

The Whistle

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

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From the Desk of the President

Fall is the busy time for the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Irish Fest is a key event for the promotion of the activities of the Scottish Society among our Irish cousins as well as a fun event. We always need the contribution of a few hours from as many of our members as possible at our display. Folks stopping by to check out their Scottish Heritage provide a great opportunity to promote the Scottish Society and our Highland Games on October 12.

Our premier event is the Indy Games October of course and Rise Stockton is seeking volunteers willing to spend a few hours to keep the event running smoothly. This year will be the debut of the Scottish Society Actors Guild and I know the troupe has been working hard on their planned performance. The event continues to evolve and develop and is attracting a growing following and can continue to do so. That said it is like all endeavor's which experience growing pains as they develop. The board of trustees and the the Games steering committee are always seeking ways to improve the event. However they have not nor can they in the future, do it alone. We need input and labour from everyone because the bigger the pool of resources we can draw from the better.

We are soliciting nominations for the Board of Trustees and the office of President. We, at present, have three nominations for President and I expect a few more for trustee that at present. This is a good development. I have been concerned for a couple of years by comments that our elections seemed more like an "anointing" of candidates selected by the Trustees than an election. To be fair, sometimes the number of those willing to serve have been limited to the number needed. That said it is healthy for the members to have a choice so we all feel "ownership" of our Society. The Scots have a long history of supporting democracy. In the ancient past the Clan Chiefs served at the will of their clan and were responsible for the well being of the Clan. As the tide of history ebbed and flowed the great "Reformation" period and establishment of Presbyterianism resulted in people governing themselves and when the National Kirk became too authoritarian there was a split and the "Free" Kirk was formed. Of course we all know our American "Experiment" is founded on the principles of Democracy espoused by our Scottish ancestors. That said elections need not be events of conflict or that we think more or less of anyone and they should not be "personal". Whomever is selected for office should receive our support.

It has been an enjoyable experience serving as a trustee and as your President. During my term as your President I have made a determined effort to make sure everyone feels welcome and included in the Scottish Society. The interest in learning and sharing our ancestry is made whole by fellowship and friendship. Our events are created and are not possible without volunteer effort which cannot happen without the "One for all and all for one" that was the basis of the Clans of Alba. I appreciate your support and I look forward to being a part of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis for a long time to come.

Mark G. Lawson FSA Scot, Custodian of the Dalmore
President, Scottish Society of Indianapolis
Slainte' maith, h-uile latha, na chi 'snath fhaic!
(Good health, every day whether I see you or not)



Bulletins

Elections

It is that time of year again, if you have nominations for President, Trustees and Tommy Thompson Award, please let Mark Larson know. The annual elections will take place at the Founders' Day Dinner on November 9th. The trustees will decide on the Tommy Thompson Award at the November trustee meeting.

International Festival

The Board of Trustees has voted not to be at the International Festival this year. We hope to return in a future year. In the past few years, it has been hard to get help with this after the games and makes it hard to schedule St. Andrew's Dinner.

The Fourth Annual Scottish Highland Games and Festival will be held at the German Park on October 12th, 2013. The Games will include Scottish heavy athletic competition, bagpipes, Celtic bands, authentic food, drink, and appropriate vendors.

November Founders Dinner

The 29th Annual Founders Day Dinner and Elections will be held November 9th at George's Neighborhood grill at 71st street and Binford. Dinner includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetables, desert, drink, tax & gratuity for \$27. Watch your mail for more information. **Dinners must be paid in advance and received before October 31st.**

Articles Needed for the Thistle

The editor wishes to thank to everyone who is contributing articles for the SSI Newsletter. The Feature Article, Clan Spotlight, and most of the short articles and notices are contributed each quarter by our members.

Anyone attending Scottish, clan or related events is encouraged to write a brief article describing the event and to enclose a photo or two. Feature articles are also needed, 3/4 page (600 to 700 words) plus a graphic or photo. These can be about any Scottish social, historic or cultural topic. We are also happy to include favorite Scottish recipes. Send to indyscot@gmail.com.

Recent Scottish Events

July Dinner Meeting

The July meeting was held at the Lawson farm and it a good time and different people shared with us what they do as hobbies or areas of interest.

August Dinner Meeting

Scottish Enlightenment by Ken Morgan

September Dinner Meeting

Music in Early Indiana: Celtic and Other Origins was presented by Erik Peterson. He is a historian and museum consultant and also plays with Hogeye Navy from time to time. It was an excellent program that explored music from the beginning of the state, like the first piano, through the civil war era. Showed how the Scots and Irish influenced the music of that time.

