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THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and Preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish Ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.



President's Remarks, July 26, 2022

Thanks to all of you who came to the virtual meeting this month. The Lord Lyon was a superb speaker and it's a shame if you could not attend. Wow, it was good!

To business; we need your assistance at upcoming events. For so long, there were no events to go to, but now we can look forward to Worldfest and Highland games. Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling is doing a great job finding and setting up outdoor events to promote our Scottish heritage. And soon there will be kirkings at different churches around this area. We really need your help! If you wish to volunteer, just give Jack a call at 502-447-0046. Thanks!

Hopefully we will be seeing you in the near future. Until then, take care.

President Bruce Wilson

SSL Membership Minutes

President Wilson started the meeting at 7:06pm and asked Program and Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin to introduce our speaker. She read a short biography for The Right Honorable Lord Lyon of Arms . Robbin told us to put questions in the chat, and she would ask The Lord Lyon during the question- and- answer session.



The Court of the Lord Lyon

The Lord Lyon told us about the court, and showed us a picture of his coat of arms. He said he initially had complaints about the saltire being used in his coat of arms, but he tabled the complaints until they stopped coming in. I missed getting a picture of his coat of arms.

Heraldry

Heraldry is part of the Law of Scotland, and has rights enforceable under law. The Lord Lyon can confiscate any items bearing someone else's coat of arms. He said this happens more often than you might think. Besides being part of the law, heraldry is an art and a science that tells the history of Scotland, but also the present-day origins of places, institutions, families and individuals.

The Lord Lyon told us that when he is in court to settle legal matters, he wears a horsehair wig which he dislikes as it is hot and scratchy. He said he has had to go far back in genealogy to determine who will inherit when a titled person dies. Sometimes relationships are tricky.



He recounted an instance in which a titled widow died after having remarried. She had a son from each marriage, and it turned out that the first son was fathered by her second husband, and the second son was fathered by her first husband. The Lord Lyon had to use DNA information to determine who was the father of each child. What a mess that was!

The Public Register

There are centuries of heraldic documents which include Grants of Arms, Registers, Seals and other documents. These all express the historic progress of different aspects of Scotland. He pointed out that heraldry is all around you in Scotland, in palaces, private homes, churchyards, and other public places.

The rules of heraldry are taken from the need to be recognized in battle. The blazon describes the Arms. Only one person at a time can bear a coat of arms. There is no such thing as a family coat of arms, though there are civic arms for community councils, universities, states and societies. Arms must be granted in Scotland by the Lord Lyon. There are penalties for Arms not granted by the Lord Lyon.

The Lord Lyon showed us several pictures of various coats of arms. Here are a few.



