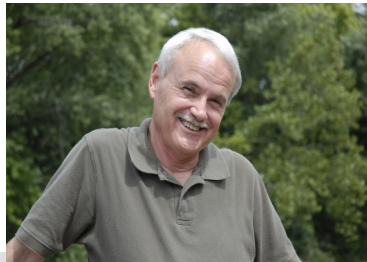




The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

March –April, 2025 Edition



Greetings Fellow Scots,

Again, I want to say that it is indeed an honor to continue as President of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis and the Scottish Society Foundation of Indianapolis.

Last month was canceled because of potentially inclement weather. An email blast was sent out, however due to the

timing of the day, many people had not yet received . Communication is also a 2 way street. We will be diligent in trying to get out such notifications earlier as well, if the membership knows of potential weather come in, please followup with your email, knowing that there is no committee in place to make phone calls at the last minute. To let you know, The annual whisky tasting, “The Tastin’ O’ The Mist” has been rescheduled for April 9th.

Many thanks to all who helped make these events possible.

Our Board of Trustees for 2025 are Armand Hayes, Greg Bowers, Risa Stockton, Paula Hardisty, Steven Johnson and Linda Cassidy.

My goals for the SSI is to continue updating and improving our website at [www. Indyscot.org.](http://www.Indyscot.org), to audit and update our membership records, create a new database for our membership, solicit new members and involve more young families. To that end, I have begun meeting with Alison Whitlow who is a national champion Scottish Highland Dancer to establish a mutually beneficial arrangement with her and the Ashworth Academy of Highland Dance. Also, Sam Lawson is back as our IT specialist.

I also have renewed or membership in the Nationalities Council of Indiana which will provide assistance to various undertakings of ours.

Anyway, please be sure to renew you membership dues for 2025. Attached is another copy for your convenience for those who have not yet paid.

Yours - Aye, Carter Keith



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MOTTO : Fide et Opera, meaning: By Faith and Work

PLANT BADGE : Wild Thyme (also known as King’s Plant)

WAR CRY : Eisd O’ Eisd! meaning: Listen O’ listen!

CLAN CHIEF : Chief John A. MacArthur of that Ilk

Clan Arthur or Clan MacArthur, (Scottish Gaelic: Clann Artair) is a highland Scottish clan that once held lands on the shores of Loch Awe opposite Inidhsil. The Clan has been described as one of the oldest clans in Argyll. Clan Arthur and Clan Campbell share a common origin, and at one point the MacArthurs challenged the seniority of the leading Campbell family. A branch of MacArthurs from Isle of Skye were a sept of the MacDonalds of Sleat, and were hereditary pipers for the MacDonalds of the Isles. In the late 18th century the chief of the clan died without an heir, leaving the clan leaderless until the late 20th century. In 2002, the first chief of Clan Arthur (James Macarthur) was recognized in about 230 years. During the reign of Alexander III, the Clan Campbell made its first appearance, and was divided into two branches, Mac Cailinmor and Mac Arthur. The nineteenth century historian William F. Skene wrote that during the reign of Robert I (1306-1329) the Mac Cailinmor branch (descendants of Colin Mor Campbell) did not possess any land in what is now Argyll, while Mac Arthur, head of the Mac Arthur branch was in possession of extensive territory in the earldom Garmoran, which was the original seat of the Campbells. Skene wrote that “it is therefore impossible to doubt that MacArthur was at this time the head of the clan, and this position he appears to have maintained until the reigh of James I of Scotland.

Arthur Campbell, of the Mac Arthur branch, along with Neil Campbell, of the Mac Cailinmor branch, supported Robert the Bruce and were richly rewarded by the king with the forfeited lands of his opponents. Arthur Campbell was made keeper of Dunstaffnage Castle along with extensive territory in the district of Lorne. Later, during the reign of David II, the Mac Cailinmor ever becoming more powerful, since the marriage of Sir Neil Campbell with a sister of Robert I, were resisted from taking control of the clan .

In 1427, James I held parliament at Inverness and summoned the Highland chiefs. Iain MacArthur, the chief of the MacArthurs, was one of the unlucky chiefs who were beheaded by the king of Scots. This chief has been described as “a great prince among his own people and leader of a thousand men”. With the execution of Iain MacArthur, and Alexander, Lord of Garmoran, the MacArthurs lost possession of all their lands with the exception of Strachur and lands of Glenfalloch and Glen Dochart in Perthshire. From this time, and on, the Mac Cailinmor branch were the head of the clan and the Campbells continued their rise in power.

COLONIAL HISTORY

In 1771 Patrick MacArthur, chief of Clan Arthur, died in Jamaica without a male heir. With his death, the official title of Chief of Clan Arthur ceased to exist. In 1986 senior members of Clan Arthur hired a genealogist to trace back through the last chief's family tree to find a living representative with a common ancestor to the chiefs of Clan Arthur. Genealogical research concluded that the chiefly line of the MacArthurs, the *MacArthurs of Tirivadich* could be traced as far back as 1495, to a John MacArthur of Tirivadich. The MacArthur chiefly line was traced nine generations down from this John MacArthur of Tirivadich, through his eldest grandson: Duncan MacArthur of Tirivadich; and three generations through John MacArthur of Tirivadich's younger grandsons: Niall MacArthur of Querlane and John MacArthur of Drissaig. Research showed that the main line had become extinct, however a living descendant through John MacArthur of Drissaig was found – a Canadian born man named James Edward Moir MacArthur. This man traced his descent from a Margaret MacArthur Moir, who died about 1775. A great nephew of hers, Archibald MacArthur Stewart, recorded Arms in 1775 and traced his descent from John MacArthur of Milton, who died in 1674. The genealogical research conducted on behalf of Clan Arthur linked this John MacArthur of Milton back to John MacArthur of Drissaig.