Indianapolis Scottish Games and Festival Schedule

Presiding over the
INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVAL
Their Majesties, King James V and Queen Marie
and their Court

THE ROYAL SPECIAL EVENTS

Presentation of the crowns.....10:20 am in court
Parade and Opening Ceremonies.....11:00 am
King's Feast.....12:00 noon
Rat Pucking.....2:00 pm
Kids Knighting.....4:15 pm
Awards Ceremony.....5:00 pm (Sun King Stage)
MacNiven's Bonniest Knees Contest.....6:30 pm (Sun King Stage)

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

Seven classes and all seven Highland heavy events
Athletic Field.....9:00 am – 5:00 pm

MacAllister's Machinery Youth Area

Activities for the wee lads and lassies
Open all day.....9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Puppet Show.....10:00 am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, & 4:00pm

Dewar's Scotch Tasting

Dewar's Entertainment Tent

Everyone is invited.....noon, 2:30 pm, & 6:15 pm
Please arrive prior to the start of the tasting as seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Limit: One complimentary tasting session per person

CELTIC MUSIC

Sun King Brewery Stage

Celtic Rain.....10:00 am, 1:00 pm, & 6:30 pm
Highland Reign.....12:00 pm, 4:15 pm & 7:30 pm
Drunk and Sailor....2:00 pm, 5:00 pm & 8:15 pm
Pictus.....3:15 pm

Dewar's Entertainment Area

Pictus.....7:00 pm

HIGHLAND BAGPIPERS

Joe Ketterman, Solo Piper.....9:00 am & 6:15 pm
William Arnold, Solo Piper.....11:45 am, 2:15 pm, & 6:00 pm
The Fountain Trust Pipe Band.....11:00 am, 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm
The Gordon Pipers.....11:00 am, 1:00 pm, & 3:00 pm

HIGHLAND DANCERS

Dewar's Entertainment Area

Irish Blessing Dancers.....10:00 am & 3:15 pm
Scottish Folk Dancing.....9:30 am, 1:30 pm, & 3:30 pm
Celtic Motion.....1:30 pm & 5:00 pm

Roderick Andrew MacDonald



The late Roderick D. MacDonald, on left, and Roderick A. MacDonald, on right

From Our Past -

Recently meeting one of our Honorary Members, Roderick Andrew MacDonald, I had a chance to have a very interesting chat with him concerning our very own pipe band for which was known as the Scottish Society of Indianapolis Pipe Band. Pipe Major Roderick A. MacDonald was a bagpipe teacher in the Carmel, IN area until recent years. Our pipe band was established in 1985, under the SSI Presidency of Carter Keith, and continued until 1994. Some of it's founding members of the band were Ed Hale, Mike Hayes, Kelly Hayes, Mick Hayes, and Roderick A. (Roddy) MacDonal. The band proudly sported the Clan Hay Ancient tartan kilt, as it competed at many of the games in Indiana, Kentucky,

Tennessee, Ohio, Arkansas, and Illinois.

Originally known as the Clan Na Gael Pipe Band, which was founded in 1980, the band won 4th Place, Grade 4 in 1984 at the Midwest Mini Band in Chicago. In 1985, the band won 2nd place, Grade 4, at Carrollton, KY and 2nd place, Grade 4, at Gatlinburg, TN Smokey Mountain Highland Games. In 1986 the band won 3rd place at both Carrollton, KY and Oberlin, OH and 3 1st place wins at Gatlinburg, TN, Glasgow, KY and respectively 1st place Slow March, at Glasgow, KY as well. The Pipe Band competed with 12 other pipe bands at Columbus Scottish Festival on it's opening year. In 1987 the band featured Jean Redpath and in the following year, Fiona Ritchie.

From 1994 to 2001, the band continued as the Celtic Cross Pipe Band, still under the leadership of Pipe Major Rodderick A MacDonal until it was dissolved in November of 2001. The band supported many of the Burns Suppers in the Indianapolis area with the help and support of both the Scottish Society Of Indianapolis and the leadership and support of the Scottish American Club.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS

Changes needed to the Constitution have been drafted and voted on by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee will have a specific title; President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 4th Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each position has specific duties to perform as outlined in the changes to the Constitution. As the person progresses up the chain of command the duties become more expanded. By the time a Vice President reaches the end of his term as 1st Vice President, he should be fully trained to absorb the duties of the President of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Will have the changes available to read at both the October and the St. Andrews dinners. The general membership that attend the annual meeting at the St. Andrews dinner on November 9, 2013 will vote to accept or reject these changes. A two-thirds affirmative vote of those active members in attendance is required to pass the changes.

Join Us for Scottish Country Dancing!

Like to dance? Want to learn? Just want to get some exercise? Join some of the Society members most Mondays for traditional Scottish country dancing. Society Trustee Ken Morgan leads beginner and experienced dancers in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. You'll be having too much fun to feel self-conscious.



New Location:
Northwood Christian Church
4550 Central Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205
7:30 - 8:00 PM Beginning Dance lessons
8:00 - 9:00 PM Social dancing
9:00 - 9:30 PM Advanced dancing

All are welcome. No partner needed. Call Ken Morgan at 317-260-1828 for more information. It's a good idea to call ahead to make sure we are dancing.

