

The Whistle

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

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From the Desk of the President

Fellow Scots,

Over the course of my life, I've been accused at times of over thinking tasks that I have encountered. It would come as no surprise that the content of my inaugural letter has been in my thoughts for some time. I considered addressing some of the difficulties we've encountered since the St. Andrew's Day dinner in November. I considered writing only of the positive things that have happened in that same time period and of the great things that are going to occur in the upcoming months. In the end, ignoring the negative in lieu of the positive seemed to come up short in my mind. The combination of both the positive and the negative gives a clearer insight to the state of our society.

I was entrusted with the workings of the Society in November by virtue of being elected to the office of president. This trust is something I take very seriously. My first inquiries into the workings of the society and the games committee led to a series of events that were designed by their authors to be disruptive, corrosive, and create an air of discord and mistrust. These events, although very hard to endure by me, my family, and members of the Society, created, in the end, quite the opposite effect than was intended.

Since the beginning of the year, the Society has become unified, rallying to the cause of community as only Scots can do. The support shown to the board and our leadership has been empowering and comforting. I am overjoyed to report that we are moving forward as a society and as a community bonded by the love of all things Scottish.

In spite of the weather, we have celebrated the life of Robert Burns with Ken Morgan's version of Burns Lite, we've tasted "the mist," attended the IUPUI International Festival, hosted Kilt Nite at the Claddagh Irish Pub, rejoined and are maintaining a presence on the Nationalities Council, renewed our ties with COSCA, moved forward with the planning of our fifth annual Scottish Highland Games and Festival with renewed vigor and management, and participated once again in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We're reworking how we keep our books and email/mailling lists. Samuel's re-vamped website is a thing of beauty.

The upcoming months promise to be full of events and programs of interest, many of which are posted in this newsletter. I hope to see you at any or all of these happenings. It is my extreme pleasure to serve as your president; I appreciate your trust and confidence as we move through the year.

Slainté mhath,

Robin Jarrett,
Clan Wallace
President



Kilt Night at the Claddagh



And to You, and to You, and to You, my Jonny Lad...

'A Kilt, A Kilt!' was the *Irish-Scot* celebration cry, as was celebrated "**Kilt Night**" at the Claddagh, with many Irish friends included. Co-Hosting, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis and the Claddagh Irish Pubs on 96th Street, our Scot-Irish, Celtic Heritage. And who says that both the Scots and Irish, don't have bonnie knees?

But you haven't missed your chance; **come join us once again on Friday, June 6th** for the next chance to celebrate in Kilt; Irish, Welsh, Manx, Cornish, or Scot!

St Patrick's Day Parade in Indianapolis



Though cold and overcast, St Patty's Day 2014 did not break the true spirit of this band of Scottish Society clans, as they marched with Mary Queen of Scots and her faithful entourage, through the heart of Indianapolis. Irish festivities and Celtic solidarity were expressed beginning at the Elbow Room, amid a hearty Scottish spirit. A hearty 'Slainte! and Hip-hip-hazah!' were expressed throughout the day. Noting from this picture, the cold did not break their hearty spirits. For those who missed the opportunity to share in the festivity, until next year, may the soft wind be gently at your back, may the rain fall softly upon your fields, may the sun fall warmly on your face, and may God Bless you with the opportunity to join us next year, in Indianapolis!

Kilt Night Friday June 6th at the Claddagh!

You don't have to wait until the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games October 11th to hear live Celtic music. Kilt night will be held at the 96th Street Claddagh Precedent location on Friday June 6th. The bands will be playing traditional Scottish ballads and pub songs. The Claddagh is located at 3835 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240, Phone: (317) 569-3663, Fax: (317) 566-8518, Precedent@CladdaghIrishPubs.com.



Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival Update

Soon you be able to buy tickets ON-LINE to the 2014 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. All you have to do is go to the website at

www.indyscot.org and click on the Games link, or go directly to www.indyscotgamesandfest.com/.

