

# The Whistle

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

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*From the desk of the President*

Fellow Scots,

The Society is having a great year. We have been preparing for the upcoming festival season in which we will make many appearances. You may already know that the practice of setting up a Society booth is how we perpetuate our charter, educating the public in “Gach ni Albanach” (all things Scottish). It also helps the public become aware that there is a Scottish Community and people of Scottish descent living in the Indianapolis and metro areas. This often surprises people when they hear it. It is a special experience to point out to visitors that their last name is indeed Scottish, to show their name in the COSCA book and help them find their tartan. Many of our ancestors moved to America so long ago, our heritage has been forgotten. I’m sure over time we’ve inspired more than one person to pursue their roots and to trace their own family’s path across the sea.

Volunteering time in our Society booth is a great way to learn while you educate. Members who haven’t manned the tent before can sign up for the same slots with others who have, and learn that it’s a rewarding and easy thing to do. Most times volunteering comes with free admission to the event we’re attending. I once again urge you to participate and help pass along to others why we think that Scotland and the Society are great!

On October 10<sup>th</sup> we will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. Our committee is working diligently on the facets and details that make up the games. We are acquiring our own athletic equipment, weights, standards, and cabers - everything it takes to put on heavy athletics. This capital expenditure is an investment in our future games. We hope to have our set of equipment complete by our 7<sup>th</sup> year. I am told to expect more athletes this year as well as the return of Highland Reign to the stage. It will be an exciting event again this year and I wish to thank the committee for planning our biggest event of the year.

On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank, Mark and Donna Lawson for hosting us at their farm in Danville, and bringing sweet corn for us to share at the last meeting. Thanks also to Andy and Mary Thompson for cooking for the third time this year, especially for making burgers and dogs on the hot grill this last time. I would like to welcome Peter and Wendy Hylton back from their hiatus in the UK, and look forward to hearing about their adventures at our September meeting. We have a strong and vibrant group of Scots, whom I have the pleasure serving as president. Your participation is what makes us great, and I hope to see you at our

upcoming events.

*Slainte mhath,*  
**Robin Jarrett, FSA Scot, Clan Wallace**  
**President, Scottish Society of Indianapolis**

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## THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND



**The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland** was founded in 1780 and is the second oldest antiquarian society in Britain (the Society Antiquaries of London, being the oldest). Headquartered in the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, the Society's goal is to promote Scottish cultural heritage, as set out in its first of Laws:

*"The purpose of the Society shall be the study of the Antiquities and History of Scotland, more especially by means of Archaeological Research."*

The Society was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1783, and candidates are elected to the Society by first being supported by existing Fellows, and then the vote being made on St Andrews Day, at its anniversary meeting on the 30th of November, annually.

Sponsoring research is the main goal of the Society's program; funded by awards, grants and post nominals from the joining Fellows, dividing the research into several tasks of kind, including from archival research and analysis, to surveying and excavations. The Society encourages and helps define 'Best Practices' procedures and fosters continued research on past projects. The Society hosts two prestigious awards, the 'RBK Stevenson Award', in recognition of an article published in the 'Proceedings' (a yearly published, peer-review journal), celebrating the individual on an article that best represents the high goal and scholarship of its' recipient. The other award is the Dorothy Marshall Medal, awarded by the Council of the Society once every three years for a voluntary contributor to the highest capacity of contribution to a Scottish archaeological or historical related work. Lastly, the Society hosts a series of lectures titled the Rhind Lectures which involve a deeper view of a published work or topic under research and investigation; done by a single lecturer, divided in to a 6 part lecture, shared on a single weekend. As well, weekend lectures know as the Buchan Lectures are offered in both in Edinburgh and Aberdeen almost every weekend, offered jointly with other societies to share specific research.

There are several ways to join in and show support for the Society, its history, and its' research. The first is to join the Society by being sponsored by two other fellows and being voted in. We recommend that you go to the website [www.socantscot.org](http://www.socantscot.org) and print out an application to the society and the SSI Trustee's will help you complete it and present your application to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Other ways are to go to the donation part of the website, [www.socantscot.org/product/donation](http://www.socantscot.org/product/donation), and donate directly. And the third way is on their website by going to shop, and making a purchase. So, we directly encourage your support and membership to the history and archaeology that is continuing to complete the story of our Scottish heritage and who we are.

Sincerely,  
**The Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Board of Trustees**

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## **IN THE BEGINNING - HISTORY OF THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS**

Of our origins, Carson C Smith writes:

### **1983**

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was born in the heart of Founder and President Emeritus Carter Carlisle Keith, following his appointment to the office of Convener for the State of Indiana, Clan Keith Society USA, on October 10, 1983. Organization began with the filing of an official letter of intent, with the Indiana Secretary of State, to establish the Scottish Society of Indianapolis on December 1, to become effective December 31, 1983.

### **1984**

With the enthusiastic encouragement of the International Center of Indianapolis, representatives of Clans Campbell (Anna Gale Dortch), Grant (Ann Grant Miller), and Lamont (Charli Keith Turner), and organizational assistance from Clan Keith, the first Board meeting was convened on Monday, April 23, 1984, at the home of Carter Keith at 4705 North Broadway.

