

# The Whistle

## The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

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From the desk of the president:

Spring is my favorite time of the year. I'm always amazed at the earth's ability to go from dark and gloomy, to bright and green in just a few short weeks. Spring has always signaled the start of the busy season for me, as a youth growing up on the farm and ultimately as a business owner working in the trades. Spring is a time of renewal, planning and growth, both physically and metaphorically as we advance into what in older days was called "the time of plenty". Even though I'm speaking personally, it's easy to apply these same thoughts to our Society at large.

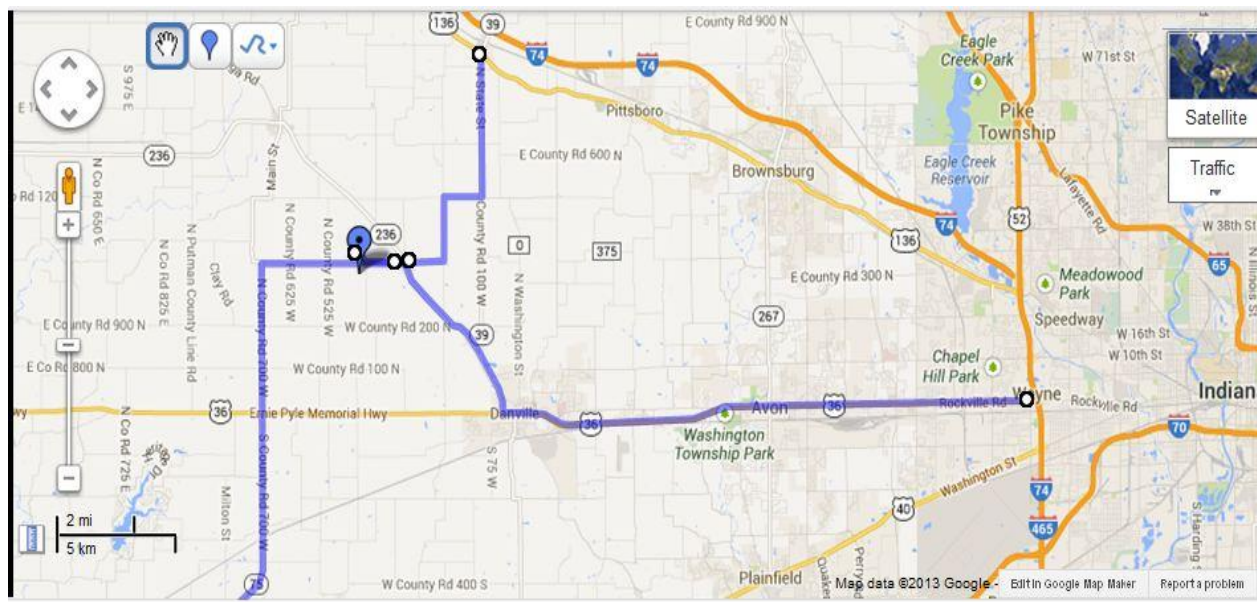
In the last few months, I've had the privilege of sitting on the Games Committee as entertainment chair. It's been inspiring to watch a group of people, who started in uncertainty, be able to grow into a cohesive, organized, and effective team. This team is determined to make our Fifth annual highlands games the best ever. Our new co-chairs, Deneice Jarrett and Lise Douglass, are striving for excellence as we move towards October. I am grateful for their leadership and the participation of all the committee members in this renewed endeavor to make the Indianapolis Highland Games and Festival the best Scottish festival in the Midwest.

We are already planning for events in the second half of the year. Late summer and fall are indeed a busy time for the Society. As you read this, we will have already participated as Scotland's representatives in the 500 Festival Parade with our friends at NCI. We are participating in Fourth of July parades in Southport and Carmel. We have begun to plan for our participation at The Columbus Games, Irish Fest, and the International Festival to name just a few. I encourage you to involve yourselves in any or all of these events.