The Fifth Annual Scottish Highland Games and Festival will be held at the German on October 11th, 2014, from 9:00am to 9:00pm. The games will include Scottish heavy athletic competition, bagpipes, Celtic bands, authentic food, drink, and appropriate vendors. See our very own Deneice Jarrett and Lise Douglass to volunteer; we will be needing lots of help.

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; so far Robin has submitted ALL of them. Send to mrgoodnews@comcast.net.

Coming Up in April:

April Dinner Meeting: "The Spying Scotsman"

Mark Lawson, former President of the SSI and Assistant Convener for Clan MacLaren for the State of Indiana, will fill the hour with a treasure trove of information on "How the Scots Stopped the German's in WWII."

House of Gordon



Clan Crest Badge

MOTTO: Abiding or Steadfast:
meaning Stand and Fight

PLANT BADGE: Rock Ivy

WAR CRY: 'A Gordon, A Gordon!'

CLAN CHIEF: The Most Honorable,
Marquis of Huntly



Tartan: Gordon Ancient

Richard of Gordon was the first known Gordon of record. During the reign of King Malcolm in Scotland, legend has it that supposedly Richard slew a great beast, thought to be by some to be a dragon. Gordon is not originally known to be of a Scottish Gaelic origin, but was of Normandy origin. As the need for knights and soldiers grew, King David I of Scotland welcomed knightly classes with their families and were granted lands in northeastern Scotland, near Aberdeen in Aberdeenshire in the 11th Century, as well in the border (lowlands), near Kelso in what used to be Berwickshire, in southeast Scotland.

History shares that Clan Chief, Sir John Gordon, supported Sir Robert the Bruce, fighting at the Battle for Scottish Independence, of Halidon Hill in 1333, and at Otterburn in 1388, when the English were defeated. The Gordons fought at the Battle of Arbroath in 1445 where Patrick Gordon of Methlic was slain.

Huntly Castle 1449; The Gordons defeat the Clan Douglas who had invaded their lands. The Douglasses were enemies of the King. The Gordons stood on the king's side, and with their men involved in the south of the country, the Earl of Moray, a relation and ally of the Douglasses, took the opportunity to sack the Gordon lands, setting Huntly Castle ablaze. The Gordons returned and quickly destroyed their enemies.

In the 1500's, Clan Gordon fought with the soldiers of Mary, Queen of Scots, choosing to remain Catholic and in support. For this, the Earl of Huntley died and his son, Sir John was beheaded before the Queen. At the Battle of Glenlivet in 1594 the Earl of Argyll's forces which consisted of Clan Campbell, Clan Stewart of Atholl, Clan Forbes and the Chattan Confederation of Clan MacKintosh were defeated by the Earl of Huntly's forces which consisted of Clan Gordon, Clan Comyn/Cumming and Clan Cameron.

The 1600's began with the typical feuds between clans; the neighboring Leasks and Gordons fought ferociously with seemingly, the Gordons being blamed as the aggressors. The Gordons seemed to have internal feuding issues as well. It was from this and their Norman heritage that the Gordons became known as a warring clan. And it may have been of this that Robert Burns wrote in a 1791 poem, 'There's ne'er a coward o' Kenure's blude, Nor yet o' Gordon's line.' In the 1600's, the Gordon chief, by then elevated to become Marquis of Huntly, supported Charles I in the Civil War. He lost his head in Edinburgh in 1649. James VII raised the Marquis to a dukedom, the first clan chief to receive such an honour.

It was in 1715, that the 2nd Duke of Gordon, Alexander raised 2,300 men to join the Earl of Mar for the Jacobite Army at Perth. And again, they joined in the Battle of Culloden in 1746 with the men of Clan Hay, in the Army of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

There are many branches of the House of Gordon throughout Scotland including the Gordons of Haddo, which has for its head the Marquis of Aberdeen and Temair. The Chief of the Clan Gordon today is Granville Charles Gordon, 13th Marquis of Huntly.

