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Volunteers for the blessing of the tartans are, left to right, front row, drummer Rick McKenzie, Robbin Goodin, Judy Stubbs, The Rev. Allan Wallace, Jenny Dickson, piper Bob Forbes, and Karen Brumley. Second row, John and Dot Scott, Janice Beatty, John Dickson. Back row, Steve Goodin, Bruce Wilson, and Clay Ackiss.



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THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.



President Wilson's Remarks, November 22, 2022



Thank you to all who came to this year's Dinner/Auction. I appreciate the support for the SSL's Heritage Fund. The auction and donations are what provide our Heritage Fund with the money we donate to those who want to take lessons in piping and drumming, Scottish language classes, dance, and all manner of other Scottish heritage instruction.

It seemed that everyone had a great time! There was plenty of delicious food served, and lots of items were donated for the auction.

Holley Holland was chosen to receive the President's Award for her outstanding work all this past year doing a great job as both Membership Commissioner and Social Media Commissioner. The award was not ready in time for the dinner, and she will receive it at a later date.

Special thanks go to Jack Bowling and Gary Schweitzer for being the auctioneer and Vanna once again. Thanks also to Melissa Ingram for preparing the ham and chicken for dinner, and setting up our buffet tables. We also had a lot of help setting up the tables and chairs for dinner, and decorating the tables. I cannot thank everyone enough for all their hard work, setting up and putting everything away.

Thank you all!

Bruce Wilson, President

Remember there is no general meeting for December, since there is so much going on for the holidays. So until January, have truly happy holidays!



SSL Membership Minutes for the Dinner/Auction by Secretary Linda Wilson

President Wilson thanked everyone who helped set up for dinner and the auction, and for all the great looking food we brought. He also thanked those who donated peanut butter for the food drive we help out every year.

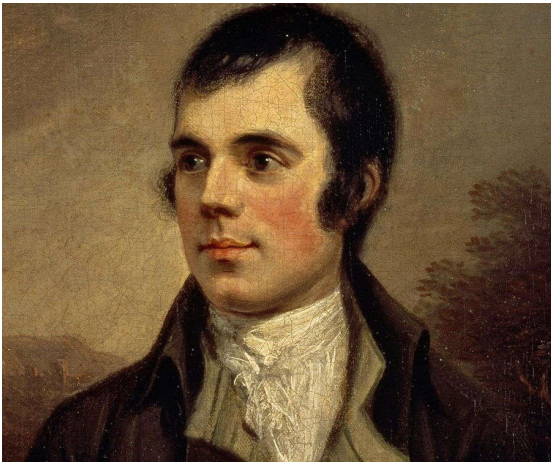
Secretary Linda Wilson said we had between 40 and 45 people at the dinner/auction. People were moving around a lot, socializing and enjoying themselves. A nice turnout, all in all.

The secretary wants to remind everyone that the election of officers is coming up in March of 2023. Those officers are president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Their term of office is 2 years, the same as the commissioners, who were elected in March of 2022.

Anyone who has been a member for at least one year may run for office. The Nominating Committee includes John Dickson, Linda Wilson, and Dianne Holland. *MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MAY BE CONTACTED AT A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR BY EMAIL AT SCOTSOFFLOU@GMAIL.COM.*

Those interested may contact the members of the committee to find out what each position requires the officer to do. This is spelled out in detail in the Manual of Operations (MOO). You may ask for a copy if you are interested.

