

The Whistle

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

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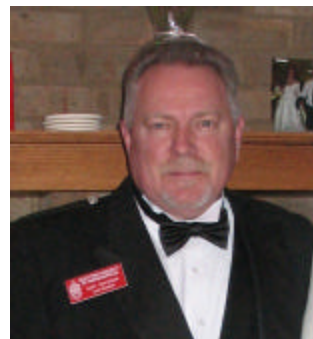
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From the Desk of the President

As we enter the fourth quarter for 2009 and near the end of my first term as Society President, I would like to recap our year. The year began with a program on Robert the Bruce and a Robert Burns celebration. We had a Tasting of the Mist in February and in March a Ceilidh which was fun for all. In April we were treated to a program on Tartans and Clans and in May learned the detailed workings of setting up and running a booth for the Society at events. In June, we joined the Latvians, Swedes, Poles, Estonians, Lithuanians for a St. John's Day celebration and fun was had by all. Nearly 350 attended, but we again failed to win at Tug O' War. Maybe next year. July brought us to Traveling Scotland and in August we had the Calling of the Clans cookout. Our September program was a documentary on the Battle of Culloden. The October program will be about Famous Scots and will be given by our youth. In November we will celebrate the Society's 25th Anniversary with a grand celebration of our Annual Founders Day Dinner at the Latvian Center. We will have a live band, Hogeye Navy, a chash bar, bagpipes and will recognize our founders and past presidents. The night will be culminated by presenting the three George McMath Scholarships and the Tommy Thompson Award. Join us all on November 14th, get your tickets now, and enjoy a great evening for just \$32 each.



In April we were all saddened with the passing of a great man, George McMath, who was a long time member and a great friend to all that knew him. George, your legacy will continue, look down upon us and smile knowing your Scots are still giving 'em hell.

Upon my election last year I told you in my acceptance comments that my plans were to make us more visible and better organized in an effort to increase membership. The Board of Trustees has worked hard in providing you with good programs, great food and more visibility in the community. We listened to the members and completely overhauled the newsletter and the website, which is still growing and hopefully will continue to be a great tool for everyone to use. We have already had two kilt nights where we have had a great time and have another planned for Oct 30th, at Fionn MacCool's with Highland Reign again performing. We will have lots of free giveaways and a lot of fun. If you haven't been to one, please join us. Another goal of mine was to investigate and work on bringing Scottish highland games to Indy and folks, we have done it. Our first of many to come will be on October 9, 2010 at the Latvian Center; a one day event called the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. We will need some volunteer help on committees and at the games as well. Let's show them what this Society is made of and make it a great time for everyone.

In closing I want to thank everyone for all the support they have given me throughout the year, including my wonderful Board of Trustees. I hope to continue what I have started and make things even better for 2010. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Slainté,
Gary Davidson,
President

Bulletins

Update on the George McMath Scholarship

We have received over \$1365 in donations for the George McMath Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to H. Harvey Hildebrand who recently donated a large print of pen and ink illustration to be auctioned or raffled for the benefit of the fund. The money will go to support the education of Scottish studies. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS, ATTN: MCMATH SCHOLARSHIP FUND.



New Name Tags Available

New engraved plastic name tags are available for purchase featuring the Society's redesigned coat of arms. The name tags have magnetic fasteners and cost \$4.00 each. Contact Treasurer Steven Johnson to order a new tag. Free paper name badges will continue to be available at the door.

Update on Lending Library

Our thanks to new member Elizabeth O'Donnell for volunteering to administer the newly expanded SSI lending library. Ms. O'Donnell, who is a librarian by profession, will oversee the SSI library, which has recently doubled in sized thanks to a gift from

Georgann McMath. Over 100 titles will soon be available to borrow each month during the regular meeting. Books may be checked out for one month, and renewed for an additional month. Select your book from the list at the sign-in table and a helper will bring your book from storage upstairs.

New Guest Policy in Effect

Recently, the board addressed a gap in policy that permitted first-time guests to attend dinner meetings for free, and members to attend for \$4, but did not provide for returning guests. This made it awkward for friends to visit a second time, or for family to join us on an occasional basis. The board approved a new policy inviting any guests to return as often as they like for \$7 per person per meeting, or \$3 more than members.

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. I wish to thank Gary Davidson and Ken Morgan in particular.

Anyone attending Scottish, Clan or related events is encouraged to write a brief article describing the event and 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 Gary has submitted ALL of them. Send to matthew@douglassmarketing.biz.