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis was incorporated as a not-for-profit on August 23, 1984. In order to fill out the first Board of Trustees, Carter Keith relied heavily upon the members of his own family. His first Vice President was his twin brother, Neal Keith. His first Secretary was Charli Keith Turner. His first Treasurer was his sister-in-law Teresa Keith. The balance of the Board of Trustees included his brother, Teresa's husband, Todd Keith, and Carter's mother, Marjorie Workman Keith.

The Society made its first appearance at the 9th Annual International Festival, presented by the International Center of Indianapolis, at the Indiana Convention Center on the weekend of October 20, 1984, during which the Society was awarded Second Place honors for Education. It was here that Carter and I had our first face-to-face meeting, following an earlier phone conversation, suggested by Scott Hosier, at a meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, which featured a presentation by John (Scotty) Selch, on genealogical research, using the Periodicals Section of the Indiana State Library.

**AND SO WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS!**



### **OUR KILT NIGHT FUN REPORT!!!**

To report, another great kilt night was accomplished at the Claddagh, with our friends, Drunk and Sailor on July 31st for all of you who could not make it. The winner of the gift Card was **G. Lyman Shaw**; and for the poster, none other than **Lori Hooker**. T-Shirts were gifted to **Chris Cox, Jessika Griffin**, and **Rachel Hooker** ! Free tickets (what's that? yes- you missed it -Free tickets) were won by **Jessica Meath and Lisa Prather**. Miscellaneous winners were **HG Bain, Dean Dascola, Kerry Davis, Nancy Eckerman, Molly Foland, Julie Fore, Danielle Freeland, John Freeland, Hannah Freiherr, Kris Givens, Elizabeth Prather, Jim Riley, Jessie Robbins, Ed Simpson, Vicki Simpson, Celeste Swanson, Molly Wendling, and Andrew Wiley**!

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**JOKE** : Ol' Ian McDonald t'was on his death bed. And his wife was sitting close to the bedside holdin' his hand. "What are ya wantin', Love?" Asked Mildred? "What wo'd yer last wish be?" In a slight whisper, Ian answered, "A small bit of yer meat pie." Aft a pause, came the firm reply, "Ye should wont all, Love - I'm a savin' it for the funeral!"

From the annals of Alastair, commemorating the fundraising of the desire to restore,  
excerpt from : <http://www.electricscotland.com/>

## Alastair's Holiday around Pitlochry Day 17

Today I decided to go visit the clan lands of MacThomas and do a major photography session on all the lands where the clan could have lived. I hope the clan and others will enjoy the results.

I am also indebted to Campbell of Glenshee who runs the Spittal of Glenshee just a few miles away for providing me with an account of the Cockstane at Finegand:-there is a large rock surrounded by trees at Finegand which is called the "Cockstane". (O.S. Sheet 43, Ref 141643) Stories handed down in the Glen through the Centuries have it that when the Clan MacThomas or what was then known as the MacOmish came to the Glen, they built their first settlement at Finegand. One night a cock was heard crowing from the top of the rock. Its cries were so loud that the clan was awakened. It being unheard of for a cock to call at night, it was taken that something was seriously amiss and the call to arms was raised, the men taking up defensive positions. As soon as this was done the cock fell silent.



After a while the men were beginning to get restive and think it was all for nothing when strange sounds were heard which were made by armed men approaching and bumping into objects in the dark. It was a raid. The attackers were taken completely by surprise when instead of a helpless sleeping village, they found they were attacking a company of well-armed and prepared people. The raiders were cut to pieces and few escaped.

The clan realized they owed their survival to the cock crowing from the rock and from that moment on the rock became the central point for the clan. At times of danger when the Glen was being raided or attacked the men would rush to the rock with their weapons and the chief or chieftains would organize them into cohesive fighting units and co-ordinate defense and counter attacks as required. The clan chief made counsel standing on the rock, judgements, tribunals and all serious clan business were conducted by the chief and lesser chieftains with the whole clan gathered around. Although long dispersed from Glenshee, members of the Clan MacThomas Society return each year on the third weekend of August to swear allegiance to their clan chief as he stands on the rock.

The Spittal of Glenshee is a gathering place for the clan and a fine coaching inn it is with excellent food and a warm welcome.

**ADDENDUM:** This site before the destructive fire of 2014 was given to one of the oldest Inn sites in Scotland. It is said the site was in use since 961 AD. Spittal is the latin word for Hospitium. In 1959 the Hostile was rebuilt to a 60 room hotel that you see above.



## Adventure #14 – For Love of Scotland from Peter Hylton

When I went to buy my daily newspaper on a recent Saturday, the chap running the till was clearly Scottish, as you could tell by his accent. Of course, he could tell by my accent that I was not local, so we got into a chat, during which he asserted that he was in such a good mood..... simply because he was Scottish.

So, is everyone in Scotland just simply happier than elsewhere? A recent newspaper survey indicated that the people in Scotland were the happiest and most well-adjusted people in the UK, finishing slightly ahead of those in the English Borders (where we are living) and way ahead of the Midlands, Southwest, and Wales and WAY, WAY ahead of Northern Ireland, London and the Southeast.