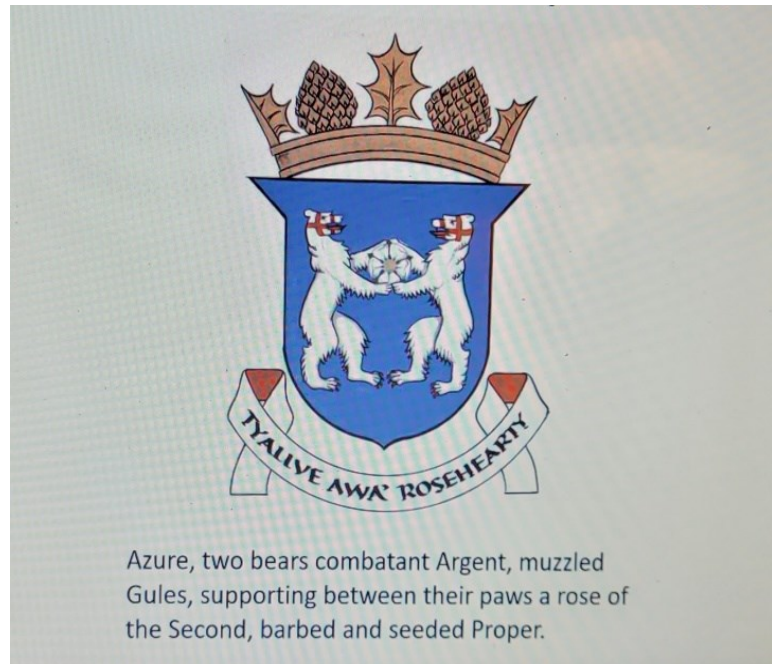
Utah Scottish Association Coat of Arms



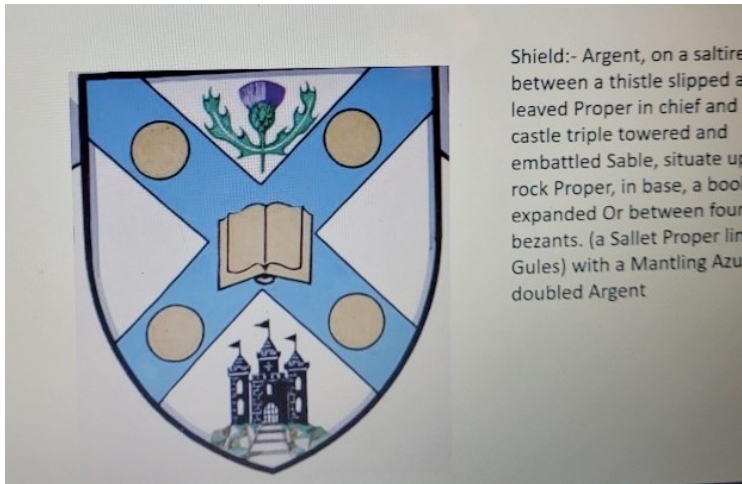
The St. Andrew's Society of Los Angeles, Inc. (1988)



The St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco (1989)



Civic Arms—Roseheart Community Council



University of Edinburgh Foundation

There were several more pictures, but I felt these showed the kinds of coats of arms out there. Check out the program on the SSL website to see the rest!

Letters Patent

Patent letters prove that you have a coat of arms, and are provided when an individual applies to the Lord Lyon for a coat of arms.

He showed us a patent letter from his best customer; the man gets a separate coat of arms for each of his children. He has 11 so far. The Lord Lyon told the man's wife he would give her a free coat of arms for herself if she had another child!



This was followed by a question-and-answer session.

-Are you over all the UK heraldry? No, just Scotland. He doesn't have to deal with the English.

-What would a person need to do to get a coat of arms? Contact his office, his staff will explain what needs to be done. He suggested reading his website to get more information as well. He tells applicants to keep their arms simple, follow the family name, and approach one of the Officers of Arms.

-Who does the research for a coat of arms? The Lord Lyon does this himself.

-How long is his term of office? His title is for life, or until he retires.

-What qualifications did he need to become Lord Lyon? The applicant must be a lawyer and have served as a judge, as some cases are quite serious. The Lord Lyon is chosen by open selection (vote) not appointed. He said there is a good bit of competition for the title.

-Jack Bowling commented that he is fascinated by heraldry. He knows that in early times shields were painted in black and white, with cross-hatching of different styles to designate colors. They had a short discussion about this. The Lord Lyon has an extensive knowledge of heraldry, as you can imagine.

The Lord Lyon asked what clans we represented, and we responded via chat; Hay, Gunn, Wilson, Leslie, McAllister, Drummond, McDonald, Rose, Keith, Murray, Guthrie, Dunlap, Campbell, Baird, Home, MacLaurin, Kentucky, MacKay, Cameron, Grant, McFritz, Hamilton, MacKintosh, Ogilvie, Davidson, Stewart and McKay.

The Lord Lyon thanked us for having him speak to us, and we let him know how much we enjoyed his presentation.

Presentation.

Truly, this may have been the best program we have had in the last few years, and we have had some really good programs. We had 33 attending, mostly SSL members but a few invited guests. If you missed this virtual program, take a few minutes and check it out on our website. If it isn't posted to the site yet, check back in a few days. This is definitely worth seeing!

Mr. Wilson called the business meeting to order, and asked for reports.

Vice-President Dianne Holland said she had nothing new to report.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge said the dues for the Columbus, IN highland games are paid for.

Secretary Linda Wilson had nothing new to report.

Membership Commissioner Annie Rivers said we had 33 members in attendance, and read the July birthdays. Jenny Dickson 7th, Robbin Goodin 11th, Steve Goodin 14th, Clay Ackiss 15th, John Dickson 17th, Joan Hale 24th, and Timmy Sorrow 30th.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling told us that right now we have 3 events coming up in September. Worldfest will be Saturday, 9-3. The Columbus Scottish Festival will be Saturday and Sunday, 9-10 and 9-11. As of right now, we do not have enough volunteers to help at the Columbus games for both days. Lastly, The Kentucky Celtic Festival and Scottish Games in Eminence, KY on 9-17. If you would like to assist at the Columbus games on either day, please contact Jack at jackandangb13@gmail.com. We could really use your participation at the Columbus Scottish Festival.

There will be a Celtic Fling at the Southern Renaissance Fair in Charlestown, IN on October 15, 16, 22, and 23. Jack has contacted Nancy Doane Stewart to see if we could set up for one or both weekends or maybe only one day. Nancy is the Vice-President and Vendor Coordinator for the Renaissance Fair. He will be getting more information soon and will share with the membership.