I hope to see you at "Kilt Night" June 6<sup>th</sup>, at our June 11<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting with Mary Queen of Scots, and on July 12<sup>th</sup> as we for-go our regularly scheduled Wednesday meeting to attend a hog roast on Saturday at Mark and Donna Lawson's farm. Information on any of these events can be reviewed at our web site, [indyscot.org](http://indyscot.org). The second half of the year promises to be full of growth and prosperity for our society, I'm excited to be part of it.

***Slainte mhath,***  
***Robin Jarrett***  
***President Scottish Society of Indianapolis***

# LAWSON HOG ROAST - Let us Scots go hog wild !!! Who-we-e-e!!!



**Address is 4850 W. County road 350 N Danville, IN**

\*GPS: N 39.81272 W 086.61154\*

**Directions:** From the North: SR 39 south from the Lizton IN exit to CR 500 N. –Right on 500N approx.. 2 miles to CR 325 W, left 1 ½ mile to end of road, right on CR 350 N-cross SR 236 we are 1 ½ mile on right

From east: Rockville road or U.S. 36 west to Danville, Right on SR 39 North 1 mile to SR 236, left approx. 4 mi to CR 350 N-left 1 ½ miles

**There will be LAWSON signs at 500 & 39, 325W and 500 N and SR 39 & SR 236.**

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## **SCOTTISH CELTIC SYMBOLS**

### **‘Mercat Cross’**

*A Mercat Cross was a medieval marker for the center of the community, where the merchants would know to display their wares, where public announcements were made, and where executions were performed; mercat being a Scottish Gaelic name for market, or fair. In the upper left is a picture of the mercat cross in Edinburgh, atop of an octagonal cross house. Atop of the vertical cross (lower left), is an unicorn, rampant and St Andrews flag. There are 126 similar mercat crosses still in existence throughout Scotland; the oldest being at Prestonpans in East Lothian. The mercat*

*crosses are adorned with a variety of foliage and symbols and are topped with a variety of primarily animals and fish.*



Unicorn with Saltire

### ***Kilt Night Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> At the Claddagh!***

You don't have to wait until the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games October 11<sup>th</sup> to hear the celtic bans play. Kilt night will be held at the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Claddagh Precedent location on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Precedent@CladdaghIrishPubs.com).

### ***Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival Update***

You can now buy tickets ON-LINE to the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. All you have to do is go to the website at [www.indyscot.org](http://www.indyscot.org) and go to the games page. You can buy tickets to the festival as well as tickets to the Céilidh afterwards.

***The Fifth Annual Scottish Highland Games and Festival will be held at the German on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 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. Send to [mrgoodnews@comcast.net](mailto:mrgoodnews@comcast.net).

## **SCOTTISH HUMOR**

### ***For Being Late***

The manager frowned at the barmaid, who arrived late for her evening shift.  
"You should have been here at five o'clock!"  
Said he.  
"But why?" Said she. "What happened?"

### ***Peter The Piper***

A piping student t'was a playing at a highland games and took a short break for a pint. Leaning over to a patron of the bar, "I understand you love the music of the pipes?"  
"Yes," stated the patron, "but just never you mind, keep playing."

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### ***A Few Pounds Lighter***

A rich man left an Irishman, an Englishman, and a Scot 10,000 pounds, on the condition that upon his death, they would each one would put 500 pounds into his coffin in case he needed it for his after life. The Irishman and the Englishman promptly placed in their 500 pounds and the Scot slipped out the 1,000 pounds and quickly slipped back in a check for 1,500 pounds. Having seen him, his wife riley questioned him about the exchange. The Scot replied, "Now we can't have him walkin' around wi' that much cash in his pockets, now can we?"