This matches what we have experienced. Folks from the Southeast and London seem genuinely grumpy and unpleasant, despite having the best standard of living and most job opportunities in Britain. Meanwhile, Scotland has a much slower growth rate and not nearly as many jobs, cities, or services. This is recognized by everyone, as indicated in yet another newspaper survey in which Scotland was ranked low in terms of where people thought they could find employment, but highest in terms of where they wished they could live.

And when you are north of the wall, the people are just,...well,...different. When Wendy walks into the butcher shop in Denholm, for some fresh made haggis, the butcher immediately strikes up conversation, even though she only comes in every couple of months. In Peebles, recently, we walked out of a shop and stopped for a second to figure out if we wanted to turn left or right to get to our next stop. We must have looked a wee bit confused, because a local man stopped in his tracks and asked if we needed help. When Pastor Dave and his son, Matt, where here visiting, they had similar experiences of people stopping on the sidewalk to make sure they knew where they were headed. How often does THAT happen to you in the states? Once at breakfast, at a wee inn, Dave asked for something that they did not have in the kitchen, and did not usually serve.....so the cook sent her assistant running across the street to get a brand new jar from the store. When has THAT ever happened to you in the states? And in our last trip to the Hebrides, we were in a town where there was so little parking that everyone double or triple parked.....and left their keys in the car, so that if you had to get out, you could move your neighbor's car to get yours out from being blocked. Can you imagine THAT in the US?

So, yes, there is just something different about this place. And yes, the people are happier. And friendlier. We were adopted, before we even arrived, by Jack and Ann, who Pete met through an email to the local Masonic Lodge. They helped us make local arrangements and offered to lend us an entire kitchen set, even before we ever met them. We have a whole pub full of people in the Denholm area who we have met when attending the local folk festival and who warmly welcome us back every time we walk into the Fox and Hounds. Kenny organizes the local festival, and the first time we came he held tickets for us at no charge until we could arrive for the week and pay him. Ron is an estate agent and folk singer who offered us help in buying a retirement house in Scotland. Bill and Lena have offered to let us store things at their house so that in the future we do not have to bring heavy suitcases when we travel over for the annual folk festival. And George and



Wendy have hosted us as guests a big Masonic banquet. **Mind you, these are people we had never met before New Year's a year ago.**

We saw a t-shirt recently that said "Money can't buy happiness, but it can get you to Scotland, and that's the same thing." Is it something in the mountain water? Is it the fresh air? Is it something about living in the most beautiful place on earth? Is it from living so close to the fairies? Maybe it's the haggis !



# Kings College - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland

King's College was founded in 1495, just 3 years after Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue to the new world. The oldest surviving building, the chapel (1498), is from the 15th Century. It was the third college in

Scotland, and the fifth in the British Isles. The Bishop of Aberdeen, William Elphinstone, petitioned the Pope to provide a means to cure ignorance.

The University, at it's founding, Kings College conferred bachelorette, masters, and doctorate degrees in medicine, civil and cannon law, theology, and liberal arts. Hector Boece (philosopher, historian, and lecturer of Divinity), of Paris, who was a fellow professor there, was awarded the honor of first principle. Support for Hector seems to have been by William Hay who had been a fellow student. Financially and ideologically supported by King James IV, the University was well supported from its beginning and committed towards improving upper education in Scotland.

Workmen building the chapel used golden sandstone brought in from Moray and uniquely as well, the woodwork is of the best medieval carvings across Scotland. The crown at the top of the chapel tower, is unmistakably, an imperial crown. Those who visit the chapel describe the chapel as of the most peaceful and meditative that they have visited. Worship services are still held every Wednesday evening.



"Here comes the sunshine", revealing the golden sandstone of Moray

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## 2015 Pre-Games Report



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

from Co-Chairs, Deneice Jarrett and Lise Douglass

As our sixth annual games and festival is quickly approaching, committee members are making final plans for this exciting day of athletics, music, dancing, dining, shopping, and much more. If you have not put October 10th on your calendar, it is not too late. Make plans now to attend, or better yet, sign up to volunteer and enjoy free admission to this fun day of all things Scottish.

We look to have more athletes than ever as our event expands to be the premier highland games of the Midwest. Athletes are traveling from surrounding states to be a part of world record breaking competition which can't be missed. New

vendors have been added to our event, extending our shopping and dining choices. Tutor Rose Players will return to fill the highlands and lowlands with royal splendor. Clans tents will once again adorn the highlands with their colorful displays. The Kid's Quest is back with a new Nessie adventure sure to captivate youngsters and their parents. Those dropping by the whisky tent will find whisky, of course, but we are adding something new - a tea tasting time sponsored by a local tea room.

