

The Whistle

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Fellow Scots,

As we near the end of the year, I am reminded how fortunate we are to share in fellowship, tradition, and the continuing discovery of our Scottish heritage. Our gatherings have given us the chance to learn, celebrate, and strengthen the bonds that make our Society such a welcoming community.

Recent gatherings have been especially memorable. We enjoyed lively entertainment by Samuel Lawson and Jeff Kestin as *Two Men and a Kilt*, gained helpful tips from Barry Levitt on beginning family history research, and welcomed the *Celtic Motion Irish Dance Ensemble* once again. And, of course, our tables served delicious food that filled our bellies as well as our spirits.

Outreach events, such as the Columbus Scottish Festival and the Carmel International Arts Festival, provided wonderful opportunities for members to socialize with one another while helping others learn about the Society. I am deeply grateful to every member who volunteered their time and energy for these worthwhile events. Your service helps carry our mission beyond our regular gatherings and into the broader community.

Please reserve your place for our St. Andrew's Dinner on Saturday, November 7. This annual membership meeting is an important time for us to elect next year's board members, celebrate the past year of exciting programs, and enjoy continued fellowship together. Registration ends October 14.

A special thank you goes to Armand Hayes and Linda Cassady for their years of board service. Their dedication and leadership have made a lasting contribution to the Society, and we are grateful for all they have done.

With gratitude and Scottish pride,
Steven Johnson
President



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Upcoming Gatherings and Other Events

Social Time: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Program: 8:00 PM

Location: Indianapolis Latvian Community Center, 1008 W 64th St, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Cover charge per person to pay for the meat dish and hall rental:

Members \$5; Returning Guests \$10; First-time visitors may attend at no charge.

Please visit IndyScot.org to sign up for your side dish. It's important for members to bring their pitch-in food items so everyone can enjoy a full plate at dinner. Please be sure to bring your own plates, flatware, beverages, and serving utensils. Scotch whisky is available at \$5 per shot.

October

- 7 SSI Board of Trustees Meeting & SFI Semi-Annual Meeting, Deneice & Robin Jarrett's home, 7:00 PM
- 14 SSI Monthly Gathering, *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* by Steven Johnson
Deadline to register and pay for St. Andrew's Dinner

November

- 4 SSI Board of Trustees Meeting, Deneice & Robin Jarrett's home, 7:00 PM
- 7 SSI Monthly Gathering, *St. Andrew's Dinner* (by advance registration only)
Dress your best for a parade of flags, 2027 board election, and a calling of the clans. Rick Blacklidge will prepare a buffet dinner.
Visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-andrews-dinner> to register by Oct. 14.

December

- 2 SSI Board of Trustees Meeting, Deneice & Robin Jarrett's home, 7:00 PM
- 9 SSI Monthly Gathering, *Kelli Coffman's Travelogue*

Recent Gatherings

July 2026

Two Men and a Kilt are Jeffrey Kestin and Samuel Lawson. They entertained us with bagpipes and guitar and their unique brand of humor. Paul Cloyd provided hamburgers and hot dogs.

August 2026

Barry Levitt presented *Genealogy and Researching Your Family History*. He reviewed many of the reasons Scots emigrated and offered tips for finding your own ancestors. Rob and Tammy McKechnie supplied pork tenderloin.

September 2026

Celtic Motion Irish Dance Ensemble returned for their 3rd annual performance. And what a performance it was! We truly enjoy and appreciate the rewarding partnership with Indianapolis' own Irish step dancing group. There was a lot of hand clapping and toe tapping at our most attended gathering this year. Mary Thompson prepared white chicken chili and Mark Miller provided ham.