# MacDonald of Clanranald

By Angus MacDonald



This powerful branch of Clan Donald supported the Lordship of the Isles with nyvaigs (galleys) and warriors. The Lords of the Isles always considered themselves a sovereign kingdom in the Celtic sense. They considered themselves “children of the soil” and the Saxon Scottish Kings and Norman English Kings as foreign invaders with no right or claim to the land, Clanranald islands or thrones. They were “loyal” to whatever king recognized the Lordship of the Isles as a sovereign kingdom (be it Norse, Scottish, or English). Scotland had attempted invasion of the Lordship several times increasing Clan Donald’s allegiance to England. One exception was Angus Og (Young Angus) who befriended Robert the Bruce before either man rose to their eventual positions of power. Angus Og brought 5,000 clansmen to Bannockburn and the Bruce sent them into battle on his right flank with the words, “My Hope is Constant in Thee” which became the motto of Clanranald. The lands of Lochaber, were granted to Angus Og by Robert the Bruce after Bannockburn. Angus Og’s son, Good John of Islay, became the next Lord of the Isles. Good John’s eldest son, Ranald by Amie MacRuairi, was the father of the Clanranald branch.

Despite the Bruce’s recognition of the crucial role the Lordship at Bannockburn, subsequent Scottish kings sought to subjugate the Isles. In 1493 James IV required the forfeiture of the Lordship. This occurred after another Angus Og Macdonald was assassinated in his sleep just as his ancestor Somhairlidh had been. Ironically, 250 years later Bonnie Prince Charlie would seek and obtain the lion’s share of his support from Clan Donald.

Clanranald often found themselves at odds with MacDonalds of Glengarry and Sleat especially after the Scottish King required the forfeiture of the Lordship of the Isles. If James IV thought removing the Celtic threat would secure his Scottish crown he found just the opposite occurred. Without Celtic leadership the Highlanders & Islanders were even more defiant of Scottish government. Clanranald became one of several Celtic clans that were in a constant state of rebellion. The story of Clanranald is very much the story of its chiefs. Like Cuchulainn of old the greatest clan leaders were its victorious warriors.

Dugall had many sons from which Clanranald selected John of Moidart as their chief. In 1539 Donald Gorm (blue/green) of Sleat launched his unsuccessful attempt to restore the Lordship. John of Moidart was imprisoned as a result and the crown tried to appoint Ranald Gallda (foreigner) as their own chief of Clanranald. This was another example of the government’s attempt to impose Saxon Feudalism with its appointed leaders on people who for over a millennia had elected their leaders. The Celts have a special contempt in their voice when they refer to Sasunnach (Saxon). The clansmen would not accept Ranald Gallda. When the crown became concerned with Campbell of Argyll gaining too much power they released John of Moidart in 1542 knowing he would challenge Argyll’s authority. This is another example of government policy of managing the clans by turning them against each other.

The ancient seat of MacDonald of Clanranald is Castle Tioram (tioram – Gaelic, dry) in the rugged lands of Moidart on the northwest coast of Scotland close to the islands of Eigg, Rhum

and Skye. Throughout the years of its occupation, castle Tioram was obviously a center of power for the Clanranalds as well as a dwelling. Under the Clan system, the chief provided land

land and security for the people and held responsibility in exchange for loyalty and military service. His importance was measured by the number of men he could muster and the number of galleys he could maintain. The clan expected their chief to be strong, fearless in battle and generous. Feasting was important as was hunting and music. Records of a Moidart rental for 1721 show that fowlers, falconers and pipers were still not expected to pay rent. Boat wrights were also important tenants. Until the 19th century, the castle could only be approached overland by narrow, rough hill tracks passable only on foot or by sturdy highland ponies. The castle itself would have been a hive of activity but would have been surrounded by rotting midden material including excrement, so it was probably best approached upwind! The apartments within would have been dark since all windows, save those sited in the 17th century south block tower, face north or northwest into a small courtyard surrounded by high walls. Castle Tioram ceased to be the family residence in 1685 when Allan, the 14th chief elected to live elsewhere. He was brought up on Benbecula and Uist. Because of his support for the Jacobite cause, castle Tioram was garrisoned by Government troops from 1692 and fell into disrepair. Just before the outbreak of hostilities in 1715, the Governor of Fort William wrote that "not only the windows but even the roof and floors are ruined". In September 1715, the Castle and its garrison of 14 men was taken by Allan. According to tradition, Allan then ordered his own castle to be burnt before he left for Sherrifmuir where he was mortally wounded. The extent of damage to the castle remains unclear and it may occasionally have housed troops during the next 30 years. The castle does not appear to have been of importance at the time of the 1745 rising and was described as an abandoned ruin by 1748.