This is but a small sampling of what the committee is planning. We need the support of all SSI members. Plan today for how you will participate - attend, participate in the parade of clans, volunteer, and/or become a sponsor. Contact a committee member for details or visit the event website for more information on ticket pricing and online sales, participating vendors, entertainers, current sponsors and sponsorship opportunities, athletics, schedule of events, and volunteer sign up. [www.indyscotgamesandfest.com](http://www.indyscotgamesandfest.com)

## **SCOTTISH HIGHLAND EVENTS**

### **CABER TOSS**

The Caber toss is always the crowd favorite. It is a log usually measured 20 feet in length and the log weighs from the amateur length of 75 lbs to about 175 lbs, with a few cabers weighing over 200 lbs. The Caber is stood on end to an almost vertical position to the contestant who then in turn raises it in squat, and cupped in hand with the smaller end, in balance. The Caber is then tipped forward and the contestant lifts and hoists the Caber's upper end/larger end forward, flipping it end over end. For the perfect toss, the Caber must land length wise at a 12:00 position to the candidate with the small (hand held end) facing away from the candidate. There are many athletes who have thrown perfect throws; now records are set for how many consecutive perfect throws.

### **HAMMER THROW**

The Scottish Hammer Throw or Toss is an event with a metal, spherical shaped ball weighing 16 to 22 lbs attached on a wooden handle that is thrown to the rear of the contestant for distance. The contestant has his back to the throwing field and must anchor his feet (cannot turn around). He swings the hammer around over his head 2 to 3 times to create momentum and releases the hammer behind him. The world record for the 22 lb Hammer throw, was done by Daniel McKim at 132 feet, 10 1/4 inches at the Utah Highland games in 2014.

### **STONE THROW OR "BRAEMER STONE" THROW**

A large stone of variable weight (men 16-22 lbs and for women, a 13-18 lbs) is thrown from a standing position. The contestant must cradle it into his neck until the stone is thrown. The stone cannot be touched with the other hand prior to, or on the throw. This event is similar to the track and field shot put event. Ray Oster holds the world record of the "Braemer Stone" throw, of 30 feet, 4 3/4 inches, achieved at Carson City's Centennial Park, approximately 10 years ago.

### **WEIGHT THROW FOR DISTANCE**

A large metal weight, attached to a short chain and handle is thrown as a separate event for distance, as both a light weight and also a heavy weight. The light weight weighs 28 lbs or 12.7 kg where the heavy weight, weighs 56 lbs, or 25.4 kg. For women contestants, the light weight weighs 14 lbs or 6.4 kg, and the heavy weight is 28 lbs or 12.7 kgs. For the "Masters Class", the weights are light weight, 28 lbs and the heavy weight is 42 lbs. The weight is thrown with one hand, from behind the Trig, and may turn or spin to increase the momentum of the throw, as long as the contestant does not go over the Trig. Each contestants are given 3 attempts and the best distance is used for the score. The world record is 21.73 meters, thrown by Jud Loganin 2014, at Ashland University.

### **WEIGHT FOR HEIGHT**

Given 3 attempts, each contestant tries to hoist a 56 lb stone attached to a handle over a horizontal bar. The contestants can use only one hand. Once they have cleared the bar with the weight, the contestant advances to the next round in which the bar is advanced to a higher height until all but one contestant is eliminated. If a second contestant ties, the contestant of the two who makes the most successes breaks the tie. "Game of Thrones" actor, Hafpor "Thor" Bjornsson of Iceland, became the World Record holder for Weight Over the Bar

thrower, in Sept 23, 2014. During Europe's Strongest Man contest, Thor threw an amazing 28 foot throw of the 56 lb, 25 kg weight over the horizontal bar!

### **SHEAF TOSS**

Is a bale like bundle of straw, wrapped in a burlap type material, weighing for men, 20 lbs or 9 kg, and for women, 10 lbs or 4.5 kg. The sheaf is tossed with a pitchfork over a horizontal bar; with scoring similar to the Weight for Height event. There are three attempts, and the contestant must clear the bar to pass on to the next round until all but one are eliminated. The world Record holder for the Sheaf Toss was at Stone Mountain in 2007, for the 20 lb Sheaf Toss, reaching a height of 35 foot 10 inches, by Eric Frasure.

**Plans are under way for the Sixth Annual Scottish Highland Games and Festival at German Park on Saturday, October 10, 2015.**

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**Don't Miss...our Games and Festival  
On October 10, 2015 !!!**



*Advanced Tickets on line at:*

[www.indyscot.com](http://www.indyscot.com)

### **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](mailto:mrgoodnews@comcast.net).

### **SSI THISTLE NEEDS:**

***Looking for a  
presenter of Scottish  
Music for various  
genre's , presented 4  
times annually***



### SYMBOLS -- THE STAG IN CELTIC MYTHOLOGY

The Stag is associated with hunting. For what it would provide economically, the stag represented provision with the meat for food, the skin or leather for clothing and protection from the elements, and the bones were used for weapons and tools. Nature has a violent and wild side that is dangerous and mystic, yet beautiful, revered, yet beneficial. The stag symbol also represented male fertility.



Cernunnos was one of the more ancient Celtic deities; of before the rise of Rome in Western Europe. His role was a fertility god. His stag like antlers were also removable, also reflecting of the mysticism of stags shedding their antlers and rebirth of the renewal of the re-growth of antlers.

A white stag was considered a messenger from the other world and signify major change. As a legend of the Scots, David I, had gone hunting advised as a bad omen by his priest. On the Feast Day of the Holy Rood, he was thrown from his horse at the appearance of a white stag.