FAMILY NAMES OF THE HOUSE OF GORDON:

Adam	MacAdam	Adams	Adamson	Addie	Adie	Addison
Aikens	Aitken	Atkins	Aitchison	Atken	Atkinson	Badenoch
Barrie	Boyne	Brisbane	Connon	Cromb	Crombie	Cullen
Culane	Conner	Craig	Darg	Darge	Dorwald	Dorward
Duff	Durward	Eadie	Edison	Eddie	Edie	Esslemont
Garioch	Geddes	Gerrie	Gardiner	Gardner	Huntley	Huntly
Jessiman	Jopp	Jupp	Laing	Lang	Laurie	Lawrie
Leng	Ling	Mallett	Langteach	Mar	Marr	Marver
Marvor	Meldrum	Mill	Mills	Miline	Milnor	Morrice
Milles	Milne	Milnes	Moir	Moore	More	Morris
Muir	Mylne	Steel	Steele	Teal	Teall	Tod
Todd	Tough	Troup				

Graphics Source: Clan Gordon. (2014, March 24). In *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Retrieved 04:16, April 7, 2014, from http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Clan_Gordon&oldid=601026578

Whisky Office Update

Whisky Policies and Programmes

--by Matthew Douglass, Vice President of Whisky

It has come to my attention that we have many new members who may not as yet have been fully informed as to the Scotch whisky policies and programmes at the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. As Vice President of Whisky, it is my solemn duty to apprise all new members, and to remind all sustaining members, of these important matters.

Proper Spelling of Whisky: Firstly, let’s get this straight. Scotch whisky is spelled with no “e”. Whiskey with an “e” refers to the American and Irish beverage, whereas whisky without the “e” refers to the Scottish and Canadian varieties. Is the plural of whisky spelled “-kys” or “-kies”? The plural of whisky is often spelled “DUI” or “DWI”.

Whisky Bar: The Society maintains a delicious whisky bar for the use of any of its members and guests who are of legal drinking age during our monthly dinner meetings. The bar is generally set up on a table at the back of the meeting hall.

Whisky Rules: The charge is only \$3 per shot; a nominal fee considering the fine marques that grace our collection. Please note that a shot is 1.5 ounces, and shot glasses may be found on the table with the whisky for the correct measuring thereof. Mix whatever you like in common blended scotches, Bourbon, or rye whiskey, but single malts may not be

adulterated or combined with any contaminant except a judiciously metred amount of fresh, pure Scottish spring water, or possibly a single cube of spring water ice. We are quite strict on this, sanctions includes public embarrassment.



Annual Whisky Tastings: We have two annual tastings; at the February dinner meeting, (or sometimes March) and at our Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival in October. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, there is no additional charge for the tastings.

On-Going Research: Many have asked, how is it that we always have such good whisky to drink? I am constantly researching the issues of my office in order to assure that the Society is always kept properly supplied with this most important of spirits. To this end, I laboriously monitor and assess the output of leading distillers as frequently as possible. Some may think this duty a great burden. Indeed, frequently Members approach me, offering to assist me in my labor. For me, this sacrifice is not so much a burden as it is an honor, which I gladly bear for the benefit of the Society.

Welcome New Members

President Robin Jarrett wishes a hearty: “Failte Chun Ar Cumann!” or “Welcome to our Society!” Please join us in giving our new members a warm welcome and please introduce yourselves when you meet them:

*Don & Martha St. Clair
Lawrence Mowat*

*Ilgvars Varis & Vida Grapis
Daniel & Hillary Scott*

Jim Young & Sara Ann Hook

Melissa Shoback

Alexander and Erin Smith

Anthony and Melanie Hamilton

Ron & Rachelle Baumgart

Barry S. & Tatiana Craig

Jim & Deirdre Horton

Mark and Margaret Griffin

Visit us on the web at : www.indyscot.org

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. All are welcome. No partner needed



Northwood Christian Church

4550 Central Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46205

Most Monday nights

8:00 - 10:00 PM

Call Ken Morgan at 317-260-1828 for more information. Please call ahead to make sure we are dancing.