Burns' Night Gala

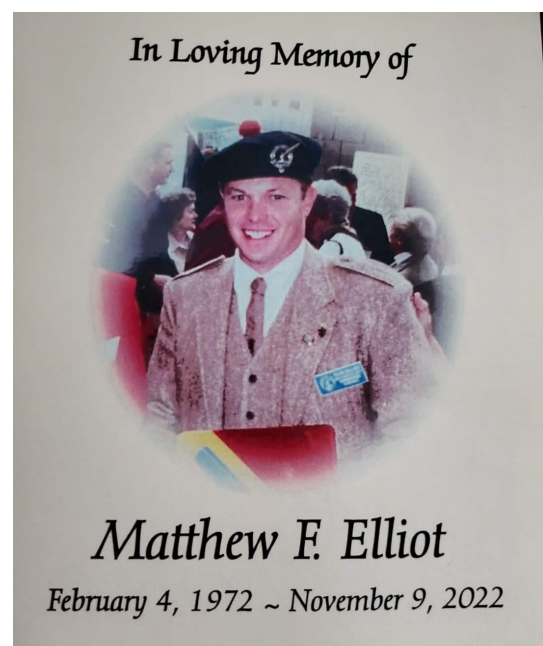


Burns' Night is coming up soon! Please join us on January 28th, 2023 at 6:00pm at Woodhaven Country Club, 7200 Woodhaven Rd, Louisville, KY 40291. Prices have gone up, and as a result, ticket prices have, too. Tickets will be \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members. Tickets should be available soon on the SSL website, <http://scotsofflou.com>.

We are looking forward to enjoying this wonderful evening of Scottish tradition, fun, music, good food and fine Scotch with fellow members and friends!

I have a sad announcement to make; many of our members know Matt and Jenny Elliot, who own and operate The Scottish Trading Co. Matt passed away suddenly on November 9th, and his memorial service was December 2nd.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to Jenny and their young daughter, as well as the rest of the family and their many friends. He will be sorely missed.



Programs and Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin

And a fine evening that was at the dinner auction on November 22. So good to see so many nice faces. I hope everyone is now settling in for a festive holiday season.

We do not have a program in December, but I have some good news and some sad news. We will not be having dancing at the Burns Night on January 28th. HOWEVER there are some opportunities to get your dance moves on. Don Corson is still teaching English Country dancing on some Sundays most months. Here is what is coming up in December with that group, from Don.

There will be two sessions (Dec 11 and Jan 8) where anyone can come and see what the dances are like and that might be enough experience to be able to join in on the 22nd. Be aware that we will not be teaching to brand-new-to-English dancers at the potluck. We do a walk-through once or twice and then start dancing, so coming to an earlier session might be good.

That said, if someone wants to come and listen to Keltricity and watch the dancing, they would be welcome (even welcome to come to the potluck).

We do still require that attendees be vaccinated for COVID.

It is yet to be determined, but I expect to ask for a \$5 donation to attend (gotta pay the band, after all).

January 22, 2023 Louisville English Country Dance Potluck and Dance to the music of Keltricity

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

2233 Woodbourne Avenue

2:30 - 3:30 Potluck

Sounds like a blast to me. Maybe he would include a Scottish dance. And if I don't see you at one of those dances, I hope I see you at Burns night on the 28 January.

Happy Holidays all!!!!

Robbin Goodin



SSL Programs 2023 by Robbin Goodin

January 24– Carole Jarboe

February 28 –Alan Hay – Princess Diana and family ties. VIRTUAL meeting only. 6:00 pm

March 28 - Elections AND Lee Pennington – The Case for Prince Madox and King Arthur in America

April 25– Haggis Night – Strathmoor with installation of officers

May 23– Jim and Arch - Scottish Trivia

June 27– Janet Abel – Scotland travelogue

July 25– Lorna Bolton

August 22 – Mindy McIntosh

September 26 – Pat Schweitzer – Seven Nations

October 24– Theatre Students doing a performance (AHS or Bellarmine)

November 28 – Auction - Strathmoor

Scottish Society member

North America resident

Presenter from Scotland



SSL Peanut Butter Drive by Dianne Holland

HIP HIP HOORAY!

I am so excited to report a successful SSL Peanut Butter drive!

Smooth, chunky, honey flavored, natural - take your pick. All good and nutritious, and over 150 jars donated to Highland Community Ministries (HCM) food bank providing assistance to food challenged families in our area. I am so happy that SSL is able to make such a significant contribution. Thanks to all who generously donated to this annual event!



Editor's Note: The Peanut Butter Drive has been part of our annual dinner and auction for many years now. The vice president is in charge of this event, and donates the peanut butter to a local food bank.



Dinner/Auction Photos



Angie Bowling and Holley Holland arranging donated items.



Cheri Eskridge and John Scott are ready to take your money.

Auctioneer Jack Bowling getting this show on the road!



Dinner/Auction Photos



Dianne Holland and Gary Schweitzer modeling hats for the audience; Jack Bowling and assistants Angie Bowling and Bruce Wilson; and we were glad to see Jim and Jean Hughes, John Stewart and John Dickson.