### \*\*\* *The Scotch Review* \*\*\*

## PORT CHARLOTTE SCOTTISH BARLEY ISLAY SINGLE MALT



In the little village of Port Charlotte, on the Isle of Islay lies a small distillery of Scotch whiskey, known as Port Charlotte. Rising from the dust of it's former self, known as Lochindaal Distillery, sits "Port Charlotte" Distillery. Liking to be know as on the "Coast of the Gaels (Oirthir Gaidheal), -as they like to be known, they have a philosophy of using only Scottish ingredients, referring to the Scotch as 'it is called Scotch for a reason'!

Only peat is used to fire the drying process of the malt. It is fired by open chauffeurs, as was the traditional process.

### ON THE TASTE :

Nose - Smoky peat with hint of vanilla and pear.

Palate - smoky with a slight peat flavor, with a creamy balanced combination of pear and peach, a hint of vanilla and nutmeg and spicy like cinnamon-pepper

Finish - A consistent light, cinnamon pear finish with a hint of nutmeg.

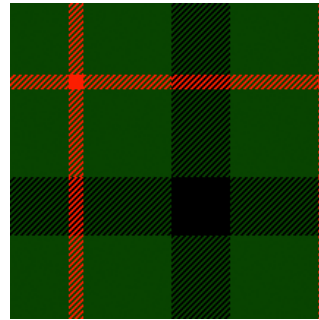
Overall - Delightful honey and cinnamon pepper finish with the nutmeg and vanilla bouncing back with a slight blackberry end. The peat and smoke deepens with slight honey hints.

## FEATURED CLAN SPOTLIGHT

# Clan Kincaid

**Motto:** I'll Defend

**Origin of Name:** From Gaelic, 'ceann cadha', meaning 'steep place'



Kincaid Tartan

## A Brief History -

by Brigadier William Kincaid

The name Kincaid originated from the lands of that name in Stirlingshire, and it has been conjectured that the Kincaids were descendants of the Earls of Lennox who owned those lands in the 12th century.

The extent of the lands held by the Kincaids expanded and contracted repeatedly over the centuries, but their heart lay between the Campsie Fells and what is now the town of Kirkintilloch. At its centre sat Kincaid House, parts of the present building dating from about 1570, and to its east the house of Auchinreoch, which is said to have been known at one time as the 'Prince's House', as it was occupied in succession by eldest sons of the Lairds of Kincaid, but which later became the property of a cadet of the Kincaids of Warriston.

Clan folklore has it that a Francis Kincaid led a surprise and successful attack in 1313 up the sheer cliffs of the redoubtable Edinburgh Castle, which at that time was held by the English. Although there is no hard evidence for this, there is a reference in 1582 to a seal of Stephen Kincaid with a castle on the shield, and it is possible that this is a representation of Edinburgh Castle, in recognition of its capture by the small force which is thought to have included a Kincaid, allegedly named Francis.

The earliest dependable record we have is of Robert of Kincade who served on an inquest held at Stirling on 2 October 1425. In 1447, a charter identifies Robert Kyncade de eodem as the son and heir of William Kyncade, and later charters record Robert's sons Patrick, David and Robert. In addition to the Kincaid lands in Stirlingshire, the Kincaids in the mid-15th century owned lands in Edinburgh, Falkirk and Linlithgow, where, in 1461, John Kincaid was sheriff depute and keeper of the Royal Palace. There are many records of disputes with neighboring land-owners in these towns and also in Kincaid where disputes with the Lennoxes and Stirlings were bloody and frequent, on at least one occasion spreading as far as the streets of Glasgow. There was even mother-in-law trouble when, in 1622, Dame Margaret Hamilton, widow of Sir James Kincaid of Kincaid, was repeatedly harassed by her brothers-in-law, Andrew and John, to such an extent that they were eventually declared rebels. Such strife was, however, nothing unusual in the Scotland of the 16th and early 17th century.

The first recorded Kincaid arms, those of George Kincaid, acting for the Abbot of Holyrood, date from 1506 and show the arms as they exist today: “A fesse ermine between two stars in chief and a castle triple towered in base”. These arms are the same as those on a seal of Edward Kincaid, Sheriff-Depute of Edinburgh, in 1521. The first arms to be recorded in Lyon Register were those of the great Edinburgh surgeon, Thomas Kincaid, who changed his crest from the traditional hand holding a broadsword to one more suitable for a surgeon – a hand holding a scalpel.

Thomas’s son, Thomas, also trained as a surgeon and studied extensively but never practiced. Instead, he is known for his diary of a young man’s life in Edinburgh in 1687 and 1688. He lists the many books he read, his efforts to design a ‘tree-leg’ (an artificial limb), his successes and failures at archery contests and his theories on “The Only Way of Playing at Golfe”. Indeed his instructions on playing golf are the first to have been recorded and, according to golfers today, have stood the test of time. He was also a poet, creating verses on both golf and archery in Latin.

By the end of the 17th century, lawlessness and territorial disputes had largely given way to order and more creative pursuits – at least in the central belt between Edinburgh and Glasgow. The Kincaids of Kincaid were becoming more interested in efficient farming, while many of those in Edinburgh and Falkirk began to pursue many varied careers.