MODERN HISTORY

In 1991 a derbfine was organised by armigers of the clan. There it was determined that James Edward Moir MacArthur of Milton should petition the Lord Lyon to be appointed Clan Commander of Clan Arthur. Ten years later he did so, successfully, and in August 2002 was recognised James Edward Moir MacArthur of that Ilk as the rightful heir to the arms of MacArthur of Tirivadich, and that he was entitled to the chiefship of Clan Arthur. Later in April 2003, he was officially inaugurated by clan members as Chief of Clan Arthur. He was the first official chief of the clan in about 230 years. Upon his death in 2004, he was succeeded as chief by his son, John Alexander Mac Arthur of that Ilk. The current chief of Clan Arthur represents the clan as a member of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.



Saint Patrick's Day Parade 2025 Just a friendly reminder that Indianapolis will be celebrating, as will be the Scottish Society of Indianapolis with the St Patrick's Day Parade. Join us by donning your Kilt and joining us in front of the American Legion building on Pennsylvania! The more-the merrier! Friday March 14th!



SCOTTISH FOLK MUSIC IN REVIEW !

Singer and SongWriter - AMY GODDARD

Recently, while reading some reviews about Scottish Artists, I ran across a review by Wickham Folk Festival about an English singer/songwriter, Amy Goddard who is from South Wales in the UK and now lives in Portsmouth. As her primary career, she teaches guitar, piano, and theory of music. Playing as she can on weekends or at festivals.



Co-writing and releasing her first CD with her music partner, Helen Harris. As it is, so many times, she continued on her own with the help and support by Igloo Music of the UK, and has written several CD's since. Her music is light and soft and contains the feel of soft rock, folk music, and very much so celtic. Very nice to sit and listen to on a Sunday afternoon sipping a tea or a beer. Her music can be purchased or listened to by going to her site at <http://www.amygoddardmusic.co.uk/> or browsing for her name. "Don't Try", "Secret Garden", and "Rise" are among her several prize CD's!
Check her out!!!

- By Armand Hayes

Scottish Country Dancers Are coming again !!! With Bernadette Lange, Barry Levitt, Heidi Horton, and James Horton! March 12th Gathering! Barry Levitt will be leading a ceilidh dance only requiring audience participation (Since the full Troup will not be available for this lively demonstration.) Bring your Spirits and your laughter and let's kick up our heels! Perhaps there are some reels!

TARTAN DAY IS ON SUNDAY APRIL 6TH - Tartan Day commemorates the Scottish Declaration of Independence which was signed on April 6, 1320 and recognizes the achievements of Americans of Scottish descent! Wear your best of Scottish Dress!

ANNOUNCEMENT : “Tasting O’ The Mist” has been rescheduled to the April 9th Gathering ! Come one - come all! Enjoy some fine Single Malt scotches.



WANTED— SCOTTISH COLLECTABLES GROUP *To demonstrate wares and items that you Have purchased that you are proud of and hope that others may be delighted in your find. Items of food, flatware, cookware, clothing-fabric-or accessories, collections, food and drink, toys or dolls, food or accoutrements. They could be of celtic group origins.*



WHISKEY REVIEW :

Quite some time has passed since we have had a good Whiskey review. Since we have an upcoming “Tasting O’ The Mist”, it is befitting to review a fine scotch that we will be Tasting that evening of April 9th. At that event we will Sample 4 great whiskey’s that will tease your senses. I Introduce to you Ardbeq 10 year Isle of Isley Single Malt Scotch Whiskey



Aroma— *this Isley is a smokey peaty flavor, intense aroma’s Fruity notes with a taste of lemon and lime. Menthol and Black pepper are obvious with a hint of dark chocolate. A sea taste of crispy bacon with a boost of pear! That’s what Ardbeg is all about!*

TASTE— *A well blended taste of peat and smoke blend well with the cinnamon-toffee and pear, and a taste of citrus works well with the pepper flavor. A creamy coffee mixed with exotic fresh pear blends the flavor of a soft cotton candy caress to the palate.*

FINISH— *A nice mix of soft smoke with a hint of licquorish, pear, and toasted almonds lingers!*

Voila c’est ca !!!

	March	April	May
Date	Wednesday, March 12th	Wednesday, April 9th	Wednesday, May 14
Meat Dish	Chicken	Pork Loin	TBA
Program	Scottish Country Dancing Barry Levitt	Annual Scotch Tasting Arnie Lewin, Elite Beverages	Bagpiping Jeff Kestin
Side Dish	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

6:30pm—Social Time All meetings take place Contact Carter Keith at 463-249-4761
 at the Latvian Center, 1008 W. 64th or email: keith035@proton.com
 7:00pm—Dinner
 7:45

Bring a side Attending on the first letter of your last name. Please bring at least 3-4 large servings per attending family member. Example: a couple would bring at least 6-8 large servings.

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2025 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: _____

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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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: Armand Hayes, 11722 Allisonville Road, Suite 103, Box 234 Fishers, IN 46038 or bring it to the next meeting.

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