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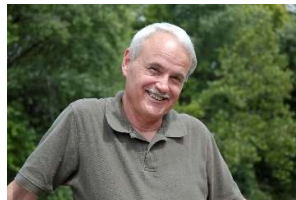
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Greetings Fellow Scots,

First, I want to say that it is indeed an honor to continue as President of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis and to be a part of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. We've had a relaxed summer and have started back to the pre-games grind. This month- for those who are not up to momentum, we've had the dancers at our gathering, represented the Society at the Columbus Festival, and this weekend at the **Circle City Irish Festival at Holy Rosary Catholic Church**, at 520 Stevens Street here in Indianapolis. Many thanks to all who helped make these events possible.

My continued goals for the rest of 2025, are to continue updating and improving our website at www.Indyscot.org, to audit and update our membership records, create a new database for our membership, solicit Re: Annual Brookhurst Subdivision Block Party new members and involve more young families. To that end, **I am asking for your participation** in both volunteering at the Games and to be willing to talk/be friendly/inviting with potential new members and that you purposely reach out to meet. To share, I ask all of you to be at the games on October 11th and if you can, participate with set up on October 10 or cleanup on October 12 in whatever capacity you are capable of. Thank you for your effort and willingness to join in to make these games the best!

For the Finish of the year, we have the "Chili Cookoff" at the next Gathering in October, and in November we have International Festival, the St Andrews Dinner and Board Elections, and the International Festival. And December's Gathering, we will do as a Hogmany!

Yours - Aye,

Carter C. Keith

Bulletins

KILT NIGHTS - Looking for suggestions on how to revamp Kilt Nights and a venue to hold them at. Kilt Nights are necessary to increase membership and to promote our games. A Kilt Night is where several of our membership- if not all – show up at the scheduled time and place, wearing their Clan's attire and hand out/answer question in referencing the Scottish Society. Also prizes are given out and Scottish music is played to make it more lively. The hope is that at each Kilt Night we can add at least 4 or five new members. Contact Armand Hayes at 317-533-9099 or email: mrgoodnews53@gmail.com

GAMES : The Fourteenth Annual Scottish Highland Games and Festival will be held at the German on October 11th, 2025, from 8:30am to 9:00pm. The games will include Scottish heavy athletic competition, bagpipes, Celtic bands, authentic food, drink, and appropriate vendors and bands. See our very own Greg Bowers.

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. Send them by Email to : Armand Hayes at mrgoodnews53@gmail.com

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 are looking for recipes or articles on music!

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Clan Arthur Society



As with all Scottish clans the crest is the property of the Chief and may be borne by him alone, although in days gone by, the Chief's fighting men wore his crest on a leather armlet to identify their allegiance. This device gave rise to the modern clansman's badge - the crest worn surrounded by a belt signifying a clansman in servitude to the chief.

All clan members may wear the chief's crest encircled by a strap and buckle inscribed with their chief's motto or slogan. The strap and buckle symbols the membership to the clan and allegiance to the clan chief. Only the chief, chieftains, and armigerous members of the clan may wear the chief's crest without the strap and buckle surrounding it.

A person does not need to be a member of a clan society to be able to wear a crest badge. Any clan member has a right to it, not just clan societies and clan society members. According to the Court of the Lord Lyon, clan membership goes with the surname. Although, today many people who do not bear a clan surname do wear crest badges of their mother's clan, and anyone who offers their allegiance to a clan chief is a member of a clan (unless the chief decides to refuse that person's allegiance).

About the Crest

The Clan Arthur crest is formed from: "Two laurel branches in *orle proper*", more commonly known as a laurel wreath. In heraldic terms, the enclosure of the branches is recognised as protective.

The laurel wreath can immediately be associated with the Roman Caesars (as is "King" Arthur) and is easily recognisable as an empirical emblem. It is the symbol of the victor (the trait for which Arthur is acknowledged) and was presented to the Olympians of ancient Greece. Until recently the laurel wreath was still presented to the victor in Formula One motor racing on the podium at the Grand Prix. A wreath bearing purple fruits (as portrayed on the Clan Arthur badge) is representative of the highest honour and is from where the expression of "Resting on your laurels" is derived.