In 1776, Alexander Kincaid, the King’s Printer, was elected Lord Provost of Edinburgh, a popular choice celebrated with a bonfire and fireworks, followed by a riot. His funeral in 1777 was one of great pomp, accompanied by earls, dukes and the Macer of the Lyon Court.

John of Huck is on record as living in the Falkirk area in the 17th century, and his probable descendants included several notable individuals. Thomas Kincaid, shipmaster, moved to Greenock and founded the marine engineering firm of Kincaid, which in 1964 had become the largest marine engineering concern in the country; it was nationalized in 1972, as part of British Shipbuilders.

Another probable descendant was Sir John Kincaid, who fought throughout the Peninsular War, led the storming party at the capture of Ciudad Rodrigo and was adjutant of his battalion at Waterloo on which he commented later that, “I had never heard of a battle in which everybody was killed; but this seemed likely to be an exception, as all were going by turns.” He wrote two most entertaining books on his soldiering. After retirement from the Army, he became Superintendent at Bridewell prison, then Senior Exon at the Tower of London and finally Inspector of Prisons and Factories for Scotland.

Later, other Falkirk Kincaids saw military service in India, West Africa, the Crimean War, the Boer War and the First World War. Their kinsmen also fought in the Egyptian and Sudanese campaigns, India, the Boer War and both World Wars. Today, Eric Kincaid, a descendant of the Falkirk Kincaids, is the celebrated illustrator of children’s books.

The 17th century saw the beginning of an emigration of Kincaids, first of all to England, then to Ireland where they settled mainly in the north around Tyrone, Londonderry, Donegal and Down. Not long after many left for new lives in North America, Holland, Australia, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand. Charles Augustus Kincaid was a Judge of the High Court of India and a prolific author, Samuel Marcus Kincaid a First World War fighter ace, General William Kincaid a Governor General in India, Thomas Harold ‘Doc’ Kinkade a key player in the famous trans-oceanic flights of the 1920s, Bradley Kincaid a prominent American folksinger, and Thomas Kinkade, ‘Painter of Light,’ who is the most recognized Kinkade today.

But the most famous of them was Admiral Thomas Kinkaid who commanded the US 7th Fleet in the Second World War. Described as cool, softly spoken and bushy eye-browed, he was noted for being unruffled and precise, even under extreme pressure. Having earlier played a key part in the Battle of the Midway, he took charge of the plans for the invasion of the Philippines and had responsibility for the whole force until it was ashore. He was the recipient of two Distinguished Service Medals.

In many walks of life, Kincaids came to prominence: as railway engineers and managers in Burma, India and Egypt; as judges, State Governors and Members of Congress in the United States; as inventors, business men and professors; as soldiers, sailors and airmen; as farmers and in many other trades and professions.



Today, the geographical centre of the Kincaids is in North America where the Clan numbers thousands compared with the hundreds resident in the United Kingdom. There is, however, a very strong link between those in the New World and those in the Old, and this is fostered by the **Clan Chief, Madam Arabella Kincaid of Kincaid ( left).**

**Septs of Clan Kincaid :**

Kincade, Kincaid, Kincaidie, Kingcade, Kinkade, Kinkaid, Kinkead, Kinket, Kyncad, Kyncade, Kyncayd



On a more recent note, we were lucky enough to have at our 2014 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, **Lonnie and Angela Kincaid (photo above right)**. To mention that their first year at our event, they won the Best Clan Tent award. So please welcome Lonnie and Angela as you peruse the clan Tents and thank them for their participation in 2015.

-Article submission by Clan Kincaid, Indiana Commissioner, Lonnie Kincaid

### *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.

**Karen Couch**

**Dale and Jane Robertson**

**Brad and Kristy Stewart**

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



### **FROM 1898 RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN ELECTRIC SCOTLAND :**

An English tourist visited Arran, and being a keen disciple of Isaac Walton, was arranging to have a good day's sport. Being told that the horse-fly would suit his purpose admirably for bait, he addressed himself to Christy, the Highland servant-maid. "I say, my girl, can you get me some horse-flies?" Christy looked stupid, and he repeated his question. Finding that she did not yet comprehend him, he exclaimed: "Why, girl, did you never see a horse-fly?" "Naa, sir," said the girl; "but a wanse saw a coo jump over a preshipice."



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#### Latvian Center

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7:30 - 8:00 PM Beginning Dance lessons

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**Quote:** *"Work is the curse of the Drinking Class."* -Angus McDonald

## Scottish Recipe

### GINGERBREAD SCONES *(From A Taste of Home Magazine)*



#### Ingredients :

2 C flour  
3 Tblsp brown sugar  
2 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp ground ginger  
1/2 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/4 C cold butter or margarine  
1/3 C molasses  
1/4 C milk  
1 egg separated  
2 Tblsp granulated sugar

#### Method:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees  
In a large bowl combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, ginger, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs  
In a small bowl, combine the molasses, milk and egg yolk until smooth; stir into the flour mixture just until moistened  
Turn out onto a floured surface; knead gently 6-8 times. Pat into an 8" circle; cut into 12 wedges and place 1" apart on a greased baking sheet  
Beat egg white until frothy; brush over scones. Sprinkle with sugar  
Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown.  
Serve warm.