Scottish Recipe

Scottish Cheese Scones



Ingredients:

1½ cups self raising flour
¼ stick butter
1 large egg
2 or 2½ tbsp milk
4oz grated sharp cheddar cheese
½ tsp salt
½ tsp mustard powder
¼ cup butterscotch syrup warmed

Method:

Mix the flour, salt and together. Rub in the butter and then mix in the cheese. Beat the egg and add in the milk and butterscotch syrup; add mixture to the dry ingredients to make a soft, elastic dough. Roll out the mixture on a floured surface but not too thinly. Cut into round shapes and place on a well greased tray. Brush the top with milk and sprinkle a little extra cheese on top. Bake in a pre-heated oven on a high shelf at 220C/425F/Gas Mark 7 until golden brown. Serve warm with butter.

Upcoming Events Calendar

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

April 6th National Tartan Day

April 9th SSI Meeting and Gathering, Latvian Center: Mark Lawson, "How the Scotts Stopped the German's in WWII"

April 17th Board of Trustees Meeting, Claddagh Irish Pub, 3835 E 96th St., Indianapolis, IN

May 14th SSI Meeting and Gathering, Latvian Center: Peter Hylton, "Scotts in WWI"

May 15th Board of Trustees Meeting, location TBA

June 6th SSI Kilt Night, Claddagh Irish Pub, 3835 E 96th Street

June 11th SSI Meeting: Program— Tina Dunn, "Mary Queen of Scotts, Part III," Latvian Center

June 20th Board of Trustees Meeting-

June 22nd Summer Solstice Celebration – Latvian Center

July 12th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program— Lawson Farm Cookout. Note this is a SATURDAY, not Wednesday.

July 12th Games Committee Meeting at the Lawson Farm immediately prior to the cookout.

July 11th-12th Columbus Scottish Festival—Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus, IN (800) 468-6564 www.scottishfestival.org

July 18th Board of Trustee Meeting -

August 13th SSI Meeting and Gathering, at the Latvian Center. Program— Calling of the Clans

August 15th Board of Trustees Meeting

September 10th SSI Meeting: Program –TBA

September 19th Board of Trustees Meeting

October 4th-5th 47th Annual Feast of the Hunters Moon, at Historic Fort Quiatenon Park, West Lafayette, IN.

www.tcha.mus.in.us/feast.htm.

October 8th SSI Meeting: Program—TBA

October 11th Fifth Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, held at German Park, 8600 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN, www.indyscot.org .



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

Name: _____ Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail is used to send the SSI newsletter four times each year, monthly meeting reminders, as well as occasional announcements about SSI and other Scottish events. We do not sell or share e-mail addresses with any party, and we prohibit any party from using this e-mail for any other purpose. E-mail preferences: Do not send the newsletter. Do not send SSI meeting reminders. Do not send event information.

Date: _____ Home Phone: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send my/our newsletter via US postal mail.

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.

Clan(s) / District(s) _____

(Scottish ancestry is not required)

Spouse: _____ Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Spouse Clan(s) / District(s) _____

(Scottish ancestry is not required)

Names and Ages of Resident Children: _____

Topics of Interest: _____

Note if you are a new member, your membership dues will be halved from June on, 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:
11057 Allisonville Road, Suite 234 Fishers, IN 46038 or bring it to the next meeting.**

SSI Meeting and Side Dish Schedule

	April	May	June
Date:	Wednesday, April 9th	Wednesday May 14th	Wednesday, June 11th
Meat Dish:	Robin Jarrett	Wendy Hylton	Sam and Rebecca Lawson
Program:	Mark Lawson- "How the Scotts Stopped the Germans in WWII"	Peter Hylton- "Scotts in WWI"	Tina Dunn- "Mary Queen of Scotts, Part III"
Side Dish to Bring:	A-F—Veggie/Casserole	A-F— Salad	A-F—Dessert
	G-McC—Salad	G-McC— Dessert	G-McC —Veggie/Casserole
	McD-Z—Dessert	McD-Z— Veggie/Casserole	McD-Z—Salad
<p>Instructions: Bring your own place settings, drinks and a side-dish to share based on the first letter of your last name. Please bring at least 3 large servings per attending person in your group. Example: a couple would bring at least 6 large servings. If you invite guests, please bring their portions as well.</p> <p>Meeting Costs: Members \$4, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free, Scotch is \$3/1.5 oz shot.</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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