Laurel is more commonly known as the Bay Tree (*Laurus Nobilis*) from which the bay leaf is obtained. The ancient priestesses of Delphi burnt bay leaves to induce prophetic trance, nowadays it is more frequently used as an ingredient of traditional Indian cuisine. As an evergreen tree ruled by the Sun and Jupiter the Bay Laurel carries the light of summer into darkest winter.

About the Motto

The Clan Motto "*Fide et Opera*" ("By Faith and Work") originates from The New Testament of The Holy Bible - James, Chapter 2, Verses 14 to 28.

Within these three words lies the power of the clan. The combination of faith and work create an unstoppable force. It has been used throughout history by MacArthurs, and has described us throughout time. It has helped found corporations, industries and countries. It has made Presidents, and has even launched MacArthurs into space. If you ever see a successful MacArthur, analyze them and you will see our motto at work.

It should be noted that you will sometimes find MacArthur clan crest jewelry (hat badges, kilt pins, cufflinks, lapel pins, etc.) with the war cry "*Eisd O' Eisd*" written on the belt instead of the motto. This is incorrect. As the war cry should only be said by the Clan Chief, it should not be on a clansperson's crest. Only crests with the motto: "*Fide Et Opera*" are considered authentic and correct.

SEPTS AND NAME VARIANTS:

MacArtair, MacArthur, MacCarter, MacArtur, MacArtuir, MacArtor, MacArter, MacArther, Macarthur, Maccaiter, MacArtar, MacArta, MacArthor, MacArteer, MacAirtair, Maccart, Macart, Makarthour, Makarthure, Makarta, Magarta, Mecarta, Makcairter, Makcairtour, Mackartar, Makarturicht, Makarthricht, Makkerthur, and Makkerthyre.

Arthur, Arthurson, Carter, Campbell, Dewar of Islay, MacSimon, and MacIndeor of Islay.

Artur, Airtair, Artuir, Arteer, Arthor, Arthure, Carther, Cartter, Caitter, Caiter, Cartur, Cartuir, and Carretter.

MacSimon, MacSymon, McKimmon, McKimon, or McKeeman are variations of the name MacShiomoun



Tartan

Clan Spotlight

DID YOU KNOW? -*The Scottish Society of Indianapolis* at one time had a pipe band? Yes!

-Pipe Major Roderick MacDonald and his Clan Nae Gael Pipe Band

News from Scotland

-Woodland Trust calls for 2.5 million young trees to be planted in urban Scotland to create “Tree Equality”, that the benefits are happier attitude, provide for cleaner air, and make neighborhoods more attractive.

-Humza Yousef, former First Minister of UK claims that the subject of immigration has made it’s way into Scotland and the air has become toxic on the subject of multiculturalism.

- Atletico and Uefa to review 'spit' footage during Liverpool match.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Join us at the Next Gathering on Wednesday, October 8 for a **“CHILI COOKOFF”**. Bring your favorite recipe. If you bring no chili, bring a salad or desert or chili condiments!!!

Followed by our Scottish Society Games and Festival on Saturday, October 11.

Sept. - October 2025

- Oct 4th Games Meeting MacAllisters 96th and Meridian Street
- 8th Chili Cookoff Gathering and Social. Latvian Center
- 14th Board of Trustee’s Meeting MCL -Castleton

Nov - December 2025

- Nov 8th. “ST ANDREWS DINNER”. AT OLD OAKLAND GOLF CLUB at 11611 E 75th Street in Indianapolis
- Nov 18th Board of Trustee’s Meeting at MCL Castleton
- Nov 13th -15th SCOTTISH SOCIETY BOOTH AT THE INDY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL at the Johnson County Fairgrounds
- Dec 10th Christmas with a pre-Hogmany Celebration Latvian Center
- Dec 16th Board of Trustee’s Meeting MCL Castleton



SSI Meeting and Side Dish Schedule

	October	November	December
Date:	Wednesday, Oct 8	Saturday, Nov 8	Wednesday, Dec 10
Meat Dish:	Chili Cook-off	Old Oakland Golf Club	TBA
Program:	Clan Pringle Explores Scotland	St. Andrew’s Dinner	TBA
Youth Program:	TBA	TBA	TBA
Side Dish to Bring:	A-F – Salad or crudités or anything that will go with chili	N/A	A-F—Dessert
	G-McC – Dessert, or bread (like cornbread) that goes with chili	N/A	G-McC —Veggie/Casserole
	McD-Z – Sour cream, shredded cheese, chopped onion, or toppings of your choice	N/A	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.			