History

The Scottish Enlightenment

by Ken Morgan, FSA Scot

Once in a great while a flash of brilliance occurs in human affairs. One known to most is Athen's golden age, in the 5th century BC. This time of intellectual brilliance set the stage for the development of Western Civilization.

Less well known is the Scottish Enlightenment in the 18th century which created the framework of the modern age. It is amazing to think that Edinburgh Scotland was then smaller in population than modern Bloomington Indiana, yet a company of scholars congregated there who together ushered in the modern age. Among the advances of the period were achievements in philosophy, economics, engineering, architecture, medicine, geology, archaeology, law, agriculture, chemistry, and sociology. The central figures were Francis Hutcheson, David Hume, Adam Smith, Robert Burns, Adam Ferguson, and James Hutton.

By 1750, Scots were among the most literate citizens of Europe, with an estimated 75% level of literacy. This rise of learning had a profound impact on the world. The Scottish Enlightenment rejected authority that could not be justified by reason. They held to an optimistic

belief in the ability of man to affect changes for the better in society and nature, guided only by reason.

This idea was carried across the Atlantic as part of the Scottish diaspora. As a result, a significant proportion of technological and social development in the United States and Canada in the 18th and 19th centuries was accomplished through Scots-Americans. Brilliant minds continued to be inspired by the Scottish Enlightenment for another fifty years or more, thanks to such figures as James Hutton, James Watt, William Murdoch, James Clerk Maxwell, Lord Kelvin and Sir Walter Scott.



What we were given by this golden age is impossible to measure. It includes the idea of the rights of man, of the separation of powers in government, the appeal to science, and many of the intellectual ideals which lead to the founding of the United States.

Clan Spotlight



Clan Fraser

“Je suis pret” (I am ready)

Provided by Judith Bastin

The Fraser clan to which I claim allegiance is actually a cadet branch of main clan (seat near Aberdeen). Our seat is just west of Inverness, near Beaulieu Priory. Fraser is of Norman origin and used the strawberry (la fraise) as its plant badge. Our motto, “Je sui prêt” is French instead of the traditional Latin, and translates to “I am ready.”

Most of the Fraser chiefs have the first name Simon. So many that it has become traditional to call the chief the “Mac Simi”, Gaelic for “son of Simon.”

After “the forty-five,” Simon “the old fox” was imprisoned and eventually beheaded for the clan’s stand on the side of Prince Charlie. His son, Simon, was pardoned and eventually made the Colonel of the 78th Regiment of Foote, Frasers Highlanders and sent to the North American theater of the Seven Years War, or French and Indian War as it is known in the US. (Photos from Wikipedia)



Scholarship Application Form

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis is delighted to be able to increase it’s funding for education related to Scottish art and culture, thanks to donations in honor of George McMath. Three gifts will be given in 2009. Piping and drumming students are encouraged to apply, as are students of other Scottish studies areas, including dance, culture, dress, etc. Please provide a statement of the value of the training to the student and the value to the State of Indiana for the promotion of Scottish art or culture. (Applicants are encouraged to use an additional page for their statement if needed.)

George McMath Scholarship Fund

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

7043 S 150 W

Pendleton, IN 46064

Name of Applicant

Name of trainer or institution.

Address

Address

Telephone

Telephone

Email

Email

Nature of training

Local Scottish Events

July Dinner Meeting

Travel agent and UK native Elaine Wright presented "Traveling to Scotland", a slide show including sights to see in Scotland and tips on how to, and how *not* to do it.

August Dinner Meeting

In August, we had a cook-out in the lovely park-like patio area of the Latvian Center. We called the clans, and representatives of each clan spoke briefly about what their Scottish heritage meant to them.



September Dinner Meeting

Ken Morgan introduced "Culloden," a documentary about the final tragic battle of the Scottish war for independence.

Kilt Night

Fifty or more SSI, Alpha Kilts and Midwestern Kilt Society members attended Kilt night at Fionn MacCool's August 21, filling the restaurant and spilling out onto the outside patio area. Highland Reign played rousing Celtic rock as well as traditional ballads and kept the packed house clapping, stomping, and often singing along. Alpha Kilts gave away several kilts and SSI awarded a



free one year family membership. Everyone wanted more—we are doing it again October 30th. Highland Reign starts at 9, so get there early as it fills up.

Columbus Games

SSI exhibited at the Columbus Scottish Festival again this year. The weather was great, attendance was good, and several new members signed up. Hogeve Navy was among the entertainment.