All of the new books are in and ready to go. The new business cards are in and they look great. Jack has purchased a new EZ Up replacement top and received a 20% discount on the price.



We are all looking for other Celtic events to participate in. If you hear of any Celtic events, let him know. He is looking forward to hearing from you all.

Programs and Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin told us that she had received word from Judy Stubbs about local kirrkings. More information will be available soon.

Robbin told us about some of the programs coming up in 2023, including poet laureate Lee Pennington, Alan Hay on Princess Diana, our own Pat Schweitzer may do a program, and Bellarmine drama students may do a Halloween program. If anyone would like a particular topic for a program, please get in touch with Robbin.

Hospitality Commissioner Melissa Ingram has Covid 19 again and there was no report.

Electronic Services Commissioner Damien had nothing new to report.

Member At Large Pat Schweitzer updated the brief history of the SSL in our Dropbox, and it will be included on the athletic award given at the Eminence, KY Highland Games.

Newsletter Editor Sarah Colglazier said there will be a newsletter in July. She said it will be a simple, bare bones newsletter at first, and she will add more as she is able.

Social Media Commissioner Holley Holland reminded us all to add the new SSL email to our contact lists, as all information will come from that email in future; scotsoflou@gmail.com.

There was no more business to discuss, but Joan Hale told us she had joined the Derby City Dragons, a breast cancer survivor group that paddles a dragon longboat on the Ohio River. She said this is an international organization that started in Canada, but for some reason New Zealand takes credit for it.

Mr. Wilson said the program was outstanding, and just wished that more of our members had participated. He adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Linda Wilson



The St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York
One more really nice coat of arms.

The Scottish Society of Louisville and “*The Living Scotland*”

During the 26 July 2022 general meeting we had the rare honor of hosting **The Right Honourable the Lord Lyon, King of Arms**. He spoke to us about his background, his job, his council, and of course heraldry. As he wrapped up his presentation, he shared a few words with us about what it means to be Scots outside of Scotland, or part of “*The Living Scotland*”, and the principles and values on which Scottish heritage functions. He further explained that within Scottish heritage there is an emphasis on kindness, hospitality and generosity, and that we as the members of *The Living Scotland* live our lives through these principles and values, or more specifically, support, equality, hospitality and generosity.

I thought his words were very poignant, especially considering what The Scottish Society of Louisville (SSL) is all about. With that said, I wanted to share a brief refresher on SSL’s mission and how Lord Lyon’s words apply to us. First of all, SSL’s mission is to provide educational, cultural, and recreational programs and activities that increase public awareness of Scottish, Scots-Irish and Celtic traditions, culture and history.

We achieve this in a variety of ways including: Monthly educational meetings (open to the public); Various social events throughout the year such as Burns Night; Scholarships for Scottish related activities such as genealogical studies; Awarding excellence in Scottish dance, athletic and musical studies; and Participating in public events such as Highlands Games, festivals, etc. All of these activities are accomplished through the combined efforts of volunteers. As to the values Lord Lyon pointed out, I can unequivocally vouch for the generosity, support, and hospitality of our volunteers. It takes lots of time to put monthly meetings together, maintain websites and social media pages, publish newsletters, maintain membership data and collect annual dues, and be a presence at Scots and Celtic events, amongst all the other tasks and activities we complete each year.

There are so many more things I could say about what SSL does to fulfill our mission and in support of the values Lord Lyon mentioned, but will stop here, except to invite you to also take a more active role in SSL by volunteering some of your time. In short, **The Scottish Society of Louisville NEEDS YOU!**

We need volunteers for every single thing the Society does. Some examples of needs are:

- Monthly activities such as writing an article for the Newsletter

- At events we host such as Burns Night or the November Auction

- At events we participate in such as Worldfest or various Highland Games and festivals

There are so many opportunities for you to actively participate in SSL. For specific opportunities, check the Newsletter, event emails from scotsoflou@gmail.com, our Facebook page at [The Scottish Society of Louisville](#), or our website at scotsoflou.com. Actively participating is fun, it supports SSL and the Living Scotland, and it’s open to everyone.

We’re so very happy to have you participate that we’re showing our appreciation by giving a chance to win one **FREE Burns Night Gala ticket** for our 28 January 2023 Burns Night. Earn one chance for each SSL activity or event (e.g. Auction) or each shift (two hour min) at other events such as Worldfest or Highland Games. Drawing to be held on December 15th. The more you volunteer, the more chances you’ll have. Contact any Board member for further details!