Following the 1745 uprising in which the young Clanranald was involved, the Clanranalds began to act as landed English gentry. Due to extremely expensive lifestyles and increasing debt, the estates were sold in the early 19th century. Although the island and Castle Tioram remained in the ownership of the family until the early twentieth century, the successive owners of the adjacent Lochshiel estate carried out conservation work in the 19th century. Dressed stone was robbed from the ruin and consolidation work was needed on the curtain wall and on the domestic buildings. When Mr. Hope Scott, who purchased the Lochshiel Estate in 1855, cleared the castle courtyard of burnt timbers, a quantity of 17th century Spanish coins and silver dollars were found beneath the debris. These were given to the Clanranald family. Anta Estates acquired the property in 1997 and Castle Tioram remains a historic ruin and is a scheduled ancient monument.



The ruins of Castle Tioram which can be visited at low tide



MacDonal of Ranald Tartan

The current chief of the clan is **Ranald Alexander Macdonald of Clanranald** (referred to simply as “Clanranald”) who is the 24th Chief and Captain of Clanranald pictured below leading a parade to open the annual highland games in Arisaig Scotland (I am out of sight hidden by the banners!) in the heart of MacDonald of Clanranald country. Clanranald is also closely involved in the efforts of the present owner of Castle Tioram, to restore that ancient Clanranald stronghold to its 17th Century glory, as a home for the owner and a world Headquarters to members of Clanranald.



### *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.

Visit us on the web at : [www.indyscot.org](http://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.



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.



## Clapshot - Pork Sausage Irish Potato



### Ingredients:

½ lb pork sausage, drained  
1 lb irish or Idaho potato  
1 ½ lb turnips  
½ cup white onion, finely chopped  
4 tbs butter  
2 tbs chives, chopped  
¼ tsp black pepper  
¼ tsp nutmeg  
¼ tsp curry  
1/8 tsp mace  
2tsp salt

### Method:

Sautee 2 tsps of your butter in a frying pan. When onion is about to turn, add the pork sausage, chopping sausage until done. Drain the grease and set aside your sausage and onion mixture. Peel, cube and boil, either crisp irish or Idaho potato and turnips, bringing them to a boil. Add black pepper, nutmeg, curry, and mace once the potato's and turnips come to a boil. When the potato's and turnips are soft, drain and then mash the turnip potato mixture with the remaining 2 tbs of butter, adding the salt. Then stir in the chopped chives and sausage mixture. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving for a light, delicious flavor.

## 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(s):

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*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 User Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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 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: The Scottish Society of Indianapolis, 11057 Allisonville Road, Suite 234 Fishers, IN 46038 or bring it to the next meeting***

## Upcoming Events Calendar

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

### June

**6<sup>th</sup> SSI Kilt Night, Claddagh Irish Pubs, 96th Street**  
**11<sup>th</sup> SSI Meeting: Program—Tina Dunn—Mary Queen of Scots, Part III, -Latvian Center,**  
 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustee Meeting- Claddagh Irish Pubs on 96th Street

### July / August

**12th - Hog Roast at the Lawson Farm- directions on this newsletter !** (no regular meeting)  
 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustee Meeting -  
**August**  
**8th- SSI Kilt Night, at the Claddagh Irish Pubs, 96th Street**  
**13<sup>th</sup> SSI Meeting and Gathering, -Latvian Center – "42nd Royal Highlanders of Lafayette, Tour of Scotland 2012",**  
**presented by Preston Smith**  
 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustee Meeting  
**31st -14th Annual Michiana Celtic Festival and Bryan Verkler Invitational Highland Games, Sunday 10 AM to 6 PM**  
 Howard Park, South Bend, IN [www.michianacelticsociety.org](http://www.michianacelticsociety.org)