Irish Fest

SSI presented the close connections between the Irish and the Scottish at this year's Irish Fest, thanks to Ken Morgan's new poster series. The weather was wonderful, the music and food were terrific, and several new members joined as a result of our efforts.

Latvian Clean Up Day

About 7 or 8 hearty Scots showed up Saturday, October 3rd to help the Latvians, Poles, Lithuanians and others spruce up the wonderful meeting hall and grounds that we all enjoy so much. The Latvians make an excellent facility available to us for an extremely low cost, far below market price. It is very important that we support them when they ask, and give back a little in return. They hold clean-up days once each in the fall and the spring. For the spring cleaning next year, it would be good to double our labor contribution. We Scots aren't afraid of a little hard work, are we?

Founders Day

25th Annual Founder's Day Dinner Reservation Form

Latvian Center Saturday, November 14th

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$32 each. Guests are Welcome!

Please reserve _____ additional SSI rocks glasses at \$3 each for members, \$5 for guests
(One rocks glass is included with each ticket purchased.)

Please include _____ SSI t-shirts at \$10 each. (Specify size, color and number)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) and contact number(s): _____

Deadline: checks must arrive by November 6th.

Checks payable to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis should be sent to:

Lois A. Vining
15994 Marsala Drive
Fishers, IN 46037

Office Use Only

Date received: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Please call Lois with questions about your reservations: (317) 485-7897.

Founders Day

The Board of Trustees and the 25th Year Anniversary Committee have planned a very special celebration for this our 25th Annual Founders Day Dinner on November 14th. Due to our growing numbers, and because we have some larger entertainment this year, we have reserved the Latvian Center and arranged for catering. Hospitality Chairperson Lois Vining interviewed a number of caterers, enabling us to select a caterer, IndyAnna's, with special skills in preparing Scottish faire. *An anonymous benefactor has generously offset some of our costs this year, helping us hold the price the same as last year and enabling us to bring the traditional Celtic band Hogeye Navvy as our headliner for the evening!*

We will also be featuring the actual founders themselves this year, inviting our founders and past Presidents find and showing a slide show collage of 25 years of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

25th Annual Founder's Day Dinner

Latvian Community Center

1008 W. 64th Street

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Headliner: Hogeye Navvy

Traditional Celtic Ballads Including Pipes, Bodhran, Tin Whistle and Other Traditional Instruments

Also Featuring: A Look Back, Slide Show of our History

by Rebekah Lawson with photos by Jack Davidson and others.

And Serving Savory Scottish Faire

Get Your Tickets Today!

All reservations must be received by Friday, November 6, 2009. Reservations received after this date will be charged \$35 per person and cannot be guaranteed. Please make checks payable to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Bring a friend, guests are welcome!

Schedule of Events:

5:00 PM – Social Hour
5:30 PM – Clan Banner Parade with pipers
6:00 PM – Dinner Buffet by Anne Kirk's
IndyAnna's Catering
6:45 PM – Election Ballots Distributed
7:00 PM – Entertainment by Celtic band,
Hogeye Navvy
8:15 PM – Recognition of Founders and
Society Past-Presidents
8:30 PM – President's State of the Society
Address
8:45 PM – Announcement of Election
Results
8:55 PM – Tommy Thompson Award
Presented to Winner/Scholarship winner
announced

Menu

*Auld Reekie Cock-a-Leekie Soup served
with Fennel Bread
Mixed Greens with Beets
Baked Salmon with Tarragon (also with
bacon and chopped onions)
Roast Pork and Apples with Whisky Sauce
Colcannon Rumbledethumps (mashed
potatoes, cabbage, carrots, turnips)
Seasoned Green Beans
Potato Scones with Apple Jelly
Drunken Fruit Crumble
Bread Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce
Coffee and Iced Tea*

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.

Scottish Recipe

Rumbledethumps

Recipe courtesy of Gary Davidson
Photo: Undiscoveredscotland.com



Rumbledethumps is a wee bit like bubble and squeak and is delicious on its own or as a tattie accompaniment. It is nicknamed the Scots version of bubble and squeak. Traditional Scottish Rumbledethumps can be eaten on its own or with a meat dish. The name Rumbledethumps comes from the noise made in the kitchen as the tatties and cabbage are rumbled and thumped in the preparation. Sue Lawrence in her book [Scots Cooking: The Best Traditional and Contemporary Scottish Recipes](#) says that Rumbledethumps is a Borders dish. Her Rumbledethumps recipe differs slightly from the Scottish recipes one in that she also uses turnip and chopped chives and prefers to use Savoy cabbage. Maw Broom from the Sunday Post has published a cookbook full of her favourite Scottish and family recipes. [Read More About It!](#)

Ingredients:
Boiled Potatoes
Boiled Cabbage
Butter
Spring onions
Salt and Pepper

Cooking Directions:
1. Take equal measurements of boiled tatties and cabbage and mash/mince and mix together adding finely chopped up spring onions and a wee bit of butter. Add salt and pepper.
2. Brown in the oven if required. (You can sprinkle with Scottish Cheddar Cheese for a lovely topping.)