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

### September

**9<sup>th</sup> SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program – The Scottish Adventures of Peter Hylton**

**12-13 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, Bartholomew Co Fairgrounds, Columbus, IN** [www.scottishfestival.org](http://www.scottishfestival.org)

**13<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest, German Park, Southport, IN** Celebrating 40 years!

**18-20 Indy Irish Festival, Military Park, Indianapolis, IN** [www.indyirishfest.com](http://www.indyirishfest.com)

**17<sup>th</sup> SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh on E. 96<sup>th</sup> Street**

### October

**10<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, 9:00am – 9:00pm, German Park 8600 S. Meridian St.**

<http://Indyscotgamesandfest.com>

**14<sup>th</sup> SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program –Angus McDonald, "Food and Drink"**

**22<sup>th</sup> SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh on E. 96<sup>th</sup> Street**

### November

**5-7 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Indy International Festival, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1200 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, West Pavilion, Indianapolis**

**19<sup>th</sup> SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh 3835 E. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240**

**20<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Festival, Convention Center**

**21<sup>st</sup> Saturday, SSI Annual Board Elections: 'St Andrews Celebration and Dinner', Georges' 71<sup>st</sup> Street and Binford Ave., Indpls, IN (reservations to be sent shortly)**

### Winter

## *SSI Meeting and Side Dish Schedule*

	September	October	November
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, September 9th	Wednesday, October 14th	Saturday, November 21st
<b>Meat Dish:</b>	Armand Hayes - Salisbury Steak	Carson C. and Patty Smith Beef	Georges' Neighborhood Grille, 71st and Binford
<b>Program:</b>	Peter Hylton, "Scottish Adventures of Peter Hylton"	Angus McDonald "Food and Drink"	<b>St Andrew's Dinner</b> And Annual Celebration & Board Elections
<b>:</b>			
<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 \$5, 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**

Contact Robin Jarrett,  
 (317)446-8212,  
[cabdude1975grad@gmail.org](mailto:cabdude1975grad@gmail.org)  
 Or contact any trustee

*The SSI reimburses up to \$100.00 of the meat dish cost*

### *SCOTTISH QUOTES*

A man may drink, and no be drunk;  
 A man may fight, and no be slain;  
 A man may kiss a bonie lass,  
 And aye be welcome back again!

by Robert Burns

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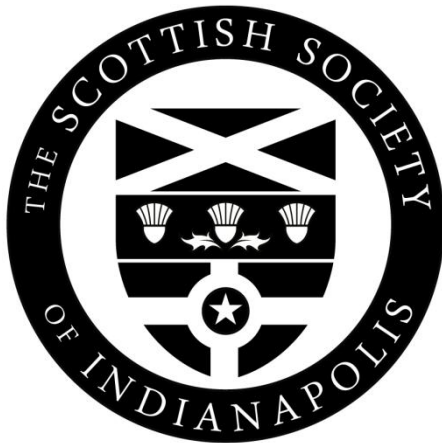
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## 2015 Membership Renewal Form

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): \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook User Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail Addresses:  
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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.*

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**Note:** if you are a new member, your membership dues will be halved from June on, in the year of application. 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 \$7.00 per person as often as you like.

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***Please make your check out to The Scottish Society of Indianapolis and mail it along with this form to: 11722 Allisonville Road, Suite 103, #234 ; Fishers, IN 46038  
or bring it to the next meet***

## **RESOURCES**

### **Magazines :**

**The Highlander Magazine** is a magazine of Scottish Heritage, including articles of cultural history, military history, famous Scots, castles, heritage, traditions, legends, genealogy, clan news, music and celebrations, and event listings. The magazine is published bimonthly thru Angus J. Ray Associates, Inc.

[www.highlandermagazine.com](http://www.highlandermagazine.com)

**Scottish Life Magazine** is a magazine of past and present events, culture, and heritage. Learn of events and travel in Scotland. There are Featured articles, book, reviews, and music. Printed in full color, this quarterly magazine will help you with current travel planning. [www.scottishlife.org](http://www.scottishlife.org)

**Scots Heritage Magazine** brings Scotland's culture, clans and fascinating history to you with interesting editorial and beautiful photography. Each issue is like a passport to the Scottish diaspora as the unique and authentic articles on Scotland's rich history and its vibrant past and present, and is indeed prescribed reading for those with a passion for our country. [www.scotsheritagemagazine.com](http://www.scotsheritagemagazine.com)

### **Online Publications :**

**ElectricScotland.com** is a site with many links. If you enjoy a good read or want to do some serious research then you're in the right place. Read our many biographies of Famous Scots, and our histories of places in Scotland. We have histories of every aspect of Scottish history and probably the largest collection of information on the Scots Diaspora and Scottish Clans and Families. From news to history to travel to culture and heritage. There are links to connect you with clans and current events. Alastair McIntyre GOTJ, FSA Scot does a fabulous job connecting you with all things Scottish. [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com)

