not be happening for the October meeting. We will be having the buffet back in December for our holiday party. A meat dish is set and the board will be sending out the list of dishes members can bring that given month.
- 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 (coming in December).
- If you as an individual are under the weather of any sort or are feeling or currently sick - we are requesting that you do not attend the meeting. Please stay at home and get better.



SEPTEMBER
'22 IN-
PERSON
MEETING
EVENT: A
Scottish Road
Trip

The attendees at the September meeting got to take a revised journey to Scotland. Our SSI Treasurer Emeritus Steven Johnson presented a look at how he planned his road trip to Scotland with his family a few years ago. He showed the detailed planning of what and where to go. He even showed some great photos and gave some important tips that could help an individual in going to some of these grand places in this beautiful country.

The board would like to thank Steven Johnson for presenting this updated presentation. Makes a lot of us who attended wanting to return to Scotland. It was very enjoyable. Thanks!



Next Meeting - OCTOBER '22 IN-PERSON MEETING: A Off-the-Cuff Scottish Discussion

Ever wanted to know why some clans in Scotland had started to dissolve during the year - well, let's talk about it with history and a discussion. SSI trustee Mark Lawson will be doing an off-the-cuff discussion in this upcoming meeting.

Meeting will be at the Latvian Center. Announcements will be at 7:00pm. Feel free to eat dinner before coming or bring food to enjoy before the meeting. Please note there is no buffet this month - you can share food with your table mates if you so wish to. Presentation will start around 8:00pm or earlier if needed. The board will announce any changes prior to the slated meeting. Note: SSI Treasurer Dan Patton will be making announcements

**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.

- October 2022: An Off-the-Cuff Discussion with Mark Lawson
- November 2022: St. Andrews Dinner at Murat Shiners Indianapolis
- December 2022: Holiday Party with Celtic Rain

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!