Dinner/Auction Photos



How did they get Jim Hughes to wear that silly jester hat? He is such a good sport!

Angie Bowling and Gary Schweitzer during the auction. Gary makes a great model, don't you think?



Dinner/Auction Photos



Audience members, some of whom we have not seen in a very long time. How wonderful that so many were able to come to the dinner and auction!



Editor's Note: Remember, the purpose of the annual auction is to raise money for the Heritage Fund. We want to thank all who volunteered to set this up, and all the members and guests who came to help support our efforts to increase knowledge of our Scottish heritage.

Kirking Report by Judy Stubbs

After a three-year pause, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, members and friends of The Society joined with the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, New Albany, IN, to participate with them in the joint celebration of the Kirkin' O' the Tartans and The Feast of St. Margaret. The procession and recession were led by Piper Karen Brumley and Drummer Rick McKenzie of The Louisville Pipe Band.

It was an excellent service, and The Rev. Allan Wallace, Rector reminded us of the unique contributions made by St. Margaret to Christianity, to the people and families of Scotland. St. Margaret was Queen of Scotland, The Pearl of Scotland, and an English Princess of the Anglo-Saxon Royal Family. She married King Malcom III of Scotland in 1070, and taught him how to read the Bible. She was pious in her daily devotions and the St. Margaret Chapel in Edinburgh Castle is dedicated to her memory. She attended to the orphans and the poor, and provided for the restoration of the Iona Abbey. She established a ferry across the Firth of Forth, which has been named in her honor, among other charitable works. She was venerated as a Saint in the Episcopal Church, and recognized on November 16.



The SSL flag bearers getting ready to enter the church; Clay Ackiss, Bruce Wilson, Janice Beatty, Jenny Dickson, Steve Goodin, John Dickson, John Scott, Dot Scott, and Robbin Goodin. Judy Stubbs is not in this picture, but did carry a flag.

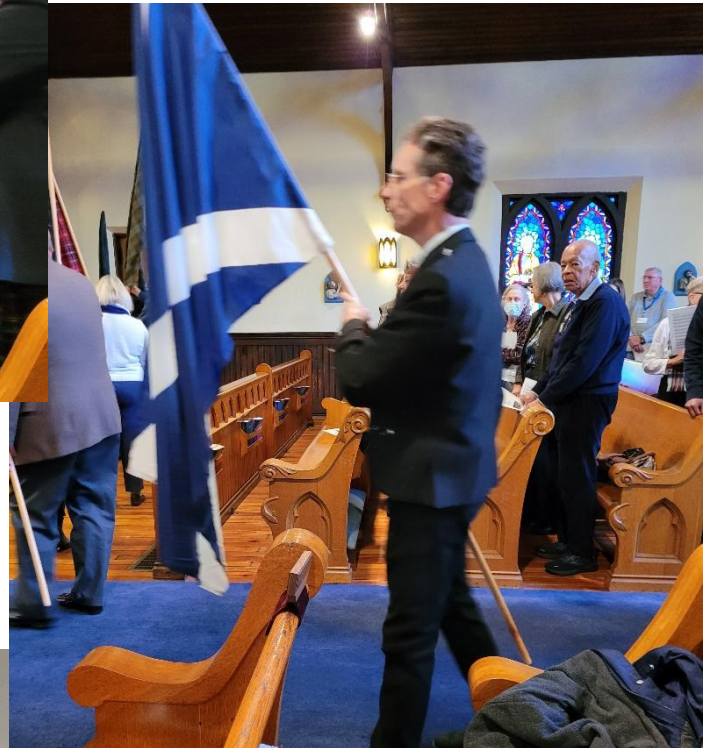


St. Paul's Rector, The Rev. Allan Wallace and Clay Ackiss.

St. Paul's Kirking Photos



Part of the procession into the church;
members Bruce Wilson, Jenny Dickson,
John Dickson, Dot Scott, and Steve Goodin.



Piper Karen Brumley and
drummer Rick McKenzie

St. Paul's Kirking Photos



Steve and Robbin Goodin in St. Paul's with their flag.

Bruce and Linda Wilson, Steve and Robbin Goodin, John and Dot Scott in the foreground; Janice Beatty in the background, and church members enjoying the delicious luncheon.



