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Cliff Holm shared this photo of a whole herd of Highland cows in his neighborhood!
Merry Christmas to all!

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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's Message

Happy December! I did not think we would be “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” so soon, but here we are. I hope you are staying warm.

We are just a few short weeks away from Burns Night 2026! Tickets are available for purchase on our website. Please make plans to join us on Saturday, the 24th of January at Woodhaven Country Club. Along with an assortment of uniquely talented SSL members, Guideroy Byrne will be providing musical entertainment. This annual celebration is always memorable. I hope to see you there!

Cheri



Member Reminders

1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events.
2. Name of the SSL Facebook group “The Scottish Society of Louisville”
3. Our website can be found at scotsoflou.com.
4. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our newsletter editor, Linda Wilson, at tomatoladyone@yahoo.com. All articles, pictures, etc. should be sent to the editor by the 1st of the month. The newsletter is published about the 5th of the month.
5. Dues are due on the anniversary of your acceptance as a member.

Individual - \$25

Family - \$40



The Scottish Society of Louisville presents:

Burns Night 2026 Celebrating our Scottish heritage and traditions with a tribute to one of Scotland's most favored and revered sons, the poet ROBERT BURNS (1759-1796).

Join the festivities, including toasting, dining, live music by Guilderoy Byrne, bagpipes, and of course, HAGGIS!

**Event details: Saturday, January 24, 2026 Doors and Bar open at 5:30 PM Woodhaven Country Club
7200 Woodhaven Road, Louisville KY 40291**

Price: \$60.00 for members and \$70.00 for non-members

Purchase your tickets online [Scotsoflou.com](https://scotsoflou.com) You may also order tickets via mail by sending payment to the following: Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville KY 40232



JOIN US WHILE WE CELEBRATE SCOTLAND'S GREATEST POET

LIVE MUSIC, BAGPIPES, KILTS, SCOTCH!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Burns' Gala Keepsake Program for 2026

We are selling Clan Badges for the Burns' Program like we did in years prior to Covid. They will be 1/2 page and denote the name/family who sponsors the badge. If you have more than one clan, we can put 2 (smaller) badges in a 1/2 page. Or feel free to buy an additional 1/2 page to list one or two more!

If you are new to the Burns' Gala Program, please do your research to find your badge and send it to me as a PDF. If you have done this in past years, I will use the same design from a previous program. Deadline to sign up and send me a file is January 6th!

Celebrate your clan— see your families' name in print—help pay for the Keepsake Program!

**Thank you,
Janice Beatty
jgarriot@att.net**

Please include my family's Clan Badge in the 2026 Burns' Program.

Clan Name (s) _____

Please use the available picture from a previous program _____yes

I will submit a new image of my Clan Badge as a PDF by January 6th _____yes

Paid: \$25 for each 1/2 page _____yes

Updated 2026 SSL Programs & Events

December 4 Kirking on Thursday at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Anchorage, KY

December 24 **No General Meeting**

December 30 FUNdraiser at Jason's Deli

January 24 Burns' Night Gala at Woodhaven Country Club, Louisville, KY

January 27 General Meeting

February 24 General Meeting

March 24 General Meeting

March 31 FUNdraiser Event

April 28 General Meeting

May 26 General Meeting

June 23 General Meeting

June 30 FUNdraiser Event

July 28 General Meeting

August 25 General Meeting

September 22 General Meeting

September 29 FUNdraiser Event

October 13 (Possible Dinner and Auction)

October 27 Meeting

November 24 General Meeting

December 22 **No General Meeting**

December 29 FUNdraiser Event



SSL Dinner/Auction

Our annual Dinner/Auction was held on November 11, 2025, at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church's gymnasium.

We began the evening by browsing through the many auction items, both big and small. What was not purchased by members present, was sent to a charity, Friend's Way in Fern Creek.

This year we provided ideas about what to bring dinner through SignUp Genius. This turned out to be quite efficient and we had many members who found this to be an easy way to choose what to bring!

We had many choices and the end result was a Feast of greatness! Who said the Scots can't cook!!

A short business meeting was held by our President, Cheri Eskridge. One moment of business was the annual selection of the recipient of The President's Award. This year's nomination was Board Member, Judy Stubbs, both Secretary and Kirkin' Director. We gave her our thanks!

We hope to see you again next year, for the annual Dinner/Auction!