### September / October / November

**10<sup>th</sup> SSI Meeting: Program –"The Jacobite Uprisings" by Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot**  
 11th-12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Scottish Festival—Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus,IN. (800) 468-6564 [www.scottishfestival.org/](http://www.scottishfestival.org/)  
 12th-14th Irish Fest -Military Park, Indianapolis, IN  
 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustee Meeting -  
**October**  
 4<sup>th</sup>-5th 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of the Hunters Moon, at Historic Fort Quiatenon Park, West Lafayette, IN. [www.tcha.mus.in.us/feast.htm](http://www.tcha.mus.in.us/feast.htm) .  
**8<sup>th</sup> SSI Meeting: TBA**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Fifth Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, held at German Park, 8600 South Meridian Street**  
 Indianapolis, IN, [www.indyscot.org](http://www.indyscot.org) .  
 November 21-23 International Festival Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1200 E 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis ...West Pavilion



## SSI Meeting and Side Dish Schedule

	June	July	August
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, June 11th	Saturday July	Wednesday, August 13th
<b>Meat Dish:</b>	Sam and Rebecca Lawson		Burgers and dogs With Andy Thompson's cooking
<b>Program:</b>	Tina Dunn- Mary Queen of Scots, Part III		
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Latvian Center	LAWSON'S FARM	Latvian Center
<b>Side Dish to Bring:</b>	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

**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.**

**If you invite guests, please bring their portions as well.**

**Meeting Costs: Members \$4, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free.**

### Meeting Agenda:

6:30pm—Social Time  
 7:00pm—Dinner

8:00pm—Program

### Location:

All meetings take place  
 at the Latvian Center

1008 West 64<sup>th</sup> Street

### For More Information

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 Or contact any trustee



## 'INDIANAPOLIS 500 PARADE'



"On Saturday May 24th, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis had the honor of representing Scotland in the 500 Festival Parade. Along with our friends, The Nationalities Council of Indiana and it's member nations, we formed one of the largest units in the entire parade. Dressed in costumes representing each country our unit walked the 2.4 mile route waving and cheering to a crowd estimated at 300,000 souls!"



### Dalwhinnie

#### 15 Year - Single Malt Scotch Whisky

*Review by Armand Hayes*

A moderate, Highland Scotch Whisky, from the Grampian Mountains. A very nice single malt with a smoky flavor, with a touch of honey and spice, and a warm, smoky finish. The lower end pricing at an average of \$55.00, makes it a good every day, Scotch drinking choice; an elegant, sweet selection with a good malt finish.

# KILT NIGHT

Friday, June 6th

Hosted by  
The Scottish Society  
of Indianapolis

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:  
HOGYEY NAVVY AT 8PM

Wear  
Your Best  
Kilt!

AUTHENTIC SCOTTISH MENU  
INCLUDING:

- COCK A LEEKIE SOUP
- CHICKEN STOVIES WITH OATCAKES
- LORNE SAUSAGE WITH ROOT VEGETABLES
- ...AND MUCH MORE!

 **CLADDAGH**  
IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT

3835 E. 96th St. | Indianapolis, IN  
317.569.3663

‘A Kilt, A Kilt’! is the *Irish-Scot* celebration cry, as we celebrate “**Kilt Night**” at the Claddagh, with many Irish friends included. Co-Hosting, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis and the Claddagh Irish Pubs on 96<sup>th</sup> Street, our Scot-Irish, Celtic Heritage. Don't miss your chance; **come join us once again on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** for the next chance to celebrate in Kilt and skirt; Irish, Welsh, Manx, Cornish, or Scot!