St. Paul's Kirking Photos



The luncheon at St. Paul's after the kirking service.



Burns' Night Gala Ticket Information

The Burns' Night Gala is just around the corner! If you have been wondering when you can buy your tickets online, the wait is over.

Go to <https://scotsoflou.com/burns-gala/> to the Burns' Gala ticket page to order your tickets for this event. We are really looking forward to seeing our members and friends after Covid-19 kept us all apart for so long.

The Gala will be held at Woodhaven Country Club again, which was updated during the pandemic shut-down. We will have live music provided by Keltricity.

The pictures are from the last Burns' Night Gala we put on. We hope to see a lovely crowd this year!

Bruce Wilson, Gary Schweitzer, and
Bruce Campbell



Pipers performing at Burns' Night








Holley Holland at the raffle table



December 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2 Memorial service for Matt Elliot	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 English Country Dance	12	13 SSL Board Meeting 	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24  Christmas Eve
25 	26 HAPPY HANUKKAH 	27 NO SSL MEETING	28	29	30	31 




December Birthdays:

Greg Mathews 5th, Donna Ulmer 5th, Greg Coomer 6th, Jeff Boice 11th, Louise Coomer 14th, Jeff Manning 16th, Robert "Brad" Brown 18th, Denise Kirzinger 21st, Timothy Spaulding 25th, Mick Anderson 29th



January 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 English Country Dance	9	10 SSL Board Meeting 	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 English Country Dance and Potluck	23	24 SSL Member Meeting 	25	26	27	28 Burns' Night
29	30	31				

January Birthdays:

Jean Hughes 11th, Angie Bowling 12th, Lynn Cole 17th, Heather Baxter 18th, Larry Savill 18th, Jesse Andrews 20th, Jim Hughes 24th, Charla Periz 24th, Karen Robinson 30th



Celtic Organizations in our Area

Ancient Order of Hibernians

www.louisvilleirish.com/

Indy's Irish Fest

www.indyirishfest.com

Louisville Pipe Band

www.louisvillepipeband.org

The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati

www.caledoniansociety.org

Irish Society of Kentuckiana

www.irishkyana.org

McClanahan School of Irish Dance

www.Mcclahanirishdance.com

Columbus Scottish Festival

www.scottishfestival.org/

KY Highland Renaissance Festival

www.kyrenfaire.com

Ohio Valley Celtic Society

Steve Thomas

208 East Second St.

KY United Pipes & Drums (KUPD)

English Speaking Union

Madison, IN 47250

Contact our Cheer Person

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, **Jean Hughes**, by calling her at (502)438-9811.

Ongoing Events

The Louisville Pipe Band meets from 2-5 on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at info@louisvillepipeband.org or visit www.louisvillepipeband.org.

The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums meet from 6-8pm on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main St. in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502)551-2732, or visit www.lfrbgpipes.org.

Change of Address and other Information

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, and so on, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, PO Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232 or email Holley Holland at scotsoflou@gmail.com.

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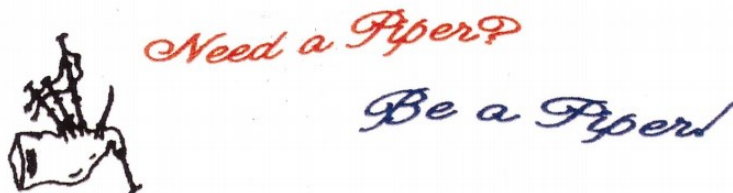
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Information For Our New Members

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members.
- All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- January/February brings our Burns' Night Dinner. You won't want to miss this! There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time.
- May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid, jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- November is a really fun meeting. We have a dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to their last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some are "White Elephants" that circulate among the members. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote Celtic relat-

Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.) language (Gaelic) and athletics (Highland Games). This fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up at the monthly SSL meetings from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, Dianne Holland, or by email at scotsoflou@gmail.com.

Find us on the Internet

Webpage: <http://scotsoflou.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/The Scottish Society of Louisville](http://www.facebook.com/TheScottishSocietyofLouisville)

On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "Hi".

Life Membership

Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can attain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a single life membership is \$240, and a family life membership is \$360.

Please see the Membership Commissioner, Holley Holland, or for more details email her at scotsoflou@gmail.com. All new life members are acknowledged at the Burns' Night Gala.