2025 Kirkin' O' the Tartans Events this Autumn

Our membership, this past autumn, was invited by three different churches, to attend Kirkin' O' the Tartans services. The churches were Okolona Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, an Installation Service for members of the men's ministry group, held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church this year.

The "wow" factor was that these events were opportunities to wear our Scottish clothing and regalia, as we carried our Clan Tartans, in both the Processionals and Recessionals. These are worship services where we learn about past, ancestral connections with Scotland. Each one different, but the same service of gratitude to God.

We were offered to bring a pot-lunch dish at one Church, enjoy a luncheon of Scottish food prepared by members of one congregation at another Church, and enjoy a reception of a tippie of Scotch, or an apple cider non-alcoholic mix, with shortbread treats, at again another Church.

All are welcome to join us and be a flag-bearer or just sit with the congregation and stay for the lunch or reception. Please contact Judy Stubbs, Kirking Director, at 502-541-7753, or signup at a membership meeting! We have plenty of Tartans available, or bring your own to display.

Judy Stubbs-Kirkin' Director
The Scottish Society of Louisville

SSL Dinner Meeting/Auction



President Eskridge presenting
the Presidents' Award to Judy
Stubbs during our (short)
meeting



Regular and Silent Auction



SSL Donations to Highland Community Ministries

I have been receiving the newsletters from the Indianapolis Scottish Society for some time now, and have asked their Newsletter Editor, Carson C. Smith, for permission to share these with our membership. He has kindly given me permission to do so. See below.



Join us on Wednesday, December 10!

Closing out 2025!

Dear Members and Guests,

It's our year-end gathering! We'll have a pitch-in dinner and socialize with no formal program. Samuel Lawson will play a little Yuletide music (on classical guitar) and a few songs to sing along with as we all take a moment to enjoy each other's company after an eventful year.

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM Social Time

7:00 PM Announcements and Pitch-in Dinner

8:00 PM Program

What to Bring — From the schedule at IndyScot.org:

- A-F: Veggie/Casserole
- G-McC: Salad
- McD-Z: Dessert

Meat Dish: Linda Cassady is bringing ham

Regular Meeting Details

- We meet the second Wednesday of most months at the Latvian Community Center, 1008 W 64th St, Indianapolis. Please be sure to bring your own plates, flatware, and beverages.
- 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. Scotch whisky is available at \$5 per shot.
- Using a QR code at the sign-in table, you may now pay your cover charge with a credit or debit card.

You can join or renew your membership at our regular meetings or [online](http://IndyScot.org). Membership dues support the Society's events & community outreach.

News

- Elected at November's St. Andrew's Dinner, your 2026 Board of Trustees is as follows:

O President: Steven Johnson

O Trustees: Greg Bowers, Linda Cassady, Matthew Douglass, Armand Hayes, and Robin Jarrett. The remaining trustee position will be filled at the January board meeting by Deneice Jarrett.

Board meetings are open to all members. In 2026, meetings will be at the home of Robin & Deneice Jarrett. Please see them or Steven Johnson for their address, if you would like to attend a board meeting.

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Upcoming Events

- Jan 14 Monthly Meeting: A Celebration of the Life of Robert Burns
- Feb 11 Monthly Meeting: Tasting of the Mist (annual whisky tasting)
- Mar 11 Monthly Meeting: Scottish Country Dancing

Follow us on Facebook (No account required to view public pages.)

Scottish Society of Indianapolis

Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival

Additionally, we maintain a [group](#) just for members!

Need to update your information or share something with the membership?

Email indyscot@gmail.com or talk with a board member at a meeting, so we can include it in a future email announcement. Our meeting announcements are sent to the email addresses on our membership list, as well as others who have signed up on our [website](#).



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SSL Member News

Armand Hayes fell and has been in the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

December FUNdraiser

**Our next FUNdraiser will be held at Jason's Deli at
410 N. Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY**

**A group of SSL members will meet there on
December 30th at 5:30pm.**







**You do not have to be a member to join us,
or to eat at another time.**

**Please let the cashier know you are dining for the
Scottish Society of Louisville.**





December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Kirking at St. Luke's Episcopal Church	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day 	8	9 SSL Board Meeting 	10	11	12	13
14 Hanukkah 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 1st Day of Winter 	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30 FUNdraiser at Jason's Deli	31 		No membership meeting in December!	

January 2026

Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6 Deadline for Clan badges for Burns' program	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 SSL Board Meeting 	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	20	21	22	23	24 Burns' Night Gala at Woodhaven Country Club
25	26	27 SSL General Meeting 	28	29	30	31