Modern Rumbledethumps recipes from Scotland see the addition of 2 tablespoons of cream to give a much creamier mashed potato mix. Other Rumbledethumps recipes suggest placing the potato, cabbage and spring onion mixture into an ovenproof dish after being boiled and mashed together. This dish is then topped with grated mature Scottish cheddar cheese and placed in a pre heated oven at 190C for 25 minutes

Scots Cooking: The Best Traditional and Contemporary Scottish Recipes, by [Sue Lawrence](#) (Author), Paperback: 192 pages, Publisher: Headline; New Ed edition (7 Jan 2002).

Welcome New Members

President Gary Davidson wishes to say a hearty: "Failte Chun Ar Cumann!" or "Welcome to our Society!" Please join us in giving our new members a warm greeting and in getting to know them:

Karen Alford and David Sharp
Donna and Wayne Thurman
Jesse Zellar

Cami and Glenn McClain
Elizabeth O'Donnell
Tatiana and Barry Craig

Upcoming Events Calendar

October

10-11th: Feast of the Hunters Moon, West Lafayette, IN, <http://www.tcha.mus.in.us/feast.htm>

14th: **SSI Meeting — Famous Scots, presented by the youth program**

17th: Western Kentucky Highland Festival www.wkyhighlandfestival.com

30th: **Kilt Night at Fionn MacCools Irish Pub with Celtic band Highland Reign, sponsored by SSI and Alpha Kilts** — band starts at 9pm, no cover — 8211 E. 116, Fishers, IN (317) 863-2100 www.maccoolsirishpub.com. Come at 7pm for dinner!

November

14th: **Founder's Day Dinner — 5:00-9:00, Indianapolis Latvian Center, ADVANCED TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED.**

20-22nd: **Indy International Festival, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN** www.indyinternationalfestival.org

December

Dec 9th: **SSI Meeting—Annual Scottish Toasts meeting; bring your favorite Scottish toasts (or Irish, Welsh, Gaelic, etc.)**

Dec 31st: **New Years Eve Party at Latvian Center. Join the Latvians, Scots, Poles, Finns, Lithuanians and others for an international celebration.**



Membership Renewal Form

Check those that apply: 2009 2010

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

Names: _____

E-mail Addresses: _____

Facebook usernames: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____ (cell)

Note if you are a *new member*, your membership dues will be pro-rated for the number of months left in the year. If you are a past member, you have the option of renewing your membership any time during the year or attending as a guest for \$7/person. Please make your check out to *The Scottish Society of Indianapolis* and mail it along with this form to: Gary Davidson, 7043 S 150W, Pendleton, IN 46064 or bring it to the next meeting.

SSI Meeting Schedule: October—December 2009

| | October | November | December |
|---|--|--|--|
| Date: | October 14th | November 14th | December 9th |
| Meat Dish: | Bill and Melba McKnight | Meal will be catered. | Matt and Lise Douglass |
| Program: | Famous Scots, by the Youth Group. | Annual Founders Day Dinner 25 th Anniversary Celebration. | Annual Scottish Toasts Meeting, bring your favorite Celtic toasts. |
| Youth Program: | Activity: The youth will be presenting the main program for the meeting. Home Activity: Question Sheet with family Tree (Prize comes from filling it out and turning it in the next month). | No youth program for Founders Dinner. | Activity: Christmas party. Home Activity: Question Sheet with family Tree (Prize comes from filling it out and turning it in the next month). |
| Side Dish to Bring: | A-F—Veggie/Casserole | Meal will be catered. | A-F—Dessert |
| | G-McC—Salad | | G-McC — Veggie/Casserole |
| | McD-Z—Dessert | | McD-Z—Salad |
| Bring a dish (in the amount of 3 servings per family member) based on the first letter of your last name | | | |

Meeting Agenda:

6:30pm—Social Hour
7:00pm—Dinner
8:00pm—Program

Location:

All meetings take place at the Latvian Center
1008 West 64th Street

For More Information

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Or contact any trustee

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