6:30pm—Social Time All meetings take place Contact Carter Keith

6:45pm—Dinner at the Latvian Center (463) 249 4761, email:
1008 West 64th Street keith035@protonmail.com

CHANGE TO : Guests after the first visit which is free, pays \$10.00 per person.
Members pay \$7.00 per person.

WHISKEY REVIEW



Dalwhinnie Scotch Single Malt 15 year is a highly renowned Highland Scotch. Highly regarded as a citrus and a slight peat smoked. This Scotch is produced by Dalwhinnie Distilleries and is produced in a higher altitude distillery. Being a member of Diageo's Classic Malts series, it is appreciated for its complex character and is considered worthy for beginners as well as experienced drinkers. It is best served with a small ice cube or a teaspoon of cold water and pairs well with a dessert such as bread pudding.

Nose: Honey with a slight nose of pear or apricot and a slight vanilla malt and a hint of peated smoke.

Palate: Slightly creamy caramel with pear or vanilla, apricot and of smoked peat.

Finish: A flow of the creamy caramel, slightly smoked with a feel of pleasant - fruit characters.

ANCIENT SYMBOLS –

The oak tree is an ancient sacred tree that is said to have “Dryads” or tree spirits living within. According to Greek and Roman Mythology, the oak tree was Zeus’s sacred tree (Zeus was the king of the gods). An ancient Oracle Temple, the Oracle of Dodona, felt that listening to the rustle of oak leaves, the priest was led to interpret divine messages, that they had a power or voice of the gods in them.

In Norse Mythology, “Thor’s Oak – the god of thunder held a cosmic axis to the spirit world. Oak amulets were carved and worn for protection. The Druids sought out oak groves to hold spiritual rituals. They believed the oak was a potent source of wisdom and would eat acorns to gain insight into the future. The oak trees were used in folk medicine for their healing properties.

In ancient Celtic lore, the oak tree was referred to as “The Fathers of the Woods” and where they ruled the lands with his “Beech Queens”. In Spiritualism, the oak tree symbolizes **strength, endurance, wisdom, and stability**.

In Arthurianism, Merlin’s Oak was an old Oak tree that stood formerly in Carmarthen and was connected to Merlin via a prophecy that stated, ‘When Priory’s Oak shall tumble down, then so will fall Carmarthen Town’. Carmarthen was Merlin’s Fortress.

The Oak tree is mentioned in the Bible and is a symbol of strength, endurance, and stability. It represents the Lord’s righteousness and a spiritually grown person rooted in faith much like an “oak of righteousness”.



DRAGON LORE –

Unlike Irish and European dragons that fly, in Scottish Gaelic folklore, the large wingless creature known more as a serpent-like dragon was known in Scottish Gaelic as a “beithir” and had a venomous sting instead of breathing fire. The dragon was considered a type of water spirit categorized as a “fuath”. The dragon is associated with mountainous areas, near lochs and rivers. Lore mentions that the sting can be prevented/cured by pouring water from a snake’s head up on a wounded area. A dragon is associated with lightning.

Lore also indicates that if the dragon is beheaded, and the head is not removed far enough from the body, the parts can rejoin and be transformed back into the beithir. This can happen with snakes as well.

JOKES –

Q: What do you call a Scottish man who is standing in his doorway?

A: Hamish!

Q: What do Scottish witches eat?

A: Hagg-is!

Q: What fights the English and smells?

A: Bravehart!

Q: What does the Loch Ness Monster eat?

A: Fish and ships!

2025 Membership Renewal Form

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

☐ Life \$250 ☐ Family \$35.00/yr ☐ Individual \$30.00/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.

Facebook User Names: _____

Email Address(s): _____

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, #234 Fishers, IN 46038 or bring it to the next meeting.

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