August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 SSL Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 SSL virtual program on Zoom	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



August Birthdays: 1 Robert Harrison, 2 Victoria Snelling, 10, Pat Schweitzer, 11 Jane Seelig, 12 Sarah Colglazier, 15 Jerry Colvin, 16 Amy Johnson, 17 Laura Doll, 21 Holley Holland, 28 Marleen Bailie,

September 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Worldfest on the Belvedere, Louisville KY
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Columbus, IN Scot- tish Festival
11 Columbus, IN Scottish Festival	12	13 SSL Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 Central, KY Celtic Festival & Scot- tish Games, Eminence KY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 SSL Program, Judy Stubbs @CCUM	28	29	30	



September Birthdays: 2 Bruce Wilson, 5 Judy Stubbs, 10 Donald Yovich, 11 Tom Cunningham, 13 Stephen Kirzinger, 14 Alberta B. Baker, 18 Jimi Davis, 22 Kate Sanders, 23 Carolyn Cook

Scottish Society of Louisville 2022 Programs

By Programs & Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin

January: Scottish Dancing Lessons with Don and Kathy Corson (Covid cancelled) This became Members' Night Out.

February: Alan Hay—Smugglers of NE Scotland virtual only at 6:00pm.

March: Elections and Mindy McIntosh, Outlander Botanist, in-person at CCUM at 7:00pm.

April: Swearing in of new commissioners At Haggis Night! In-person at Strathmoor Church, 2201 Hawthorne Ave. Louisville 40205 at 6:00pm.

May: William Leslie presents about the Clan Leslie Collection at the McLaughton Library, Ontario virtual at CCUM, 7:00pm.

June: Jim Hughes and Arch Cunningham present the Scottish Trivia Game! in-person at CCUM at 7:00pm.

July: The Right Honorable The Lord Lyon - The Court of the Lord Lyon, virtual only at 6:00pm.

August: Glen Taul presented by Ephraim McDowell in Scotland, virtual only at 7:00pm.

September: Judy Stubbs presents a program about Jewish communities in Scotland at 7:00pm at CCUM, in-person.

October: Mandy Dick presents Scottish Ghost Stories at CCUM, 7:00pm in-person.

November: Dinner and Auction at Strathmoor Church, 6:00pm in-person.

December: No membership meeting.
Enjoy the Holidays!



Celtic Organizations in our Area

Ancient Order of Hibernarians
www.louisvilleirish.com/

Indy's Irish Fest
www.indyirishfest.com

Louisville Pipe Band
www.louisvillepipeband.org

The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati
www.caledoniansociety.org

Irish Society of Kentuckiana
www.irishkyana.org

McClanahan School of Irish Dance
www.Mcclahanirishdance.com

Columbus Scottish Festival
www.scottishfestival.org/

KY Highland Renaissance Festival
www.kyrenfaire.com

Ohio Valley Celtic Society

Steve Thomas
208 East Second St.
Madison, IN 47250
www.thomasfamilywinery.us

KY United Pipes & Drums (KUPD)
www.kentuckyunited.org

English Speaking Union
www.esuus.org

Louisville Fire and Rescue Pipe
www.lfrbaggpipes.org

Scottish Society of Indianapolis
www.indyscot.org

Contact our Cheer Person

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, **Jean Hughes**, by calling her at (502)438-9811.

Ongoing Events

The Louisville Pipe Band meets from 2-5 on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at info@louisvillepipeband.org or visit www.louisvillepipeband.org.

The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums meet from 6-8pm on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main St. in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502)551-2732, or visit www.lfrbgpipes.org.

Change of Address and other Information

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, and so on, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, PO Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232 or email Holley Holland at membership@scotsoflou.com.

August Presentation

Join us during the August general meeting for a presentation from Dr. Glen Taul on Ephraim McDowell in Scotland.

In case you don't know, Dr. Ephraim McDowell (1771 – 1830) was an American physician who grew up and practiced in Danville, KY. He is credited as the “father of modern abdominal surgery” after performing the first successful abdominal surgery (without the benefit of anesthesia). Dr. McDowell was educated in both Virginia and Scotland. This presentation will focus specifically on his time at the University of Edinburgh including his life while in Edinburgh, and the lectures he attended that prepared him to perform the ground breaking operation.

Dr. Glen Taul is retired from the academic world. He earned a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Kentucky, and a master's degree in American Studies from Baylor University. He has published articles in the areas of family, Kentucky, western American, Appalachian, and British history. Dr Taul has deep family roots in Kentucky. His research interests at present are writing a biography of Dr. McDowell, editing the memoirs of Micah Taul, a contemporary of Henry Clay, writing a triple biography that will include his six-times great grandmother, his grandmother, and his mother (all Tauls and all named Mary).