### **Organizations accessible on line :**

**Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc** (COSCA) is a service and advocacy organization that provides support and assistance to the many Scottish clans and organizations active in the United States. Heritage should never come to an end. But who makes sure? Heritage, language, places, relics, culture, values, ancestry. They can all pass away in a surprised and exasperated heartbeat. Unfortunately there is no governmental 'Department of Scottish American Heritage' that will keep our very special culture and history alive and relevant in this forward looking age. [www.cosca.scot](http://www.cosca.scot)

**Scottish Tartans Museum** is in Franklin, NC; and is a non-profit heritage center. They fund themselves by the sales from their gift shop. It was founded in 1963 as a tribute and study of the history of origins and the development of tartans and the Scottish emigration experience into North Carolina. [tartans@scottishtartans.org](mailto:tartans@scottishtartans.org)

### **Language :**

**American Scottish Gaelic Society** : (An comunn Gaidhealach Ameireaganach) Gaelic is the language of the Scottish Highlands and islands and is one of the few surviving Celtic languages, once spoken throughout Scotland. Gaelic has existed in the British Isles far longer than English and is closely related to Irish and Manx. Scottish Gaelic is more distantly related to Welsh, Cornish, and Breton. ACGA's mission is to nurture and preserve Scottish Gaelic language and culture, particularly in North America. <http://www.acgamerica.org/>

BBC is the United Kingdom's site out of Scotland a (Alba) and is a beginners site for Gaelic. You can learn vocabulary and words and can sing along with Sinead MacIntyre. Come and join in for the sounds, grammar, units, videos, and songs. [www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/beag\\_air\\_bheag](http://www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/beag_air_bheag)



**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS :** *The Scottish Society Needs You for:*

**Friday thru Sunday, September 18-20, 2015**  
**20th Annual Indy Irish Fest for our booth -**



The Scottish Society will host at table and needs your volunteering to man it !

Please help!

This is an important event for our presence to be known in the area; important for us all!

**AND FOR -**

**Oktoberfest 2015 -**

**... will take place again at German Park. One weekend only, but four days long.**  
**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 4:00 P.M.**



**AND for -**

**24th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival**



**September 12 and 13, 2015**

## ***George B. McMath Scholarship Fund***

### **Purpose:**

*The purpose of the George B. McMath Scholarship Fund is to provide support for students of Scottish art and culture, such as learning Scottish music, dance, or language, attending educational programs to further the understanding of Scottish culture, or participating in special projects supporting Scottish art or culture.* Scholarship

### **Administration:**

Administration of this scholarship is by the Board of Directors of the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis. The Board adopts these rules by a simple majority vote and may amend the rules by the same method. The Board acts as the Scholarship Program Committee.

### **Application:**

Scholarship applications must be completed in their entirety and must be received by the deadline on the application form.

### **Eligibility:**

Any resident or group of residents of Indiana may apply for a scholarship to attend a school or workshop, or attend training in Scottish art or culture anywhere in the world. Any person or group may apply for a scholarship to attend a school or workshop, or attend training in Scottish art or culture conducted within the State of Indiana.

Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, workshop fees, books and educational materials, or transportation, food, or lodging associated with the training. Recipients of scholarships will present at a general meeting of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis a display or demonstration of the activity for which funds were used.

### **Selection Criteria:**

The Board shall review the scholarship applications and select the awards to be granted. Applications will be evaluated and ranked according to their value of sustaining and furthering Scottish art or culture in Indiana and the financial need of the applicants. Fund awards may be reduced or denied during the evaluation process.

No person or group may receive more than the maximum sum to be disbursed in the award period.

### **Funds Availability:**

The scholarship fund contains certain financial contributions to the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis (Foundation) and certain financial contributions to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis (Society) made prior to the origin of the Foundation. This fund is segregated from the general funds of both the Foundation and the Society. The Treasurer's Report shall include the balance, income, and expenses of the fund.

During the first quarter of the calendar year, the Board will determine the disbursement process for that year. The process will include determining the total amount of funds to be disbursed during the award period, the maximum individual award, and the maximum group award. The Secretary's Minutes shall reflect the disbursement process for that year.

Funds not awarded in an award period may be carried over to the next award period, or may be awarded during a special award period as determined by the Board.

The total amount of funds to be disbursed during the year should not exceed the projected annual income of the fund in order to maintain and help increase the balance in the fund.

### **Awards:**

Scholarship awards will be presented at a general meeting or the annual meeting of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

### **Notices and Reporting:**

Notice of scholarship award periods, funds availability, and scholarships awarded shall be publicized as determined by the Board. Determinations and transactions involving the scholarship fund shall be reported to the members of the Society.

Adopted September 2015

***George B. McMath Scholarship Fund***  
Scholarship Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or instructor providing the training:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated beginning & ending dates of the training: \_\_\_\_\_

Total costs of training, equipment, materials, supplies, etc.: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other sources of funding: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the training in detail:

(Please provide a brochure or other printed materials about the training.)

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Describe your personal goals for the training you want to receive:  
(Please use additional pages if necessary.)

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Describe how your training will benefit the Scottish and Celtic community in Indiana and the Scottish Society of Indianapolis: (Please use additional pages if necessary.)

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Applicant’s signature

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Parent or guardian’s signature, for applicants under 18 years old

*Scholarship applications must be received by April 30 and October 31.*