Scottish Recipe

Coygimwch Dell Patagonia (Prawn Patagonia)

Ingredients

570ml (1 pint) Thick Béchamel Sauce
450g (1lb) Creamed Potatoes
225g (8oz) Peeled Prawns
1 Small Cauliflower
110ml (4fl oz) Double Cream
110g (4oz) Caerphilly Cheese
1 tbsp Tomato Ketchup
1 tsp Garlic Salt
1 tsp Celery Salt
1 tsp Ground Bay Leaf
1 tsp Turmeric
1 tsp Mustard Powder

Cooking Directions

Prepare the cauliflower and divide into florets.
Cook until soft, but still firm.
Divide and place into eight individual dishes or an oven proof dish.
Keep warm.
Combine the cream, tomato ketchup, garlic salt, celery salt, ground bay leaf, turmeric, mustard powder and a little freshly ground pepper.
Add to Béchamel sauce, mixing thoroughly.
Add the peeled prawns and the crumbled Caerphilly cheese and heat gently, do not boil.
Pour the mixture over the cauliflower and grill until golden brown.
Pipe creamed potatoes around the serving dish.
Servings: 8

The Tenative dates for 'Clans 2014! An International Gathering of Clans', has a tenative date of 11-13 July, 2014. Stirling is going to host it and it will coincide with the Sekonda Stirling Highland Games. The Stirling Council plans to add the following events in 2014:

- A packed Bannockburn 700 Weekend, featuring re-enactments, the official opening of the National Trust for Scotland's new visitor Centre
- A potential youth arts festival and schools event
- A "Stirling Tastes Good" food and drink festival in September 2014
- A potential angling festival

Upcoming Events Calendar

Note that Scottish Society of Indianapolis (SSI) sponsored events are indicated in **bold**.

October

October 12th: The 3rd Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival at German Park located at 1008 West 64th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Tickets \$15 at the gate or \$12 in advance, at www.indyscotgamesandfest.com and click on games. The games and Festival 9:00 AM- 9:00 PM

October 9th: SSI Dinner Meeting and Program. Begins at 6:30 PM with social time, a pitch in style dinner at 7:00 PM.

October 21st: Western Kentucky Highland Festival in Murray City Park, Murray, Kentucky, www.wkyhighlandfestival.com

November

November 9th: Annual Founders day Dinner and Meeting will be held at George's Neighborhood Grill 71st and Binford. Drinks/Social time 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM Meeting and Elections at 8:00 PM.

December

December 11th: SSI Meeting and Program. Begins at 6:30 PM with a pitch in style dinner at 7:00 PM..



2014 Membership Renewal Form

Please renew my membership in the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Inc. as indicated:

Life \$250 Family \$35.00/yr Individual \$25.00/yr Student \$10.00/yr

Senior Family \$29.75/yr Senior Individual \$21.25/yr

Membership: \$ _____

I wish to make a donation to the George McMath Scholarship fund:

Scholarship: \$ _____

I wish to make a donation to the Indpls Scottish Highland Games and Festival:

Games: \$ _____

Name(s): _____

E-mail Addresses: _____

E-mail is used to send the SSI newsletter four times each year, as well as occasional announcements about SSI events. We do not sell or share e-mail with any party, and we prohibit any party from using this e-mail for any other purpose. __Do not send the newsletter via my e-mail. __Do not send SSI event information via my e-mail. __Please send my newsletter via US postal mail.

Facebook Usernames: _____

Address: _____

Address information is used to send your membership renewal, will be used to send your newsletter to if you request it, but is not shared with any third party, sold, shared or rented.

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____ (cell)

Note if you are a *new member*, your membership dues will be pro-rated for the number of months left in the year. If you are a past member, you have the option of renewing your membership at the annual rate any time during the year or attending as a guest for \$7/person as often as you like. Please make your check out to *The Scottish Society of Indianapolis* and mail it along with this form to: Ron Elliot, 13115 Allisonville Rd, Fishers, IN 46038 or bring it to the next meeting.

SSI Meeting and Side Dish Schedule

	October	November	December
Date:	Wednesday, Oct. 9th	Saturday Nov. 9th	Wednesday, Dec. 11th
Meat Dish:		George's Neighborhood Grill	TBA
Program:	Games and Festival	Annual St. Andrew's Day Dinner Celebration, Elections.	TBA
Youth Program:		No youth program for Founder's Dinner	
Side Dish to Bring:	A-F—Veggie/Casserole	Don't bring food to this one.	A-F—Dessert
	G-McC—Salad		G-McC —Veggie/Casserole
	McD-Z—Dessert		McD-Z—Salad
<p>Bring a side-dish based on the first letter of your last name. Please bring at least 3 large servings per attending family member. Example: a couple would bring at least 6 large servings.</p> <p>If you invite guests, please bring their portions as well.</p> <p>Meeting Costs: Members \$4, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free.</p>			

Meeting Agenda:

6:30pm—Social Time
 7:00pm—Dinner
 8:00pm—Program

Location:

All meetings take place
 at the Latvian Center
 1008 West 64th Street

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